

City Families In Texas Move To Rural Homes Built By Themselves

Washington, D. C.—A hundred families who had been on the relief rolls in the city of Houston have moved into log and stone houses which they have completed for themselves in East Texas' piney woods, in the village of Woodlake. Built in the "dog-run", or double-house type which East Texas pioneers favored a century ago these homes still have all modern convenience. They have also been made architecturally attractive by following the simple pioneer style, at less cost than it would take to make them ugly in some imported style.

Each home is different from its neighbor, although of the same general material appearance. Each has a three-acre tract surrounding it, on which the family garden is located, and shelter for the cow, sow and hen with which every family is provided. The initial cost is paid by the Texas Rural Communities, Inc., a subsidiary of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, but each family is charged with what it receives, and will be required to pay for it in a given period. Not only is each family charged with the cost of its own house, livestock and equipment, but it is also charged its pro rata share of the cost of the community canning plant, the ice house, the community club house, and other community enterprises.

In addition to the three acres around the homesteads, in the village each family is provided with twelve acres of tillable land outside the village. These tracts are adjoining, and are being worked this year on a cooperative plan, to reduce cultivation expenses.

The Woodlake families are also becoming craftsmen, and are now engaging, in a small way, in manufacture of raw-hide bottomed chairs and other simple furniture, through this and other industries, they expect to piece out their incomes sufficiently to make the required payments on their homesteads.

Woodlake was started five or six years ago by Mrs. Helen K. Thompson of Houston, but had acquired only about twenty families when the new project was introduced last winter by the Texas relief administrator, then headed by Col. Lawrence Westbrook, who has since been made assistant national relief administrator in charge of all rural rehabilitation. Col. Westbrook is submitting the Woodlake plans to state administrators throughout the Nation as a model. The engineering architect, who pushed the Woodlake project to completion within ninety days after it was suggested, is another Texan, David R. Williams, whose activities have also been expanded now to cover this work on a National scale.



One of the local wags suggests that the highway department be requested to install a zipper arrangement at fifty foot intervals in the new pavement on the Main drag in order to facilitate the inevitable tearing up process which follows the laying of any new streets.

The exhibit of wax figures on display in front of one our local theatres today was augmented for a time by one of our local comics who, when the party was sufficiently engrossed, extended a hand to a colored swain with the exclamation, "Shake, pal." The take-off of the gentleman of color was truly a thing of beauty and smoothness and at the last report received he was passing Barbers Junction in great style showing very little signs of weakening.

The boys of the Fire Department are to be commended for the fine progressive spirit they are showing in the erection of a drill tower adjacent to the fire station. They are doing this voluntarily and for the sole purpose of being able to train themselves to be more efficient in the protection of the homes and property of the citizenry of our city. The materials used in the erection of this tower are all being donated and should any reader desire to assist by the donation of lumber, window frames, sashes, etc., a call to 170 will bring a hearty and grateful response.

Traffic Misfits, whom we can do without, . . . The driver of the commercial truck, who, under the pretense of making a delivery, double parks his truck and goes in to the barber shop for a shave.

Moral for today, . . . Don't try to overtake the ambulance, you may be more successful, than you anticipated.

HOLDING OUT WELL
A Winston-Salem woman who has enjoyed 35 years of more than unusual connubial bliss, has in her employed an amusing old negro cook.

One day, when a box of especially beautiful flowers was left for the mistress, the cook happened to be present. She said, "Yo' husband send you all them pretty flowers you gits, Missy?" "Certainly, my husband", was the response.

"Glory be!" exclaimed the cook, "he suttely am holdin' out well ain't he?"

F. D. R's Latest Counsel Is To "Look Ahead"

Wants Country To Plan Nationally Rather Than Depend On "Legislative Panaceas" For Recovery.

Washington — President Roosevelt's latest counsel to the country is to look ahead, to plan nationally rather than depend on "legislative panaceas" for recovery or continue to grow haphazardly.

He has new ideas for using his "pet," the subsistence homestead program, as a medium for national planning to bring back into a balance a population he said had grown up "like topsy."

In an easy-going, extemporaneous talk to directors of projects who are already trying to find uncrowded homes and a bit of land for those stranded in industrial centers, Mr. Roosevelt counseled a backing away from "legislative panaceas".

Promising there would be no "regimentation or transplanting of population by force," the President said the government aid is to provide opportunities for those who wanted to help themselves.

"We want something more out of our program than just being alive," he said. "This is not simply a question of just preventing starvation. It is one of education—a more abundant life."

Mr. Roosevelt turned from homesteads in his talk to what was interpreted as an allusion to Dr. William A. Wirt and his charges that "brain trusters" were plotting revolution.

"By using gray matter, brain trust or otherwise," he said, "We can discover a lot of new things we can do. We want evolution. When you hear talk of revolution there is one letter too many in that word."

Aides said it was only a coincidence that the President an hour or so before had appointed a man named by Wirt—Dr. Rexford G. Tugwell—as understudy of agriculture at a \$2,000 salary boost over in his present post as assistant secretary.

TRYING TO "KID" HIM
While the young suitor was waiting to take out his young lady the latter's little sister entered the room.

"Did you know my sister's got three other boy friends?" said the child.

The suitor pricked up his ears at this piece of news.

"Really!" he said, in surprise. "I have not seen any of them."

"Neither have I", returned the child. "But she gave me a dollar to tell you."

ROBBED OF \$1,000
H. A. Lane, Greensboro laundryman, reported to the police on Saturday night that he had been held up by two white men traveling in a coupe and robbed of approximately \$1,000. He alleges that the men forced him to stop and took from him the funds he was taking to a bank for deposit.

CAMERAGRAPHS



DOING THE BICYCLE DANCE. These beauties of the Alberta Rasch chorus in the Bouche Villa Venice Club of Chicago try out some new routines at Miami Beach which they call "The Bicycle Dance." When they are not kicking they are pedaling, and that explains, Miss and Mrs. America, how they get and keep their trim figures.



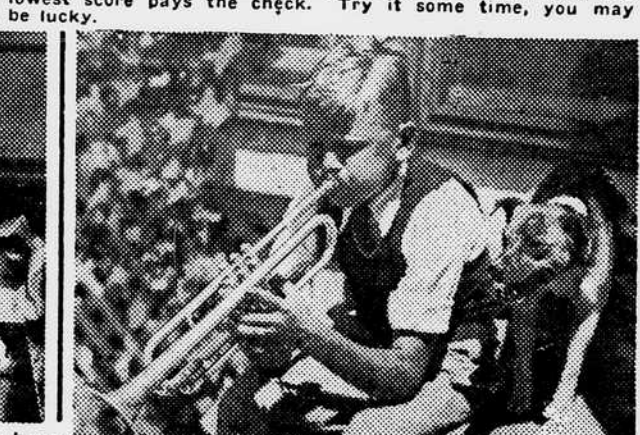
ANGLERS' GRINS indicate there wasn't any "big one that got away" on this fishing trip. Pictures like this sure aggravate that spring fever itch!



NOW IT'S BOTTLE POKER. Here's a new way to figure out who will foot the bill. Total all the numbers appearing on the bottom of each beer bottle and the man with the lowest score pays the check. Try it some time, you may be lucky.



MICKY MOUSE and his happy-go-lucky gang have moved from silver screen to playroom. Now imprinted as cut-out toys right on the box of a popular corn flakes.



BLOW, SKINNY, BLOW! Those high notes come a little hard, but Warren Dawey of Kohler, Wis., has his heart set on joining the village band—if the neighbors don't do something drastic first.

Governor Favors State Taking Care of Roads in Cities

Governor Ehringhaus last week took a stand in favor of state maintenance of highway routes through municipalities, but added he did not believe North Carolina was in position at the present time to assume this burden.

"I am with you on your stand for state maintenance of highways in the corporate limits, but the matter will call for a careful study," the chief executive said in addressing the annual meeting of the state municipal association in Raleigh.

"I don't think that the state is in a position to do it now, however. We cannot make two dollars do the work of six."

The governor reiterated his stand against reduction of the automobile license tax.

Governor Ehringhaus asked the city officials not to make it "impossible" for him to help them "through your persistency."

"I am with you and I want to help you," he said. "We have to have the money to bring about allocation for the maintenance of city streets."

"Every time the state is called upon to do something of this nature it requires money. And more money means more taxes. North Carolina has been progressive in its stand against excessive taxation. We are now doing the work on the maintenance of state roads on \$6,000,000 what formerly took \$12,000,000 to do."

The governor declared there was an "everlasting" demand on government for more service which it is impossible to render without more taxation.

"BRAIN TRUST" IS TOPIC
The "brain trust" of the New Deal was defended and criticized before the American Society of Newspaper Editors in Washington on Saturday. Rexford G. Tugwell, assistant secretary of agriculture, who is regarded as a brain trust leader referred to the New Deal as a return to true democracy. Later on the program, Eugene Meyer, publisher of the Washington Post, and governor of the Federal Reserve board during the Hoover administration, said that the country's most immediate danger lies "in the inexperience of the young intellectuals who are now apparently directing the policy of the administration."

BUSINESS LEAPS
Business barometers last week registered abnormal advances for weather.

this season, but retail trade was somewhat hampered by cold rainy weather.

PATTERSON ITEMS

Saturday night, April 14th was community night at Patterson hall. A large crowd was in attendance, Patterson school put on the program. Good music was furnished by the string band.

Patterson Grange met as usual on Saturday night, April 21. A goodly number were present, after the business was over the meeting was given over to the Lecturer, she announced we would have a spelling match, using the old blue back speller.

Nina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Davis, who has been right sick is improving some.

The degree team of Patterson Grange put on the 3rd degree at Cleveland Scotch Irish Grange hall Tuesday night of this week.

Mrs. J. L. Suther had her tonsils removed some time ago and is improving nicely.

We are glad to report that Mrs. John Ketchie, who was hurt in an automobile accident, is improving.

The eyes of the nation are said to be on our youth, but the old folks say that more effective results were obtained in former times, when the hands of the nation were also applied to youth when the latter did not behave itself properly.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

1. Deep sea fishing boat.
2. A supplement to a will.
3. One-eighth of a mile
4. Charles G. Dawes
5. Jan. 1, 1863.
6. France, Belgium and Holland.
7. The American Civil War.
8. Copper.
9. Empire State Building, N. Y. City
10. Coeducation.

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