

# GENEROSITY--NOW IN RAGS

Rich Texas Farmer Lives in Old Log Cabin but Has Given Away Many Fortunes, Unasked



By NEA Service  
 MCKINNEY, Tex., Aug. 15.—He has given away several hundred thousand dollars to make the world a little happier, while he himself wears tattered clothing and lives in an ancient, ramshackle cabin.  
 He will help no man who asks for help, but anyone who keeps quiet and says nothing in the face of financial difficulties may be aided.  
 He will not talk about his gen-

erosities, and he pretends to be very cold-blooded and hard-hearted; but all the time he is merely concealing an intense, overflowing love for his fellow men.

**A Confederate Veteran**  
 Those paragraphs describe one of the most unusual philanthropists in the world—Augustus M. Wilson, 84-year-old Confederate veteran, who lives alone on a small farm five miles from this town.

His cabin was built in 1844, of rough-hewn logs. The farm he inherited as a youth has dwindled from 1000 acres to 100 acres because of his donations. During the past few years he has given away, outright and unasked, the following things:

One dozen houses, 20 automobiles, 150 acres for maintenance of a school, two district school houses, at \$2,000 each, an \$800 bungalow for a teacher in one of them, a dozen cancelled promis-

sory notes and many thousands of dollars in cash.

And that is far from being a complete list. Only Wilson himself knows just how large the list really is.

One day recently Wilson started from his home to McKinney. He passed a small farm where father, mother and children were working in the field. All were barefooted and poorly clad.

Wilson recalled that he held a mortgage on the place. He turned around and went home, got the mortgage, marked it "paid" and went back to the farm. He wanted to avoid the embarrassment of having the farmer thank him, so he tiptoed into the house put the cancelled mortgage under a plate on the table and made his escape unseen.

Another time he passed the home of a crippled farmer. He noticed that the farmer had a hard time getting around but that he was hard working and industrious. Wilson hurried to town, bought a new auto and had it sent to the cripple's farm, with a chauffeur to teach him

how to drive.

Not long ago Wilson went to Dallas and spent an hour or so looking at autos in a salesroom. He was dressed in shabby farm clothes, and the salesman assumed that he could not buy anything better than a second-rate used car. But Wilson insisted on looking at the high priced ones and said he wanted several. The salesman, perplexed, called up a McKinney bank.

"Old fellow here, name of Wilson wants to buy three new cars," he told the cashier. "Know anything about him?"

"Describe him," said the cashier.

"Oh gosh, I couldn't," said the cashier.

"Well, then, that's Gus Wilson and he could buy every car you have and pay cash," said the cashier. "Let him have anything he wants."  
 Wilson rarely gives to churches. Once he broke his rule and gave an elaborate chandelier to a nearby church. A couple of months later he entered the church when no one was around and noticed that the chandelier

was neglected, covered with dirt and dust. He took it down and hauled it home.

He likes to attend Confederate veterans' reunions. Recently he paid the expenses of six comrades to go with him to one.

On another occasion he learned that six McKinney girls wanted to go on a short holiday trip but didn't have enough money. He paid their expenses on a pleasure trip to Galveston and gave them \$50 apiece to spend. When they got back one girl wanted to return to him \$17 she hadn't spent.

"Oh, keep it," said Wilson. "You're the only girl in the bunch that showed any sense."

**Won't Help Drinkers**  
 Wilson refuses to give anyone GENORISTY—GALLEY 2... who drinks, and confines his donations to those who are truly industrious and frugal. He amassed his own riches by working long hours on his farm as a young man, and he thinks others ought to do the same.

Only once did Wilson break his rule about not helping anyone who asked for help. A

## Methodists Will Meet This Week

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., Sept. 15.—(UP)—The annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church of California will meet at Santa Cruz Wednesday. Selection of ministers for the various Methodist pulpits in the California conference for the coming year will form one of the most important matters of business.

neighbor came to his house to borrow \$15,000.

"There's the road," said Wilson gruffly. "Nothing is keeping you from going back. I won't invite you in."

"I'm coming in and before I leave you're going to lend me \$15,000," said the neighbor. "Why, you blankety-blank old sinner, what do you suppose I walked all the way out here for—  
 for nothing?"

Wilson chuckled. When the man left he had Wilson's check for \$15,000.

## This Bootlegger Has New Excuse

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—"I made up the ton of mash to feed a sick cow and the 10 gallons of alcohol was just for horse liniment," explained Sam Arkalas to prohibition agents who had raided his home.

## Seattle is Sued For Broken Glass

SEATTLE, Sept. 15.—(UP)—When Fred Singleton, Seattle resident, tripped on the sidewalk and broke 13 pieces of glass-ware and a gallon jug of vinegar he was carrying, he billed the city for \$2, claiming the walk was defective.

"The loss wasn't much," he explained. "But I can't spare the money."  
 Eugene — Bringle Motor Company will build \$50,000 garage building.

Over two billion smoked a month!

—natural tobacco taste has the "call" these days!



Men have certainly made their preference clear!

REMEMBER just a few years back you saw but few Chesterfields?

Mighty different today! You see them everywhere! But it's not that fact, but the reason, that's the interesting thing.

Natural tobacco taste—a taste secured by matching one fine variety against another, a taste which retains tobacco character—that's why Chesterfield is America's fastest-growing cigarette, and has been for four consecutive years. Not much doubt nowadays about what smokers want!

# Chesterfield

CIGARETTES

Such popularity must be deserved



LOGGITT & MYERS TOBACCO CO.

## Why Newspapers Ask For EARLY AD COPY

The Advertiser is unfair to himself when he habitually sends his advertisements to the newspaper office just before the dead line.

### Early Copy

- 1 Best possible position
- 2 Minimum of errors.
- 3 Time for store corrections
- 4 Good typography
- 5 Prompt delivery to reader
- 6 Fair to mechanical staff
- 7 Advertisement well written
- 8 Advertisement inserted
- 9 Overhead normal
- 10 Illustration correct.

### Late Copy

- 1 Risk poor position
- 2 Risk of typographical errors
- 3 No opportunity for store corrections.
- 4 Risk of poor typography
- 6 Unfair physical and mental strain
- 7 Advertisements hurriedly written.
- 8 Risk of omission
- 9 Sometimes cause of rate increase
- 10 Risk of misplaced cuts.

While a newspaper is a marvel of mechanical efficiency, there are limits on what can be done by a given force of printers, stereotypers, pressmen and mailers in a short, crowded period of stress.

There is plenty of time to give every advertiser good service on heavy advertising days, when early copy is sent in. But to set every advertisement in the last hour or two before press time is impossible, even with a force five times as large.

The Tidings believes that its advertisers desire to be fair to printers, stereotypers, pressmen and mailers who serve them, as well as to be fair to themselves.

Visitors to the mechanical department are invited, so that the process of handling advertising may be thoroughly understood and the mechanical problems fully realized.

Your Co-Operation Will Be Appreciated

The Ashland Daily Tidings