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SUMMARY OF COUNTY AGENT'S YEARS ACTIVITIES

County Agent, H. E. Smith, completed his annual report and submitted it to the State Extension Office, December 30, 1939. The report was 32 pages long.

Agriculture Engineering has been the most predominant of all phases of Extension work done in the county this year. The Agent devoted 76 days in the field and none in the office to this activity.

The Agent spent 43 days in the field on beef cattle work. The majority of this time was spent with 4-H Club boys.

On sheep and goat work, the Agent devoted 42 days in the field. He devoted 25 days to Agriculture Conservation Association and 70 days to 4-H Club work, with all but 19 days charged to the different demonstrations.

Twelve days were devoted to short courses and conferences; 11 to farm management; 11 to poultry work, and 9 to pasture work.

There were 8 days devoted to Game Management, 2 in the office and 6 in the field. There were 4 days devoted to Dairying; 4 to County and Community planning; 2 to Agronomy; 2 to swine work, and 3 to Horticulture.

There was 1 day devoted to Entomology and 11 office calls received.

This covers what might be termed the Major phases of Extension work conducted in the County. There were 64 days devoted to miscellaneous activities, which include the minor phases of the work, such as horses and mules, to which 28 days were devoted.

To the Commissioners' Court there were 8 days devoted, 8 other meetings attended with a total attendance of 40. To Civic organizations and activities there were 8 days devoted.

In summary the Agent devoted 336 days, 46 in the office, 290 in the field, received 1143 telephone calls, wrote 1214 individual letters, wrote 52 circular letters, wrote 18 news articles, distributed 511 bulletins, conducted 75 demonstrations, conducted 307 result demonstrations with an attendance of 230, conducted 32 training or committee meetings with an attendance of 1009, conducted and attended 70 other meetings with an attendance of 3103, made 99 farm visits and 382 demonstration visits, devoted 70 days to 4-H Club work, was out of the county 56 1/2 days, had 1 day of annual leave, no sick leave, no leave without pay, and travelled 17,428 miles officially.

Mr. and Mrs. DeLashaw and Weldon Fikes attended a worker's meeting at Ba'tinger Tuesday and went on from there to attend a Baptist Sunday School Council at Dallas.

Nothing too good for customers. A Butane Gas plant just installed to give you better service. C.I. Y. CAFE.

BASKETBALL

The Robert Lee High School basket ball team played Bronte and Water Valley Tuesday night at the school gymnasium. They lost both games. The team will enter a tournament at Lakeview Friday and Saturday. The first game of the tournament will be Robert Lee versus Miles at 7 p. m. Friday night.

The Robert Lee Independents played Ellis Parts at San Angelo Thursday night of last week and lost 32-13. They played the Sons of Legion here Monday night. The score was 31-13, in favor of the Sons of Legions.

Wednesday night they were defeated by the College All-Stars 32-31 and by Maverick, 14-13.

The Independents will play the Findlater team here Monday night. There will also be a game here Wednesday night and every Monday and Wednesday night for the next two weeks.

CITY PROJECT APPROVED

Congressman South reported to the city commission that the WPA grant for a new filtration plant at the City Lake had been approved at Washington.

The Federal grant is for \$4662 and the city's part is \$1971. Work will start on the project in the near future.

IN AUSTIN

Judge McNeil Wylie, Henry Varnadore, and Fred O. Green made a business trip to Austin Thursday in interest of the highway work being done here. The traveling crew will soon be in Robert Lee and will have an all day session with South.

FOR COMMISSIONER Prec. 3

T. R. Harmon, who has lived in Coke County for 35 years, has given us authority to place his name in our columns for re-election as County Commissioner of Precinct No. 3.

Mr. Harmon does not wish to make any promises, except to state that he will discharge the duties of the office to the best of his ability. Nearly everyone in the county knows Mr. Harmon personally and realizes that he is well-qualified to fill this position.

He appreciates the cooperation given him in the past and solicits your support in the future.

NOTICE - READERS

The Observer appreciates the many subscriptions and renewals turned in during the past weeks. Yet, many subscriptions are overdue and others are due at the present time. Please note the date stamped beside the address on your paper. It indicates the expiration of your subscription.

We invite those who are receiving complimentary copies to become regular subscribers. For \$1 a year our subscribers get local, state, national, and foreign news, serial stories the year round, church notes, what's on at the shows, grocery specials for the week end, recipes and household hints, and other items of interest to the entire family.

The Observer is still taking subscriptions to the Star Telegram at bargain rates. The telegram and Observer for one year, \$7.95. The Observer is 50c with a year's subscription to a daily.

Go to church Sunday.

PLANS MADE FOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

STOCKHOLDERS MEEY

The Robert Lee State Bank held its annual stockholders meeting Tuesday night and elected the following officers to serve for 1940.

D. R. Campbell, President
I. A. Bird, Vice-president
T. A. Richardson, Cashier
Charline Mcrow, and Mrs. O. E. Jacobs, Ass't Cashiers
D. R. Campbell, I. A. Bird, Marvin Simpson, J. S. Gardner, and T. A. Richardson, Directors

BALL COMMITTEE

The local organization for the celebration of the President's Birthday, January 30, has been formulated and plans are underway for gala entertainment in Coke County to raise funds in the campaign against infantile paralysis. Hubert Buchanan of Robert Lee is county chairman.

Mrs. W. R. Denman of Robert Lee has been selected as county vice-chairman to organize and promote women's activities. Charlie Baker of Bronte has been named secretary, and W. R. Denman of Robert Lee, treasurer.

GARDEN CLUB MEETS

The El Valle Garden Club was entertained by Mrs. Fred Roe Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. S. Gardner gave a talk on "Culture and Growth of Perennials." Mrs. Jack Lassiter talked on "Culture and Growth of Annuals."

Individual trays were served to fifteen guests.

The Baptist W. M. S. met in the basement of the church Monday afternoon to begin quilting. They will quilt again Friday afternoon.

Geo. L. Taylor, school superintendent, is attending the State Superintendent's meeting at Austin.

Mrs. Bill Ratliff, Mrs. Allen Roberts, and Mrs. John Bilbo attended the Texas Association of Accredited Beauty Culturists in San Angelo Monday night.

Mrs. B. A. Austin has returned from Uvalde where she was at the bedside of her brother, Jack Conger, who suffered a slight stroke of paralysis. Mr. Conger's condition is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Newman of Dallas visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Childress and family the past week.

In last week's paper we made a mistake in regard to Mr. and Mrs. Frank King. There is no Mrs. attached to the name, as Mr. King is unmarried.

Dan Campbell was in Colorado City Monday, on business.

Preston Fitzhugh, vocational agriculture teacher of the Robert Lee FFA chapter, and J. T. Henry, teacher of the Bronte chapter, conferred with County Agent H. E. Smith Tuesday night to work out classes and premium list of the Coke County Live Stock Show which will be held in Robert Lee on Feb 28.

W. R. Nesbitt, animal husbandryman of Texas A&M, will judge the show. Fifteen baby beef calves will be judged in this show. Divisions and classes will be milk-fed and dry-lot calves.

Sixteen boys will enter approximately 32 lambs in the single lamb class, each boy exhibiting two lambs each. There will be another class of lambs in which ten lambs can be fitted and shown by one boy. Another class will have groups of ten, fitted and shown by an FFA chapter or 4-H club boy.

Hog division: Fat Barrow class will include all classes, colors, and breeds. The breeding class will include Poland Chinas, Hampshires, and Chesterwhites. In these breeding classes bores and gilts will be exhibited.

There will be a class of Angora goats, types B and C. Billy and doe kids will be shown in each class.

Adult breeders are urged to shape up prize animals such as Jacks, Stallions, Bulls, Rams, Billy goats, and any registered female animals to exhibit at this show. Any breeder who desires to exhibit animals should contact Smith, Fitzhugh or Henry and make his intentions known prior to Feb. 1. If sufficient numbers are interested in this class, ribbons will be given.

The premium list for the boys' classes will be governed by the support given the show; therefore ranchmen are urged to give the show their full support.

Tentative plans were made for an amateur rodeo with junior, adult and old men's roping events and junior and adult steer riding contests.

Entrants will be restricted to amateurs, FFA and 4-H boys, and boys residing in the county or boys employed on ranches in the county.

Attends Jackson Dinner

J. S. Gardner, Gerald Allen, J. S. Craddock, Fred O. Green, and McNeil Wylie attended the Jackson Day Dinner at San Angelo Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keeney and Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Youngblood of Bronte were also in attendance.

Harry Hines, a member of the State Highway Commission, was principal speaker of the evening.

125 rods 12 inch stay 26 inch net for sale at a real bargain. For information see Glenn Simpson at M System.

Factual Report of War Activities



JOSEPH W. LABINE

THE war in Europe is the one subject of interest to all our readers, but the moves on the checkerboards of the battlefields and diplomacy are not easily understood.

America is being flooded from every war-torn nation with vast quantities of propaganda for the purpose of influencing public opinion in this country. Reports of actual events are so severely censored, and so many false reports are issued, that it is hard to get a fair account of actual happenings.

Scare headlines appear in the daily papers of the world, only to be contradicted or forgotten in the next edition because there was no actual foundation for the statements covered by such headings.

In the Weekly News Analysis we are printing each week, our readers find a concise factual statement of events in Europe, with such interpretation, explanation and comment as will make the report of these actual happenings easily understood. It provides the most valuable coverage of the war to be found in any publication.

Weekly News Analysis is prepared for us each week by Mr. Joseph W. LaBine, a careful observer and talented writer, who has made a thorough study of European history of modern times and of European armaments.

Mr. LaBine is a product of rural America. He was born and raised in a small town and completed his education at a mid-western university, where he majored in journalism. Following his completion of the journalism course, he worked on a weekly newspaper, before going into the metropolitan field. He has specialized as a commentator and is recognized as having unusual ability in that line. His Weekly News Analysis, as it appears in our columns, presents evidence of that ability.

Our readers can confidently accept Mr. LaBine's statements of war happenings, and his comments, as the basis of their discussions of the war.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS BY JOSEPH W. LaBINE

U. S. Reacts to European War As Shipments Crowd Wharves; Ickes Warns Against 'Raiding'

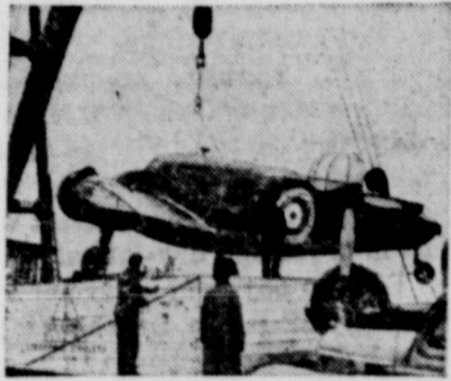
(EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.)
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DOMESTIC:

U. S. & the War

Major fear of congressmen who opposed the neutrality act last October was that its practical effect was to favor Britain and France, who control the seas, meanwhile shutting off U. S. munitions supplies to Germany. Released by the state department at year's end were substantiating figures: In November, first month of neutrality's operation, France received export licenses covering \$95,579,000 in munitions exports; Britain, \$14,570,000; Germany, none.

Meanwhile New York port officials felt for the first time the press of war shipments. Bedded down in the foreign trade zone on Staten island were bombers, trucks, trench



PLANE FOR BRITAIN
Trench diggers, too.

diggers, corned beef and miscellaneous war exports valued at \$18,500,000, all awaiting empty allied freighters to carry them across the submarine-infested Atlantic.

Items: 60 fast Lockheed reconnaissance bombers, their bodies painted a dark brown and camouflaged with weird stripings; 1,500 Studebaker trucks and 1,000 White trucks, the vanguard of 6,000 to be sent to the war zone within the next two months (wired to many of them were crates carrying machine gun mountings, and spare parts); 13 trench diggers costing \$3,000 each and destined for the Western front, to be followed soon by 270 more.

At Washington, the annual report of Interior Secretary Harold Ickes focused attention on America's need for conserving her natural resources which he said were threatened by efforts to break down conservation programs in an attempt to reap quick war profits. What specific attempts he had in mind Secretary Ickes did not say, but it is well known that army and navy departments have ordered strict conservation of domestic sources of certain strategic materials.

ESPIONAGE:

Dies to Murphy

Much maligned during the two years his committee has investigated un-Americanism, Congressman

Martin Dies of Texas has nevertheless managed to stir up trouble for Communist Earl Browder, Nazi Fritz Kuhn, Alien Harry Bridges, and many a lesser figure. For months the administration would not co-operate, but finally the justice department swooped down on Earl Browder, indicting him on false passport charges.

This month Attorney General Frank Murphy begins co-operating so completely that Martin Dies is shoved to the background. Opened in Washington was a special grand jury probe to study "direct evidence" of planned sabotage by representatives of foreign governments in U. S. auto, airplane and munitions factories. At the same time Frank Murphy began probing anti-Semitic activities, using the income tax, passport and foreign agent laws as his weapons.

THE WARS:

In the West

Where Christmas left off, a violent blizzard began to stop all operations on the western front. Sidights:

☛ Britain, expecting "real war" in the spring, ordered 2,000,000 more men prepared for army service.

☛ In Paris *Le Petit Parisien* published a report from Italy that Adolf Hitler was ready to quit as chancellor and purge his more radical Nazis to "convince the allies to make peace."

In the North

Attack-and-repulsé tactics continued featuring the war between Finland and Russia, the Soviet suffering bitter losses on all fronts from Petsamo to the Karelian isthmus. Main reason, as usual, was cold weather, an ally of the skillful Finns. Most gruesome story:

Near Suomussalmi it was learned the outnumbered Finns had surrounded Russia's entire 163rd division, waited three weeks in bitter cold while the Soviet supply lines broke down, then attacked to find the Russians so weak and frozen they could hardly move. Trapped were most of the 18,000 men, thousands of them already dead.

Far from an optimist, Finland's President Kyosti Kallio knew such luck couldn't hold out. As new waves of Red troops were rushed to the front he appealed for foreign volunteers.

WHITE HOUSE:

Appointments

As congress opened, President Roosevelt asked confirmation of his two most recent appointees:

☛ Charles Edison, assistant secretary of the navy since January, 1937, and acting head of the department since last summer, chosen for full secretaryship.

☛ Daniel W. Bell, former acting budget director, named undersecretary of the treasury.

FORECAST:

New Job:

☛ Once U. S. ambassador to Italy, and an official of the state department since Woodrow Wilson's administration, Breckenridge Long is considered the best bet to succeed Joseph E. Davies as ambassador to Belgium. Davies has already taken over most of Long's present duties as head of the special department for repatriation of Americans living abroad.



LONG
To Brussels?

Goering Trouble:

☛ The London *Daily Herald* reports on good authority that Adolf Hitler's No. 1 aid, Field Marshal Hermann Goering, has fallen in disfavor and is living at his shooting chalet at Schorfheide, planning a comeback campaign "on his own terms."

Neutrality

Observers expect wholesale attempts to transfer U. S.-owned passenger and freight ships to registry of European neutrals, following the maritime commission's approval of a deal whereby eight U. S. Lines ships are sold to a Norwegian company for operation between New

Rumors Behind World Headlines

York and Liverpool. Purpose of transfer: To escape ban imposed by U. S. neutrality law.

Quints:

☛ Resignation of Dr. Alan Roy Daffoe as a guardian of the famous Dionne quintuplets may pave the way for their return to the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliva Dionne.

Strategy:

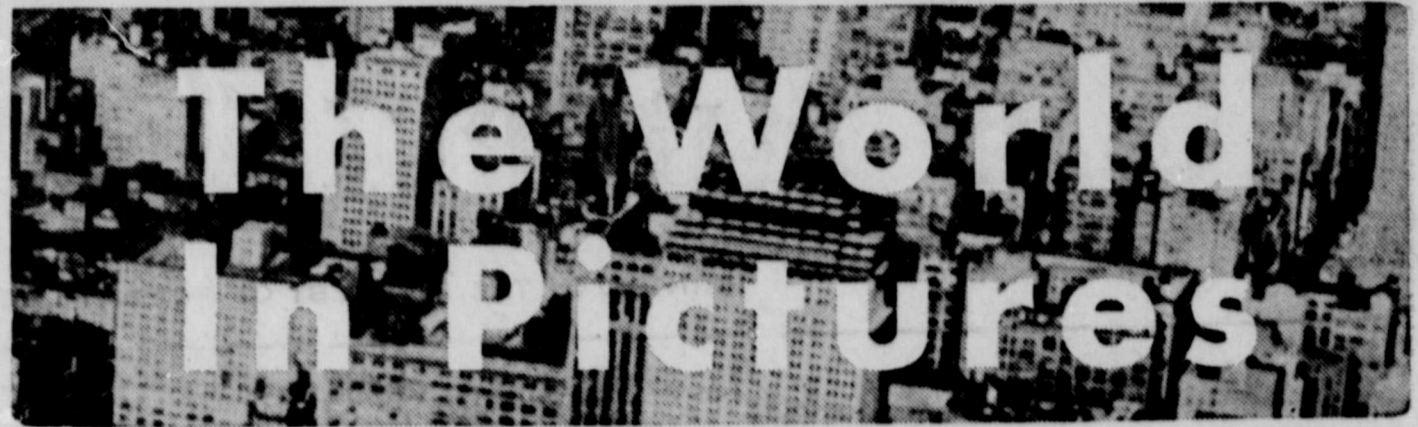
☛ Both Republicans and Democrats (the latter in self-defense) will probably concentrate their major 1940 presidential campaign in the mid-western states, normally a G. O. P. stronghold. For this reason leaders of both parties are urging Chicago as convention city.

Tragedy:

☛ University of Nebraska's Dr. J. E. Weaver predicts that the most ruinous drought in history will strike the middle-western "dust bowl" next year. Already dry, the dust bowl received only temporary relief from light snows.

Protest:

☛ Agricultural business interests are planning a campaign to demand that the Farm Credit administration be removed from the hands of Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace, on charges that his recently expropriated control over FCA will result in loosened credit restrictions, thus endangering the investments of FCA stockholders.



American Canteen Serves a Cup of Tea to Tommy



Lady Astor, left, is shown serving tea to a British soldier as she inaugurated the first of the American canteens in London. These canteens were presented by American women in England. From them free snacks will be served to soldiers, featuring doughnuts and hamburgers. The latter are slow in gaining favor with the Tommies, who claim they are filled amply during regular "mess." Additional canteens, donated by the same group, will be opened soon in several convenient points in England.

Cosmic Ray Photographers Get Chilly Reception



It was 38 degrees below zero near Chicago recently—but John Q. Citizen didn't know about it, for that temperature recording was made at an altitude of 29,300 feet. A party of photographers ascended to that height to photograph cosmic rays. Perhaps Santa Claus' whiskers serve a practical purpose. They help keep him warm.

Now He, Too, Is Gone With the Wind



Seated before the typewriter in his New York home, Howard Rushmore writes his own exclusive story telling just why he resigned as movie critic of the Communist publication, the *Daily Worker*. He refused to criticize the motion picture, "Gone With the Wind," in his review and as a result was forced to quit his post. Rushmore's article exposed the "pressure" brought to bear by Moscow on the Communist newspaper.

Oil Land Judge



The problem of legal compensation to United States and other foreign oil companies for lands seized by the Mexican government now rests with Judge Ponciano Hernandez, who will appoint an appraiser to evaluate oil properties.

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When The Historians Write

There'll probably be a good deal of talk about the agricultural problem this session of Congress. And no one can deny that the farmers have their troubles, the same as all other businesses--and that it is the duty of government to attempt to alleviate them.

At the same time, going by the experience of farm-aid legislation of the past, it looks like a safe bet that mere political action won't do much to solve the problem. In late years, about the only really significant and permanent farm progress has come from the work of farmers themselves through their marketing cooperation.

These marketing cooperatives haven't been able to do the impossible. But they have helped steady prices, burden markets and improve the general efficiency of the craft of farming. They are a potent and ever growing influence. And the odds favor them being given a far larger chapter, when the history of agriculture in this century is written, than the farm relief schemes devised by the politicians.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are authorized to announce the following Candidates for the Office next above their names, subject to the Action of the Democratic Primary, July 27, 1940.

Announcements are Cash.

COKE COUNTY, TEXAS

For County Judge & Ex-officio School Supt.
McNEIL WYLIE
(re-election)

For County & Dist. Clerk
WILLIS SMITH
(re-election)

For County Sheriff, & Tax Assessor-Collector
FRANK PERCIFULL
(re-election)

For County Treasurer
Mrs. B. M. GRAMLING
(re-election)

For County Commissioner Precinct No. 1
H. C. VARNADORE
(re-election)

For Commissioner Prcet. No. 3
T. R. HARMON
(re-election)

Social Security Pay-off

February 1 will be a big day for many an elderly American. For on that day the United States Treasurer will make its first old age retirement payments, under the terms of the social security act. To be eligible for the benefits you must be 65 by January 1, must have worked in six different calendar quarters since the end of 1936, and must have earned \$50 or more during each of them. Persons of 65 who can't qualify may work on until they have gained sufficient wage credits. And pensioners may continue to work after qualifying providing they don't earn over \$15 a month. Maximum benefit at this time is \$82 for a worker with a wife over 65 and one or more dependant children.

No government "social security" is now a going endeavor. But that doesn't mean the problem has been settled. The present system, in the view of most economists, is unwieldy and may prove unworkable. In as much as the sums paid in by the workers of the country must be invested in government bonds, and the money goes into the Treasury where it can be spent for any purpose Congress desires, there is no absolute guarantee

that the future benefits will be paid as contracted. Under any circumstances, unless the law is changed, the program will increase the Federal debt by tens of billions. Many officials of both parties are convinced that the system must be reversed. On top of that, the present law makes no provision for the millions of farm and domestic workers, or for people who own their own little businesses and make smaller incomes than many salaried workers. Persons in these categories are exerting pressure on Congress to extend the program to cover them.

If you know what good coffee is and want to drink the best you can get it at Ratliff's.

B. W. Bilbo was honored with a dinner party Sunday at his ranch home in observance of his 82nd birthday anniversary.

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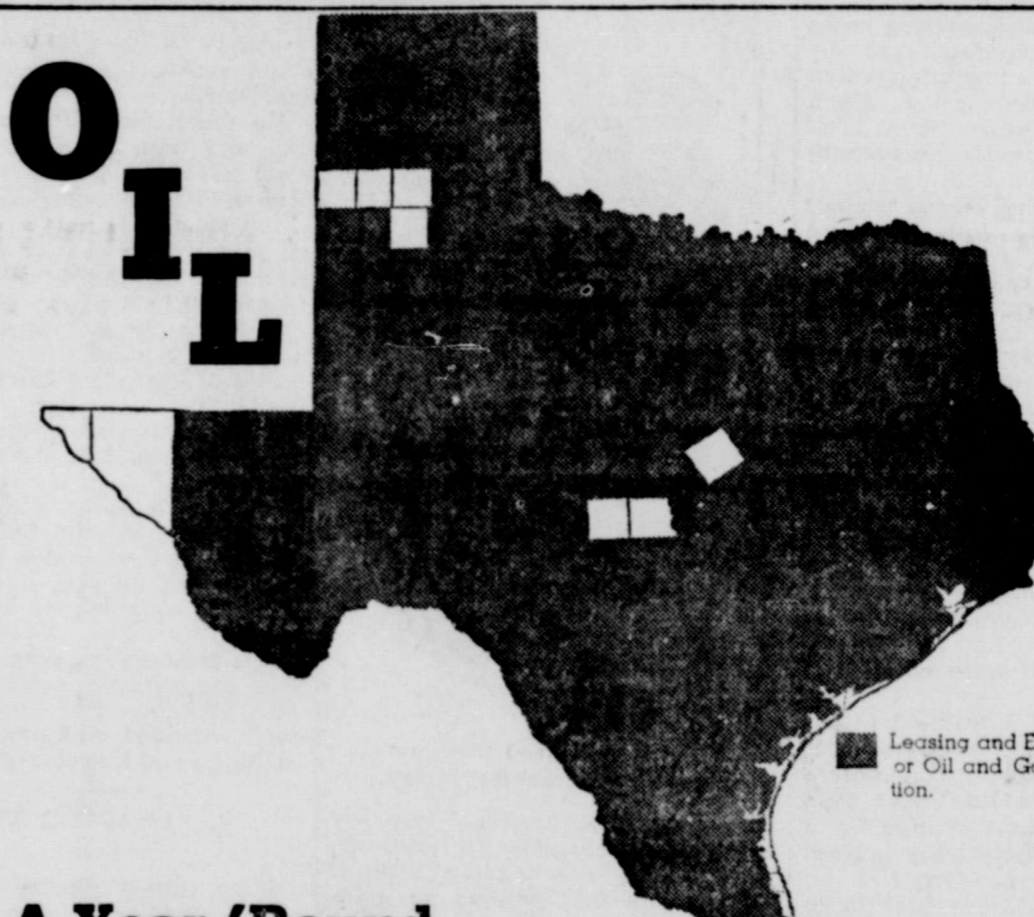
Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Havins celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary Sunday.

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Last year land owners received 50 million dollars in lease rentals and bonuses alone.

In many counties where oil is a major factor, local government receives as much as 90% of its total tax revenue from the oil business.

Then, too, the State collects 45% of its tax money (exclusive of the gasoline tax) from the oil man. In 1938 this was 32 million dollars.

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF
ROBERT LEE STATE BANK
of Robert Lee, Texas, a member of the Federal Reserve System, at the close of business on December 30, 1939, published in accordance with a call made by the Federal Reserve bank of this district pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Reserve Act.

ASSETS		Dollars.-Ct.
Loans & discounts (including \$643.90 overdrafts)		\$100,706.87
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	7,500.00	
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	7,873.87	
Corporate stocks (including \$850.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	850.00	
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	50,236.66	
Bank premises owned \$2,800.00		
Furniture and Fixtures,	1,050.00	3,850.00
Total Assets		171,017.40
LIABILITIES		
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	133,291.72	
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	277.87	
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	4,876.70	
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	232.50	
Total Deposits	\$138,678.79	
Bills payable, rediscounts, and other liabilities for borrowed money	none	
Total Liabilities	138,678.79	
(not including subordinated obligations shown below)		
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		
Capital ^c	\$ 25,000.00	
Surplus	2,500.00	
Undivided profits	4,838.61	
Total Capital Account	32,338.61	
Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	171,017.40	

^c This bank's capital consists of common stock with total par value of \$25,000.00

MEMORANDA
Secured and preferred liabilities:
Deposits preferred under provisions of law but not secured by pledge of assets..... 277.87
Total 277.87

I, T. A. Richardson, Cashier, of the above named bank hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

T. A. Richardson,
CORRECT-ATTEST: D. R. Campbell,
J. S. Gardner,
Marvin Simpson, Directors.

SINGING CONVENTION

Preparation, in general, by lovers of good singers over the county and in particular by the good people of the Fort Chadbourne community are now in progress for the meeting of the Coke County Singing Convention at 10 a. m. Jan 14, which is the Second Sunday in the month. The meeting is to be held in the old church house in Fort Chadbourne and is to last all day with a lunch spread on the ground. Invitations are being sent to prominent singers in all adjoining counties and to some of the most noted singers in the state and a goodly number are expected to attend and take part in the program. A supply of the new 1940 Stamps Baxter books, "Pearly Gates", will be available along with the supply of 1939 books already on hand. The invitation is extended to all and to those who live in Coke County a request is made by sponsors of the convention to come prepared to assist the local community with the lunch spread if it is convenient. This will prevent the move from being burdensome to any one and we are sure that all who can will take pleasure in helping. Anyhow, come and take part in the song feast.

H. A. Williams, President,
J. C. Jordan, Secretary.

Famous Violinist Coming to San Angelo

Fritz Kreisler, regarded by critics as the greatest living violinist, will appear in a concert at the City Auditorium at San Angelo on the night of January the 29th.

Kreisler is being presented by the San Angelo Junior College, this being his first appearance in the Southwest.

Music lovers throughout this section are urged to take note of this and take advantage of the opportunity of hearing Mr. Kreisler. The admission for Public School and College students is one dollar and for adults two dollars. Tickets may be ordered by addressing W.H. Elkins President of San Angelo College, or Carl Brumbelow, Music Director; or they may be purchased at the box office the night of the performance.

Church Notes

METHODIST	
Church School	10:00
Preaching Service	11:00
Epworth League	6:45
Preaching Service	7:30
W. M. S.--Monday	4:00
BAPTIST	
Sunday School	10:00
Preaching Service	11:00
Training Union	6:30
Preaching Service	7:30
W. M. S., Monday	3:00
Young Peoples Prayer Meeting, Officers-Teachers Meeting,	7:00
Wednesday	

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H. L. Hoffman, expert, Minneapolis, Minn., will demonstrate without charge his "Perfect Retention Shields" in San Angelo at the Naylor Hotel from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m., Thursday, January 25. Please come early. Evenings by appointment.
Your physician will tell you about this serious condition. Any rupture allowed to protrude is dangerous.
My "Retention Shields" hold your rupture under any condition of exercise and work. They are sanitary, waterproof and practically indestructible. Naval Ruptures and those following abdominal operations especially solicited.
Do not wear trusses that will enlarge the opening and don't neglect the children. Many satisfied customers in this community. No mail order. Home of ice; Excelsior, Minn.

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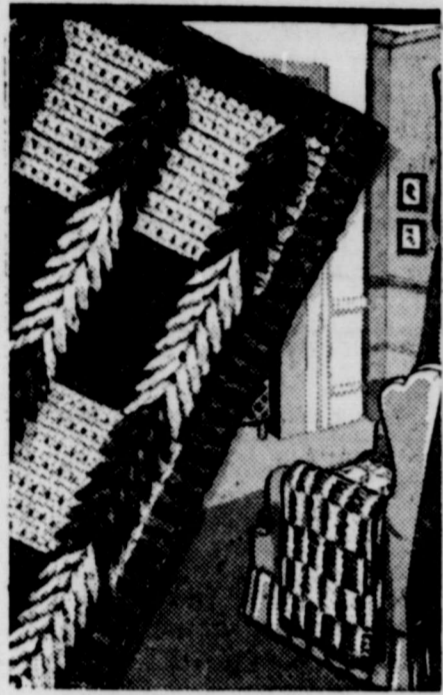


Even Curtains.—If curtains will not hang evenly; slip a rod through the lower hems and let it remain a few days.

Seven drops of lemon juice added to a pint of cream before whipping it will cause it to beat up in less than half the time it would without the juice.

In making candy the materials should be collected ahead of time and a pan should be selected big enough to allow for boiling and thick enough not to scorch such ingredients as milk and chocolate.

Easy Afghan Smart Done in Two Shades



Pattern 6505

An afghan for a beginner! In two shades of a color, it's worked in single crochet, with rib stitch forming a herringbone design. Pattern 6505 contains directions for making afghan; illustration of it and stitches; materials required; color schemes; photograph of section of afghan.

To obtain this pattern send 15 cents in coins to The Sewing Circle Household Arts Dept., 259 W. 14th St., New York, N. Y.

Please write your name, address and pattern number plainly.

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A Good Mind

He that procures his child a good mind makes a better purchase for him than if he laid out the money for an addition to his former acres.—Locke.

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WNU—L 2-40

To Be Pitied

If our inward griefs were seen on our brows, how many would be pitied who are now envied!—Metastasio.

THE TRUTH SIMPLY TOLD

Today's popularity of Doan's Pills, after many years of world-wide use, surely must be accepted as evidence of satisfactory use. And favorable public opinion supports that of the able physicians who test the value of Doan's under exacting laboratory conditions. These physicians, too, approve every word of advertising you read, the objective of which is only to recommend Doan's Pills as a good diuretic treatment for disorder of the kidney function and for relief of the pain and worry it causes. If more people were aware of how the kidneys must constantly remove waste that cannot stay in the blood without injury to health, there would be better understanding of why the whole body suffers when kidneys lag, and diuretic medication would be more often employed. Burning, scanty or too frequent urination sometimes warn of disturbed kidney function. You may suffer nagging backache, persistent headache, attacks of dizziness, getting up nights, swelling, puffiness under the eyes—feel weak, nervous, all played out. Use Doan's Pills. It is better to rely on a medicine that has won world-wide acclaim than on something less favorably known. Ask your neighbor!

DOAN'S PILLS

Scars, Moles May Develop Into Cancer

By DR. JAMES W. BARTON I HAVE spoken before of the surgeon who had three patients report to him in one week with a lump in the breast, all three of whom believed they had cancer. One had gone on a European trip with her family holding her secret (cancer with death to follow) within her heart rather than spoil the plans of her family. Another had discovered the lump when she was some thousands of miles from home and traveled all that distance in despair rather than consult a physician in the city so far from home. And the story of the third was equally tragic. Not one of these three women had cancer yet all endured weeks and months of agony of mind before consulting a physician.

TODAY'S HEALTH COLUMN

Everyone past 40, with a persistent lump or a slow or non-healing sore should consult a physician. If it is not cancer, relief of mind is obtained; if it is cancer, the chances of removing the cancer by surgery, X-ray or radium are excellent. Neglected, death will follow.

Most cancers grow rapidly. When a mole, lump, scar, or other growth has been present for months or even years, it is only natural that it is not considered cancerous. But if changes begin to take place in these common or innocent growths, then the fact that they may develop into cancer should not be forgotten.

Beware of Growth.

Dr. H. Montgomery, Rochester, Minn., in Archives of Dermatology and Syphilology, shows that in 20 per cent or more of all the conditions mentioned above—scars, moles, lumps, and other growths—skin cancer develops. In some of these lumps, moles and scars, cancerous growth and innocent growth are going on at the same time.

While the fact that the great majority of these common skin conditions never develop into cancer is reassuring, nevertheless the fact that some of them are forerunners or skin cancer must be remembered.

Don't disturb these moles, scars or growths in any way, but make it a point about once a month to examine them carefully to see if any changes are taking place.

Faulty Liver May Cause Arthritis

ONE form of rheumatism or arthritis that comes on, sometimes rapidly and at other times gradually, is what is called arthritis deformans or rheumatoid arthritis. There is some muscular cramps and twitching, some numbness and stiffness in the joints, some mental depression, followed by pain and swelling of various joints—fingers, knees, spine. Wet weather increases the pain. Little lumps or nodules form in fingers, toes, wrist and elbow joints and sometimes in the jaw.

The most effective form of treatment appears to be the application of heat, then exercise, then rest for a time. Sunshine and sunshine lamps help most cases.

Many physicians who do special work in arthritis are able to help many cases by a diet of fruit and vegetables, cutting down almost completely on proteins—meat, eggs, fish—and also on starches—potatoes, bread and sugar. This diet is also alkaline in reaction.

Liver Serves as Filter.

However, there is one organ in the body whose duty is to filter or remove poisons from the blood. This is the liver.

That a faulty liver has much to do with allowing rheumatoid arthritis to occur was pointed out by Dr. W. B. Rawls and associates some time ago. By the use of the dye test it was found that 73 per cent of 100 patients with rheumatoid arthritis gave evidence of faulty livers.

The liver can be kept in its best possible condition to prevent rheumatoid arthritis or other ailments by avoiding large meals and by active bending exercises, keeping knees straight.

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Chinese Boy Thought One Letup Deserved Another

In a Shanghai bungalow shared by several young Englishmen, the Chinese houseboy had a perfectly round head which he kept shaved and polished like a billiard ball.

The young men were always taking pot shots at this tempting target with paper pellets or giving it a pat as they passed by. To all of which the Chinese said nothing.

One day they decided it was a shame to keep worrying the boy, so they called him in and told him they had decided to stop doing it.

He replied: "Thank you, masters. I very pleased. Now I not make your coffee with dishwater any more."

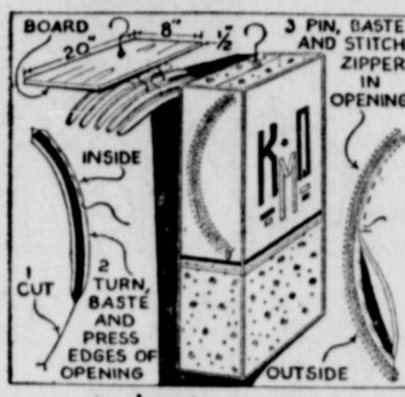
ASK ME ANOTHER

A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

1. What is the supercargo on a ship?
2. Why do stars twinkle?
3. Can the speaker of the house of representatives cast his vote when there is no tie?
4. What is meant by on the quiver?
5. What is the difference between command and commander?
6. Can a President legally take the oath of office on a Sunday?
7. How many people live in what is known as the New York Region?

1. An officer who manages the commercial concerns of the trip.
2. The twinkling is an illusion due to the great distance their lights travel.
3. Yes, he has the rights of any other representative.
4. On the alert.
5. Command—to direct, have under control; commander—to seize arbitrarily, to force into service.
6. Yes. President Wilson did so.
7. This region, which includes all people living within a radius of 50 miles of New York city, has a population of 11,500,000.

HOW to SEW By RUTH WYETH SPEARS



"DEAR MRS. SPEARS: I thought you might be interested in how I made garment bags for each member of my family, almost entirely from things I had on hand. The foundation part of each was made of 1/2-inch board; a screw-eye; a hook from a hanger; and five small screw hooks underneath. For the bag, I combined muslin flour sacks with odds and ends of figured cottons and trimmed the joinings with bias tape. I followed your directions in SEWING Book 2, for initials of bias tape to mark the bags." At the upper left is sketched the foundation that this reader

used. If a zipper is used for the opening, the 36-inch length is best. If you put it in a curved line, you will have a wider opening. Each step in applying the zipper in this way is shown here.

NOTE: The Sewing Basket in every thrifty household should contain a copy of Mrs. Spears' Sewing Book 2, in which she illustrates the five standard methods of repairing all kinds of fabrics. Thirty-two pages to delight every lover of fine handwork. To get your copy send 10 cents in coin to Mrs. Spears, Drawer 10, Bedford Hills, New York, to cover cost.

\$30,000 to Innocent Man

A rare case of compensation for the imprisonment of an innocent man is that of Oscar Slater of Glasgow, Scotland. In 1909 he was convicted and sentenced to death for the murder of a woman, but the sentence was later commuted to one of penal servitude for life. In 1927, after spending 18 years in Peterhead prison, he established his innocence, was released and awarded \$30,000.—Collier's.

Confetti Popcorn

- 2 quarts pop corn
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup water
- Vegetable coloring
- 1 teaspoon flavoring

Divide pop corn into three equal portions. Combine sugar, butter, water, and coloring; bring to boil and cook until the syrup spins a thread (about 15 minutes). Add the flavoring. Pour over popped corn and stir until kernels are sugar coated and separated. Repeat process three times, using a different color and flavor each time; mix batches.

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No, No, No Never volunteer for nothing under no circumstances.—Wirkus.

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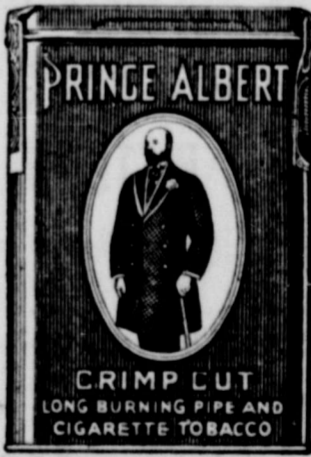
YES, indeed, "makin's" fans, Prince Albert nestles in your papers the way you like for speedier, neater rolling. It's "crimp cut." There's no bunching or blowing around. And what a tip in the facts below! Prince Albert BURNS COOLER—lets you enjoy rich, ripe taste, mellow goodness with MILD, "no-bite" smoking! That's real "makin's" pleasure—and plenty of it, too! Around 70 of those smooth "makin's" smokes in every P.A. tin. Get Prince Albert. (Treats your tongue right in a pipe, too.)

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The Dead-End Kids In
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Comedy & Movietone News

SUNDAY, 1:30, Matinee & MONDAY, Jan 14 & 15
Joan Crawford - Norma Shearer - Rosalind Russell In
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WEDNESDAY ONLY, (?) Jan. 17th
Leo Carrillo-Tim Holt-Steffi Duna In
"The GIRL and the GAMBLER"

Leon Errol Comedy

TEXAS THEATRE

BRONTE, TEXAS

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, Jan. 12th & 13th
Ann Sheridan-Richard Carleton In
"WINTER CARNIVAL"

Comedy - News

TUESDAY ONLY, Jan. 16 h (Money Nite)

Leo Carrillo - Tim Holt - In
"The GIRL and the GAMBLER"
Comedy

The City Cafe has added a Butane gas plant and Electrolux refrigerator to its equipment.

The Baptist Brotherhood met at the church Monday night for a chile supper with nine members present. A charitable issue was discussed, and committees were appointed to report on different phases.

Licked to a frazzle by cotton styles in the Paris and New York markets last season, the synthetics apparently are pointing toward a comeback via Hollywood.



For Health's Sake
--Roller Skate
Thursday and Saturday
Nights
Saturday Matinee

H. D. FISH

GROCERY Specials for Friday & Saturday, Jan. 12 & 13



Gladiola FLOUR	6 lb sack 30c	24 lb sack 90c
	12 lb sack 50c	48 lb sack 1.70
All 5c School Tablets,	6 for	25c
6 Rolls Toilet TISSUE,		25c
Wolf Brand CHILI,	3 for	65c
Cheap and Good MATCHES,	6 boxes	18c
5 oz OYSTERS,	2 for	25c
Large 3-min. OATS		19c
Eu Zan Salad Dressing,	pint tumblers	14c
K C BAKING POWDER,	25 oz	19c
Gallon PEACHES,		38c
SPUDS,	10 lbs	17c
Campbell's TOMATO JUICE,	50 oz cans	26c
Rex Jelly	2 1-2 lb.	23c
Every Day COFFEE,	2 for	35c

Get our prices on Big Smith Clothes.

WEEK END SPECIALS At CUMBIE'S

No 2 TOMATOES,		6c
16 oz Brimful PORK & BEANS,	5c	2 no 2 Joan of Arc Kidney BEANS, 23c
R&W ROAST BEEF,	12 oz can	25c
two 16 oz R&W SPAGHETTI,	17c	three 9 oz pkgs MINCE MEAT, 25c
R&W COFFEE,	1 lb 25c 2 lbs 49c	
two no 1 Wolf Brand CHILI,	24c	no 1 Spanish Sweet ONIONS, 2 lbs 5c
Gallon PRUNES,	fresh	25c
252's Win-sap APPLES, doz	9c	large bunch CARROTS, 3c
Bushel Texas ORANGES,		89c
CABBAGE,	1ge green heads per lb	1 1/2c

Remember we sell Cold Meats, Lunch Meat, Cooked and Raw Hams, Cheese, Brick Chili, and Wieners. Plenty famous Cowboy Sausage.

W. J. CUMBIE'S

The Red & White Store

M SYSTEM STORE

Specials for Friday & Saturday,
January 12th & 13th

Pillsbury PANCAKE FLOUR	2 pkg	19c
Frazar Fancy sliced PINEAPPLE,	no 2 can	15c
3 Minute Wonder Ware OATS,	regular 25c size	19c
3 no 2 Tomatoes		19c
Dinty Moore MEAT BALLS, and SPAGHETTI,	1ge can	15c
Choice Bulk RICE,	4 lbs	19c
Mission PEAS,	no 1 cans, 2 for 15c no 2 cans, 2 for 25c	
2 lb cello bag PITTED DATES,		29c
Mission CORN,	2 no 1 cans 15c no 2 can 10c	
one 50c Pebecco Toothpaste	39c	
one 50c tube for 1c SALE		40c
BOTH FOR		
Sem, facial tissue	500 size	19c
14 oz Heinz Ketchup		17c
No 2 1/2 can Prunes,	packed in heavy syrup.	10c
No 2 DelMonte Early Garden Asparagus,		19c
5 lb can DelMonte BLACKBERRY PRESERVES,		49c
10 lb choice Pinto Beans,		49c
Matches,	6 bx crtn	15c

Try the 'M' System for anything in the grocery line, either fancy items or the staple ones. We have them or will get them for you.

Jersey Catsup,	14 oz	10c
1 lb can DelMonte Coffee		25c
Red & Gold coffee,	2 lb	27c
We grind it when you buy it.		
1 lb Vanilla Wafers,		15c
Fresh from our Bakery		
1 pound loaf fresh Tendercrust BREAD		7c

IN OUR MARKET

Country BUTTER,	lb	25c
Pure Pork SAUSAGE,	2 lb	35c
PORK CHOPS,	lb	19c
All Sweet ULEOMARAR NE,		19c
Dressed HENS, nice, fat	lb	19c
Dressed FRIERS,	each	39c
Sliced BACON,	lb	23c
BACON SQUARES,	lb	12c
STEAK, round, loin, T-bone	lb	25c



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