

Fewer Cotton Acres Urged in Texas Project

Diverse Crops Are Declared Needed in the Rio Grande Valley District

El Paso, Tex.—Reduction of cotton acreage and diversification of crops are imperative to the stability of farming in the Elephant Butte Reclamation project in the Rio Grande Valley above and below this city, agricultural and business leaders here have decided. Through the agricultural committee of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce an offer has been made to the farmers to establish a livestock bank, operating under jurisdiction of the Federal Government.

There are approximately 180,000 acres in the project irrigated with water impounded by Elephant Butte Dam on the Rio Grande 150 miles north of El Paso. The first crop has been cotton, between 70,000 and 80,000 bales being raised each year. Leading farmers for some time have recognized that cotton acreage should be reduced and have pointed out from time to time that rotation of crops was essential if fertility of valley farm land was to be maintained.

Some of these farmers demonstrated this by growing on land which had been in other crops two and three bales of cotton to the acre. The average yield has been slightly under one bale to the acre.

As the problem was studied more thoroughly, the possibility of feeding out livestock seemed to offer the farmers a sound way of diversification of crops which would enable

them to market feed crops at a profit. There are thousands of acres of range country within 100 and 200 miles of El Paso from which cattle for feeding out could be obtained.

Early in January, the agricultural committee began a further study of conditions and made a report of their findings and recommendations to the chamber of commerce board of directors. This plan which included the livestock bank was accepted and approved.

The recommendation read: "That the business men of El Paso assist in promoting a local livestock bank of a capital stock of \$100,000, of which \$50,000 be subscribed by banks and influential citizens; the borrowing members of the institution to subscribe 5 per cent of their maximum loan to the capital stock; interest rate on loans to be 2 per cent above the rate required by the federal intermediate bank. Following such procedure, with loans made on a nine months to a year basis, the capital stock would have a nine to one or ten to one borrowing capacity."

In conjunction with this the committee also recommended that a marketing association be organized and administered by local farm bureaus, and that the farm bureaus have charge of organizing for the production of proper crops for feeding and the selection of individuals of capacity for this activity as a basis of recommendation for livestock loans.

Following approval of the report E. W. Kayser, president of the Chamber of Commerce, appointed a committee of representatives from three national banks here to work with the agricultural committee. The livestock bank will not be organized, however, unless the farmers themselves ask for it. No stock solicitation will be made among the farmers.

The committee also recommended that the farmers be urged to devote part of their acreage to growing of crops for home table consumption,

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Plattsmouth, Nebr.
FRIDAY - SATURDAY
Eddie Quillan and Bob Armstrong in **BIG MONEY**
Mickey McGuire Comedy, Serial, News

SUNDAY - MONDAY
Edmund Lowe and Leila Hyams in **PART TIME WIFE**
Comedy, Fables, News
Sunday Matinee, 2:30 Nites, 7-9

TUESDAY - WEDNES. - THURSDAY
Marie Dressler and Wallace Beery in **MIN and BILL**
Comedy and Novelty Reels. Also Free Cannon Linen to Every Lady Patron.

the surplus not consumed immediately nor canned for future use to be sold through local markets.

TWO MURDER SUSPECTS EACH ACCUSE OTHER

Pendleton, Ore., Feb. 15.—Each blaming the other for the crime which caused their arrest, Hugh Bowen and John Eddington were put aboard a train by Sheriff Taylor of Chattanooga, Tenn., today and started east to face charges in connection with the alleged insurance murder of W. R. Kingdon near Chickamauga, Ga.

Eddington, captured at Helix, Ore. last Thursday, laid all blame for the murder on Bowen, Sheriff Taylor said. Bowen admitted his part in the crime, but when he heard of Eddington's charges against him, laid the bulk of the guilt on Eddington, the sheriff declared.

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Base Findings on Department of Justice Reports; Des Moines Up in First 25.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Sixty-seven cities of the United States, with a population of more than 100,000, have more crime than Chicago.

The foregoing is revealed from an exhaustive tabulation of "known offenses" prepared by Frederick Rex, head of the municipal reference library.

The table is based on figures compiled by the bureau of investigation of the United States. Department of Justice and published on pages 6-7 of the federal pamphlet entitled "Uniform Crime Reports," dated September, 1930. The figures cover the nine-month period ending September 30, 1930. Omaha is 16th in the list.

The Rex table shows that of the 81 cities listed there are only 13 cities which have a lower ratio of known crimes and offenses for each 10,000 of their population than has the city of Chicago; namely, Rochester, N. Y.; Richmond, Va.; Philadelphia; Patterson, N. J.; Lynn, Mass.; Lowell, Mass.; New Bedford, Mass.; Evansville, Ind.; Peoria, Ill.; Jersey City, and Tampa.

The number of known offenses included in this compilation are: Murder and non-negligent manslaughter, manslaughter by negligence, statutory, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny and auto theft.

The federal pamphlet referred to does not give the number of offenses reported in Chicago for aggravated assault, statutory and larceny

WEEPING WATER

J. J. Meier was a visitor in Lincoln last Tuesday called there to look after some business matters for the day.

Otto Nebal baker for the Williams Bakery, was visiting for the week end with his sisters last Sunday at Council Bluffs.

H. D. Bailey of Omaha was a visitor in Weeping Water and guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Williams for a short time on last Sunday.

Miss Agnes Rough has added a stock of very fine silk dresses to her stock of millinery, and which are very attractive. Take a look at them.

Will Johnson, who has been staying in Omaha for some two weeks, returned home on last Monday evening, where he was visiting with friends.

Hall Pollard and Carl Balfour, both of near Nehawka, were visiting with some business matters and visiting with friends on last Wednesday.

Amos Cappen and wife and their two children were over to Shenandoah for the week end, they going on last Saturday night, remaining over Sunday.

Mr. T. M. McKimmon of near Alvo was a visitor in Weeping Water for the most part of last week and while here was guest of her sister, Mrs. Fred H. Gorder and husband.

John S. Williams, the Weeping Water baker, with his wife and children, were over to Omaha on last Sunday where they were visiting with their daughters who make their home in Omaha.

Miss Agnes Rough was a visitor for the day on last Sunday at the home of Mrs. Guy Lake of Lincoln and also for a time at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. J. Donelan, who resides on a farm near Havelock.

When it comes to playing cards skillfully, Emerson Dowler, the general clerk at the Johnson cafe, is an artist, for he was able to win a very fine billiard and checkbook at a pinocle game at Manley on last Monday.

Mrs. Fred Schaeble of Fairview, Kansas, who has been visiting here for the past week with her sister, Mrs. W. D. Baker and while here, they enjoyed a very fine visit, departed for her home in the south early this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Reinberger who has been making their home in Omaha and who are daughter and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Williams, have moved to Bellevue where Mr. Reinberger is working for the government at Fort Crook.

Elmer Michelsen was a visitor in Omaha two times this week, each time to secure more dresses, on account of the very brisk business which the store has been doing since this time. They are making some excellent bargains in silk dresses as well as many other things.

Having Window Changed.

Spencer J. Marshall was having the window in the west near the portion allotted to the work in the shop, changed and enlarged which will make the space have more light. This will enable them to have much better opportunity for doing their repair work.

Married at Plattsmouth.

On Wednesday of this week, Miss Lenora K. Reed was united in marriage with Walter Luhris of Halliday, Kansas. Miss Lenora was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Isaac Reed and the ceremony was witnessed by her and Sheriff Reed. The newly weds will make their home in Texas. The Journal writes in the matrimonial column that the bride, on her friends of the bride, are extending congratulations and best wishes.

Visiting With Grandmother.

Miss Dorothea Coatman of Alvo has been spending this week with her grandmother, Mrs. B. F. Ruby, she being brought over by her father, R. M. Coatman, when he came for Wm. Ingwersen and wife of Springfield, who have been visiting at the Ruby home and who returned with Mr. Coatman for a short visit before departing for their home in the northern portion of the state.

Entertained Friends Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jamison were host and hostesses at their home in Weeping Water to a number of their friends, when they made a merry evening, featuring pinocle and where all enjoyed the very pleasant evening. Refreshments were served at an appropriate hour which added to the pleasure of the evening.

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NEGRO'S WHITE WIDOW OMAHA DEATH VICTIM

Omaha—Once a beauty in Omaha's night life, Mrs. Myrtle Crutchfield, white widow of a former negro saloonkeeper, died Monday at a local hospital. Last August, when informed of a cancer, she shot herself, the bullet narrowly missing her heart. She recovered from the wound, but other complications sapped her strength.

Funeral arrangements which Mrs. Crutchfield made when she shot herself were that her body lie in state at a mortuary for a night and then be cremated and the ashes scattered over the Missouri river from an airplane. The first part of the instructions will be carried out, the mortuary said, and a conference will be held later on the plane request. At the hospital she remarked, "I don't want to spoil any cemetery where good people are buried."

PLAN FOR CONSTRUCTION

Washington—Public building construction planned or contemplated in twenty-nine states for completion this year was estimated to involve a total outlay of \$141,000,000 in a summary issued by the president's emergency committee for employment. Chairman Wood said the compilation furnished an indication of "the extent to which executives and legislatures are giving consideration to the feasibility and wisdom of accelerating building programs."

Among the sums fixed or under consideration in the states were: Colorado \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000, Illinois between \$4,000,000 and \$6,000,000, Iowa \$2,073,000, Kansas \$356,000, Michigan \$5,717,000, Minnesota \$1,165,000, Montana \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000, New York \$48,000,000, Nebraska \$736,000, North Dakota \$2,000,000.

BOX BUTTE INCREASES FARMS 42 PER CENT

Alliance, Feb. 13.—Box Butte farms increased 42.9 per cent from 1920 to 1930. This is a record among Nebraska counties.

This county had 641 farms in 1920 and now has 916. There were 275 new farms created in the county during the 10 years. The assessed valuation has also increased on a par with the increase in number.

Surprise On Birthday.

Mrs. C. W. Johnson gave a very pleasant surprise to her husband on last Saturday evening which was his twenty-fifth birthday and also Valentine day. By the very clever work of Mrs. Johnson the gathering was a complete surprise and the evening a perfect one and which was a most enjoyable one for all. All on their departure for their homes extended the wish for many more happy birthdays.

Home From the North.

Mrs. Thomas Crozier who has been spending since last October at Bourke, South Dakota, where she has been making her home with her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Fabraacker. They report two extremely severe blizzards during the winter one of which was raging last week.

Writes From the South.

Dr. F. W. Kruse, who is spending some time at Tampa, Florida, writes to his friend, Oscar C. Hinds, telling of how he is enjoying his stay in the south and also sending some relics, describing the south and the ways of living.

Soren Skamaris Some Better.

Soren Skamaris, who has been so sick for the past month or more was down town for a short time on last Wednesday, he having been staying at the home of Harold Thomason. Soren is still feeling quite poorly.

CORDELL HULL CALLS FOR ECONOMY POLICY

Washington, Feb. 15.—The democratic party was called upon today by Representative Cordell Hull to place economic problems, including the tariff and commercial policy, first on its program for the next two years.

The Tennessee senator-elect, and former chairman of the democratic national committee, issued a formal statement asserting "high tariff walls here and everywhere have constituted the greatest single underlying cause of the present world economic collapse."

Reviewing trade, unemployment and other conditions, Hull demanded "a re-examination of our tariff rate structure with the view to its readjustment to a decent level."

He said republican economic philosophy was "steeped in the most aggravated forms of special privilege or governmental favoritism," and insisted "there must be more than mere hair-splitting difference between the two political parties on tariff and commercial policy."—State Journal.

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Monday, Febr. 23
beginning at 12:30 o'clock, the following described property, to-wit:

Horses and Harness
FIVE HEAD HORSES—One team, black and bay, 8 and 9, wt. 3300; one black mare, 11 years old, wt. 1400 lbs.; one black horse, smooth mouth, wt. 1200; one sorrel horse, smooth mouth, wt. 1100.

HARNESS—Two sets work harness, one good as new; one set buggy harness.

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Farm Implements, etc.
One truck and rack; one box wagon; one good wagon; one walk-behind cultivator; one hay rake; one John Deere 2-row machine; one disc; one gang plow; one buggy; one 3-section harrow; one Deering binder; one Dempster 2-row cultivator, good as new; one 2-row P & O lister, good as new; one corn cleaver and harrow; two sets of worn wire; one Rock Island single row lister.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS and other articles too numerous to mention.

Terms of Sale
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to pieces. The father brought the lad to town which was on Sunday and was not able to find a physician and hastened on to Avoca where the hand was dressed by Dr. J. W. Breaudel, all of the hand possible was dressed, hoping to save as much of the hand as possible.

for the nine-month period ending September 30, 1930.

The totals for the three last named offenses for the first nine months of 1930 have since been supplied by the Chicago police department and are included in the total of Chicago "known offenses."

FORNEMER GUNMAN DIES A NATURAL DEATH

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Death from a natural cause came yesterday to Walter Stevens, former gunman known as "the inmate," so-called because he was arrested more than 200 times and punished but once, pneumonia was the cause. He was 64.

Two of gangland's rules were upset in his passing, namely that a gunman died by the gun and at an early age. He was sent to the penitentiary at Joliet two years for shooting an Aurora policeman. The last time he figured in crime news was in 1925, when he was indicted for liquor running in Florida.

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Sale of Horses

21-HEAD-21

This Sale will be held at the JOHN A. STANDER farm near Manley

Saturday, Febr. 28

Beginning at 1:00 O'Clock, P. M.

This farm is located one mile southeast of Manley on a gravel road (as near the center of the county as we can get). Remember the hour, starting at 1 o'clock p. m., sharp.

<p>One team black mares, 8 and 9 years old, weight 3100</p> <p>One team brown and black mares, 7 and 8 years old, wt. 2900</p> <p>One team bays, gelding and mare, 4 years old, weight 2650</p> <p>One team mares, sorrel and bay, 10 years old, wt. 2400</p> <p>One team, black and brown, 3 years old, weight 2400</p> <p>One gray horse, 10 years old, weight 1550</p>	<p>One gray horse, 11 years old, weight 1400</p> <p>One black mare, 3 years old, wt. 1250</p> <p>One black mare, 7 years old, wt. 1300</p> <p>One bay mare, 12 years old, wt. 1300</p> <p>One gray horse, 5 years old, weight 1350</p> <p>One team of smooth mouth geldings and a kids' team. Wt. 2800</p> <p>One saddle horse, 10 years old, wt. 1000</p> <p>One team of yearling molly mules</p>
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The man who is selling this load of horses is Carl Holscher, the same man who sold at Manley last year. These horses come from Imperial, Nebr. (right off the ranch). All horses are broke to work just like you want them, and their ages are given correctly. Every horse sold to you must be as represented to you, or you can bring it back where you bought it and get your money back.

Mr. Holscher is a Home Man—Born and Raised at Syracuse, Neb.

Now, these horses will be at the Stander farm for your inspection on TUESDAY, February 24th and from then on until sale day. You may come and hitch up and drive them yourself to your heart's content, any time before the sale date, so that when you come to the sale you will know exactly what you want to buy, and no guesswork.

In case of stormy weather, we will hold the sale under cover in a nice barn

TERMS—Cash, unless you have made arrangements with Clerk.

Carl Holscher, Owner

Imperial, Nebraska

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