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Editorial Notes

IT IS WITH considerable satisfaction the Booster was able to boast with pride to the work of P. H. Powell as the manager of the 1932 state clean-up campaign.

COME BACK, Powell, and let us hope you will be able to do a better job of it than you did last year.

THE PUBLIC has been told that \$7,200,000 of the state highway fund was spent in the last year.

IN THE "Voice of the Press" is a brief editorial taken from the Dallas News. The article says, however, that the state highway fund was not spent.

IT IS ESTIMATED 47,077 humans visited "Old Texas" at Beaumont last week. A greater number of those visiting the old historic war vessel were young folks and thus the cause of patriotism was furthered.

THE OLD "Texas" from Beaumont is reported to have been damaged at Beaumont. It is reported to have been damaged at Beaumont.

LIVE OAK COUNTY is the banner county in the Lone Star State undoubtedly. Say a Live Oak judge issued an injunction forbidding State patrol men from stopping trucks and automobiles that happened (?) to be decorated with 1931 license tags.

"YOU ALL" undoubtedly have often heard it and the expression "you all" was improper not used by educated people and masters of English.

IT HAS BEEN suggested it a time for the Woodville Civic Club to come to life again. In Jasper the civic club is the oldest civic organization and also by wise selection of the officers of the club that organization has become a power in that city.

"GIVING THE DEVIL his due has always been the attitude of the Booster editor. The Booster carried two stories recently headed "Keeping a record straight." It had to do with the work of one of Tyler County's officials.

WHEN ARTHUR Hyde was governor of the State of Missouri, he was the greatest "pickings" for the newspaper men of the "Show Me" State imaginable. Missouri, like every other state in the Union, is full of expert chauffeurs—decent, honorable men, and yet Hyde as governor, saw fit to pick out "Dutch Fromme," a convict at the Jefferson City State penitentiary, and appoint him as his private chauffeur.

LAST WEEK a suffering public learned the Railroad Commission had issued a ban on the cotton truck in Texas, and there was wailing and gnashing of teeth and at the same time was continued. All this means merely a difference of opinion.

PREVIOUS to last Tuesday the highest registration of Democratic voters in North Dakota had been 13,000. On last Tuesday it jumped to more than 60,000. An increase of development can not be construed otherwise than as a sweeping repudiation of the Hoover administration.

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A "Voice of the Press" editorial says that the "new normal" conditions are not yet here. It says that the "new normal" conditions are not yet here.

"Nobody reads the paper," is the answer we get occasionally from a man when he is asked to advertise. Other men live in the town year after year without subscribing for the paper.

The flowers of the field rising from countless graves, the unfolding leaves of the trees, the ripening of the grain, the meadow bursting into bloom, the myriad of winged mistle-birds filling the world with melody all are the angles of the Lord, demonstrating before our eyes the universal victory of life over death.

Of course, Texas as a rule are for John Garner for President, and the Texas delegation to be picked at Houston in May will undoubtedly go for Garner. In spite of this fact, Texas, as a rule, are also pleased with the advances being made by Franklin D. Roosevelt, Governor of New York.

would be Ritchey of Maryland, White of Ohio, or, as some think, it could possibly be Jim Red of Missouri. Never has the National Democracy had such a galaxy of high class men for possible nominees.—Williamson County Sun.

A startling statement was issued recently by the State Fire Insurance Commission in Republican primary. The loss in the state for January, 1932, was a staggering figure, more than a million dollar loss for a month period is too much loss.

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Whether Senator Love is right or wrong in his assertion that the pledge to be demanded at the primaries of May 7 is illegal, the Democratic State Committee should repeal its vote of March 7.

A "village party organization in a strong financial position, and ready to swing into immediate action as if the 1932 convention adjourns, is the goal of the Victory Campaign through the efforts of such groups as the Texas Committee.

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Some short-sighted legislators and politicians, casting about for ways and means of making ends meet in government, had a happy idea in the prospecting of the "new normal" conditions.

The Constitution requires that one-fourth of all occupation taxes be located to the school fund. Should any additional portion of the tax be diverted to general fund, it is possible the school fund will be reduced.

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As a Democrat sincerely desirous of seeing a Democrat elected President of the United States, I desire respectfully to protest against the action of the Democratic State Executive Committee on Monday in unlawfully and unwisely, and without any general order or hearing, to propose to impose an iron-clad pledge to support the nominees; for President and Vice-President, regardless of who they may be, or what their stand may be on moral or other questions, as a condition of admission to the precinct primaries to be held on Saturday, May 7, eight weeks from today; and to respectfully petition that our State executive committee be reconvened for the purpose to reconsider this very important matter.

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MOST DRASTIC PLEDGE The pledge prescribed reads as follows: "I hereby pledge myself to support the nominees of the Democratic Party for President and Vice President by voting for the Democratic electors of the State of Texas."

No such drastic test has ever before been suggested in Texas since our election laws were passed in 1901. Four years ago the Democratic State Executive Committee was induced by a majority of one vote, at the instance of the same gentleman who sponsored the above resolution, to participate in the Democratic primaries that year which read as follows: "I am a Democrat and agree to support the nominees of the party."

"PURELY MORAL OBLIGATION" This statutory primary election test like the State Executive Committee's test of 1928 did not pledge the voter to support any nominee in violation of his conscience, for our courts, from the Supreme Court down, have repeatedly held "that the obligation assumed in taking the statutory pledge was purely a moral obligation, building no longer than it could be conscientiously performed." See Love vs. Wilcox, 28 S. W. (2nd) 524, and cases therein cited; and in this same decision the Supreme Court holds that the Legislature of Texas "expressly refused" to require the voter to agree to vote for or support candidates of other parties, in the general election after the primary.

COMMITTEE "WITHOUT POWER" After the State executive committee had prescribed the pledge above quoted for the precinct primaries in 1928, the Attorney General of Texas, Claude Pollard, in a well-considered opinion requested by Murrell L. Buckingham, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Dallas County, held that even that pledge was entirely unauthorized and unlawful and void. I think it will be obvious to any lawyer upon an examination of our election laws that the State executive committee has no power to require qualified voters to the presidential primaries to take any test, but only has the power to prescribe the "qualification" of voters, which is entirely a different thing from a test or pledge, under the laws of Texas and the decisions of her courts.

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**Bouquet Scouts**

Our meeting was opened with the flag ceremony. C. J. Pridden, head of our program, gave a demonstration of the making with flint and steel. We have two new members of our troop, Leslie Cruthirds and Arthur Hensarling, they having passed their tender foot test the past week. Vernon Baskin told us how a scout was benefited by doing a good turn daily. We will give an Easter egg hunt for the community Sunday. The patrol leaders have their teams prepared for our inter-patrol rally. We will have it in the near future. The meeting closed with the scout oath.

JACK McCURLEY, Scribe.

**Starting a Silk m Worm Farm**

Few creatures are more interesting to keep than silkworms; they have a short but extremely fascinating career. In fact, a small silk worm farm quickly develops into a great source of amusement and delight. A start is easily made. The only necessity is a mulberry tree in the neighborhood, or a place where you can obtain mulberry leaves, as these are the one and only food silk worms require.

The food question settled, the way to acquiring the farm is clear. You need about 100 eggs to start with. These will give you, roughly, 15 silk worms. Put the eggs in a cardboard box with a well ventilated roof, and stand it in an unheated room of medium temperature. The attic is an ideal home.

The eggs begin to hatch as soon as the mulberry tree gains its foliage. As the tiny caterpillars emerge you must transfer them into an open tray with sides about three inches deep, and in the tray scatter a quantity of young and tender leaves for them to feed on. When the leaves turn brown and dry they must be changed for fresh ones. That is the only care the silk worms need. Always see that they have plenty of leaves to eat.

During this time they will increase in size. Their period of growth lasts 42 days, and in growing they change their skin four times—after the 5th, 12th, 18th and 26th days. It is interesting to keep a book of record of the various changes you notice in their conditions. After the fourth change of skin the silk worm becomes a gnat for mulberry leaves, eating in all twenty times its own weight before growing up.

At the end of the 42 days of growth the silk worms turn restless and lose their desire to eat. They are looking for a place in which to spin. The best plan is to remove them to another tray on which a small branch having plenty of leaves is placed. During themselves up in leafy beds the mature silk worms begin to weave their lovely threads.

They spin for about eight days, until the time comes for the chrysalis to change into a moth. The moths then eat their way out of the cocoons, leaving you an exquisite bundle of silk. Thus the wonderful story of the silk worm's career comes to an end. But the female moths lay a large quantity of eggs, enabling you to have a stock of your own for the next year. In this way your farm increases in size and interest.

Silk worms have, indeed, much to recommend them. They are such well-behaved creatures—the caterpillars never wander from their mulberry leaves, and the moths never take to their wings and desert you.—Christian Science Monitor.

**Woodville Locals**

Mr. William Gibbs McAdoo proposes that we tax the bootleggers. Bootleggers, he says, earn a billion dollars a year. Tax them 100 per cent. There's a neat billion.

The idea is gaining popularity here and there. Men are beginning to envy the only gentlemen in business who can read the accounts of rising taxes without annoyance. A New Jerseyan, hunting for more budget food, proposed a tax on bootleggers. One hundred and fifty "proprietors" descended in City Hall and protested. It seems that the speak-easies have been having a hard time.

The old racket is not what it used to be. "One of the protesters observed, according to the Associated Press. We should think it is not. One hundred and fifty speak-easies in one small town is really too many from the point of view of good business. Before prohibition abolished liquor that town probably had no more than twenty-five saloons interested in a liquor tax. Now there are one hundred and fifty. This is hard for the bootlegging business and makes it hard for them to pay taxes. But the same thing is true of many other lines. We have too many grocery stores, too many drug stores, too many banks, too many bootleggers. But they'll all be taxed this year—all but the bootleggers.—Columbia Weekly.

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Mrs. J. C. Feagin and family and Lee Feagin visited in Chester over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Watkins spent the week end in Lufkin.

W. B. Thomas of Groveton was here the first of the week on court matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Looney Crumpler of Colmesneil spent Sunday at the Norton home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Rotan and family spent the week end in Houston with relatives.

Mrs. Frank Fain returned from Oakwood where she had been with her parents on an extended visit.

Mrs. Ernest Willford of Beaumont spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Dallas Young.

Mrs. W. M. Maddox of Hillster and Mrs. Allison and daughter, Miss Willie Mae, and Mesdames Barrett and Wiggitt, of Woodville, were at Star meeting here last Friday night.

Miss Pearl Ogden of Fort Arthur is visiting home folks here the first of the week.

Woodville House of Colmesneil substituted in the Citizens State Bank here in place of Rual Norton last week. Mr. Norton being on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Richards spent Sunday in Village Mills at the home of the aunt, Mrs. H. G. Hodnett.

H. L. Rainey and O. B. Hopsner were in Dallas Wednesday on a business trip.

Miss Louise Kelley, who is attending C. I. A. Denton, is home for the mid-term vacation.

Mrs. Ora Lindsey and son Frank, of Dallas came Monday to be with Mrs. D. P. Rock who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wheeler of Beaumont are here attending at the bedside of Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. D. P. Rock.

Miss Willie Lindsey of Jasper was in town over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mays of Beaumont spent Sunday with Mrs. Mays' sister, and family, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Powell.

Jack Kelley and sister, Miss Louise, gave to Groveton Tuesday on a business trip.

J. T. Hamilton and S. H. Pedigo of Town Bluff were in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Walker and children spent Sunday in Town Bluff.

John Walker of Town Bluff was circulating around among his friends Tuesday.

Miss Frank Thompson and Mrs. McClung of Jasper were in town Saturday.

Carr Barnes of Chester was a business visitor here Tuesday.

Dr. L. R. Cade of Chester attended court proceedings here Tuesday.

Among those from Rockland attending court the first of the week were Clyde Cruse and A. D. Graham. Attorney J. Austin Barnes of Beaumont was attending court Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. J. A. Mooney and daughter, Miss Winnie Bell Mooney, spent the week end here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Geisendorff and children and Mrs. E. Moore of Beaumont spent Sunday here at the guests of Dr. and Mrs. F. V. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Davis.

W. Z. Parsons and Hugh Davis, who were setting on the federal jury at Beaumont, have completed their judicial duties and are now again on speaking terms with their families. These summons from the federal officers, paid for right now, could have been completed by who can say.

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**Jasper Man in Auto Accident at Lufkin**

C. T. Bownton and Bernis Trotter were slightly injured Sunday night when their car collided with another automobile three miles from Lufkin en route to Madsonville after visiting in Jasper. Bownton was hurled through the door of the car but not seriously hurt. The car was damaged and the boys returned to Jasper to get transportation back to Madsonville. Sheriff's officers of Woolley is a publicity seeker who can not understand that the very safe automobile in custody on a charge of our very life depends upon of driving an automobile while in a state of intoxication—Jasper News.—The reason we simply can't shudder.

**Older Generation Ponders Kidnaping Case**

From the ancient files of newspapers and periodicals come the stories of kidnapings that in other years have proved sensations of more or less lasting duration.

One of the most famous of these is that which has intrigued writers, criminologists and dramatists for more than half a century, still lingers, although there have been other and mysterious kidnapings since July 1, 1874, when the Ross child disappeared to be seen no more.

A copy of Leslie's Boys and Girls Weekly, printed shortly after the Ross child was stolen, gives a graphic and living account of the deed and proves almost as interesting to the reader at the present time as it did when the whole nation was searching for the missing little fellow.

The sketch was embellished with a pen sketch of the scene of abduction of the boy who dropped from sight forever.

"On the evening of July 1, 1874," says the article, "German town, a suburb of Philadelphia, was thrown into a state of great excitement owing to the abduction of one of the children of Mr. Christian K. Ross, who resides in Washington Lane, about 200 yards from the railway station, in a handsome dwelling which was found on another page of the weekly.

"It appears that about 4 o'clock on the evening mentioned, while the two sons of the unfortunate gentleman, Walter and Charlie, the former 6 years and the latter only 4 years old, were playing a short distance from the house they were accosted by a man, who asked them to take a ride in the buggy, in which another man was seated.

"On three or four occasions previously the children had been accosted by a man, who had been given sweetmeats by them, until the little fellows at last looked for their coming, as may be supposed, readily consented to take a drive when asked to do so.


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