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I GIVE YOU
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Texian Topics:

Amon Carter, Fort Worth publisher and 'Texas' foremost citizen, scored heavily again when he led in obtaining for Fort Worth and Texas a bomber factory which will mean at least 12,000 workers—a forward step rivalling the building of the T. & P. Railroad into that city, the establishment of the great packing houses and the discovery of the Ranger and Burkburnett oil fields. The name of Amon Carter will loom on the pages of Texas history.

Last summer, your observer became rather well acquainted with John Kimbrough, Texas A. & M.'s All-American fullback and the No. 1 player on many mythical elevens. He is as modest and polite in private life as he is titanic and terrific on the gridiron. His soft and drawling words are few; when speaking to older men, it's always "Yes, sir" or "No, sir." I was dejected because a seat on the 9-yard line was the best obtainable for the Fordham-Aggie clash but all four scores were made right in front of me. Most deeply-engraved memory: Kimbrough feinting at the line, then galloping wide around end for the second, and all-important, touchdown—running with such power that he went over the goal line, clear across the end zone and against the concrete wall. The 46,000 in the Cotton Bowl almost felt the thump.

High Ideal is a blind mare at Melody Meadows, owned by W. C. Stroube, well-known oil man of the nearby city of Corsicana. Blindness doesn't keep High Ideal from enjoying morning exercise. Her hoofs have beaten out a circuit of perhaps 100 feet. She walks until she comes to this path, then she goes slowly around it to make sure that there is nothing to stumble over. Then, with an unerring sense of direction, she starts jogging, and around and around she goes, the last time or two in full gallop. The thoroughbred has produced four off-springs and they have all won races. These and other Texas-breds may yet get to race in this State as the legislature is seriously considering the racing bill because of the "painless" method it offers of raising \$2,500,000 of new tax revenue.

A Man's Prayer

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And when I'm beneath the
clover,

Let this be my epitaph:—

"Here lies one who took his
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In the busy world of men;
Battled luck and circumstan-
ces,

Fought and fell and fought
again;

Won sometimes, but did no
crowing,

Lost sometimes, but did not
wail;

Took his beating, kept on go-
ing.

Never let his courage fail.

He was fallible and human,

Therefore loved and under-
stood

Both his fellow men and
women,

Whether good or not so good,

Kept his spirits undiminished;

Never false to any friend;

Played the game until it fin-
ished:

Lived a sportsman to the end."

—Author Unknown.

Judge James D. Hamlin of Farwell, whose tall form, gray hair and big white hat make him outstanding in any group, is executive vice president of the Texas Real Estate Association, Property Owners Division, and he hurls these pertinent questions:

"Do you know that real estate is paying over 60 per cent of our tax burden, state and local?"

"That such tax bill is approximately \$224,000,000 and that real property pays \$236,000,000 of this sum?"

"That, if taxes were properly equalized, real property would pay only \$56,000,000?"

"That property owners are paying every other nature of tax, in addition to ad valorem taxes?"

"That the cost of operating the state government has increased 700 per cent during the last 20 years while population has increased only 40 per cent and taxable wealth only 43 per cent?"

If readers of this column are interested in what the "I Give a Texas" fellow talks like, tune in on Elbert Haling's Suburban Editor program almost every Sunday, 10:15 a. m. over WMP, and your curiosity will be satisfied.