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Aged Citizen Passes Away Suddenly

Wm. Mittel, long-time resident of Sutton county, died suddenly at 5:25 o'clock Friday morning, February 2, 1940. He had been in apparently good health continuously until his sudden passing away, and his death shocked the many friends and acquaintances in the community.

Funeral services for the pioneer citizen will be held Saturday afternoon at three o'clock, with Rev. R. F. Davis of the First Methodist Church in charge, assisted by Rev. R. C. Brinkley, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Interment will be in the Sonora Cemetery.

Mr. Mittel at the time of his death was 73 years of age, having been born August 25, 1866, in Fredericksburg, Gillespie county.

He was married in Gillespie county in 1893 to Miss Christina Stracklin, to which union were born eight children, seven of whom with the mother survive the aged. Besides his widow, Mrs. Christina Mittel, surviving children are Perry, Ben and Bill of Sonora; Henry of Eldorado; Archie of San Angelo; Mrs. Joe Berger, and Mrs. Charles Hull, Sonora.

The community at large extend profound condolence to the bereaved family.

Lancasters To Resort City For Visit

Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Lancaster are leaving today (Friday) for Corpus Christi, where they expect to be gone for several days. Mrs. Lancaster who have been suffering from asthma in a very severe form, hopes that the visit to the resort city will have an ameliorating effect on the malady, in which hope her many friends join.

Missess Lura Ward and Blanche Perciful, instructors in the Sonora Schools were in San Angelo Monday night hearing Fritz Kriesler, world-famed violinist.

Mrs. Sterling Baker nejoyed being present at the Fritz Kriesler program which was presented at the Municipal Auditorium in San Angelo Monday night.

KERR COUNTY BOYS' SHOW FEB. 16

The Kerr County Boys' Fat Stock Show will be held Feb. 16, 1940, in Kerr. Twenty fat calves, 40 fat lambs, 12 fat goats and 16 fat hogs will go through the auction ring after the show. It will be a good chance for choice meat buyers to purchase, says County Agent Ballard. There also will be a number of good breeding animals that can be bought at private treaty, he says.

Expansion And Growth Of Sutton County Is Reflected In Bank Statements Today and Thirty-five Years Ago

Much of progress and advancement is brought to light with the comparison between the last statement of condition of the First National Bank issued December 31, 1939, and one issued thirty-five years ago on May 29, 1905. For purpose of making such a comparison, we dug up old files of the Devil's River News carrying the statement, and below we have given a summary of the statement, followed by a summary of the last statement issued by the bank. It provides interesting reading, and proof a-plenty that Sonora progresses as the years go by:

Resources of the bank on May 29, 1905 were listed at \$221,038.08, included in which were loans and discounts to the amount of \$118,391.01; overdrafts of \$6,790.84; banking house, furniture and fixtures valued at \$4,070.00; lawful money reserve in bank, specie \$3,268.00 and legal tender notes, \$1,753.00, total of \$5,021.00; other resources brought the total to the above figure.

On the other side of the ledger were listed liabilities, including

POSTAL RECEIPTS REFLECT STEADY GROWTH HERE

The continuous growth of Sonora and the advancing financial and economic status of the community is reflected in the postal gains of the Sonora postoffice, as furnished the News by T. C. Murray, postmaster. In supplying the information, Mr. Murray stated that postal receipts not only showed a nice gain for 1939 over the year 1938, but continued the constant upward trend of postal receipt year by year. The local office has never shown a retrogression, but each year has set a record over previous years, and during the depression, receipts still continued to climb, even though the boom years of 1927-29 were considered.

Postal receipts for 1938 and 1939 are compared below, quarter by quarter, indicating a steady advance:

	1938	1939
First Quarter	\$1,818.36	\$1,872.97
Second Quarter	2,019.29	2,155.61
Third Quarter	1,799.23	1,936.98
Fourth Quarter	2,448.42	2,465.55
Totals	\$8,085.42	\$8,431.11

The above postal receipts do not include money orders, money order fees, or similar items. Should these items be added, the revenue of the local office would be greatly augmented, it is said by Mr. Murray.

GOAT RAISERS TO MEET HERE FEBRUARY 3

A livestock meeting of interest to ranchmen of Sutton county is the approaching meeting of the directors of the Texas Angora Goat Raisers' Association, which will be held at the ranch of Joe B. Ross, one of the directors in the organization. This quarterly directors' meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 3, beginning at ten o'clock in the morning.

Other directors from Sonora are Fred T. Earwood and Jo. A. Ward, Jr., and these directors give assurance that the directors who gather here for their first quarterly meeting of 1940 will find much to interest them outside the room. Present official family of the TAGRA consists of the following officers, in addition to a list of 25 directors: President, C. A. Papper, San Antonio; first vice-president, Arthur Davis, Con Can, Texas; second vice-president, Marvin Skaggs, of Junction; secretary, J. R. Stewart, San Angelo, formerly of Camp Wood and Sabinal.

ATTENDS CONCERT

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hall, owners and operators of the La Vista Theatre, were in San Angelo Monday night to attend the concert given by Fritz Kriesler.

HOME INDUSTRY NEEDS SUPPORT

Many times we have heard the comment made that the welfare of a community, and the progress of the town from a business and civic standpoint, depends entirely on the interest and sacrifices of the business men who happen to be conducting establishments in the city at the time. We disagree. No matter what efforts may be made by the business men of any community, Sonora included, no matter what may be done in an effort to increase the prestige of the community by the business men, by fraternal and service organizations, the ultimate success of the move depends upon the stand taken by the consumers of the town—and by consumers we mean the average man and woman of the community who spends the money for necessities and luxuries of life.

No matter how valiant an effort may be made to build up a community; no matter how much advertising may be done in an effort to have the community show necessary and desirable progress, nothing results from it unless the consumers fall in line and by a spirit of co-operation resolve to assist by spending their money in the community. Going out of town for purchases, buying out of town products when the same may be had at the same price from the hands of local producers, swelling the money order total at the post-office with mail orders going to foreign concerns, all are a detriment to civic progress.

Of course, we realize that the consumer wants to save money on his purchases. We know that in many cases, our own included, thrift is a necessity. We know also that consumers want the highest quality merchandise at the lowest possible prices, and have that idea in mind when making purchases. But when all these things can be had from a local producer, it seems foolish to send our good money out of town to swell the profits of out of town concerns while our own institutions slowly starve to death and finally close their doors because of lack of patronage. But such has happened here, and will continue to happen, unless the consumer citizenship of Sonora awakes to the fact that unjustified patronage of foreign concerns hampers the growth of Sonora establishments, and make large neighboring cities larger while our own community becomes smaller, weaker and less desirable as a place in which to live.

Granting the consumer the right to buy where he wants to, at whatever price he finds necessary, we still maintain that the local concern should be given full consideration, and that the local consumer should not quibble at a few cents difference in price, when the welfare and progress of his community is bound up in the matter. For after all, saving a few cents at the expense of the local business man places a burden on him which results ultimately in decreased supplies of merchandise, older stocks, higher prices, and eventual impotence from the standpoint of giving the service the business establishment should give—all because the consumer thoughtlessly gives too much prominence to the saving of a few cents on a purchase which gives the out of town concern the breaks the local business man deserves and should receive from local consumers.

Funeral Rites For Sonoran's Brother Read Here

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist Church here for W. F. Wyatt, 57, who died Tuesday at a San Angelo hospital. He was found near Ben Ficklen crossing about 1 p. m. and was suffering from a bullet wound in the head. A German luger pistol was found near him.

Pallbearers were Orion Brown, Neill Rouche, Vernon Marlon, C. T. Stites, M. M. Stokes, Paul Turney, J. D. Lowrey, T. W. Sandherr. Interment was in Sutton County Cemetery.

Mr. Wyatt is survived by three brothers, J. M. of San Angelo, H. G. of Corpus Christi, and another whose whereabouts is unknown, and five sisters, Mrs. Clyde Windrow of Brady, Mrs. George Hamilton of Sonora, Mrs. Brice Dabney of Eldorado, Mrs. John Nix of Dallas and Mrs. J. T. Murchison of Odessa.

Brother of Sonoran Succumbs Sunday

Funeral services were conducted at Hallettsville for Frank Appelt, 57, who died in a San Antonio hospital Sunday morning. Mr. Appelt had been ill since the early fall of a stomach ailment.

The deceased was a prominent rancher in South Texas and had devoted his life to the business of livestock raising.

He is survived by two sisters and three brothers, one of whom is Oscar Appelt of this city.

Funeral Rites Read In Rochelle

Complications arising from pushing a car were the cause of the death of Mrs. Eula Matlock of Brady. She succumbed Saturday night, after blood vessels in her chest had been ruptured.

Funeral services were held at Rochelle Sunday and were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Troy White, of Sonora. She was the sister of Mr. White.

Ray Alderson To Furnish Music For Dance

Arrangements have been perfected, and the citizenship of Sonora are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Ray Alderson and his orchestra for the Infantile Paralysis Ball to be held here the night of February 10, Saturday. The dance is to be given in the Sonora Wool Warehouse Company building, and every preparation has been completed to assure Sutton county citizens and other who attend that they will be given one of the most delightful entertainments in their money.

The Ray Alderson Orchestra consists of eleven pieces, and every musician in the company is an expert. The orchestra comes here from Dubuque, Iowa, and this will be the second visit to Sonora for the orchestra, it having played at a dance here during January of last year. Proceeds from the dance will go toward swelling the fund for the control of infantile paralysis, through the Infantile Paralysis Foundation, that organization having set up a committee here headed by H. V. Stokes for the purpose of carrying on the present work.

Mr. Stokes states that all funds derived from the affair will be used in the work, half of it to go to the headquarters of the Infantile Paralysis Foundation, the other half to remain in Sutton county in the hands of a special committee selected for the purpose, in order that funds may be immediately available should a need for it develop. The entire citizenship of Sonora and Sutton county can well afford to support Mr. Stokes and his committee in this excellent work, if not by attendance at the ball, then in some other manner suitable to their preference—but by all means they should have complete and whole-hearted support in their drive for funds.

IN CONCERT AUDIENCE

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar D. Shurley and son, Billy, were among the Sonorans who were in San Angelo Monday night attending the violin concert by Fritz Kriesler.

CITIZENS URGED TO CONTACT COMMITTEE

Citizens of Sonora and Sutton county who may be interested in the tree planting campaign now being furthered by the Sonora Lions Club, who have not yet been reached by members of the committee appointed by the Lions Club, are asked to contact the committee members for the purpose of securing information from them as to number and varieties of trees and shrubs desired for the purpose of making such improvements, or for the purpose of securing information regarding the tree planting campaign. H. C. Atchison, county agent, is chairman of the committee named by the Lions Club, while Mrs. Roy Aldwell is head of the county committee named to work in co-operation with the Lions Club committee. Either of these can furnish desired information, and at the same time afford citizens an opportunity to beautify their places of residence through the planting of trees and shrubs.

Citizens of the town who are interested in such improvements, should not delay, as tree planting time will soon be past. Immediate attention to the matter is requested.

TEACHERS TO ATTEND SAN ANGELO MEET

Miss Johnnie Allison, faculty member of Sonora High School, will represent the local schools at the 32nd annual convention of the Mid-Texas District, Division 11, of the Texas State Teachers Association, which meets in San Angelo today and tomorrow. Miss Allison has a part on the program of the convention, speaking on "The Organization and Purpose of the Pan-American Student Forum." Miss Allison's part on the program come under the Foreign Language division, she being teacher of Spanish in the local high school.

Supt. F. T. Jones of Sonora was elected last year as a member of the 1939-40 State House of Delegates members, one of 12 such elected delegates.

Several other teachers in the Sonora System plan to attend the convention, and for that reason there was no school held today (Friday). A report of the convention will likely be carried in our next issue.

FORMER RESIDENT HERE

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jennings, of Corpus Christi were here Sunday and Monday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Preston C. Lightfoot. Mr. Jennings, a former resident of Sonora, is connected with the United States Biological Survey in Corpus Christi.

ANNOUNCE BIRTH OF BABY

Born to Jesus and Mrs. Ramos a daughter, Monday.

Sutton County Should Join In The March Of Progress — Why Not Sponsor A Summer Celebration?

Sonora—one the best towns in the ranch section of Texas—maybe we should say THE best town—far surpasses other communities, in our estimation, in every department of civic progress and advancement, save one. Sonora has no summertime celebration to draw neighboring people here so that we may get acquainted with them. Ozona has one of the best rodeos listed in Texas. Rocksprings has an excellent annual rodeo and race meet, well attended from all over this section. Every other county seat town in Southwest Texas has some sort of get-together during the vacation season, when people can come to their town, mix and mingle with their friends, and leave for home after a day or so feeling that they have enjoyed a worthwhile experience, richer in friendships and feeling more fit after a season of gaiety. But Sonora has nothing. We wonder why not?

We have everything any other county seat town in this part of Texas has, and in some respects

Tree Planting Engages Interest Of Sonorans

Tree planting as sponsored by the Tree Planting Committee of the Sonora Lions Club is making excellent progress, according to a report delivered at the Tuesday noon meeting of the Lions. Mrs. Roy Aldwell, assisting the club in the beautification drive, reported to the Lions Committee that some 130 pecan trees and 29 other trees had been secured for planting during the drive, these trees being planted here in the city, while there had been numerous requests for the trees and shrubs for planting on various ranches in the county. Several nurseries have been contacted with reference to the planting, and it is estimated that upon completion of the drive there will have been planted in the town and county somewhat more than 200 trees, various shrubs and other plants.

At the luncheon program, rendered following the regular Tuesday meal, Preston C. Lightfoot and Lea Roy Aldwell took advantage of the lack of study on the part of various members present by staging an intelligence test, prizes given for correct answers. There were only a couple who received the prizes.

The trade at home campaign, which is engaging the serious attention of the Lions Club along with that of every citizen of Sonora, came up for additional discussion, and several of the business leaders of the city spoke briefly on the subject. A committee appointed to study the problem was expected to continue its work and make subsequent reports to the club at meetings to come.

About sixty Lions and their guests were present at the luncheon which was held in the basement of the First Methodist Church.

As mentioned briefly in our last issue, the Sonora Lions Club is sponsoring an oratorical contest on Americanism, in which effort six other clubs of the district are participating. The seven towns who will send winners to San Angelo for elimination tests are Sonora, Robert Lee, Winters, Junction, Ballinger, Eldorado and Sterling City.

Joe Berger, Sonora Lion, was one of the few who received keys during the last quarter of 1939 for efforts toward membership attainments in the local club. Thirty-two such key members were announced for the quarter in District 2-A, of which Sonora is a part.

DAUGHTER TO JOE HULLS

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hull announce the birth of a daughter, Saturday in a San Antonio hospital. The infant weighed seven pounds and will answer to the name of Mary Lois.

are better fitted to offer a rodeo, race meet, celebration or whatever is desired than other community. Our people are fully as financially able, our business men and organizations have just as many members, just as much money, and just as capable leaders. We are centrally located, more so than other towns who have successful summer celebrations. After carefully considering the matter from every angle, we are forced to admit that with every other qualification necessary, Sonora lacks only the determination to celebrate. Again, we wonder why?

REPRESENTATIVE HERE

Homer Schrimsher of Abilene, representing the Commercial Standard Insurance Company of Fort Worth, was a business visitor in Sonora for several days this week, being a guest at the Lions Club luncheon last Tuesday of John L. Nisbet.

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BOY SCOUTS

ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF 1939

1. Won second place in First Aid Meet—Sonora.
2. Won first place in the Ozona Camporee.
3. Sixteen boys and three committeemen went to Camp Louis Farr for five days.
4. Fifteen or twenty Mexican Boy Scouts, accompanied by Billy Penick, went to Camp Fawcett for two days.
5. Fourteen boys and two Scoutmasters spent a three day camping trip in Christoval.
6. The troop and committeemen attended the Scout Circus in San Angelo.
7. About twelve representatives attended Annual Scouters Convention of the Concho Valley Council.
8. The troop gathered secondhand toys for repair to give underprivileged children Christmas.
9. Advancement:
 - a. Eight Tenderfoot Scouts added to the troop.
 - b. Seven Scouts advanced to Second Class.
 - c. Nine Scouts advanced to First Class.
 - d. One hundred and eighty-two Merit badges passed by eleven boys, averaging sixteen plus Merit badges to the boy.
 - e. Eight Scouts advanced to Star rank.
 - f. Eight Scouts advanced to Life rank.

It is worthy to note that these eight boys that have advanced from Star to Life, time has been the only handicap of requirement that has held them back.

OBJECTIVES FOR 1940

1. A decided emphasis is being placed on Americanism and its doctrines.
2. At least six Eagle Scouts for 1940.
3. Strive for 100 per cent attendance at summer camp.
4. A uniform for every Scout.
5. More Scout participation in uniform in civic affair.
6. Complete Scout Week Observance.
7. Pup tents for the troop.
8. Marked increase in new Scouts, attendance in meetings, and advancement.

COMMITTEEMEN MEET

The Executive Committee of Boy Scout Troop 19 met Monday evening, January 29, 1940, at the Bank Building at 7:30. The following committeemen were present: Roy E. Aldwell, Cecil Allen, John Eaton, F. T. Jones; also, Scoutmaster Billy Penick and Assistant Scoutmaster Jimmie Taylor.

Proceedings:

1. Complimentary tickets to the Annual Scoutmasters Banquet in San Angelo were given to Scoutmasters.
2. Committee Organization:
 - a. Finances, Roy E. Aldwell and H. V. Stokes.
 - b. Camping and Activities, John Eaton, Ben Cusenbary, Edgar Shurley.
 - c. Advancement, F. T. Jones and Cecil Allen.
3. Scout Week:
 - a. Window Displays
 - b. Sunday Sermon
 - c. Presentation and program at Lions Club, sponsoring institution of the troop.

BAND NEWS

The Broncho Band received word that 4 new gold lacquered French horns are on the way to us. At the last meeting of the school board it was decided to order the horns for the benefit of the band.

With the addition of the French horns along with an alto clarinet and piccolo, the band has a good basic instrumentation.

The girl twirlers of the band have been practicing for sometime learning the fundamentals of the French horn, without the horn, and now they will take the new horns and play in the band without much more private instruction.

The other new instruments brought in are: an alto clarinet by Peggy Gilmore and a piccolo by Edith Mae Babeck.

The French horn players are: Addie Thorp, Wanda Thomas, Libby Jo Wallace and Betty Taylor.

Neither Here Nor There

If you flatter a man,
It frightens him to death.
If you don't flatter him,
You love him to death.
If you permit him to make love with you,
He gets tired of you in the end,
And if you don't,
He gets tired of you in the beginning.
If you don't believe him in everything,
You soon cease to interest him,
And soon cease to charm him.
If you believe all he tells you,
He thinks you are a fool,
And if you don't,
He thinks you are a cynic.
If you wear gay colors and a startling hat and rouge,
He hesitates to take you out,
If you wear a quiet little brown hat,
He takes you out and stares all evening at a woman in gay colors
And a startling hat and rouge.
If you are the clinging vine type,
He doubts if you have a brain.
And if you are modern, adorned, and independent
He doubts if you have a heart.
If you are silly, he longs for a bright mate,
And if you are brilliant and intelligent, he longs for a playmate.
If you are popular with other men,
He is jealous.
And if you aren't, he hesitates to marry a wall-flower.
So what the ----.

ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS

February 9—Program arranged by Boys Athletic Department, Mr. Murray sponsor.

February 23—Band concert.

March 8—Spanish Club program, Miss Allison sponsor.

April 5—Program presented by Mr. Lightfoot and the Math department.

April 19—Style Show by the H. E. Girls, Miss Edmonson sponsor.

May 3—Senior Class program, Miss Milstead sponsor.

VOLLEYBALL

On Thursday of last week the Eldorado volley ball girls came down to play Sonora. The game was played before the basketball game. The Eldorado team won with a score of 39-15. The players were: Pat and Peggy Gilmore, Jamie Trainer, Louise Merriman, Lois Hill, Edna Lee Wilson, Jewel Marie Watkins, Vinagene Powell, Bessie Ray Kiser, Betty Jo Adams, and Alletta Willingham.

SONORA BEAT ELDORADO

The Bronchos beat the Eldorado Eagles Thursday night January 18 at the Sonora Gym. The score was 16-14. Both teams were battling hard at the end and both teams showed good coaching. While Eldorado played the zone defense the Bronchos played man-to-man.

Sonora played Ozona last night at the Sonora Gym, and Eldorado tomorrow night at Eldorado. Both of these games are conference games in the Ranch Country Basketball game. This will be Sonora's second game with Eldorado and first with Ozona. Sonora defeated Junction in this league last week. Each team in the district plays twice and at the end the winner will be determined.

DEBATE TRIP

Last Saturday, January 27, the debaters, Myron Morris, Nelson Stubblefield, Doris Meckel, Willie Nell Hale, extemporaneous speaker, Dock Simmons, Mr. Flathers, and Miss Garrett went to Kerrville to attend a Debate Tournament. Seven teams were entered from Tivy High School of Kerrville, Alamo Heights of San Antonio, and Sonora. It was conducted as a round-robin affair. Both the boys and girls teams debated three times and won each one. Sonora was the only school represented that won in every debate it entered. Saturday afternoon Dr. Thompson, who is an authority against Socialized Medicine, spoke to the group. There was much valuable material gained from his speech. Each debate was judged by a critic judge, who criticized each speaker. Mr. Hart, from Shreiner Institute, was the chief critic judge.

THE JUNIORS

Monday morning the juniors took their own good time in selecting the junior bracelets and their senior rings. Through the process of elimination they finally decided on an oval shaped ring with a Broncho crest. The stone was left to the individual; some will have red and some will have blue stones, some will have black stones. The bracelets will match the rings.

The juniors are hoping to get their bracelets by the last of February, and their senior rings the first week of school next fall.

We have waited a long time to get the order in for our bracelets and were surprised when we found out that we could choose our senior rings at the same time.

The Southern Engraving Company is making the rings and bracelets. This company is giving each student two premiums with his order—one small pin which will be sent with the bracelet, the other—either a large belt buckle or a compact which will be sent along with the rings next fall. This company gives us a life time guarantee on our bracelets and rings, so we feel sure that we are getting a superior product and that these will be the better looking of any before us.

OZONA TOURNAMENT

The Bronchos entered the ninth annual Ozona Tournament Friday and Saturday January 19 and 20. The first game was between Sonora and Barnhart. Barnhart won 27-21. Sonora next beat Junction 35-13 thus entering the consolation. Saturday the Bronchos fell victim to the Iraan Braves. McCamey beat Sanderson 29-20 to win the tournament and Big Lake nudged Iraan out 29-28 to win the consolation.

Nineteen towns were entered in the tournament including Sonora, Ozona, Barnhart, McCamey, Big Lake, Junction, Rocksprings, Iraan, Eldorado, Grandfalls, Sanderson and Christoval.

BASKETBALL CAPTAIN ELECTED

A meeting of the basketball boys was held last Wednesday for the purpose of electing a captain. Willie B. Ory was elected captain with James D. Trainer as co-captain. They will serve the rest of the season. The election was held by means of secret ballot.

The SIDEWINDER

Who's bracelet does Vinagene have ?? It couldn't be Nelson's???

Of all things, J. H. got mad because she wouldn't let him see his own picture!!!

Marjorie, did you have a good time Wednesday morning in Home Making class?? We wonder!!

Buster, just who were you with Sunday night?? Don't tell us it's another blonde!!

We wonder why Mary Lee was having such a good time Sunday night!! Could it have been the company?? Dorothy, Ponc and Buster might know something about it.

Robert and Doris, where did we see you Friday night??

What? You're not blue this week, Dorothy??

Libby Jo, who came to Home Making class with you Wednesday???

Why does Myron like the Home Making III class??

PERSONALS

Kathleen Largent and Mary Jo Rape were in San Angelo Saturday.

Myron Morris, Nelson Stubblefield, Doc Simmons, Willie Nell Hale, Doris Meckel, Miss Garrett, and Mr. Flathers attended the Debate Tournament in Kerrville Saturday.

Dorothy and Billy Jo Henderson and Ray Wallis Stephenson were in Roosevelt Saturday.

Old-Age Benefit Extended To Lump Sum Recipients

Steps are being taken by the Social Security Board to contact 528,575 account holders, who may be eligible to retirement benefits in 1940, and to inform them of their rights under the amended law, George D. Clark, acting manager of the San Angelo Social Security Board field office, announced today.

"Data is currently being prepared to inform three groups of their eligibility under the retirement provisions," said Clark.

"First are those who have received lump-sum payment under the original Social Security Act. A total of 178,575 persons received \$9,930,751.83 in such payments up to August 10, 1939, when the act was amended and lump-sum payments ceased.

"Many in this group are now eligible for monthly benefits. Letters have been sent to each such beneficiary informing him or her of the changes in the act and of the person's possible rights as a result of the amendments. These are people who expected no further benefits and to whom the monthly benefits will come as a windfall.

"They must, however, show six quarters of covered employment to establish their claim. They must make formal application and the future monthly payments will be in lieu of the lump-sum payment they have previously received. Monthly payments will not begin until the amount of that lump sum has been deducted."

Illustrating this deduction of earlier lump-sum payments, Clark cited the case of a worker who had received a lump-sum payment of \$125 ten months ago when he attained the age of 65. If he and his family apply for monthly benefits and are entitled to \$50 each month, they would receive no check for January, no check for February, only \$25 for March, and thereafter they would receive the full \$50 each month. The \$125 would be deducted under the law to cover the previous \$125 lump-sum pay-

ment.

"The second group now being contacted by the Bureau consists of account holders who have reached the age of 65 in 1937, 1938, or 1939, but who have never filed claims for benefits," Clark continued. "This group numbers about 175,000 persons. Eligible workers and dependents in this group will also be entitled to monthly benefits immediately upon their retirement. "The third group is made up of those who will reach the age of

65 in the year 1940 and he will become eligible for benefits immediately upon his retirement. This group also numbers approximately 175,000, bringing the total for whom claims data are now being prepared to 528,575."

The number of points in deer antlers has little or nothing to do with the age of the deer, according to Texas Game Department biologists.

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WINGS OVER TEXAS

By LOIS CAMERON CHESLEY

A few miles north of our town these is a feeding ground for winter birds. Here I am sure to find a good sprinkling of sparrows on any day in winter. It is a hollow of several acres by the side of the road not far from water. It is grown up in weeds, vines and small trees, and is littered anke deep in dead leaves. There are convenient brush heaps and a large oak or two.

As my car approaches some of the birds fly up from the ground to perch. Every bush seems alive with sparrows, for few if any fly away. There is a lull before they start dropping back to their places. After a few moments there is a shuffling of leaves as the search for food on the ground is resumed. Trills, pipings, chatterings and crisp cal notes swell up and fill the air. From where I sit I can see wings flickering through the underbrush as shadows of many birds appear, mount, drop and melt away. The hollow is an independent little world of its own, with interesting things happening in all parts.

A towhee scratches his way through the dead leaves, mewing his kitten-like call, until another beyond the wire fence answers him. He flirts up into sight, stands poised for a moment, tail up, then dives into the underbrush beyond, a flurry of black, white and rust.

There are frequent glimpses of the white V made by the Slate-colored junco's outer tail feathers in flight. Several of these juncos fly up to limbs nearby as I open the car door. They are smaller than the English house sparrow, of a velvety slate color, except for the light, lower abdomen. Their bills are a pale pink or white. "Snowbirds" some people call them. They watch me nervously as I draw closer, then fly away tweaking their sweet flight note.

The small Lincoln sparrow ruffles his crown at me, hesitates for a second in timid curiosity, then darts to cover. A white-throated sparrow on the farther side of a tree waits placidly until the interruption is past. He is plump and slow-moving compared to his jaunty cousin, the trim white-crowned sparrow. Every movement of the white-crown is streamlined. The several black and snowy white stripes sweeping back from his forehead make him appear constantly alert.

I miss the blank-faced little field sparrow. For some reason this habitat is not to his liking. He seems to hug denser thickets and pasture grasses.

There are a number of Harris sparrows clinking about among the bushes and brush heaps. When this bird in adult plumage faces me, the surprising black hood around his reddish bill reminds me of the fur collar of an overcoat brought close around the neck until only

a nose is peeping out. He is a handsome fellow, heavy and large for a sparrow.

There is a flash of rich brown brown as another handsome bird rises, startled from his scratchings among the leaves. I follow him carefully, but he flies on several times before I can get a view of his heavily streaked breast and reddish brown back. It is the Fox sparrow, so named for his fox-like color, a bird I have never seen often enough or well enough. We cannot blame him for being unsociable, for the presence of people must be a novelty to one whose nesting grounds are in the far northern half of Canada, extending from the tree limits southward to northern Manitoba and the Gulf of St. Lawrence. He sings in the evenings at his summer home. Some who have heard him think that his melody is the sweetest sparrow song of all.

Back at the car I see that birds are drinking from a pool of water that last night's rain left in the road ahead. It was an enthusiastic school boy on his initial bird trip that first called my attention to bird tracks around such rain-fresh road pools. We had found only one perfect track that morning, four-toed, with three toes pointing ahead and one back. I go forward now and look to see whether any such monograms are printed there.

But the thirsty soil and the wind have left the rim of the pondlet firm, and there are only delicate fragments of bird writing within the edge of the water itself. A light breeze ripples across the tiny pool. Behind, up from the hollow, rise voices of the sparrows from the north, the cheeriest, busiest sound in a Texas winter.

Range Practices Find Favor In West Texas

College Station, Jan. 28.—New records were set in soil and water conservation work during 1939 in West Texas counties as 2,470,321 acres were improved by various practices, annual reports of county agricultural agents show.

In the 39 counties that make up extension district 6—the West Texas are bounded by Gaines, Fisher, Val Verde and El Paso counties—108,476 acres of range land were contour furrowed as compared with 36,599 acres in 1938, according to J. D. Prewitt, district agent of the Texas A. and M. College Extension Service, who supervises the work of county agents in the district.

In addition, 11,887 acres of range land were terraced and 55,925 ridged, while 62,033 acres of crop land were terraced. Midland county leads the state with 53,826 acres of range land contour furrowed.

Under the AAA range program 328 ranchers practiced deferred grazing on 1,389,000 acres, Andrews county alone had 19 ranchmen who deferred grazing on 209,000 acres.

Cedar was cleared from 79,000 acres, lechuguilla from 56,000, and prickly pear from 709,000 acres. Crockett county led the state in prickly pear eradication with 150,000 acres.

Farmers and ranchmen stored 467,000 tons of silage in 2,248 trench silos. The number of trenches showed an increase of 617 over the 1938 figure of 1,631.

Wild game preserve demonstrations, started only four years ago, now have 1,330 farmers and ranchers enrolled in 97 games management areas involving 8,504,130 acres. The two leading game management areas in the district are Reeves county, with 1,000,000 acres and Andrews, Ector and Crane counties, totaling 713,000 acres.

4-H club work showed an enrollment of 1,468 boys with demonstration in livestock and crops, while 1,900 animals were exhibited at 5 district and 15 county livestock shows.

For the second consecutive year, a West Texas 4-H Livestock judging team—the Reagan county group of E. J. Martin, Jr., John H. Holt and J. A. Roach—won the International 4-H Livestock Judging Contest. In 1938, this honor went to Menard county.

Five West Texas 4-H club boys, Woodrow Mills, Sterling City; J. B. McGuire, San Angelo; David Williams, Eldorado; Harry D. Rotan, Sweetwater; and Garland Moore of Roby were awarded trips

to Chicago for outstanding work.

The counties in district 6, with their county agricultural agents, are Borden, Frank Medley; Coke, H. E. Smith; Concho, R. W. Terry; Crockett, C. J. Van Zandt; Culberson, A. Z. Walker; Dawson, B. J. Baskin; Ector, Andrews and Crane, H. L. Atkins, Jr.; El Paso, W. S. Foster; with Herbert Mills as assistant agent; Fisher, T. H. Roensch; Gaines, C. E. Morris; Glascock, V. G. Young; Howard, O. P. Griffin; Hudspeth, Berry N. Duff; Irion, J. T. Davis; Kimble, R. E. Homann; Loving, Winkler, Lee R. Pool; Martin, G. A. Bond, Jr.; Menard, S. T. Logan; Midland, S. A. Debnam; Mitchell, Joe C. Williams; Nolan, R. B. Tate; Pecos, T. W. Hillin; Presidio, W. W. Sheen, Reagan, Henry Kothmann; Reeves, Ted Johnston; Schleicher, W. G. Godwin; Scurry, X. B. Cox, Jr.; Sterling, Henry Malloy; Sutton, H. C. Atchison, Jr.; Terrell, E. L. Williams; Tom Green, W. I. Marschall with Noel C. Fry as assistant; Upton, C. Snell; Val Verde, J. B. Kidd; and Ward with John L. Mogford.

San Antonio Livestock Market

Hogs: Estimated salable receipts 800, total 1,200. Market only fairly active after a slow start. Few early sales about steady with late last week, and early top \$5.50, paid for a few good and choice 170 to 300 lb. butchers. Late market mostly 15c lower than early, or mostly \$5.35 down. Most 140—170 lbs. \$4.50 to \$5.35. Packing sows mostly \$4.50 down, few to \$4.75 early. Feeder pigs around \$3.00 down, few to \$3.25.

Cattle: Estimated salable receipts 800, total 900; Calves, salable 2,100, total 2,400. Choice light weight stocker calves and few early sales other classes fairly active and steady with late last week, but market slowing down on the heavier receipts, and late sales of most classes weak to 25c lower, some steers, yearlings and killing calves off 50c late.

Steers slow, few medium 804 lbs. \$6.50, common 830 lbs. \$6.00, few fed 962 lbs. steers to \$7.50. Few lots of good light weight fed yearlings \$7.75 to \$8.50, medium kinds \$6.50 to \$7.50, common kinds down to \$6.00 and below. Canner and cutter cows mostly \$3.25 to \$4.25, few shelly kinds below. Four loads of 727 lbs. \$4.35. Common and medium cows mostly \$4.50 to \$5.00, good cows scaling 1,098 lbs. up to \$5.75. Bulls mostly \$5.00 to \$5.75, plain kinds down around \$4.50.

Trading was slow on calves, especially the increased supply of inbetween, half-fat kinds. Good and choice calves mostly \$7.75 to \$8.25, few \$8.25, few 348 lbs. to \$8.50. Three rail loads 292 lbs. \$7.75, two loads of 345 lbs. were weighed up at \$8.50. Common and medium calves \$6.00 to \$7.50, culls down around \$4.50. Most Brahman calves \$7.75 down, few small lots above \$8.00. Few choice stocker steer calves to \$9.50, but most steer calves to \$8.00 to \$9.00, heifers \$7.00 to \$8.00.

Sheep: Estimated salable and total receipts 300. Market about steady. A lot of good 82 lb. fall shorn lambs \$7.35, woolled stocker lambs \$5.00 to \$6.00. Shorn matured wethers scaling 86 lbs. \$3.85 down.

The Worst Gamble

Gambling in all its forms is bad. It has been true always that the man who accepts the bets rides in an expensive automobile and wears the best of clothes, while his "customers" who should be termed his "victims," wear rags and walk.

This ought to be convincing to any person that aside from the moral issue involved, gambling in any form simply doesn't pay. But in gambling as in all things, there is a superlative. There's always a worst in everything.

The worst form of gambling is he who gambles with his life and that of other persons.

We recently read of the man who, on a slick highway, approached within 100 feet of a fast moving passenger train before he even attempted to stop. Of course, when he suddenly applied the brakes he went into a skid, and the skid ended in a tangle with the powerful locomotive and the death of most of the occupants of the automobile.

The man didn't know that under the best weather and mechanical conditions, he would have been within 34 feet of that engine when his car stopped. He seemingly

didn't know that the slick highway offered an extra hazard which he could not overcome. He gambled with death—and he lost. Along with him he lost his father, crippled his wife and his child.

The man who gambles on emergency games of chance has a chance to reform and yet become a useful citizen. The man who gambles with death and loses, thereafter has no chance to change his mode of life.

Let's not gamble at all. Certainly don't gamble with death.

New Container Is Used To Transport Young Fish

Having thoroughly tested the newest type of container used for transporting fish, one invented by Texans which provides a continuous supply of oxygen in the water, the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission has placed an order for more than 800 of them and not only will the Department be able to transport fish from hatcheries to lakes and streams with few losses, but at a considerable saving, it was announced by the executive secretary of the department.

The new containers can be carried in any type of truck, differing from the equipment being used by many game departments and making it unnecessary to purchase expensive, specially-built trucks. Each of the ten state hatcheries will be provided thirty-four of the new five-gallon containers. The cans are equipped with a patented galvanized insert. Air is pulled through the water in the containers constantly for they are hooked up with the intake manifold of the trucks' motor by metal and rubber tubing. All the containers can be operated as a single unit or separately. When not in use they can be stored and the trucks used for other purposes.

Formerly the Game Department used heavy ten-gallon milk cans. Some fish were lost on long hauls. However, tests extending over several months last summer show the new containers will carry twice as many fish as the old-type can with far less loss of fish. Trips can be made long distances. The number of trips necessary will be cut in half. The Department will be able to purchase smaller trucks, and yet carry on its work of fish distribu-

tion even more efficiently.

Each truck will be equipped with a half-horse auxiliary motor which can be switched on should the truck's motor fail and thus cut the chances of loss of fish.

Sportsmen desiring to carry minnows considerable distances will soon be able to obtain a similar minnow bucket size, according to the San Antonio inventor of the new device.

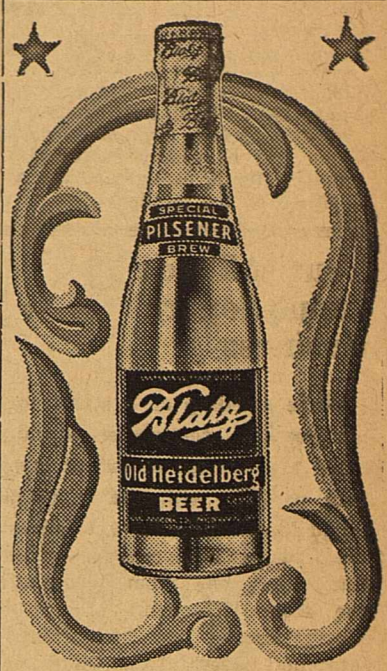
"OLD THREE TOES" CAPTURED

"Old Three Toes," a coyote so sly he had evaded the efforts of trappers and ranchmen alike to capture him over a period of years, finally met his Waterloo. "Old Three Toes," left a distinctive 3-toe print whenever he raided the goat and sheep flocks of Mason county and a trio of trappers failed to lure the canny old coyote into a trap. However, C. L. Parker, a federal trapper, finally outwitted "Old Three Toes" and added his pelt to a large collection. "Old Three Toes" had evidently been caught in a trap years ago and had, in loosening himself, cut off two toes from his right front foot.

DREDGE CONTINUES WORK

The Game Department's dredge, AE, probably will begin dredging a channel from Laguna Madre to the Gulf of Mexico near Murdock's

Landing early in June. The dredge, which recently opened a pass at Cedar Bayou, will re-clean Corpus Christi pass and then proceed down the coast to Murdock's Landing. It is necessary to open passes into the Laguna Madre in order to help prevent extreme salinity of the water in the lagoon, which is one of the greatest salt water fish breeding spots along the Gulf coast.



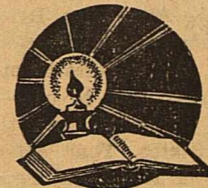
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56	.27	.41	.54	.68	.81	
57	.29	.44	.58	.73	.87	
58	.32	.48	.64	.80	.96	
59	.34	.51	.68	.85	1.02	
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Tourist Trade Helps Sonora Business

While standing on a street corner recently, the writer casually noted the number of out of town cars passing, with the following jotted down within a few minutes: one from Kansas, one from New Hampshire; one from Wyoming; one from Wisconsin; one from Massachusetts; one from Minnesota; and several from Oklahoma and New Mexico. Also, another carrying a license as follows: D. T. A.—072. (We haven't figured that one out yet).

Anyway, it is likely that tourist trade will begin to swell the revenues of business establishments here, especially cafes and services stations, within a few weeks, and it is presumed, perhaps with but little reason, that the tourist visitors to Sonora this year will be much greater in numbers than in any recent year. However, one reason for such a belief is that thousands of travelers who have been accustomed to making European trips will have to forego that pleasure this year, and as a consequence will no doubt tour their own land, or the neighboring country south of the Rio Grande. Another is that due to improved economic conditions, many tourists will be on the road this spring and summer who have heretofore been compelled to remain at home. Another is that automobile sales have greatly increased in recent months, indicating increased travel for the owners.

This increased tourist travel is just another indication that business in Sonora will continue on the upgrade — Sonora lies at the crossing of the ways, catching travel both north and south and east and west.

Patriotic Contest To Promote Americanism

\$1,000.00 in cash awards for best statements completing sentence, "I'm Glad I'm An American Because . . ."

A nationwide patriotic contest is being sponsored by independent, home-owned Piggly Wiggly stores all over the United States, Alaska and Hawaii. The ideal of this contest is to make each and everyone of us in this Land of Liberty realize the blessings which have been bestowed upon us. In reality, it is a toast — with the sparkling wine of Patriotism — to Freedom, Justice, and Tolérance, and to Government of the People BY the People.

This contest, conducted under the title, "I'm Glad I'm An American," will render America a true service. It will make us better citizens; it will make us more tolerant; it will make us more ready to co-operate for the common good and advancement of this blessed country; and it will make us grateful to our God and to our country for our material and spiritual welfare.

The only requirement for anyone to enter the American Contest is that he appreciates the value of being an American Citizen. There's nothing to buy. There's nothing to do except get the entry blank from your Piggly Wiggly store, complete the sentence "I'm Glad I'm An American Because . . ." in 100 words, or less, and mail the entry to The American Contest Judges before midnight February 29. Those are the only rules. \$1,000.00 will be presented in six cash awards. First award \$500.00 cash, five awards \$100.00 each.

The American Contest entries will be judged by three outstanding American citizens. They are: Major Clark Howell, editor and publisher of the South's famous newspaper, The Atlanta Constitution; John Paschall, editor of another famous newspaper, The Atlanta Journal; and Dr. Thomas H. English, head

of the English Department at Emory University, one of the nation's outstanding educational institutions. The decisions of these men will be final.

It is most fitting that in these troubled times someone should hold high the torch of Americanism; that someone wants to make men, women and children think deeply of their own nation — its past, its present and its future. For in thinking, we, the People of the United States, will grow rich — in a spiritual as well as a material way.

It is fitting, too, that the independent, home-owned Piggly Wiggly stores all over the United States, Alaska and Hawaii should sponsor the contest, because this association of independent merchants stands for so many typical Americanisms. They were first to give America independence in grocery store shopping: the original self-service, Piggly Wiggly way. They were first to organize an association of independent, local merchants into a group which could better serve each of their respective communities with lower prices on nationally known brands. They were first, also, to bring scientific merchandising to grocery fields.

Every man, woman and child in these United States should enter the "I'm Glad I'm An American Contest." Many of us take our blessed country and surroundings as a matter of course. We concern ourselves with and worry over our very small inconveniences and harassments. But, the luck of our birth, the plenty and comparative peace in which we live should be vivid and uppermost in our minds and in our hearts!

There are hundreds and thousands of reasons why we are all glad to be Americans. By entering this contest, we will have a chance to think and to state them. It will be of great good to us — and it will be of unold benefit to our United States. Your entry blank awaits you, for the asking, at your Piggly Wiggly store. Get one today and tell the world why YOU are glad to be Americans. By entering \$1,000.00 in awards are there to be won by your own patriotic, heart-felt words. It will be an honor and glory to be a winner!

Insurance Company Has Splendid Growth

With a gain of \$18,151,115 for the year, Southwestern Life Insurance Company now has a total of \$360,768,441 insurance in force, according to C. F. O'Donnell, president.

Announcement of the continued progress of this Texas institution is contained in the Company's 37th annual financial statement, just received here by Cecil H. Allen, John L. Nisbet and L. W. and A. C. Elliott, local representatives of Southwestern Life.

Numerous items in the annual statement reflect the strength of Southwestern Life.

Assets are \$67,189,220.43, representing an increase of \$5,988,920.90 for the year. This is the largest gain in the Company's history.

The Company continued its enviable record of never having had a default of either interest or principal on any bond owned by it. In releasing the annual statement, Mr. O'Donnell called attention to completion during the year of a new insurance service commensurate with growth of the Company. This new development involves plans for an extensive agency program, launched in full swing on January 1.

"In order to be in position to render the highest degree of efficient service to the public," Mr. O'Donnell said in commenting on the program, "the Company's purpose in such a plan is to develop thoroughly trained agents of the highest type, qualified in every way to offer a truly professional service."

The annual statement stresses the double function of the dollars invested in life insurance by at once building secured protection and playing a significant role in the economic progress of Texas. The report indicates that with the exception of funds invested in United States bonds, practically all investments of Southwestern Life are in Texas bonds and real estate loans. It is pointed out in this connection that Southwestern Life investments in bonds for municipal enterprises, public utilities, street paving, sewerage systems, or for county and State improvements, create pay rolls for wage earners, and advancement of economic conditions generally within the State.

An indication of the service

Southwestern Life has performed is shown by the sum the Company has paid out since organization in 1903 to policyowners and beneficiaries. Such payments total \$65,862,066.24.

Trench Silos Are Finding Increased Use, Is Report

Texas farmers and ranchmen stored 3,446,591 tons of feed in 28,831 trench silos in 1939.

This represents an increase of 1,629,963 tons and 11,783 trenches over 1938 totals, according to E. R. Eudaly, dairyman of the Texas A. and M. Extension Service. "The trench silo figures are getting so big that we need some sort of comparison to grasp them," Eudaly pointed out. "For instance, if all the silage put in trench silos in 1939 were put into one trench 12 feet wide and 6 feet deep, it would reach from Corpus Christi to Ardmore, Oklahoma."

[More significant was his statement that enough feed had been placed underground to feed Texas' 1,400,000 dairy cows for 125 days.

The increase in the number of trench silos and in the volume of silage stored is surprising in view of the wide-spread drouth of the past year. The dairy specialist, however, said that many farmers and ranchmen had put otherwise worthless drouth stunted crops into trenches. Such feed makes fair silage.

The outstanding development of the 1939 trench silo year was the large amount of threshed grain stored in trenches. Many county agricultural agents took occasion to remark that the trench silo afforded the only way to prevent weevil losses.

C. B. Wardlaw Named President Of Wool Growers

Casper, Wyo., Jan. 25. (AP)—After warm debate, the National Wool Growers Association refused to endorse grants to growers under the federal range conservation program. Foes of the federal policy called it "a dole."

"We should be ashamed of accepting doles. When we do we sell our independence," declared James Lajdlaw of Bliss, Idaho, a leader in the unexpected opposition to the endorsement offered by the resolutions committee to the association's 75th annual convention.

In a poll of the state delegations, the endorsement resolution was defeated 124 to 115.

Twenty other resolutions, including a condemnation of reciprocal trade agreements, were approved unanimously.

Mac Hoke, president of the Oregon Wool Growers Association, defended the resolution approving "the efforts being made by the agricultural range programs to assist operators in the conservation of private range lands."

"I don't consider that we are accepting a dole," Hoke shouted during the angry floor debate. "There isn't a one here who hasn't been willing to accept other government aid. And why should we object to a program which would spend \$6,000,000 for our benefits?" Hoke challenged.

"The program which would provide revenue to conserve our ranges is the most constructive feature of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration."

Tom Cooper of Casper pointed out that the convention had approved a resolution against processing and special taxes to finance federal aid.

"We cannot protest against levying of taxes if we keep our hands out for money," argued Cooper, former president of the Wyoming Wool Growers Association.

Among states backing the conservation aid program were Texas, Washington, Oregon and Montana.

Concluding its 75th convention, the association elected C. B. Wardlaw of Del Rio, Tex., as president to succeed R. C. Rich of Burley, Idaho.

Sybran J. Pauly of Deer Lodge, Mont., was named first vice president, G. D. Winder of Craig, Colo., second vice president, and T. J. Drumheller of Walla Walla, Wash., third vice president.

Coyotes, symbol of the West, are howling in the state of Maine. Several have been captured.

Forest fires can run uphill more rapidly than downhill, the heated air drawing the flames upward, Texas Game Department biologists say.

Health Department Reports Increase Of Influenza

Reports from widely separated parts of Texas to the State Health Department indicate the influenza is on the increase. Recent snows and markedly colder weather account for the upswing in influenza prevalence, according to Dr. George W. Cox, state health officer.

Influenza is believed transmissible from person to person through mucous discharges from the nose and throat. To protect yourself and others from contracting influenza or colds, here are precautions to be followed:

Influenza is highly infectious. Practically everyone is susceptible to it. No matter how many times you may have had influenza, you may contract it again. Therefore, keep away from people who are sneezing, coughing or sniffing, or who are actively ill with colds, influenza or pneumonia.

Keep away from crowded places. Never use towels, glasses, personal articles other than your own to which the cold germs might adhere, and always wash your hands before eating.

Keep yourself as fit as possible. Drink plenty of water, eat simple nourishing food, exercise out of doors every day, dress according to the weather, and get plenty of sleep in a well-ventilated room.

If you feel an attack of flu, or even many think an ordinary cold, coming on, go to bed. If the cold becomes worse, send for your physician and follow his directions. A cold can too easily develop into a fatal mistake.

WALTER JOHNSON TO TRY COMEBACK

Rockville, Md., Jan. 25. (AP)—Walter Johnson, the American League speedball king of other days, is going to try to come back in Washington—as a congressman. Johnson, now a Montgomery county commissioner, announced tonight his candidacy for the Republican nomination for representative from the sixth Maryland district. The seat is now held by William D. Byron, Democrat.

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Boy Scouts To Observe 30th Anniversary

Scout Troops throughout the Concho Valley Council are busy preparing to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Scout Movement. The celebration will take many forms, with many Troops taking hikes. Practically all Troops will celebrate with a Parents' Night Program, with a Court of Honor as the main feature. Advancement chairmen throughout the 25½ counties composing the Concho Valley Council are expecting a large number of Scouts to receive Second Class and First Class Badges to start off the years advancement program.

Sunday, February 11, will be observed by the Scouts in 80 of the 100 units in the Council, with attendance at the church of their choice. Scouts in Church-sponsored Troops will sit in a body with their Scout leaders, and participate in the service of the church in some manner. Sunday afternoon will be spent in honoring the mothers of Scouts in the Patrols by visiting or some other manner.

Scouts of the United States will re-commit themselves to the Scout Oath and Law Thursday, February 8, at 9:30 p. m., when they will be led in the repetition of the Law by over the radio by Chief Scout Executive, Dr. James E. West, who will speak from Florida. Other leaders who will address Scouts gathered around their microphones in every portion of the United States will be Dr. Walter W. Head, president of the Boy Scouts, who will speak from Detroit, Michigan, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States and Honorary President of the Boy Scouts of America, who will speak from Washington. This custom has been followed for many years, and both Scouts and leaders look forward to the birthday broadcast. It is expected that a lot of Troops will hold special meetings for the occasion.

The mourning dove feeds its young with food prepared in its own body. The food, called pigeon milk, is regurgitated by both male and female parent birds.

Wild guineas, recently imported into Texas by the Game Department from Cuba, are all white meat.

Political Announcements

The News has been authorized to announce the candidacy of the following, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries:

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Class I Railroads Are Improving Rapidly

Class 1 railroads on January 1, 1940 had 37,099 new freight cars on order, the largest number on any corresponding date since January 1, 1926, the Association of American Railroads announced today.

New freight cars on order on January 1, 1939 totaled 5,080. On January 1, 1938 there were 7,947 on order. New freight cars on order at the beginning of this year included coal, 20,673; box, 15,143; refrigerator, 500; flat, 450; stock, 88; and miscellaneous 240.

New freight cars put in service in 1939, totaled 24,528, an increase of 6,011 compared with 1938, but a decrease of 50,530 cars compared with 1937. New freight cars installed in service in 1939 included 12,275 box cars, 10,927 coal cars, 772 flat cars, 322 stock cars, 147 refrigerator cars, and 85 miscellaneous cars. Of the total number installed 6,407 were built in railroad shops.

The Santa Fe System carloadings for the week ending January 20, 1940, were 16,661 as compared with 19,277 for the same week in 1939. Received from connections were 5,387 as compared with 4,830 for the same week in 1939. Total cars moved were 22,048 as compared with 24,107 for the same week in 1939. The Santa Fe handled a total of 22,957 cars during the preceding week of this year.

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SOCIETY NOTES

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Mrs. J. W. Taylor, Society Editor

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Methodist Church

9:30 a. m.—The Brotherhood Bible Class meets in the basement of the Methodist Church.

9:45 a. m.—All the other departments of the Sunday School will meet in their regular places. If you are not attending some other Sunday School you will receive a hearty welcome at the Methodist Church.

10:50 a. m.—Morning sermon subject: "Quality Has No Substitute."

7:00 p. m.—Evening sermon by the pastor.

Now that our cold weather is over let us renew our activities in our church work.

If you are a good American you ought to attend services at some church every Sunday. How would you like to live in Germany or Russia where these privileges were denied you. The church needs you, and you need the church.

R. F. Davis, Pastor

Brotherhood Men's Bible Class

Did you attend a Bible Class last Sunday? The Brotherhood Men's Bible Class is desirous of maintaining its exceptionally fine attendance, so why not attend our class Sunday morning at 9:30 if you have no other preference. Come to the basement of the Methodist Church, meet your friends and enjoy the fellowship which we strive to impart. Your presence is very encouraging and we enlist it for the welfare of every member and visitor.

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We want to assure the public that every effort will be made to have a warm building for your comfort, and urge each one to plan now to be in all services of the day next Sunday. Special music at all services, and a warm welcome awaits you.

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Sermon by Pastor 11:00 a. m.
Training Service 6:00 p. m.
Sermon by Pastor 7:00 p. m.

R. C. Brinkley, Pastor

Business Mens' Bible Class

Our attendance was a way down last Sunday and we want to invite every man not attending Sunday School elsewhere to meet with us next Sunday. A warm building awaits you, and hot coffee for your refreshment. Come.

W. W. Gibson, President

Mariposa Club Honored With Luncheon

A buffet luncheon was given Tuesday afternoon of last week to compliment members and guests of the Mariposa Club, by Mrs. Lea Allison. The gala affair was in the William Allison home, and the hostess centered her table with a bouquet of orange colored flowers.

After the luncheon bridge was played at two tables, and Mrs. Lloyd Earwood received high score prize for club members, Mrs. John Fields was awarded high score for club guests and Mrs. Rip Ward received second high award.

Club members present were Mrs. Lloyd Earwood, Mrs. Rip Ward, Mrs. Sam Allison, Mrs. Stella Keene, Mrs. Edgar D. Shurley, and Mrs. John Fields. Mrs. Fred Simmons, and Mrs. B. M. Halbert, Jr., were the club guests.

Andrews-Chenault Rites Read

The marriage of Miss Polly Chenault of Junction and Herbert Andrews of this city was solemnized in Eldorado Sunday night. Mr. Andrews attended the Sonora Schools and Mrs. Andrews attended the Junction Schools.

The couple will make their home in Junction.

SON TO FRANK POTMESILS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Potmesil announce the birth of a son, answering to the name of Frank, Jr., Mr. Potmesil returned here Sunday and Mrs. Potmesil and son will return here soon.

MR. BURLESON ILL

A. J. Burlison, father of Mrs. G. W. Archer, has been quite ill at the home of his daughter. It was reported today that his condition is much improved.

Kansas recently joined Texas in declaring a closed season on prairie chickens.

Angelo Ranchman Drives 470 Miles For DAVISS DROPS

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P. T. A. To Meet Tuesday

The Parent-Teacher Association will meet Tuesday afternoon in the Elementary School Auditorium. A special Founder's Day program will be presented in charge of a committee composed of Mesdames M. O. Britt, Velma L. Shurley, J. W. Trainer, E. E. Sawyer, and L. E. Johnson.

A special feature will be the Mother Singers under the direction of Mrs. F. T. Jones, Mrs. H. L. Taylor, and Mrs. Edgar D. Shurley. A full attendance is urged.

Party Given Thursday For Pastime Club

A party, in the home of Mrs. Cecil H. Allen, given Thursday of last week, honored members and guests of the Pastime Club.

Forty-two provided the entertainment for the afternoon, and after several games, it was found that Mrs. W. E. Caldwell, Mrs. C. E. Stites and Mrs. O. G. Babcock had tied for high score for club members and Mrs. Rose Thorp and Mrs. Ford Allen tied for high guest score.

The hostess served a refreshment of custard pie and coffee to Mrs. Joe Berger, Mrs. W. E. Caldwell, Mrs. W. D. Wallace, Mrs. Robert Rees, Mrs. C. E. Stites, Mrs. O. G. Babcock, Mrs. J. W. Trainer, Mrs. Rita Ross, Mrs. F. T. Jones, club members, and Mrs. Rose Thorp, and Mrs. Ford Allen, club guests.

Monday Contract Club At Mrs. Nisbet's

The Monday Contract Club was entertained by Mrs. John L. Nisbet at her home Monday afternoon.

After several games of bridge, which were played at one table, it was found that Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken had received high score for the afternoon.

Those attending included Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken, Mrs. Mike Murphy, Mrs. Sam Hull, Mrs. John A. Ward, Jr.

Rev. Brinkley On Business Trip

The Rev. R. C. Brinkley left yesterday to go to Bosque county on business. From there he went to Wichita Falls where Mrs. Brinkley joined him and they returned here today.

Mrs. Brinkley, who has been in Wichita Falls with her father, who is ill with pneumonia, reports her father's condition is better and improving.

TO RESIDE IN STERLING CITY

V. W. Holliday and family left this week for Sterling City where Mr. Holliday has secured a position in a barbershop there. He was formerly employed by the Corner Barber Shop in this city.

MISS ALICE SAWYER ILL

Miss Alice Sawyer is confined to a San Angelo hospital. She was admitted last week, and it is reported that her condition is improving.

BOOKKEEPER IN SAN ANGELO

Elwood MacWilliams, bookkeeper of the Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co. here, spent last week-end in San Angelo visiting friends.

ELDORADO VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Patrick spent last week-end in Eldorado, being there for a visit with Mrs. Patrick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nixon.

VISITS IN SAN ANGELO

W. R. Parsons, manager of the West Texas Utilities Company here, was in San Angelo last week-end. He was the guest of his wife, who lives in that city.

SAN ANGELO VISITOR

Edwin Sawyer was a San Angelo visitor Monday, being there for the purpose of hearing Fritz Kriessler, celebrated violinist.

Marjory Davis Honors Bridge Club Friday

A party given Friday afternoon of last week by Marjory Davis at her ranch home honored members and guests of the Junior Girls Bridge Club.

After several games of bridge had been played, it was found that Margaret Sandherr had received high score prize for club members, Kathryn Brown was awarded high guest score prize, and Louise Morris received high cut prize.

A refreshment of creamed chicken in pattie shells, orange bread sandwiches, fruit cake and tea was served at the tea hour.

Club members present were Louise Morris, Lois Morris, Libbye Jo Wallace, Margaret Sandherr, Willie Nell Hale, Kathryn Brown, Dorothy Henderson, Mildred Trainer, Doris Keene.

Idlehour Club With Mrs. Davis On Friday

The ranch home of Mrs. G. H. Davis was the meeting place for members and guests of the Idlehour Club Tuesday afternoon, when she was hostess to that club.

Entertainment being provided by three tables of bridge, after several games were played it was found that Mrs. W. D. Wallace held high score prize for club members, Miss Jean Saunders received high score prize for club guests and Mrs. J. F. Howell was awarded second high score prize.

At the tea hour, Mrs. Davis served a sandwich plate and tea.

Club members present were Mesdames Sterling Baker, John L. Nisbet, W. D. Wallace, E. F. Vander Stucken, J. S. Glasscock, Richard Vehle, J. F. Howell, Josie McDonald.

The guests included Miss Jean Saunders, Mrs. J. H. Brasher, Mrs. Rita Ross, Mrs. Aldwell Nisbet.

Mrs. Jack Turney Hostess Friday To Club

A meeting Friday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Paul Turney, with Mrs. Jack Turney as hostess complimented members and one guest of the Sub Deb Club.

Bridge provided the afternoon's entertainment and after several games it was found that Mrs. Harold Friess had won high score prize, and Mrs. Ben L. Wheat was awarded the guest prize.

A plate consisting of sandwiches, salad, and coffee was the refreshment served by the hostess to Mrs. Howard Kirby, Mrs. Batts Friend, Mrs. Harold Friess, club members, and Mrs. Ben L. Wheat, club guest.

F. W. B. Club Meets Friday For Bridge

The home of Mrs. C. G. Roe was the meeting place for the Firemen's Wives Bridge Club, when Mrs. Allen Atkins and Mrs. Bobbie Allison were hostesses on Friday night of last week.

After several games of bridge it was found that Mrs. Lee Patrick held high score and was awarded a prize.

At the close of the games the hostesses served sandwiches and tea to Mesdames F. A. McMillan, C. V. Mullins, J. H. Brasher, Matt Jones, Lee Patrick, Cashes Taylor, Raymond Morgan, Hubert Fields, Max Turney.

Baggett-Spurgers Rites Read

In a ceremony, read by the Rev. Mr. Williams of Eldorado Miss Billie Louise Spurgers and Wilton Baggett were united in marriage Saturday night.

The bride was attired in a blue street dress with fur trimming. Both reside here, but Mrs. Spurgers was formerly a resident of Eldorado.

Mr. Baggett is employed by the E. F. Vander Stucken Co., Inc. and the couple will make their home here.

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San Antonio Livestock Market Shows Growth

The gross sales of livestock made in the San Antonio market in 1939 totaled \$15,675,099.94. It was an all-time record for the local market. The above money was paid by various purchasing interests to South Texas ranchers and farmers for 673,267 head of cattle, calves, hogs, sheep and goats.

The 1939 value was 34 per cent greater than gross sales at San Antonio in 1938 when \$11,677,576.02 was paid to livestock producers and almost three times as large as figures for 1935 when sales were only \$5,739,396.84. The above shows how the local market has been coming to the fore as a livestock market outlet during the past years. Not only is the growth of the local market a great beneficial factor for the State in regard to keeping more money at home but the livestock producer can get to market quicker and with less expense.

A total of 733,772 head of livestock passed through the San Antonio stockyards in 1939 but only 673,267 head went to the scales. Most of the 66,505 head differential was livestock on through billing. Some to the other markets, some for replacement purposes on ranches and a large per cent were calves destined for northern and western feedlots. The 1939 figures were 23.2 per cent greater than total livestock receipts on the local market in 1938 when 595,598 was the total count.

A check of figures for the past decade show considerable variation in comparison to those for recent years. Prior to 1930 cattle were the dominating class in the total receipts but starting about 10 years ago calves began to take the lead and were far larger than other classes in 1939 when 179,328 cattle, 328,158 calves, 153,651 hogs and 72,635 sheep and goats were marketed.

The past year was an unusual and in general a fairly successful livestock year. Most local commission men were somewhat surprised at the outlet that developed at San Antonio for stocker and feeder calves and also in the large numbers in which they arrived. Another unusual factor was the way in which the unusually good prices were maintained. For a good many weeks the local market was well above any other in the country.

With a total movement of 88,820 cars, 1939 livestock shipments from Texas ranches to interstate points and to the Fort Worth stockyards stood only 1 per cent under those of 1938, according to a release from the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research. Due to earlier loadings this year than last, December shipments fell off 34.4 per cent from those of a year ago, to total 4,462 cars. Hog shipments alone showed a gain during December, totaling 532 cars as compared with 422 cars in December a year ago. Cattle shipments dropped 43.3 per cent, calves 8.1 per cent and sheep 49.5 per cent.

The university report pointed out annual movement of cattle dropped 4.6 per cent to 54,961 cars in 1939, and sheep declined 14.4 per cent totalling 10,227 cars. Calves and hogs, on the other hand, gained 12.2 per cent and 28.8 per cent respectively. There were 15,190 cars of calves moved and 8,442 cars of hogs.—"Cattle Clatter" in San Antonio Express.

Uvalde Boys To Hold Live-Stock Show

The Uvalde County 4-H Club Fat Stock Show and Sale will be held at Uvalde, Wednesday, Feb. 17th. All livestock judging will be competed in the morning and the afternoon devoted to the auction sale which begins at 1:30 p. m. One of the features of the day's program will be saddle horse exhibition by the Anacacho Ranch. Wednesday night, a dance will be held, the proceeds of which will be applied on the expense of the boys taking stock to shows outside Uvalde County.

Livestock judges at Uvalde will be W. R. Nisbet, Animal Husbandman of College Station; T. A. Fitzhugh, Bexar county agent, San Antonio; and John C. Burns, trustees of the H. B. Burnett Estate, Fort Worth. A total of

In The WEEK'S NEWS



PLOTTERS ARRAIGNED—Members of the Christian Front pictured in New York where 17 were arraigned on charges of conspiracy to overthrow the U. S. Government. They were each held in \$50,000 bail.

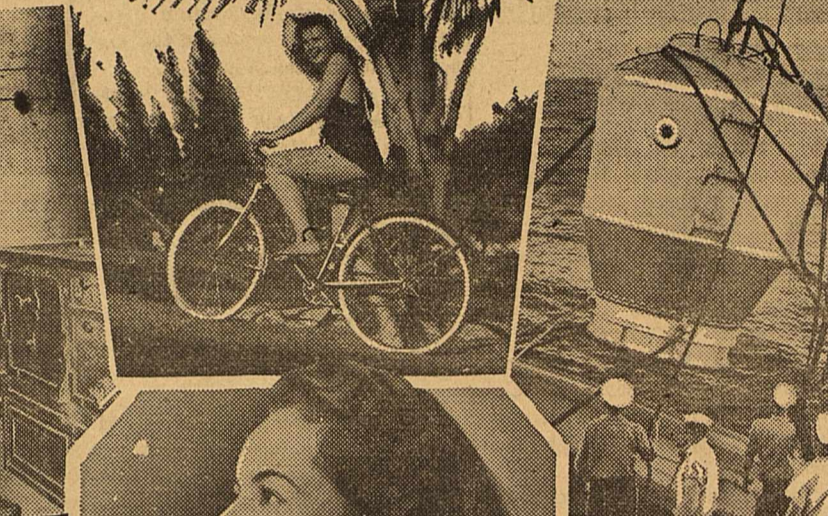


CYCLING SENORITA—Headless of northern ice and chills, this sun-tanned miss mounts her bicycle for a spin to one of Havana's sun-drenched beaches. Favorite resort-city of the Caribbean, Havana caters to every whim of Winter-season vacationists, according to the Cuban Tourist Commission.

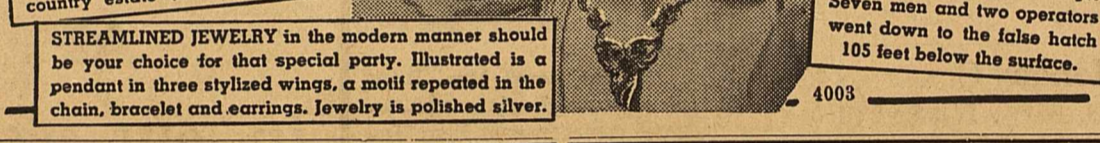
BELGIUM CALLS TROOPS—A Belgian artillery unit shown during recent manoeuvres in the vicinity of the German frontier, where, it is feared, they may be forced to defend the country against invasion.



TOASTING HIS LUCK?—Or just warming himself with the hot coffee is District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey, youthful aspirant for the Republican 1940 Presidential nomination, photographed beside the old fashioned stove at his new country estate at Pawling, N. Y.



SUB RESCUE DRILL—The nine ton rescue chamber being swung aboard a U. S. Navy submarine rescue ship, with its load of "rescued" men during recent drills off San Diego. Seven men and two operators went down to the false hatch 105 feet below the surface.



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Pedestrian Deaths Show Increase Over Texas

State Police today closed their 1939 traffic death book after 1,583 fatalities were recorded, a saving of 27 lives as compared with 1938. The reduction fell far short of hopes traffic experts held early last year which they estimated a possible ten per cent decrease.

There were slight reductions in 1939 in most classes of fatal traffic crashes, Driver's License division statisticians said, but the pedestrian problem remained far from solution. This was apparent in the four per cent increase in pedestrian deaths. The totals were 371 in 1938 and 385 last year, means that one out of every four traffic victims were pedestrians.

On open highways and county roads the total 1939 toll reached 1,148 compared to 1,155 the previous year, while cities and towns showed a reduction from 455 in 1938 to 434 in 1939.

Numerous multiple-death crashes last year smashed hopes for sharp reduction, the heaviest loss being recorded near Texon in Upton county last August when eight lives were lost in a car-truck collision. Seven of the victims were in the car.

Collisions involving motor vehicles claimed 600 lives, 57 were killed at grade crossings, one in an electric car, 26 were riding bicycles when killed, 142 died when motor vehicles collided with fixed objects, seven in horse drawn vehicles and 356 in non-collision crashes. Collisions of motor vehicles with animals brought death to nine persons, one in a car which overturned after striking an armadillo.

Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., State Police director, said the economic loss resulting from traffic accidents last year amounted to \$45,861,175, a reduction of 2.6 per cent under 1938.

"A close analysis of the 1939 traffic situation reveals a loss in life and property that is almost unbelievable," Col. Garrison said. "Every means, although limited, was adopted to curtail reckless driving and walking, but the results were highly disappointing, particularly in the pedestrian class of accidents."

Pedestrian fatalities in the 40-64 age group were heaviest with a

listing of 127 deaths. Thirty-one under five years of age were killed, 44 in the 6-17 age group, 38 in the 18-25 group, 52 in the 25-40 age class, and 82 of the dead pedestrians were over 65, State Police said.

Sleeping Sickness Among Animals Is Being Conquered

About a year ago it looked like encephalomyelitis, or equine sleeping sickness, was going to kill off a goodly part of the horses and mules in the United States, but apparently the disease is somewhat under control now.

At least, there were 184,622 cases of the disease in 1938 and only 7,869 in 1939. That is the report made by Dr. H. W. Shoenberg, chief of the USDA's Bureau of Animal Industry's pathological division, during a recent meeting of the American Horse and Mule Association.

Chick embryo vaccine produced remarkable results, and more than 3,000,000 horses and mules were vaccinated in 1939. Immunity after vaccination usually lasts for around a year.

In spite of the marked decrease in number of cases in 1939 as compared with 1938, precautions against the disease should not be relaxed in 1940, A. L. Smith, animal husbandman of the Texas A. and M. Extension Service, has pointed out.

Such precautions include vaccination and consultation with a qualified veterinarian, he said.

Since most cases of the disease occur in the spring and early summer, valuable animals should be vaccinated in April or May.

Finer Turkeys Promised From Texas Farms

Housewives will get more white turkey meat for their money in the future as breeding stock of the new broad-breasted turkey type was added to 847 Texas flocks during the past year.

"The Texas turkey in the fall of 1940 will be greatly improved because of the wide distribution of this high quality stock," George P. McCarthy, poultry specialist of the Texas A. and M. Extension Service said, in his annual report. County agricultural and home

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demonstration agents held 3,593 demonstrations in selection of breeding stock during autumn of 1939, he said.

QUAIL DRIFTED 15 MILES

While quail generally remain in the vicinity of the place where they are born or are planted, a report of a quail having traveled fifteen miles from where it was liberated last March was received recently by the State Game Department.

The female bobwhite was banded and released on the Parks Ranch in Goliad county. During the closing days of the quail season the bird was shot two miles southeast of Schroeder, Texas, almost exactly fifteen miles from the spot where it was released. Lack of sufficient food or cover was given by Game Department biologists as the reason for the lengthy trip made by the quail.

Mallard ducks are efficient as a mosquito control agency, Texas Game Department biologists say. They eliminate most of the larvae of the insect, even from the most badly infested places.

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Naval Expansion Is Urged For Definite Reason

It has become evident that the United States Navy's tremendous proposed expansion plan—as embodied in Representative Vinson's bill for appropriating \$1,300,000,000 for the floating branch of our fighting forces—is designed largely to meet problems that might arise if the totalitarian governments come out on top in Europe's and Asia's wars. If the democracies win, the Admirals figure, we will have nothing to fear—it is inconceivable that England and France would take up arms against us. But if the dictators won, the United States would be the only great democracy left, and it would be surrounded by potential enemies.

This danger was brought frankly into the news by Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Stark, testifying before the House Naval Affairs Committee on behalf of the Vinson bill. The Admiral said: "What we have asked for, which we believe for the present will maintain the 5-3 ratio in the Pacific (that is, five tons of U. S. fighting craft for every three tons of Japan's), is not sufficient to defend our home waters, the Monroe doctrine, our possessions, and our trade routes, against a coalition of Japan, Russia, Germany and Italy."

To the layman, the possibility of such a coalition of powers joining up to sack us may seem remote, but navy men are convinced that we must prepare to meet it. And all you need to do is to get a map of the world. Primary area of defense will be outlined if you will draw a gigantic triangle, running from Alaska to the Hawaiian Islands, then back to the mainland at Panama. Here we are today supreme, so far as any military experts can see—the great Pearl Harbor Naval Base is believed adequate to hold off any invader from the East and, even if it were taken, the enemy fleet would be so far off from its bases by the time it reached the continent that it would be in no position to wage a long fight. And defense precautions are now being taken in Alaska, including construction of air bases. But beyond the area bounded by the triangle lie trade routes and other island possessions. The Philippines, for instance, are some 5,000 miles from Pearl Harbor, and theory has it that no fleet can be highly effective if it must fight over 3,000 miles away from a major base of supply and maintenance. Guam is in a similar position, being only 1,500 miles from Japan.

If we are to be able to really enforce the Monroe Doctrine, if and when it is violated by some alien power, the problem becomes more difficult still. A vast southern fleet, able to control the waters of Latin America and northern South America would be required.

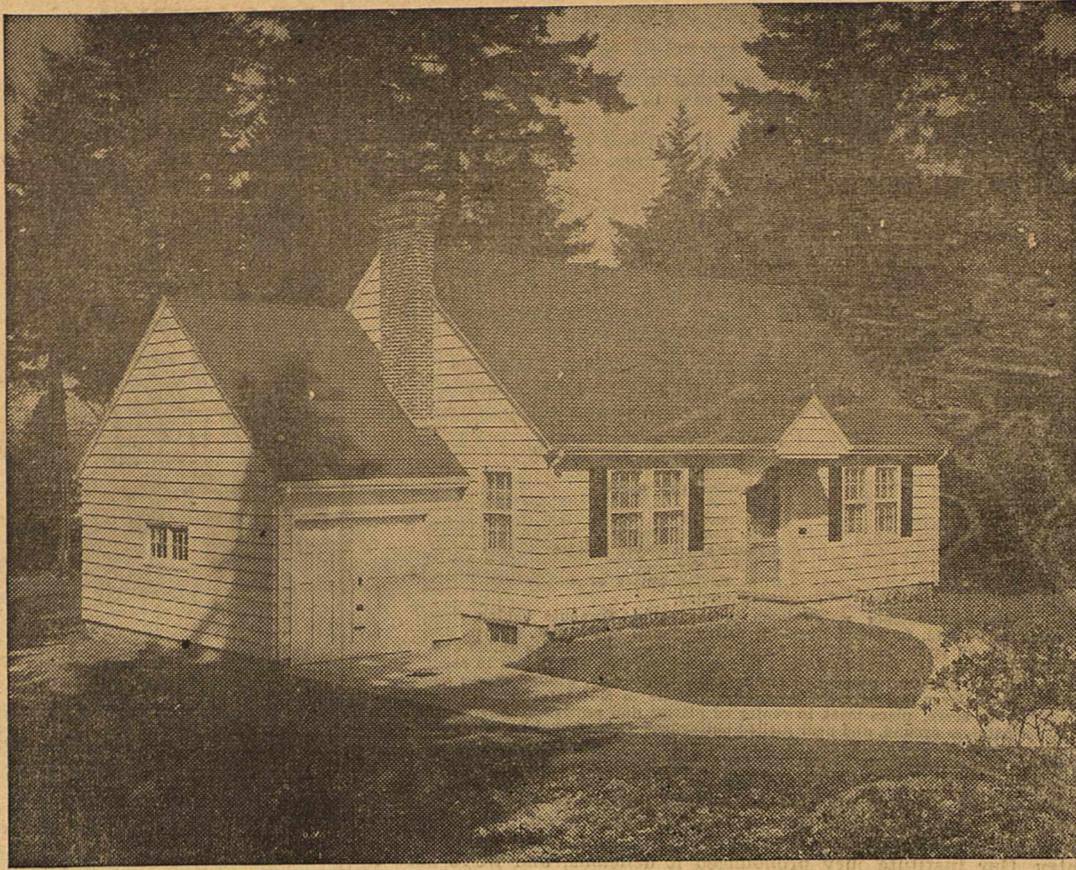
This gives you an idea of the strong arguments the big navy advocates can summon. On the other hand, the doubters have good arguments too. They say that there is little chance of dictatorship overrunning Europe. And, they continue, even if it does, the victorious totalitarian powers would be so exhausted that decades would have to pass before they could hope to achieve any success in going to war against us—and by that time any ships we might build now would be completely obsolete. They point out that the cost of building war ships, great as it is, doesn't end financial drain by a long shot—these ships are extremely expensive to operate and maintain in fighting trim. And they feel that the chance of the dictators ever getting together, judging by the differences which have now appeared between them (Italy and Russia, for instance) is hardly worth considering.

So, no matter what your own views on naval expansions are, you can see that the groundwork is laid for a first-class, knock-'em-down-and-drag-'em-out fight in Congress.

The economists have been busy getting out their forecasts of future business activity. They think that the spring decline will be very moderate—that it will be less than was forecast a few months back. Prices, they say, will hold firm, production will sag only slightly, and sales will be good.

So far as security values are concerned, most of the economists frankly say they don't know. Practically all of them think the stock market is going counter to what should be the trend, and is not at this time acting as a reliable barometer of business conditions and prospects. They expect relatively little change in the prices of grade A bonds.

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This compact practical home is representative of thousands being financed weekly under the Federal Housing Administration's Insured Mortgage Plan. Designed in the ever-popular Cape Cod style of architecture, with five rooms and attached garage, this property in the Northwest has a valuation of \$4,750 by the FHA. A residential property of this valuation can be purchased under maximum FHA terms with a loan of about \$4,250 repayable over a 25-year period in monthly installments of less than \$24, including payments to principal, interest, and mortgage insurance premium but exclusive of local taxes and hazard insurance. Homes of today have a simple yet enduring design, are economically arranged for modern living, and may be bought on the most favorable terms ever offered the public.

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It is an old theory that an election year is a bad business year, but some doubt that will be the case in 1940. They expect no unlooked for political complications. Of late, the business index has been close to 130—100 is the 1923-25 normal. This index, of course, considers production only, and takes no notice of profits or security prices. While gross profits have been rising, net profits are not comparable to pre-depression earnings, due to higher tax, labor and other business costs. Exceptions to this are found in a few industries, such as aircraft.

Conservation Is Added To Study In Negro College

With the announcement that plans have been completed for the incorporating of wildlife conservation study into every branch of the curriculum of Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College in Waller County and for initiating a wildlife restoration project on the 1,494 acres of land administered by the college, conservation education continues to spread.

W. R. Banks, principal of the school, has appointed a committee of faculty members to incorporate conservation teachings into the curriculum. Extensive food and cover improvements for quail are planned on the acreage, including a dozen food patches, fifteen brush shelters and 150 cover plantings. L. A. Potts, director of agriculture, is in immediate charge of the habitat improvement work. R. S. Bird, professor of soils, and two advanced students will carry on life history and management work under the supervision of the regional game manager of the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission, sponsor of the project.

Going even farther in the teaching of wildlife conservation, the subject is being incorporated in the elementary school at Prairie View, in Boy Scout work and even before colored women's club's. Wildlife will also have a place in future short courses at the college.

It is believed this project will be the means whereby colored people of Texas and other states will be reached with the Game Department's conservation work from both demonstration research and management standpoints.

SURVIVED FIRST NORTHER

Contrary to popular opinion, whitewing doves do not leave Texas, presumably for Mexico, after the first norther of the year. Game Manager of the Texas Game Department found last fall. It was after the fourth cold spell that decreases in the ranks of whitewings were noted. An abundance of food was still present when the whitewings left Texas in late October.

CATCHES ALBINO O'POSSUM

A pure albino o'possum, one of the rarities of nature, was caught recently near Bridgeport, Texas, by Oscar Price, who lives northeast

of there. The pelt of the o'possum was taken to the office of the Bridgeport Index by I. F. Boggy, who said the animal had pink eyes. Several nearly completely white o'possums have been found in Texas, but this is the first report of

a pure albino to reach the office of the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission.

Health Department Concerned About Fake Cures

America's public health forces in the campaign against syphilis and gonorrhea are at present enmeshed with the legion of opportunists who see in the campaign against these diseases a chance to cash in on the misfortune of others.

Stressing the importance of correct information about the venereal diseases and how they spread, Dr. George W. Cox, State Health Officer, said that "not until every thinking man and woman knows the simple facts about syphilis and gonorrhea, how to avoid them, and what to do if infected, can permanent gains be realized against them."

Doctor Cox stated that some health profiteers were taking advantage of public interest in venereal disease control, and that exploitation of the unwary by patent nostrum manufacturers and other unscrupulous opportunists was unfortunately too common.

"These individuals are seriously hampering efforts of physicians, health officers, and educators in their attempts to conquer venereal disease," he said. "Until they are eliminated through nonpatronage by victims of these maladies plus adequate law enforcement, they will continue to exact their heavy toll of human life and happiness. Such unscrupulous individuals remain one of the barriers to the control of the venereal diseases through recognized channels of medical care."

Doctor Cox stressed the fact that

if persons infected with the venereal diseases would go to doctors, clinics or hospitals, they could be cured in a very high percentage of cases and in all cases could be rendered non-infectious to others. The best protection against spread of unscrupulous, fly-by-night opportunists in the the field of venereal disease treatment is widespread education of the people, who through ignorance and gullibility, make up their customers.

Calling attention to the state-wide observance of Social Hygiene Day in Texas on February 1, Doctor Cox said that the object of the event, sponsored by the American Social Hygiene Association in collaboration with state and local health departments and other organizations throughout America, was to increase "our common fund of knowledge" about syphilis and gonorrhea and the program directed toward their extermination.

Many of the cities and towns in Texas are scheduling observance of Social Hygiene Day, at lectures, exhibits, meetings, and displays, for as wide dissemination as possible of information on the control of the venereal diseases, and long-range planning for the future.

EAST TEXAS EAGLES BATTLE

Bald eagles are rare birds in East Texas, but a state game warden captain recently saw an old one fight with two young over a duck which the old-timer had caught near Collegeport, Texas. The young attempted to tear the duck from the claws of the vet, but he fought off his young antagonists and flew to a high tree, where he leisurely finished his meal.

Fish sleep with their eyes open.

Southwestern Life Gains Again

Measure the Company's Increase in Financial Strength During 1939 by Comparing the Two Columns of Figures Below

Statement of Condition (Unpaid Premiums Not Included)

	ASSETS	
	December 31 1938	December 31 1939
U. S. Government Bonds	\$12,369,768.05	\$10,756,292.93
Texas State, County and Municipal Bonds	14,296,401.34	14,568,579.00
Public Utility and Corporation Bonds	2,711,302.32	3,480,366.30
First Mortgage Loans on Texas Real Estate	12,820,349.85	18,048,008.29
Home Office Building	1,475,000.00	1,450,000.00
Other Real Estate	1,498,290.95	1,496,777.52
Stocks	399,652.25	576,928.00
Cash	1,375,738.84	1,657,303.53
Reinsurance Premiums Paid in Advance	114,940.00	128,962.00
Interest on Investments Accrued But Not Yet Due	664,775.64	683,310.76
Unpaid Mortgage Interest	60,137.78	103,909.88
Loans Against Cash Value of Policies	13,413,942.51	14,238,782.22
	\$61,200,299.53	\$67,189,220.43
	LIABILITIES	
Policy Reserves	\$52,129,249.08	\$57,804,399.47
Interest and Premiums Paid in Advance	1,103,352.09	1,090,664.20
Reserve for Taxes and Other Liabilities	357,123.57	454,156.76
Total Liabilities	\$53,589,724.74	\$59,349,220.43
Surplus Funds for Protection of Policyowners:		
Capital Stock	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00
Surplus	3,610,574.79	3,840,000.00
	\$61,200,299.53	\$67,189,220.43

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Sam Merck was in from the ranch Saturday trading.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stuart were in from the ranch Monday trading.

Forest Beeman arrived home Thursday from a trip to Burnett and Marlin.

J. M. Thomason of Del Rio was in Sonora Thursday on his way to San Angelo.

W. C. Page and daughter, Miss Winnie were in from the ranch Wednesday shopping and visiting.

Ward Hill has just finished a four room addition to his residence near the school house.

Mrs. Charles Bryson is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ira Wheat, Jr., this week.

Miss Bertha Earwood was in Sonora several days this week stopping at the Decker Hotel.

Mrs. Fred Trainer was in Sonora Thursday from the Ed Jackson ranch the guest of Mrs. C. A. Trainer.

Charles Mason came over from Ozona Thursday where he went with the Montgomery cattle.

Frank Cloudt was up from his ranch in Edwards county Thursday on business.

Mode Glasscock, of Sanderson arrived in Sonora Wednesday on a visit.

Sam Glasscock of Coleman is in Sonora this week visiting friends and relatives.

E. W. Wall and son, H. E. Wall, were in from the ranch Saturday

trading.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bond were in from the ranch Sunday the guests of the Commercial Hotel.

Mrs. W. H. Gardner left for Roosevelt Thursday on a visit to friends and relatives.

J. A. Cope, the commission man, is in San Antonio this week on business.

Mrs. Dee Wallace was in Sonora Wednesday the guest of Mrs. R. F. Halbert.

Frank Early, one of our old San Angelo friends, was in Sonora Monday representing the Chalang Wind Mill Co., of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Sheen arrived home Sunday from a visit to friends and relatives near Sherwood.

Wiley Adams, who ranches on the Llano, was in Sonora several days this week. Wiley had been laid up for a week or two but is all right now. Mrs. Adams accompanied him.

The Hon. Charles E. Davidson, County Judge of Crockett county, was in Sonora Thursday attending to some business. The Judge reports everything in fine shape over his way.

C. E. Barrett, Clark C. Wren and John S. Woofter of Houston, were in Sonora Thursday on their way to Devil's River on a pleasure trip. While on the road Mr. Wren will look for Col. C. C. Poole's dog.

CONCERT VISITOR

Mrs. Rip Ward, a Sonoran who was in San Angelo Monday, was present at the concert given by the concert violinist, Fritz Kriesler.

Dutch Oven Meals

By Katharine Fisher
Director, Good Housekeeping Institute

There's one grand thing about cooking in your Dutch oven—flavor goes up, but costs usually go down. So many of the less expensive meats and fish can be cooked in your Dutch oven that it pays to have a good repertory of Dutch-oven dishes. It's a comforting feeling, too, on days when time is short, to know that you can do most of the dinner-cooking under one cover.

If menu planning seems a bit different because so many foods are all in one dish, round out your Dutch-oven dinners with crisp salads or relishes, or serve fruit for appetizers or dessert to add sparkle or contrast.

Stuffed lamb shoulder with sweet potatoes is one of our favorite Dutch-oven dishes. The stuffing is tart with apples and savory with celery, onions, sage. It's a grand dish for brisk winter days.



KATHARINE FISHER
Director of Good Housekeeping Institute

Stuffed Lamb and Sweet Potatoes
(Tested by Good Housekeeping Institute)

Use standard, approved measuring cups and spoons. Measure level.

4 1/2 lb. shoulder lamb, boned
1 c. chopped celery, tops and all
1/2 c. chopped onion
1 c. chopped raw apple
3/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1/2 tsp. powdered sage
6 medium-sized sweet potatoes
1 c. hot water
2 tbsp. melted butter or margarine
Minced parsley

Have your butcher weigh lamb after boning. Compute baking time, allowing 30 min. to pound. Combine celery, onion, apple, salt, pepper, and sage, and fill lamb shoulder. Tie together and place on trivet in Dutch oven with filled side up. Place uncovered in very hot oven of 500° F. for 15 min.; place sweet potatoes, pared and cut in half, lengthwise, around meat; add hot water. Cover and bake for remainder of time in moderately hot oven of 350° F. To serve, place meat in center of platter and remove strings. Place sweet potatoes around, and pour melted butter over them. Garnish with finely minced parsley. Serve with canned pear salad as a first course, and accompany with creamed cauliflower. Serve hot spice cupcakes with Spanish cream for dessert.

Our Brunswick Stew is an "All-American" recipe. It started with one sent us by a man who hails from a Southern plantation. We added and subtracted ingredients suggested by recipes from other parts of the country. Our Institute jury pronounced it delicious, and we're sure it will please you.

Brunswick Stew, Buffet Style
(Tested by Good Housekeeping Institute)

Use standard, approved measuring cups and spoons. Measure level.

5-lb. fowl
Butter or margarine
Fat or oil
No. 2 1/2 can tomatoes (3 c.)
2 onions, peeled and sliced
1 c. coarsely diced cooked or canned ham

2 1/2 c. canned whole-kernel corn
No. 2 can green lima beans (2 1/2 c.)
1 1/2 c. hot water
Salt
3/4 tsp. pepper
3 tbsp. flour
5 tbsp. milk

Have fowl cut for fricasseeing. Dip each piece in some flour and brown in the butter and fat combined in bottom of Dutch oven. Add tomatoes and onion. Cover and cook until tender—about 2 hrs. Remove pieces of chicken, cool slightly, cut from bones, and return to pan. Add ham, corn, beans, and hot water, and simmer 1/2 hr. Add salt to taste—about 1 tsp.—and the pepper. Mix the flour with milk and add to the stew while stirring. Serve 8 to 10. To serve 3 or 4 make one-half this recipe using a 3-lb. chicken.



The time is nigh at hand when patriots will begin announcing for public office.

Innumerable manifestos will begin:

"Yielding to the earnest solicitude of hundreds of friends"—(probably the only one urging the race in some cases is a brother-in-law who has been contributing to his support)—"I have reluctantly decided to make the sacrifice and run for . . ."

Those Siamese twins, "point with pride" and "view with alarm," also will get another thorough working out.

Everybody will come in favor of "efficiency and economy." Why doesn't someone—just to be different—come out for "inefficiency and extravagance?" That's what it usually works out at, anyhow.

Of course every candidate was born on a farm or, if not, he keeps quiet on the subject. They also came of "poor but honest parents." I never could understand the logic of the expression, "poor but honest;" why not, "poor and honest?"

Nearly every candidate will modestly admit he is a "self-made man." I never hear the expression but what I think about the bald-headed fellow who made that claim and a small boy asked, "Then, mister, why didn't you give yourself a little more hair?"

Of course, the candidate is "clean as a hound's tooth" and "as straight as a string."

Most of them will proclaim a platform committing them to the "abolition of needless departments, bureaus and commissions" and think they have hit upon an idea

as new as Columbus' discovery of North America. After being elected, many of these same candidates will try to get kinfolks a job in those "needless departments, bureaus and commissions."

Each announcement will pledge the aspirant to "conduct a clean campaign, free of mud-slinging and personalities." However, down near the close, there will be the promise to "let the chips fall where they may."

One thing about W. Lee O'Daniel's campaign in 1938, he gave folks something new with his slogan, "Pass the biscuits, pappy." But I saw a sign on a cafe the other day that would rival that for a campaign cry:

"Thick steaks and thin pancakes."

Fire Prevention Poster Contest Is Announced

Thousands of Texas school children will compete this year in a fire prevention poster contest for \$105 in cash prizes, Marvin Hall, state fire insurance commissioner, announced recently.

The contest will be open to all pupils in public schools, and eight awards will be made in each of three divisions—high school, intermediate and primary.

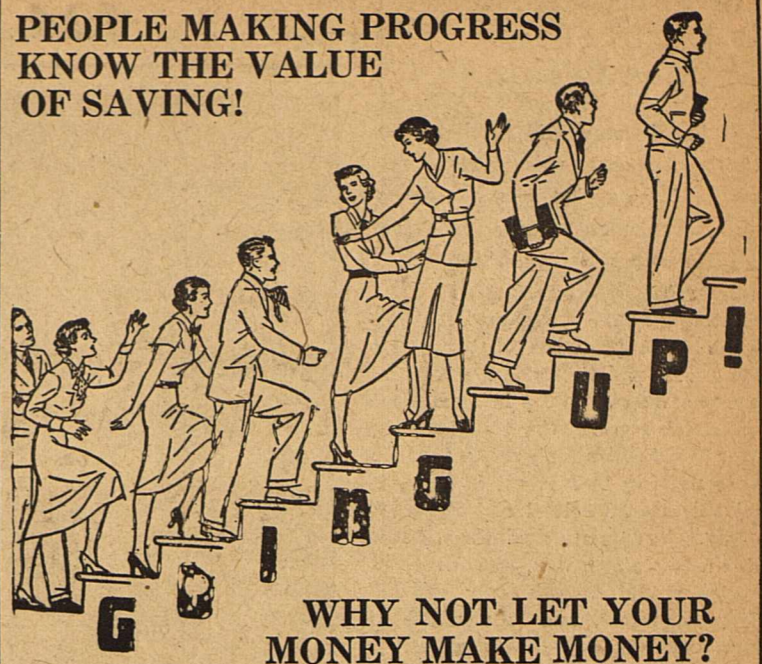
Posters must be original and may be on any phase of fire prevention of general interest, Hall said. All work submitted must reach the office of the fire insurance division in Austin on or before May 1, and no school may submit more than one poster from each grade.

More than 1200 posters, many showing a marked degree of originality, were submitted last year.

ATTEND KREISLER CONCERT

Concert goes from Sonora included Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Babcock, who attended the concert in San Angelo Monday night, given by Fritz Kriesler, celebrated violinist.

PEOPLE MAKING PROGRESS KNOW THE VALUE OF SAVING!

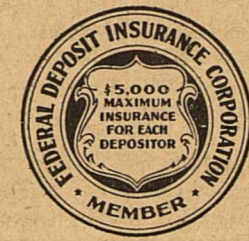


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Cold Weather Increases Fire Hazards

Many householders learn too late that cold weather intensifies fire hazards, Marvin Hall, state fire insurance commissioner, said recently.

The fire demanded by a blustery norther may easily set a house afire unless chimneys, furnaces and flues are properly cleaned and repaired.

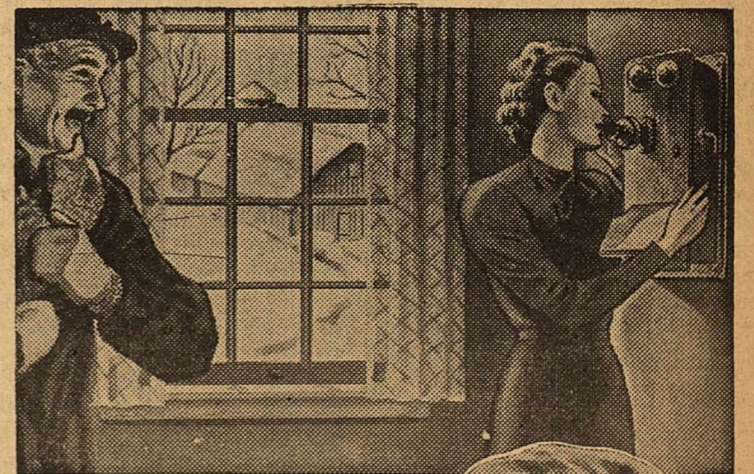
The risk to the farmhouse is even greater than to the urban dwelling because the majority of homes are constructed of flimsy, fire-inviting material.

Hall suggested that farmers learn the rudiments of fire-fighting and take steps to safeguard stored feed, livestock and other property. Once a fire gains headway in a rural dwelling there is little that can be done in time to save the property, he said. A few moments spent in seasonal caution may save a year's harvest.

County Agents Average Eight Year's Experience

County agricultural agents in the United States have an average of eight years' experience in Extension work and six years in the county in which they now work, according to information released by C. W. Warburton, director of the Extension Service of the United States Department of Agriculture. County home demonstration agents have been in Extension work an average of five years and in their present counties an average of four years. In Texas the average for agricultural agents is 9 years and 5 years for county home demonstration agents, according to D. L. Weddington, Executive Assistant for the Texas Extension Service.

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WINTER ISN'T AS DREARY SINCE WE GOT A TELEPHONE

Actually, it seems like a busy season! People call up to offer Jim or the boys a job somewhere. Betty keeps her 4-H Club girls going by telephone—and now and then the superintendent calls her for a substitute teaching job. I couldn't call it a dull winter—or lonely either, when I can talk to my friends any time on the telephone, no matter how bad the roads are!



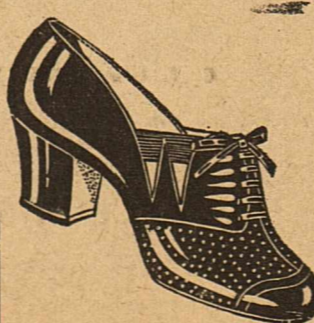
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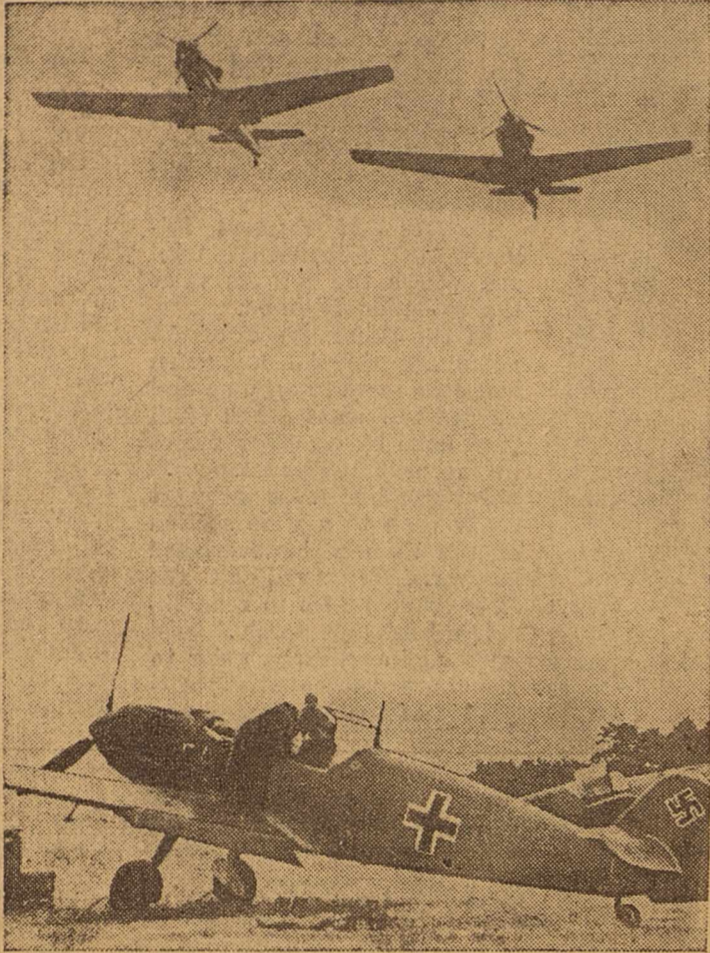
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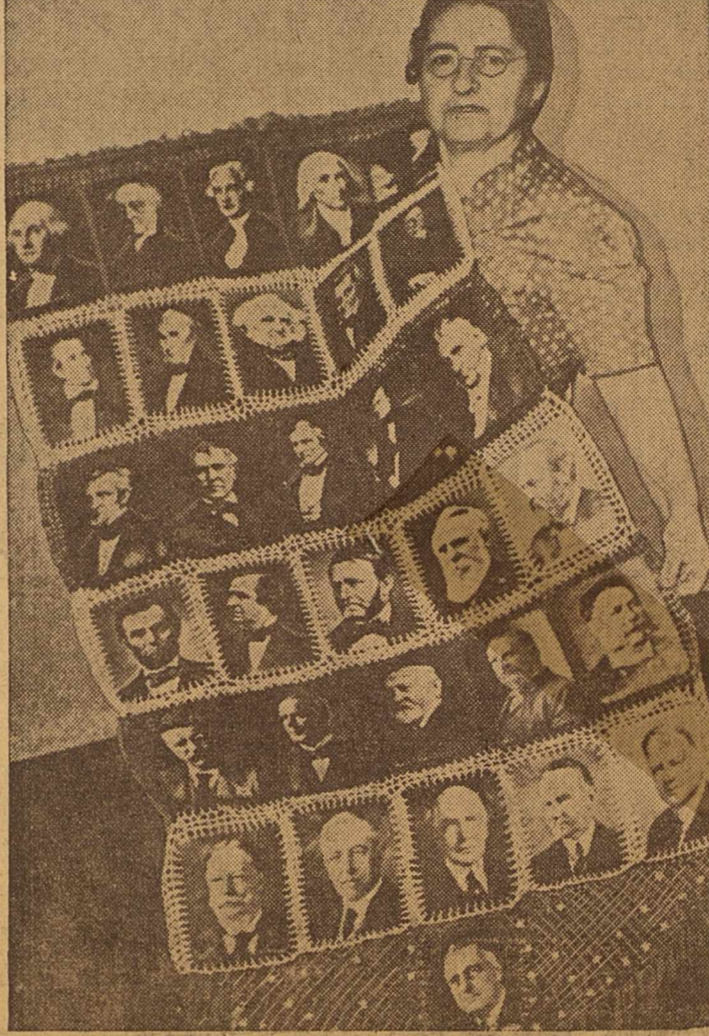
NOTABLE NEWS EVENTS IN PICTURES



OFF FOR A STROLL is lovely Ida Lupino, Hollywood actress whose star is on the ascendant.



GERMANY'S WAR BIRDS, the dangerous Messerschmidts, three of which are pictured at an unnamed airdrome, may be the stepping stone on which a spring advance is started. In sharp contrast with aircraft of warring European nations, American aircraft, sans bombs, with death their farthest thought, takeoff into space, not on missions of destruction, but bearing tourists on many ways in the luxury of giant airliners.



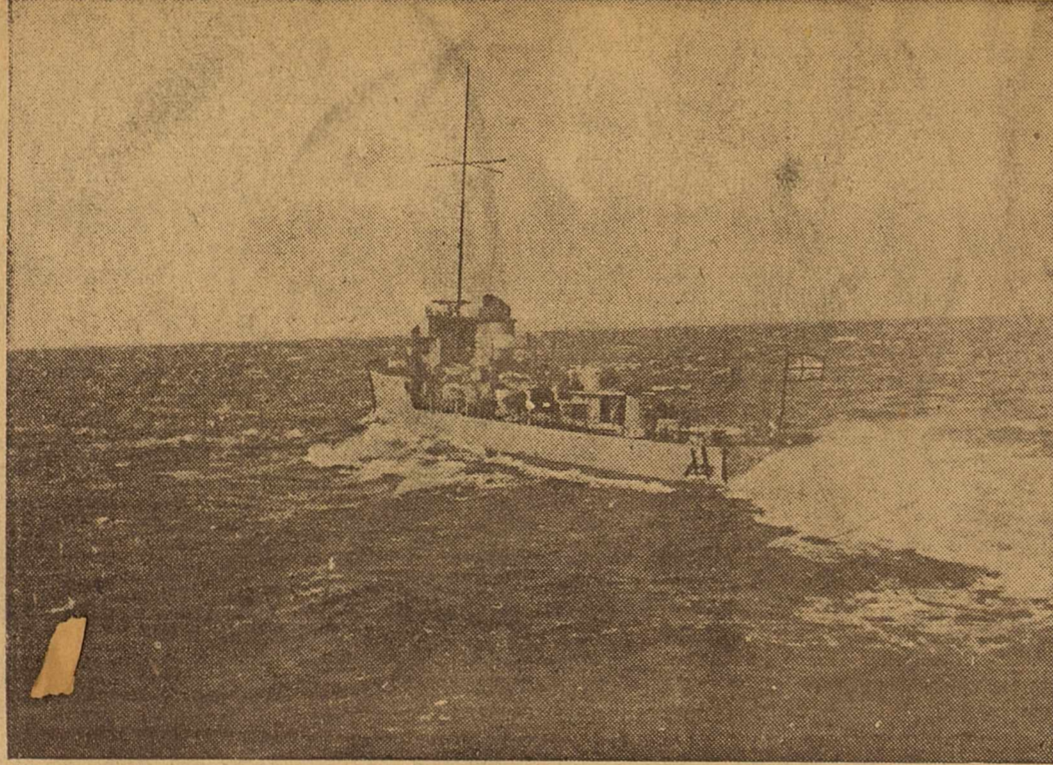
COMPLETES QUILT SHE DREAMED WAS ORDERED—Six weeks ago, Mrs. Carmella Concolo, of Cleveland, O., dreamed that the late President Theodore Roosevelt ordered her to crochet a quilt containing pictures of all our presidents, and send it to President F. D. Roosevelt. She has completed the quilt.



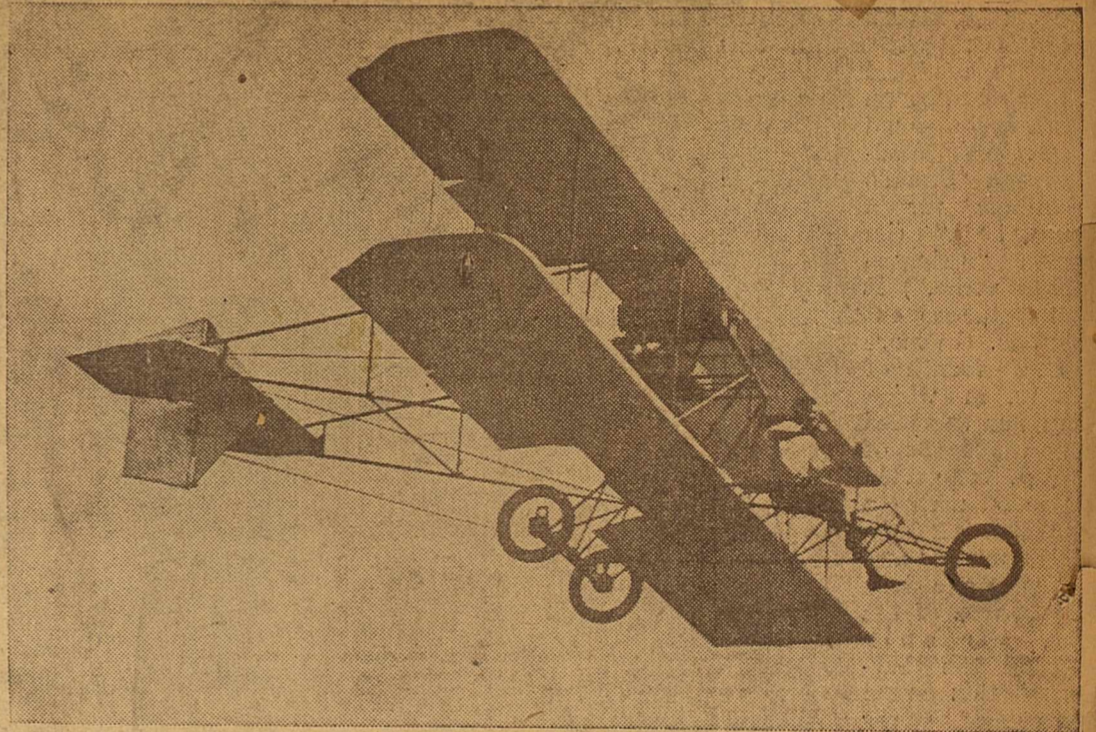
WAR'S DESOLATION IN WAKE OF RED BOMBERS—Soviet bombers which rained death and destruction on Finnish capital of Helsinki, left these ruins in wake after raid.



ROUTES THE RUSSIANS—General K. M. Wallenius, commanding the Finnish forces in the northern area, has had signal success in using the natural resources of his country and countrymen in putting to rout the Russians.



SCANDINAVIAN FLEETS PREPARED FOR DEFENSE OF THEIR COAST LINES—A Norwegian destroyer was pictured steaming out to sea to take up the defense of Norway's coast, as part of the program to insure the neutrality of that Scandinavian country in face of the war.



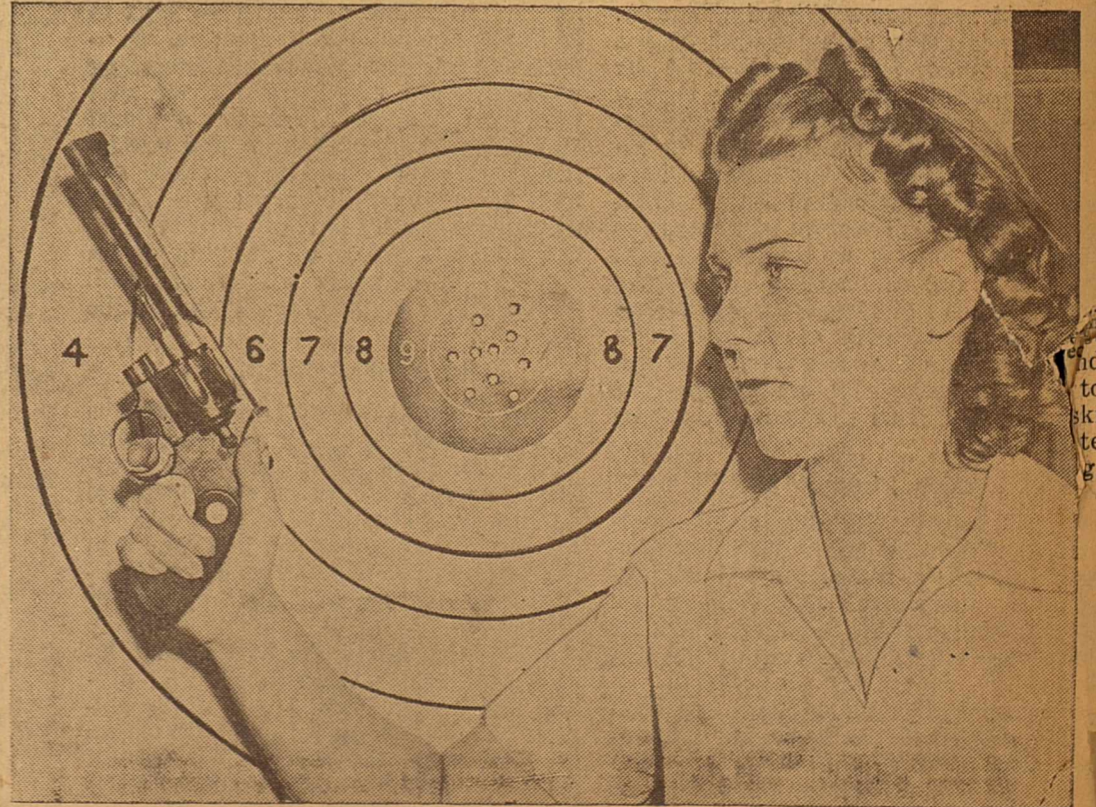
OLD TIME WRIGHT PLANE STILL FLIES ON, IN FACE OF COMPETITION—Despite its age, this venerable pusher plane built by the Wright brothers still can fly. Clem Honkamp flew it during the air races at Miami, contrasting it with the new craft.



BERETS ARE IN STYLE—According to Hollywood stylists, berets are de rigueur for new spring fashions. Judith Barrett is wearing one in beige, tied with a thin veil of beige chiffon, and pierced by a spear of gold.



A WEARISOME WAR FOR TROOPS ON MAGINOT LINE AT WESTERN FRONT—With less to do than a WPA worker on sick leave, French troops stand about an entrance to Maginot Line as lull in warfare continues as major news from the front line.



GIRL MARKSMAN WINS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN REVOLVER SHOOTING—Gloria Jacobs, 17-year-old Woodland, Cal., high school girl, has been notified by the National Rifle Association that she has won the world championship in .22 calibre revolver shooting from a distance of more than 25 yards, by hanging up a score of 299 out of 300, for a new record.

Texas Longhorn's Trail Through the West

By ALEX LOUIS
and D. B. HARDEMAN
Capitol Station, Austin, Texas

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PERHAPS no other animal has had a more vital part in the building of a nation than the Texas Longhorn behind whose thundering hoofs four score years ago hardy pioneers rode to civilize the West.

Many are the tales told of the Longhorn's fierce nature, his daring, his speed and stamina. But more fascinating than any of these is the story of how he paved the way for the economic development of the West.

The beginning of the Longhorn goes back more than four centuries when a herd of noble Andalusian cattle were brought to Mexico by the Spanish conquistadores. The Andalusian cattle were descendants of the stately Longhorns introduced into Spain by the Moors.

Conquest of Mexico by Cortez was followed by establishing missions and fortresses all the way up to and across the Rio Grande into Texas. To the missions the early Catholic padres drove herds of Longhorn cattle as a source of meat and milk.

A Paradise for Longhorns

The wild uninhabited region stretching between the Nueces and the Rio Grande rivers in Southern Texas, with plentiful grass and water, was a paradise for the Longhorn. By 1830 this breed of cattle brought into Texas from Mexico had multiplied to over 100,000 head.

The Longhorn's only menace in Texas was wild beasts—panthers, mountain lions, cougars and wolves—but for these enemies nature had equipped him with ample protection. His horns were long and sturdy, his hoofs sharp, and his legs agile. Using his horns and his hoofs, he could fight off the fiercest predatory animals.

Up until 1840 the Longhorns roamed

Texas as wild animals. The Republic of Texas declared them public property, allowing anyone to claim ownership who branded them.

During the War Between the States old men, boys and negro slaves were left in Texas to look after Longhorns as best they could. There was little demand for their meat. The Mississippi

herd of cattle north from Texas, and on September 5, 1867, the first trainload of cattle was shipped from Abilene, Kansas, to Chicago.

Several attempts were made to drive the cattle through to Missouri, but armed bands met the drivers and stole the cattle. Then Texans looked to a trail

er. Then his purpose served, his destiny at an end, he faded out of the picture. The progress he helped to bring about turned against him.

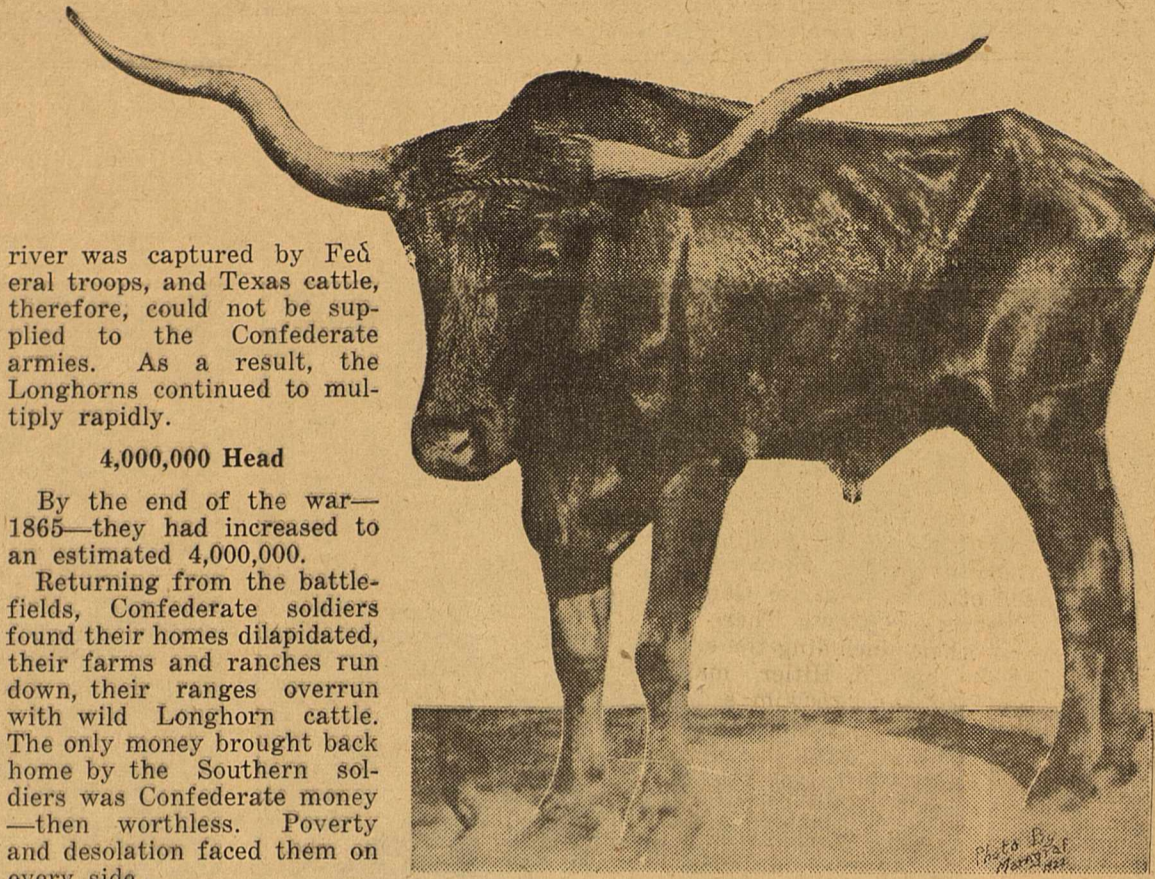
It was no longer necessary to drive cattle a thousand miles to market. Railroads were built into the Southwest to transport them. Prices for Longhorns advanced. Then cattlemen looked to better breeds. They needed cattle with more flesh and less muscle, more weight and less bone. Result, crossbreeding the Hereford with native cattle crowded out the lanky Longhorn.

Today there are but few of the real Longhorns left in national parks. His descendants dot the plains and hills, but the original plains Longhorn has vanished—gone the way of the covered wagon, the muzzle loading musket, and the coonskin cap.

The National Park Service, however, is considering a plan to preserve the few Longhorns that are left in the proposed international park in the Texas Big Bend country along the Mexican border. It hopes to gather together a half dozen or a dozen of these pioneer cattle and set up an old-time Longhorn ranch in the Big Bend region. Beneath the towering Chisos mountain peaks, the Longhorn may stage a comeback so that future generations of Americans will have a chance to see this rugged animal that contributed so much to the upbuilding of the West.

But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding? It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof. And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding. Job 28:12, 15 and 28.

For a quarter of a century, prior to 1890, the Longhorn dominated the cattle industry west of the Mississippi riv-



4,000,000 Head

By the end of the war—1865—they had increased to an estimated 4,000,000.

Returning from the battlefields, Confederate soldiers found their homes dilapidated, their farms and ranches run down, their ranges overrun with wild Longhorn cattle. The only money brought back home by the Southern soldiers was Confederate money—then worthless. Poverty and desolation faced them on every side.

While there was little demand for the supply of cattle in Texas after the War Between the States, there was great demand for cattle in the industrial centers of the North and East.

Texans had been informed that cattle were bringing \$50 and \$60 a head in

through the West, preferring to face the plains Indians rather than armed marauders in the central States.

J. C. McCoy, of Indiana, a cattle dealer, saw the need for a rail connection for the Texans and their cattle. After many trials and tribulations he succeeded in establishing pens and rail facilities at Abilene, Kansas.

A man named Thompson is said to have driven the first Abilene-bound

cow, and for the past five years the thrilling part of them has been the military spectacle. There were soldiers parading while fleets of bombing planes flew over them, and hundreds of tanks and other war machines rolling past. The troops that marched—we realized they were the pick of the Soviet Union, young men of the Communist party—were outstandingly smart. The tanks, ranging from whippets to gigantic land-battleship, looked unbeatable. The planes covered the whole city.

Talk of "Invincibility"

The Soviet boasted that its army was the most highly mechanized in the world. The whole Soviet press cheered the Russian's military invincibility. Stalin said, and his officials and journalists repeated it for years, that the Soviet Union did not covet a foot of foreign territory but would fight to the death any one who should dare to set foot on any Soviet soil—or, as Stalin put it, "to poke his pig's snout into our Soviet potato-patch."

The impression of foreign observers in Moscow was that this was so, partly because Russia was so strained internally that it could not carry on a serious offensive war against a foreign power and partly because Russia had never been successfully invaded. We believed that Russia would never do anything serious offensively in a big war, but that it would engulf, as it did Napoleon, any country which tried to invade it.

It never occurred to us that Russia would go to war with Finland or any other small Baltic country; yet it has, and thus far in every essential element it has met defeat.

What are the reasons for this defeat? One, of course, is the Finns' unexpected power of resistance. Another is the fantastically chaotic distribution system of the Soviet regime. Another is the childish Soviet reverence for anything mechanical. Another is the devastating effect of the 1937 purge in the Red Army and of the whole Soviet structure—in other words, a present shortage of brains.

Changes in the Army

To pick up these last words, the Red Army purge destroyed the whole operation of the Red Army command, headed by Marshal Tukhashevsky, Vice Commissar of Defense, and destroyed 80 per cent if not more of all officers. At the same time the army was brought under Stalin's direct political control by reintroduction of the army commissar system, which put troop commanders at the mercy of party men who if not actually members of the GPU were certainly charged with the same business.

In August, last, the condition of the Russian civil population—in peacetime

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RUSSIAN

Army's Debacle in Finland

By HAROLD DENNY

(War correspondence in New York Times)

HAROLD Denny, New York Times war correspondent on the Baltic front, writes the Times as follows from Helsinki, Finland, under date of January 6:

It is now a little more than a month since Soviet Russia invaded Finland and this model capital saw Soviet planes fly overhead and drop bombs on its streets and houses. Undoubtedly Joseph Stalin's design was for a "Blitzkrieg," (in Russian "molye-nosnaya voina.") It has not turned out to be one. In more than a month of fighting, in which Stalin has sacrificed many thousands of Russians, the Red Colossus, with a population of 180,000,000 persons and an area of one-sixth the land area of the United States, has only managed the borders of this small country of fewer than 4,000,000 population.

The Russians advanced a few miles on the Karelian isthmus and they were held back below Viipuri (Viborg). Fighting is going on every day on the isthmian front, but to the best of our knowledge here there has only been a loss of men and equipment for the Russians. They have made incursions into the Far North, but these have brought no important military advantage and their offensive there seems to have been frozen up by the intense cold. On the "waist of Finland," they have just taken one of the severest beatings in history and hardly can attack there again for some time. Further north, but north of Lake Ladoga, the Finns have carried the war into Soviet territory.

Finnish Fighters Tired

The Russians did badly in comparison with what might have been expected—and the Finns did astoundingly well. But though one finds an air of supreme confidence in all ranks of the Finnish army, the country is still in deadly danger.

Front-line Finnish officers and men consider that on the basis of performance thus far a Finn is worth ten Russians and they estimate, probably with exaggeration, that casualties have been in the ratio of twenty Russians to one Finn. But if it is a heroic army which still faces the Soviet troops across the

frozen wastes in these Arctic and sub-Arctic regions, it is also a tired army. Most of all, the Finns need men for relief.

The bulk of the Finnish troops have been in the line for a month. There are units which have been on active service for thirty days without relief—under great hardship and with little sleep. Yet the Finnish leaders simply cannot



Finnish ski patrol, in their white capes, moving like phantoms over the snow to beat superior Russian forces.

let this front-line personnel go back to civilized comfort for a rest; its numbers are too few. They are providing what rest they can by transferring men who have had an overshare of hard fighting to quieter sectors and replacing them with others whose task has been less heavy. But front-line troops need more than that.

Volunteers are now arriving from Sweden. How many we are not told. There will be a place for all who can be sent.

In Need of Munitions

The Finns also need more munitions of every kind, especially airplanes (and they must have pilots also) and artillery. After a month of war, they are holding out at their fronts with remarkable energy and tenacity, but they also are hoping that help will reach them before they are overwhelmed by sheer numbers.

Now, what about the Russians? Why is it that the Red Army, with its million and half of regulars, its many millions of reserves and its great quantities of equipment, has now stalled against a country which is only a patch alongside the Soviet map?

Like several others here now who have had trips to the Finnish-Russian front, I have seen many parades in Mos-

Winner of National Award

By AVIS PLATTER

R. F. D. 1, Edgewood, Texas.

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MISS Fay Croslin, of Atlas, (Lamar county), Texas, was one of the two Texas girls to win a National Award through her 4-H club work for 1938 and, incidentally, a free trip to Washington, the national capitol. Her story follows in her own words:

"I will tell you about the club work that won for me the National Award and many other prizes. I live in the Howland community and have been a member of the Howland 4-H club for five years.

"I had always been taught that membership in a 4-H club was desirable. So as soon as I was old enough I joined the Howland club.

"The first year I was a bed-room demonstrator. I refinished nine pieces of furniture, added a closet to the room and refinished the floor. The room was papered with paper of a blue and gold figure. The floor and furniture were done in walnut. I made three rugs, hung new curtains and two new pictures. The cost was \$6.04. The result was a very pretty bed-room, of which I am proud, and which I am still using. I won first place in the county contest and was given a trip to the short course. I also won third place at district.

"As a garden co-operator that same year, I canned 350 containers of food, several exhibits of which were presented at the Lamar county fair. I won a trip to the State Fair at Dallas on my Lamar exhibits.

26 Varieties of Vegetables

"The second year, which was 1935, I was garden demonstrator. I planted 26 varieties of vegetables. The plants and seeds cost \$4.55. From this garden over 400 containers of vegetables were canned. I entered several exhibits at the Lamar county fair on which I won \$8.50.

"Then I repapered the kitchen, added a built-in-cabinet, varnished the wood work and furniture. The kitchen is a brighter place in which to work.

"The third year I was bed-room and garden co-operator, filling all the required goals. One hundred and ninety-seven containers were canned from the garden. I entered 26 exhibits at the county fair and won \$15.00.

"The fourth year I was co-operator in bed-room and farm-fruit plot. I did everything that was required of me. I varnished my bed-room furniture and set out an orchard plot. The fruit trees were peach, plum, pear, apples, figs, grapes and berries. I won first place in fruit judging. I also had 42 entries in the Lamar county fair, winning \$26.50.

"I canned 196 jars of vegetables and 130 jars of fruit.

Gold Star Girl

"In 1937 I was chosen Gold Star Girl,

given the pin and awarded the trip to the short course.

"The fifth year I was yard demonstrator of my club. Our yard was unlevel, hard, had no grass or flowers. The ground was leveled and sodded in bermuda grass. One hundred and forty-seven screen and foundation plantings were set out. I made a cutting bed and put out 345 cuttings. Next a back and front walk was made and also a drive. They were made of native white rocks. I later set out 14 peach and plum trees along the hog pasture fence for a screen. They cost \$6.42.

"That same year I canned 487 containers, had 46 entries in the county fair and won \$15.50. I added 80 shrubs to the yard and underpinned the house, also added more rock to the drive.

"During my club career I have won 107 ribbons and \$70.50 in cash prizes. The cash was all won at fairs on exhibits and entries. I saved all prize money and used it to pay my tuition at the Paris Commercial College last year. "That is a summary of the work that won for me the trip to Washington, D. C. The trip to me was a great event. It was also very educational.

"I feel that 4-H club work has been a preparatory period of my life. I am sure I shall be a better woman and home-maker as a result of its training. I am going to college and plan to become an economics teacher."

Survival of Civilization Depends on America

"The survival of civilization after the European war," says Dr. Franz Boas, emeritus professor of anthropology, Columbia University, "will depend largely upon the energy with which the people of the United States will uphold the principles of freedom of the mind which are the basis of life in our Republic.

Unavoidably war brings with it suppression of freedom of action and of the free expression of thought, which are recovered with difficulty when peace is secured. Therefore, we must not become involved in the war. We must not allow ourselves to become infected by the hatreds based on outworn prejudices that have been rekindled for their own selfish ends by the dictators of Europe.

"The most serious task of our country will be to use the full might of its influence to see to it that in the final settlement a basis will be laid for a permanent peace, that no retaliation against any nation shall be permitted, so that victors and vanquished may be able to rebuild what is now being wantonly destroyed by the irresponsible actions of overweening dictators."

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. Psal. 30:5.

CURRENT COMMENT

By A STAFF EDITOR

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Hoover Asks Help for Finns

IN his wide appeal for contributions to the Finnish Relief Fund, Inc., former President Hoover said: "Under ceaseless aerial attack the Finnish women and children have been driven from the towns into the countryside in the midst of Arctic winter. Their breadwinners at the front are working for the army. Our representative in Finland reports that 500,000 are destitute already and that destitution is increasing toward 900,000."

Mr. Hoover said he realized that many demands are made upon the American people for "our own destitute and for pressing needs abroad" and that he did not wish to see support of these diminish. However, he added that "we still have reserves which enables us to aid Finland."

"America must not become involved in these wars in Europe," continued the former President, "but I vision the role of America in this war is to save life, to lighten the burden of suffering, to build the peace. Out of our reserves we can and we must find aid for their destitute and we must lighten the despair of those who are defending their freedom from aggression."

Death Rate Drops

The death rate in the United States in 1938 was the lowest ever recorded, and health conditions generally continued to improve during the year, U. S. Surgeon General Thomas Parran said in his annual report.

His statistics showed that mortality in 1938 was 10.6 per 1,000 as compared with 11.2 in 1937 and 10.7 in 1933, the lowest previous record. The 1938 infant mortality, at 50.9 per 1,000, he described as probably the lowest in the nation's history.

At the same time he warned that this "should not lull the public into false security nor should it be the excuse for a relaxation of public health effort."

"It should always be borne in mind that the general mortality rate is a national average in which are obscured significantly high rates among certain groups of the population and in certain localities," he said.

Of preventable diseases, he cites the 14,939 cases of smallpox in 1938 as a "national disgrace."

"Analysis of the improving death rates for certain diseases would indicate, in some measure, what has been done and what can be accomplished by concerted attack," Dr. Parran declared. "In this broad field, there are many battles yet to be won; they challenge our best efforts despite the disarmingly low national death rate."

Staggering Cost of War

The staggering cost of war is revealed in the following amounts of money paid out by Uncle Sam in pensions for

past wars. Seems the pension bill is greater than the fighting bill:

The Civil War ended 75 years ago but nearly 4,000 veterans of the Union Army are drawing pensions. There are approximately 60,000 dependents of veterans of this war on pension lists. Approximately \$8,000,000,000 has been paid out in Civil War pensions.

One pensioner, dependent of a veteran of the War of 1812, still receives a pension of \$20 a month. She is Mrs. Esther Ann Hill Morgan of Independence, Oregon, daughter of a veteran of that war fought more than 123 years ago.

Approximately 2,500 veterans of Indian wars still receive compensation from the government.

Compensation paid to ex-service men of the World War and dependents already exceeds \$13,000,000,000.

Veterans of the Spanish-American War have drawn about \$1,500,000,000 so far, this including dependents. There are approximately 200,000 survivors of this war fought in 1898.

The grand total of all compensation paid out to the men who fought Uncle Sam's wars, and their dependents, now exceeds \$23,000,000,000.

What Chance for Peace?

John Elliott in Washington Post: One question stands out in the minds of every one, whether in a belligerent or neutral country—"What is the chance for peace?"

The recent speech of Pope Pius XII naming a five-point peace program and the action of President Roosevelt in appointing Myron C. Taylor as his special representative to the Vatican have naturally given rise to considerable speculation as to the possibility of peace overtures in the near future.

In the judgment of the writer, however, peace talk at the present time is premature. The gulf between the two camps is at the moment too wide to be bridged. Contrast, for instance, the recent addresses of Dr. Paul Joseph Goebbels, Nazi minister of propaganda and public enlightenment, and Edouard Daladier, premier of France, both of whom are authoritative spokesmen of their respective countries.

Speaking over the radio in a Christmas broadcast, the Nazi propaganda minister declared, "the Reich's very existence is at stake. Either we resign as a great power or we win."

In almost identical terms, talking in the Chamber of Deputies a few days previously, the French premier asserted "it is the life of France that is at stake—we are fighting for the salvation of France."

Prime Minister Chamberlain, in a militant address to the British Empire January 9, said "the first few months of the war could only be interpreted as the quiet of the calm before the storm." So far there is no visible weakening

of France's or England's determination to see it through to the end.

Nationalism: Cause of War

Wars will be inevitable as long as extreme nationalism exists, as long as people say, "our country, right or wrong" and then proudly exempt themselves and their country from any wrong done in the name of patriotism. I believe in defending the right but not the wrong. Certainly man's natural desires and ideals are universal enough to establish a standard for right and wrong. When nationalism decays into fanaticism, then it is no longer love of country, but pure madness. When patriotism is carried to stupid extremes, then it is no longer loyalty, but murder.—Clement Droz, Lyndhurst, N. J.

Germany Counts on Russian Supplies

The Germans, though they might favor the Finns emotionally, probably have one good reason for wanting Russia to win and win quickly. Germany has been counting heavily on Russian supplies. Her engineers and technicians have gone into Russia to make sure that she gets those supplies. If Russia engages in long-drawn-out, exhausting war with Finland, it would not leave much of a reservoir for Germany.

That is one view. There are a half dozen others, including the extreme one that, in the end, Hitler may do an about-face and proclaim a "holy war" on Russia, at the same time achieving the goal he set down in "Mein Kampf" by seizing the Ukraine.

Twin Star Farmers

Born to the farm, the Lack twins, Arthur and Albert, age 17, of Hondo, Texas, and Star Farmers, have made it pay. In three years, they've earned a profit—including allowance for their own labor—of more than \$4,000.

"We feel that ranching is the only thing we would want to do," they write in the boys' and girls' page of the Washington Post, "as we like to work with livestock and to till the soil."

At 4, they began raising goats when they found a stray. Today, they have 89 head. They were only 3 when they were given a mare. At present, they have 7 horses, three mules and, they say, "we have traded and given away all of our surplus animals."

When 6, they obtained two calves. Now they have 167 head of cattle. "From time to time," they write, "we have sold many steer calves for feeding purposes."

The boys also raise hogs, corn, oats, other crops. They work more than 1,500 acres of farm and ranch land. This year they were chosen jointly as the Future Farmers of America's Star Farmer of the Southern region.

"Most boys think ranch life is nothing but fun," they write from Hondo, Texas. "But there is a lot of work

and, as a rule, would be careful in selecting a mate.

Congress meets again to wrestle with the nation's problems. It was Jacob who wrestled with an angel until the angel blessed him. Maybe we would get going if Congress could wrestle with an angel until the angel blessed it. More of the spiritual, less of the temporal, would not hurt Congress. At least, it's worth trying since so much else has failed.

Some South Texas farmers are growing castor beans as a chemurgic crop. I favor growing any crop that will make more money for farmers, though I don't favor growing castor beans if they are to be made into more castor oil. Already we have enough castor oil. I was brought up on quinine, slippery elm and castor oil. As a boy I swallowed countless doses of castor oil and can still taste it. I read in a paper that if you lick a piece of ice before taking medicine it will be tasteless. In order to make castor oil tasteless you would have to lick an iceberg.

Lightning struck a house equipped with lightning rods in our neighborhood recently, bursting the chimney and killing two cats. Of course, the chimney can be rebuilt, but the cats are a total loss. They say lightning never strikes twice in the same place. There's no need for lightning to strike twice in the same place. It can do a good job by striking just once in the same place.

Most men would starve to death if it were not for women, because most men are too lazy to cook. Food to man is an abstract until time to put his feet under the table. Food to woman is a reality—always on her mind—since she has to buy it, cook it, serve it three times a day. Women have been criticized for not voting. I believe the main reason wives don't vote at elections is because they are too busy fixing food for the family. The country would have been saved long ago if wives had had time to vote.

with it. Mornings we are up at day-break, the horses fed, and then we eat breakfast, trying hard to hold enough to last until the next meal. If we have a bad season or have to brand cattle we never get a day off. Our brand is the open AL and we are proud of it and the symbol for which it stands—"ownership."

Great Britain's Army of Unemployed

Great Britain's army of unemployed, despite the second World War, was 1,402,588 on November 13—nearly 200,000 more than at the outbreak of the war. The total in November, however, was 28,050 fewer than in October.

When the unemployment figures were issued the British press stormed at what it called "This Waste of Manpower, and said there was a job for everyone in the war against Germany."

Labor experts admitted frankly they didn't exactly know how the present unemployment problem would develop. The stalemate of this war in which few shells have been fired, few rifles used and losses of airplanes and army mechanical equipment negligible has upset their calculations completely.

One authority said there might be only a few thousand unemployed in England when the nation was working at its top wartime capacity; on the other hand, there might be 2,000,000 unemployed in a year if the war didn't "liven up."

"At the present rate of hostilities, a saturation point in the armaments industry can be reached," he said.

Can the Finns Hold Out?

The Finns are confident that they can hold out until spring—"late spring," they say. The adjective spring, when the snows are melting, the mushy terrain will offer just as much difficulty for the tanks and other Russian mechanized equipment as the snow itself.

But what after that? Can the Finns prolong the battle? Military men would like to say yes, but they have too much respect for the weight of arms and armament; that is, men and munitions. Unless Finland can get help—a great deal of help—or unless there is an explosion in Russia, the gigantic Red Army is expected to overrun the gallant little republic and reach the frontiers of Norway and Sweden.

What about Norway and Sweden? Both know that Russia craves ice-free ports and access to the Atlantic, and that she may not want to stop at their frontiers. Are they going to stand by and see Finland annihilated?

The answer, according to those who know the Scandinavian countries, is this: If Russia were the only menace, Swedish and Norwegian troops would be in there helping the Finns long before this. The two countries, which have been at peace for 125 years, can put 750,000 trained men in the field, and between them they have a naval force equal to Russia's.

What complicates the matter for Norway and Sweden is Germany. If they went to the aid of Finland, and Germany came at them from the south, they would be sunk.

Many believe that Germany would do just that, sweeping through Denmark and occupying at least the southern part of Norway and Sweden.

As matters stand, the two countries—particularly Sweden—are helping Finland as best they can. Volunteers are being allowed to join the Finnish Army. Military supplies from France, Italy, Spain and England are flowing across the four countries into Finland.

Now the Nazi press has begun to warn Norway and Sweden about this, accusing them of playing "England's game." How sincere the Nazis are in this is open to question; some European observers believe that they are enjoying the Russian army's defeat in Finland.

Southwest to Celebrate Coronado Centennial

The three Southwestern States, New Mexico, Arizona and Texas, are preparing to celebrate four centuries of colorful history. For in 1540 occurs the Coronado Cuarto Centennial, marking the 400th anniversary of the first European conquest in the United States, and it will be celebrated in these States with pageants, fiestas, rodeos, Indian dances and folk festivals. The program has won support from President Roosevelt and a fund appropriated by the last Congress insures a fitting observance of one of the most significant exploits in American history.

In 1540 Don Francisco Vasquez de Coronado left Campostella, Mexico, to ride north into the wilderness and extend the Spanish empire by half a continent. He and his army went by foot and horseback up the west coast of Mexico, crossed Southern Arizona and camped during two winters on the bank of the Rio Grande near what is now Bernalillo, New Mexico. From there the quest of gold led them north to Taos, New Mexico, west to the Grand Canyon of Arizona and east across the

Texas Panhandle into Oklahoma and Kansas. Failing to find gold, the disappointed dons returned to Mexico.

Full-length productions will be given in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Amarillo, Texas, and Phoenix, Arizona, with shorter versions in other towns. There will also be special ceremonies on the brink of the Grand Canyon and against the majestic sandstone cliff at Inscription Rock, New Mexico.

Loan Sharks Profit

Loan sharks in the United States are "reaping illegal profits of \$100,000,000 a year," according to a pamphlet prepared and published for the Public Affairs Committee.

The activities of these usurers, most of them operating as bootleggers of money, are described by this pamphlet as having developed enough money and power for them to prevent twenty-or States from passing completely effective small loan laws.

The loan sharks are those fly-by-night lenders who have only small offices, and often none at all. They keep incomplete books so that charges of usury may not easily be proved against them, and often try to keep their accounts in their heads. They lend persons on small salaries sums ranging from \$5 to \$50 and collect interest that runs from 240 to 1,200 per cent a year.

In Dallas, Texas, the pamphlet reports, the records of "2,554 loans from seventy-two illegal companies show that the borrowers had paid more than \$85,000 interest on \$55,757." Among 1,000 cases examined, the "lowest interest rate was 120 per cent, the average was 271 per cent and the highest was 1,131 per cent. One case was cited of a contractor who encouraged his employees to borrow by postponing payment of their wages, and then charged them 10 per cent a week interest on their own wages.

The pamphlet declares that the loan sharks may be squeezed out only by adopting small loan laws which allow sufficient interest rate for small companies to operate profitably, though such a rate generally is around 2 per cent a month—a high cost of operation being incurred in the investigation of applicants—it nevertheless provides a place for the small borrower to obtain loans more cheaply than may be had of the shark.

Finn's Success Attributed to Fine Skiing

Much of Finland's success in the war with Russia may be attributed to its soldiers' familiarity with skis. Virtually every Finn skis from the age of six; every soldier has been drilled in the military use of skis. Consequently the troops have unique mobility in winter warfare.

The elite of Finland's ski troops are those engaged in scouting and ranging patrols. Split into parties as small as six—or even three—these patrols advance deep into Russian territory, menacing the vital Murmansk railroad. They carry light short-wave radios to maintain communications with the base, but for supplies they depend much on raids on the Russian forces.

The bulk of Finland's infantry uses skis when marching from point to point, though they may do their fighting from fixed positions. These troops stand in much the same relation to the ski patrols as the old mounted infantry that used horses to transport them to the scene, but usually engaged the enemy on foot.

The ability of the Finns to send large forces across a snow-covered terrain on skis is due to careful peace-time training. The men are taught to ski in formation and to fire from skis, as well as to take long ski marches with full equipment.

Among the Civic Guards (the territorial organization) military skiing has developed a special form of competition, in which 60,000 to 80,000 men take part each year. This is a cross-country race of 10 miles, in the last 3 miles of which the contestants have to stop at two or three points to fire at targets. The rifle score and the time over the distance are computed together in determining the standing of the competitors.

To develop endurance, cross-country ski marches of some 50 miles are included in military training. A rest stop of two or three minutes at the end of the first few miles is provided to allow for adjustment of packs or ski harness. Thereafter, a five-minute rest is allowed for each hour of skiing.

Highway Tolls

A Brooklyn court has just outlawed the collection of tolls on a New York highway. That's unusual in these days, but tolls are nothing new. They were the first and most profitable revenue of the old English boroughs. Even city officials received their salaries from them. Tolls under the feudal system were one of the worst bars to commerce. Every time a shipment of goods passed through a different lord's land he charged a toll.

Grass Root Reveries

By JOE GANDY
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FEBRUARY is packed full of anniversaries. Washington's birthday, Lincoln's birthday, St. Valentine's day, Ground Hog day—all in February. Men who do official weather-forecasting say the ground hog theory of weather is a myth, nothing to

Nevertheless, I notice the ground hog is about as good a weather-forecaster as the weather man with all his charts and instruments. The ground hog theory of weather may be a myth, but I have an old sow that is no myth at predicting weather. Any pretty day when I see her going around with bits of straw in her mouth, bedding up, I know a norther is on the way. So far this winter she has predicted most northers hours before they struck. That's smart, I'll say, for an old sow that is ignorant of weather charts and instruments.

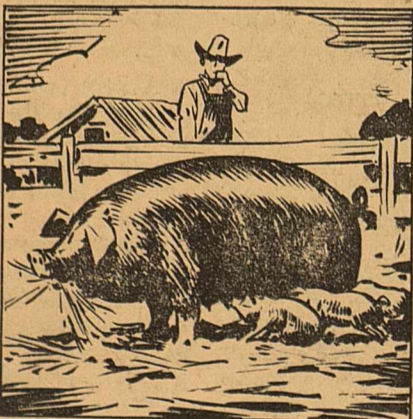
January broke a 40-year record for cold weather. Old-timers say the cold weather killed all insects, that there'll be bumper crops in 1940. After freezing 40 years I've seen a few frozen insects. Cold weather kills more people than insects. Reason, I guess, is that insects know better how to protect themselves than people. Insects multiply because men, instead of studying how to kill off insects, study how to kill off each other.

Cost of Jackson Day dinners ran all the way from \$100 a plate to 25c a plate. Up here in our neck of the woods we

had a 2-bit Jackson Day dinner out on Coon Creek. Nothing fancy was served, just plain country eats that tasted good and made you feel fit as a fiddle. Oratory at our Jackson Day dinner ran true to Jacksonian form. Speakers did not mention the third term, but used most of their time in extolling the virtues of "Old Hickory." Bill Hawkins waxed eloquent as he wound up his speech amid great applause with this terse sentence: "Andrew Jackson and his men sure did whip h—l out of them British at New Orleans!"

Candidates will soon be out beating the bushes for votes. All the old tricks used in 1938 will be used again in 1940 to ensnare the electorate. You will again hear oratorical pledges about tax reduction, pension payments, balancing the budget, etc. But life would be drab indeed were it not for the gay and debonaire candidate who regales us with funny stories, smiles away our cares, builds new hope and faith in our hearts, and leaves us feeling that all is well with the world.

This being leap year, marriage license clerks are all set for a big business. Now is the time that timid and cowardly men will have a chance to enter the holy bonds of matrimony as brave and fearless women swoop down and gather them up as a hen gathers her brood. Marriage might be a greater institution if women, instead of men, did the proposing. The female of the specie has better judgment than the male, can pick and choose discreetly,



"No myth at predicting weather."

BRIEF TEXAS NEWS---from Over the State

\$1 PER CAPITA FOR FIRE LOSSES
More than \$1 will be charged against every Texan in 1940 as his or her share of fire losses, Fire Insurance Commissioner Marvin Hall predicted.

WEATHER BUREAU FREEZES
E. Pearl Skelton, government weatherman, at McKinney, (Collin county), reported his meteorological instruments were locked in their housing by heavy ice which prevented observation.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS GAIN
At the Baptist Convention in Dallas in January, attended by 1000 Baptists, G. S. Hopkins, State Sunday School secretary, announced that their Sunday School work in Texas had brought an enrollment increase of 27,000 during the past year.

\$55,746 FOR FOREST ROADS
Texas will receive \$55,746 of the \$13,000,000 apportioned by the Department of Agriculture for construction and maintenance of forest highways and truck trails in forest developments.

STUDENT READING SERIOUS
Texas college students are becoming more serious in their reading and the trend is to non-fiction, a survey made by the American Library Association disclosed recently.

YOUNG DEMOS SET CONVENTION DATE
April 19 and 20 have been selected as dates for the 1940 Texas Young Democrats convention at Beaumont by the Beaumont Young Democrats Club, host to the annual meeting.

TWO SAFEST CITIES
Amarillo and Beaumont won the title as the two "Safest Cities in Texas" in 1939. Amarillo's traffic death reduction from the previous year was 40 per cent until, Beaumont 66.67.

ANNER 4-H CLUB YEAR
The year 1939 was a banner year for Colorado county home demonstration and 4-H clubs, according to Miss Winifred Jones, county home demonstration agent. Miss Jones disclosed that enrollment increased from 12 clubs and 176 members to 18 clubs and 350 members.

MOTOR CARS KILL MANY DEER
Highways are not safe, even for deer. Game warden at Fredericksburg, Gillespie county, reported to the State Game Department that a check up disclosed 76 deer had been killed in this county on highways from October 1, 1938, to October 1, 1939.

CATTLE RUSTLERS INVADE DALLAS
Cattle rustlers are now working in the big cities. Alonzo Parker, of Dallas, reported to police that his milk cow was butchered on a vacant lot where he had staked her out and her carcass removed by unknown parties.

FAITHFUL HUSBAND
Dallas News: "When Alvin Minor married, 9 years ago, he promised to write his wife a letter a day. She now has 3,000 letters that he has written her. They live at 702 North Bishop Street, Dallas."

ROBOT PHOTOGRAPHER
San Angelo Standard: "If you've driven over the San Angelo - Mertzon highway recently your picture has been taken. For State highway planning purposes, the State Highway Department has in operation out beyond the Twin mountains a photo-electric eye which records on a continuous film every car or truck that passes."

WARM SPRINGS FOUNDATION UNIT
Construction of the first unit of a Texas Warm Springs Foundation near Gonzales, (Gonzales county), is under way. The foundation's first unit, consisting of dormitory space for 16 children, nurses' quarters, warm water pools, treatment rooms and other facilities, is part of the master plan which, when built, will care for more than 100 crippled children, said J. C. Kellar, State administrator of NYA.

STATE TREASURY SHOWS BALANCE
Despite deficits in three funds, amounting to \$25,800,000, State Treasurer Charley Lockhart reported a cash balance of \$16,000,000 in the State Treasury. The general revenue fund was \$21,700,000 in the red and the Confederate pensions and State old age pensions account also carried deficits, said Mr. Lockhart.

SAW FIRST "TALKIE" AT 84
Brady News: "Mrs. W. P. Yearey, 84-year-old woman, saw her first 'talkie picture' at the Brady theater."

CARRY 73 PER CENT OF TRAFFIC
Julian Montgomery, State highway engineer, said that 12 per cent of the 189,000 miles of all roads in Texas carry 73 per cent of all traffic.

DRIVERS' LICENSES SUSPENDED NUMBER 1,312
Auto drivers' licenses that were suspended in 1939 numbered 1,312, said chief Ralph Buell, of the Drivers' License Division of State Police. Of the 1,312 suspensions, 999 were on drinking charges.

FINGERPRINTS IDENTIFY MANY CRIMINALS
Fingerprints in the State Police Bureau, at Austin, were the means of identifying 21,372 criminals in 1939. The identification bureau, created in 1935, now has 230,000 fingerprint records.

EXCAVATING INDIAN MOUNDS
Indian mounds, six miles west of Alto, (Cherokee county), are being excavated under joint sponsorship of the University of Texas and the WPA in an effort to complete the history of Texas Indians. The mound-building tribe of Indians inhabited Texas about 200 years ago.

SENTENCED 15 YEARS FOR STEALING 14 CHICKENS
DeWitt Moore, 32-year-old Dallas negro ex-convict, who admitted stealing 14 dressed chickens to show his girl a good time, was assessed fifteen years in prison by a jury for armed robbery.

NAME BEFITS WEATHER
Because she was born during the heaviest snow fall ever recorded in the Beaumont section, a 7-pound daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rutledge, of Rosedale, (Jefferson county), was named "Snow White."

OFFERS TO DONATE ONE EYE
Beaumont Journal: "In a letter to the Journal, Leonard Daniels, of Dallas, sentenced to life imprisonment under the habitual criminal act, said he would give up an eye if it could be transplanted successfully to another person."

52 RADIO STATIONS IN TEXAS
Texas has 52 radio broadcasting stations, more than any other State in the nation, with the exception of California, and a greater number of "local" type stations than any other State, according to the annual report of the Federal Communications Commission.

LARGEST CLOCK IN SOUTH
Houston Chronicle: "With a face measuring 12 feet across, the clock in the tower of the City Hall, Houston, is the largest in the South. Its neon-lighted minute hand measures 7½ feet in length and its equally-bright hour hand measures 5½ feet."

TEXAS CONSTRUCTION GAIN
All types of Texas construction in 1939 amounted to \$54,683,000 in the year-end summary completed by F. F. Kulny, Texas manager of F. W. Dodge Corporation, a gain of \$10,750,000 over 1938. Residential building accounted for all of the gain.

PLENTY IODINE IN TEXAS WATER
A bulletin issued by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, College Station, says there should be few cases of goiter in Texas because of deficiency of iodine in Texas water. Although goiter is not always due to a deficiency of iodine alone, it is the most usual cause. For the control of goiter, the bulletin says, from 80 to 100 micrograms of iodine per day are needed.

GASOLINE TAX REVENUE
Net gasoline tax collections for Texas in 1939 were \$45,196,470, an increase of \$2,458,255 over 1938, as disclosed in figures released by Comptroller George H. Sheppard.

257 DEATHS BY FIRE IN 1939
Disregard of flagrant hazards was cited by State Fire Insurance Commissioner Marvin Hall in reporting figures which showed 257 deaths by fire last year in Texas, a slight increase over 1938.

BERRY CROP NETS \$4,000
According to a report of R. L. White, Cass county farm agent, J. D. Hutchins, of Bloomburg, (Cass county), cleared \$4,000 in 1939 from seven acres of strawberries and five acres of Youngberries.

3 TEXAS R. E. A. CONTRACTS
The Rural Electrification Administration announces the awarding of 32 contracts for construction of rural lines to serve members of as many co-operative electric associations. Three of these projects are in Texas.

REFORESTATION PROGRAM
More than 9,000,000 young saplings, mostly pine, were set out in the Lufkin, (East Texas) district during December by the United States Forest Service in a reforestation program to build up one of Texas' valuable natural resources.



IN SEARCH OF THE TYPICAL AMERICAN GIRL—
Dorothy Vicaji, noted English portrait painter, shown with her portrait of Mrs. Robert Vanderbilt, is planning to go to Texas, to carry on her search for the typical American girl.

DEER LIKE SPINACH
Beaumont Enterprise: "Deer will go 10 miles to feed on spinach," declares Bob Rossington, professional trapper and hunter, who knows the habits of every wild animal around Crystal City, (Zavalla county). Crystal City is in the heart of the winter garden district, the world's greatest spinach producing area."

TEXAS DAILY PRINTED ON TEXAS NEWSPRINT
The first Texas newspaper printed on Southern pine newsprint produced at the plant of the Southland Paper Mills, Inc., near Lufkin, (Angelina county), was the Lufkin Daily News. This mill ushers in a new industry for East Texas and the entire South.

COUNTERFEIT GANG CAPTURED
Secret Service officer, Leo J. Williams, captured 4 men at Dallas who had been circulating counterfeit half dollars, quarters and dimes throughout Texas and Oklahoma. The half dollars and quarters were dated 1937 and the dimes were 1935. "Persons having these coins should turn them into their banks or to the police departments, for it's a violation of the law to possess counterfeit money," Williams said.

DEATHS FROM CARBON MONOXIDE
People are warned not to turn on gas heaters in tightly closed rooms. During the recent cold weather deaths occurred over a wide area of the State from gas heater jets that were turned high in rooms with closed windows.

TRAGEDY OF THE WILD
Brady Standard: "Marvin Burns, while hunting near Voca. (McCulloch county), came upon two 8 and 10-point bucks, horns locked, and dead. The animals had fought over a plot of ground about 200 yards square, and Mr. Burns estimated they had been dead two or three days when found."

STATE FINAL FOOTBALL EARNINGS
The State final high school football game between Waco and Lubbock at Dallas, December 30th, drew a gate of \$22,055.50. This represented a paid attendance of 13,832. Total attendance was around 21,000. Each team received \$10,158.

"GOO-GOO" EYES COSTLY
Found guilty of making "goo-goo" eyes at a 19-year-old Houston girl, in violation of a city ordinance, a 35-year-old man is now serving out a \$100 fine imposed by Police Judge Ben Davison. "We're not going to have our Houston women annoyed by men making goo-goo eyes," Judge Davison said, sternly.

JACKSON DAY OBSERVANCES NET \$18,000
E. B. Germany, State Democratic chairman, said Texas Jackson Day observances netted \$18,000 for the national party campaign fund. Oliver Quayle, national treasurer, set the State's 1940 quota at \$40,000.

TEXAS FOOTBALL RECORDS
This year A. and M. was ranked the No. 1 team of the nation. Last year it was Texas Christian. In 1936 Southern Methodist went to the Rose Bowl. The same year T. C. U. won the Sugar Bowl game and repeated in 1939. Texas A. and M. was the Sugar Bowl champion this year. In 1937, Texas Christian won the Cotton Bowl game. Rice won in 1938.

GROSS GASOLINE TAX RETURNS
Figures released by State Comptroller George H. Sheppard show that Texans used 6 per cent more gasoline in 1939 than in 1938. Returns for the year before deducting for refunds aggregated \$52,549,498, as against \$49,563,494 in the preceding year. One-half of net gasoline tax collections goes to State highway construction and maintenance, one-fourth to the schools and one-fourth to the country road indebtedness fund.

INDIANS HAD WHITE MEN'S DISEASES
Dr. Marcus S. Goldstein, physical anthropologist at the University of Texas, reported that Indian skeletons found by his WPA-sponsored excavations showed definite effects of tuberculosis of the bone, syphilis and arthritic conditions, not to mention teeth with cavities and with enamel completely worn away.

PERTINENT QUESTION
McKinney Democrat-Gazette: "Motorists would profit if they would use the old railroad expression 'Stop, Look, and Listen' at all intersections. Faulty brakes and defective vision cause more traffic accidents than any two other causes. The constant desire to 'get there' causes one out of each four accidents in Texas. After you have saved that two minutes, what are you going to do with it? asks the Texas Safety Association. A handful of fleeting seconds will not balance the scales for a limb or a life."

WHEN IT DIDN'T PAY TO ADVERTISE
Tourist court and hotel operators in the Rio Grande Valley, believing that it pays to advertise, offered free rent to tourists for every day the temperature dropped to freezing in the Valley. Normally that would be safe publicity; but it didn't work recently when temperatures in the Valley went below freezing for an entire week.

PAID FOR DRINKING BEER
Houston Chronicle: "Robert M. Walker was hired to drink all the beer he wanted by the Dallas Emergency Hospital in order to test the accuracy of a drunk-o-meter. The instrument, used by the police department to determine amount of alcohol in a law violator, failed to register until Walker had drunk six bottles of beer."

GRAPEFRUIT EATING CHAMPION
In the championship grapefruit-eating contest, sponsored by the annual Valley Mid-Winter Fair, at Harlingen, January 25, Otto Schultz, of Waukegan, Ill., lost the title to P. J. McIntyre, of St. Cloud, Minn. McIntyre ate 50 grapefruit halves in five minutes; Schultz ate 39.

SECOND SNOW IN 20 YEARS
San Antonio, during the recent cold spell, had several inches of snow, the second snowfall in 20 years. Boys and girls, 10 to 12 years old, who had never seen snow before, celebrated the event by snow-balling and building snowmen.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT
The State Highway Department's fiscal year ended with a cash balance of \$9,536,064. From all sources it received \$39,612,929 and spent \$39,912,418. Employees in the State Highway Department number 8,500.

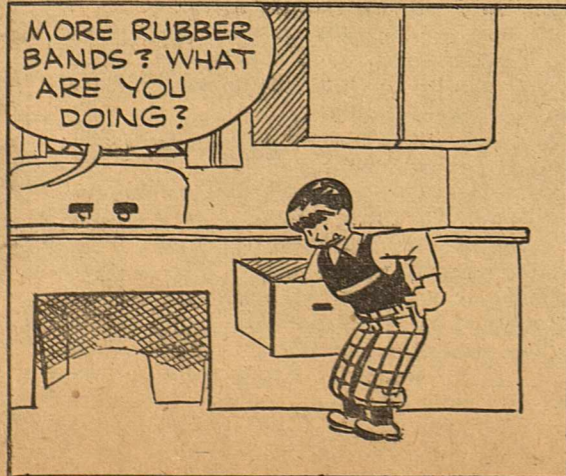
SOME HOME
San Antonio News: "People from nearby States come to Marshall, Texas, to see the house F. Cruise built from scrapped automobiles and trucks, a discarded vault, concrete and 23 tons of iron pipe. "His new, cozy home weighs 70 tons. It's not only fireproof, but rat-proof, bomb-proof, water-proof, termite-proof, storm-proof and earthquake-proof as well."

TEXAN SECOND BEST LIAR
The Burlington, Wisconsin Liars Club, meeting on the last day of 1939, considered 8,820 lies submitted and awarded the second prize to W. Penland, of Perryton, Texas, who submitted the following: "It was so cold here that when I lay down to sleep one night the vapor from my breath kept freezing until it hit the ceiling and pinned me to the bed. I had to go get the team, hitch them to a snowplow and plow a path to the wood-yard, to get the ax, so I could come in and chop the icicle before I could get out of bed!"

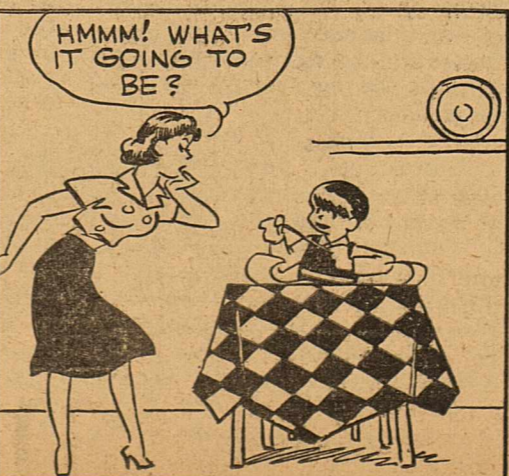
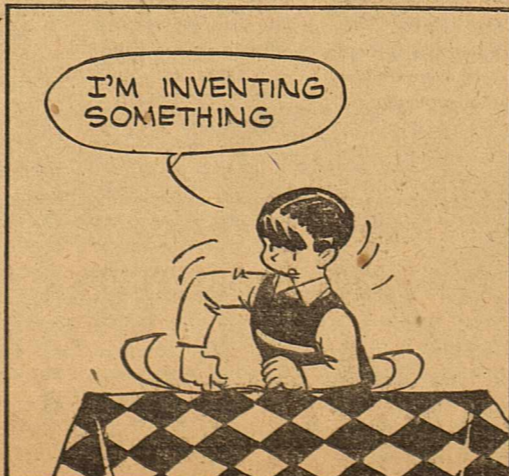
A CHICKEN "RIDES THE RODS"
It is common practice for tramps to ride the rods of passenger coaches and freight cars, but this time a chicken rode the rods of a locomotive from Durant, Okla., to Denison, Texas. Engineer Victor Drumb had chased the chicken from beneath his locomotive at Durant. Climbing down from the engine cab at Denison, after pulling his train onto a siding, Drumb discovered the same chicken perched serenely on the rods of his locomotive.

TRA-LA-LA!
Austin American: "It was the day before Christmas and she was very much disturbed because the parking meter wouldn't work. So she scribbled off this note and attached it to the meter: "Don't you give me a ticket—your confounded machine is busted—Merry Christmas! The driver." When she returned, the note was gone. Inside the automobile she found it. Beneath the note was scribbled: "The confounded machine has been repaired and you won't get a ticket if you get back in time. Happy New Year! The Officer."

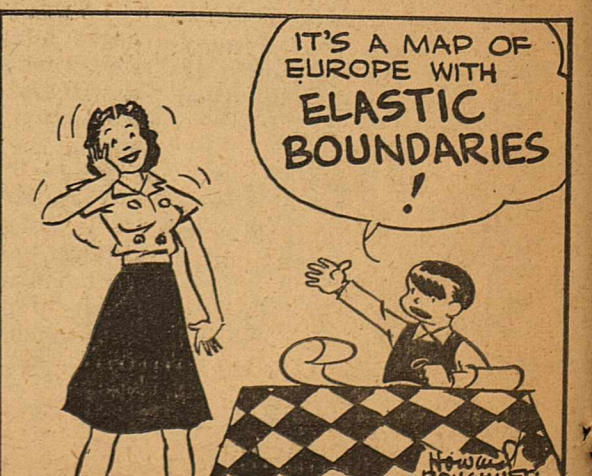
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Same Result

"It says here, dad, that in the wild and woolly days folk were pounced upon by outlaws."
"Yes, and in these days folk are pounced upon by in-laws."

Broken-Hearted

Joan: "Well, here's your ring since it's all over."
Rejected Suitor: "No, Joan, please don't give me back my ring. What's a 5c and 10c store ring to a man with a broken heart?"

Pat's Retort

"I was just thinking, Pat, that you would make a fine monkey if you had a tail."
"I was jus thinking meself that you would make a fine monkey if ye didn't have a tail."

Twins

"My brother and I were twins. We looked so much alike that no one could tell us apart. One day in school my brother threw spitballs, and I was punished. My brother was arrested for speeding, and I spent three days in jail and paid a fine for it. I had a girl, and my brother ran off with her. But last week I got even with him—I died, and they buried him."

Mowing 'Em Down

Two young Irishmen in a Canadian regiment were going into the trenches for the first time, and their captain promised a dollar for every one of the enemy they killed.

Pat lay down to rest while Mike watched. Pat had not lain long when he was awakened by Mike shouting: "They're coming; they're coming." "Who's coming?" shouts Pat. "The enemy," replies Mike. "How many?" shouts Pat. "About 50,000," says Mike. "Begorra," shouts Pat, jumping up and grabbing his rifle, "here's where we make fifty thousand dollars!"

Three Chances

Family Friend: "How in the world do you manage to get along these hard times?"
Newly Weds: "Oh, last year we lived on faith. This year we are living on hope, and next year we'll probably be living with pa and ma."

51 Is Enough

Medico: "Some germs are so small that there may be as many as one billion, seventy-million, forty thousand, nine hundred and fifty-one in a drop of water."
Patient: "Remarkable! But it wouldn't take that many germs to kill a man, would it?"
Medico: "No. Fifty-one would kill a man, but who wants to be killed by just 51 germs?"

Compromise

Bob Burns tells this one: First Fisherman: "I tied my line on a pole, and threw it in and jerked out a 65-pound catfish."
Second Fisherman: "I threw in my hook and caught a lantern and it was burning."
First Fisherman: "Now you know that lantern wasn't burning."
Second Fisherman: "You chop about 64 pounds off that fish and I'll blow out the lantern."

Stumped

"Tell that fat woman she'll have to take that big hat off the seat and hold it in her lap."
The usher came back a few seconds later and asked the chief: "What'll I do now? She says she ain't got no lap."

Cruelties of Nero

The teacher had explained the cruelties of Nero, and believed she had made an impression. She asked the class: "Now, boys, what do you think of Nero? Do you think he was a good man?"
No one answered. The teacher singled out Tommy. "Well," replied Tommy, after a long pause, "he never done nothin' to me."

He Knew

Mother: "Jimmy, I wish you'd learn better table manners, you're a regular little pig at the table."
Deep silence on Jimmy's part. So father, in order to impress him more, added, "I say, Jim, do you know what a pig is?"
"Yes, dad," replied Jimmy meekly, "it's the off-spring of a grown-up hog."

Rebuffed

Ted: "I told her that each hour I spent with her was like a pearl to me."
Ned: "And did that impress her?"
Ted: "No, she told me to quit stringing her."

Mixed Congratulations

To old Mr. Biffin was delegated the honor of presenting the vacuum-cleaner purchased by the staff as a token of their esteem for Miss Jones, the typist, who was leaving the firm to get married.

He arose, blushed, then said, nervously: "On behalf of my colleagues and myself, I congratulate you, Miss Jones, and beg you to accept this little gift. We hope that, as you use it to free your home from dirt and litter, you will be reminded of your old friends at the office."

Lover of Green Corn

Uncle Joe Cannon, Speaker of the House of Representatives many years ago, was a great lover of green corn. One day he took an Illinois farmer constituent to dinner with him at the Williard Hotel in Washington. Cannon made his dinner on green corn, eating seven ears. The farmer asked him how much board cost at the Williard. Cannon replied: "Six dollars a day."

"Well, Joe," said the farmer constituent, "don't you think it would be cheaper for you to board at a livery stable?"

Old Mountaineer Explains

An old mountaineer walked into the druggist's one morning with an immense black bottle that he wanted filled with sulphur and whisky. "This is the way I allers have it fixed," said he to the druggist. "I have sulphur up to thar," (he put his finger about half an inch from the bottom of the bottle), "and the rest I have all whisky. And this here's the way I use it. When I want a dose of sulphur, why, I jes' shake her up afore I drink, and when I don't want no sulphur, I don't shake her. See?"

Typical

"What kind of car was it that hit you?"
"I don't know, but the woman driving it had on a dress just like the one Mary Simmons paid \$15.90 for."

Due to the Drouth

"You ain't a Baptist by any means, are you?" asked the mayor of an Arizona town, of an applicant for the pastorate of the local community church.

"No, sir, I am not," replied the minister.
"I'm glad of that. You see we've got to haul water 12 miles here."

The Dude: "Is it really healthful out here?"

The Cowboy: "I'll say it is. Do you see that cemetery over there? Every man in it died with his boots on."

Queer Names

They certainly have some queer names in Texas. There is a little town in West Texas by the name of Monday, one of the leading hotels in Mineral Wells is called the Crazy Hotel. There's a hotel in Terrell called the Bugg House. An eastern traveling man while making the State, wishing to keep his firm informed as to what town or hotel he would be at on certain days so as to get his mail, wired his firm the following message: "Monday, Tuesday; Crazy, Wednesday; Bugg House, Thursday." His firm wired back, "If that's the way it affects you, lay off of it."—Oil Weekly.

"Ma, can I go over and play with Billy Kelly?"

"No. You know we have nothing to do with the Kellys."

"Then let me go over and lick the stuffin' out of him."

Fell Into the Trap

George Clarke, a celebrated negro minstrel, on one occasion when being examined as a witness, was severely interrogated by a lawyer. "You are in the minstrel business, I believe?"

"Yes, sir," was the reply.

"Is not that rather a low calling?"

"I don't know but what it is, sir," replied Clarke, "but it is so much better than my father's that I am rather proud of it."

The lawyer fell into the trap. "What was your father's calling?" he inquired.

"He was a lawyer."

Russian Army's De-bacle in Finland

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—was that of the civil population of a defeated country at the end of a long and exhausting war. And a month later, when the Red Army was mobilized for entry into Poland, the already ordinary food supply in Moscow went almost to pieces.

If it was a problem to supply the ordinary needs of the people even in peacetime, it seems evident that the country must be having a fearful time supplying an army abroad, even so close to home as Finland.

This problem of supply, and the fear that Finland's tiny air force might bomb Leningrad if the Soviet planes again bombed Helsinki, probably explain why Soviet fliers did not come over and bomb the Finnish capital en masse. The Soviet has always had an important shortage of high-grade gasoline for planes, and the Red Army must use its precious gasoline sparingly.

Tanks Halted

As for the tanks, which appeared so invincible in the Moscow Red Square and the Russians themselves thought they were, they now seem thoroughly vulnerable to any enemy who is willing to stand his ground. The Finnish fronts are littered with these modern juggernauts, and to open the door of one of them is to encounter grinning skeletons of the crew burned to death.

There can be little doubt that Stalin much underrated the Finns when he ordered the march into their country. And so the first troops the Finns encountered were Russian colonial soldiers, the men

of Central Asia. Better troops have since been put in—such poor devils as those who were massacred on the ice of Lake Kyanta just before the New Year.

I have talked to some of these better troops, prisoners of the Finns on the isthmus front. They presented a convincing picture of an unwilling advance against an enemy who they had been told would torture them if they were captured; of action under the threats of officers who could shoot them if they failed to advance.

Question of Breakdown

These men are not like the confident army we saw in Moscow. Their morale is so bad—even if one admits that they are only the poorest troops the Soviets had—and the letters found in their possession composed such a picture of discontent that one wonders how Stalin can put this adventure through without a breakdown.

No one, however, who has known Russia in the past believes it is likely to breakdown completely, for the simple reason that it has been in a chronic state of breakdown for years and yet nothing has happened. The Finns know this better than any people in the world outside of Russia.

Since the New York Times war correspondent wrote this story, under date of January 6, the Russian army has been on a wholesale retreat from Finland. Either the Russians have decided to withdraw their troops to more strategic positions or they have decided to withdraw until spring when the weather would be more favorable for conquest. It is even hinted that Germany had something

to do with the withdrawal and that the Reich intends later to come to the aid of Russia in a second invasion of Finland.

"SHIPS OF THE DESERT" "Ships of the desert," camels, are getting embroiled with the law. Egyptian police have found that smugglers have been forcing the animals to swallow zinc capsules filled with opium. The camels were driven across the border, then killed and the capsules recovered from their stomachs.

Camels are valuable for more legitimate purposes, however. Without them the exploration of large tracts of the earth's arid surface would have been well-nigh impossible. A camel will carry 500 to 1,000-pound loads across desert sands three days without a drink, and just one thing

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Poultry News A Million Turkey Eggs

By MRS. A. V. YEAGER
Rochelle, Texas

A Million Turkey Eggs to Go to Market

The Brady Co-operative Association, with members in four counties, made its first shipment of turkeys eggs to eastern and northern hatcheries for the 1940 season. The shipment of 5,000 eggs, with a guarantee of 80% fertility, brought around 20 cents an egg. Members expect to ship a million eggs before the laying season closes in the middle of May. The flocks, blood-tested for Pullorum, have been on feed in pens since November, many of them under electric lights, to force early egg production. Contracting for the eggs has been lively, already orders having far outstripped last year's January business.

From a 30-member co-operative in 1930 which shipped 5,000 eggs during the season to Eastern and Northern hatcheries, the Brady

Co-operative Poultry Association has, after nine years of work study, grown to be one of the largest of its kind in existence. Last year its membership ship 502,548 eggs, bringing a grand total of \$73,653.22, at an average of 14.66 cents per egg. This year its 300 members have 28,000 key hens, from which they expect to sell a million eggs, in addition to supplying their own flocks for the November and December markets, as well as their laying stock.

In addition to supplying hatcheries with turkey eggs, the Association has purchased a 10,000-egg incubator and will do custom hatching—provided the flocks from which the eggs come have been tested for Pullorum. However, the incubator's chief business is to hatch, at a low rate, early for the members, the aim being to improve the flocks of the year's laying season, to fully mature hens to produce tile eggs.

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Here's Bill at work in the quiet of his office. Bill... typewriter... books... pictures... and Camels—slow-burning Camels. "I find them milder and cooler—and thriftier," he says. And, being a Camel fan of many years' standing, he ought to know.

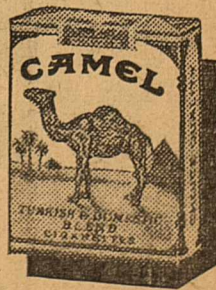
BILL CORUM'S sports news isn't just printed...it's *sprinted*...at lightning speed from press-box to press and the Five-Star Final. But when the candid camera catches Bill in his office with a cigarette—well, "No speed for me in my smoking," he says. His own common sense and smoking experience tell him what scientists have confirmed in their research laboratories—that "slow-burning cigarettes are extra mild, extra cool, fragrant, and flavorful."

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Camels — the cigarette of Costlier Tobacco

TEXAS FARM NEWS REPORTS

J. M. Allen, hog raiser, near San Antonio, (Bexar county), has completed an experiment that proves turtle-feed is good for hogs. He trapped the turtles as a substitute feed when the corn in his section failed. The meat was chopped up cooked before feeding to hogs. After five months feeding on turtle meat and weeks finishing on corn, hogs brought top price.

Total shipment by rail and boat of vegetables and fruit this season from the Rio Grande Valley are 8,452 cars and by truck 4,567 cars or a grand total of 13,109 cars, according to official report.

Special emphasis will be placed on home orchards in the extension program for Bell county this year, County Agent W. D. Seals said after completing an informal survey among many farmers of the county who now have orchards.

E. L. Robertson, farmer living near Tyler, (Smith county), has built a model house without nails or screws of non-flexible material which is waterproof and made from cotton by use of casein glue. Ordinary lint cotton is treated to make boards, posts, rafters, mats, etc.

The Texas pig crop for 1939 is estimated by the United States Department of Agriculture at 2,720,000. There were 240,000 spring litters and 223 in the fall. Average size of a litter in Texas is 5.8 in spring and 6 in the fall.

This is the season when aphids, or plant lice, get in their damage to turnips, mustard, radishes, cabbage and similar plants. The standard treatment is to dust or spray with nicotine sulphate. A new and improved treatment has been found by entomologists in a derris, or cube root, dust containing one per cent rotenone.

Sam Brown, farmer living near Palestine, (Anders on county), has a Poland China sow that within a period of almost one year has farrowed three times, producing a total of 26 pigs. On January 6, 1939, she gave her owner 9 pigs; on July 4, 1939, the addition was 8 pigs and on January 2, 1940, another litter of 9 pigs arrived.

Mined in caves of a dozen counties in Texas, guano, one of the world's richest fertilizers, brings about \$35 a ton, according to Ray Osborne, director of research for the State Game Commission. Guano is produced by bats, and in one huge cave in Comal county inhabited by a million bats, approximately 90 tons of fertilizer has been produced annually since before the Civil War.

In Southwest Texas the farm and ranch people are re-ceiving the growing of gourds of all shapes and sizes, reports say. Many rural women are combining gourds with seed pods, pine cones, etc., and making them into charm strings for sale to tourists. Mail boxes, packing containers for candies, vases, bowls, lamp bases, water jugs, and bird houses are other objects made from the dried gourds.

It is time to protect peach orchards against San Jose scale, one of the two worst pests for destroying peaches in orchards in Cherokee county, Dr. Paul A. Young, in charge of the Jacksonville experiment station, has announced. Peach and plum trees should be sprayed every winter with exactly three per cent petroleum oil emulsion to kill the scales, which is a small insect.

Mrs. B. W. Weir, of the Ricardo Home Demonstration Club, (Kleberg county), finds that a small table on coasters which will move from one work center to another, as needed, saves steps and time. Mrs. Weir's table was made from a blue print furnished by the Extension Service of A. & M. College.

According to Jefferson county agent, J. F. Combs, house ants are giving quite a bit of trouble at this time; the Argentine ant, particularly, in his county. He states they have had very little success in poisoning. Best results have been from the use of tartar emetic dusted on bread crumbs or minced bacon skins.

H. P. Guerra, of Roma, (Starr county), recently had an outbreak of pink-eye among beef calves that he is feeding out. Twenty CC's of sterilized milk was shot into the veins near the neck of each animal. Three days later, with one or two exceptions, the disease was cleared up in those animals shot with the milk.

Joe Kirk Smith, McCulloch county 4-H club boy, claims a record gain for his Hereford steer calf, which is 6 months old and weighs 600 pounds. During the feeding period of 1939-40, Joe Kirk is feeding two registered Hereford bull calves, two milk-fed Hereford steer calves, and three dry lot Hereford steer calves that have averaged 2.7 pounds daily gain each.

Guswin Kraft, of New Braunfels, (Comal county), raised 5 pigs 5 months old which averaged 165 pounds apiece. Guswin's father raised five pigs from the same litter which averaged only 48 pounds apiece. The big difference was in the feeding. Guswin put his pigs on a self-feeder using yellow corn, cottonseed meal, tankage, and mineral mixture, while the elder Mr. Guswin fed just straight white corn.

Mrs. E. M. Roberts, of the Cliff Home Demonstration Club, (Schleicher county), is convinced that correct feeding means laying hens. Her 51 hens are laying the rate of not less than 25 eggs a day and sometimes as many as 31 a day. Mrs. Roberts feeds laying mash, grain and green feed; she also gives hens warm water on cold mornings, keeping them closed up in the hen house until 8:30 or 9 o'clock with laying mash and warm water before them.

H. F. Schlemmer, Bandera county agent, reports some of his Bandera county farmers have been quite successful in getting rid of the brown winter horse tick. As recommended by S. W. Clarke, representative of the Texas Gulf Sulphur Company, the use of a rotenone and sulphur mixture has accomplished this, 15% Cube with 5% Rotenone and 85% sulphur. In every case, 90% of the ticks were dead and off the horses within three days. Arrangements are now being made with local dealers to stock a supply of the material, which has been found to be manufactured commercially in the exact mixtures used in the tests.

According to Frank Wendt, Hardeman county agent, farmers in his county have found that by putting a wheel with a pneumatic tire on the furrow wheel of their one-way disk plow, they can build terraces much cheaper than by any other method they have used.

I. M. Smith, of Brownfield, (Terry county), has found by actual experience that it pays to fertilize his land. On a fertilized field this year, 502.9 pounds lint cotton was the yield per acre. Mr. Smith stated the increase in yield over similar land paid the cost of fertilizing. He plans this year to fertilize more land.

Cutting the throat of an orange tree in order to make it produce more fruit is one of the odd practices followed at the Weslaco, (Hidalgo county), State experiment farm. A marked increase in production has been obtained through this girdling, done by taking a pruning saw and cutting the bark around the trunk near the base of the tree.

A. S. Potts, of the Bishop community, (Nueces county), planted six acres of Blight Resistant Milo Maize on land that had the Blight in 1938. This six acres of maize yielded 2,600 pounds per acre or 15,600 pounds of grain, while the acreage adjoining, which was planted to regular maize, did not produce a pound of seed. As a result of this demonstration more of this Blight Resistant Maize will be planted.

Walter Collin, who lives seventeen miles northwest of Paris, (Lamar county), was the first farmer in the United States to make his 1940 payment on land bought through the Farm Security Administration, C. M. Evans, regional FSA director said. Collin made his payment January 2 and is now two years ahead of schedule in repaying the 3 per cent loan he received from the FSA to buy the land on forty-year terms, Evans said.

Over 600 bushels of beans were harvested on three acres planted to Giant Stringless Greenpod by J. J. Mowels, of Carrizo Springs, (Dimmit county). It was the only bean crop in that vicinity, and Mr. Mowels attributes his success to timely applications at ten-day intervals of a sulphur-rottenone dust. This combination non-arsenical dust not only prevented the crop from being wiped out from mildew, but likewise repelled the bean leaf hopper.

Mrs. Earl Lovette, member of the Helmic Home Demonstration Club, (Trinity county), told Ernestine Blankinship, home demonstration agent, "I certainly don't want any more factory-made mattresses since I can make better ones at home." Mrs. Lovette's mattress cost \$1.96. She made a box-type tick by using 9 1/2 yards of 36-inch-wide 8-ounce feather ticking. This ticking was filled with about 50 pounds of cotton raised at home. The mattress was finished with a rolled edge to help retain its shape and facilitate ease in handling. Six handles were made into the tick to assist in turning the bed.

Director C. G. Rook, of the Poretex Chemical Co., at Gladewater, has discovered after some three years of research work that the cotton burr and cotton stalk have a new use. Mr. Rook has just completed tests which show that rag-content paper made from these cotton products is excellent for printing.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Robbins, of Riviera-Baffin Bay, (Kleberg county), have found the native shrub called "Snake Eye" or "Bird Eye" has splendid possibilities in yard beautification; it is an evergreen in that country and the density of its foliage and interesting mistletoe-like berries make it a very desirable plant.

"The mystery of 'thefts' of small chickens from the farm of J. Stevens, near Harper, (Gillespie county), was solved recently when Mrs. Stevens caught a young deer, family pet, devouring chicks. The State Game Department biologists explained that the deer, which is a vegetarian, turned from his usual diet due to lack of sufficient protein in his food.

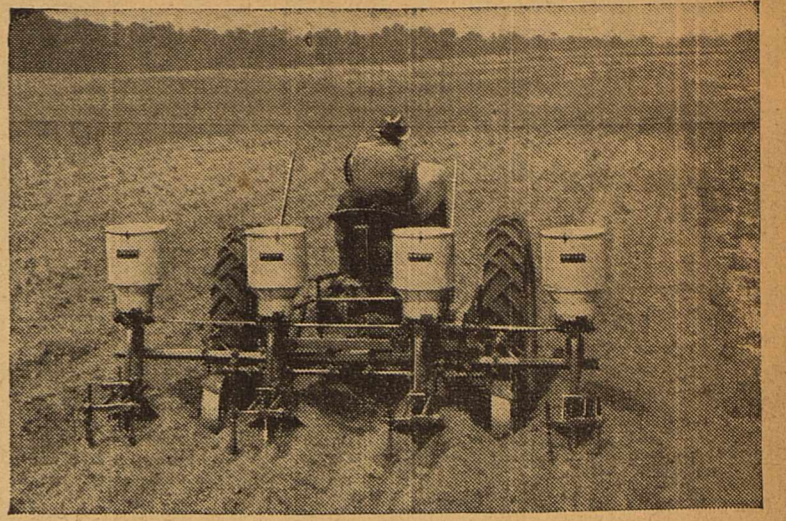
The Jim Fridays, of Groveton, (Trinity county), decided to butcher their hogs and sell them as sausage. The hams, shoulders and middlings were all ground into the sausage to make it much sweeter and better flavored. Sales of the sausage showed the Fridays they received \$5 more per hog by butchering them than by selling them on foot.

Alma Wiemen, farm food supply demonstrator in the Trinity Hill Home Demonstration Club, (Fayette county), suggests that to make the storage of fresh products reasonably safe, and to preserve dried fruits and vegetables in air tight jars, cured meats, bacon and lard in stone jars in the best condition, they should be stored in a dry, well ventilated place. Miss Wiemen with the help of her two sisters, has canned 316 containers of fruits, vegetables, preserves, jellies, jams and fruit juices.

W. S. Stephens, who lives south of Sudan, (Lamb county), stated that his flock of 283 hens had made him one of the most profitable investments he has on his farm during the past year. Mr. Stephens' income from eggs was \$259.61, the cost of commercial egg mash was \$59. The only other feed used was waste grain picked up around the place. Therefore, Mr. Stephens received \$200.61 for his labor and also used the feed which would otherwise be wasted.

The Brady Co-operative Association now has a flock of 28,000 turkey hens which are expected to lay about 1,400,000 eggs that will be shipped to various hatcheries over the country, according to R. F. McSwain, McCulloch county agent. This association has just completed a \$6,000 building and is now working to install a 400-locker cold storage plant to be operated in conjunction with the egg business. These turkeys will consume 2,800,000 pounds of feed, or about 70 cars. The association hopes to soon handle this feed on a co-operative basis.

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A fine milk cow belonging to M. C. Kemp, of Paint Rock, (Concho county), died as a result of a metal diet. An autopsy performed after the cow's death revealed 11 nails, 2 pennies and one small bolt in the animal's stomach.

Another possible chemurgic crop for farmers in the Southwest is licorice, much in demand by tobacco manufacturers and used in medicinals. It is reported to grow well in the arid part of the Southwest, and yields average about 5,000 pounds of dry root to the acre at the end of every third year.

Cows at the Scheid Guernsey farm, near Whitesboro, (Grayson county), are now giving more milk since a radio was installed in the milking sheds a few weeks ago, reports Van Scheid, Texas Tech graduate, who added the music as a means to increase production.

Anderson county home demonstration club women are experimenting with a new household and commercial product made from the lowly persimmon, native fruit which thrives throughout East Texas. They are manufacturing persimmon vinegar, using the following formula: To 8 pounds of persimmons add 3 cups of sugar, cover with water. Crush the persimmons thoroughly and allow the mixture to stand 4 to 6 weeks, or until bubbling stops. Place mixture in a storeroom where it cannot freeze. By spring the vinegar should be ready for use.

Texas has been allotted 9,916,916 acres to cotton planting in 1940 by the Department of Agriculture. The allotment represented a reduction of 222,000 acres from 1939.

A. J. Horton, farmer near Corsicana, (Navarro county), displayed two exceptionally large turnips grown on his farm which measured two feet in circumference. They were reported to be as firm as the usual size turnip.

Ray Abernathy, Palo Pinto, (Palo Pinto county), breeder of registered Duroc Jersey and Poland China hogs, decided to cross breed a fine Poland China sow and a Duroc male. The result was 9 healthy and normal pigs and one that can not be called a pig. It has a head resembling that of a baby, feet like human hands, a snout on its forehead, one big eye under the snout, a tongue resembling that of a human, a tail where the snout should be, and there is no hair on the body or head. The freak was born dead.

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DIET FUNDAMENTALS

As is now so well known, the fundamentals of a diet to promote growth, health and energy are milk, fruit and vegetables. To allot the food money best to meet these basic requirements and to attain the diet most beneficial to health and well-being, Dr. Henry C. Sherman, of Columbia University, has devised a budget, not in dollars and cents, but in proportions of various categories of foods. He suggests that at least as much of a household budget dollar be spent for milk and milk products as for meat, fish or poultry; and that, again, at least as much of the dollar should go for fruit and vegetables as for meat, fish and poultry.

This plan, it will be seen, divides the food money roughly into thirds and can be adjusted to most any budget. Emphasis is placed upon milk, indispensable to an all-around adequacy diet, to be strengthened and supplemented by the vitamins and minerals of the fruit and vegetables.

That this regime would mean a distinct change in food habits is evident. It is a change which, in most households, would have to be gradual. It is, however, an ideal for a housewife to bear in mind, a target to shoot at, the while she pampers her family with pie and cake.

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DEAR FRIENDS:

I am grateful for the many interesting letters that members of our Hobby Club have sent me the past few months. I wish it were possible to write an answer to each letter. The club has grown far beyond our expectations. Thank all of you very much.

Half of the current school year gone, some boys and girls have made good progress in school while others have not done so well. It is regrettable when we fail to keep up with our classes in school. But there is still half of the school year left, so let us take courage and resolve to do our best. Why not make the most of every opportunity? Remember, that you are not working for your teacher or for your parents when you go to school, but for yourself. Many boys and girls may have the idea it is for the sake of someone else that they go to school. Undoubtedly they are the MAIN ONES to profit from days spent in school. It costs parents lots of money and effort to give children an education; it cost your teacher a great deal of time and money to get his or her education. You cheat no one but yourself when you fail to get the most from your time in school.

I hope many of my boys and girls will plan a spring garden. I would be pleased to hear about these plans. With best wishes to all,

Kiddies-Can-Do-It By Uncle Cobb Shinn



JUST as you have seen artists make lightning sketches on the stage, so you can make them on your blackboard. But of course you will have to do a little practice work. Here are two good simple and easy subjects for you to try. Try it and see just how easy it is to do.

Owain made camp, the lion brought to him a large roebuck for supper.

As Owain prepared the roebuck for roasting, he heard deep groans near him. The sounds seemed to come from a cave in the rock. Owain went near and called out, "Who is it who groans so piteously?"

"I am Luned, the handmaiden of the Countess of the Fountain," answered the voice.

"What doesn't thou here," said he.

"I am imprisoned," said she, "on account of the knight who came from King Arthur's court and married the Countess. He stayed a short while here, but afterward departed and has not returned. Two of the countess's pages accused him of being a deceiver, and because I vouched for him, that he would soon return, they imprisoned me in this cave. I am to be put to death unless he returns by a certain date, and that, alas, is tomorrow. I have no one to go and seek him. His name is Owain, the son of Urien."

Owain divided his meat with the unhappy girl and lay down to sleep. The faithful lion kept a close watch over his master.

The next day two pages came with many troops to take Luned from her cell. Owain asked them what her crime was, and they told him the same story as the maiden.

"Surely," said Owain, "if this knight knew of the maiden's peril he would come with haste. If you will accept me in his stead I will do battle with you."

"We will," said the youths.

As they attacked Owain he was almost overcome, but the lion came to his assistance and the two quickly conquered the young men. Whereupon they complained they had not bargained to fight the lion. Owain then put the lion in the place where Luned had been, and fastened the gate with great boulders. He went back to fight the young men as before, but his strength was going fast, and he was soon hard pressed. The lion, seeing his master in trouble again, roared and fought until he found his way out of the cave, rushed upon the young men and slew them. Thus Luned was saved from death.

Then Owain returned with Luned to the castle of the Lady of the Fountain. When he left he took the countess with him to Arthur's court, where she remained his wife as long as she lived.

(Adapted from "Tales of King Arthur and His Court".)

FRIENDLY HOBBY CLUB

I wish all of you could read the many letters that come to my desk each month telling about the work of the Friendly Hobby Club, and the desire of so many to do good deeds. (Continued top next column)

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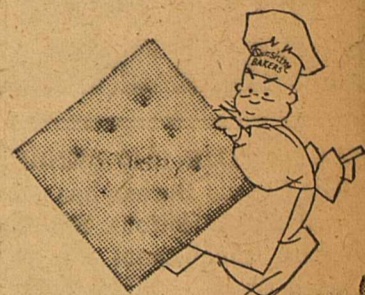
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Each letter represents some one striving to find a place in the sun, a desire to bring happiness to others.

I received a letter recently from Floresville, Texas, that made me especially happy. It radiates the beautiful spirit of a very fine person. I shall not mention this lady's name, but she is the mother of three small children. She has had her share of troubles—work was scarce for her husband, and it was a struggle to piece together a make-shift house. The hardships endured by the little family were numerous; no doubt many days found them with very little to eat. Yet she writes hopefully to me as follows:

"With all the hardships encountered here I still have the 'Peace that passeth all understanding.' Oh! if people would wake up to the fact that these are days of golden opportunity. We have many chances, if we but look for them, to help others right at our very door. We should have the Christmas spirit each day of the year. I do not have money to share, but I have time, and this I gladly give where I can bring a little sunshine and happiness."

Such letters of faith and courage make us determined to go forth in the battle of life and work hard to bring the message of "good will to all men."

The membership of the Friendly Hobby Club has grown by leaps and bounds. We have tried to supply lists of names to all that requested them. If you requested a list and did not receive it, please write again.

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43,030 INVENTIONS WERE PATENTED IN 1939

The Patent Office at Washington ended 1939 with the grant of its 2,185,169th patent since 1836, when the present system of numbering was begun. In all, during 1939, 43,030 patents were issued, a jump of 4,054 over 1938.

Patents through the year covered all fields. Television was particularly active. One patent called for a system to pick up firing ranges at observation stations, then send them to the guns to control directly their fire. Others describe the use of television in airplanes for blind landings and as an aid to pilots in keeping on the right course. Receivers giving brighter and larger images, and transmitters of such high sensitivity that they can pick up scenes through fog were patented.

A patent was issued for synthesizing a new plastic from milk sugar. To replace natural silk, silk made from the shells of shrimp and lobsters, from corn meal, from vinyl resin, and even from certain constituents of petroleum oil are offered. A fabric designed to be impenetrable by war gases also was patented.

Bullets steered by radio, a machine gun cooled by dry-ice, and a torpedo exploded by the shadow of the ship at which it is fired are features of other patents.

Aluminum powder mixed with the dust-laden air to which dread silicosis is the object of a patent, as is a method for making crystal insulin, insulin in a highly purified state. Another patent discloses an enzyme preparation which is said to check hay fever.

A new X-ray machine said to produce X-rays at a rate 20,000 times faster than prior commercial machines won a patent.

An automobile air-conditioning unit which is driven by wind passing over the auto won a patent for David B. Dewey of Pasadena, Calif. A windmill drives a pump that

creates a fine spray of water which cools the air circulated inside the auto.

A wick for lamps that does not burn out is offered in a patent (No. 2,184,899) awarded to Errol B. Shand of Corning, N. Y. It is made of woven glass fibers.

A doll which dances in time with the music received by radio is described in a patent (No. 2,184,675) granted to Clarence H. Kehm of Chicago. The doll is mounted on a magnet which plugs into the hook-up. Vibrations set in the magnet by the waves make the doll dance.

MEXICO'S AGE

A new expedition to archaeological exploration in Southern Mexico is being sponsored by the National Geographic Society. Discoveries already made in this district, known as the "Eggs of the Americas," prove that there was a high state of human civilization in Southern Mexico centuries before the birth of Christ. There are cities whose ruins show built homes, temples and other public structures. A "calendar stone" was unearthed at Tres Zapotes bearing inscriptions which when deciphered showed that they had been recorded 291 B. C. The part of Mexico and sections of Central America were occupied by the Mayans, a superior race whose mysterious disappearance has never been accounted for.

HONEY'S MANY USES

The United States produces 160,000,000 pounds of honey a year, valued at \$10,000,000. A big part of this gross is used for industrial purposes— for baking, manufacturing cigarettes and chewing tobacco, curing tobacco pipes, making cosmetics, shaving cream and golf balls. For table use, honey is sold in more than a hundred recognized flavors and blends, ranging from the strong, dark buckwheat to the light-colored, mild clover, raspberry, orange or sage.

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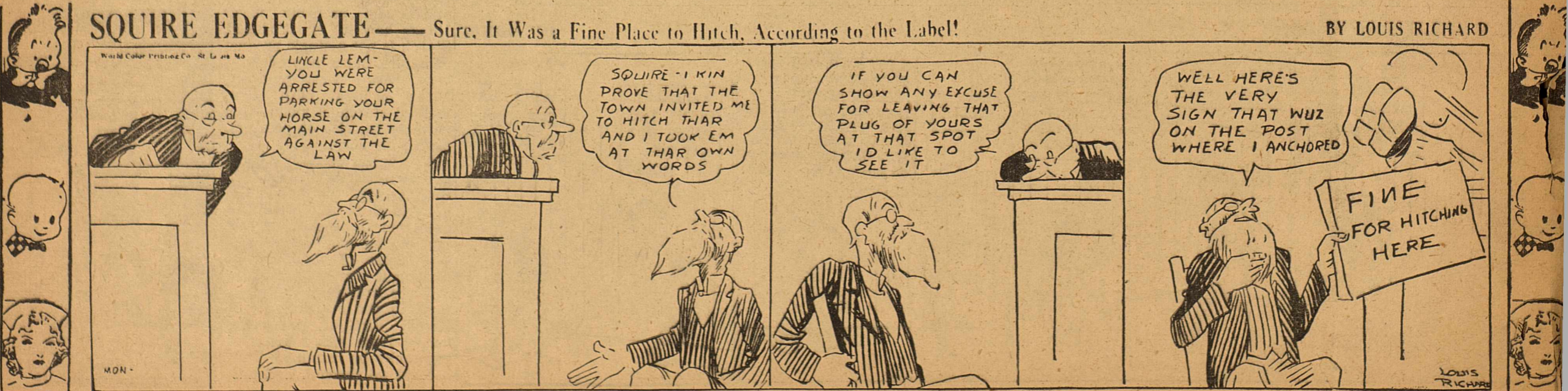
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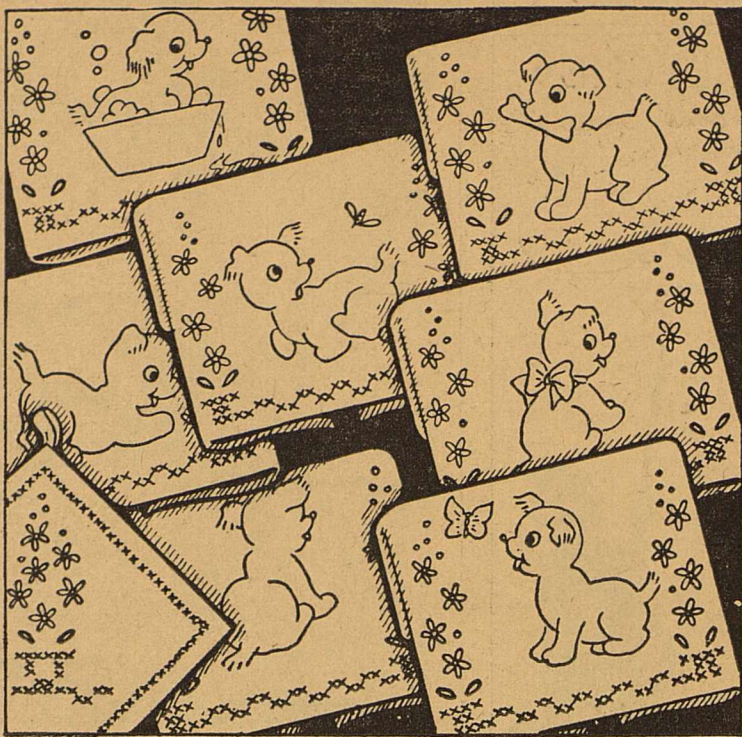
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OUR ATTITUDES

At a recent lecture I heard a well known speaker say, "If I could recommend only one standard by which to judge people, I would say, 'not by their works but rather by their attitudes shall you know them.'"

This simple bit of philosophy caused me to reflect on past history—the lives of famous men and women. Then I thought of people who are making headlines today, and others with whom I come in daily contact. Most important, seemed to me, was the question: "What does the world remember best about these people?"

In this connection I jotted down the names of some famous persons, and opposite each name the characteristic which many of us think of when their names are mentioned. For instance:

Lincoln—kindly understanding.
Washington—remarkable foresight.
Martin Luther—firm determination.
Marie Antoinette—selfishness.
Napoleon—self-glory.
The Christ, Jesus—humility.

The world soon forgets our deeds, but long remembers the attitude in which a deed is done. Although we associate freeing of the slaves with Lincoln, yet it was his kindly understanding that made his name live.

We learn from history that it was not cold, hunger or lack of money that contributed to Napoleon's defeat so much as his utterly selfish motives. His disregard of other people's rights when they interfered with his plans finally spelled his doom.

As we picture our Saviour trudging dusty highways, weary, worn and without a place to lay his head, forever healing broken bodies

and minds of men and women, it is not the cross on which He was crucified that stands out, but His humility while teaching and doing acts of service that helped humanity.

If it is true that attitudes form the background of the great and near-great, then likewise they form the background of our own lives and those of our children. It is not enough to teach our children HOW to do a thing, but also WHY. We must train them in such a manner so they will "want" to do things and with the correct attitude. This extra teaching takes more time, patience and understanding than older methods, but eventually will prove its worth.

Before qualifying to train children, however, we should be sure our own attitudes are correct. May I offer a simple illustration: As a family drives in the suburbs, the car approaches one of numerous stop signals. The father is in a hurry. He glances right and left, sees no other cars or traffic officers, then drives right across the stop signal. Perhaps he doesn't say a word—or, maybe, he smiles and says: "We beat 'em that time." The law he has broken is inexcusable, but far more important than that is his attitude, the example he has set before his children, which will have far-reaching effects on their lives. If a father or mother break a law just because they "won't be caught," their children are apt to do the same, disobeying home laws and later laws of society.

If we all could learn early in life that we have to "live BY the law" and not "UNDER the law," how much more simple and happy our lives would be.

Truly we find that "by their attitudes we shall know them."

FRESH MILITARY ANGLES

Spring—and a young woman's fancy lightly turns to thoughts—of hats. The 1940 hats are tipped jauntily to the New Year. If you would be in the front line of the style parade, tip your hat a bit—preferably over the right ear. Or perhaps you would prefer to tip it slightly over your forehead.

The latest styles are anticipating spring by several weeks. Little toques are veritable bouquets. Floral motifs are even carried over into fascinating silk creations colorfully decorated with Beauvais embroidery.

New editions of the turban have a twist that lifts them high into the air at the front of the head in a way that suggests the silhouette of a Spanish dancer's comb.

Even more suggestive of spring are the brimmed hats. Small brims are very smart for your early spring suit. A baby-cloche, with the barest suggestion of a brim turning down over the hair like an inverted saucer, will no doubt prove a popular number. Rolled brims that curl at the sides are reminiscent of the ones that flattered the ladies of Godey fame. The sausage brim (not a romantic name, but a very descriptive one) is like a round cushion from which rises a slender crown of Gambodian inspiration. The most exciting brims will be seen on sport hats. They are clipped at the front and smacked tight against one side. Or they dip over the nose and hug the head at the back. Sport hats are swanky enough for even the most glamorous deb.

Many different fabrics may be found in the 1940 style picture. There are heavy linens that look like wool; crepes that are both firm and soft; chiffons described as weather-proof; grasscloth that comes in attractive shades. But these are just a few of the many varieties. One of the most promising colors for spring is the unusual but very attractive burnt straw, a deep, rich, natural tint that verges on caramel.

Strolling down your own main street, you will see these stylist models in most any shop window. On a recent tour I noted the following:

Sport hat of grasscloth in a natural tint stitched in rust, worn well to one side. The brim, cut square at the front, was rolled close to the head on the left. The long double chiffon was rust.

The picture-frame beret—most flattering to the "picture type girl." This one was done in white crepe stitched in navy in a sunburst pattern. The veil, which can be worn front or back, had an edging of pale blue gross-grain faced with navy velvet.

A baby-cloche resting at a rakish angle over the nose, its cloud-gray decorated with bands of fine stitching. The wearer peers through meshes of a fine two-toned gray veil.

Another enchanting bit of Gambodian fantasy combined cotton, lace and felt—all dyed the identical shade of burnt almond. Tiny frills of lace edged the bands of faggotted cotton. This model is also good with navy.

WE DINE

Stews are most nourishing and healthful. None better than beef and vegetable stew. Try this one:

Beef and Vegetable Stew

The point about this stew is to use plenty of vegetables and just enough meat to serve as an appetizer. Cook the bones from the Sunday rib roast, simmering slowly in a tight-

ly covered pot in about half enough water to cover. If you think the meat on the bones is not enough include some leftover portions from the roast or a small amount of extra beef from round or flank, cut in inch pieces. Half an hour before the meat is done, add the following:

- 4 or 5 medium sized potatoes, diced

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3 or 4 full sized onions sliced or a bunch of new onions including part of the stalks.

2 sweet peppers cut small
1 tablespoon chopped parsley
2 stalks celery leaves, chopped
¼ teaspoon crushed sage leaves
1 bayleaf
1 teaspoon lemon juice.

Salt to taste or sea-vegetable salt or a little of both. Continue the simmering until the vegetables are tender, but not until they get mushy. They taste better if a little crunchy under the teeth. Remove from fire and pour off the stock to use for making a brown gravy.

Brown Gravy

Use the stock in the following proportions: 2 tablespoons butter, 2 tablespoons flour to 1 cup of stock. Melt the butter, then add the flour, stirring constantly over a low heat until the flour browns. Add the stock gradually, stirring continuously until the mixture boils, then reduce heat and allow to simmer for 5 minutes. Pour the gravy over the stew and keep over the fire until all is again piping hot and serve immediately.

Cherry Sauce

2 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon flour
1 cup sour red cherry juice.
Melt butter in saucepan; add flour and stir to a smooth paste. Add cherry juice, stirring constantly, and continue cooking and stirring until thickened. Serve hot. Makes 1 cup sauce.
NOTE: Juice from canned sour red cherries is used in this recipe.

Cherry Cobbler

3 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
3/4 cup sugar
2 tablespoons melted butter
2 cups canned, pitted sour red cherries
1 cup cherry juice
2 cups sifted flour
2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
6 tablespoons butter or other shortening
3/4 cup milk (about).
Combine tapioca, sugar, butter,

cherries and cherry juice; let stand while crust is being made. Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift again. Cut in shortening. Add milk gradually, stirring until soft dough is formed. Turn out on slightly floured board and knead 30 seconds, or enough to shape. Roll 2/3 of dough in strip, 2 inches wide and ¼ inch thick; line sides of 8x8x2-inch pan, fitting closely into corners. Stir cherry mixture well and turn into pan. Roll remaining 1/3 dough ¼ inch thick; with sharp knife make slits to permit escape of steam. Fit over cherries, pressing edges of dough together with fork dipped in flour. Bake in hot oven (450° F.) 15 minutes, then reduce heat to moderate (350° F.) and bake 25 to 30 minutes longer. Sprinkle powdered sugar over top, if desired. Serves 8.

NOTE: For individual cherry cobbles, turn cherry mixture into individual baking dishes. Roll dough ¼ inch thick; with sharp knife make slits to permit escape of steam. Fit over cherries, pressing dough against edge of dish to seal. Bake in hot oven (450° F.) 10 minutes; then reduce heat to moderate (350° F.) and bake 10 to 15 minutes longer. Makes 8 individual cobbles.

STARCH

One of the oldest household necessities, starch, was first known in 800 B. C., when it was popular in Egypt as a cosmetic. Egyptian women removed the shine from their noses with powdered starch. In Rome starch was used to stiffen the toga of Julius Caesar. Queen Elizabeth introduced starch in England and the superintendent of the royal family's laundry gave lessons in starch ruffs to the Ladies-in-Waiting. But it was France that first developed the art of starching and passed it on to the United States.

When the housewife buys a nickel or dime package of starch, she probably never thinks how it is produced. Starch is not a single product of nature, but a by-product of corn, wheat, rice, potatoes, barley or peas. Most commercial starch is made from either corn, rice or potatoes, principally corn.

The writer recently visited a starch-processing plant in Kansas City. He was shown how starch is made ready for use from the cooking, blending, drying and sifting process to the final stage of packing it for the market.

There are many ramifications in the manufacture of starch. First, it must be removed from either grain or vegetables by refining. Then it must go through a cleans-

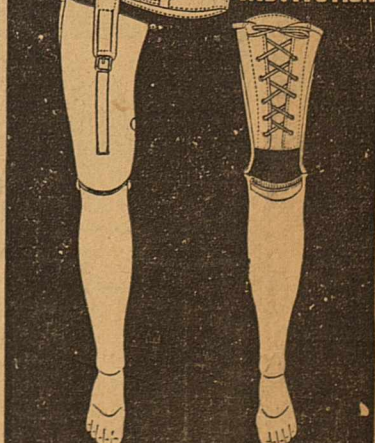
ing that removes all foreign matter, then drying, blending, sifting and packing.

In this Kansas City plant are five floors of machinery—all used in the processing and packing of starch.

The most interesting machines are the ones that do the packing. These machines, each about 80 feet long, are the last word in human ingenuity. They first weigh the starch, then put it in 5c, 10c and 25c packages, close label and seal the packages, then convey them to another part of the machines which put them in 24 to 72 package cases and start them on down conveyors to the first floor where they are finally loaded in freight cars ready for shipment to wholesaler and grocer.

All processes of making starch ready for the market are done by labor-saving machinery. The human hand never touches the starch from the time it reaches the refining, drying, blending and sifting machines to the time it is delivered to the machines that pack it into 5c, 10c and 25c packages. The last machines, the ones that do the packing, work with human intelligence. For instance, if a filled package is a trifle short in weight, the machines throw it to one side and take up the next packages that are accurate in weight. These machines intrigue the visitor with their uncanny precision and smart performance. You never tire of watching them work, and you wonder how man can ever build such intricate machines.

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The questions are estimated to apply to 132,000,000 persons, 33,000,000 homes and 7,000,000 farms. 120,000 census-takers will call personally on every family, ask the questions and record the replies they receive.

There are 26 questions relating to population that the census-takers will ask of everyone. There are 10 supplementary questions that will be put to 1 out of every 20 persons. The farm census will consist of 232 questions.

The housing census, being taken for the first time, will consist of 31 questions. This year's census," said Secretary Hopkins, "falls on the 150th anniversary of census-taking in America. It is of unusual significance because it will measure the social and economic effects of the great developments of the decade."

In addition to the usual questions about age, sex, race, color, nativity and family, nativity and citizenship of the foreign-born, vital new statistical knowledge will be developed on education, migration, employment, occupation, distribution of wages and salaries.

The population census-takers will fill out the housing questionnaire.

The housing census," Mr. Hopkins said, "should provide facts from which to judge immediate needs for dwelling construction, repair or modernization, and is of vital importance in discussing the future of our economy."

Farmers will answer the separate agriculture questionnaire concerning crops, their value and acreage, livestock, values and debts, labor and machinery.

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