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Amid all the war and contest and variety of human opinion, you will find one consenting conviction in every land, that there is a God, the King and Father of all.—Maximus Tyrius.

When any worthy opponent takes a crack at the Fort Worth Star-Telegram or its publisher, Amon G. Carter, he may rest assured that he'll get in return as good or better than he sent. More than a whole page of Mr. Carter's newspaper was devoted to a full report of the exchange of acrimonious letters between Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes and the prominent Fort Worth newspaper publisher, the whole incident growing out of an editorial and cartoon depicting a number of office-holders, who recently descended upon Texas, as carpet-baggers.

When Mr. Ickes and Mr. Carter decide to do battle via the typewriter, smoke must boil from their respective machines. However, the victor in the verbal exchange depends largely upon the political views of those who would decide which won. Of the two, Mr. Carter is more inclined to stick to facts, and points out that the Garner-for-President movement in Texas isn't a "beat Roosevelt" effort, but rather is a spontaneous and just recognition of the abilities of John Garner, a native Texan, who is the only avowed candidate for the Democratic nomination. Obviously, says Mr. Carter, you can't go out to beat someone who hasn't given any indication that he is in the race.

Regardless of the consequences of the interchange, the public usually relishes a taste of this sort of personal journalism that reached a peak two or three generations ago. This is especially true when two masters of invective such as Amon Carter and Harold Ickes tangle horns.

Tomorrow (Wednesday) May 1 sees the opening of the game fish season in Denton County, and, no doubt, there will be many anglers on the shores of Lake Dallas and streams where fish are supposed to be. Some of the boys regret that the waters of the streams are so muddy since the fine rain, but think probably they can snare some of 'em anyhow. The game fish of all kinds, even some of the non-game kind, have been going upstream since the water level was raised to such an extent that swimming upstream was made possible. But, boys and girls, remember there are still some restrictive laws about the number and size of the fish that can be kept.

It's rather quiet on the western front right now—that is in Denton County oil leasing. Oil men are of the opinion that the siege will break out again soon, as now the lease buyers are consolidating their lines by clearing up abstracts and titles.

The Fred Freeman test is expected to start deepening the 3,500-foot hole some time around June 1, and the Amon Carter test, near Drop, will probably get under way during the summer. Other acreage is being blocked with the view of getting a deep test, one around Ponder and another around Argyle.

In the death of W. E. Durbin, Denton County loses one of its truly noble characters, and his hundreds of friends will miss him. His was an honest soul, a friend to everyone, he spoke ill of none. A quiet unassuming man he was, yet positive in his convictions which he never imposed on anyone. He served the county well and honestly, first as Constable, then Sheriff, District Clerk and in later years, until his health failed, he served in the important office of County Auditor, and at all times was a high type citizen. Yes, Denton has lost one of its noblemen.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Orr, Jr., and son, W. C., third, are expected in Denton this week from Amarillo, as he has been transferred to the Dallas office of FSA in the financial department. He has been in the financial division in Amarillo, so this transfer comes as a promotion.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Welch, former Gainesville residents, have come to Denton to make their home and are domiciled at 405 Amarillo. Welch has accepted a position as salesman with the Mulins Motor Co., a work with which he is familiar as for the past five years he has been with the Shipp Motor Co. of Gainesville.

"I guess everything is in fine shape over our way," said Sam Rose of Little Elm, "but I never count my grain crop till I get it in the bin and even then I guess at it."

Interest was tense and the fans were rigid in their interest at the opening game of the softball season Monday night when someone asked Ripsaw Wood who he was for. Of course, the questioner meant which team, but Rip spoke out loud, saying "O'Daniel." The tension broke.

Athlete (boastfully): "I've had my nose broken three times at the same place."

Sweetie (sympathetically): "You really ought to keep your nose out of that place."

Traffic Cop says,

Know the hand signals till you do them automatically.

M. E. Harrell, manager of the County Farm east of Denton, says that so far he nor none of his family or the people who live at the farm have been enumerated in the census. "All my neighbors have been listed, but so far the enumerator has passed us up," he said, "and, naturally, we want the census to show every person living in the county."