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Robert Lee Dam And Reservoir Report Forwarded To Washington

The comprehensive report on the Robert Lee dam project, on which the Bureau of Reclamation initiated surveys six years ago this month, is in the hands of the reclamation commissioner in Washington.

Advancement of the major Upper Colorado River Authority project to this stage was confirmed by Paul Sharkey of Austin, head of the Bureau's Texas planning office, and Wesley R. Nelson, regional director with headquarters at Ama-

"This is one of the projects on which surveys have been pushed in order to make sure that they can be speeded through the final stages when authorized by Congress,' said Mr. Nelson. "In short, we want to be in a position where we can start construction when the project is fully approved by all concerned and the funds are appropriated."

Having moved from the prelimi- templated. naries of field surveys and office studies to a definite plan outlined by word, map, drawing and table, the UCRA objective now is at the Ballinger. The present Robert point where it soon can be submitted for final action.

On the Colorado project, as with others, the Bureau will consult and work with state and local groups tion in the report prepared by the perity of the farmers of the coun- sympathy and the promise that ton producers—whether sharecropand individuals, and other federal reclamation engineers in Texas, ty, urging them to investigate the those of us left will keep on fight- pers, tenants, or owners may apagencies as well, in adopting the studied and rechecked at Denver merits of this fine government ing for what your son believed in: ply for crop insurance on their infinal all-around development program.

Mr. Sharkey on a brief visit to the liminary estimates of the type, ex- The farmer's prosperity means the Colorado dam site and irrigation project area and to sites on the tain the shortage; to delineate the Conchos Friday was Culberson project areas and classify the to-Deal, longtime member of the pography and soils; to make an the people of Robert Lee, Bronte, UBRA board, which was established economic study of the types of Fort Chadbourne, Hayrick and ed by the state to foster the pro-

with Commissioner Harry W. Bashore in Washington proposes the construction of a dam which would acre surface area.

Mr. Sharkey, who was located at San Angelo several years ago to of Region No 5, is in general supervise the UCRA surveys and inltial surveys on the North, South, Mexico, and parts of Colorado and is to meet with the First Baptist 1878. He wedded Sarah Josephine and Middle Concho Rivers, said Kansas.

Fancy Price Paid For Lambs

per pound.

lambs were the finest that had each instance a woman. Fines of been on the Fort Worth market \$100 and costs were paid by each, this year. It pays to feed lambs a total of \$270.90. The beer will for the market. Fred has had his be turned over to state authorities Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lewis, flock grazing on a wheat or oat for sale to licensed dealers, the pro- Robert Lee, Texas. patch for some weeks and as a re- ceeds going to the old age pension Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lewis: sult his roll of long green would fund. Each case contained 12 choke a horse.

that the impounded 670,000 acre feet of water would permit the irrigation of about 58,000 acres of

Power production is not con-

Water would be available to municipalities in the vicinity of the project. Among the closest towns are Bronte, Winters and the lake area.

ational advantages and flood con- and county officials having at trol benefits are given considera- heart the general welfare and pros-

tent and cost of the project to 10cate desirable dam sites and ascer-

River dam in the general Robert tive for everything and trust that Lee area was brought to the atten- no such misfortune will occur to tion of the Bureau of Reclamation you impound a reservoir with a 19,000- in 1938. It initiated the survey work in March, 1939.

Mr. Nelson as regionai director charge of Bureau operations in Texas, Oklahoma, most of New Associational Workers Conference tist church. He came to Texas in

Beer Runners Donate Receive Letter Of \$270.90 In Fines

Swift & Co. were the purchasers, the first car at 3 p. m., and the S. Air Corps: and Swift's buyer told Fred the last car at 10 p. m., arresting in

NOTICE

meeting will be held Tuesday, March 27, at the FSA office. Lunch will be served the F. O. familles in gust 6, 1944 to September 18, 2944. cotton crops, and cottonseed if dethe Frozen Locker office. Please Donald.

Crop Insurance

The attention of our farm readthis issue dealing with Crop Insur- fighting. Fish and wildlife factors, recre- ance, sponsored by business men hazards. Crop Insurance will pay The surveys made by Mr. Shar- and The Observer hopes that our Accompanying Mr. Nelson and key and others were to make pre- growers will secure this protection.

Thank You

We take this method to thank The report just recently filed and calculate the specific benefits of goods given us after our misfortune in the loss of our entire household The proposal for a Colorado effects. We are deeply apprecia-

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Caraway and Family.

Worker's Conference

church in Bronte April 3. A fine Tullis in Leon, Texas, 64 years the highways to Colorado City and program has been arranged and ago. Mrs. Tubb passed away in Sterling City, and REA lines in Pastor Blake and his church antic- 1924. Mr. Tubb came to Coke Coke county. ipate a large attendance. Mrs. county in 1890, residing at Silver Olivia Davis of Dallas, state W. until his death, March 20, Since M. U. treasurer, will be one of the 1901 he had been a faithful Bap-

Was At Iwo Jima

Ray Mundell, coxswain, U.S.N., with the amphibious forces somewhere in the Pacific aboard an L. S. T. He was in the invasion of Iwo Jima and says it was plenty tough. He has charge of an L.C. V. P. (landing craft) and says his crew and he were complimented one great great grandchild. by the Marines for skill in landing them on the beach under mortar and machine gun fire. Since he week to talk with a returned solwent across in October, Ray has been to the Hawaiian Islands, Eni- on Luzon, in the hope that he twok, Siapan and Iwo Jima. He could get a trace of his son, Hill sends greetings to all.

Baptist W. M. S.

March 16 the ladies observed their week of prayer program on hour with a number of the men in Snyder last Sunday. attendance. Monday 10 members met in the home of Mrs. Frank McCabe in their Bible study.

San Angelo hospital.

High Tribute

When It comes to lambs what Tuesday a short distance north Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lewis of 15 cases. The officers intercepted Lieut. Edward A. Lewis, of the U.

Headquarters Allied Forces Southwest Pacific Area Office of the Commander March 1, 1945.

quarts, and the shipment was said A. Lewis, who lost his life on Sept | After all, crop insurance is the only to have been destined for Abilene. 24, 1944, while serving his country, protection available to farmers for meritorious achievement while over which they have no control." The annual Farm Ownership participating in aerial fights in the Under the crop insurance pro-Southwest Pacific Area from Au- gram, growers may insure their

do not bring meats.—I. D. Mc- a gallant officer paid by his coun- average yields, or up to 50 percent try, by his colleagues, and by his if less protection is desired. Apcommander in recognition of fear- plications can be made in the less and unselfish service to the County AAA Office, or may be fill-Lee townsite itself would be within ers is called to the large adv. in ideals for which every American is ed with local authorized agents.

thy in the loss of your son; my later than April 10, 1945. All cotheadquarters and then forwarded move to insure crops against all a world free of dictators and per- terest in the crop. secution, a world of peace.

> Sincerely, GEORGE C KEENEY, Lieutenant General, U. S. A., Commander

G. W. Tubb Passes Away

Funeral services for G.W. Tubb, beloved pioneer citizen, were con- gave a very comprehensive digest ducted by Ministers Horace Blood- of the G. I. Bill of Rights. Mr. worth and Fred D. Blake in the Allen has made a close study of Silver Baptist Tabernacle Thurs- the bill and is conversant with all day afternoon, with interment in Sanco cemetery under the direc-

tion of Clift Funeral Home.

To mourn his home-going de- matters discussed. ceased is survived by four children, Robert of Blackwell, Mrs. Dave Millican, Silver, Willie I., Silver, and Mrs. L. D. Rogers, Lamesa; one sister, Mrs. M. L.

Claud Dean was in Anson last dier who had been in a Jap prison E. Dean, but did not know his J. Palmer. whereabouts. It is probable that he is now in Japan.

Mrs. B. M. Mundell, Mona and Home Missions in an all day meet- Mrs. Clytus Smith of Bronte were ing with lunch served at the noon guests of Mrs. Boyd Yarbrough in

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Roberts and coupla more years. Wilma, Mrs. S, T. Pate and Mrs. Mitchell Davis attended the fu-D. R. Campbell is quite ill in a neral of Mrs. H. C. Stroud at they will reach us not later than Stockdale last Friday.

Crop Insurance Is Real Boon

Applications from at least 50 am, you can't head off old Coke of Bronte Sheriff Percifull and Robert Lee are in receipt of the farms in the county will be recounty, Last week Fred McDon- Deputy Paul Good, assisted by following letter from Lieut. Gen. quired to make Federal Crop Inald carried 143 head to the Fort Liquor Control Board officers made Geo. C. Keeney, commander of the surance available to Coke county They brought two pretty good beer hauls. One Southwest Pacific area, expressing growers, according to C. N. Webb, \$16.30 per head, averaging I5 1-2c car contained 7 cases and the other sympathy in the loss of their son, chairman of the County AAA Committee.

> "In the interest of sound program administration," Mr. Webb said, "Congress has required that Crop Insurance be limited to those counties in which a minimum participation is obtained.

"I am confident," he added. "that Coke county cotton growers will Your son, Lieutenant Edward more than meet this requirement. has been awarded the Air Medal against the many production risks

It is a tribute to the memory of sired, up to 75 percent of their Applications must be made prior I offer you my deepest sympa- to planting the crop, but in no case

> Victory Council Has Interesting Meet

Saturday's Victory Council meeting at the court house was an interesting affair.

Explaining the purpose of the session, County Agent Travis B. Hicks called on R. B. Allen, who details of the measure.

County Judge McNeil Wylie Born April 8, 1856 in Marion, also told the Council some of the Ala., G. W. Tubb was converted post war plans, which included the The Runnells County Baptist at the age of 9, joining the Bap- Upper Colorado Dam, proposed, as well as farm to market roads,

> The attendance was not large at this meeting, and it is hoped that tist minister, loved and esteemed when the next is announced a large crowd will be present to hear vital

> > W. H. D. Meetings

Edith—The club met in the home of Mrs. Homer Carwile. Moore, Rockport; 12 grandchil Food and clothing storage were dren, 19 great grandchildren and discuseed. Next meeting will be with Mrs. T. A. Harmon, March 28.

Our List Grows

New subscribers to the Robert Lee Observer this week:

W. C. Clark, Bronte, Mrs. M.

Renewals: Howard Eaton, Mrs. A S. Chatman.

There will be no city election in Robert Lee in April. Our city dads are purty good eggs, doing a swell job, so we will just keep them a

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS -

Allies Storm River Barriers To Mount Twin Drives on Reich; Thousands Homeless From Floods



Flood waters spilling over the banks of the Ohio river and its tributaries again made thousands homeless and threatened war production. Aerial view shows Newton, Ohio, with a population of 2,000, isolated by the inundation.

EUROPE:

Span Barriers

From the west and from the east the great battle for Germany was begun, with a sorely pressed Nazi command, which once marshalled its legions in triumph, desperately attempting to stem the Allied tide.

Most significant of the Allied moves was the U.S. crossing of the Rhine in pursuit of a disorganized enemy, who had broken off the battle to the west of the river and attempted to flee to supposed security behind its broad span, previously uncrossed since Napoleon's time.

Smashing quickly through enemy rear-guards, who tried to slow up the U.S. and British advance and give the main body of their troops a chance to escape across the Rhine, Allied spearheads not only reached the historic river in short time but also spanned it with the intention of affording the disorganized enemy no opportunity to reform his ranks for a stiff defense of the waterway.

To Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges' 1st American army went the honor of where the river measured a quar- out in close-in fighting.

From S/Sgt. Thomas J. Defilbaugh of Cumberland, Md., came the



latest story of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's personal inspiration of his troops under fire. During the Allied comeback against Von Rundstedt's offensive in January, Yanks reached the swift and icy Sure river, and faced the

Gen. Patton task of crossing it to reach the strategic town of Bettendorf, commanding the countryside. When Patton saw that boats offered a perfect target for German gunners while it would be difficult to draw a bead on a man swimming across. he jumped into the swirling water and swam over to prove to his troops it could be done. Inspired. they followed, capturing Betten-

ter mile in width and its banks flattened out, Hodges' men steadily expanded their bridgehead for a thrust | lands. across the rolling hill country lying just below the vital Ruhr valley.

As Hodges' troops poured across the Rhine in the wake of Germans straggling inland, the enemy tried to chop up the American beachhead with mortar and artillery fire, and armored elements launched limited counterattacks in an attempt to trim the expanding foothold.

While Hodges' famous 1st attained the singular honor of becoming the first military force to cross the Rhine since 1813, the U.S. 9th and British and Canadian armies to the north and the U.S. 3rd army to the south also drew up to the river in record time, poised for the leap after having cleared huge pockets of enemy troops to their rear.

Meanwhile, the Russians launched a broad all-out assault on Berlin, with Red infantrymen, paced by armored columns, smashing deep into the enemy defenses west of the Oder.

Thus did the Allies breach the Germans' two river barriers guarding both ends of the Reich to carry the battle into the flatlands lying beyond, where the comparative levelness afforded their armored columns opportunity to wear down an enemy, whose recent strategy had called for dwindling forces.

PACIFIC: Stubborn Foe

Despite the loss of over 225,000

men in the Philippine and Iwo Jima campaigns, the Japs continued to offer stiff resistance to American clean-ups in these sec-

Indicative of the tenacity of the enemy was his withdrawal to the hulks of battered ships in Manila Bay to continue the fight with small arms fire after having been driven out of Manila itself. Although they already had lost over 212,000 men on both Leyte and Luzon, an estimated 60,000 Japs fought on from natural strongpoints against Yank attempts to compress them in the mountains lying to the east of

With more than 12,000 Japs already killed on Iwo Jima, marines still were forced to inch forward on the northern part of the tiny island to flush enemy remnants from the rocky hill positions. Because the Japs could retire to underground shelters during heavy aerial or being the first Allied unit to jump artillery bombardment, the Leatherthe Rhine below Cologne. Crossing necks were compelled to root them

FLOODS:

Thousands Homeless Familiar but tragic scenes were

reenacted again as the Ohio river and tributaries rose over their banks to flood surrounding lowlands and send thousands of homeless refugees scurrying to safety.

Operations of war industries in the rivers' paths were seriously affected as the waters rose, and residents of the great cities of Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Portsmouth and Louisville anxiously viewed the broadening crests, which threatened to spill over and flood their environs.

Of all the big cities, Portsmouth, with its 40,000 people, was most seriously endangered, with rising waters lapping at the 63-foot flood wall while state troopers and volunteers struggled to reinforce it with a sandbag

With rafn-swollen rivers flooding acres of lew-lying farm land in Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi, thousands of residents of these areas also were forced to move to the up

MANPOWER:

Showdown Near

With the senate still strongly opposed to compulsory labor, "work or fight" legislation headed for a showdown in conferences with the house, with sentiment strong for the grant of additional power to the War Manpower commission to continue to exert pressure toward the channeling of workers into needed

At the same time, congress moved to draft unmarried nurses to provide the 20,000 needed to attend the growing battle casualties. Under legislation considered, nurses would be given the right to appeal induction, would be offered commissions even if drafted, and would be eligible for benefits under the G.I. bill of rights.

Vigorously opposed to the house's 'work or fight' measure providing for army induction or fine and jail for failure of 18 to 45 year-old men to accept war essential employment, the senate pushed a substitute bill under which the WMC would set the limit on the number of employees any establishment could extended use of terrain to economize have, and regulate the hiring of

CIVIL AVIATION:

On Upgrade

Reflecting the nation's increasing air-consciousness, and the prospects for greatly expanded civil aviation after the war, no less than 51,000 student pilot certificates were issued during 1944 as compared with 35,000 the year previously, the Civil Aeronautics board revealed.

Interested in aviation because of some relation's service in the air forces or because increased income has permitted training, women represent 15 to 35 per cent of the new students, the CAA said. Most youths from 16 to 21 years of age intend to enter the air forces later while the majority of men over 30 plan to use their planes for business travel.

As a further indication of the future employment of the airplane in American life, CAA said, country doctors and priests have become inerested in aviation as a means of serving larger areas and thus overcoming the limits of vehicular

CLOTHING:

More for Kiddies

In addition to cotton fabric previously allotted for low and medium-priced children's clothing, additional yardage has been allocated for the manufacture of about 61/2 million more kiddies' garments, the War Production board revealed.

Outing flannel, print cloths, broadcloths, poplins, lawns and chambrays will be among the material allotted for the extra children's dresses, overalls, coveralls, toddlers' dresses, jacket type pajamas, one piece pajamas, two piece button-on pajamas, infants' gertrudes, infants' kimonos, infants' gowns, creepers, rompers and crawlers.

WPB's allocation of the cotton fabric was part of its program to increase the output of cheaper clothing and thus help cut rising apparel costs, which OPAdministrator Chester Bowles called one of the most dangerous wartime inflationary

These Gifts Are Different!

With the President himself not permitted to receive gifts from foreigners without congressional approval, Mrs. Roosevelt has been the recipient of a wide variety of such

presents. Already the recipient of a jewel-crusted gold crown and a harem costume, Mrs. Roosevelt lately was given an \$8,000 mink coat from the Quebec Fur Breeders association-the only one of the presents she planned to

use, she told newsmen. Speaking of the gold crown, which she received from an African potentate following the Casablanca co ference, Mrs. Roosevelt declared: "It's the most terrific thing you ever saw. No body could wear it. It's too heavy."

FARM DEBT:

Cut Sharply

At its peak in 1923 when it totaled over 101/2 billion dollars, the nation's farm debt dropped to 51/4 billion dollars by January, 1945, with a 20 per cent reduction taking place within the last 5 years.

As a result of the war-stimulated economy, farmers have enjoyed high income, as reflected in the big increase of both realty and plant value. Since 1940, worth of livestock was nearly doubled, machinery and equipment was up onethird, and land values rose about 25 per cent. In addition, farmers' holdings of currency, bank deposits and war bonds increased nearly 8 billion dollars during that time.

In reviewing the farm mortgage picture, the Federal Reserve bank showed that federal land banks and other agencies substantially increased their investments during the 1930s while those of individuals declined. The proportion of farm mortgages held by life insurance companies has risen slightly while commercial banks have experienced only a slight drop.

U. S. INVESTMENTS: Foreign Holdings

American investments in foreign countries totalled over 13 billion dollars in 1941 while foreign holdings in the U.S. approximated 81/2 billion dollars, the National Foreign Trade council reported in an exhaustive analysis based upon treasury department testimony at recent congressional hearings.

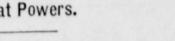
Of the American investments, almost two-thirds were divided between Europe and Canada. Of the 4 billion in Europe, 11/4 billion were in Germany, and over 1 billion in

Besides the 4 billion dollars in Canada and Newfoundland, U.S. investors put more than 11/2 billion in South America and more than 1/2 billion in Asia. Of the amount in Asia, 170 million dollars were in the Philippines, 165 million in China and Manchuria and 90 million in Japan, it was revealed.

Washington Digest

Personalities Still Affect Relationships of Nations

Strain Between FDR and De Gaulle Complicates Postwar Understanding Between Two Great Powers.



By BAUKHAGE

News Analyst and Commentator.

Washington, D. C.

Some years ago that highly scientific organization, the Smithsonian institution, discussed the possibility of a relationship between sun spots and wars. It was carefully explained that sun spots, which are really great explosions on the sun's surface, affected the weather on the earth and frequently bad weather in turn affected the dispositions of human beings and might conceivably render national leaders less amenable to reason and more like-

ly to get their countries into trouble. At first glance that seems rather far-fetched but the fact that a clash

of personalities can affect the course of nations today, almost as much as it did when people fought at the whim of a king, has been brought out strikingly in Franco-American relations. There isn't much

President Roosevelt

be better served if one Franklin Roosevelt could "get along" better with one Charles De Gaulle.

Of course, it is only fair to say that there are others who don't "get along" with the tall, handsome and aristocratic French general. It is no secret that one Josef

Stalin, although he arranged a highly advantageous treaty with France including some even more advantageous private understanding with De Gaulle, had no desire to in-

vite him to Yalta. But the Roosevelt-De colleagues in France the impression that the visit was highly satisfactory to him, came the answer "I regret" to Roosevelt's "respondezvous, s'il vous plais" and the meeting on the President's cruiser off Algiers did not take place.

Etiquette Poses

Difficult Problem In diplomatic circles it has been carefully explained that De Gaulle could not accept an invitation from a peregrinating president to call upon him in French territory, which it was explained was a sort of "come down and have a picnic with me in your backyard, I'm too busy to call on you in your parlor."

To which American diplomatic circles explained: it wasn't an invitation to De Gaulle to come to Algiers, which is French territory, but an invitation to call on the President aboard a U.S. warship, which

is American territory. Peut-etre, was the reply, but the chief of a great power, indeed an empire, cannot be expected to be treated any better than the rulers of such minor domains as Arabia, Egypt or Ethiopia, royal-blooded though they be. (Roosevelt entertained the gentlemen earlier.)

There the discussion bogged down in mutual chagrin with all but two of the leading French newspapers (one conservative and one communist) insisting that De Gaulle was right and the apologists for Roosevelt explaining that the President could not undertake what probably would have amounted to a visit of state and a triumphal tour of France, when he had a war to win. It was also recalled that one thing Mr. Roosevelt prides himself on avoiding is making the mistakes Wilson did. Wilson received a wild ovation in France and Italy BE-FORE the peace conference, and suffered the results of a most painful reaction afterward. How great a part Roosevelt's fail-

ure to pay a visit to De Gaulle in Paris played in motivating the general's refusal, or, if it were the chief cause, how much was personal pique on the part of De Gaulle and how much a feeling that his nation had been slighted, it is impossible personal relations after all.

WNO Service, Union Trust Building, | to say. My own impression garnered from conversations with persons thoroughly familiar with the French attitude is that "difficulties" . were expected to arise in Franco-American relations the moment it. became clear that France was not invited to participate in the counsels of the Big Three. It was not expected that the role her armies are able to play would make her eligible to join the military councils at Yalta but the French were ardently desirous of having a place at the general negotiations which made up the second part of the parleys. General De Gaulle was in no mood, when he received the President's invitation, to brook what he consid-

> It was clear, on the other hand, that the President felt he had sound. practical reasons for omitting any visit to Paris before the San Francisco meeting. He also felt there were sound, practical reasons for a conversation with De Gaulle. He said there were a number of points that had to be cleared up which required French action before the United Nations meeting could be held. Indeed, I imagine, he felt that he was showing especial regard to France when he offered to review the accomplishments at Yalta personally for De Gaulle.

FDR Comments

On Prima Donnas That is supposed to account for the extemporaneous remarks he inserted in his report to congress

about "prima donnas." Those remarks, which were universally interpreted as applying to De Gaulle, came as a distinct shock and immediately afterward Senator Brewster publicly labeled them "in-

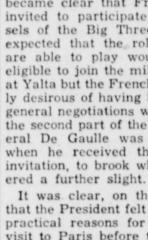
judicious. I was following the text of the official release in the house radio gallery as the President spoke and had noted the many departures which he tossed off as familiar asides and which helped to giv ences seem to be recurrent and just | talk the intimate note he desired. when everybody thought, after the But I was startled at what he said latter's visit to Washington when he I following the text as it dealt with was understood to have given his an agreement with Yugoslavia. He read the sentence, "We hope that it is in the process of fulfillment" and then he looked up and with just a touch of what verged on sarcasm in his voice, remarked "But it is not only that, but in some other places we have to remember there are a great number of prima donnas in the world, all who wish to be heard. Before anything will be done, we may have a little delay, while we

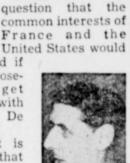
listen to more prima donnas.' That startled me as I said but 1 must say I did not at first think he could mean De Gaulle. That seemed impossible. However, as others mentioned it. I began to take it for granted, for I knew that until the procedure of voting as agreed upon at Yalta was approved by France the agreement could not be announced. There were other things upon which France had to be consulted in advance of the meeting, as

The French ambassador who was seated in the diplomatic gallery showed no sign whatever that he was affected by the words and later he is said to have told a friend that it was hardly likely that the prima donna reference could have been meant to apply to France since the President had completed his comment on what disposition of French interests had been made and had moved on to another topic, Yugoslavia.

That, of course, is a good alibi. And it is necessary that there be an alibi for I am convinced that had there been even unofficial admission that the President was hitting at De Gaulle a really difficult situation would arise. It is known that although many people consider the general what the French call "difficile," the French do not call De Gaulle that and his friends and admirers are warm in their loyalty and would instantly resent any unfavorable comment on his conduct.

No serious difficulties are expected to arise between the United States and France but some of their common troubles in the past show that there is much difference between foreign relations, bolster them with protocol as you will and





Gen. De Gaulle



The Wildcat Apostle says a fish very seldom gets in trouble as long as he keeps his mouth shut.

We appreciate the news items given us. Tell us, or write us who, what, when and where. We like news items, lots of 'em, but please be brief. Our space is limited, and we can't use long-winded articles, but when it comes to short news items about folks doing this or that, we'll be tickled pink to have \$3.25-a year's supply. See samthe item.

J. B. Robertson was in from the farm last Saturday.

At The Churches

Robert Lee Baptist Church

The Friendly Church Fred D. Blake, Pastor Sunday School 10 a. m. Morning Worship 11 a. m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.
W. M. S. Monday 3 p. m.
C.A. & R.A. Wednesday 5 p. m. Prayer Meeting Wednesday 8:00.

Church Of Christ

Bible study each Lord's Day at 10 a. m. All are invited.

Folks You Know

Mrs. Willie Price was here from San Angelo last Friday and was a visitor in The Observer office. She informs us that her husband, Pvt. Willie Price, with the U. S. army, had advised that he had landed safely in India.

H. C. Allen was in from the ranch Saturday greeting friends. This was one of his first visits to town since undergoing operations in a San Angelo hospital. He is rapidly regaining his strength, we are glad to report.

A bath room with modern equipment has been installed in the Arthur Tubb residence. Davis, Bessent & Davis did the work.

Personal stationery for ladies, secretarial size, envelopes to match, all printed in the newest type face; 200 letter heads, 100 envelopes, for ples at The Observer office.

Flocks of wild geese headed north passed over Saturday, betokening the soon advent of Spring. We said "soon." When the mesquites put out you will be safe in shedding the long handled variety.

W. C. Clark is adding considerable improvements to Miss Naomi Brown's residence in this city. Also included is painting and papering.

A number of subscriptions to those in service are expiring. If you are sending the paper to a man in service, please take notice. We don't want to stop the paper but would like to have renewals.



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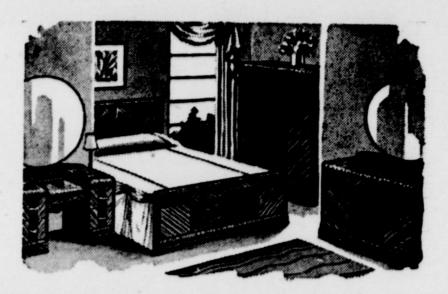
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paration of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith; wherewith ye shall be able whole armour of God, that ye may to quench all the fiery darts of the be able to withstand in the evil wicked. And take the helmet of day, and having done all, to stand, salvation, and the sword of the Stand therefore, having your loins Spirit, which is the word of God: gird about with truth, and having Praying always with all prayer and

W. C. Clark, Bronte contractor, was a visitor in our office last Friday and subscribed for The Observer. He reads the early day Coke county items in our paper with interest.

Howard Eaton has our thanks on the breastplate of righteousness; supplication in the Spirit.—Eph. for his subscription renewal to The Observer.

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Agricultural Tools Rationing Called Off, But War Demand Will Limit the Supply

Big Increase in Parts, However, Will Be Available

The farmers of America are continuing, as usual, to do a magnificent job of producing foodstuffs. In 1944, for the eighth successive year, they produced a record food total despite a steadily dwindling manpower supply that reached its lowest point in 35 years.

Agricultural tools are no longer rationed, but that doesn't mean that the farmer, though he has the money, is going to be able to get that new tractor or combine he wishes so he can improve on the production miracle he has already accom-

It's the same old trouble we've had since Pearl Harbor. There's a war on! Manufacture of farm machinery, although recognized as an essential civilian "must" program, has to be balanced in relation to direct war production.

Here is the way the government sums up the situation: During the 1945 crop year it is expected that American farmers will obtain approximately the same amount of new farm ma-



A Potato Digger That Handles Two Rows at a Time.

eaten by American troops stationed there. Australia has supplied nearly all the food for American troops in the South Pacific.

ing supplied 20 per cent of the food | as cast iron, rubber, zinc, copper, that had gone into farm machines in pre-war days, had to be diverted to make tanks, military trucks, landing craft, guns and other war

> In 1939 American farmers were able to buy 161,000 new tractors. But that was a year when this country made only 2,141 planes. In the calendar year of 1943, when American farmers were able to buy a mere 85,000 new tractors, the United States manufactured more than 85,000 planes-mainly for war.

The critical shortage of raw materials that put a ceiling or manufacture of new farm machines in 1942 has been superseded by a shortage of manpower and components. During the first quarter of the 1945 farm machinery production year, manufacture of new machinery-exclusive of wheel tractors, repair parts and attachments-was approximately 25 per cent behind sched-

This lag in production was caused by manpower shortages and the difficulty in obtaining components, chiefly malleable and gray iron castings. In the Middle West, where most of American farm machinery is made, the labor supply is inadequate, a condition that will not American farmers will be able to change while war goods are still urobtain no more new tractors, side | gently needed. One concern, that delivery rakes, combines, or other | before the war made approximately

1944-45 1943-44 Schedule B **Actual Production** (Planned) ITEM 1940: 7-1-43-7-31-44* 7-1-44-6-30-45 20,936 27,511 116,865 99,695 37,309 Pick-up baler 14,315 10,792 42,951 Manure spreaders 49,425 49,731 50,940 107,637 107,146 Irrigation pumps, turbine 4,900 4,710 Moldboard plows, tractor: 95,221 3,859 Tractor mounted: Two bottom 35,909 16,535 One-way disc plows. 9,668 12,232 240,323 238,410 42,413 45,763 Combines Milking machines 65,983 57,525 Cream separators 70.446 Tractor-mounted cultivators ... 178,022 209,338 One row, horse-drawn cultivators...... 36,232 29,432 32,885 Planters, horse and tractor-drawn...... 81,320 67,050 73,038 Planters, tractor mounted 14,166 11.111 4.142

· Includes production carried over from WPB Limitation Order L-170, plus all production from appeals and supplemental authorizations. 1 Production through September 30, 1944.

chinery and attachments as they did in 1944. There will be, however, nearly \$20,000,000 more in repair parts.

In other words, there is still not enough new farm machinery to go around. Farmers, in many cases, are going to have to conserve and repair and get along the best they can with what they have, rather than buy new replacements.

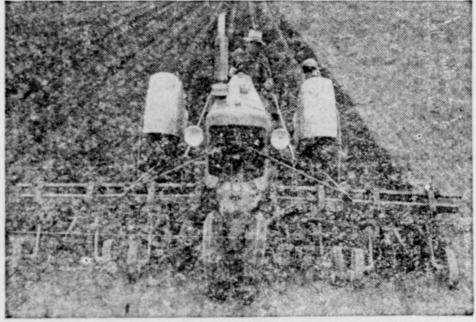
Approximately 90 per cent of the new farm machines (except tractors) that will be made in the United States during the 1945 production year July 1, 1944, to June 30, 1945, will be available to American farmers. About 10 per cent will go abroad-approximately 7 per cent in commercial exports and 3 per cent through Lend-Lease, according to the Foreign Economic administration.

Lend-leased farm machines (that totaled only 2.5 per cent of the entire production of U.S. farm machinery from the start of the Lendlease program from March, 1941, to June, 1944), had to be sent abroad to step up food production for our boys fighting overseas. This farm machinery export not only helped to feed our boys, but saved urgently needed shipping space for munitions instead of thousands of tons of food grown on the wrong side of the ocean. The chief recipients of Lend-leased farm machines have been Australia, New Zealand and the British Isles, the latter hav-



Hay Baler Saves Labor.

haying and harvesting machinery | 35 per cent of American farm ma-



Cultivating Corn, Four Rows at a Time, Saves Labor.

during the 1945 crop year than dur- | chines, reported in October, 1944, ing the 1944 crop year.

Considering the types of machines in use on American farms, the replacements required and the crop shifts necessitated by war, WFA's current farm machinery program continues to emphasize the manufacture of such labor-saving machinery as corn pickers, side delivery rakes and pickup hay balers. WFA, however, has requested the manufacture for the 1945 crop year of more planting, fertilizing and tillage equipment than for 1944. Included are such items of farm equipment as corn and cotton planters, listers, potato planters, beet and bean drills, endgate seeders, fertilizer distributors, tractor plows and cultivators, disc harrows, walking cultivators and rotary hoes.

During the war, manufacture of farm machinery, although recognized as an essential civilian "must" program, has had to be balanced in relation to direct war production.

When the United States entered the war, production of farm machinery was sharply curtailed because munitions production had become an exacting demand on this country's supply of steel. The steel, as well or the armed forces.

that by March, 1945, it would probably be short 6,000 workers needed to keep production up to schedule.

In effect, during the war this country has asked its farmers to raise more crops with less men to do the work, to keep their farm equipment in working order somehow without counting too heavily on replacements, and to share their machines with other farmers whenever and wherever possible.

To help farmers keep their machines going, manufacture of repair parts and attachments has been increased considerably. In 1944 the scheduled production of repair parts and attachments amounted to approximately 28.3 per cent of the total farm machinery output, as compared with 14 per cent in 1940.

Twenty-one per cent more farm commodities were produced in 1944 than in 1940 with 5 per cent fewer

The annual employment on American farms decreased from 10,585,-000 in 1940 to 10,037,000 in 1944. Approximately 4,000,000 workers have left agriculture for war industries

To curl a feather that has been damaged by water, sprinkle it lib- that is too narrow, take off the erally with salt and shake it before skirt at the waistline. Add a new a fire or over a hot radiator until | skirt in contrasting fabric, cutting

In home sewing it's important to know threads. On cottons, use cotton thread. Rayons sew equally well with silk or cotton thread.

When grinding suet through the dation repairs are easy. food chopper, allow it to stand in boiling water a few minutes before grinding-it will go through more

If you have a dress with a skirt it over a pattern that fits in with the style of the dress you are remodeling.

Starch a strip of net and while still wet, iron to the underside of lace likely to tear. Over this foun-

Dipping a dust cloth in hot water to which a little kerosene is added will make it hold dust much better.

SEWING CIRCLE NEEDLEWORK

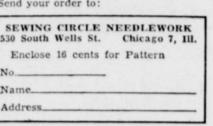
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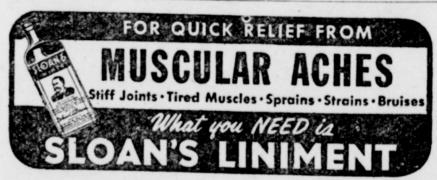




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Cooking in the broiler gives that grand outdoor flavor much like the foods cooked over open fires of the beach or woods. Broiler cooking, however, is much simpler. To do it, just light the flame and set the temperature controls at 350° F. Best results are obtained when this temperature is maintained throughout

the whole broiling period.
"Bottled" and "tank" gases provide regular gas service in farm vide regular gas service in farm and suburban areas where city gas mains do not reach. These liquefied thin patties. Brown sliced onion in petroleum gases make possible the clean, hot flame so desirable for sandwich fashfon, with sliced onion

Here is a good porch-picnic sup-per menu, with all foods except des-sert prepared in the broiler unit. Broil 7 minutes on each side.

Just pop all your supper foods into the broiler. It will cook them quickly, save fuel, and keep cook and kitchen cool during warmer days.

It's a good idea to serve broiler the last 5 minutes, toast split, butreal picnic, minus the sand and mos- Fresh strawberries and cream is the dessert suggestion.

DeLuxe Hamburgers.

(Serves 6)

1 pound ground beef

egg teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon pepper tablespoon minced onion

cup catsup cup sliced onion

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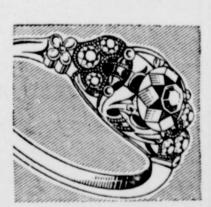
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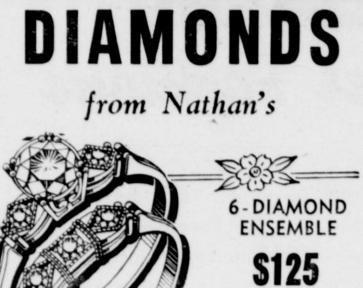
Purple Heart Is Received

ed in action during the battle of sons for valor and bravery.

ceived from the War Department mantled this entire section.

On July 19, last year, Jack Par- the beautiful Purple Heart award, ker, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mon- given for military merit by an aproe Parker of Robert Lee, was kill- preciative country to its heroic

St. Lo, in France. Jack was with Jack was one of Coke county's the 8th Infantry at the time of most popular boys, and when the this engagement with the enemy. news came that he had made the Last Saturday his parents re- supreme sacrifice a pall of gloom



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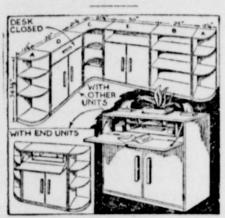
Alone and yet not lonely. Be one true to his own mission, he is in the ranks with all that move toward all good ends that wait.

Let me not pray to be sheltered from dangers, but to be fearless in facing them .- R. Tagore.

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By John Hersey ~ W. H. U. FEATURES

THE STORY THUS FAR: The Ameriean troops arrived at Adano, a seaport in Italy, with Major Victor Joppolo, the Amgot officer in charge. Sergeant Leonard Borth, an M.P., was to be in charge of security. The Major set out immediately to win the friendship of the citizens, and to improve their living conditions. The first duties of the Major, after posting the civil instructions, was to find out what the citizens needed the most. He soon determined to replace their bell, which the Germans had taken. Major Joppolo found that the bell was the very symbol of their private and civic life in Adano. He determined to secure a bell satisfactory to the people.

CHAPTER III

Borth and the usher Zito came back. Borth said: "It's nifty, Major. All the records are intact. They tell everything. There are lists of anti-Fascists and lists of those who were enthusiastic and the others who were lukewarm. There's a dossier on each important person. It's perfect. Who are these guys?"

Cacopardo said: "Cacopardo is my name, at your service, sir. Cacopardo is sulphur and sulphur is Cacopardo." Borth said: "I remember that

name. In the records it says Cacopardo's crazy." Craxi said: "That is true. He thinks that bells are more impor-

tant than food." Borth turned on Craxi in mock

anger. "And who is this?" Craxi was apologetic again: "I am anti-Fascist. Craxi. I believe in food for the moment."

Major Joppolo said: "They are arguing which is more important, food or restoring the bell. Since we obviously can't do anything about the bell just now, food is our concern."

Craxi looked very proud of himself, but Cacopardo turned to Zito and said: "We will leave this matter to the son of Rosa who was the wife of Zito. What do you say, small Zito, do you consider the food or the bell more important?"

Surprisingly Zito said: "I think the bell."

Major Joppolo was interested by this. He leaned forward and said: "Why, Zito?"

Zito said: "Because the tone of the bell was so satisfactory."

"No," said Cacopardo, "it is because of the history of the bell. When the bell spoke, our fathers and their fathers far back spoke to us."

Giuseppe came in bringing the priest. Father Pensovecchio was gray-haired and cheerful, and as he approached the group around the Major's desk he made a motion with his right hand which might have been interpreted either as a blessing or as a Fascist salute.

After the introductions, Major Joppolo said to the priest: "Father, we are speaking of the old bell which was taken away."

Father Pensovecchio said: "That is the disgrace of this town. I have in my church a bell which is just as loud as the one which was taken away, though not so sweet and much younger and altogether meaningless as a bell. Any other bell would have done as well in my belfry. I wanted to send my bell. But the Monsignor would not permit it. The Monsignor is the uncle of the Mayor, He has reasons for doing the things he does-" Father Pensovecchio crossed himself, indicating that the things which the Monsignor did were somewhat ugly; "-but in this case I believe he was wrong.'

Borth said: "It's ridiculous. There are lots of things more important than this bell. Get them some food and don't forget that alleyway."

Major Joppolo said: "All the same, the bell is important to them." And he said then in Italian; "Thank you for telling me about the bell. I promise you that I will do all I can to get another bell which will have some meaning as a bell and will have a good tone and its history will be that it was given to you by the Americans to take the place of the one which was taken away by the Fascists to make gun barrels."

Cacopardo said: "You are kind." Craxi said: "I thank you, Mister Major, and I kiss your hand."

Major Joppolo said: "You what?" Cacopardo the historian said: "He meant no offense. It is an old custom here. Once the important people make us kiss their hands, and later when the actual kissing became too much of a bother, it became the habit merely to mention the kissing, as if it had been done."

Craxi said: "I meant no offense, Mister Major. I am anti-Fascist."

Major Joppolo said: "It appears that everyone in this town is anti-Fascist. Well, we will see about the bell. Now I wish to speak alone with the priest. Zito, you may stay. You are my usher. Giuseppe, you may stay. You are my interpreter."

Craxi said: "Mister Major, the telegram."

Major Joppolo said: "I will try to send it.' Craxi mentioned the kissing

again, and turned to go.

When the others had gone, Major Joppolo said to Father Pensovecchio: "Father, I wish to tell you that the Americans want to bring only good to this town. As in every nation, there are some bad men in America. It is possible that some Americans who come here will do bad things. If they do, I can assure you that most of the Americans will be just as ashamed of those things as you are annoyed by them."

Father Pensovecchio said: "I think we will understand weakness in your men just as we try to understand it in our own."

Major Joppolo said: "Thank you. Father, I have been told that you are the best priest in Adano."

The priest said with quite honest modesty: "I am here to do my

Major Joppolo said: "Therefore I should like to ask a favor of you.



Blood and wind rushed into his throat and his throat roared.

You must feel perfectly free to refuse me if you wish. I should like to ask you to say a few words before your mass tomorrow morning about the Americans. I shall leave it to you to say what you wish, if you will merely add that there are certain proclamations which the Americans have posted which ought to be read."

Father Pensovecchio said: "That I can easily do."

Major Joppolo said: "I myself am a Catholic. If you will have me, I should like to attend your mass."

The priest said: "It will be a pleasure to have you." Major Joppolo was glad that he did not say it would be an honor.

Major Joppolo said: "I shall see you tomorrow then."

Father Pensovecchio said, just to make sure: "At the Church of San Angelo. It is by the Piazza of that name. At seven in the morning. Until then, son."

When the priest had left, Giuseppe said in his brand of English: "You doing okay, a boss. All you got a do now is fix a food.'

"Yes," said Major Joppolo, "food. We'll go to the bakeries. But first, do you have a crier here?" Giuseppe said to Zito in Italian:

"What is the name of the crier? Did he run into the hills with the others?" Zito said: "No, he is here. Mer-

curio Salvatore. He is here. Only, Mister Major, he does not always say exactly what you tell him to say. He will say the general meaning of what you wish, but he will change it some. Even if you write it down, he will change it some."

him, please, Zito? I want to send vatore. The Americans wish to be him out to tell the people to read the your friends, too. You have been proclamations."

Zito went. Major Joppolo said to Giuseppe: "We will go to the bakeries, then we will post the procla- cans? Did you know that they were mations."

Giuseppe said: "Okay, a boss." Major Joppolo looked down at his desk and saw Craxi's telegram. He undid the safety pin and unfolded your crier is here to tell you this." the paper and read;

"To Franklin D. Roosevelt, Capitol Building, Washington, D. C. Fremente di gioia per la liberta da molto tempo attesa che i vostri valorosi soldati anno dato alla citta d'Adano stop vi prego accettare i sentimenti sinceri della mia gratitudine e ri-

La Concetta fu Craxi." "Giuseppe," the Major said, "let's see how good you are as an interpreter. Now, this is for President Roosevelt. You must make it as eloquent as you can. What does it

conoscenza. Antifascista Giovanni

"To Franklin D. Roosevelt and a so forth," said Giuseppe. "Crazy with joy because of a liberty so long time awaited which your brave a soldier have a give to a town of Adano. What's a stop?"

"That's just the end of a sentence, Giuseppe."

"End a sentence. I beg a you accept a sincere sentiments of my gratitude and a recognition. Signed a this Craxi. You going to deliver it, a boss?"

"Sure," the Major said, "the President will be glad to hear."

Mercurio Salvatore, crier of the town of Adano, took a little time to show up, because he had to get into his uniform. His face was happy when he did arrive, because he had thought that his crying days were over. Having been a voice of Fascism for seventeen years, he thought that the newcomers would not want his loud shouts. He had taken his uniform off and hidden it in the house of Carmelina the wife of Fatta. He had then awkwardly paraded himself in civilian clothes and the people, having seen him in uniform for seventeen years, laughed at him.

"Where is the crier?" they asked each other in his presence.

"He has disappeared into the clothes of Fatta which do not fit him," they shouted, and laughed.

Therefore Mercurio Salvatore was happy and grateful when he presented himself to Major Joppolo. "I am glad to be able to serve you and I kiss your hand," he said in his husky voice. Indoors he had learned to speak in a kind of whisper, because he knew the strength of his

If Major Joppolo had been any other American officer, he would have laughed outright at Mercurio Salvatore.

He said: "Crier, I have a job for you. I must explain this to you: the Americans are different from the Fascists. They are different in many ways. For this reason there will be quite a few changes in Adano. I hope that they will be changes for the better."

Mercurio Salvatore said: "Yes, Mister Major," to show that he would remember every word of it.

The Major said: "In order to explain some of these changes, I am going to post at various prominent places around the town a number of proclamations, which will make everything clear. All I want you to do is to tell the people to read these proclamations. Impress on them that the penalties for not obeying the proclamations will be severe. That is all."

Mercurio Salvatore looked disappointed. "That is not much to shout," he said.

Major Joppolo said: "Shall I name a new crier?"

Mercurio Salvatore said quickly: 'Oh no, Mister Major, I will make something beautiful of what you have said."

Major Joppolo said: "The proclamations will be posted before five o'clock this afternoon.'

Mercurio Salvatore said: "Yes,

Mister Major," and left. He picked up his drum where he had left it outside the Major's office.

Ordinarily he had made his first cry in the Piazza Progresso, right in front of the Palazzo, but this time he was self-conscious, and wanted to have a few tries before crying within earshot of the Major. Therefore he went first to the park opposite the Cathedral.

He rolled his drum long and sharply.

He took a deep breath. Blood and wind rushed into his throat, and his throat roared: "Well, you laughed. But you can see that Mercurio Salvatore is still your crier. The Amer-Major Joppolo said: "Will you get | icans are friends of Mercurio Salexpecting the Americans for some time, but did you expect the changes which would come after the Amerigoing to change many things after they came? Did you know that they were going to change practically everything except the crier? Well, (TO BE CONTINUED)

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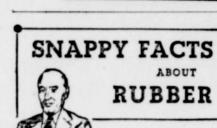
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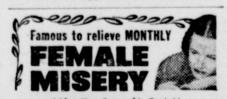
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Russia

Since the baginning of 1945 I saw a mid-Victorian rig, a horse and buggy, pass an automobile on a graded road. It was not a race. The car was not running. The motorist was out changing a tire. The driver of the rig sat up straight and pressed his horse for a bit of extra speed going by, which was funny. The car owner made the change and drove into town far ahead of the buggy.

Between 1928 and 1938 the United States, the world's outstanding industrial nation of all time, had an industrial depression. Meanwhile the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was moving forward; not rapidly but at an increasing rate. In those years it was being transformed from an agricultural to an industrial nation, a stage through which America had passed, half a century before.

A Wind-Broken Nag

Russia was driving a horse named 'Central Planning." The rig made an interesting dash for improvement; not very fast however, nor very spectacular. Claims made for the animal's speed were funny; certainly not all true. Living conditions in Russia were not as high as those in America in the pit of our depression; never have been before nor since. It was a splurge, better than Russia had before, but far below American achievement.

There is nothing new about Central Planning. It's as old as horsedrawn equipment. Kings, tyrants and dictators have always used the idea. Some have done better with it than others, depending on the ruler. Russia's recent rulers have been anything but stupid. Their military leadership has the world M. H. Davis. During the night Russia has made a marvelous fight, using American equipment extensively

For National Safety

You would think that Russia, living next door to an armed desperado for 25 years could have adequately prepared for war. No; Central Planning couldn't do it. It took a raid on Pearl Harbor to wake America from a sweet dream of peace, but America went into action with Private Enterprise and, in four years, armed the United Nations for victory. This demonstrates which system is better for national safety.

But war is never America's main objective. We are a peace-loving people and want to work and prosper and live well. Some say that America, in view of Russia's achievements, ought to junk Free Enterprise and adopt Central Planning. Knowing that Russia's achievements have never compared to our own, the suggestion is preposterous. Let's examine the figures of an ex-

pert for a moment Development Compared

Leopold Schwarzchild, in his recent book called "Primer of the Coming World," shows some index figures to make a fair comparison of industrial gains in similar periods-Russia, while at her best in 1928-38, and America in a similar period. Here are three for a sample:

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The Russian government is an autocracy. One political party controls everything, including newspapers and radio, but not more than 2% of the people belong to it . . . the upper class. Kick up a rumpus about it if you want to go to the salt mines and serve your country for insufficient board and clothes. The system overcomes unemployment, but wages are only one-sixth of wages in America and the standard of living only one-sixth as high. I am in favor of keeping Private Enterprise here.

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their pistols let them go out of town to do so, and then the people will not be disturbed, and the fun will be just the same. As it is it has to be done secretly on the trouble. Next morning the par-

The Christmas tree last Saturday night was well attended and everybody seemed to enjoy the oc-

Squire M. H. Davis is making considerable improvements to his hotel building.

S. Parker was in town Wednesday and informed us that he had a letter announcing the death of C. C. Nix who left here last fall hunting work. He died in the Indian Territory'

The boys who make it a pract tice discharging their pistols in town at night had better desist from such sport, as it is not only dangerous but a violation of the law, and it is likely to involve others in serious trouble, besides making the party liable for a fine, which would not be an easy matter to raise under the present depressed financial conditions.

Jim Hutchinson has bought the Bronte drug store from Dr. Key. John McCutcheon of Jones county is visiting relatives at Bronte.

ed postmaster, succeeding Judge them.) H. L. Adams.

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D. T. Averitt and Ed Mobley attended the Christmas dinner at I. S. Baldwin's and report having a splendid time.

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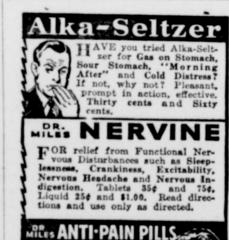
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> Dr. J. F. Clark, one of Coke county's best physicians, recently celebrated his 44th birthday at Bronte. A large crowd of friends were present for the occasion.

> Congressman Bretz of Indiana has introduced a bill in Congress providing for a tax on incomes of \$5,000 annually, sufficient to meet the amount required for pensions.

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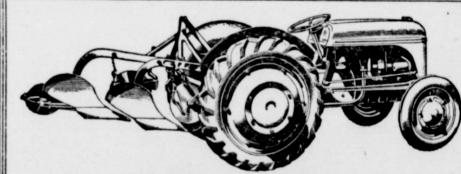
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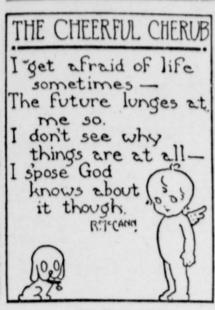


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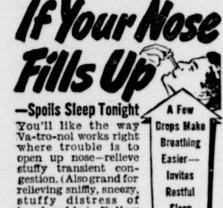
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THE LAST WEEK

LESSON TEXT-Matthew 21:6-16. GOLDEN TEXT-Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.-Matthew 21:9.

The official presentation of Himself to the Jewish people as their King, their rejection of Him and, what was even more solemnly meaningful, His rejection of the Hebrew nation because of their unbeliefsuch are the stirring events which face us as we go with our Lord into the last week of His earthly minis-

The first event in that sequence is the one we study in our lesson for today, namely, the coming of the King to Jerusalem.

I. Preparation and Presentation (vv. 6, 7).

The King comes, but even in His hour of royal triumph He gives to His followers the unexplainable but inestimable joy of meeting His need.

1. "The Disciples Did As Jesus Appointed" (v. 6). He had need of disciples who would do His bidding without question or hesitation. How precious is such obedience! Let us also go and do what He commands.

He needed the colt and the ass. How simple and lowly was that need, and yet how glorious that man was ready to meet it!

God's plans are worked out in the little things as well as the great. Prophecy was being fulfilled here (see v. 5) by a little thing. Is God waiting to carry out some great purpose through some little thing which you are withholding from Him? Why hinder Him any longer?

2. "And He Sat Thereon" (v. 7). Though He did not come with the pomp and trappings of an earthly potentate, the King of Glory came to His people to offer them for the last time the opportunity to receive

He asks you to yield your life to His kingship. What will your answer

II. Acceptance and Rejection (vv. 8-11, 15, 16).

1. "The Multitude . . . Cried . . . Hosanna" (vv. 8-11). The fact that before the week was over some of the same voices cried, "Crucify him!" should not obscure the fact that there were childlike believers (v. 16) who really had faith in Christ.

There is something inspiring about that picture of enthusiasm and devotion. Real faith in Christ ought to result in a fervor of spirit which will stir our hearts and our cities.

2. "The Chief Priests and Scribes Were Sore Displeased" (vv. 15, 16). Small wonder, for not only had the children put them to open shame by recognizing the Christ whom they had ignored, but He had also ruined their polite religious "racket" which produced for them such a lovely profit.

Mark this-when anyone is displeased with Jesus or with His children or with His work on earth, you can be sure that there is a reason, and not a holy, upright or good reason either!

III. Judgment and Compassion

(vv. 12-14). What a remarkable picture! In the midst of flaming judgment and destruction we find His loving compassion upon the blind and the lame. Folk who think that Christ has no message but love need to look on Him as He cleanses the temple. On the other hand, those who think that He has no word but judgment need to behold Him as He stands in the midst of the overturned tables and debris and heals the needy.

1. "Jesus Cast Out . . . and Overthrew" (vv. 12, 13). He knew where to begin to cleanse the city. He started in the temple. Absolutely right is the man who suggested that the place to start to clean up a city is not in the slums but in the churches.

The same is true of the individual. A regenerated heart will bring a reformed life, not vice versa. You can live only after you have been born.

2. "He Healed Them" (v. 14). The very hands which had just overthrown the tables and cast out the money-changers now gently touched the lame and the blind with healing. The eyes which had blazed with holy indignation now shone with love and compassion. The scene of judgment and chaos became the house of prayer and of answered prayer. On the very spot where one man had eceived condemnation, another received healing.

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2. In aviation ceiling zero means

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the use of many words when the use of a few would suffice? 5. What was the planned height

of the Tower of Babel? 6. Were Lincoln and Lee names

of generals in the American Revolutionary war?

7. Where did the modern circus originate? 8. What character in the Bible

died twice? The Answers

1. "Trifles make perfection and perfection is no trifle."

2. The fog is down to the ground.

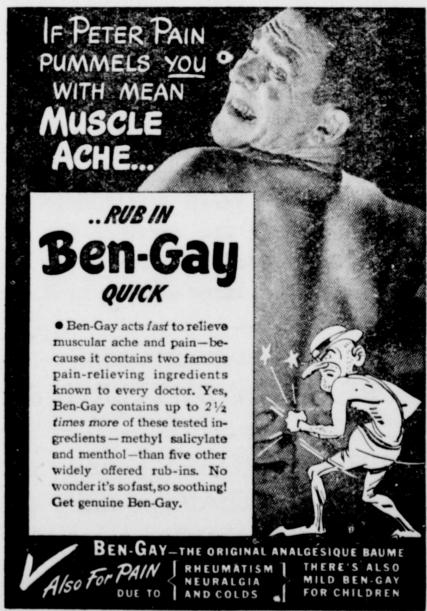
James Buchanan. 4. Circumlocution.

5. High enough to reach heaven. 6. Yes, Benjamin Lincoln and Henry Lee.

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Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Ray and Mrs. Billy Farris and baby, of San Angelo, were Saturday visitors in the A. E. Latham home.

Mr. and Mrs. Shan M. Hull, of White Deer, and son, George, who is with the U.S. Navy, were here Monday for a visit with O. M. Ratliff and family. Mrs. Hull is a sister of Mr. Ratliff.

The Hugh Lewis residence has been undergoing extensive improvements including interior decorating and cabinet work, besides exterior painting and fencing.

Last week's half inch rain helped. It put the city lake up five inches higher. Monday morning's rain amounted to .59 of an inch. More moisture has fallen this year than last.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kaeding of San Angslo spent Sunday as guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.

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After a visit with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. R. Gaines in this city, Gunner's Mate 3-c Robert Gaines left Monday for New York City, to again report for naval

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Boone Richar Ison a daughter, March 13, at Grand Prairie. Edna Marie is the name given her.

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