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THE SUTTON COUNTY ROUND-UP

LIVESTOCK--RANCH DEALS

Announcement has been made of a \$13,950 ranch deal in the Sabinal Canyon, involving 1,116 acres of land. The ranch, known as the Abe Martin ranch, was sold to W. C. Johnson of Houston at a reported consideration of \$12.50 per acre.—Uvalde Leader-News.

The largest ranch deal completed in Uvalde County in several years was closed recently when Dolph Briscoe of Uvalde bought the 13,200 acre Rio Frio ranch, 15 miles north of Uvalde, from the estate of Mrs. Ida M. McFarlin.—Uvalde Leader-News.

Bill Fields, wool and mohair buyer for Tom Richey, was here in the early part of the week, and bought what was remaining of the 1939 kid and grown hair at the Edwards County Wool and Mohair Warehouse Co., and the J. D. Varga Warehouse. Price paid for the remaining 15,000 pounds of hair was not given out.—Texas Mohair Weekly.

Mrs. T. C. Hampton, secretary-treasurer of the American Angora Goat Breeders Association, on her return from Fort Worth where she attended the big meeting of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, remarked that this in fact was one of the most enjoyable meetings of the association, and much was accomplished there during the deliberations of the officers and others connected with the governing affairs of the association and took occasion to compliment Fort Worth in the manner it entertained the visitors and the warm friendship that was apparent everywhere by the good people of that city.—Texas Mohair Weekly.

J. Turney Terrell of Del Rio recently imported 752 sters from Mexico and sold them to R. J. Nunley of Sabinal. They will go to pasture near La Pryor.

Australia Will Release Wool For Shipment

The Australian government's decision to release wool for shipment to the United States at prices ranging from 90 cents to \$1.02 a pound was described this week as likely to have "a highly constructive influence" on the market.

"Although no price guarantee has been made," said a statement issued jointly by heads of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers and the Boston Wool Trade Association, "we are informed that there is no possibility that the British authorities will be willing to offer wool at any lower price."

"Due to the removal of uncertainty regarding the possibility of lower prices, an analysis of the industry can now proceed with confidence."

The statement was made public by Arthur Beese, president of the national group, and H. Clyde Moore, president of the Boston organization.

Lumber Production Up For Year In Texas

Southern lumber mills turned out a per unit average of 301,145 board feet per week during November, a shade under October production, but 7.3 per cent above November a year ago, it has been reported.

Weekly shipments per unit averaged 309,447 board feet, 14.7 per cent less than in October, but 1 per cent above November last year, while average unfilled orders per unit November 30 totalled 733,582, fully 24.9 per cent under the figures for a month earlier, but 15.1 per cent higher than on the like date a year ago.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Harrison left Saturday for Temple where they spent Christmas, returning to Sonora Monday.

UVALDE FIRM SELLS MOHAIR AT 1939 PEAK

The Uvalde Wool and Mohair Co. at Uvalde cleaned out its mohair holdings today with the sale of 175,000 pounds to Tom Richey of A. W. Hilliard & Son and E. G. Wentworth of R. P. Collins & Co., Inc., at a price average termed the year's best.

The schedule average was 51 1-4 cents a pound for the straight grown hair, 55 for the yearling, and 91 for the kid. The price on the kid hair bettered by one cent the previous 1939 top on mohair.

The accumulation was one of the large ones on which the differential was paid on the yearling hair. Some grown hair sales had been reported at better than the 51 1-4 cents at Uvalde.

It was estimated that less than 500,000 pounds of mohair remained unsold. Virtually all of that poundage is at Del Rio and Sonora. The Sonora Wool & Mohair Company sold 216,000 pounds at midweek at 55 cents for the grown hair, 75 for the kid.

The Uvalde Wool and Mohair Company, headed by Dolph Briscoe, handled approximately 500,000 pounds of mohair this year. On March 21 this year, Mr. Briscoe astounded the mohair industry by announcing that his holdings might be moved if the prices offered were 50 cents for the grown hair and 75 for the kid. He had beaten his own "talking point".

Consumption of Electricity Shows Large Decline

Despite a 25 per cent increase in residential consumption of electric power last month, the state burned only 159,855,000 kilowatt hours, or almost six million kwh less than in either October or November of last year, the University of Texas commercial statisticians report.

According to the University's Bureau of Business Research, industrial consumption fell 3.7 per cent, and 3.5 per cent from the two periods, respectively, but still totalled 73,120,000 kwh, or almost half the entire state's consumption.

Brewery Gives Big Bonus To Its Employees

B. B. McGimsey, vice-president and general manager of the San Antonio Brewing Association, brewers of Pearl Bere, said that all employees are sharing in a bonus equivalent to 10 per cent of their annual pay checks. To 230 employees over \$45,000 in bonuses are receiving special bonuses.

McGimsey said the board of directors voted the bonus, which is equivalent to slightly more than five weeks regular salary, because of the banner year being enjoyed by the Pearl Brewery.

He reported sales are 27 per cent ahead of 1938 which previous to 1939 was the best year ever had by the 53-year old Texas institution. "We are having a good year and we believe the employees are entitled to share in the success of the company," McGimsey said.

Additional equipment, machinery, bottling and storage tanks have been added for an even finer 1940. Greater sales, of this Texas product means greater prosperity for Texas and Texans.

Turkey Shipments Fewer In 1939

Despite two Thanksgiving dinners, Texas turkey growers shipped 90 cars fewer dressed turkeys to the nation's tables last month than in November, 1938, the University of Texas business research bureau reports.

November movement of the Thanksgiving bird totalled 548 cars. Shipments of chickens also slumped, from 39 to 7 cars, and egg shipments dropped from 44 cars to only 15.

White Christmas Is Surprise To Sonorans

Greeted with a "white Christmas," to the surprise of everyone, including the weather man, Sonora and other sections of West Texas reveled in from two to ten inches of snow which fell during Sunday night, to give this section its first Christmas snowfall since 1926, and the second since 1909, the other occasion being at Christmas in 1926 when a light fall was registered on Christmas Eve.

In Sonora and nearby sectors, the fall was gentle, no cold wind accompanying the snowfall, and while a great part melted as it fell, it was so heavy and continuous that on Christmas morning there was some two inches of snow on the ground, which remained throughout the day and following night.

Melting slowly, every trace of the moisture soaked into the soil, giving further assurance of luxuriant spring ranges, while small grain crops over West Texas received untold benefit from the unexpected moisture.

Many Workers Eligible For Insurance

Shortly before Christmas, approximately 3,990 men and women in Texas were notified that they were entitled to monthly old-age insurance checks for the rest of their lives. W. O. King, manager of the Social Security Board field office at San Angelo, announced recently.

King explained that the recipients of this notice were those to whom lump sum benefits had been paid under the Federal old-age insurance system. The amended act, he said, moves the date for the monthly benefits up two years to 1940 and makes it possible for a wage earner to qualify after he is 65 years old, even though he has already received a lump sum benefit. Under the original law a qualified worker who attained age 65 in the early years of the program could obtain a lump sum payment only equal to 3 1-2 per cent of his total wages.

"This means," King said, "that the age barrier to obtaining Federal retirement insurance has been removed. Even the man who was already 65 when the old age insurance system was set up and who therefore has never been under the Federal program may now qualify for monthly benefits. To qualify for retirement insurance in 1940, or thereafter, it will be necessary for him to have worked in six calendar quarters after January 1, 1939, and received in each quarter at least \$50 in wages."

King explained that if a man has already received a lump sum it will be deducted from the regular monthly payments which are to be paid to him.

New Corporations Receive Charters In Texas

Two \$100,000 corporations and 99 smaller ones were granted their charters during November to operate in Texas, University of Texas business research statisticians reported this week.

The 101 concerns, down in number 10.6 per cent from October but 5.2 per cent ahead of November of last year, had total capitalization of \$1,143,000, compared to \$1,334,000 in October and \$2,370,000 in November a year ago.

Among the new concerns were two banking-finance companies, 20 manufacturing, 25 merchandising, 17 oil, 11 building-real estate, and two transportation.

Twenty-five foreign corporations received permits to operate in the state during November.

SON TO SHERRILLS

Mr. and Mrs. Word B. Sherrill of Uvalde announce the birth of a son, Word, Jr., Tuesday. Mrs. B. C. McGilvray, mother of Mrs. Sherrill, and Mrs. Sherrill, mother of the proud father, are both in Uvalde now.

PLEA IS MADE FOR FINNISH RELIEF

The following letter from J. F. Lucey, recently named by Herbert Hoover as Texas chairman of the drive for Finnish relief, needs no comment. Mr. Hoover, former United States president, is head of a national group working for Finnish relief:

Dear Sir: I am sure that you admire the staunch fight which the little Democratic nation of Finland is putting up against the aggression of Communism, an effort to keep their liberty against the overwhelming power of Red Russia.

America is neutral—thank God! But Americans are human. Where there is human suffering American people readily lend their sympathy, support and finances to aiding non-combatant women and children, blasted out of their homes by militarism. There are thousands of Finnish civilians, many of them wounded, without succor or shelter in the bitter winter of the European Northland at present. We ask you to help these innocent victims of a ravaging war by urging in your columns the righteousness of subscribing to the Finnish Relief Fund. Former President Herbert Hoover, who carried relief to Belgium, is in charge of this humanitarian endeavor. He has asked me to write you and solicit your active aid in this campaign to help Finnish civilians, wrecked by this war which they desperately tried to avoid.

Don't forget that Texas had to fight for its independence against overwhelming odds. Surely Texans should do their part in helping the war sufferers of a little nation striving for freedom. It's Christmas time. Think of those women and children, homeless in the Arctic snow.

Livestock Shipments Show Decided Slump During Year

Following heavier shipments early in the season, November movement of Texas livestock to interstate points and the Ft. Worth stock yards slumped 21 per cent, University of Texas agricultural statisticians have reported.

Only 7,696 cars of all classes of stock were shipped last month, compared to 9,746 during the like month last year, according to reports from the University Bureau of Business Research.

"Texas had a smaller number of head to start with last January," Dr. F. A. Buechel, bureau statistician, said, "and the bulk of the herds and flocks moved more rapidly than last year."

Noticeable was the 52.1 per cent increase in shipments of hogs, bringing the November movement to 511 cars, due in part to good prices, he added.

"Texas is experiencing an expansion in the hog raising industry," Dr. Buechel explained. "We should raise still more."

Shipments of cattle totalled 5,214 cars, calves 1,632, and sheep 339 cars.

Dairy Production Up in State

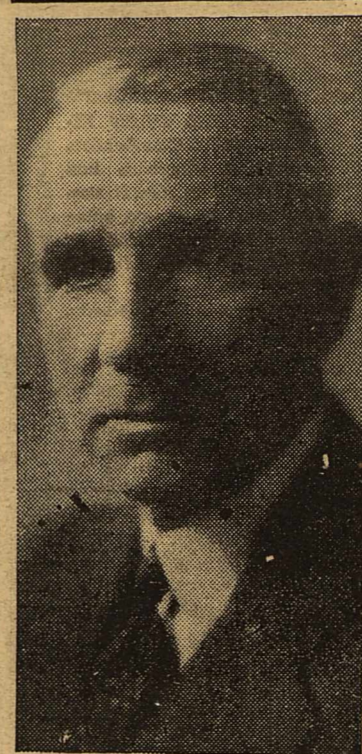
Dairy products of Texas continued to increase production in November, according to the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research.

Creamery butter production had a gain of 6.6 per cent over November, 1938, to total an estimated 2,699,000 pounds; ice cream factories turned out an estimated 418,000 gallons, up 6.3 per cent over the previous November; and the cheese plants produced an estimated 1,298,000 pounds, a gain of 5.5 per cent over November a year ago.

A slight seasonal retrogression was noticed in comparison with October.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hull of Austin spent Christmas with their parents in Sonora.

Appeals for Finns



Capt. J. F. Lucey

Appointed by former President Herbert Hoover as Texas Director of the National Finnish Relief Fund, Captain J. F. Lucey urges Texans to subscribe money to aid Finnish civilians who have been driven out of house and home by the Russian attack on their country. Thousands are freezing and starving and immediate help is necessary. Capt. J. F. Lucey was associated with Mr. Hoover during the World War in carrying American aid to the Belgians. This newspaper will be glad to accept and forward funds, giving due credit in its columns.

\$5 State Payment To Be Christmas Present For Schools

A \$5 payment on the \$22 per capita student apportionment was mailed to more than 7,000 Texas schools before Christmas for the first time in history, reported Superintendent L. A. Woods this week.

Comptroller George H. Shepard stated that the available school fund contained \$7,700,000, due to early ad valorem tax payments which were subject to discount under a new law.

The payment was the first to be applied against the 1939-40 apportionment.

Sixteen Concerns Fail in State During Year

Only 16 business concerns failed to clear commercial hurdles during November, but they were much larger concerns than those suffering bankruptcy in comparable periods, it is reported by statisticians of the University of Texas.

Average liabilities of the failing companies totalled \$298,000, or \$18,000 per failure, compared to average liabilities of only \$8,000 for the 22 companies which went bankrupt in October and \$10,000 for those failing in November of last year.

Business Shows Upward Trend For 1939

Despite slackened sales during November, 98 Texas department stores have reported to the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research that their business for the first eleven months of 1939 totalled almost one per cent ahead of the like period in 1938.

Dollar sales during November dropped 6.1 per cent from October and 1.3 per cent from November, 1938.

SHURLEYS TO OKLAHOMA

Mr and Mrs Collier Shurley and Sonny spent the Christmas holidays in Al-us, Oklahoma, where they were the guests of friends, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Todd; in Muskogee visiting Mrs. Shurley's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Riffe, and in Anna, where they were the guests of Mrs. Shurley's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Brown.

They returned to Sonora Tuesday of this week.

HEAVY SCALES INSTALLED BY SONORA FIRM

The Sonora Trading Company, recently organized here, announce that in keeping with their desire to offer every facility to their patrons, they have purchased and installed one of the larger and more modern truck scales, designed for use in weighing commodities without removal from the truck. The scales, made by Fairbanks-Morse Co. and known as their Type S, is built under A. R. E. A. specifications, having a capacity of 60,000 pounds, 75 per cent of the load to be weighed on one-half of the scales, if desired or necessary. On the other hand, the scales will handle accurately a load as small as ten pounds.

A bonded weigher has been employed to be in charge of the new scales, for the purpose of assuring patrons of correct weights on any commodity with a minimum of time and trouble, and the equipment will permit the general public access to a set of scales not heretofore provided in this immediate section.

Allison First To Use Trench Silo In County

From Big Bent Sentinel, Marfa: Twenty trench silos, like underground vaults, store rich feedstuff in hilly Edwards county, containing succulent feed for the winter as December arrives. And their beginning grew out of a single ward's county ranchman, dug in 1938.

Davis filled the first trench silo in the county in September, 1938, and 48 interested ranchmen, including the county judge, J. L. Johnson, and Mark L. Brown, vice president and manager of the Commercial Cattle Loan Co., of San Antonio, attended the trench silo field day.

On 42 acres, Davis produced sufficient feed to furnish silage for 8,000 head of sheep and goats for 49 days. He saved \$5,880 on his feed bill. This year he put in 15 more acres and dug two more silos on his place.

While other ranchmen were paying two cents per head per day for feed, Davis' cost was but half a cent per day for silage and meal, thus saving 1-2 cents per head per day. On 8,000 head, his saving totalled \$5,880.—Uvalde Leader-News.

Sentinel editor's note—William Allison, a Presidio county ranchman now, was one of the first, if not the first, Sutton county ranchmen, to adopt the trench silo method of "putting down" feed for winter use.

TO ATTEND GAME

Among those from here who are planning to attend the football game between A. & M. and Tulane in New Orleans next Monday are:

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Davis, and daughter, Marjorie; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hall, Mrs. W. D. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Aldwell, Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, Miss Alice Sawyer, Wesley and Edwin Sawyer, Miss Lura Ward, Cleveland Jones, W. J. Fields, Jr., George E. Allison, John Fields, Louie Trainer, and Robert Allen Simmons.

RANCHMAN'S MEETING

All ranchmen in Precincts One and Three of Sutton County are invited and urged to attend a special meeting to be held in the Sutton County Courthouse January 2, 1940, for the purpose of electing members from each precinct to the County Soil Conservation Advisory Committee. Every landowner in these two precincts should attend.

CHAVEZ-VERMEA WEDDING

Susie Chavez was married to Aralfred Vermea Saturday night. The couple will make their home in Sonora.

MRS. DRENNAN ILL

Mrs. Bill Drennan is ill at her home here, but is reported to be improving.

WINGS OVER TEXAS

BY LOIS CAMERON CHESLEY

One bitterly cold December morning, when the thermometer was rising gradually from 20 degrees to 28, I saw an Arctic towhee scratching in the leaves outside my kitchen window. This bird is about the size of the cardinal, and has a bold color scheme: a black head, neck, chest and upperparts with cinnamon sides and flanks, and white underparts. The black wings and tail are spotted in white. In the female the black is replaced by olive brown.

It was the first time I had seen towhee in town. I set my bird-banding traps hoping to catch it for banding.

The first bird that came to the traps was a white-crowned sparrow. This bird is speedy and wary when trapped. I omitted using a gathering sleeve in removing him from the cage, so he slipped past my hand to fly away without his numbered band.

The next catch was an adult male cardinal, wearing a band. He had gotten it at our station over two months before. I see by my records that he has been caught once since, in April.

The notes taken on his behavior at that time are interesting: "This bird squatted on the floor of the trap when I went to remove him, looked straight at me and fussed loudly. He still had his sunflower seed in his mouth when he flew away."

A few minutes before noon the towhee went into a ground trap and left wearing a U. S. biological survey numbered band. The towhee (or "chewink") belongs to the same family the cardinal does. I thought at first that he would not show any of the fighting spirit noticeable in the captured redbird, but just before the band was closed he gave several firm pecks at my fingers.

From one-thirty to two-thirty there were four birds in the traps: two White-crowned sparrows and two male cardinals. The second White-crowned sparrow repeated within less than an hour in another trap at the station. I was to catch this same bird again in January and twice in April before he started north for his nesting grounds.

The word that appears most often in my banding notes describing the behavior of the White-crowned sparrow is "slippery." A firm grip of the hand does not seem to dim his optimism about being able to make a break for his freedom while being banded. If the hold is relaxed he is persistent in his attempts to escape.

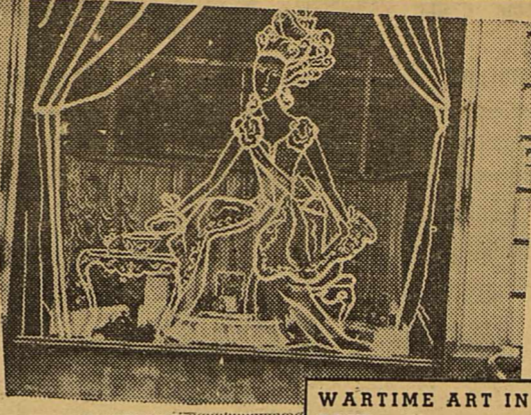
It was the fifth time in the traps for one of the cardinals caught that hour. He had been banded when he was an immature bird. On that first visit into the traps in July his father had been along, and had perched above us during the banding of his son in juvenal plumage, giving chipping notes reassurance. I had been hearing this parent cardinal around all through the nesting season, for he had a distinctive squeak in the ordinarily musical call note.

On one of his repeats in the traps, this young banded cardinal did something that I have seen a number of these birds do. During

In The WEEK'S NEWS



CLEVELAND RELIEF RESUMED—46,000 Clevelanders whose food allowance had been reduced to almost starvation level, are again being fed. Thirty-two carloads of food shipped by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corp. was distributed to the needy.



WARTIME ART IN PARIS—Wartime precautions demand that shop windows be amply protected against flying glass during a possible air raid. This window is protected with tape artistically.



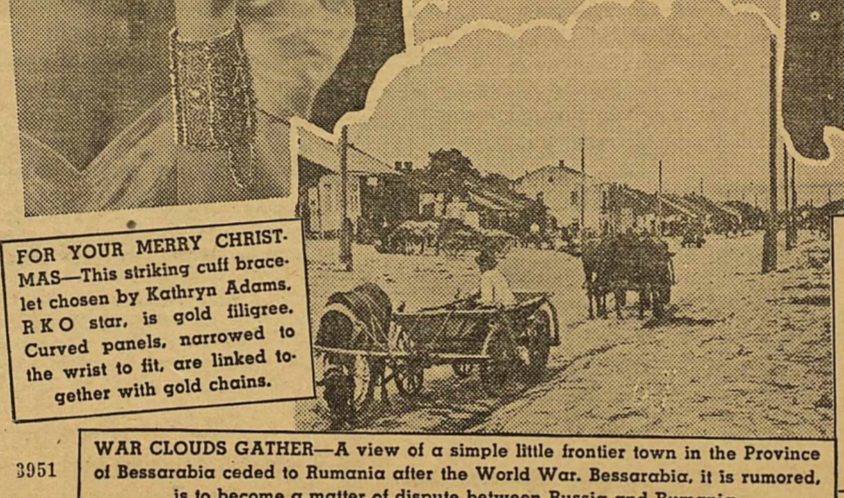
YAKICHIRO SUMA, former counselor at the Japanese Embassy in Washington and long a friend of the U. S. shown in Tokyo in his new role of Foreign Spokesman of Japan.



FOR YOUR MERRY CHRISTMAS—This striking cuff bracelet chosen by Kathryn Adams. RKO star, is gold filigree. Curved panels, narrowed to the wrist to fit, are linked together with gold chains.



WALTER M. SWERTFAGER, Seagram's Director of Advertising and Public Relations, awards first prize in the Seagram Ancient Bottle Golden Glow Cocktail Contest, among members of the Society of Amateur Chefs, to Reinald Werrenrath, famous baritone. Sir Hubert Wilkins, winner of the second prize, looks on.



WAR CLOUDS GATHER—A view of a simple little frontier town in the Province of Bessarabia ceded to Rumania after the World War. Bessarabia, it is rumored, is to become a matter of dispute between Russia and Rumania.

the banding he did not bite my fingers, but after he was released he turned in my hand and gave a peck before flying away. I always find it an amusing little postscript of defiance.

But not as amusing as the mistake of the next cardinal in the trap. His new band just been closed on his right leg when he aimed at my hand in a huff. He clamped down his stout bill, not on my fingers, but on his own foot. The next bird was a biting cardinal too, one already banded, but repeating for the first time. After I opened my hand to let him fly, he lay on his back for a count of ten seconds, busily chewing on my forefinger.

The last bird of the day came shortly before dark: another White-crowned sparrow. This bird, number 138-108605, proved to be a repeater. On the following morning he was the second bird in the traps. He was caught five times within three weeks and twice more in March and April. I am looking for him back this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vehle and family spent Christmas in Sherman.

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SUNDAY and MONDAY
Sunday Matinee — 2:30

NURSE EDITH CAVELL
Anne Neagle, Edna May Oliver, May Robson, Zasu Pitts

TUESDAY ONLY
Matinee — 4:00

FIFTH AVENUE GIRL
Gingre Rogres, James Ellison

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IN STOCK 25c

Oil Industry Is Heavy Taxpayer

The youth of Texas have a big stake in the future welfare of the oil industry of the State, which already is its outstanding industrial enterprise, with a \$230,000,000 annual payroll, from which lives one-sixth of the population, declared George C. Gibbons, executive vice president of the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association in an address at Dallas recently.

Gibbons told the Civic Federation of Dallas that the maintenance and expansion of the industry means profitable employment and greater opportunity to engage in individual business enterprise for the oncoming generation of Texans, both in oil and in other industrial activity that will develop in Texas, with public encouragement.

"The petroleum industry and its allied branches spent in Texas last year \$755,000,000 for leases and royalties, payrolls, materials, supplies, and taxes," Gibbons said. "It refines 80 per cent of all the crude oil produced in the state, and it produces 40 per cent of all the manufactured products of Texas, being by far the state's largest manufacturing enterprise."

The most widespread misconception in Texas today is the belief that the oil industry is paying less than its fair share of the taxes in this state, Gibbons declared.

"There is but one way to answer this oft-repeated misstatement, and that is to give the exact figures," he said.

"In 1938, Texas oil producers paid in state and local taxes more than \$44,000,000, according to official figures taken from the tax records of the state and its local taxing subdivisions, and it was divided as follows:

"State gross production tax, at 2 3/4 per cent, \$15,333,421; state regulatory tax, at 3-16 of one cent per barrel, \$892,862; state franchise, gross receipts, social security, permits, car and truck licenses and gasoline taxes paid by the industry on gasoline used by its own vehicles, \$3,432,625; state ad valorem taxes, \$4,886,380.

To this must be added \$19,545,520 of ad valorem taxes paid to local subdivisions of Texas that are empowered to levy taxes, making the total \$44,090,808. Dividing this figure by 476 million barrels of oil produced in 1938 gives an average tax figure of 9.3 cents that was paid on every barrel of oil produced.

"Studies projected for 1939 on the basis of the 1938 tax rolls indicate at this time that the total state and local taxes this year will average at least 9.3 cents per barrel. This is the highest tax collected on oil among all of the oil producing states."

Pointing out that the potential profits of the industry are still largely underground, in the form of oil reserves, Gibbons stated that under proration it will be many years before the average oil operator can recover his original investment in wells.

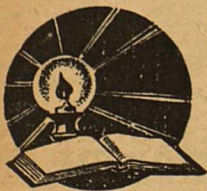
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Prefabricated Kitchen Has Many Advantages

An example of the advantages of prefabrication as applied to the building industry is the modern kitchen. Standardization and mass production of kitchen and bathroom equipment are not only effecting substantial economies in the cost of materials and their installation, but are speeding up new construction and the modernization of old kitchens.

Prefabrication of kitchen equipment received its impetus from the development of the cabinet type of sink. Subsequently matching floor and wall cabinets were developed to harmonize with the cabinets under the sink.

Today it is possible for the housewife to select the entire equipment for a new or modernized kitchen from standardized prefabricated units which include wall and base cabinets, cabinets under the enameled iron sink, and a kitchen range which is so constructed that it will fit perfectly into the stream-lined assembled effect created by the standardized units.

Despite the fact that these units are made in standard sizes, they are available in such a wide range of models and colors that there is ample opportunity for the housewife to plan a kitchen which will reflect her own personal taste. There are three types of cabinets available for kitchens. These are wall cabinets, base cabinets and vertical cabinets.

Base cabinets are placed under the sink and under counters adjoining the sink or stove. All base cabinets are made the same heights as the sink and range, namely, 36 inches. Studies by home economics experts carried on with the assistance of the plumbing industry have revealed that this is the correct height for the average woman. It is possible to vary the height if desired. Ample toe space is provided at the base of the cabinets.

Donkey Was Responsible For Finding Silver Mines

Kellogg's Jack, a diminutive but thoroughbred jackass, was responsible for the discovery a few decades ago of two silver mines in the Coeur d'Alene mountains of northern Idaho that were worth \$4,000,000.

The story is that the "jack," whose head was nearly as large as its body, was the pack animal for N. S. Kellogg, Phil O'Rourke and Con Sullivan when the trio went prospecting up a creek near the Mullan road, one of the first military routes through Idaho.

One night when the small party made camp they turned the animal loose to graze. In the morning it was not in sight, but the trail was found easily. Kellogg and his partners followed it.

Finally they emerged into a comparatively clear canyon and spotted the "jack" on a hillside. It seemed to be on a point like a dog. Advancing they said they saw the animal gazing intently at a broad splash of mineralized rock, which proved to be a slab of rich galena.

Musk and Perfume

Musk is the name originally given to a perfume obtained from the strong-smelling substance secreted in a gland by the musk-deer. This gland is present beneath the skin of the abdomen in the male only. The sac contains a dark brown substance of the consistency of moistened gingerbread. To obtain the perfume the animal is killed and the gland completely removed and dried. It appears in commerce as either "musk in the pod," that is in the whole gland, or "musk in grain" in which the perfume has been extracted. Good musk is of a dark purplish color, dry, smooth and unctuous and bitter in taste. Its scent is not only more penetrating but more persistent than that of any other known substance.

Johnny Appleseed's Travels

John Chapman, or Johnny Appleseed, traveled through the country planting appleseed and distributing Bible and Swedenborgian tracts. It is said that he planted his first nursery on Georges Run, Jefferson county, Ohio. Thousands of orchards in the Middle West today are due to his foresight. After planting the seeds he returned a year later to tend the seedlings and plant more new nurseries. He died in 1845 and above the inscription on his grave is carved an apple.

No Help Needed?

Some people believe in doing things themselves. Such a man is Harry Saunders, but he's ready to change his ways. A motorist spied Saunders trying to extinguish a blaze in his home by playing water through second-story windows with a garden hose. "Have you called the fire department?" yelled the motorist. "No," said Saunders, "but it might be a good idea." The stranger phoned firemen. Saunders' loss was set at \$3,000.

Truth in Mirrors

In medieval times mirrors were made in dark colors because glass could not be made water-clear, and for centuries all people knew about their own beauty or ugliness as to skin coloring was what their friends told them. Now colored glass mirrors are returning to popularity in shades of peach and gold for their value in decoration—and flattery!

Ingenious Timepiece

Does Full Day's Work

Clock-making is an ancient art and the world has enough remarkable timepieces to fill a museum, but none of these ingenious recorders of the passing hours is quite like an ultra-modern clock recently completed by Herr David Olsson, a Swiss mechanic.

Among other jobs this clock wakes its maker with a system of lights that flash in his eyes and a recorded selection of soft and inspiring music. Before this soothing alarm "goes off," however, the home-made timepiece has performed several other important domestic chores—it has turned on the gas stove, boiled a couple of eggs and brewed a pot of coffee.

The Swiss mechanic worked out the plans for his ultra-modern clock several years ago and built it himself in his spare time. It is such a clever achievement that some of the master watchmakers of the mountain republic have dropped into the Olsson home to see the complicated device.

Besides being a waker-upper and a cook, the clock—which is driven by electricity—tells Standard Time and Solar Time. It records the phases of the moon and other astronomical phenomena.

The clock has a cleverly built-in radio receiver which can be turned on and off at any desired time, all by mechanical settings.

Strangely enough, Olsson is extremely modest about his incredible clock. He believes that some of his countrymen would have turned out something as unusual a long time ago if the principle of the electric clock had been known in their day.

Scientist Urges Pooling

Research Observations

Many of the future major scientific advances will be made in borderline sciences and the men who make them must be masters of two or more fields of knowledge, in the opinion of Dr. Caryl P. Haskins, famed bio-physicist.

Dr. Haskins believes there is evidence to indicate that "some of the greatest advances to be made in science will be in the so-called borderline fields of science, such as those between mathematics and physics and chemistry, where the advances already have been great, or between biology and all three, where the ground is almost unbroken."

He said that modern chemists, physicists, biologists and other scientists can and must be more versatile than in the past if they are to make the new discoveries.

"If Paderewski could be at once creative musician and creative statesman, and H. G. Wells at once biologist and famous author, so can other men cross fields of knowledge while refusing to sacrifice quality in any branch, and it will be their business to do it."

In borderline fields where pioneering is necessary, Dr. Haskins suggested formation of highly co-operative and co-ordinated groups of specialists, each group being permitted to use knowledge of the others for new creative work.

Tolstol's Environment

Tolstol, the great Russian novelist, came from a family that belonged to the old Russian nobility and he received every advantage of cultured environment. Educated by French tutors and at the University of Kazan, he gradually cultivated a contempt for academic learning. In later years he renounced a life of ease and for 10 years labored in the fields as an ordinary workman. He refused money for his writing, subsisting on what he earned by farming and making shoes, and associated almost entirely with the peasants.

Just a Bit Heavy

Max Silverstein entertained eight guests in his New York home, fried pancakes for them. The guests thought the products of Max's culinary art a little tough, and Max, who ate nine of the pancakes, conceded they weren't as good as usual. During the night Max and his guests developed internal qualms, sent for a physician. After examining his patients, the canny doctor looked around the kitchen, discovered Max had mistakenly used plaster of paris instead of pancake flour.

Castor Lubricating Oil

Castor oil as a substitute for foreign lubricating oils is being investigated by the Brazilian government, says a report to the American Chemical society. A special manufacturing process for commercial exploitation on a large scale is under consideration. Castor seeds are produced in quantity in several of the Brazilian states and their exportation represents one of the most important items in Brazilian foreign trade.

Denomination for Owls

Painting the belfry of the Presbyterian church in Center Moriches, N. Y., steeplejacks encountered a nest with four young owls in it. The pastor of the church ordered the nest removed to an already painted loft and had leg bands attached to the young birds proclaiming their "denomination." If the owlets deserted to another church, he explained, their "apostasy" would be known.



By ABNER GORDON

EFFLORESCENCE on masonry materials results from salts carried to exterior surface by moisture in wall and there deposited in crystalline form by evaporation.

Excessive water and high salt content in new construction makes efflorescence more pronounced. As the building ages, deposits often wear away, eliminating necessity for removal.

Efflorescence most frequently occurs where wall is subject to frequent wetting, such as below window sills or near leaky gutters. Continued rainfall, excessive humidity or seepage due to faulty construction may well result in salt deposits.

Deposits can usually be removed by vigorous application of fiber or wire brush.

If rubbing proves ineffective, scrub deposit areas with acid wash composed of 1 part muriatic acid, 4 to 10 parts water. Avoid mortar joints where possible. Rinse wall with clear water. Follow with diluted ammonia solution—1 pint to 2 gallons of water—to assure removal of acid.

Reappearance of deposits may necessitate successive washings until soluble salts in materials are exhausted.

Q.—How can blue stain in lumber be avoided?

A.—To prevent blue stain lumber should be shellacked, and, wherever possible, back-primed with a durable, waterproof paint.

An effective back primer is composed of equal parts (by volume) soft paste white lead and pure raw linseed oil. Add 1/4 pint liquid drier per gallon of paint.

Q.—Can you suggest formula for good home made paint remover?

A.—There is no practical formula for the home preparation of paint remover. Save time and money by purchasing high quality remover at paint store.

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Beware Accident Fortune Hunters

In spite of the educational efforts expended, and the intensive publicity given, the people as a whole, especially those who become involved in serious automobile accidents, are more or less ignorant of the tactics employed by those insects nominally called accident fortune hunters—placed in the same category as the well-known and odoriferous ambulance chaser.

Traffic officers, safety councils, insurance companies, and other groups who are endeavoring to bring about a lessening of automobile accidents and their terrible toll of death and financial losses, are constantly publicizing the evils of these parasites. Continually they are teaching things to look out for; things to avoid; things to do, to lessen accidents—and when one occurs, to avoid unnecessary losses and expense.

They stress that for your own protection, you should be just as careful after an accident as you wish you had been before, in order to avoid falling into the clutches of the fortune hunter.

The best way to avoid falling into a trap set by these wary insects, is not to have an accident; but in those cases which do happen, be prepared to protect yourself against them. First of all, see to the injured. When such injuries are obvious, and severe, call an ambulance; don't try to move the wounded yourself. Ask everyone involved about their injuries. Don't accept a mere statement that one is unhurt; insist on an examination.

There are cases where a person involved disclaimed any hurt, only later to be the very one who brought you into the clutches of the fortune hunter and the ambulance chaser.

After the injured are attended to, insist that a traffic officer or policeman is called, and insist that he investigate thoroughly, for your own protection, and to discover the one who made the accident possible. Get names and addresses of those involved, note the position of the cars, sketch the wheel marks on the road, noting how far from intersections, which side of the road the accident occurred on, and other things which will help to place the blame where it belongs.

If you have witnesses of the accident, get their names and addresses, but keep them secret. Witnesses have been known to switch to the other side. If you or your vehicle are insured, wire your insurance company at once, no matter whether loss of life occurs or not. Your insurance investigator will trace every detail, and if you are blameless, that fact will be established. These things will help to curb the activity of society's most odious pest, the accident fortune hunter.

Abolish Poll Tax

Every qualified citizen, able to read and write the English language, should be entitled to vote without a poll tax. A strict system of registration should be substituted for the poll tax requirements.

Because a citizen does not have the money to spare for paying the \$1.75 each for himself and wife, it should not disfranchise them.

When a man needs every cent he can get to buy food and clothes for his family and does not feel able to pay for poll taxes, it is no reason that he should be disqualified to voting.

Many times such men, honest and industrious, are better qualified to vote for the good of the country than some of those who are well fixed financially or that element who make their money in questionable means or have some selfish interest in certain legislation or certain candidates who are favorable to it.

Let us rather make good citizenship a qualification for voting.

Let the voters be rather those

who observe our laws, support our country and its constitution and those who owe no allegiance to any foreign dictator or contribute in any way to the overthrow of this government.—The Uvalde Leader-News.

A NEW YEAR APPROACHES

A new year is upon us.

With the Old World involved in the cruelty of war, with little nations being overrun, with men who hate nobody dying on the battlefields, we have just observed the natal day of the gentle Nazarene, the Prince of Peace, the world's greatest spokesman for peace, harmony and love.

Maybe we wonder, sometimes, if the doctrines and the principles of the Nazarene Carpenter are no longer remembered. But let us be sure that they are. They are remembered by the mother, whose golden-haired baby is rocked to sleep at her breast with a lullaby; they are remembered by the gray-haired father, whose sons have offered up their lives on a distant battlefield. They are remembered more and more by our boys and girls. The doctrine of the Christ Child is not dead. The sacrifice of the cross was not in vain. Despite its setbacks, the world is growing better. There will dawn a better and a happier day for mankind, when tyrants and dictators will be only a tragic memory in the onward press of mankind.

Let us, during this New Year, contribute our part toward the accomplishment of the high ideals for which He gave his life. It will make of us better citizens. It will restore the smile to the wan face of the bereft mother. It will give our boys and girls a new urge to live. And let us also, in the New

Travelers Along The Road

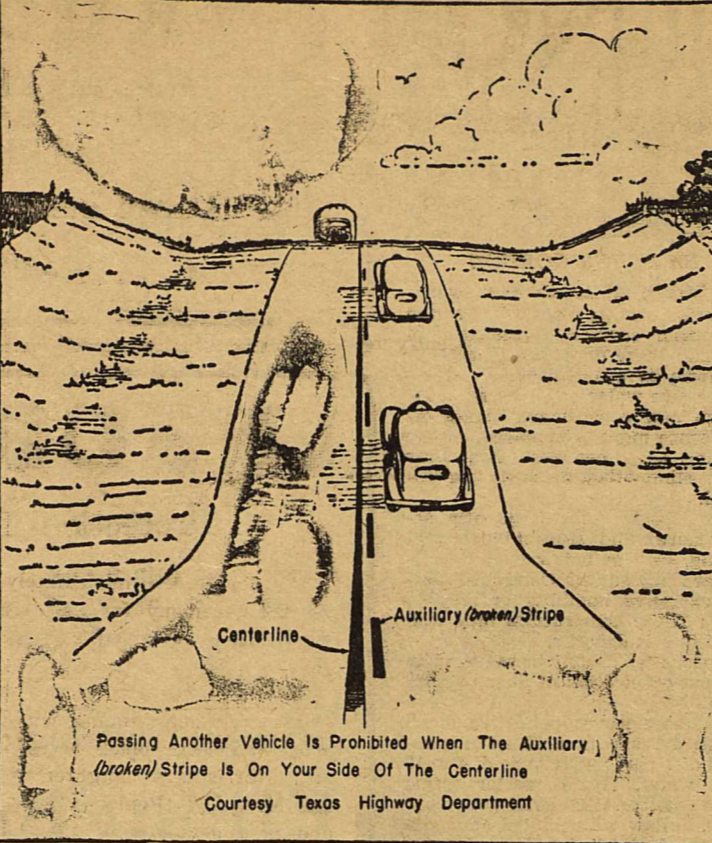
If you had been horseback riding around Young County in 1904, and had noticed an eight-year-old boy plowing cotton you might have felt sorry for a youngster born into such servitude.

If you had been driving around Sherman in 1915 and had noticed a young boy milking cows you might have wanted to help such a boy through school that he might have more opportunities.

If you had been in the Houston ball park in 1920 and had seen a Galveston pitcher taking his turn on the mound you might have wondered what a ball player thinks about.

If you had gone to a Chicago theatre shortly after that and handed your ticket to a smartly dressed usher you might not have noticed him at all.

HIGHWAY MARKINGS EXPLAINED



If you—"that's right, you're right, it WAS Homer Price Rainey—and twenty-five dollars goes to the young lady for having been the first to guess that the subject of our sketch was the new president of Texas University."

Texas is just beginning to hear about Homer Price Rainey. His story is certain to be known to everybody in the state within a very few months. But who is that boy who has just gone to work with the company? And who is that girl with the nimble fingers? In a country that pulled an usher away from a Chicago theatre and made him president of a great state university within just a few years, anything can happen.

Year, remember that we are Americans. Here was instituted the greatest workable democracy that is known to history. Let it be one of our resolves that foreign or domestic isms shall not tarnish it.

The writer wishes all a Happy New Year, and he trusts that the Christmas Season has brought joy to you. And let us resolve this year that the terrible accident toll in our state shall be lessened, and more than ever, "Think, Talk and Act Safely."

Health

"Case finding, case holding, and public education efforts must be more effectively utilized if a decrease in the incidence of syphilis is to be accomplished," declared Dr. George W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"We must treat infections in their beginning stages, thereby shortening the period of hazard to public health. Patients must be taught to request examination of their physicians upon the appearance of symptoms. It is probable that a majority of infections are first detected by routine blood tests, yet 70 per cent of them are late cases. To begin treatment when the disease is late is to help those cases in hand, but it does not prevent the further spread of syphilis, for the disease has doubtless already been transmitted to others," Dr. Cox said.

In reality, we are dependent upon the full participation of the patient if our goal is to be realized. In general, the division of responsibility should be as follows: (1) The community provides treatment facilities; the patient presents himself for treatment and accepts it in spite of the obstacles. (2) The community provides adequate instruction and assistance to the patient in adapting himself to a difficult situation; in response to this the patient observes precautions and protects others from infection. (3) The community provides the service to assist in arranging for examination of contacts; the patient's part is to divulge the identity of his contacts and sometimes to approach them regarding examination.

A positive blood test for syphilis is a guidepost to the physician but should be considered along with history and physical examination before a diagnosis of syphilis is made.

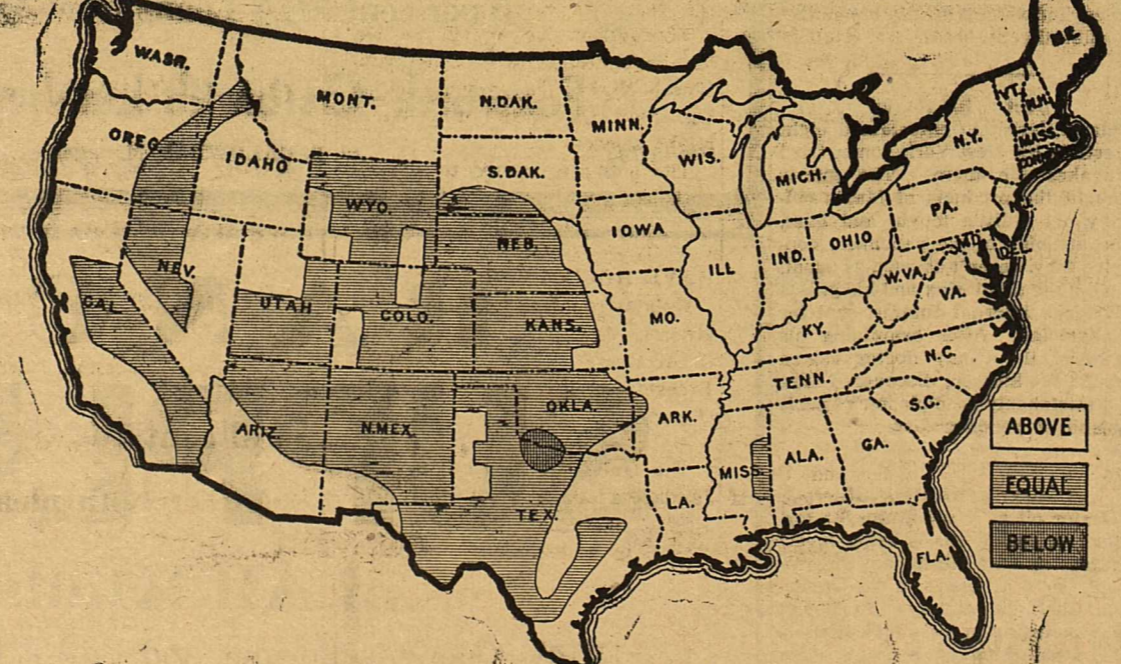
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Duke and R. H. Askew were in Austin last week-end for the holidays.

Mrs. Birdie Rutledge was a visitor in Ozona for a short time on Christmas Day with her daughter, Mrs. George Russell, and family.

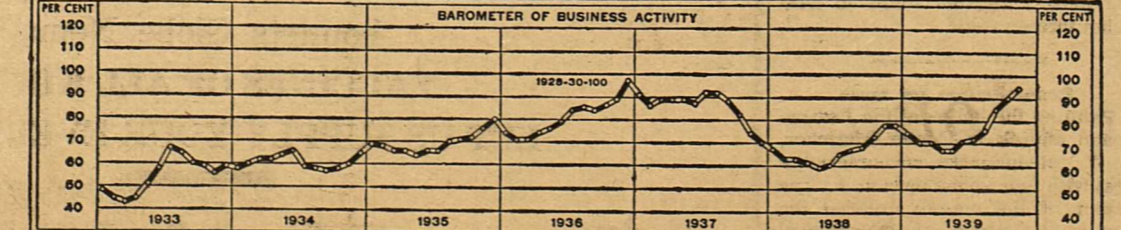
Margaret Russell, grand daughter of Mrs. Birdie Rutledge, is a visitor in Sonora during the holiday vacation period.

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BUSINESS SURVEY MAP FOR MONTH



This map represents current business conditions. It appears in the January number of "Nations Business", published by the United States Chamber of Commerce.



The brighter December map reflects increased income from farm marketings in Western producing areas. Industrial production in November continued the sharp rise registered in September and October and marked the sixth consecutive monthly advance since the current upward movement began last June.

WINGS OVER TEXAS

By LOIS CAMERON CHESLEY

A friend stopped me on the street one morning.

"What was that white bird you were watching below the dam the other day?"

"The white one that hovered over the edge of the water?"

"Yes."

"That . . . Oh, that was a black tern—a black tern in winter plumage."

For the black tern, like many birds, does not look the same at all times. In the breeding season its body is jet black, its undertail coverts white, and the back and wings gray. The immature birds and the adults in winter, give the impression of being mostly white, though there are dark marks about the head and neck. Then there is a third mottled plumage called "pied" which comes in mid-summer when the birds start changing from black to white.

Some of the gulls are as confusing, having a first year plumage, second year plumage, and adult plumage. If one wants to identify these in the field, about all he can do is to be thankful that in such cases the sexes are alike, and get down to work.

Bodily structure and feeding habits are more dependable clues in placing a bird in its proper family than color alone. The different plumages among warblers alone are numerous enough to turn the beginner gray-headed. In many cases the sexes are different, and the young of the first two years may be different from either of them. Some of these adults also have a duller plumage in the winter, which does not make identification easy.

The sandpipers and other shorebirds would be hard enough to identify if they looked the same all the year around. They too change to a more subdued plumage in the winter. A bird student may go out some autumn morning to find birds, strangers to him, feeding up and down a shore line. After a careful thumbing through the books he has to conclude that they are old acquaintances that he had spent hours learning the spring before, now dressed in their winter plumage.

No doubt bird study is three times as interesting.

In identifying such birds as the Buteo hawks (hawks with broad wings and broad rounded tails which habitually soar) one must learn to identify by shape rather than by color and size. Often both dark and light phases occur, and individuals with a species may vary considerably both as to color and size.

It is more of a temptation to call a hawk a hawk and let it go at that than with any other species. But there is no bird family where it is as desirable that the general public know the difference between beneficial species and those harmful to man's interests.

Brightly colored male birds, such as the orioles, tanagers, blackbirds, have soberly clad mates, whose painted bunting and blue grosbeak, green or brown feathers blend protectively into their backgrounds while they are incubating. Where the female is (brightly colored as is the case with the phalaropes) the smaller and dull colored male does the incubating.

It takes some males such as the orchard oriole and the painted bunting three years to get their adult plumage, but it is of such beauty that it is worth waiting for. In the meantime they resemble the greenish-yellow female in general color, though the young male orchard oriole has a black throat patch.

In fall the male scarlet tanager, a bright red bird with black wings and tail, molts and changes to a greenish yellow coat with green edges to his black wing feathers. At the intermediate stage he looks like a patchwork quilt or a piece of red, yellow and black calico. In the spring he molts to get again his red coat, and wears off the green tips to the wing feathers. Here, we see both methods of plumage change being used by one bird: molting, and wearing off of the feather tips.

The Screech owl is a good example of birds which may be either of two colors. There is no explanation for this, and the colors occur independently of age, sex and parentage. Two gray Screech owls may have offspring all reddish brown. Or a gray Screech owl and a reddish-brown Screech owl may mate and have offspring of all one color, of both red and gray offspring. Thus the red and gray phases have no respect for the usual laws of hereditary, and pop up anywhere at any time.

VACATION IN VALLEY

Drs. John and Grace Mader Sherburne spent the Christmas holidays in Rio Grande Valley cities.

Dr. John Sherburne conducts a chiropractic office in Ozona, while Dr. Grace Sherburne conducts a similar office in Sonora.

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SOCIETY NOTES

Parties...Clubs
Future Events

Mrs. J. W. Taylor, Society Editor



The year 1939 has been a notable one for Texas in many respects.

The Texas Aggies, the standouts in Lone Star football, also were the No. 1 team of the nation.

For the fourth successive summer, Texas provided the outstanding amusement of the entire United States—the Fort Worth Casa Manana—its array of stars, Bob Burns, Eddie Cantor, Ken Baker, Frances Langford and others, surpassing anything offered at either the New York or San Francisco fairs.

Texas had the most "talked of" and "talked about" governor in the United States—there's a difference in the meaning of those two expressions.

Event of the year in Texas educational circles was the inauguration of Dr. Rainey as president of the state university. A young man and a native Texan, Dr. Rainey has a brilliant mind and has noteworthy accomplishments to his credits, so that his taking of the oath may mean the turning of a new leaf in the expanding history of this great institution.

Standout in Texas radio was Elliott Roosevelt, who assembled a chain of 20-some-odd Texas stations and then followed that by establishing a new national network.

The Texas girl of the year was Linda Darnell, a beauty who seems destined for stardom on the silver screen.

Foremost in the realm of fraternalism stands genial and eloquent Walter D. Cline, Wichita Falls oil man, who is imperial potentate of the Shrine.

Champion host of the state, for the 'steenth time, is Burris Jackson, of Hillsboro, who gave his annual barbecue—attended by a thousand or so—in honor of several prominent Texans.

Best book of the year by a Texan—J. Frank Dobie's "Apache Gold and Yaqui Silver."

Man of the year in Texas public affairs was Jerry Sadler. Young, unknown a few months before, he entered upon his duties as State Railroad Commissioner. Oil is the chief matter with which the Railroad Commission deals and Sadler brought to his task a knowledge gained as refinery worker, pipe line worker, driller and operator. In feat, he had crowded enough experience into his thirty-one years for an ordinary lifetime. A keen judge of men, he has the ability to listen, the ability to think and the ability to act.

The Texas columnist of the year—well, after all, a fellow has to be modest.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lomax spent a few days during the holidays in Rocksprings with relatives and numerous friends.

John Patrick of Ozona was a visitor in Sonora for a short time Tuesday, going to Eldorado Tuesday evening in company with Lee Patrick, Sonora iceman.

HOW TO BE YOUR OWN DECORATOR

By

Helen Koues

Director, Good Housekeeping Studio

Any "decorating" is an important matter. Why? Because it's not only for today but for tomorrow. It isn't like a dress or a meal which, important as they are, last but a season or a day, while furniture, a rug for instance, should last a life time—if well chosen.

Two things are involved: some money and the lasting satisfaction of a success, or the constant irritation of a mistake.



HELEN KOUES
Director of
Good Housekeeping
Studio

Just because I'm hoping you are going to find this column helpful and keep it perhaps for future reference, I'm going to take a hundred words or so to tell you the guiding principles I've always used in the decorating we do at Good Housekeeping Studio, and we've decorated thousands of rooms in hundreds of houses. There are just five principles: Choice of type; Background; Color; Scale; Individuality. Type is whether your house or room is Colonial, modern, or let us say nondescript. Think it over and determine what it is, as it is your starting point in decorating. Background is determined largely by type—quaint for Early American, more formal for Georgian or Colonial, plain surfaces for modern. Color is somewhat influenced by type but more by your own likes and dislikes. Colonial colors have gray in them, modern are clear. Scale is the size of the furniture, width of the rugs, etc. in relation to the size of the room, the height of the ceilings, etc. Think of a huge old-fashioned piano in a small low ceiling room, which not only takes all the space but sticks out like a sore thumb and makes it impossible to make the room either comfortable or attractive. It's out of scale. A small spinet type of today would be right. Or think of a 6 ft. sofa and two really big overstuffed chairs in a small room which hardly leave space to move around them, and you again have wrong scale. Individuality means expressing yourself—your preference for Colonial furniture, or modern furniture, for lots of color or very little. . . .

There now, those are principles!

Let's apply them.

At this Christmas Season a lot of people, along with all the happy frizzeries, give a lasting gift. Perhaps it's a chair, so let's talk about chairs, in relation to decorating — and remember you are the decorator. The man of your family keeps saying, "some day I'll get a chair that's a man's chair, that really suits me!" You would like to give it to him for Christmas, but what is a man's chair and how will it fit in the living room? You want him to be comfortable and you want to improve your room.

Here's how to go about it. The type of your room is more Colonial than anything else in it, or it might even be nondescript. Your background of walls and curtains are beige, or green color with flowered or striped draperies. Your room is 14 x 18 to 20, so you can have a good sized chair and be in scale. Now to suit your husband's individuality. He seems to lean to leather chairs. "But in the living room?" you say. Yes, you can put one leather chair in the room, quite properly choosing either a wing for Colonial room if you can afford it, or one of the nice comfortable overstuffed sort, no larger than a chintz covered easy chair, in a good brown or green leather, olive green perhaps. The point is not to get it too large. Don't buy an office or a club chair, buy one of the size of your other easy chairs, but built for a man and of leather. The other day the very able buyer of a large department store said to me, "Here are some men's chairs I've been working on — not too big, comfortable, easily moved. I'm having them at a good price under \$40, under \$50." Put such a chair in a brown or green in a corner of your living room near a window if you can, with a reading lamp near it on a table, or a floor lamp and have a handy small table for the favorite pipe, book and newspaper. Such a chair needn't be a thing apart; relate it to the room by the small tables, and let its weight add dignity to your room and its bulk be lost by proper placement. There are lots of delightful chairs of this sort, but watch your scale!

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W. R. Parsons, manager for the local office of the West Texas Utilities Company, spent Christmas in San Angelo with Mrs. Parsons. Mr. Parsons returned to Sonora early Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cooper of Fort Stockton were Christmas visitors in Sonora.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bell of Hobbs, New Mexico, were the guests during the Christmas season of Mrs. Bell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Roueche.

G. W. Smith returned Tuesday from Oklahoma where he spent the Christmas holidays.

Miss Thorp Weds DeWitt Lancaster Saturday

At a ceremony performed in the Methodist parsonage last Saturday night by the Rev. R. F. Davis, Miss Zella Lee Thorp and DeWitt Lancaster were united in marriage.

The bride was attired in a green wool street dress and wore black accessories. She was attended by Mrs. John McClelland of Texon, and John McClelland served as best man.

The couple left immediately for a brief honeymoon in Del Rio.

Mrs. Lancaster was graduated from the Sonora High School and attended Southwestern University at Georgetown. Mr. Lancaster is a graduate of Sonora High School and is now employed in the Sonora Drug Company.

The couple will make their home here.

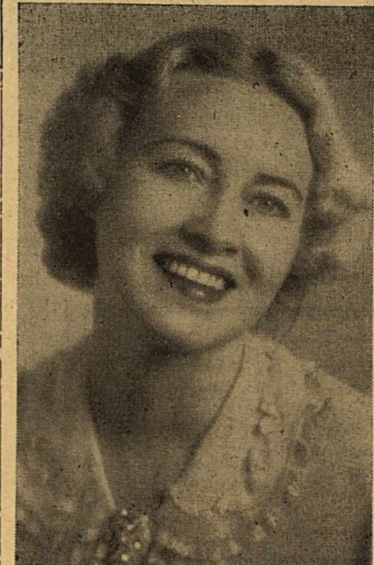
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Duncan and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Nicholas and son Don were guests over Christmas of Mrs. W. A. West in Miles. Mrs. West is the mother of Mrs. Duncan.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hearn of Sonora spent Sunday and Monday in San Antonio.

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Mrs. Love Studies Voice in Hollywood During Autumn

Mrs. Gus Love has recently returned from Hollywood, where she has been studying voice for the past four months with Mme. Elizabeth Theslof. She also had daily coaching and study of German, French and Italian with Mrs. Re-



na Bedford, also a teacher of voice. Mrs. Love had spent three months in Hollywood last year studying voice with Mme. Theslof.

Musical attractions enjoyed by Mrs. Love while on the West Coast were concerts by Lawrence Tibbett, Rose Bampton, Leopold Stokowski, and Nelson Eddy. The opera "Rigoletto" starring Lawrence Tibbett and Lily Pons and two light operas, "The Merry Widow" and "The Chocolate Soldier," were also enjoyed.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Love saw Helen Hayes and Herbert Marshall in the stage play, "Ladies and Gentlemen," in Los Angeles when Mr. Love accompanied Mrs. Love to California the first part of August.

Before beginning her studies of voice and languages in California, Mrs. Love studied voice locally, three years with Miss Marie Watkins and one year with Mrs. Preston Lightfoot. She was the second person in Sonora to begin the study of voice, Miss Louise Gardner now Mrs. John Hall of Houston, being the first, when the Sonora Lions Club was instrumental in bringing Miss Watkins here to teach voice seven years ago.

WITH THE CHURCHES

Methodist Church
9:30—Men's Bible Class meets in the basement of the church.

9:45—All other departments will meet in their respective place.
10:50—Morning Sermon subject: "Exchanging the Old For the New."

7:00 p. m.—The last message of the year: Its Meaning.

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HAVE HOLIDAY GUESTS

Holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hall were Mrs. C. A. Creagh and Mrs. Jo Bel of Breckenridge, and Miss Emma Creagh of Commerce.

The Guild will sponsor a dance January 1 at the Scout Hall. 1tc

Miss Dorothy Penick Mr. Norris Wed Tuesday

A ceremony performed Tuesday night in the home of the bride's parents united in marriage Miss Dorothy Penick of Sonora and William O. Norris of El Paso. The marriage rites were read by the Rev. R. F. Davis, pastor of the Methodist Church here.

The couple left immediately after the ceremony for San Angelo where they remained for several days.

The bride was attired in a wine-colored costume trimmed with caracul, and wore black accessories. Mrs. Norris is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Penick of this city and is a graduate of the Sonora High School.

Mr. Norris is employed by the Brown & Williamson Tobacco Co.

The couple will make their home in Monahans.

Those present at the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Penick, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Penick, Mrs. W. E. Hutcheson of Monahans, and M. L. Penick of Sonora.

MRS. G. W. MORRIS ILL

Mrs. G. W. Morris is ill at her home here this week.

BEN RODE ILL

Ben Rode is ill at his home, but is reported to be improving.

MRS. VINSON ILL

Mrs. L. R. Vinson is ill with influenza, but is reported to be improving at present.

GIRL TO GALLOGEZ

A daughter was born Saturday of last week to Juan and Mrs. Gallogez.

The Guild will sponsor a dance January 1, at the Scout Hall. 1tc

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Penick were in San Angelo Tuesday.

Mrs. Roy E. Aldwell and Mrs. John L. Nisbet were San Angelo visitors Thursday.

A. Y. Killman of Menard and Miss Mary Alice Smith of Ozona were visitors in the Alfred Schwiening home several days this week.

J. H. Sawyer and family are occupying the Lawrence Nichols home in West Sonora, having moved over Thursday from Ozona.

Highway Department Party Given Friday

Members of the Highway Department here and their families enjoyed a Christmas party Friday evening.

Super, consisting of sandwiches, cake and coffee was served, after which games were played and several prizes awarded. Later Santa Claus came and distributed the numerous gifts, names having been drawn earlier in the evening.

The guests, other than those of the organization, were Mrs. George Ray of Paris, and J. H. Bower.

GUESTS IN TRAINER HOME

Mrs. Rena Trainer has the following guests in her home during the holidays: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Trainer of Augusta, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Botts of Augusta, Kansas; Miss Frances Trainer and Ollie Forman of Temple

Howard Peters, Jr., of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Neville of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Stallings and family and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nicks of Seguin, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Trainer of Augusta, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Matt Adams of Fort Stockton, and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Goff of San Antonio.

CHOSEN SWEETHEART

At the annual A. & M. College dance, held in San Angelo Tuesday night, Miss Katha Lee Keene was chosen the Sonora Sweetheart.

Her escort for the affair was Robert Allen Simmons.

CHRISTMAS IN HOUSTON

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Largent and daughter Kathleen, and Mrs. John Bower spent Christmas in Houston visiting relatives.

DAUGHTERS TO SANTOS

A daughter was born last Friday to Librado and Mrs. Santos.

GIRL TO SALAZORS

Rafael and Mrs. Salazar report the birth of a daughter Tuesday.

HOWARD PETERS HERE

Howard Peters, Jr., of Brownwood arrived Wednesday of last week to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Edith Peters.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Richey and Miss Louise Cox spent Christmas in Talpa.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

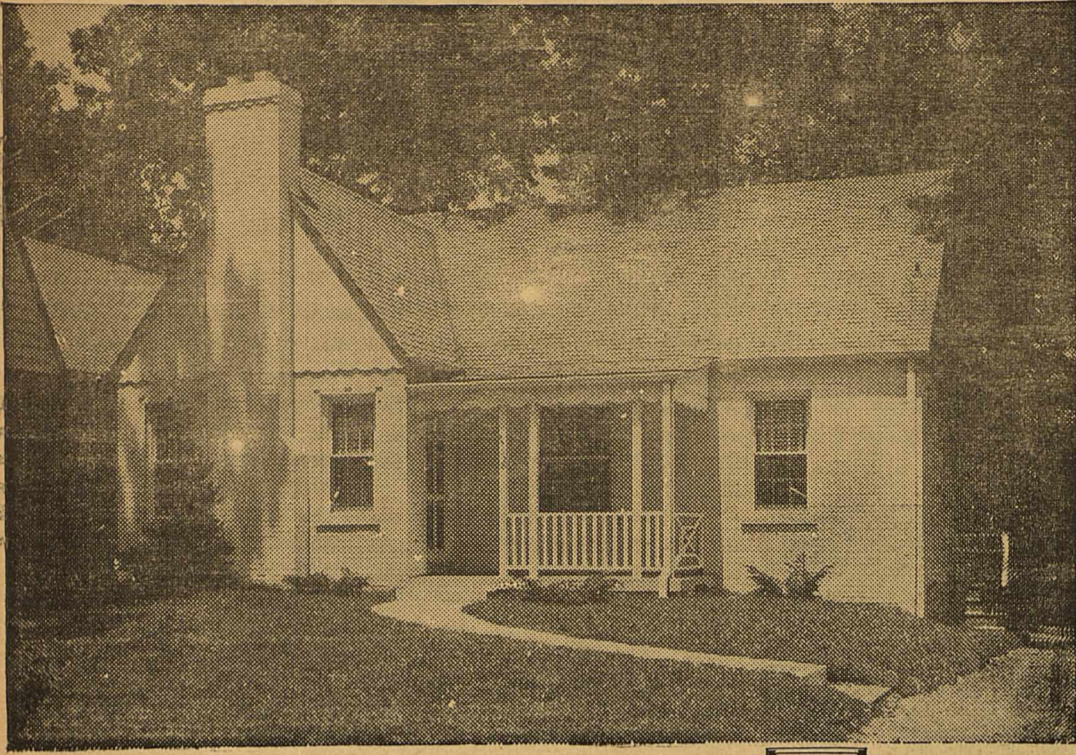
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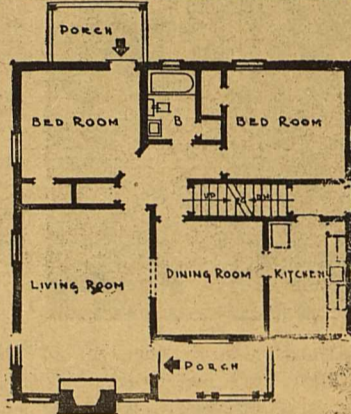
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SHORT NOTICE

Allan Douglas, publisher of the Iraan Herald, was a visitor in Sonora for a short time Tuesday.
Mrs. John Bower and little daughter spent the Christmas holidays in Abilene with her relatives. Mr. Bower remained in Sonora, where he is employed with the West Texas Utilities Company.
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Patrick spent Christmas in Eldorado with Mr. and Mrs. Nixon, parents of Mrs. Patrick.
Craig Miller, employed with the Sonora Piggly Wiggly store, spent the Christmas holidays in Rock-springs with his parents, County Clerk and Mrs. Ed Miller.
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Dangers of Wild West Recalled by Old Letter

The thin line between life and death, which men, who lived by the gun, trod in the wild west days, is vividly portrayed, and rather poignantly too, in a letter which has just come to light in Deadwood, S. D.

The letter was written by "Wild Bill" Hickok to his wife, Agnes, and is now on display in the historical museum in Deadwood. Hickok is remembered as the deadliest man in the West with a .45, who threw fear into the hearts of all evil doers, and who came to his own end by being shot in the back by one Jack McCall, while he was sitting in a poker game.

Wild Bill's letter is as follows:
July 17, 1876.

"Deadwood, Black Hills, Dakota: "My Own Darling Wife, Agnes—I have but a few moments left before this letter starts. I never was as well in my life, but you would laugh to see me now. I just got in from prospecting. Will go away again tomorrow. Will write in the morning, but God nowise when it will start. My friend will take this to Cheyenne if he lives. I don't expect to hear from you, but it is all the same I no my Agnes and only live to love her. Never mind Pet, we will have a home yet, then we will be so happy. I am almost shure I will do well hear. The man is huring me. Good by Dear wife. Love to Emma.

J. B. Hickok.
"Wild Bill."

The letter, it is said, was never delivered and is also said to have been the last one Bill wrote. The uncertainty of life at that time is found in the words of Bill, "My friend will take this to Cheyenne if he lives." Also in the line, "Will write in the morning, but God nowise when it will start."

French Complete Work On Observatory in Alps

Work has been completed on the new French National observatory, located in Provence, which is declared to be the largest in Europe and second in size only to Mount Wilson observatory in California.

For more than a decade, a committee of French astronomers and physicists had been seeking an appropriate site to build this observatory. Forcalquier was chosen because of its altitude, because of the unusual clarity of the atmosphere and because of the excellent weather which the region enjoys virtually every day of the year.

The French scientists who supervised its construction say it will be the "most favored observatory in the world" because 250 observation nights will be available every year.

Three years were required to build the new observatory. Its equipment is as modern as science and money can make it. Its 80-inch reflecting telescope is the largest in Europe and ranks third in size in the world. The observatory cost \$10,000,000.

Bees Travel Far for Nectar

Curious to learn where the honey bees, wild and domesticated, in the area of Dinosaur National Monument, Colo., obtained nectar for their winter supply of honey, the acting custodian made a field trip, notebook and pocket lens in hand. No sources of nectar seemed to exist. The landscape, characteristically desert and arid at all seasons, under autumn's influence showed only dry and withered plants and rattling seed pods. Through the sparse cover could be seen the varicolored clays and bright hues of the soil. Yet in all directions bees were hovering.

The custodian produced his lens and knelt upon the ground. Then the secret was revealed. Beneath his feet no less than seven different species of plants were coming into full flower. The blossoms were so minute, however, that they could be seen only through a high-powered pocket magnifier.

Average Man's Vocabulary

The World Almanac states that the reputable English language today contains approximately 700,000 words. Possibly 300,000 more terms may be stigmatized as nonce, obsolete, vulgar, low, etc., and therefore seldom or never sought in dictionaries. The average well-educated man uses from 6,000 to 8,000 different words; how many more he knows is difficult to determine; and the average person, it is estimated, employs about 4,000 words—possibly more. It is conceivable that men who build radios, automobiles, electrical appliances, and mechanics in railroad shops, may have at their command several hundred or perhaps a thousand words that have to do with technical phases of their experiences.

Protect Baby's Eyes

The eyes of a baby should be protected from strong sunlight, and never should an infant be allowed to lie on its back in a crib or carriage so that it can stare directly at the sun, warns the Better Vision institute. If a covering is not provided to shade the eyes, serious damage to them may result. The lens of the eye, when directed squarely at the sun, will collect rays that may burn the retina, in the same manner that a burning-glass will scorch paper by concentrating sun rays upon it. Cases of children with permanently damaged areas in the retina from looking directly at the sun are not rare.

35 Years Ago

Ira Wheat was up from his ranch Monday attending to some business.

Mrs. Cart Mayfield and Miss Lillie Mayfield were in from the ranch Monday shopping.

Will Whitehead, Bob Peacock, Will Glasscock and Andy Boone arrived home from the Territory Saturday. Andy says he run short on hot cakes but the others didn't.

Mrs. O. H. Palmer of Mason arrived in Sonora Saturday on a visit to friends and relatives. She left on Tuesday for the Sam Palmer ranch in Edwards county to visit the Misses Palmer and from there will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dunagan at Juno.

Walter White of San Angelo was in Sonora Monday shaking hands with many of his old friends. Walter is working for the C. & G. Hagelestein Co. of San Angelo and has been out on the Thomson ranch pulling pipe.

Mrs. John A. Ward was in from the ranch Tuesday shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Bryson left on Thursday for Brady on a visit.

In her new studio Miss Sterling is turning out very superior photos. Give her a trial. Studio back of

Court House.

Mrs. Z. I. Williams of San Angelo is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Clement, this week.

Wm. Guest was in from his ranch near Vance Wednesday for supplies.

Joe Wyatt was in from the ranch several days this week enjoying himself as usual.

M. S. Middlemiss the painter returned Monday from McKavett, where he has been at work for some time.

Giles Hill was in from the Sam Stokes ranch Wednesday for supplies. Bob Benson came in with him.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Briant have returned to Sonora and expect to again make Sonora their home. Mr. Briant's expectations in San Angelo failed to materialize and he has come back to his first love.

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CHRONOLOGY

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EUROPEAN WAR



MARS GOES TO WORK - French poilu puzzles over street sign in captured German village

Hitler Still Grabbing

MARCH 1-German troops mass near border of Slovakia.

APRIL 1-Poland joins British in war alliance

MAY 7-Nazis plan plebiscite in Danzig.

JUNE 1-Hitler pledges Germany will support Jugoslavia's border.

AUGUST 13-Germany and Italy establish policy on Danzig; Polish attitude called unworkable.

SEPTEMBER 1-Britain and France declare war on Germany.

OCTOBER 1-Britain makes peace proposals to Britain and France; seeks armistice.

NOVEMBER 3-Norway frees City of Flint and intern German prize crew.

1-Germany charges Munich man with beer cellar explosion; arrests two British agents.

2-Britain declares unrestricted blockade of Germany in reprisal for illegal mine warfare.

3-French report torpedo boat sank two subs.

4-Eight more vessels sunk; total for six days, 25.

5-France and Britain claim 20 air victories in three days on western front.

6-Ernest Hemingway returns from Paris; writes 'The Sun Also Rises'.

7-British cruiser damaged in port by blast from mine or submarine.

8-French repulse German attack east of Moselle river.

9-Berlin claims bombers hit four British warships; London denies.

10-Six nations protest British ban on German trade.

11-Two hundred eighty-seven die in sinking of Polish liner Pilsudski and a British armed ship.

12-Germans fight back British planes attempting to raid Kiel.

13-British fights for a new Europe, Chamberlain says.

14-Finnish guns kill four Russian soldiers; Soviet charges.

15-Russia demands Finns remove soldiers from border; Finland offers to negotiate border issue.

16-Russia denounces nonaggression pact with Finland; Finland declares Russian reports of border attacks false.

17-Germany claims British cruiser sunk by submarine; Britain denies.

18-Russian troops invade Finland after breaking off diplomatic relations; Finland demands withdrawal.

19-Russians claim 10-mile advance into Finland; bomb Helsinki; declare Finns attacked first.

20-Germany repels British attack on Poland.

21-Finnish flyers inflict heavy casualties on Soviet troop concentration.

22-Finnish repulse Russian army of 200,000 on three fronts.

23-Russians to blockade Finnish coast; warn shipping.

24-British fighting planes beat off German raids.

25-Finnish repel offensive on Karelian Isthmus.

26-Finnish report Russian attacks repelled on all fronts.

27-League of Nations requests Russia to cease hostilities against Finland.

28-Russia rejects league of nations proposal to mediate conflict with Finland.

29-German liner Bremen runs British blockade to home port.

30-British ships disable and chase German raider Graf Spee into South Atlantic.

31-Russia expelled from league of nations.

1-Uruguay gives Graf Spee 72 hours to make repairs.

2-Finn coast artillery sinks Russian destroyer.

3-Germans scuttle Graf Spee outside Montevideo harbor rather than risk fight with British ships waiting outside.

4-Huge Red forces storm Finns' mountain positions.

MAY 6-King and queen of Great Britain sail for Canada.

17-King and queen of Great Britain welcomed at Quebec.

18-King and queen start on tour of Canada.

25-Bill setting up dictatorship over industry introduced in British parliament.

29-New border war develops between Japan and Russia in Manchukuo.

JUNE 1-Bombs in mail in England injure seven persons.

14-Japan presents Britain with new demands as troops tighten blockade at Tientsin.

20-British women and children flee Tientsin to escape Japanese economic blockade.

22-King and queen given tremendous ovation on their return to England.

26-Soviets repulse Jap air attack on Mongol border; shoot down 25 planes.

27-Japs report shooting down 98 Soviet planes in battle over Outer Mongolia.

JULY 13-France jails two newspaper executives charged with receiving pay from Germany.

19-Danzig political police purge city of Socialists.

24-Canadian promises Britain will sign out of Japan's way in China.

25-Japan orders Canton river closed to foreign shipping.

26-United States in England blamed on Irish Republican army.

AUGUST 3-Britain offers to mediate Japanese dispute in France.

5-Spain executes 53 persons for complicity in slaying of civil guard officer.

9-Sudden German food shortage rouses public.

SEPTEMBER 26-French cabinet decree ends Communist party in France.

27-Bulgaria seeks trade pact with Russia.

28-Constantine Argeanu appointed premier of Rumania.

OCTOBER 2-Delegates of 21 republics at an inter-American neutrality conference fixed a safety zone around two Americas.

3-Japanese admit loss of 18,000 men in fighting Russians.

5-Chinese halt Japanese drive in Hunan province; report 10,300 slain.

10-Soviet returns Vilna to Lithuania.

11-Britain and Russia sign trade agreement.

12-Pope Pius in encyclical assails dictators.

23-Nazis arrested as Czechs and Nats battle in Prague.

NOVEMBER 2-Slovak mob wrecks shops and newstices in Bratislava, Hungary.

3-United States proposes to abolish self-rule in India.

26-Ex-emperor narrowly escapes death in storm at Dornoy.

DECEMBER 3-Japan faces scarcity of food this winter.

4-Peru opens great new port facilities.

11-Italy quits league of nations.

DOMESTIC

22-Boss Pendergast of Kansas City given 15 months in federal prison for income tax evasion.

23-House approves farm appropriation bill as passed by senate.

25-Fritz Kuhn, Nazi band leader, indicted in New York on theft charges.

27-Yankee Clipper returns from Europe.

JUNE 1-Senate passes bill lifting long term bonded national debt limit above \$30,000,000.

2-United States 24 warships costing \$350,000,000 awarded by navy department.

3-Former Judge Manton found guilty of bribery.

5-House rejects plan to make Hyde Park home a memorial to President Roosevelt.

7-King George and Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain enter United States at Niagara Falls; officially welcomed.

8-King and queen of Great Britain welcomed to Washington by President Roosevelt; attend state dinner at White House.

10-House votes big slash in payroll taxes; benefits are increased.

11-House votes drastic limitations on future operations of TVA.

15-House passes tax bill of 1.844 million; retains nuisance taxes, but exempts on corporations.

20-Senate committee passes pork barrel bill from \$83,848,100, as passed by the house, to \$407,855,600.

22-United States cuts off previously cut from army appropriation bill. Farm bill boosted 255 million by the house.

25-Fraud barred at Louisiana university.

26-Gov. Leche steps down and Lieut. Gov. Long is sworn in in Louisiana.

28-Senate adds 73 million to relief bill and passes it.

29-House hands administration defeat of neutrality bill; endorses embargo on arms shipments.

30-Senate lets Roosevelt's money rule die by preventing legislation to extend.

HOUSE passes neutrality bill barring arms shipments.

JULY 5-Senate adopts conference report on reviving President's money powers.

6-W. P. Buckner given two years in prison on Philippine railway bond charges.

10-President gives Paul V. McNutt of Indiana job as head of the newly created Federal Security Administration.

13-Senate votes to fix payroll tax at 1 per cent until 1943.

14-President signs bill giving war department power to hide secret equipment from spies.

20-House passes bill to curb bureaucrats in political office.

24-House committee shelves President's \$800,000,000 housing program.

25-Nation-wide lottery swindle using name of Will Rogers exposed.

26-One killed, seven shot, in battle over nonunion labor at Boonville, Ind.

28-United States scraps trade treaty with Japan.

Francis B. Sayre nominated for high commission on the Philippines.

31-Senate lops \$1,615,000,000 from spending bill and passes it.

AUGUST 1-Army's flying fortress flies coast to coast in 9 1/2 hours.

House kills President's lending-spending bill.

HOUSE slashes \$161,000,000 from final spending bill.

2-Senate passes third deficiency bill of 1939.

Agreement reached on social security amendment cutting pay roll tax \$900,000,000 in next three years.

5-Congress adjourns after appropriating more than \$13,000,000,000.

7-Former Governor Leche of Louisiana and two others indicted in hot oil quiz.

14-President advances Thanksgiving day one week, naming November 23.

15-WPA raises pay of 2,000,000 workers \$5,000,000 a month.

16-New York fair asks bondholders for \$4,820,000 to meet debts.

18-U. S. and Canada sign new pact for air service.

Louisiana ex-czar, Dr. J. A. Shaw, witness against ex-Gov. R. W. Leche, kills self.

24-President pleads for peace; cables Hitler, Polaris, and Japan.

26-German liner Bremen held up at New York for search.

SEPTEMBER 2-Liner Bremen allowed to depart from New York.

6-Roosevelt establishes naval patrol along Atlantic coast.

11-President lifts quota on sugar to curb prices.

12-Steel plants and railroads call back their workers.

13-Congress called for September 21.

14-Borah opposes repeal of arms embargo as likely to put American into war.

18-Soviet purchasing agent tells of payments to persons connected with Democratic national committee.

20-At a conference of Republican and Democratic leaders Roosevelt urges repeal of neutrality of special session.

21-Congress convenes in special session; Roosevelt urges early repeal of arms embargo provision of neutrality act.

25-American Legion convenes in annual session in Chicago.

27-Sudden dissolution of war resources board causes surprise.

28-Administration's neutrality repealer bill sent to the senate.

29-Powerful naval fleet ordered to Hawaii.

OCTOBER 2-Debate on repeal of neutrality act begins in senate.

4-Army places an order for 329 high-speed light tanks.

5-Grover C. Bergdoll, draft dodger, sentenced to 7 1/2 years in prison.

7-Hatch Abolition sent to prison for fund shortage.

10-War department orders 65,000 semi-automatic rifles.

12-William Green elected president of A. F. of L. for sixteenth term.

17-Brazil orders \$5,970,000 rail equipment from America.

18-President closes American ports to submarines of warring nations.

19-New York bans financial aid to warring nations.

20-Roosevelt sets three-mile limit for submarines.

22-Endurance flyers descend after 535 hours; new record.

24-Senate adopts cash and carry amendment to neutrality bill.

25-Government sues 236 railroads under Sherman antitrust act.

27-Senate votes, 63 to 30, to repeal arms embargo provision of neutrality act. Bill goes to house.

28-Carl Ewins, Missouri flyer, kidnapped and slain in his own plane by Ernest Fletcher, arrested.

29-California flyers land after 726 hours in air - new record.

30-U. S. assesses Germany 50 million for Black Tom and Kingsland blasts during World war.

31-United Mine Workers raise \$3,000,000 for political fight in 1940.

President asks 276 million for added defense.

NOVEMBER 2-House votes against embargo on arms; goes to conference.

3-Congress passes neutrality repeal bill and adjourns.

4-President signs repeal bill and bars war zones to American shipping.

6-Congress court rules state cannot tax HOLC mortgages.

7-High age pension plans defeated in Ohio and California.

AAA will make loans to cotton growers on new crop.

8-Navy sends marines to Hawaii to strengthen Pacific defense.

15-Fifteen U. S. oil tankers transferred to Federal registry.

18-Roosevelt demands Lewis, head of C. I. O., resume peace negotiations with A. F. of L.

20-Dr. Smith, former president of L. S. U., given 8 to 24 years for university scandals.

24-Louis Levy, New York lawyer, disbarred in Manton scandal.

26-A. Capone, gang leader, released from federal prison; enters Baltimore hospital.

Dr. Smith, former L. S. U. president, Michigan governor, offers state protection to Chrysler employees who want to work.

Foreign nations reported to be heavy buyers of U. S. exports.

Court upholds C. I. O. over A. F. of L. in union fight.

RUSSIA FACES WEST—Dictator Josef Stalin, having completed a pact with Germany, conquers part of Poland and moves into Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania—and then into Finland.

JANUARY 1-Chinese dictator "purges" government ranks of 200 "peace party" leaders.

3-Japan's cabinet resigns over poll-tax in China.

5-Spanish rebels report capture of Artesa.

6-Hungarians and Czechs-Slovaks fight along border.

15-Spanish rebels take Tarragona in march toward Barcelona.

18-Madrid rushes fresh troops to defense of Barcelona.

22-All citizens of Barcelona called to fight trench lines; bomb Zeppelin works.

27-Warsaw surrenders to Germans after 20-day siege.

Estonia signs alliance with Russia.

29-Britain denies warning by foes to stop war.

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GREETINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR

WE WISH for you continuing prosperity fro 1940. And we also wish to express our Thanks and Appreciation for the valuable patronage you have extended to us during the year now drawing to an end.

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No Overproduction Of This Crop

There's one Texas crop which isn't suffering from overproduction. In fact, the state could use a great deal more of the crop than it has now. The crop is wild life, and it is getting much attention now-

days from Texas landowners. The wildlife is essentially a crop of the land, and many of the men who operate the hundreds of thousands of farms in Texas are adding this crop to their program of diversified farming.

Authority for the statement is R. E. Callender, specialist in game management for the Extension

Service of Texas A. & M. College. Mr. Callender says that more than 25,000 farmers and ranchmen of Texas have entered into agreements with their neighbors to form game management units in approximately 200 counties. More than twenty-five million acres are said to be involved in the agreement, which is designed to conserve and increase all desirable wild life species of game birds and non-game birds, game animals and fur bearing animals, and adapted fishes.

Not so many years ago Texas had such an abundant supply of wildlife that it must have seemed inexhaustible to the Texans of that day. But it wasn't inexhaustible. In fact, alarming decreases in the supply of many species of wildlife have become noticeable in recent years, the supply decreasing in about the same proportion that land-use operations have advanced. Because of this great depletion in the game supply, Texas farmers have begun to realize that they are custodians of wildlife while it is on their land, and that the trespass law is their only means of custody control. Long-time closed seasons are being discouraged, the regulated game harvest being regarded as a better means of conservation.

Under the game management program, sponsored by the Extension Service, the State Game, Fish and Oyster Commission, and other agencies, farmers and the ranchmen are attempting to produce an abundant supply of game for themselves. This is a case in which conservation comes about through production. Wildlife is a crop worth conserving. The wildlife resources of this State are valued by the United States Department of Agriculture at 93 million dollars annually, and Texas sportsmen spend some 25 million dollars annually in harvesting the wildlife crop. It's simply good business to maintain, and increase, the value of this Texas crop.—The Texas Weekly.

Miss Grace Draper spent the Christmas holidays in Lohn, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Draper.

Seasoned Timber

The athletic contests of the world usually are won by young men. Seldom do we find in men over forty that combination of physical strength, endurance, and speed that makes the champion.

In times of war the men who go "over the top" are young men, as are the men who fly our fighting planes and man our battleships.

In industry and in business there are certain types of work that can best be done by young men at their zenith in physical dexterity and stamina.

But it is a different matter to outline the policies of a giant corporation; to lead a country at war; to understand and solve the complex problems of a great nation; to be able to win the confidence and the full cooperation of leaders in thought and action. For such important tasks thoughtful persons demand men of broad experience—"seasoned timber."

The biggest job in the world today is the management of the United States of America. Greatest country that it is—in material resources and in the brains to develop them—it has social and economic problems that can be coped with only by a man of keenest insight; knowledge obtained by many years of close touch with governmental affairs; and long study of agriculture, industry, and finance from a national viewpoint.

Virile, practical, influential, forceful John N. Garner is the man of the hour today. For thirty years in the House of Representatives and for six years in the Vice-President's chair—thirty-six years of power and of leadership—he has fought for constructive liberalism in government;

for true democracy; for social justice; for economic independence of the American citizen. Seasoned in statesmanship, he has the wisdom, the practicality, the understanding of men, the insight into great problems, the extraordinary technique of politics, and the human sympathy that only the years can bring—those qualities that this great nation so vitally needs today.

Galileo made scientific discoveries after he was 70.

Henry Ford, at 75, is still improving the Ford car.

Judge Gary, at 83, headed the giant United States Steel Corporation.

Clemenceau, the Tiger of France, guided his war-weary people at 77.

Benjamin Franklin, at 81, helped to frame the American Constitution.

Gladstone, when past 85, was Prime Minister of England.

Justice Holmes, at 90, wrote important and exceedingly clear Supreme Court decisions.

John N. Garner, in his intellectual prime at 69, is being called to the Presidency in 1940 by all classes of the American people. He has the confidence of the farmer. He has the confidence of the working man in town and country. He has the confidence of the man at the head of an industrial empire and the men of financial power. Vigorous of body and mind, powerful of conviction and courage, wise in the affairs of state, he will carry on all of the sound legislation that has been passed during the term of President Roosevelt.

A great patriot, a great progressive liberal, a great Democrat, a great leader, John Nance Garner will be the next president of the United States!

He Got Back 15 Cents

Just before the opening of the special session of Congress in November, 1937, Vice-President Garner arriving in St. Louis from San Antonio, en route to Washington, made a bee-line for a barber shop.

For 25 minutes, the Vice-President relaxed for a shave at the hands of Dexter Davis, Union Station barber who has had Garner in his chair four of the eight times in recent years he has stopped in St. Louis.

As he left the barber shop, he handed the Negro shine boy a quarter.

"Thank you, suh," smiled the boy.

"That's a quarter," reminded Garner.

"Yes, suh, I know it's a quarter," replied the boy.

"Well, I want some change," Garner demanded.

He got back 15 cents.

Sheepdogs Given Tests For Herding Efficiency

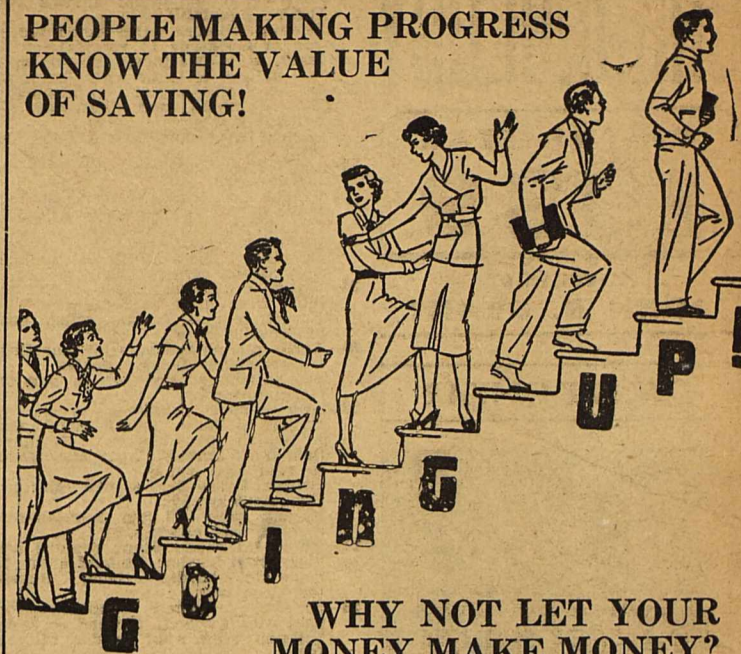
Sheep dogs of Scotland, Wales, and England have their day once each year when the International Trials are held in Edinburgh.

The trials are held to test efficiency in finding, driving and guiding sheep. As one of the simpler tests, a single sheep dog is sent out by his master to locate three sheep which are out of sight behind a small hill or rise in the ground. The dog must calm them, keep them together and drive them to a designated place.

As a further test, each dog must drive his sheep to a hurdle, pass it, guide the flock to the center of the field and circle another hurdle with them. He must be able to separate one sheep from a flock and to drive a group of sheep into a small pen. His master may signal him with whistles, signs or the voice, but usually the dog understands the task ahead fully as well as does his owner.

A good sheep dog never bites the sheep, for that would bruise their flesh and make it less valuable when sold. He seldom if ever barks and he has what is known as "the eye," an ability to hold the attention of sheep by looking at them. He must be able to inspire his charges with confidence and must be possessed of all the qualities which in men are known as tact.

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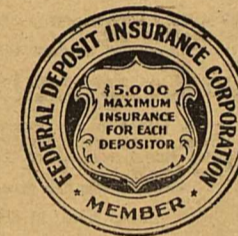


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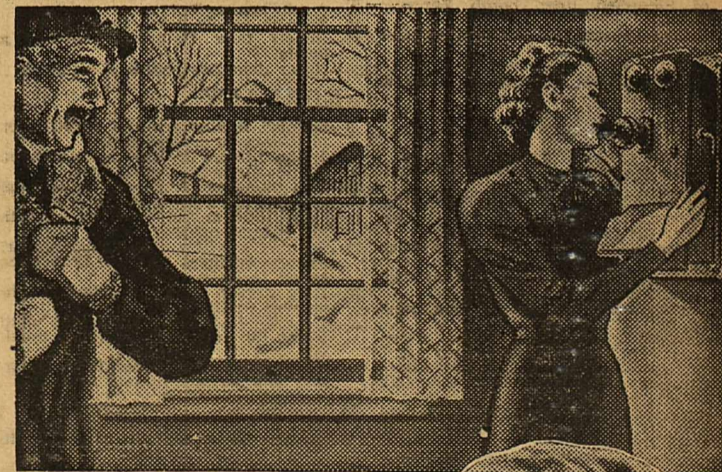
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IT PAYS TO HAVE A TELEPHONE—ESPECIALLY IN WINTER!

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