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GOOD RAINS BRIGHTEN LIVESTOCK AND AGRICULTURAL PROSPECTS

SPLINTERS

So frozen assets are keeping the depression with us, we just found out. Perhaps if some of the cold notes would thaw out, times would get better, too. But what of hot checks.

There is a case in the District Court here in which a man is charged with horse theft. We'd like to know, in case of conviction, whether he will get a term at Huntsville or Terrell?

Horses used to get frightened at cars. Now they get frightened at buggies.

During the gloomy days of 1918 the Government was buying horses at around \$200 a head, which was a high price to pay for food for the soldiers. Lots of the boys said that they liked horses alright but not well enough to eat them.

A good horse that weighs around a thousand pounds or better, will now bring \$2.00 from the soap factory if it is fat.

Even next to man's best friend, the model T, is not doing so well in the market. Sympathise with the finance company that is still due \$80 for financing a second hand jitney. They are beginning to learn the meaning of frozen assets. Come forth Shylock, bring on your pound of flesh and your 20 per cent.

After a new car has been purchased and driven a mile it becomes a used car and consequently depreciates about 25 per cent of its original value. After a used car is sold and been driven a mile it becomes a repossessed car and deteriorates in value accordingly. No wonder the poor finance companies are becoming so troubled with their frozen assets. The purchaser is just ruining the value of the car. Insurance companies are aware that cars depreciate in value rapidly also. A new car insured a face value one day and driven a mile before burning the next has lost 30 per cent of its original value, although the premiums call for the full value. In fact the method of determining what a car was worth a year ago was the amount the finance company had against it. They depreciated in value in direct proportion to the payments made. Divide what is against them by two today and you have their true value.

Open accounts are good to look at too, on the books, if you do not look at the top of the page.

Mining stock, oil stock, promotion stocks of all kinds are good to look at if you are contemplating having some litho-work done. From a Typographical standpoint, they are works of art.

DISTRICT COURT CLEARS DOCKET OF SEVERAL CRIMINAL CASES

SOME PLEAD GUILTY AND RECEIVE LIGHT SENTENCES BEFORE JUDGE. CIVIL CASES WILL BE TRIED NEXT WEEK.

Several cases were disposed of in district court here this week, many of the violators of the law pleading guilty and throwing themselves on the mercy of the court. Sid Guthrie was acquitted of a charge transporting liquor. Clark plead guilty of driving a car while intoxicated and drew a fine of \$100. Dee Bishop plead guilty to theft by conversion by bailee and received a two year sentence. Jack Dunlap plead guilty of chicken theft and drew a two year suspended sentence. The grand jury adjourned last week after turning in ten indictments, 7 felonies and 3 misdemeanors. Next week will be taken up with the trial of civil cases. The docket is light this term of the Court and but few of the jurors summoned for jury service have been used.

Arthur Horne of Childland was here Thursday on business.

Messrs Sam Billingsley and Coll-ins Moorhouse of the Vera school were her on business Wednesday.

Commissioners Court In Session Monday

PROPOSAL OF GLENN IS REJECTED

Commissioner's Court met here Monday in regular session and attended the routine matters that come before that body. The motion of Commissioner W. C. Glenn to cut the salary of the Sheriff from \$200 to \$125, the salary of the County Judge from \$150 to \$125, the salary of the County Treasurer from \$2000 to \$1500 a year and to dispense with the services of the County Agent and the Home Demonstration Agent for a period of one year was voted down by Commissioners Griffith and Osborn, Commissioner Chowning not being present at that time. Commissioner Glenn defended his position on the ground that the third class fund of the county was already overdrawn and that in view of the fact that tax payments were coming in slowly and that there would likely be an increase in the number of delinquents this year, the saving of over \$3000 on salaries might mean the difference between keeping the county on a cash basis and issuing script.

Brewers and distillers are feeling the temporary deflation. Look at Al Capone. If its not one thing it's another.

RED CROSS TO START DRIVE SOON

C. of C. Organized

WEST IS PRESIDENT, WILLIAMS, SECRETARY. WILL MEET THRS DAYS.

At a meeting Tuesday night in the district court room, well attended in the face of threatening weather, it was the decision of the group of men that a Chamber of Commerce be organized and a Constitution and By Laws was adapted as the basis of such organization. The report of the organization committee composed of J. H. Atterbury, J. W. Melton, Marvin Chamberlain, O. D. Propps, D. J. Brookreson, L. M. Williams and S. G. West, was accepted unanimously. Temporary committee reports were heard, the Highway committee being continued, the Utility committee reporting that petitions were being prepared and the Boys work committee reporting the election of Mr. Robert Martin as Scout Master for the year.

At the next regular meeting to be held on Tuesday night, October 20th at 7:30 in the Rooms, Officers of the Chamber of Commerce will be elected committees appointed, and the work of the Chamber gotten under way. A short and entertaining program will open the meeting. All interested persons are invited to attend. S. G. West is temporary president with L. M. Williams as temporary secretary.

EASTERWOOD DENIES SPONSORING PACIFIC FLIGHT FOR 1931

A communication from Col. W. E. Easterwood regarding the Herndon-Pangborn Trans-Pacific flight, purports in substance that the flight was not sponsored by the Colonel and that he had offered no prize for a trans-Pacific flight during the year 1931. He had made known his intentions of sponsoring a Tokio to Dallas flight in 1932 but according to the letter, reserved the right to pick his own fliers.

THEATRE OPENS FOR FALL RUN RECENTLY

The Benjamin Theatre under the management of Carl McGlothlin has been reopened for this fall and is now showing some first class talkies. In the face of the universal shortage of money Mr. McGlothlin cannot hope to show a large profit in this business, but he is doing the community a service in affording it a clean, wholesome place of amusement where people can go and shake off their cars and troubles awhile. Read his announcement for this week.

COOPERATION OF ENTIRE CITIZENSHIP IS URGED. LEADERS FORESEE GREAT NEED OF ORGANIZATION FOR COMING WINTER.

Our Red Cross Roll call begins next month, and it has been predicted that there will be greater needs for the suffering than last year. I would like to have volunteers all over the county from all business organizations, clubs, P. T. A's. to form themselves into a committee to assist the Red Cross in securing donated supplies and in raising our relief funds.

We must put forth every effort to go the top with our membership quota, only 400 members for the county, contributions from the people supports the Red Cross, only .50 out of every contribution goes to the National Headquarters. We keep the rest for our own use at home. We want to give every person a chance to contribute something.

Some are saving labels some are not. I hope every person who uses First Pick, Cabro, and White Pony brands of canned goods will please save these wrappers and if you want to donate them to the Red Cross, call Telephone 11. I will come after them. This will mean money to us, only a little but will help pay expenses. If you are saving your wrappers for some other organization we do not want to interfere with that, but you can not give to a better cause than the American Red Cross.

There will be a meeting in Wichita Falls next Tuesday, Oct. 20. I hope every member of our committees in the county will be there as it is an important meeting with good speakers. Everyone interested in this work, in any way are invited to attend.

There will be fifteen chapters represented, Wichita chapter will present the one having the largest attendance a silk Red Cross Banner.

It would be fine if Knox County could bring home the Banner. Lets go.

Mrs. Chas. Moorhouse, County Chairman.

Parks Wright made a business trip to Wichita Falls this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Melton and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ward are in Abilene today.

Burl Snody is driving a new Ford coupe this week.

Hugh Jones has been in the city this week on business.

STOCKMEN AND FARMERS ARE IN MORE OPTIMISTIC SPIRITS. SEVEN MONTHS DROUGHT BROKEN.

General rains over this section the first of the week have materially brightened the livestock situation as well as the prospects for wheat and other small grain crops. In true West Texas fashion the rain came at the eleventh hour, breaking a protracted drought of more than seven months duration. Cattlemen were out of stockwater and their grass was about gone. Crops made here this year were made on the excellent winter season of last year.

Road work on Highway 24 had been held up pending sufficient rainfall to settle the road bed. It is estimated that in the near vicinity of four inches of precipitation fell here, the first showers coming down hard and putting out considerable stock water and later showers falling gentler and soaking up the ground. The sowing of wheat, oats and barley will begin as soon as the ground has dried out sufficiently for the farmers to get in the fields. Some of the more optimistic farmers had already sown some grain and will get the benefit of earlier pasturage. The wild rye will begin to come out soon and afford the cattlemen some excellent pasturage. Winter weeds will also cut down the amount of feed necessary for the cattle to go through the winter.

It is expected that the road work will be pushed to an immediate completion.

KNOX COUNTY CLUB BOY WINS PLACE IN STATE WIDE CONTEST

In a letter from M. T. Payne, State Club Agent, County Agent W. E. Jones was informed that Paul Pruitt, a Knox County club boy was one of the twenty five outstanding club boys in the state for 1930. Mr. Jones also received a pin which will be presented Paul in recognition of his achievement. Pruitt was one of the two boys entered in the T. P. crop contest last year that won first place in this event and made the trip to Chicago. In awarding the club boys their places in the state contest, of which the winners have just been announced there was taken into consideration all of the various phases of club work, including cattle feeding crops, and the other agricultural projects. It is encouraging to Knox County citizens to know that the work being done here is on par with that being done in the rest of the state.

COTTON REPORT OF KNOX

There were 8804 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Knox County from the crop of 1931 prior to October 1, 1931 as compared with 8599 bales ginned to Oct. 1, 1931.

W. H. H. Griffin, Special Agent.

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County of Knox ss.

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Chas. A. Bisbee, Editor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13 day of Oct. 1931
Thos. F. Glover, Notary Public, Knox County, Texas

Gangsters and Court

Last week here in the District Court there were convicted three men, Hunter Russel, Erwin Spicer and John Kernes and given a two year sentence each for robbery of the Wichita Valley Depot at Goree. Spicer and Russel had previously received sentences at Graham and Seymour, being convicted of burglary there, so their sentence received from the District Court here made to run concurrently. Kernes was convicted here for the first time and will serve that time. These men plead guilty before the Judge. In signed confessions Russell admitted being implicated and participating in 42 robberies in 25 West Texas towns. Kernes confessed to 41 robberies in 27 towns. Spicers confession implicated to 58 robberies in 29 towns. Spicer and Kernes are in jail in Abilene now awaiting the action of the Grand Jury there on numerous robberies committed in Taylor county. As yet these men have not been indicted in all the counties in which they committed robberies. By pleading guilty they may hope to get most of their sentences to run concurrently and satisfy the State for their crimes with sentences in the Penitentiary ranging from two to fifteen years. It will cost the State from \$10,000 to \$30,000 to try and convict these men of the crimes which they have confessed to. In acknowledging their implications in these crimes, it was with the understanding that their sentences were to run concurrently, that is serve all the time, say twenty five, two year terms in two years. One or two more burglaries means nothing to them. Without their confessions, it would be a hard matter to get the evidence necessary for a conviction and so they were in a position to acknowledge their crimes, serve the accumulated sentences out as quickly as possible, and rid themselves of the fear of ultimately being brought to trial after one or more of the sentences had been served. By being tried guilty by a Judge, juries being dispensed with in such cases the public takes but very little interest in such cases, but it is the duty of the press to present the facts to the people, and as such we say that in bringing these men to trial, the state has ridged West Texas for a short time of a small crime wave and has pictured for those with criminal inclinations the prospect of satisfying the state for heir crimes and the lesson that crime does not pay. And at what cost.

HOGS

(This is the second of a series of articles on what may be produced in the place of cotton in 1932.)

In view of the fact that Texas imports \$38,000,000 worth of hogs she consumes each year, to say that there is no market for this commodity would be an absurdity on the face of it. Knox County raised the feed in abundance that is adapted for the growing of hogs. Recently experiments at A. and M. show that wheat marketed through hogs will net about \$1.06 per bushel, hogs selling at .08 a pound. Last spring there were shipped in here a carload of gilts, the majority of which had been bred. These young sows are now farrowing and one of the purchasers announces that he has an increase of eleven pigs, all of uniform size. The cost of the sow was about \$16 and at weaning time the pigs will be worth \$2.50, a low price considering that they are high bred stock. The sows were bought on time, so in many cases the increase will more than pay for the original cost of the sow and the upkeep. Hogs multiply more rapidly than any other farm animal and five litters in two years is not uncommon. Hogs are an ideal method of cleaning up after cattle in their feed lots. Cattle of feed usually spill a portion of their ration from the feed troughs and much of the feed that passes through the digestive tract of the animals whole. Hogs following cattle can be fattened at practically no cost at all. Hogs around a dairy can be fattened on the waste of the dairy. Skimmed milk and the other by products of the dairy will produce many pounds of pork at practically no cost. But

whether the Knox County farmer raises hogs next year for market or home consumption, he will find that they can be made a paying proposition. When a farmer has his own hogs, lard, bacon, hams, sausage shoulders and other parts will cut his grocery bill down astonishingly.

Mrs. Buster Tolson and little daughter of Bomarton were visiting relatives in Benjamin last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. A.C. McGlothlin and children spent last week end in Brownfield visiting in the home of Mrs. McGlothlins parents Mr. and Mrs. Alexander.

BANKRUPT SALE on Stock Tubs and Cisterns.
Chas. Moorhouse

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Preaching 8 P. M.

Please come and bring the children to Bible school and stay for the church service. So many of you send your children and never come near yourselves. We want the children to come but we want the parents also. Why can't you do right about this? We hope none are like Demas of whom Paul said, "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world." Go to Church. Drop every thing and come on. Have you forgotten that there is a God.
A. R. Caudle.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Melton returned Sunday from a visit with relatives in McKinney.

Paul Russel and John H. Darnell of Truscott were in the city on business Wednesday.

Uncle Billie Brown of Truscott was in Benjamin on business Tuesday.

Mat Verholan of the South side was a visitor in the city Wednesday.

C. H. Stewart of Truscott was a business visitor in Benjamin Tuesday.

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You are further advised that we are not even in bad shape as we have in the two Groups 2140 members in good standing, all claims paid in full and money in the banks. These people who make up the E. K. Membership are of the very highest type of Citizens and any business or association that is backed by 2000 or more members such as these, will not go broke so long as there is a door open in the town.

Anyonoe wanting facts concerning the E. K. can secure same by coming to or writing the office.

Signed,
G. H. Jones
Secretary.

J. L. Galloway was in Stamford on business Wednesday.

F. H. Propps of Gilliland was a visitor in the city Wednesday.

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A SERMON TO QUITTERS

Occasionally people of the church are heard to say, "I am not attending the services for the reason that such and such one in the church is dishonest," or "I had dealings with a man of the church and he didn't treat me right," or "I know that a certain individual is a hypocrite, therefore, I don't attend." Come, brace up! What's the matter with you? Did you join some individual in the church? Are you accountable for the sins of any individual?

Of course you will find in a church so large as ours a few people who are not what they ought to be. They may be dishonest, maybe they are hypocrites, probably they do not treat you right, but what's that got to do with your church attendance? The church doesn't endorse those actions, it does not teach that kind of doctrine, it does not approve of hypocrisy or crookedness on the part of any one, but is it powerless sometimes, to compel people to do just what they ought to do. That is demonstrated in the fact that it does not seem to have the power to cause you, who stay away for these foolish reasons, to square around and do your duty. Now, if the church does not seem to control you to the extent it ought to, why do you object because it has not controlled some of the others whom you think ought to do differently? The facts are, people may have rather good judgement about many things, but when it comes to matters of the church too many times judgement is dethroned and one gives way to his own selfish feelings. If every member of the church were a hypocrite and you were the only straight fellow, it is a thousand times more incumbent upon you to be regular in your attendance and do your duty and thus by your example show the others what to do.

The easiest thing in the world is just to quit. Anyone can do that. Quitters are found everywhere. Lindbergh was not a quitter; that's why he flew from New York to Paris. The picture that John saw of the redeemed wearing the white robes and walking the streets of heaven were not quitters. They had tribulations a plenty, but they came up through them. They did not quit, they stayed put, and they arrived. Remember, good

people, this will end some day. You are going to die, there will be a time when the shades will be drawn in your room and people will tread softly, there will be the scent of roses the undertaker will drive up with his funeral car, the preacher will be called upon to console your family, the judgement will be awaiting you, and you will have to give an account of the deeds done in the body. Simply to stand before the judge and say, "There was a hypocrite down on earth, and a dishonest man who cheated me; he belonged to the same church I did, I could not stand him, therefore I quit," will be of no avail. You had better spend a little time with the elect, in the service of God and in the worship in the church, although there may be a few rascals around, than to quit, turn away from the church and Jesus Christ, and then have to spend eternity in the presence of a whole neighborhood of rascals.

This thing of quitting because you do not like somebody is camouflage. Supposing Paul had had that spirit. He would never have carried Christianity to Europe. Think of the long line of Christian heroes who have endured faithfully. Do you think they had nothing to discourage them? Was their path strewn with roses? Did every body treat them perfectly? Take your own little inconveniences hang them up beside the suffering Christ on the cross of Calvary, and then say to Him, "I will quit."

Reporter.

E. Duval of Munday was in Benjamin on business the first of the week.

W. B. Feemster of Vera was in Benjamin Thursday.

Brooks Chesser of Truscott was a visitor in the city one day this week.

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Catsup 14 ounce bottle	.13
Lettuce, head	.04
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Jelly, 4 oz.	.27
SPUDS, 10 lb.	.15
Sliced Bacon, lb.	.20
Eggs, fresh, doz.	.15
Salmon, can	.10
Cocoa, 2 lb.	.15

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From Our Exchanges

50 COMPLIANTS FILED ON TRUCK VIOLATIONS

Ferguson Forum
Fifty complaints alleging violation of the law limiting the size of trucks have been filed by state highway patrolman at Waller, L. G. Phares, chief of the patrol, said today. The law limits the width, length and height of trucks and their loads.

Chief Phares said more than 100 complaints had been filed in the Houston area since Friday night. The drive centered at Waller on the Houston-Austin highway.

OLD FIDDLERS CONTEST AT MUNDAY OCT. 24.

Munday Times
Plans are under way for the staging of the annual Old Fiddlers Contest here on October 24th. The contest this year as in previous years, will be under the auspices of the Munday Fire Department, and further announcement as to the program will be made later.

CICERO SMITH CO. MOVES STOCK OF THALIA YARD

Foard County News
The entire stock of the Cicero Smith Lumber Company at Thalia is being moved this week, with most of the stock being brought to the local Cicero Smith yard. All the lumber will be placed here while the shelf and builders hardware that was carried in stock at Thalia will be distributed among the Cicero Smith yards of this section.

Roy Ricks, manager of the Thalia yard, will move to Crowell as soon as the moving of the stock has been completed and will serve as assistant manager here under R. J. Roberts.

The yard was established in Thalia in the summer of 1929 following the discovery of oil near Thalia. In April of 1930 the Crews-Long Hardware Co. of Thalia was purchased by Cicero Smith and its stock was combined with the lumber yard.

MORE THAN 600 BALES GINNED IN PAST WEEK

Crosbyton Review
More than 600 bales of cotton has been ginned at the five gins of Crosbyton during the past week, and the latter part of this week finds the daily average still holding up.

Yesterday morning the five gins had ginned 1417 bales. This time last week there were 813 bales.

GOREE TO HOLD POULTRY SHOW

Goree Advocate
Announcements have been made that Goree will hold a Poultry Show sometimes about the first of December. The exact date has not been selected, but will be about that time. All who have birds to exhibit would do well to begin to put them in condition for the show.

BROOM CORN BUYERS IN SPUR

Dickens County Times
Geo. J. Lins, of Tucumcari, New Mexico, and Paul Spikes representative of Spikes Bros. broom manufacturers at Dalworth, are in Spur country this week buying a quantity of broom corn. Brush locally produced is bringing a ridiculously low price, ranging from \$20 to \$50 per ton. The buyers state that the brush is not of salable quality and can be used to make only a very cheap class of brooms.

It costs from \$30 to \$40 per ton to produce broom brush and the majority of farmers are getting about production cost out of their broom corn. The buyers state that the brush is too long, too coarse, and bleached too much. Also, there is quite a lot of red bush in the country. Many let their corn get too ripe before they pulled it, is another complaint that is being made.

ACCEPTANCE OF FISH HATCHERY SITE DELAYED

Graham Leader
Communications from the Bureau of Fisheries at Washington, D. C. addressed to the local Chamber of Commerce announced that the official acceptance of the Graham hatchery site is being held in abeyance until the geographic location of this city is officially determined.

The Bureau of Fisheries has recommended the Graham site to the Secretary of Commerce but the official acceptance of the site is being withheld because of the protest entered by Representative R. E. Thomson, of El Paso. Mr. Thomson claims that Graham is east of a north and south line dividing Texas, and consequently is not legally eligible for the proposed hatchery since the appropriation bill provides that the institution must be constructed in West Texas.

STATE OFFICIALS AND REP. FROM OVER FIFTY TOWNS TO ATTEND CEL.

Haskell Free Press
Congressman Marvin Jones of Amarillo will be one of the principal speakers at the celebration to be held here Wednesday, Oct. 21 on the occasion of the completion of Highway 30 through Haskell Co., according to information received this week by Judge Joe A. Jones, chairman of the affair.

Plans for making the affair one of the largest of its kind ever held in this section are shaping up rapidly, according to those in charge, and a complete program of the days events will be announced next week and sent out to all towns along the route of Highway 30 in Texas. Wichita Falls, Abilene and San Angelo are some of the larger cities on the route who have already pledged their co-operation in making the affair a success. Representatives are expected from Del Rio, southern terminus of the highway, as well as from Villa Acuna, Mexico, from whence the highway is expected eventually to extend to the capitol of the southern republic. Those planning the celebration expect representatives from at least fifty towns, together with state officials and members of the state highway commission. If at all possible the Simmons Cowboy Band will be here for the day, with a football game and other entertainment features planned for visitors in Haskell on this occasion.

HOGS GAIN QUICKLY ON HEGARI

Jacksboro Gazette
Feeding green hegari with the head on supplementd with equal parts of cotton seed meal and tankage, E. Wendt of the Dryer community in Gonzales County is getting gains of two pounds a day each on the 151 hogs he is preparing for market. Mr. Wendt plans later to head and thresh the hegari, according to the report of the county agent. The hogs are being weighed regularly and a close check on the cost of the pork is being produced.

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TEXAS

Texas has a land area of about 168,000,000 acres. The surface is mostly smoothly rolling, though in various sections nearly every form of land relief occurs, ranging from almost flat to hilly and mountainous. From sea-level at the coast the surface gradually rises north westward to more

than 4,000 feet on the plains 600 miles distant. The main rivers which drain the state pursue a general southeasterly course.

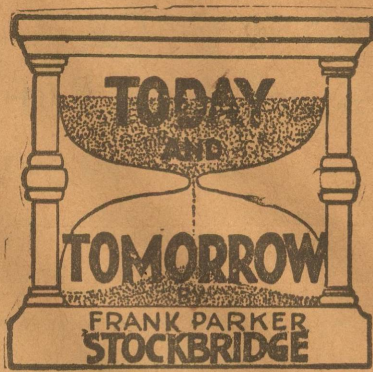
Texas is occupied mainly by divisions of three important physiographic provinces of continental scope: the Coastal Plain in eastern and southern Texas; the Mountains and Basins region of the extreme western part; and the great Plains

constituting a vast area between these. These provinces in Texas are naturally divided into 11 smaller regions, each characterized by distinctive features of surface relief, soils and natural vegetation.

The natural vegetation of Texas consists of timber, mainly confined to large eastern areas, bunch grass communities on the humid prairies and sandy plains, and short grasses

on the heavy soils of the plain. Desert shrubs characterize the arid basin lands of the west.

The climate of Texas, subtropical in the Coast sections, becomes gradually cooler passing northward, and 600 miles distant in the High Plains areas, an average yearly temperature of around 56 degrees F., and have a frost free period of about 175 days.



BILLBOARDS

The war against defacing the scenery and endangering the lives of highway travellers by advertising billboards is gaining new recruits daily. The latest is the Fox Film Company, which has announced its abandonment of billboard advertising in favor of newspapers. Newspapers are better advertising media, the Fox people say, and of that there is no possible question. If there were no other argument against billboards, that should be enough.

Safety on the highways depends upon every driver keeping his eyes on the road. There should be no signboards by the roadside, except those which call attention to the wares of the roadside retailer on the spot, direction markers and signs established by the highway authorities to indicate the condition of the road ahead.

DREAMS

"One must have some daring if one is to live one's dreams," said Captain Wolfgang Von Gronau as he landed his flying boat in New York harbor after flying over from Germany by way of Iceland, Greenland and Labrador. This pioneer of a new trans-Atlantic air route dared to try to realize a dream which he had had for years.

All have dreams of things we would like to do; few of us have the daring to attempt to make the dreams come true.

"Many loved truth, and lavished Life's best oil

Amid the dust of books to find her,"

So wrote James Russell Lowell in his great Commemoration Ode. But the poet saw the truth clearly:

"They love her best who to themselves are true

And what they dare to dream of, dare to do."

DUPONT

Although related to one of the richest families in the world, T. Coleman Du Pont started in life with nothing but his bare hands and a keen mind. He worked as a coal miner, with pick and shovel, in a coal mine which he later owned. He loved to build, but cared little for the thing he had built after it was done. When the Du Pont powder industry was dying of dry rot and his cousins, who owned it, wanted to sell out, Coleman Du Pont offered to take hold and see what he could do. He built the business up into one of the most important industrial corporations in the world, and then retired to do something else.

A great American passed away when Coleman du Pont died at the age of 66.

CASH

Within the next three weeks the largest amount of cash newly put into circulation at one time will find its way into the tills of merchants all over the country. That is the annual distribution of the Christmas Clubs, maintained by 8,000 banks. Eleven million persons have been depositing small amounts every week since the first of the year, in order to accumulate a fund for Christmas buying. The average in these Christmas accounts is \$56.40 this year, but the grand total runs to six hundred and twelve million dollars.

Not all of the money will be spent for Christmas presents. Some will go into permanent savings and investments, some to pay off debts incurred during the year, some for other purposes. About a third will be spent for gifts; but all of the six hundred million will change hands, and it is money changing hands that makes business good. The faster it changes hands, the better business is.

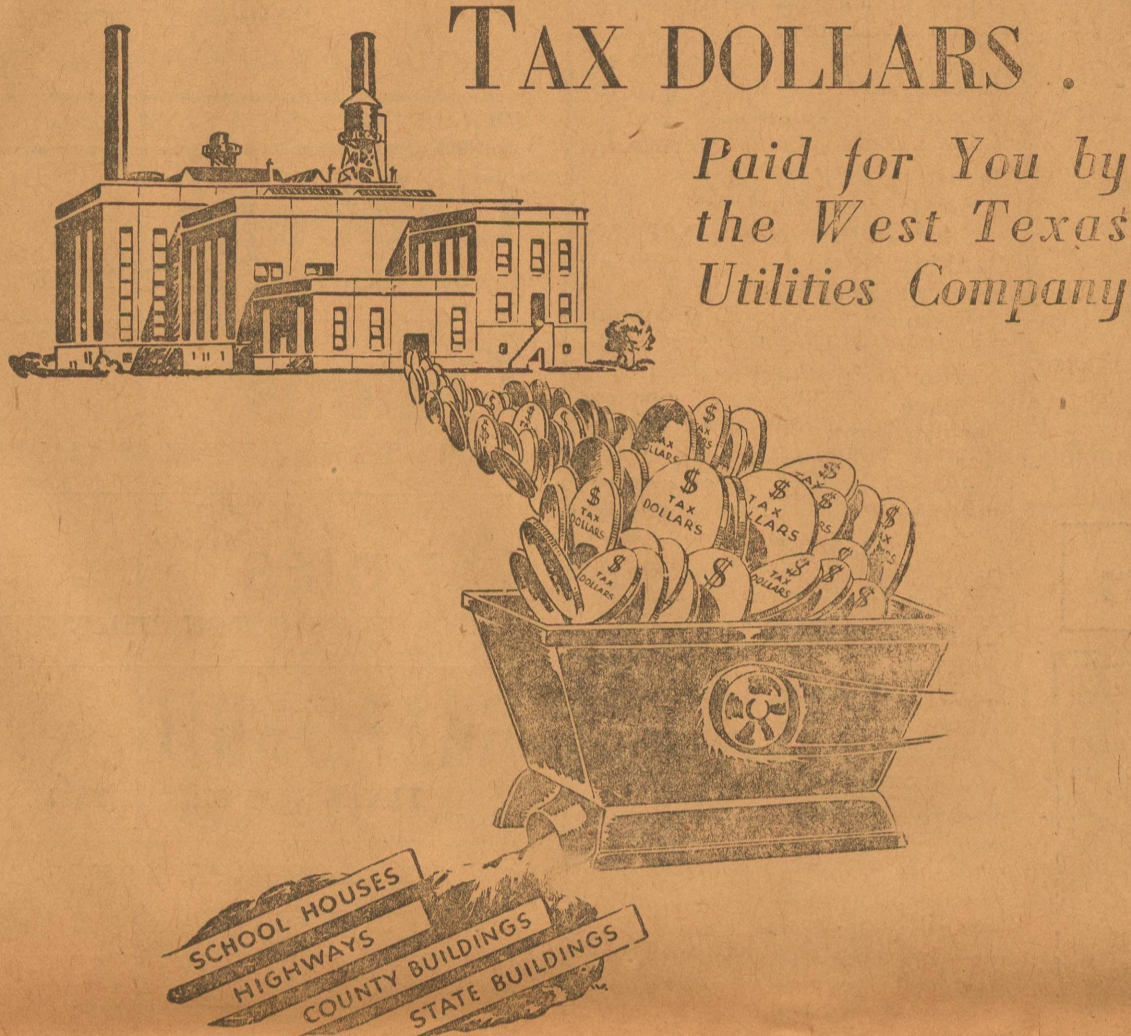
The stimulus of this immense sum starting to circulate again should go a long way toward restoring prosperity.

MATING

The head of the Westfield, N. J. schools, told a convention of school nurses the other day that one of the things which high school students should be taught is how to select their future husbands or wives, and how to judge the characters of men and women.

"SPORT"

Two-thirds of what passes for "sport" in the United States is pure commercialism. Some of the inside of the "boxing game" was revealed the other day when a fight promoter sued Gene Tunney for half a million dollars, claimed as commission for arranging championship bouts. The court



TAX DOLLARS

Paid for You by the West Texas Utilities Company

YOUR business is not the only one which has been faced with the serious problem of ever-mounting tax expenses. Since 1923, the year of this company's organization, taxes paid by the West Texas Utilities Company have increased over 1,200 per cent! In making these tax payments, the West Texas Utilities Company is contributing substantially to the cost of government . . . and relieving you of a considerable burden which otherwise would fall on your shoulders.

If the taxes paid annually by the West Texas Utilities Company could be applied by governmental agencies as efficiently as funds are handled by private enterprises, they would build for you each year: two large city high schools; three completely equipped ward schools; fifteen modern rural schools; a complete water system for a city of 12,000 population, or seven and one-half miles of standard concrete highway.

While this company has had to meet an ever-mounting tax bill and increased cost of equipment and materials . . . you, as a customer, have benefited by rate reductions which make this modern necessity available to you at an average cost sixty per cent lower than was charged before the organization of the West Texas Utilities Company!

Electric service will do your domestic, industrial or farm tasks more efficiently than they can be accomplished by any other method, and the entire cost of such splendid service can be figured in terms of pennies!

Out of every dollar you spend for service, approximately 10 cents is returned to the various governing bodies in the form of tax payments.

Do You Know?

that the average cost of government per family in 1913 was six times the average family's electric bill - but that through increased national activities the cost of government to the average family is today fifteen times greater than the cost of household electricity?

that a reduction of 10% in the average family's household electric bill would amount to but \$3.00 a year - whereas a reduction of the political racketeering activities alone connected with the cost of government should decrease taxes at least 7% - a reduction sufficient to pay all the nation's household electric bills? Let's work on the political racketeers. There is the easiest place to save.

West Texas Utilities Company

**W. T. U. Co. Output
Augurs Better Business Conditions**

Indicative of brighter business prospects in the near future, the week to week power output chart of the West Texas Utilities Co shows that production of electric power by the company has, for the first time this year, soared above that recorded during 1929 and 1930. From Sept. 12 to Oct. 10, the companies power output was greater than for a similar period last year, and for two of the weeks included in the four week period, the total output climbed above the 1929 and 1930 outputs according to reports from the company's offices in Abilene.

Economists consider electric output statistics an accurate indication of the general trend, and for this reason it is believed that the increased production of the West Texas Utilities Company augurs greatly improved business conditions.

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J. B. Moorhouse

Financial Statement

No. 1629.

BANKS

Official statement of financial condition of the Benjamin State Bank, at Benjamin, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 29th day of Sept., 1931, published in the Benjamin Post, a newspaper printed and published at Benjamin, State of Texas, on the 16th day of Oct. 1931.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security \$197,832.01
Loans secured by real estate 19,573.81
Overdrafts 479.10
Acceptances of other banks 38,305.13
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof 3,620.50
Banking house 7,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures 2,400.00
Real Estate owned, other than banking house 621.17
Cash in Bank 5,269.68
Due from approved reserve agents 81,596.17
TOTAL 356,697.57

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock 25,000.00
Surplus Fund 10,000.00
Undivided Profits, net 10,327.53
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days 310,221.67
Cashiers Checks Outstanding 1,148.37
TOTAL 356,697.57
State of Texas, County of Knox,

We, G. H. Beavers, as President, and A. C. McGlothlin, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

G. H. Beavers, President.
A. C. McGlothlin, Cashier
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of Oct., A. D. 1931.

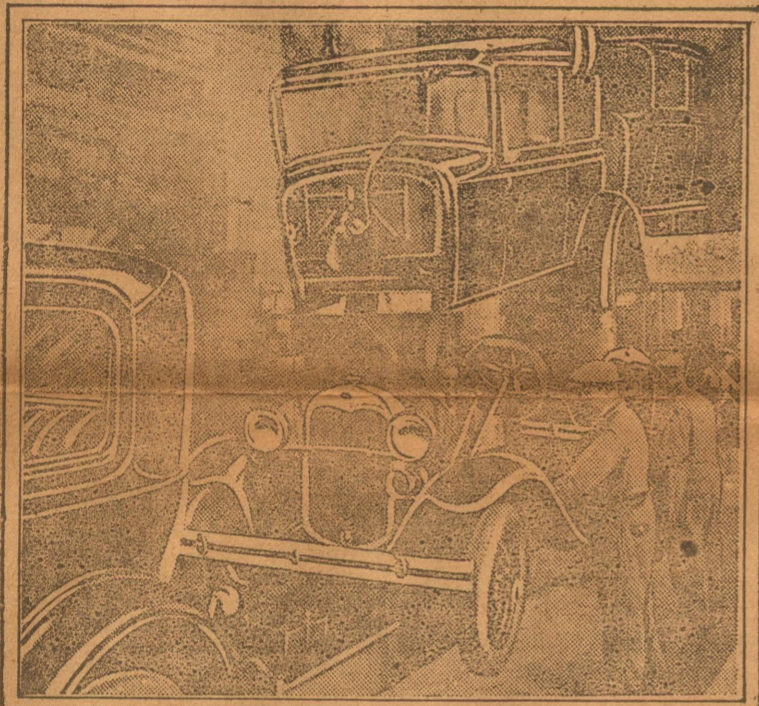
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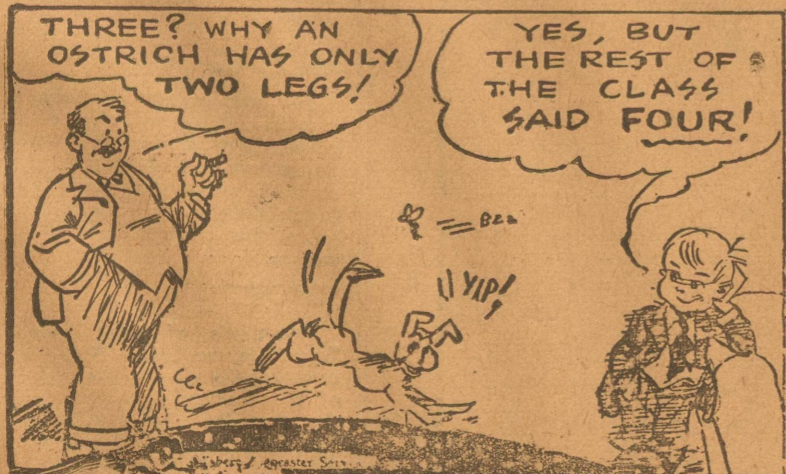
L. P. Jones
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Directors

Final Step in Assembly of Ford Cars



This is a scene from the moving picture of a tour through the plants of the Ford Motor Company, one of the features of the Ford road show. The picture shows the final assembly line on which the Ford is put together part by part as it moves slowly forward until at the end of the line the completed car is driven away under its own power. Parts are served the workmen by conveyors. Each part is timed to arrive at precisely the right moment. In this illustration the chassis of the car in the foreground has been completed and a body is being lowered by a crane from a balcony.



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CRANBERRIES, PER QUART 15c

SALMON 9c

NILE GRADE, FULL POUND CANS, PER CAN

Green Beans 10c

NO. 2 CANS, CUT STRINGLESS, PER CAN

PEAS 10c

NO. 2 SIFTED SWEET WRINKLE, 15c VALUE, CAN

PEACHES 98c

CALIFORNIA EVAPORATED, NEW 1931 PACK

Peaches 17 1/2c

FANCY CALIFORNIA TABLE PEACHES MELBA HALVES, LARGE CAN

Bacon 21c

SUGAR CURED SLICED, ONE POUND PACKAGE

CHILDREN'S DRESSES HALF PRICE

PETER PAN AND GILBRAE GINGHAM, yd. .25

HINDS HONEY AND ALMOND CREAM .39

SEE OUR NEW LINE OF MEN'S DRESS HATS. WE HAVE WORK SHOES THAT WILL MAKE YOU WORK. FRESH OYSTERS DIRECT FROM MATA-GORDA BAY ON FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS

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