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FROM THE SCRIPTURES

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he hath been approved, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord promised to them that love him." James 1:12.

GOLDEN GLEAMS

Woe is me, they call me insane who themselves are insane.

When the nations of the world get ready to live in peace and amity and trade with each other on a reasonable basis there will be a sufficient demand for the products of the world to end unemployment.

BEAUTIFYING HIGHWAYS

News dispatches tell us that the City of Atlanta expects to have a million dogwood trees and almost as many crepe myrtles planted on highways leading into the southern city by the end of 1936.

We hasten to call attention to the undertaking and to commend it to citizens of North Carolina.

There is no reason why our highways should not be beautified by flowering trees native to our section. Such an undertaking would undoubtedly attract many visitors, besides proving beneficial to our own citizens.

FARMERS INCOME IMPORTANT

Evidence continues to accumulate that business in Duplin County this fall will be better than for several years past. It is an obvious illustration of the farmer's buying power, which removes merchandise from local stores, and by causing our merchants to reorder, keeps the wheels of manufacturing plants busy.

Of course, there are sections of the United States which do not depend upon agriculture, and consequently do not appreciate the significance of farm income in appraising the economic state of the nation. In fact, we have sometimes been amazed at the failure of so-called business services to include in their statistical calculations some index figure that would tend to show the buying power of the American farmers.

Progress has been made in restoring farm purchasing power, it is true, but the fact nevertheless remains that there is room for new forward strides. Let us hope that the day will soon dawn when every American farmer can find a market for all of the products of his soil at prices which will give to the farm family a standard of living comparable to that enjoyed by other component parts of society.

OLD CANNON OPENS FAIR

Dallas, Texas, September 12th—The old brass cannon of Gonzales which fired the first shot of the Texas Revolution a hundred years ago, will roar defiance again October 2 to usher in the celebration of the Texas Centennial.

The state-wide observance of the one-hundredth anniversary of Texas independence will consist of a number of celebrations at historic shrines of the state, commencing at Gonzales, and climaxed by the \$15,000,000 Texas Centennial Exposition in Dallas from June to November, 1936.

Because Texans first took up arms at Gonzales in defense of their liberty, this charming little South Texas town is known as the "Lexington of the Lone Star State."

When war appeared imminent between Texas and Mexico in 1825, the Mexican government demanded that the citizens of Gonzales surrender a six pounder brass cannon which had been given to them for defense against the Indians. The cannon was practically worthless having been spiked and the spike bored out, leaving a touch hole as big as a silver dollar. The demand for the gun was merely an excuse to start hostilities.

Mexican dragoons attempted to capture the gun and the town. Tex-

ans from far and wide had rallied in Gonzales and hoisted the first flag of the Texas Revolution, a crude white banner inscribed "Come and take it!" The old cannon was loaded to the muzzle with pot legs and scrap iron and turned loose on the foe. The Texans charged and the Mexicans fled leaving their dead and wounded behind them. Not a single Texan was harmed. Five months later Texas declared her independence.

These stirring scenes will be reenacted at Gonzales October 2 in a celebration which will last a whole week. The battle will be re-fought with soldiers of the national guard representing the Texas and Mexican armies.

San Antonio, Houston, Nacogdoches and Huntsville all plan similar historic observance preparatory to the opening of the Texas Centennial Exposition at Dallas June 6th.

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