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To Observe DE Day In Robert Lee

Final arrangements were made Tuesday night by a committee for the observance of a DE Day program in Robert Lee.

When the news comes of the capitulation of Germany Robert Lee citizens will gather at the local theatre for a service of prayer and thanksgiving. The music committee is composed of Mrs. Cortes Russell, Mrs. J. C. Snead Jr., and Emory Davis. Pastors Blake and Teer will be the speakers.

Two different hours have been announced, 11 a. m. and 9 p. m. If the news of victory comes between midnight and 10 a. m., the service will be held at 11 a. m. If news comes during the day the service will be held at 9 p. m. Prepare to attend.

Wins Purple Heart

Pfc. Jeff W. Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brooks of the Lometa community, has been awarded the Purple Heart and Oak Leaf cluster for wounds received Oct. 27 and Nov. 7.

Pfc. Brooks is with the 96th Infantry Division in the Philippines.

W. H. D. Meetings

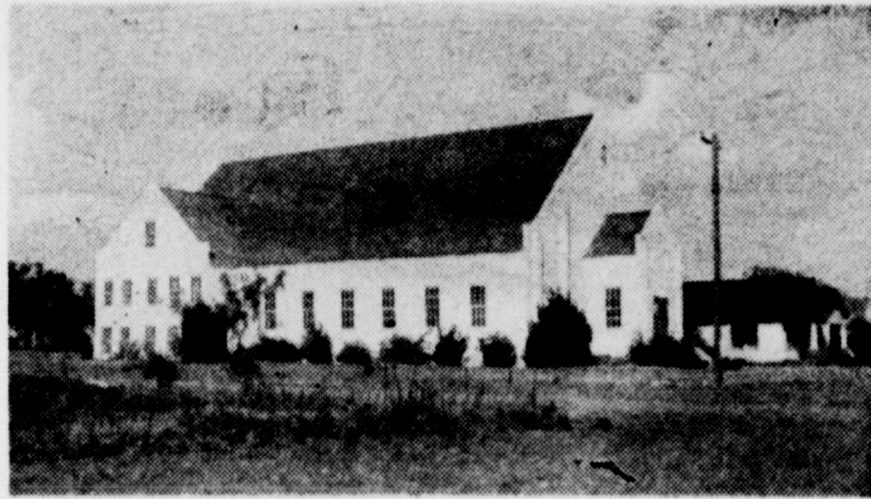
Valley View—The club met in the home of Mrs. W. B. Bessent, March 23. The storage of clothing and clothes closets were discussed fully. After the business session, refreshments of cake and ice tea were served to five members and three visitors. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Cleve Casey, April 6.

Lometa—The club met with Mrs. Bertha Woods, March 26. The constitution and bylaws of the club were adopted. Clothing storage was demonstrated by Mrs. J. C. Harwell. Mrs. Aubrey Lackey demonstrated food shortage. Seven members and one visitor were present.

Sanco—The club is to give a pie supper tonight, March 30. Every-body invited.

The Red Cross drive ends Saturday night. Coke county has attained its quota of \$2800, but the books will be kept open, as the need is great for supplementary funds, until Saturday night. Those who have not donated may do so up to that time.

Robert Lee Baptists Appreciate Their Pastor



Robert Lee has about as active a minister as ever pored over the pages of Pendleton's Manual or Broadus' Preparation and Delivery of Sermons. And not only is he esteemed by his parishioners but by the rank and file of all faiths. We refer to Pastor Fred D. Blake of the Baptist church.

Brother Blake, Mrs. Blake and Barbara have resided in Robert Lee less than a year. Since his arrival the church membership has grown, Sunday school attendance has surged upward, and other adjuncts of the church's work have had growth. Recently the church took substantial recognition of the preacher's worth and efforts and did a magnificent act, raising the pastor's salary. Still more recently another good Baptist handed the preacher a set of keys to a box at the locker plant. And that box wasn't empty, either. Whether it held ham, bacon, backbones, chicken or whatnot could not be classified as a military secret, but it held meat for the preacher and his estimable family.

Brother Blake is a fine man, is making progress in his labors, and we are glad to know that his worth is being appreciated.

Wins Purple Heart

Word has been received that Pfc. William A. Payne Jr., of the T. K. Division, was slightly wounded in action in Germany, March 4. He entered service Aug. 12, 1941, landed overseas in England February 1944, and saw action in France, Normandy, Belgium, Holland and Germany in 1945.

Pfc. Payne is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Payne of Robert Lee.

Easter Service

Easter will be duly observed at the Baptist church Sunday at 11 a. m. Pastor Blake's sermon will be "The Gospel of Christ." Special music has been arranged for the occasion. All are invited.

Capt. and Mrs. H. W. Price visited with Dale Stephenson this past weekend. Capt. Price has recently returned to the States after completing 59 missions in Italy, and is now stationed at Midland, attending a refresher course for bombardiers.

Officials Working For Highway

County Judge McNeil Wylie, Commissioners Henry Varnadore, T. R. Harmon, and also Dr. Griffith, were in Austin Monday conferring with the State Highway Commission relative to post war improvements of the Robert Lee-Sterling highway.

The presentation of this matter was heard with interest by the highway commission, and after giving it study, Judge Wylie expects a favorable reply soon.

Miss Rue McDorman

The funeral of Miss Rue McDorman, who died in a San Angelo hospital March 20 after several weeks illness, was conducted at Johnson Funeral home Wednesday 2 p. m., March 21, by Minister Joe Temple, with interment in Fairmount cemetery.

Deceased was reared in Coke county, and besides her parents, two sisters, and other relatives she leaves a host of friends to mourn her departure.

Locates In Ballinger

D. L. Vestal has located in Ballinger, where he has bought a blacksmith shop and a fine residence. The many friends of the Vestals in this area are glad to know these estimable people did not get too far away from Robert Lee.

Boy Scouts Report

At the Scout Meeting last Monday, March 26, the Boy Scouts elected two officers. They were: Royce Smith for assistant scribe and Gerald Ivey for assistant reporter. Royce Smith became a Tenderfoot and Jay Spears became a Second Class.

The Scouts are planning a trip to Wildcat Springs in the near future.

Mrs. Lem Cowley left last Thursday to spend a few days in the home of Calvin Sparks and other relatives in Houston.

Many Attend Training School

Seventy-five W. H. D. Club members from fifteen clubs and eight visitors attended an Officers Training School Saturday in the Robert Lee Methodist church. The program was sponsored by the Coke County W. H. D. Council.

Group meetings were conducted by Mrs. Ruby Worthen, district agent; Mrs. Florence Low, acting specialist in landscape gardening; Mrs. John Yancy and H. C. Moreland, Tom Green county; and the following H. D. agents: Miss Graham Hard, Mitchell county; Miss Rhea Merle Boyles, Howard county; Miss Hazel McCoy, Tom Green county and Miss Fay D. Croslin, Coke county.

Lunch was served in the church basement at noon, then a program was held with Mrs. C. E. Arrott, council chairman, presiding. Speakers included Mesdames Worthen, Low and Yancy, and Minister Vasco Teer.

Mrs. Alfred Taylor, Bronte, was in charge of the recreation and singing.

Better Get Busy

H. G. Whitt, chairman Coke county W. P. R. Board, announces that effective April 1, all certificates for tires dated prior to Dec. 1, 1944 will become invalid, and must not be accepted in exchange for tires after that date. Certificates bearing above dates will not be duplicated by the ration board.

Our List Grows

New subscribers to the Robert Lee Observer this week: Mrs. Fred Roe
Renewals: C. C. Gartman, Grand Prairie, Texas; Luda E. Roberts, Arlington, Va.

Local Man Aids Supply Lines

An Air Service Command Depot in England.—To meet the growing needs of American airplanes battering Germany, supply men of this largest Air Service Command depot handle 1,100 tons of vital aircraft parts and equipment daily and during 1944 speeded a record total of over 700,000,000 pounds to combat bases.

Sharing in this job is Cpl. William D. Burns, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Burns, Edith, Texas.

Last month supply men hung up a new record by answering over 271,000 demands for aircraft supplies. That's nearly 9,000 demands a day, requiring nearly 20 miles of paper work to put them into the hands of the airmen who use them against Germany.

Had Two Cases Of Booze

A Sweetwater man donated a \$100 fine and costs Tuesday in county court after a plea of guilty for violation of state liquor laws. He was arrested a short distance north of Bronte by Sheriff Percifull and Deputy Paul Good and State Liquor Control officers Monday. Two cases of whiskey were taken charge of by the officers.

After a visit with his mother, Mrs. Viola Gramling in this city, Lieut. Dick Gramling returns to the hospital at Hot Springs, Ark. He expects to return to aerial duty soon. Dick wears the air medal, soldiers' medal, and the silver star as a result of his service.

After an 18 day furlough spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Millican, Pfc. Geo. D. Millican returned yesterday to the Dodge City, Kansas Army Air Field.

Next Sunday Is Easter!

Of course you will want to be well dressed for the Easter Parade. And you will be if you take opportunity to see our pretty line of Dresses, Blouses and other Wearables.

The latest in Fancy Combs for your hairdo are here in varied designs. New arrivals in Bags, Sandals and Children's Clothing. Come and see the new things for Spring.

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Quality Merchandise

Fashions that lead the Easter parade

You'll find the smartest answers to your Easter costume here. Try a topcoat suit. You'll wear it season after season.

That lovely dress that has been your dream is here . . . come to life! Barely any sleeves, such a tiny waist, sweet and feminine.

Navy captures all hearts. Nothing looks so fresh as a navy suit with white. Our navy collection is a dream this Easter.

Solomon's

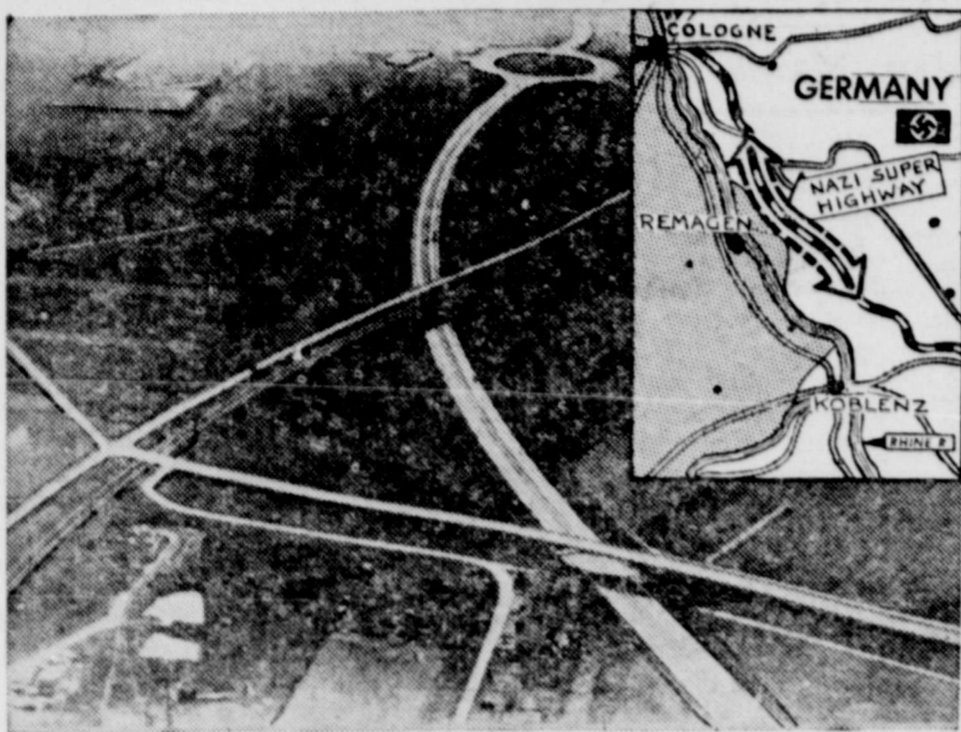
Women's Wear

San Angelo

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Report German Peace Bids as Allies Press Attacks on Reich; Act to Assure Civilian Supply

Released by Western Newspaper Union.
(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysis and not necessarily of this newspaper.)



Indicating the modern network of roads over which the Germans have been moving military supplies east of the Rhine, this aerial photo shows the Adolf Hitler superhighway near U. S. 1st army bridgehead. Map outlines extensive road system in territory.

EUROPE:
Rebuff Nazis

Amid a flurry of talk that high German groups had sounded the U. S. and Britain out on peace possibilities, Allied armies maintained their heavy pressure against Nazi lines in both the east and west.

According to one report, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower rebuffed Field Marshal von Rundstedt's approach for an armistice, under which the latter offered to pull German armies beyond the Rhine, where they have been forced, and disarm them.

Published in Sweden's Svenska Dagbladet, the other report dealt with German overtures to a British official for an armistice for preserving the Reich as a bulwark against the "Bolshevik menace." To include the retention of the Nazis in office and the evacuation of occupied territory, the offer also was flatly rejected, it was said.

Even as the reports came through, Germany rocked under the tremor of continued heavy aerial assaults, aimed at Nazi industrial installations, communication lines feeding

"Town Buster" Latest Bomb

To Britain's famed "blockbuster" and "earthquake" bombs has been added another, the 11-ton "town buster," developed to penetrate to the underground factories the Germans established to avoid surface bombardment.

Carried by Britain's four-engined Lancasters, the "town buster" measures 25½ feet in length and almost four feet in diameter. Upon releasing the heavy load, the huge planes have bounced up as high as 500 feet from relief of the weight.

Packing a tremendous wallop in itself, the "town buster" supplements the six-ton "earthquake" bomb, which sank the German battleship, Tirpitz, and penetrated 15-foot-thick concrete roofs of U-boat pens.

their armies and troop concentrations massed to meet Allied attacks in both east and west.

In the east, Russia grouped the bulk of her manpower for the grand assault on Berlin, heavily defended by an extended network of pillboxes, tank traps and infantry obstacles, which could be flooded.

As the Russians built up their forces beyond the Oder for the smash on the German capital, other Red forces were on the move in both Upper Silesia and Hungary, in an effort to pry open the roads to the rich industrial districts of Czechoslovakia and Austria, feeding the Nazi wehrmacht.

In the west, German war production was seriously threatened as U. S. and British armies closed on both the Ruhr and Saar valleys. Not only was the Ruhr menaced by the U. S. 9th and British 2nd armies from the west, but Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges' U. S. 1st moved up from its Remagen bridgehead to threaten it from the south.

The U. S. 3rd and 7th armies also were applying a vise on the Saar valley, with the 3rd pressing in from the north and east, and the 7th squeezing ahead from the south. Taking full advantage of their extensive road system and short supply lines, the Germans fought viciously to hold both all-important regions.

FOOD:
Probe Supply

Following hard upon War Mobilizer Byrnes' formation of a special group to review all demands for non-military exports to protect essential civilian supplies in this country, senate war investigating committee announced the conduct of an inquiry into the food situation currently marked by the growing scarcity of meat.



James F. Byrnes

Revelation of the senate committee's probe followed demands of mid-western senators for rectification of government food policies, which, they declared, discouraged fattening of cattle because of failure to bring prices and feed costs in line with production, and failed to place agriculture on a par with war industry.

Just before the congressional storm broke, Byrnes proclaimed the organization of a special group to determine that Europe's demands for relief and rehabilitation would not interfere with U. S. civilian needs, and even to review past commitments in the same light.

Following Byrnes' action, capital circles buzzed with talk that the War Food administration, for one, had approached him for help in allocating the shrinking food supply during 1945, with prospects of from 20 to 25 per cent less meat, 10 to 15 per cent less vegetable oils and fats, and 10 per cent less sugar.

Meanwhile, it was revealed, lend-lease purchases in recent weeks have been severely reduced because of the growing meat shortage. Although the government has been receiving larger allocations than formerly, it was pointed out, still the drop in slaughtering has reduced the volume available over last year, and practically only military demands are being satisfied.

As a result, lend-lease meat tonnage has been slashed almost 80 per cent in the last two months, with pork purchases in one week down about 84 per cent from last year, canned meats 86 per cent, and other products from 93 to 97 per cent.

PACIFIC:
Air Lashings

With long range U. S. bombers based within flying distance of Japan as a result of the recent conquest of outlying islands in bloody but valuable fighting, the enemy's great industrial cities have more and more been feeling the lash of heavy bombardment.

Carried on even as General MacArthur's forces in the Philippines tightened their grip on the sprawling archipelago guarding the inner China sea lane, and as begrimed marines finished off a stubborn foe on Iwo Jima, the B-29 raids on such Jap centers as Tokyo, Nagoya and Osaka are designed to cut down factory production and impair the flow of supply to the enemy's armies.

Meanwhile, General MacArthur's forces moved toward the climactic battle with the bulk of the enemy cornered on northeastern Luzon, and additional American landings to the south secured the sea passage through the Philippines to Manila.

Washington Digest

World Monetary Plans Seen as Boon to Trade



Funds Would Help Restore Production and Stimulate Exchange of Goods in Postwar Era, Treasury Says.

By BAUKHAGE
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I have just come from a luncheon of creamed chicken and rice, green salad and trimmings. The food was not, however, the interesting part of the affair. The "food for thought" that went with it, was. And so was the setting. We were served from a large oval table in the conference room of the United States treasury. The hosts were Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau and a squad of his fiscal experts.

The subject of the conversation was the same one which was discussed at many of the more than 200 conferences which took place around that same table and which led up to the Bretton Woods monetary conference last July. Today that same subject is before Congress in the form of pending legislation which would authorize American participation in an international bank of reconstruction and development and an international monetary fund.

Upon the passage of this legislation and the creation of the bank and fund, the master-minds on money matters tell me, depends the success of any world security organization which may come out of the United Nations meeting at San Francisco.

Aim to Stop Economic Warfare

The reason for that statement, boiled down to its essence is this: you can't stop international warfare unless you stop economic warfare.

Economic warfare in this sense means international trade practices not in the common good—specifically some of the practices indulged in by nations competing for foreign trade before and after the grand smash of '29.

How is this warfare to be restrained?

Quid pro quo, of course. In the vicious fight for trade after the war a large number of nations will have three strikes on them to start. They are wrecked, some physically and a great many more financially, politically, economically. Those which will emerge less affected by the war scourge, like the United States, will be equally affected if they have nobody with money or credit enough to buy their goods.

Therefore in exchange for an agreement to abide by certain fair practices as we might call them, and contributions in cash or its equivalent, under the Bretton Woods agreement a nation would receive membership in an international bank which would guarantee private loans—make some direct—for the purpose of reconstruction and development so they can build factories and do other things necessary to create goods to sell and earn money to buy. These loans would be loans in which the risk is too great for a private institution to take, and which if they were made and bonds offered to the public the public wouldn't touch. But guaranteed by the international bank over a long term, private bankers would lend the money and the public, with the word of 44 nations behind the bonds, would hardly be skittish.

The monetary fund would be created for the purpose of stabilizing exchange, and facilitating the growth of international trade. The members would agree to tie their exchange to the gold standard and not change it unless the governors and directors of the fund approve. This would stop, among other things, what amounts to imposing hidden tariffs on foreign goods by changing the rates of exchange of a country's currency in terms of other nation's currency. In their mad efforts to export goods at any price and get credits abroad, the Germans had all sorts of different kinds of marks that had one value here and another there.

As to the administration of the bank and fund, a very careful system has been worked out regulating the amount of financial responsibility each country would have. The figure would be based on the trade of a nation over a certain past period with some other modifications. For instance, the United States would assume roughly one-third of the financial responsibility and have one-third of the votes

on how the money or credit is to be handled.

Relief for U. S. Bankers' Risks

One of the chief arguments as to the direct value of the program for the United States is this: it is estimated that in the postwar period, the United States bankers will have to do the bulk of the world lending. Estimated on the amount we did after the last war, perhaps as much as 90 per cent. Rather than have the lenders risk the loss as they did last time, it would be better to have the government and the governments of the rest of the nations bear two-thirds of the risk. This they would do under the international bank. It is pointed out by treasury officials that not only will most of the money be borrowed from private bankers in this country for the next five or ten years (since we have most of the money to loan) but most of it will likewise be spent here since we have most of the things foreign countries need.

There are two chief reasons why such an international financial program will be to the disadvantage of the private banker although by no means all bankers oppose it. One is that the governments of nations will control the world fiscal policy and not the leading private international bankers who had the control before. The second is that in the long run, as sponsors of the plan admit, it will lower interest rates.

Those two reasons are not stressed by the vocal opponents of the measure before members of congress. Many other objections, some highly technical, are set forth. The main suggestion in the report of a committee of the American Bankers association is that because of unsettled political conditions throughout the world, any action ought to be postponed until these conditions stabilize. They say that the nations should agree to certain changes in the program before it is presented to the congress.

Some of the changes suggested are prompted by honest conviction, some are due, according to treasury officials, to a misinterpretation of the program. There is a group in the United States which says that the United States will come out of the little end of the horn under the arrangement and that the British sold us a bill of goods. There is a group in England which says that Britain will come out of the little end of the horn and that the United States sold their representatives a bill of goods.

That is one thing which, quite aside from the arguments pro and con on the various disputed parts of the program, demonstrates that it must be pretty good.

Some weeks ago in this column I tried to explain "why Germany came back" after its defeats in France.

May I be permitted to explain why the Nazis couldn't come back for the second time?

Once again we have to consider, not the military organization of Germany alone, but the civilian organization as well. Nazi discipline, because it was built on an entirely anti-human foundation, finally collapsed. It was a discipline of (1) deceit, (2) force. Both were bound to fail in the end because it failed to take into consideration one thing which the Nazis refuse to admit exists—the human soul.

Nazism with threats, brute force, and an organization which could carry out the threats and exercise the force, was effective up to a certain point. Then it failed.

Its strength was in "bending the twig," as I tried to point out in my earlier analysis. Youth worshipped the false god of Nazism as long as its clay feet could be concealed. Youth knew no other god. But the moment the clay feet crumbled in the defeat of its armies (i.e. force failed) youth deserted.

Even the older people, despite the numbing fear of the espionage of the gauliter, the fear of the concentration camp, fear of the firing squad, began passive resistance. The Volkssturm (the military unit drafted by Himmler) refused to fight, refused to assemble when ordered, hid. Regulations were evaded. Taxes went unpaid.



Pasteurization of Eggs Improves Quality

New Method an Aid To Egg Storage

PASTEURIZATION of eggs as developed at the University of Missouri, or the flash heat treatment of Cornell university, promises to prove of considerable value to the poultry and farm industries.

The pasteurizing of shell eggs not only destroys bacteria but causes shell eggs to retain their desirable physical properties much longer than do untreated eggs.

In the Cornell flash heat treatment of eggs, a five-second exposure of fresh eggs to boiling water forms a thin protective film of coagulated albumen, adherent to the shell membrane. This treatment of eggs at temperatures above the coagulation point of albumen proved to be an efficient method for the preservation of table eggs.

The application of the pasteurization process to shell eggs may prove of great value to the poultry industry when applied to eggs as they



Cornell Method of Pasteurization.

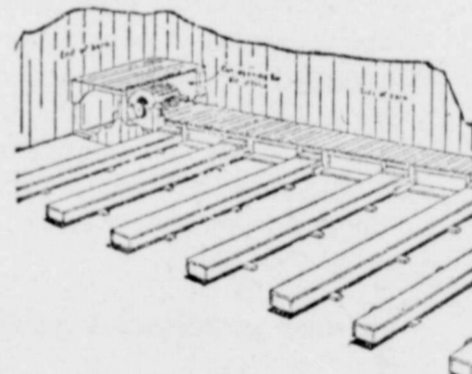
pass through the regular marketing channels.

The treatment is simple and requires only average kitchen equipment. The eggs are plunged into boiling water for five seconds, cooled and placed in cold storage or a refrigerator, where they will stay fresh for 12 months. Without refrigeration they should remain fresh for about three months.

Barn-Curing Hay Safe And Improves Quality

Making hay while the sun doesn't shine has been simplified for hundreds of farmers who have built electrically operated hay driers, using forced ventilation to cure hay in the mow.

The installation consists of wooden ducts, built on the mow floor,



Air Circulation in Mow.

through which air is forced into and upward through the hay by a blower powered with an electric motor, or when electricity is not available by a gasoline motor.

The use of the forced ventilation system enables farmers to move their forage crops into the mow two to four hours after cutting, before the leaves begin to shed.

Farm Windbreaks Pay Dividends Annually

Planting evergreen windbreaks which will pay dividends in the future is a wartime farm improvement that should be undertaken at once.

Not only will the windbreak be a protection for the home, cutting down the cold winter winds, it will save heating costs as a result.

In many localities it is possible to secure planting stock which would have some commercial value—fruit, nuts or for the wood contained.

As materials for many other improvements are not available, now is the time when considerable improvement can be made by planting desirable trees. Not only will the value of the land be improved, but many of the trees could produce an annual pay crop to the farmer.

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Bright and Early Coffee, 1 pound package . . . 28c
 Brer Rabbit Syrup, 1 gallon bucket 74c
 Spuds, while they last, per pound 6c
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 Nubbins Pickles, 16 ounce jar27c
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 Catsup, a big 14 ounce bottle for 22c
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Folks You Know

Drive on to Robert Lee.

Mrs. Edna McCorkle of Snyder is here for a visit with her nephew, C. E. McDonald, and Mrs. McDonald. This was their first meeting in 35 years, and her visit is an enjoyable affair.

A curing room is being added at the frozen locker plant in this city.

Carroll Hale is here from California renewing acquaintance with his host of friends in Grand Oldcove.

The wind last week skidded Pastor Blake's garage over a distance of some 18 inches, concrete foundation and all. It has been placed back on the original spot.

V. V. Wojtek was among the visitors from Sancondland Saturday.

Personal stationery for ladies' secretarial size, envelopes to match, all printed in the newest type face; 200 letter heads, 100 envelopes, for \$3.25--a year's supply. See samples at The Observer office.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION

Be it ordered by the Board of Trustees of the Robert Lee Independent School District that an election be held at the School Tax Office in the City of Robert Lee, Texas in the said district on the 7th day of April, 1945 for the purpose of electing two school trustees.

Any person wishing his name placed on the ballot may have same put thereon by filing with the County Judge five days prior to the said date, April 7, 1945. If someone else's name is desired on the ballot, it may be placed thereon by presenting a petition signed by five qualified voters to the County Judge ten days prior to the election.

Board of Trustees, Robert Lee Ind. School District.



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Robert Lee, Texas

MAKE YOUR OWN CANNING EQUIPMENT

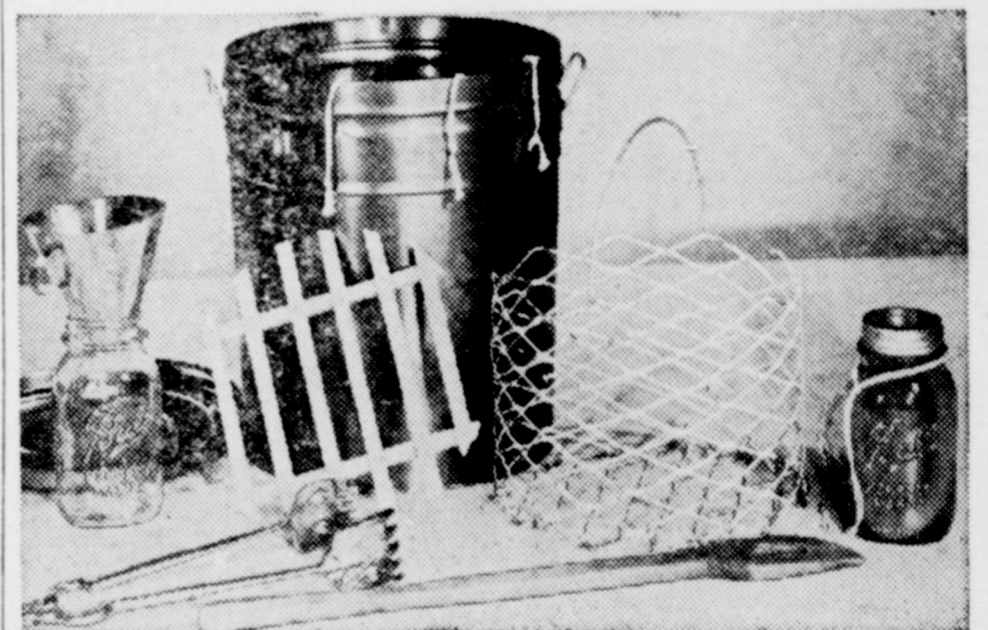


Photo Courtesy Ball Bros. Co.

Be determined to do your part toward saving food, canning equipment or no canning equipment. Don't glibly use the shortage of equipment as an excuse for not getting busy and filling those pantry shelves with jars of non-rationed food, put up just the way your family likes it best.

You will do well to follow the advice of Gladys Kimbrough, Home

Service Director for Ball Brothers Company. To all who lament the lack of canning conveniences she suggests: "It is true that a skilled workman requires good tools but when he can't buy what he needs, he makes the best use of what he has and makes what he hasn't."

A few of Miss Kimbrough's suggestions for home-made canning equipment are illustrated in the photograph above. They are:

1. A lard can to use as a water-bath canner. A pail, sirup bucket, wash boiler, or any other container in which water can be boiled, will serve, provided it is twelve or more inches deep.
 2. Funnel. This was made from a No. 10 tin can.
 3. A rack or platform to fit in the bottom of the canner. Make by tacking strips of odorless wood together.
 4. Coal tongs (part of fire set) make good jar lifter.
 5. Strong string looped (slip hitch) around neck of jar. Use when neither jar lifter nor tongs can be found.
 7. Wire basket to hold the jars while they are in the canner. Made from a scrap of wire mesh. (Poultry wire will do.)
 7. Wooden paddle for stirring apple butter, chili sauce, etc. Whittled from hard wood. Wooden spoons can be made in same manner.
- This year the government is releasing more metal for the manufacture of canning equipment. Production and distribution may make it unnecessary for the housewife to assemble home-made equipment, but it can be done and done easily.

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

I can't keep up with styles in Art, And Poesy's meanderings I do admire cultured folks — They know so many little things.

WNU Features.

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Merchant Marine Academy Develops Fighting Officers

Combat Training Is Part of Extensive Cadet Requirement

THE nation's newest service academy sends its undergraduates to sea as part of their normal course of training. During war, they go to sea just the same; consequently, they're participants in sea warfare. They've withstood torpedoes, bombings, strafing, coast artillery and fire from enemy raiders. They've performed heroic acts under fire which would do credit to battle-experienced veterans.

Cadet-midshipmen in the United States merchant marine cadet corps have participated in every landing and invasion operation of the war and have reflected creditably upon the cadet corps while serving aboard merchant vessels. Seven have won distinguished service medals; more than 600 have been forced to abandon ship as a result of enemy action; more than 150 have been killed in action; many have been credited with saving lives of shipmates and others have spent as many as 40 days in lifeboats.

The United States merchant marine cadet corps includes the U. S. merchant marine academy, Kings Point, L. I.; a basic school at San Mateo, Calif.; one at Pass Christian, Miss.; and a revolving group of 2,600 to 3,000 cadet-midshipmen serving at sea at all times. Upon admission to the cadet corps, a cadet-midshipman is assigned to one of the basic schools for training of about four months, after which he goes to sea for a minimum of six months. This sometimes last as long as 12 months, because the cadet-midshipman's ship may be in the Indian ocean when his six months is completed, and he, of course, must serve until his ship returns to the United States.

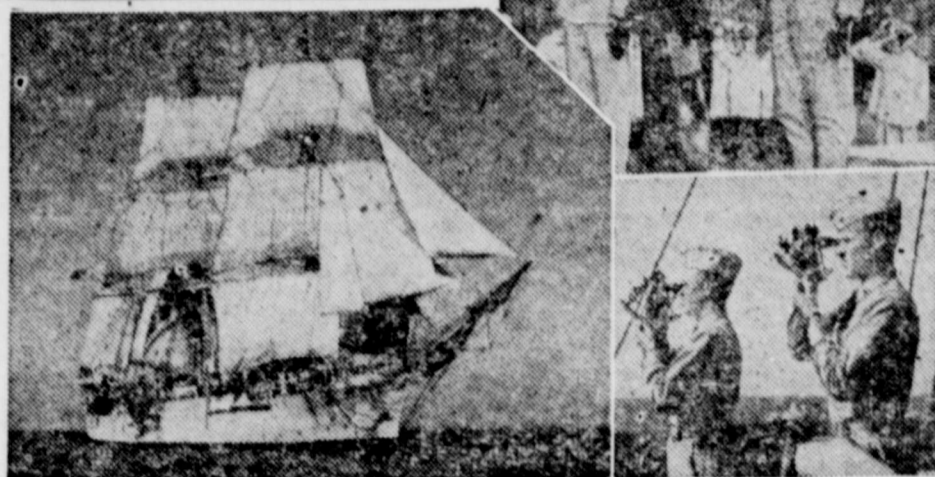
Has Sea Training First.

After sea duty, a cadet-midshipman is assigned to Kings Point for advanced training during which he assimilates knowledge acquired in classrooms and laboratories with that which results from sea training to qualify himself to become a deck or engine officer in America's ever-expanding merchant fleet.

Upon graduation a cadet-midshipman is licensed as third mate or third assistant engineer and is appointed an ensign in the U. S. maritime service and in the U. S. naval reserve. Many of the 5,000 graduates to date have gone into active duty with the navy.

The U. S. merchant marine cadet corps, authorized by the merchant marine act of 1936, is to be a permanent institution, serving the nation just as do West Point, Annapolis and the coast guard academy.

The academy at Kings Point is situated on Long Island Sound, two miles from Great Neck, on what was previously the site of several swanky estates. There are 30-odd new and modern buildings on the 65-acre campus which also includes parade grounds, an athletic field and an obstacle course which is quite tough. At the academy's private dock, there are half a dozen vessels



Upper: Graduating regimental commander, Willard B. Kitchen and other cadet officers salute as taps is blown in honor of former cadet-midshipmen lost or missing in action. Left: Training vessel, Emery Rice, under full sail. Right: Cadet-midshipmen taking observations for longitude during training cruise.

from easy in order to live up to the creed, "... Got to make sure that no boy's ghost will ever say, 'If your training program had only done its job'..."

Because of the sea duty requirements, every cadet-midshipman at Kings Point actually is a veteran of sea warfare and many wear war-zone ribbons indicating service around the world.

Among several cadet-midshipmen who participated in the invasion of France were Louie B. Wood Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., and John F. Steedley Jr. of Tallahassee, Fla., who witnessed all the fire and action of American warships and planes and



Cadet-midshipman laying aloft the main mast.

German E-boats and coast artillery during the first three or four days of the historic landings.

"Our ships moved into the English channel on D-Day, carrying trucks, jeeps, small arms and about 400 soldiers, and we, of course, were exposed to the German bombers, E-boats and coast artillery. We didn't worry about the Nazis too much, though, when we looked up and saw our own fliers in action and watched American and British

our vicinity. One had our number on it and struck the ship squarely in No. five hold, killing seven soldiers of the stevedore crew and a merchant seaman."

Steedley was busy helping to man an anti-aircraft gun on the bridge, and Wood was assisting to extinguish a fire on deck. When the fire was out, Wood went below to help remove the dead men from the hold.

"The concussion had ripped large holes in both sides and the bottom of the ship, and she settled fast, the stern resting on the bottom in seven fathoms of water," he recounts.

The order to abandon ship was given after as much gear as possible had been removed to nearby vessels.

Next day, it was thought that there might be a chance to save the ship, and an emergency volunteer crew was sought to go aboard. Both Wood and Steedley volunteered, but after a few hours all hope of saving the vessel was abandoned. The two cadet-midshipmen were returned to England and were back in New York on July 7, one month after participating in the greatest invasion in history. Their ship had been lost, but the precious cargo of soldiers, jeeps and guns had been put ashore in France. They're at Kings Point now.

Dudley Example of Sea Heroes.

Almost two years earlier, on the other side of the world, another cadet-midshipman had played a dramatic part in a landing operation. He is Robert H. Dudley of Yonkers, N. Y., who was assigned to a transport in the task force which took the first contingent of U. S. marines to Guadalcanal. Dudley was placed in charge of landing boats from his vessel, and the disembarking was proceeding successfully when 23 Japanese torpedo planes attacked the ships.

Anti-aircraft gunners on merchant vessels and warships alike went into action immediately, and skippers of the various vessels ordered maneuvers to dodge the torpedoes from the enemy planes. The accuracy of the fire from American guns excelled that of the Jap aviators, however, and every one of the 23 planes was shot down.

One ship in the landing force was lost—when a flaming Jap plane struck on its deck and set it afire. This was Dudley's vessel from which all marines and cargo had been disembarked.

Dudley was assigned to another ship loaded with provisions bound for Tulagi, and a few days after the Guadalcanal episode, Dudley again heard the order, "Abandon ship!" as this vessel was torpedoed and sunk on August 21.

Dudley and 12 members of the crew spent the ensuing 14 days in a lifeboat with the most meager supplies of food and water.

"On the 14th day, we sighted land, and naturally exerted every ounce of our fast-waning energy to pull ashore," Dudley reported. "We landed on a coral reef, and every man fell face forward, exhausted. The sharp edges of the coral inflicted severe cuts about the body of every one of us, but we just didn't seem to have the strength to move again, so we lay there on the reefs, almost unconscious, for several hours. The natives found us and brought us water."

Dudley spent the next two months in army and navy hospital before returning to Kings Point, where he graduated on February 3, 1943, received his license as third mate, and went back to sea as an officer helping deliver the goods.

Saved Shipmate's Life.

An example of valor and disregard of his own safety was shown by cadet-midshipman William M. Thomas Jr. of Alameda, Calif., who was awarded the Distinguished Service medal by President Roosevelt for his heroism in dramatically saving the life of a shipmate.

JUST

Golden Silence
Mrs. Keefer—Emma, when you wait on the table, please don't spill anything. New Maid—Don't worry, Ma'am, I never talk much anyway.

What good is will power when you're on a bucking bronco?

So They Do
Teacher—Izzy, do you know your alphabet?
Izzy—Yes, Ma'am.
Teacher—What letter comes after "A"?
Izzy—All of 'em.

CHILD'S COLDS



Most young mothers use this modern way to relieve miseries of children's colds. At bedtime they rub Vicks VapoRub on throat, chest and back. Grand relief starts as VapoRub...

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SNAPPY FACTS ABOUT RUBBER



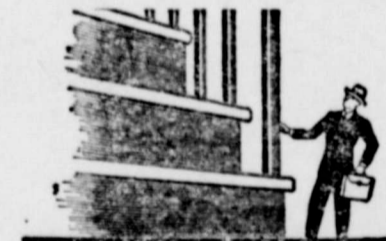
There are two big "unknowns" in trying to anticipate the eventual "balance of power" between natural and synthetic rubber, in the opinion of John L. Collyer, President of The B. F. Goodrich Co. These unknowns are respective production costs and the relative value of these types of rubber in different kinds of products several years hence.

During the manufacture of one variety of synthetic rubber, materials must be kept at a temperature of 100 degrees below zero.

Use of rayon has improved the performance of synthetic truck tires as much as 375 per cent compared with tires made of cotton cord, some industry authorities report.

Jerry Shaw

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KATE SMITH asked to write this message on Saving Used Fats!

"The help of every woman is needed in saving used fats for hundreds of battlefield and home-front essentials. But some of us don't know all the ways we can do it. Here are a few points I've found helpful."—Kate Smith



MANY WOMEN SAY: "But I never have fats left over." Certainly it's good economy to re-use your fats... but there's always some left over even after that...and that little is more important than you can imagine. Only one tablespoonful of used fat will help make 5 machine-gun bullets. So there just can't ever be too little to save! Come on, everybody, scrape your broiling pan, your roaster, skillet. Save meat trimmings and scraps of fat left on plates.



OTHERS TELL ME: "But my fats are often too dark to turn in." It doesn't make a mite of difference how dark or blackened...or what smelly things like onion or fish you've cooked in your fat. Every drop of it will help make parachutes, synthetic rubber, soaps for the fighting and war fronts. Don't feel ashamed to hand it in to your butcher. If you save every bit of fat you possibly can, you're doing a job to be proud of!



THEN YOU HEAR: "But what sort of container will I use?" Any kind of tin can will do. The next time you open a can of fruit or juice or soup or vegetables, save it. But please don't use glass...it almost always breaks and makes the fat difficult to salvage. When the can is full, take it to your butcher. For every pound, you'll get 2 red points. If you have any difficulty disposing of your fats, call your Home Demonstration or County Agent.

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Lv. 6:25 A. M.	Lv. 3:40 P. M.	Camp Barkeley	Lv. 12:10 P. M.	Lv. 11:45 P. M.
Lv. 6:30 A. M.	Lv. 3:45 P. M.	View	Lv. 12:05 P. M.	Lv. 11:40 P. M.
Lv. 7:10 A. M.	Lv. 4:25 P. M.	Happy Valley	Lv. 11:25 A. M.	Lv. 11:00 P. M.
Lv. 7:40 A. M.	Lv. 4:55 P. M.	Bronte	Lv. 10:55 A. M.	Lv. 10:30 P. M.
Lv. 8:05 A. M.	Lv. 5:20 P. M.	Robert Lee	Lv. 10:30 A. M.	Lv. 10:05 P. M.
Ar. 9:05 A. M.	Ar. 6:20 P. M.	San Angelo	Lv. 9:30 A. M.	Lv. 9:05 P. M.

Notice, Water Users

Pay your Water Bill by the 15th of each month at the City Hall or your service will be discontinued.
By Order of CITY COMMISSION.

Knit Sweaters to Buy More Bonds



Sweaters are dear to the school-girl's heart. Because she likes them warm, colorful, and smartly styled, she is knitting her own to have these qualities on a minimum budget. Fashionable extended shoulders and cardigan neckline win top honors for this gray sweater gaily striped with bands of yellow, red and green. There's a matching stocking cap for campus and sports wear. Invest the precious money saved by knitting your own sweaters in extra War Bonds.

U. S. Treasury Department

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN BANKING HOURS

Beginning April 1st our banking hours will be changed to open at 9 A. M. and close at 3 P. M.

Robert Lee State Bank.

Mrs. E. H. Fisher and daughter, Joy, Hodge, of Calif., visited their mother and grandmother at the Henry Varnadores last weekend.

The Observer prints Envelopes and Letter Heads.

"FARMER BROWN IS PUTTING 30 CENTS OF EVERY WOOL DOLLAR INTO WAR BONDS SO WE MUST TAKE CARE OF OUR FLEECE"

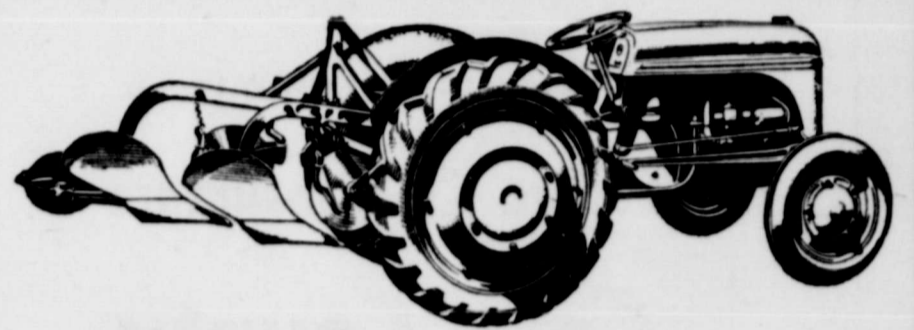


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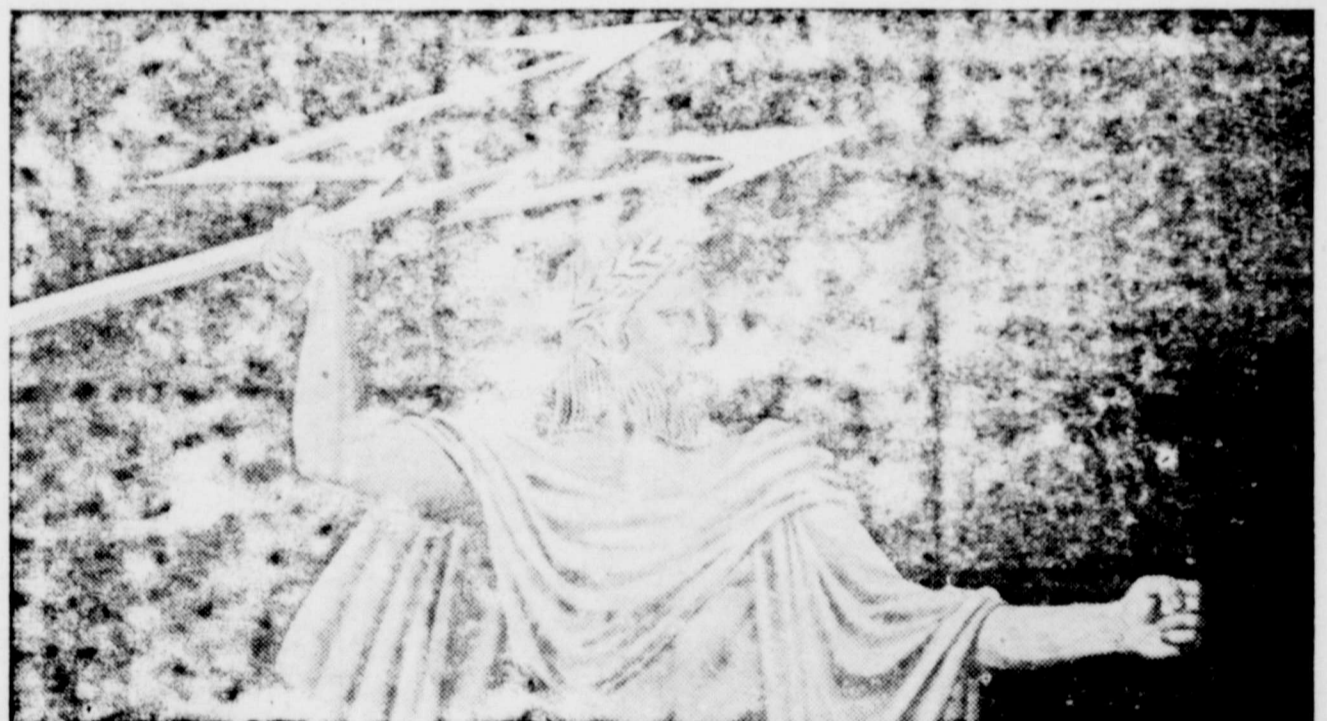


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**Hunter Kills Rabbit
And Then Falls Dead**

WESTFIELD, N. J.—Arthur J. Moore, 62 years old, shot a rabbit near his summer home outside Hampton, N. J., and then fell dead, apparently of a heart ailment. Three other members of the hunting party found him next morning, the discharged shotgun still clutched in his hands, the dead rabbit a few feet away.

A little want ad will sell it.

**Missing Heiress
Found in Canada**

**Search for Beneficiary of
Scotch Will Succeeds.**

LONDON, ONT.—A highly successful "court of missing heirs" was recently conducted in this city when a story appeared about a \$15,000 legacy which was waiting for a Scottish woman now in Canada, if only she could be found.

She has been found. C. W. Garside of the city hall staff, a friend of the family in question, who started the search in this country, said that he had established that Miss Marjory Leggatt, the girl in question, lives in Montreal and that she is the proper beneficiary.

The money is part of an estate of £6,000 left by Donald Leggatt, Glasgow, Scotland, school teacher. Half of this amount was to go to his sister, Marjory, and is being held in trust for her by her 81-year-old father in Scotland.

It was believed Miss Leggatt lived in this country but her place of residence had been unknown to her family. Mr. Garside has received a letter from a Marjory Leggatt, living in Montreal.

The writer told Mr. Garside she was the only sister of the late Donald Leggatt who was a teacher under the Glasgow school board at the time she came to Canada. She went on to say that she did not know the address of the Leggatt family at the present time.

Mr. Garside said he communicated with Miss Leggatt by telephone and said he had determined to his satisfaction that she is the missing heir.

Judge Brands Boys Who

Cut Tires as Hitler Aids

CANTON, OHIO.—Three juveniles who slashed and punctured 30 tires on parked automobiles were characterized as "soldiers in Hitler's army" by Juvenile Court Judge Thomas H. Leahy.

"You really are fifth columnists," the judge declared. "You should have been on Hitler's pay roll for destroying precious materials; you were stabbing your parents in the back."

Two of the boys, 16 and 17 years old, were sentenced to the Boys' Industrial school, while the third, 15, was sent to the state bureau of juvenile research.

Alarm by Cruising Plane

Brings Firemen in Time

IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO.—Marvin Jaeger knows now what an air raid is like. He heard a high-pitched snarl of a diving plane over his barn. He ran outside—sure enough, his barn was afire, and the plane was making another dive at it.

Frantically (and futilely) he started tossing buckets of water on the blaze. A few minutes later came the wailing of sirens. It was the fire department, though, not an air raid warning.

Pilot Rex Pilling, making a morning flight, saw the fire, dived his plane until he attracted Jaeger's attention and then called the fire department, a detail that hadn't occurred to Jaeger.

Convicts Need Catcher;

Ask Police to Comply

FOLSOM PRISON, CALIF.—When it appeared that the star catcher of the prison ball team was about due for release, the Folsom Observer, convict newspaper, ran the following appeal to sheriffs:

"Please be on the lookout for a husky young man, in good physical condition, who has had some experience as a catcher for a baseball team. References are not required, but he should have a strong arm, a fair knowledge of baseball and a keen batting eye. Any sheriff who can dig up a likely prospect is requested to ship him to Folsom Prison."

Likes Police Work So

Well Refuses Vacation

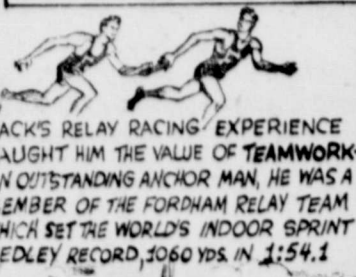
MURFREESBORO, TENN.—Sergeant Holland Parker of the Murfreesboro police force must like his work for he's been on the job 12 hours a night, seven nights a week, 52 weeks a year for 14 years—all but a couple of nights when he was sick.

Sergeant Parker has been entitled to a week's vacation annually but he preferred to work straight through for that week's double pay. Besides, somebody else might forget to telephone some of those folks he calls every morning to wake up.

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ALAN MAIER



Charter No. 1684 Reserve District No. 11

Report of Condition of Robert Lee State Bank

of Robert Lee, Texas at the close of business Mar. 20 1945, a State banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this State and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

ASSETS

Loans & discounts (including \$39489. overdrafts)	\$218,302.76
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	69,200.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	6,911.93
Corporate stocks (including \$900.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	900.00
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	209,265.64
Bank premises owned	\$1,250.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,000.00
Other assets	3,090.86
Total Assets	509,921.19

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	428,807.21
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	26,717.48
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	5,633.21
Deposits of banks	
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	1,496.68
Total Deposits	\$462,654.58
Bills payable, rediscounts and other liabilities borrowed money	none
Other liabilities	none
Total Liabilities	462,654.58

not including subordinated obligations shown below 462,654.58

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus	5,000.00
Undivided profits	17,266.61
Total Capital Account	47,266.61
Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	509,921.19

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

MEMORANDA

U.S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities	45,000.00
Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law	26,490.02
Deposits preferred under provisions of law but not secured by pledge of assets	227.46
Total	26,717.48

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, Cashier

Correct—Attest; R. W. Smith, Marvin Simpson
G. C. Allen, Directors,

State of Texas, County of Coke ss. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of March 1945.

S. E. Adams, Notary Public.

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INDUSTRY is a Christian obligation imposed on our race to develop the noblest energies, and insure the highest reward.—E. L. Magoon.

Quiet minds can not be perplexed or frightened, but go on in fortune or misfortune at their own private pace, like a clock during a thunderstorm.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

Those who like everything they have are happier than those who have everything they like.

Lessons hard to learn are sweet to know.—Old Proverb.

The truest wisdom, in general, is a resolute determination.—Napoleon.

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A Bell for Adano

By John Hersey

W. N. U. FEATURES

THE STORY THUS FAR: The American troops arrived at Adano, a seaport in Italy, with Major Victor Joppolo, the Amgot officer in charge. Sergeant 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. He determined to replace their bell, which the Germans had taken. Major Joppolo talked with Father Pensovecchio, the town's leading priest. He explained to the priest what he wanted to accomplish for the people of Adano, and secured the promise of the priest to call attention, at mass, to the posted civil instructions. The Major promised the priest that he would attend mass the next day.

CHAPTER IV

Father Pensovecchio could not remember when so many people had come to the Church of San Angelo. It was a pleasure, certainly it was a pleasure, to have so many come to the Church of San Angelo.

But now Father Pensovecchio had a thought which made him very uneasy. What if the Mister Major should not come? Think of the shame. Think of how the other priests would laugh. Think how this vanity, this large crowd, would complain. Think of how his own faithful would flock on later Sundays to the other churches. Think of preaching to empty pews.

It was already five minutes past seven. The senior acolyte had already whispered in his ear that it was time to begin the mass. And the Mister Major had not come.

The Mister Major, at that moment, was sitting in his office having a breakfast of fruit and discussing with Borth and with the usher Zito, who never went to church, the matter of the bell. Major Joppolo sat with his feet on the huge desk eating fruit, Borth sat on the end of the desk also eating, and the little Zito stood at attention in front of it, not eating but wishing he were.

In the Church of San Angelo, meanwhile, Father Pensovecchio was growing frantic. Most of the heads in his crowd, his lovely crowd, kept turning toward the door instead of facing the silver crucifix which survived the fire of 1933.

In his office Major Joppolo said: "They took the bell away on the fourteenth of June. That is a month less two days. That is not so much time. Considering how things are done in our Army, perhaps not much has been done with the bell. Where was it sent, Zito?"

Zito said: "To the provincial government at the town of Vicinamare."

Major Joppolo said: "Perhaps it got no farther. Perhaps the bell is still sitting in its crate in Vicinamare."

Zito grew excited: "Do you think that is possible?" he asked.

The Major said: "It is possible. We must find out."

And he took a piece of foolscap from his brief case and began a letter:

"To: Lt. Col. R. N. Sartorius, C.A.O., Vicinamare, Prov. of Vicinamare.

"From: Major V. Joppolo, C.A.O., Adano, Prov. of Vicinamare.

"Re: Bell belonging to town of Adano.

"Undersigned would very much appreciate your initiating investigation of records of provincial government of Vicinamare to see if you can trace . . ."

The service in the Church of San Angelo was taking a most unusual course. Having completed the supplication, Father Pensovecchio started reciting the Litany of Saint Joseph. It was the longest litany he could think of offhand, and he repeated the words without any sense of their meaning.

"Joseph, most valiant, Joseph, most obedient, Joseph, most faithful, mirror of patience, lover of poverty, model of workmen, ornament of the domestic life, guardian of virgins, safeguard of families. . ."

Suddenly Father Pensovecchio broke off. He had had an idea. He beckoned again to the senior acolyte and whispered in his ear: "Have old Guzzo ring the bell."

"Now, father?"

"Do as I say. Hurry."

And then the priest resumed in his hollow voice: ". . . consolation of the poor, hope of the sick, patron of the dying, terror of the demons."

And the people responded: "Pray for us."

The priest said: "Protector of the Holy Church."

The people were just in the middle of responding: "Pray for us," when they heard a stroke of the bell over their heads. Worship had to stop while the bell rang, for its vibrations shook the whole church.

In his office Major Joppolo blotted the letter and folded it.

Borth said: "What time is it?"

The Major looked at his wrist

watch. "Seven twenty-six," he said. Borth said in Italian: "Zito, if you are such an expert on bells, what is that one ringing for at seven twenty-six in the morning, and all alone?"

Zito said: "It is strange. That is a church bell. From the tone I would say it was the bell of San Angelo."

"San Angelo!" The Major jumped up. He said, "I promised the priest I would come, I got thinking about the old bell. Zito, show me the way. Run, Zito, this is terrible."

Zito darted out of the door, and the Major ran after him.

Three or four idlers, sitting in the morning sun, thought it was undignified of the new American Major to chase little Zito through the streets. If he wanted to punish Zito, why did he not send some of his



The Major ran after him.

military police after him? It did not suit his office to chase Zito himself, especially since it was unlikely that he would catch him.

The acolyte Ludovico, sitting on the steps of the Church, looked up in amazement at the little Italian being chased by the American officer. He wondered why the American was chasing the Italian. The pair had run right past Ludovico up the steps of the Church before it occurred to him that perhaps this was the American Major. He got up quickly and ran up the steps after the two of them, but he was too late; they were already inside the door.

The entire congregation stood up. The lazy Fatta even stopped leaning against the pillar. There was a considerable amount of murmuring, and as the Major walked up the aisle, puffing and wiping the sweat from his face, many people whispered: "Kiss your hand, kiss your hand."

As soon as he saw a pew that was not too crowded, Major Joppolo genuflected and slid into it. Zito imitated him and squeezed into the same pew, which was too crowded then.

The congregation seated itself. Father Pensovecchio cleared his throat. His confidence, which had very nearly left him, was now very much in evidence. He had his crowd and he had his Major.

Major Joppolo couldn't help noticing two heads in the pew right in front of him. One was the head of a man, and it was bald. The other was the head of a woman, and it was blonde.

By tilting his head a very little bit, Major Joppolo was able to find out that the bald head belonged to his interpreter, Giuseppe. He was not able, by tilting, to see the face of the blonde head, but he could see that the hair was arranged fastidiously, with no loose strands.

"If you remember," said the priest, "we were told that Americans attacked priests and attacked and killed women, and were all Protestants. But right here now is an American of Italian descent who is attending mass, and is just as reverent as you are toward the Church of San Angelo. He is a very busy man. He is so busy that he had to run all the way to church, and even then was somewhat late. But we are very glad to have him here." Father Pensovecchio spoke with feeling. "We are glad that he is one of us. Because of this man, I believe that the Americans are

my friends. You must believe the same thing, my children."

Major Joppolo noticed that the skin of the neck below the blonde hair, though clean, was quite dark, and he wondered whether the hair was naturally blonde. He wondered about this off and on during the mass which followed.

On the fifth day of the invasion a babel stood in line in front of the shop of the baker Zapulla. There were many women, mostly dressed in black, and a few men. They talked in loud voices, each clamoring for an audience.

"He has a furious energy," said Maria Carolina the wife of the noisy cartman Afronti. "He told small Zito to report for work at seven each morning. Zito thought that no official would be up that early. Zito went to work at seven and a half, and the Mister Major told him that there would be a new usher unless the old usher could wake up on time in the morning."

Carmelina, the wife of the lazy Fatta, who was at the head of the line, said loudly: "It would be pleasing if Zapulla the baker got up on time in the morning so that the bread would be ready."

Zapulla the baker, black with the wood coke of his oven, came out to the front of the shop and roared: "Zapulla the baker has been up since four in the morning. If Zapulla the baker hears remarks, he is liable to go back to bed and let the bread burn up."

"Do you remember," said Margherita the fat Craxi's formidable wife, "do you remember how the Mayor Nasta used to hold office hours from noon until one, each day, the hour when we were all busy with our children? And how we had to apply in writing to see him? And how we had to wait ten days? And how he would treat us when we did see him? Now it is different. You can walk in any time all day." She paused. "He stands up when you enter," she said impressively.

"Is that so?" said Laura Sofia, who was not the wife of anyone and at her age was not likely to be ever. "I think I shall go and see him."

"On what pretext?" jibed Maria Carolina, wife of the noisy cartman Afronti. "To make eyes at him?"

"Oh," said Laura Sofia, "I have my complaints, just like the rest of you—even if I haven't litters of children grunting like pigs on my floor."

Carmelina, wife of the lazy Fatta, said: "My children are hungry. It would be nice if they could get their bread on time."

From the depths of his shop Zapulla the baker shouted: "The children of certain people may stay hungry if certain people do not hold their tongues."

Mercurio Salvatore, crier of the town of Adano, was near the end of the line, but even though he toned his voice down to his conversational whisper, the whole line could hear him when he said: "I wish to tell you something. I asked him if I could listen to my radio."

"He said: 'Why not, crier?'"

"I asked him what station I would be permitted to listen to. I asked: 'Should it be the Radio of Algiers, or should it be the Radio of London which is called B.B.C.?'"

"He said: 'Reception here is best for Radio Roma. Why don't you listen to the one you can hear the best?'"

"I said: 'Can you mean it? Radio Roma is anti-American. It has nothing but slander for the Americans.'"

"And he said to me: 'Crier, I love the truth, and I want you to love it too. You listen to Radio Roma. You will hear that it is three fourths lies. I want you to judge for yourself and to want the truth. Then perhaps you will want to listen to the other broadcasts which you cannot hear quite so clearly.'"

Margherita, the formidable wife of Craxi, said: "Have you listened, crier?"

Mercurio Salvatore said: "I have listened. I could detect only one lie yesterday, but it was a big one. Radio Roma said that Italian forces in the city of Vicinamare threw back three vicious Allied attacks. We all knew that Vicinamare was in the hands of the Americans late on the first day of the disembarkation."

Carmelina the wife of the lazy Fatta said: "It will be late on the fifth day before we get bread from this baker Zapulla."

Zapulla was impolite to Carmelina because of what she said. He came forward and threw a piece of wood-coke at her head and roared: "Silence!"

The woodcoke missed Carmelina's head, but hit the stomach of the formidable Margherita. She advanced, shaking her large fists. Zapulla went back to his ovens, as if he had not noticed where his wood-coke went.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Borrower Finds Rope Has Many Possibilities

An Oriental story tells of a man who was asked to lend a rope to a neighbor. His reply was that he was in need of the rope himself just then.

"Shall you need it a long time?" asked the neighbor.

"I think I shall," replied the owner, "as I'm going to tie up some sand with it."

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Fifty Years Ago In Coke

(From the files of The Coke County Rustler, Mar. 3, 1894.)

Chas. Roe moved to his place at Hayrick Tuesday.

Last Sunday at 3 p. m., H. M. Bennick, one of Robert Lee's most prominent young men, and Miss P. V. Gibson, one of our little city's most estimable young ladies, were united in the holy bonds of wedlock, W. B. Martin officiating. Only a few friends and relatives were present for the ceremony.

The public school closed last week and of the five months' session we have not heard any dissatisfaction as regards the teachers which speaks loud for the community.

Messrs. J. W. Barnett and J. W. Reed are preparing to open a dry goods store in this city.

The post office department has granted the petition for a daily mail line between this place and San Angelo. The department is now advertising for bids to take effect July 1, 1894.

Mr. Craddock, Sanco's blacksmith, passed through Wednesday en route to San Angelo.

George Williamson killed a pig this week less than six months' old which weighed over 100 pounds.

It is often said that panics are followed by good times, and if it is a sure saying we may look for it when this panic is over. But the question is when will it end?

A petition is being circulated asking that the commissioners court rescind the order prohibiting other gatherings than political from the use of the court house. We hope the request will be granted as it is better to have the court room for gatherings when occasion demands, with the consent of the sheriff, rather than trample on the order as has been done since its adoption.

A Ballinger paper says the fel-

low who couldn't spare a dollar and a half for his home paper, sent this amount in stamps to a city firm to learn how to "raise beets." He received a post card in reply, "take hold of the top and pull." This fellow is a near relative of the man who sent \$1 to find out how to make money and received a card in reply telling him to get a job at the mint. He is also kin to the chap who sent a dollar to "know how to make \$1,000 a year without work," and received a reply to put \$10,000 out on interest at 10 per cent.

Will Collins of Water Valley was a visitor here last week.

Isaac Field has purchased the Ballinger stage line from W. W. McElroy.

Will Hulse of Kickapoo informs us that rain was sufficient in his section for farmers to proceed with their plowing.

How long will people be fooled by the songs "overproduction" and "underproduction" is not known, but it is an evident fact that many have had their eyes opened to the falsity of the assertion. Overproduction means more than people can consume, and this is refuted by the clamor of millions for a sufficiency to appease their hunger. Underproduction means that there is not a sufficient quantity produced to supply the needs of the people, and this is refuted by the fact that we export to other countries largely of articles that are needed at home. The real key to

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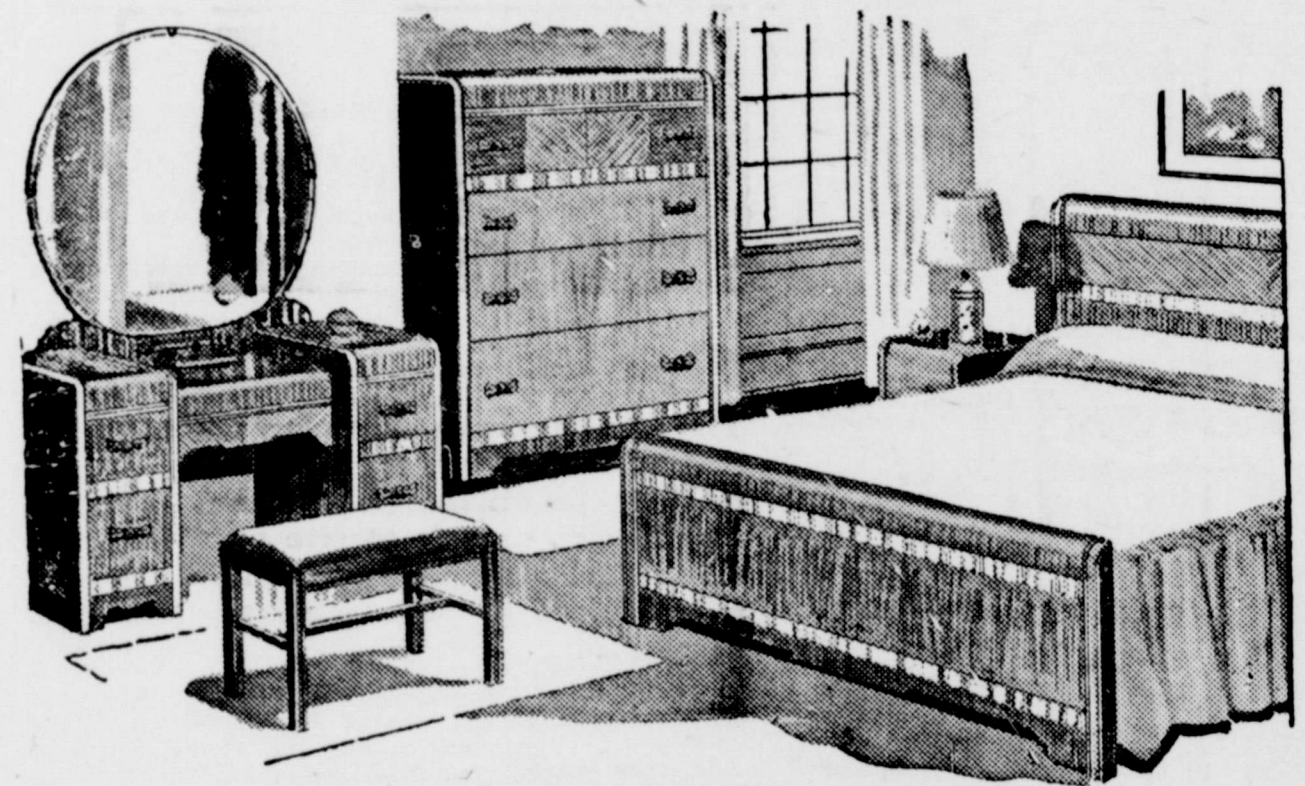
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For those stubborn mud stains so common in spring, try this method of removal: Let it dry, then brush as much off as possible. Wash as usual and if the stain persists, sponge the spot with lemon juice, rub on salt and place in the sunshine, then wash as usual.

Don't have small rugs near the head or front of the stairs where people might slip on them.

Before wall papering or white washing, cover dark spots on walls with a coat of shellac.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

BY HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D., Of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. Released by Western Newspaper Union.

Lesson for April 1

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THE AUTHOR AND PERFECTER OF OUR FAITH

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 27:62-28:9. GOLDEN TEXT—Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith.—Hebrews 12:1, 2.

Christianity is a resurrection faith! How good it is to recall that, in this troubled year of 1945, even as we share once more the spiritual inspiration of Easter Sunday.

Today we recall that the loving hands of His friends and followers had given themselves in what they thought was to be their final act of devotion to their Lord. His body had been tenderly laid in Joseph's tomb and the great stone rolled in place at its door.

I. The Hatred of Christ's Enemies (27:62-66).

We sometimes wonder at the bitterness of the enemies of Christianity in our day. Had we given more earnest heed to the Bible story we should have known that it was so from the very beginning.

The wicked men who brought about the crucifixion of Jesus were not content to let Him rest in His grave. They had lusted after His life and they had taken that, but even as He lay silent in the tomb, the priests and the Pharisees came to Pilate and called Him "that deceiver" (v. 63) and demanded a special guard.

The hatred of unbelievers toward Christ and toward His followers knows no stopping place. In civilized lands and among cultured people it operates under a cloak of respectability, but it is nonetheless bitter and relentless in its pursuit of Him and of His church.

II. The Victory of Christ (28:1-6).

Victory and praise should be the keynote of Christianity. Why should we be doleful and sad? Our Lord has come back victorious from the grave!

The picture that greeted the surprised eyes of the two women as they came to the grave, as it began to dawn on the first day of the week, was one resplendent with the glory and majesty of God. The earth quaked as the lightning flashed. The angel of the Lord broke through the supposedly unbreakable seal of Rome and rolled back the stone which was to have permanently closed the door to the tomb.

This was done, not to release Christ—for He had already gone, no grave could hold Him—but that men might see the empty grave and know that He was risen. Other religions keep the graves of their founders. Christianity points to an empty tomb.

To the foes of Christ represented by the keepers, the coming of the angel and the revelation of the power of God brought absolute discomfiture. That is still true. Men will argue with theology, church methods, even Christian profession, but when they see the power of God revealed, they can only be "as dead men."

To the friends of Christ, the angel brought comfort and assurance. Their fears were assuaged by his word of comfort, and then their faith was revived by the assurance that Christ was risen. The resurrection declares that He is the Son of God with power, the Saviour of the world.

III. The Joy of Christ's Disciples (28:7-9).

The followers of Christ had their share of fear and unbelief, but it was quickly overcome by joy and assurance as they knew that their Lord was risen.

The note of great joy is highly appropriate on Easter Sunday, but just as proper on every Sunday—yes, every day of the Christian's life. He is risen from the dead! That settles all questions about His deity, His power, His salvation. It meets the problems of our lives with an unflinching word of confidence and joy.

Be sure to note that such good news must not be kept to ourselves. We should emulate the zeal of the disciples, who "departed quickly" to make it known to their families and friends. The story of the victorious Saviour is still unknown to many thousands—possibly we should say millions. Let someone depart quickly to tell them of Jesus. And don't forget to ask yourself, "Should that someone be me?"

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5. How many sins are named as "deadly sins"?

6. What does the abbreviation "ign" mean?

The Answers

1. Richard and Francis Lee of Virginia.
2. Seventeen years.
3. The French started the construction of the canal in 1879.
4. William Tell.
5. Seven — pride, covetousness, lust, anger, gluttony, envy and sloth.
6. Unknown (ignotus).

Sniper of '76

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GROCERY DEPARTMENT:

Folger's Coffee, lb. 34c; 2 pounds 65c
Matches, Fire Chief - 6 boxes - 19c
Duff's Ginger Bread Mix, pkg. 20c
Wax Paper - 125 foot roll - 21c

Cocoanut 4-oz. pkg. **21c**

Skinner's Spaghetti, Macaroni - 8c
Skinner Raisin Bran, package 10c
Blue Rose Rice, 2 lb. cello bag 19c

Wesson Oil qt. 52c

Johnson Paste Wax, pound - 59c
Cal-Glory Orange Juice 46 oz. can 49c
Tri-Valley Whole Unpeeled Apricots, 2 1/2 can 29c
Bruce's Blended Juice, No. 2 can, not rationed 18c
Ocean Chief Tuna - 7 ounce tin - - - - 24c

Evaporated Fruits

Apples, one pound 49c
Choice Peaches, 1 pound cello bag 69c
Prunes, 60-70 1 pound - - - - 29c
Choice Apricots, lb. - - - - 43c
Figs 1 pound 15c Whole Apricots, 1 lb. 15c

Gerber's Baby Food, Fruits, Soups, Pudding, can 7c
Swan Soap, medium 3 for 17c; large 2 for 19c
Lux Toilet Soap 3 for 19c : Lifebuoy Soap 3 for 19c

RINSO, pkg. 23c

Frankie's Farm Mince Meat, jar 23c
Libby's Apple Sauce, 2 1/2 jar - - - 29c
SUGAR - 5-lb. bag - 35c

Blatz Ginger Ale, qt. 19c plus deposit
Green Pepper Sauce, 3 oz. bottle 10c

Hy-Power Chili 23c

South Pacific Sardines, tall can 12c
Pillsbury Flour, 10 pound bag 53c
Plenty of Canned Peaches, Apricots,
Royal Anne Cherries, Fruit Cocktail

PRODUCE DEPARTMENT:

Lemons, California Sunkist, large size, dozen - 27c
Yams, U.S.No. 1, lb. 11c; Oranges, Texas, doz. 37c
Grapefruit, Texas Marsh Seedless - 3 for 17c
Carrots, Winter Garden District, 3 bunches 10c
Green Onions, 3 bunches 10c : Beets, bunch 5 1/2c
Cabbage, lb. 3 1/2c : Lettuce nice firm heads, 12 1/2c
Bell Pepper lb. 19c : Onion Plants 3 bunches 14c

MEAT DEPARTMENT

Pure Pork Sausage, pound 35c
Pork Steak, pound - - - - 29c
Fresh Ground Meat, pound 25c
Loin, T-Bone Steak, pound 39c
Seven Bone Roast, pound - 28c

Folks You Know

D. L. Vestal orders The Observer sent to his new address at Ballinger.

We are glad to see our popular dairyman, Frank Bryan, back on the job again after a tussle with pleurisy.

Thanks to C. C. Gartman of Grand Prairie for his subscription renewal to The Observer this week.

Mrs. Henry Varnadore and daughter, Nita, were recent visitors in Lampasas with relatives.

Mrs. Tom McClatchey, of Bakersfield, Calif., spent last week in this city guest of Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Byrne, and while here attended to business matters. Mr. and Mrs. McClatchey lived here for several years before moving to California.

Penicillin, the new wonder drug acclaimed by doctors, pharmacists and chemists as the greatest of medicinal discoveries, may be purchased right here in Robert Lee, on the doctor's prescription at the City Drug Store. In this respect, Robert Lee ranks right along with Dallas and other large cities, in that its citizens may have the advantages this marvelous drug offers to the afflicted.

Personal stationery for ladies, secretarial size, envelopes to match, all printed in the newest type face; 200 letter heads, 100 envelopes, for \$3.25—a year's supply. See samples at The Observer office.

Says The Wildcat Apostle



If the paper shortage continues it is dead certain they are going to have to make our shoes out of leather again.

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Awarded Bronze Star

Citation for the Bronze Star, to Technician Fifth Grade Loyd A. Payne, 62 Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army:

For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an armed enemy from Nov. 18, 1942 to Sept. 14, 1944, in North Africa, Sicily, England and France, because of his excellent service as an assistant driver of an ammunition half-track, Technician Fifth Grade Payne, (then Private and Technician Fifth Grade) was made a driver of the Reconnaissance Officer's half-track, Battery "C" 62nd Armored Field Artillery Battalion. Throughout operations in North Africa and Sicily, Technician Fifth Grade Payne's work was marked by his ability to perform his duties in an excellent manner under blackout conditions, under enemy shell fire, or in routine operations.

In England his experience gained in his amphibious landing in Sicily proved invaluable in training new drivers for the invasion of France, throughout operations in the Normandy and northern France campaigns. Technician Fifth Grade Payne continued to perform his duties in a praise-worthy manner by driving to forward positions under fire, and by efficiently operating a radio relay station during periods when his section was in

The Mayor Of Edith Says



One thing that can be said for the automobile is that it virtually stopped horse stealing.

close contact with the enemy. The devotion to duty and continued outstanding service of Fifth Grade Payne reflect great credit upon himself.

Loyd A. Payne, popular Coke county boy, entered military service from Robert Lee in 1941. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Payne.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE—Bundle maize.—Fred Robertson, Phone 5702. (41)

YOU are reading this—so are 4 or 5 thousand others. If this were your want ad—see the point?

FOR SALE—Two Hereford coming 2 year old bulls. Mrs. J. A. Waldrop. 41

Statement of Condition of

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

BRONTE, TEXAS

March, 20, 1945

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$172,554.53	Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	6008.82	Surplus	25,000.00
Other Real Estate	1.00	Undivided Profits	27,473.20
Govt. Bonds	\$195,000.00	Demand Deposits	1,022,712.84
Other Bonds	27,824.60	Total	\$1,100,186.04
St., Co., Sch. War.	12,500.12		
CASH	686,296.97		
Total	\$1,100,186.04		

The above statement is correct.

L. T. Youngblood, President

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