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County Council Organized Commencement Programs

4-H club officers from Silver, Tennyson and Bronte met in the Home Demonstration Agent's office at 11 a. m. Saturday for the purpose of organizing a County 4-H Council.

Marlene Arrott, Bronte, was elected chairman; Darlene Miller, Tennyson, vice-chairman; secretary, Elna Avis Jameson, Silver; reporter, Nelda Ann Sheppard, Robert Lee.

The fourth Saturday at 1 o'clock was set for the regular meeting date.

Sixteen 4-H club members, three sponsors and Miss Croslin, H. D. agent, were present.

El Valle Garden Club

Mrs. Pike Martin was hostess to the El Valle Garden Club at its April 25 meeting. Ten members were present, with Mrs. Campbell as leader.

Mrs. Clark read an interesting paper on Finding and Remembering Legends, and Histories of Flowers. After reading a beautiful poem, The Rose, Mrs. Frank McCabe had charge of the games. Mrs. Griffith won the first contest and was awarded a beautiful bud vase. Mrs. Bruce Clift was winner of the next contest and was presented a lovely pin cushion.

A delicious chicken salad plate with punch was served by the hostess.

Berlin fell to the Russians Wednesday. Gute nacht Hitlerism!

Robert Lee schools close Friday, May 11. The first of a series of programs is to be Friday night, May 4, when the grade school will present a program of operettas and music.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Pastor Teer Sunday night, May 6 at the Baptist church. He will be assisted by Pastor Blake and Elder Richardson. Friday night, May 11, commencement exercises will be held at the high school gymnasium. At this time members of the eighth grade will receive certificates of promotion to high school, and the senior class will receive diplomas. The senior class, of which Dora Richardson is valedictorian and Erma Lee Wink is salutatorian, is as follows:

Johnny Clawson, Edmond Garvin, Wilfred Rabb, Cecil Smith, Billy McCutchen, Jamie Bilbo, Melba Braswell, Alma Gene Escue, Mona Mundell, Dora Richardson, Bobbie Ruth Roe, Barbara Ross, Martha Smith, and Erma Lee Wink.

Supt. G. L. Taylor will present the diplomas to the graduates.

Billy Lofton Killed In Crash

Billy Lofton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lofton and nephew of A. E. Lofton of Robert Lee, was killed in a plane crash in England, April 1, the war department advises. Pilot of a 4-motored bomber, Billy had completed all but six

Now In Germany



Pfc. M. D. Capps, former resident of Robert Lee, is with the famous Second Division in Germany, and has experienced plenty of action since his outfit landed with the first troops to go ashore on the Normandy beach head.

Jack is with a medical detachment. He enlisted in 1941, trained at Camp Berkeley and Fort Sam Houston, and was among the first to go across. He is a brother of our fellow townsman, W. J. Capps, to whom he writes interesting letters regularly of experiences in France, Belgium and Germany. His detachment has been in some of the hardest battles, winning honors in each engagement.

missions before his return home. Commissioned at Randolph Field, he was decorated several times for overseas combat duties. Besides his parents he is survived by a sister, two brothers and other relatives. Billy was born in Robert Lee and was 22 years old.

Was In Guard Of Honor

Robert Lee was represented at President Roosevelt's funeral by Pfc. Johnny M. Hickman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hickman. Pfc. Hickman's squadron was in the Guard of Honor from the railroad station to the White House.

Pfc. Hickman was reared here and is a graduate of the Robert Lee high school. He enlisted in the Air Corps in December, 1943, and is stationed at Boling Field.

Mr. and Mrs. Rankin Russell, of Blackwell, and Mr. and Mrs. Owen Smith and sons, James and Danny, of Goldthwaite, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Millican.

Celebrate Golden Wedding

Celebrating their golden wedding anniversary last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lowrance, parents of 12 children, 9 living, had all their children at home for the happy occasion except two, E. V. of Pecos and Mrs. E. L. Eubanks of San Diego, Calif. Many other friends and relatives were present.

H. C. Lowrance and Miss Roxie Millican were united in wedlock by Minister R. M. Cumbie at Bronte, April 28, 1895. They have spent most of their wedded lives here, residing in Robert Lee for the past 32 years.

Children and grandchildren present for the anniversary were: Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hudman; Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Lowrance and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Eubanks and three children, all of Bronte; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lowrance, Christoval; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lowrance and three children, San Angelo; Hester and David Lowrance of Robert Lee. Brothers and sisters of Mrs. Lowrance present were: Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Millican, Mr. and Mrs. Will Capp, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hoots, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hoots, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Millican and son. Also present was the youngest brother of Mr. Lowrance, Johnny Lowrance and wife of Big Spring—this being their first meeting in 13 years. Others present were Mrs. A. M. Hoots, Winters, Mrs. Francis Millican and two children, Pete Davis, Mrs. M. B. Finley, San Angelo.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Summers this week were D. B. Weatherford, Ringling, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Carter, Houston, Mrs. E. L. Kuykendall, Big Lake, Mrs. Frances Whiteley, Fort Worth, Mrs. Eva Sides, San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Elzy Wright, Geraldine and Jimmy Wright, Colorado City.

Boy Scouts Do Real Job Wins Bronze Star Medal

Assistant Scoutmaster Fred R. Blake and several of the local Boy Scouts last week conveyed a shipment of waste paper to San Angelo. The big shipment weighed 7,760 pounds and waste paper officials complimented the local troop over the way the bundles were prepared and tied. For their fine work the Boy Scouts are entitled to a big bouquet of roses.

Mrs. Lamont Scott returned from the wholesale markets in Dallas Tuesday.

With The First Cavalry Division On Luzon, P. I.—Sgt. John M. Burson, son of Mrs. Lula J. Burson, Edith Route, Robert Lee, Texas, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic action in the Philippines, it has been announced by First Cavalry Division Headquarters on Luzon.

Burson encouraged his detail of engineers to build a pontoon bridge across the Pasig River in Manila while undergoing heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire.



"Maybe it will look right if I stand on my head," said Alice

Alice couldn't seem to understand. The Mock Turtle sighed deeply, drew one flipper across his eyes, and began again. "This line is the cost of living going up—and that line is the cost of electricity coming down. Now do you see?" "No," said Alice, doubtfully, "why don't they go together? One of them must be upside down."

Sobs suddenly choked the Mock Turtle. Alice was eager to please. "Maybe it will look right," she said, "if I stand on my head!" There is an Alice-in-Wonderland flavor to the simple facts about electricity. The average price of household electricity has actually come DOWN since war began—while the cost of most other things was going UP. There has been no shortage of electricity—the basic raw material of all war production—though most other important war materials have necessarily been scarce or rationed. That record is the result of careful planning and hard work by America's business-managed electric companies. And it is your assurance of plenty of cheap electricity for peace-time job production—and for all the new electric conveniences you'll enjoy after the war.

West Texas Utilities Company

Remember Mother—Sunday, May 13
Gift Suggestions from Barbie's

Embroidered Pillow Cases, Ready-to-Wear, Vanity Scarfs, Lingerie, Dresser Scarfs, Tea Towels, Bridge Sets, Lunch Cloths, Handkerchiefs, Swim Suits, Gloves, Toilet Articles, Bath Mats, Lid Covers, Picture Frames

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Die-Hard Nazi Defense Pockets Shape As Allies Split Reich; U. S. Plans Huge Postwar Fleet

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.)



Deep in a salt mine near Merkers, Germany, G.I.s came upon this hidden cache of 100 million dollars of gold bullion packed in bags. Also discovered were German and foreign currency, and crates of art treasures.

EUROPE:

Defense Pockets

Their front shattered by Allied break-throughs, Nazi militarists envisioned the formation of numerous strong pockets of resistance for a last-ditch stand against the massed weight of U. S., British and Russian forces.

Discussed even as U. S. and British armies drove toward a link-up in the Berlin region, the object of the pockets would be to make the war so costly to the Allies as to induce a willingness to talk terms. Recognizing the possibilities of such warfare, Supreme Allied headquarters indicated that V-E Day might not be proclaimed until major nests of resistance were cleaned up to prevent a lowering of civilian and military morale because of losses sustained in continuing operations.

With U. S. and British forces spearheading across the Reich, and the Russians moving in from the east, most prominent German pockets shaped up along the North sea coasts and mountainous Bavaria. Nazi plans for a die-hard stand shaped up as the great Russian drive surged on battered Berlin and U. S. forces moved toward a juncture with the Reds in Saxony.

With the Russians throwing over 2,000,000 men into the battle, and the Germans concentrating the bulk of their forces against the onslaught, the fight for Berlin became one of the bloodiest encounters of the whole war. As Red forces edged through a network of strong fortifications under rolling fire, the enemy threw in masses of tanks in an ef-



Lieutenant General Simpson of 9th Army (left) chats with British Field Marshal Montgomery on German front.

fort to break up the advancing formations, and swarms of planes clashed in the leaden skies above.

Further to the south, other Russian forces breached the Nazis' Neisse and Spree river lines to smash westward in Saxony for a juncture with the U. S. 1st and 3rd armies.

While the 1st and 3rd fought toward a juncture with the Russians, and the U. S. 9th built up strength along the Elbe for an eastward thrust to Berlin, the British and Canadian forces and the U. S. 7th army bore down on the potential German defensive pockets along the North sea and in Bavaria.

The British and Canadian task was no snap, what with the enemy concentrating large bodies of troops in small areas behind stout defenses. Included in the German holdout regions was the western portion of Holland below the Zuider Zee, and the great port areas of Emden, Wilhelmshaven, and Hamburg.

Having cleared the Nazi shrine city of Nuernberg, 7th army spearheads pointed toward Munich and the Bavarian mountain reaches, where enemy die-hards are expected to put up their stiffest last stand.

With Allied armies on the move in Germany itself, U. S. and British forces pushed forward in Italy also, threatening to spill into the Po valley.

PACIFIC:

U. S. Losses

For the first time in the Pacific war, navy casualties in the Okinawa campaign ran ahead of the army's and marines', with bitter fighting threatening to make the operation as costly as at Iwo Jima. Numbered among the victims was famed War Correspondent Ernie Pyle, whose simplicity of reporting the war from Europe to Asia brought the realism of the conflict so much closer to the nation's folk.

With the Ryukyu island chain, containing Okinawa, lying but 325 miles from Tokyo, the Japs put up a stiff fight, throwing in waves of airplanes in an attempt to impede supporting U. S. naval operations. Led by the silken-shrouded Kamikaze (suicide) fliers, enemy airmen inflicted the greatest percentage of naval casualties.

In ground fighting on Okinawa itself, chief opposition centered in the southern part of the island above the capital city of Naha, where 24th corps army troops bucked against the four-mile deep "Little Siegfried" line.

While fighting raged about Okinawa, General MacArthur's forces tightened their hold on the Philippines by edging into the enemy's mountain strongholds on northern Luzon, and establishing further footholds on Mindanao, second biggest island in the archipelago.

NAVY:

Postwar Fleet

Although final action depends upon the nation's future policy, tentative navy plans call for a huge postwar fleet of 5,830 vessels and the scrapping of another 6,094, according to testimony released by the house appropriations committee.

Of the 5,830 vessels, 1,191 would be combat ships, with the remaining 4,639 auxiliary craft. Plans call for use of 482 of the combat vessels, ranging from submarines to battleships, with the rest laid up for recall on short notice. Of the auxiliaries, 1,794 would be kept active and the remainder anchored for future demands.

Among the 6,094 vessels to be scrapped or used as targets are 337 obsolescent combat ships. The remainder are auxiliaries, including landing craft. In addition, it was disclosed, the navy will have some 66,000 other craft on its hands as demobilization proceeds, with some retained and others disposed of by the maritime commission.

FARM LABOR:

Draft Provisions

Seeking to assure essential farm labor, congress moved to forbid local draft boards from comparing the value of agriculture with that of any other occupation when considering deferments of farm workers.

Final passage of the bill depended upon house approval of senate amendments, providing that appeals boards could not make such comparisons, and deferment of farm workers shall not prevent voluntary enlistments for the services.

The congressional measure was framed to forestall a directive of selective service ordering local boards to give first consideration to the manpower needs of the army and navy when considering deferments for farm workers.

Washington Digest

'Five Freedoms' Designed To Spur World Air Travel



Differences Between American Traditions of Free Flight and European Concepts of Regulation Composed at Parley.

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(This is the second of a series of articles on the "Freedom of the Air," first of which appeared in this column last week.)

In a previous column I set forth the achievements of the conference on international aviation, implementation of which it is hoped will be reached by a second gathering in May, probably before the United Nations deliberations at San Francisco have been concluded. I set forth certain views on the accomplishments of the first aviation gathering, as expressed by Lt. Col. William Mitchell of the army air force, which, although they were his own and not the official opinions of the government, were known to represent the attitude of a number of high air force officials.

I think that the satisfaction expressed by Colonel Mitchell, in what has already been accomplished toward establishing the "freedom of the air," reflects the general feelings of the industry. Although the point was not expressly brought out in the comment in military circles, I believe the one thing which pleased the industry was the fact that a conference, supervised as it was by a government official (then Assistant Secretary of State Adolph Berle), had built a framework within which private enterprise and business and technical ingenuity could be rewarded and not "fenced in" by restrictive bureaucratic regulation.

Freedoms Essential To U. S. Flight

You will recall that the delegates recognized the fact that "freedom of the air" was not as simple a thing as "freedom of the seas," because vessels stop at frontiers since ship lanes lead only from harbor to harbor, while aircraft crosses borders and passes over the sovereign territory of foreign nations.

Thus it was necessary to divide the prerequisites of the airways into five freedoms. The first two are the right of innocent passage—right to fly over a country, and the right to land for non-traffic purposes—that is to stop at a foreign airport for refueling or other facilities. These two are essential to America since our aerial ambitions encircle the globe, and that can't be done, either from a practical or a profitable standpoint, in one jump.

Because of complications which I will mention later, involved in the other freedoms, the first two were grouped in one form of multilateral agreement drawn up at Chicago.

The other three freedoms, embraced in the second agreement, were described as follows: the right to disembark passengers, mail and freight from the country of origin of the aircraft; the right to embark passengers, mail and freight destined for the country of origin of the aircraft; and, in addition, at the suggestion of Canada, a fifth freedom was added in the form of certain provisions of right of entry and technical regulations.

Of course, Russia's last-minute refusal to attend the Chicago conference was a great disappointment to all concerned, but the reconciliation of what appeared at first to be a sharp difference between the United Kingdom and the United States, finally reconciled through the "honest broker" efforts of Canada, was considered a great achievement. Hope exists that a successful outcome of the United Nations negotiations will bring the Soviets into the fold.

The clash between the British and the American viewpoints is described this way by one of the American observers at the conference who has been working steadily for the consummation of the Chicago plans:

"In the United States," he said, "we have always looked upon air transport primarily as an instrument of trade. We are still a young country with an expanding and highly competitive economy and with no bitter memories of recent bombings of our homeland. The British viewpoint, which was shared to some degree by many European countries, reflected a mature and

stabilized economy, to be parcelled out among those participating in it, plus a fear of explosive international rivalries. Canada's position possibly reflected British desires, plus a fear of being crowded out by its more powerful neighbor under a system of unrestricted competition.

"The United States was seeking an opportunity for free commercial intercourse between nations, with resulting benefits to all of them; the other two countries (Britain and Canada) were seeking protection against cut-throat competition and international mistrust."

Reducing these different points of view to specific operational plans, boiled down largely to whether or not a global authority would be set up which would govern the location of international routes, regulate the "frequencies" (number of flights or stops, which is where the competition comes in) and rates. In fact this central authority as the British viewed it would have even more authority over internal air activity than our own Civil Aeronautics board, which cannot limit frequencies at home. In our domestic services a line may make as many flights as it can get a pay-load for.

The United States on the other hand wanted everything except transit and non-traffic stops worked out separately between the countries concerned.

In other words, the United States felt that if an airplane company could offer more to a patron, regardless of where he wanted to get aboard or get off, that company ought to have the right to try to show to the country where the getting on and off would take place, that it was mutually advantageous to let that particular line have the business.

Agreements Reached On Technical Norms

There were other questions concerning technical standards and the future admission of devastated countries unable to furnish facilities for airports, that were settled, and the mooted points mentioned, all of which were met with what might be called substantial agreement. Both forms of agreement (one with the first two freedoms, the other—all five) provided that the country whose territory is involved may designate the routes and airports used; but charges for use of airports may not be greater than those imposed on its own airports engaged in similar international services.

In addition to these agreements the diagram for the international organization was laid down in the form of a treaty which must be approved by the various countries. This organization is composed of an assembly, on which each nation would have one vote, and a council of 15 members, 2 from the British Commonwealth, 2 from the Soviet Union, 2 from the United States, 1 each from Brazil, Chile and France, and the remaining 6 to be elected on a regional basis. The council would act as a clearing house for information and would provide minimum uniform technical standards but would have no power over commercial matters. An interim council was also proposed, to function until the permanent organization is created, but not more than three years.

America has a great stake in the outcome of the San Francisco conference. It has a great stake in international aviation, too. "We have learned and must not forget," said General Arnold in speaking of the air transport service, "from now on air transport is an essential of air power, in fact of all national power."

Thirteen out of every 20 American high school students expect to leave their home towns and live elsewhere, after they have completed their education. This is revealed in a nation-wide survey just completed by the Institute of Student Opinion under the sponsorship of Scholastic magazine.

Better job opportunities elsewhere, either in general or in their chosen fields of work, is the main reason for leaving, according to the student voters.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for May 6

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THE HEBREW MONARCHY AT ITS HEIGHT

LESSON TEXT—I Kings 9:1-7, 26; 10:26-28; 11:4, 11.

GOLDEN TEXT—Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.—Psalm 33:12.

Keeping up with the neighbors but not always a desirable thing, but both men and nations do it. When the last judge, Samuel, had become old, Israel began to demand a king like the nations round about them. Saul, their first king, was evidently selected for his appearance and his physical superiority. He began well, in dependence upon God, but came to a tragic end because of sin.

David, who followed Saul, had his failings, but was essentially a man after God's own heart. He wanted to build a temple for God, but because he was a man of war, God decreed that his son, Solomon, who succeeded him, was to build it.

Our lesson opens after the remarkably fine prayer with which Solomon dedicated the temple.

I. Dedication Accepted (9:1-3). God was pleased with Solomon's intelligent and spiritual prayer and the act of dedication, and He hallowed the house of the Lord by putting His name on it and assuring them of His continual presence.

It is a delightful thing that God is willing to accept at the hands of a man the dedication of either himself or his possessions for God's glory. The Lord is Maker of heaven and earth and surely has no need of what we have. And yet He does have need of it, and is ready to use it as we present it to Him.

Our act of dedication results in His act of acceptance and consecration of our talents, our time, our money, or our goods for His glorious service.

But God expects His people to continue in devotion to Him if they are to have His continued presence and blessing.

II. Consecration Expected (9:4-7).

The throne of David was to remain in the lineage of Solomon as long as he and the people of Israel walked uprightly before God. He expects obedience to His commandments, and apart from it He cannot give His blessing.

Note the faithfulness of God. No man would ever have introduced such a note of solemn portent and of warning into an occasion which seemed all gladness and light. Prosperity was at its height. The king was in favor with both God and man. Into that picture of success and grandeur God paints with bold strokes a great and striking "IF."

It is presumption to think that we can coast along on past attainments or former piety. If we are to be used and blessed of God tomorrow and the day after, we must look to our consecration to Him.

III. Possessions Glorified (9:26; 10:26-28).

We read in 10:23 that "King Solomon exceeded all kings of the earth in riches and wisdom." He had reached the pinnacle. The Chinese have a proverb, "The man who stands on the pinnacle has nowhere to step but off."

It need not have been a snare for Solomon to be rich if he had maintained his simple faith in God, but the temptations brought in by heathen wives whom he foolishly married, coupled with the deceitfulness of riches (Matt. 13:22), soon led him into the downward path.

The almost unbelievable riches of Solomon could have been used for the glory of God, but instead they were an end in themselves.

Solomon was soon led into the folly of turning to the worship of heathen gods. Little wonder that we find:

IV. Judgment Decried (11:4, 11).

It would seem that a man who knows the Lord should grow in grace and become even more intimate with God as he grows old. One might expect that the passing of years should mellow and sweeten life. But sad to say, it is often not the case.

"When Solomon was old," he went after false gods. How tragic! Little wonder that one of the saintliest men this writer ever knew prayed constantly as he went on into his eighties, "Lord, keep me from ever becoming a wicked old man." Other old men and women (yes, and all of us) could well pray the same prayer.

So it became necessary for God to wrest the kingdom out of the hands of the great Solomon, and Israel goes on to its history of a people divided, of disobedience to God, and of ultimate judgment. Of that we shall see more in the weeks just ahead.

50 YEARS AGO IN COKE COUNTY

Early Day Items From Files Of The Coke County Rustler, Sept. 22, 1894

The low apportionment of the school fund, \$3.50 per capita, is evidence of misrule in Texas. Last year it was \$4.50.

Coke county can figure her cotton crop this year to be worth \$100,000. The first bale of the county was marketed at San Angelo last week by A. K. Landers. He received a premium of \$25.

The Colorado river bridge is again ready for use, which adds to the convenience of our people.

Rufe Whitesides spent Saturday in this city.

W. W. McCutchen of Bronte was in our office Tuesday and informed us that boll worms were doing considerable damage in that locality.

Cotton yield in Coke county is expected to be around 4,000 bales this year.

A trading rack has been erected north of the Round Front Saloon for the convenience of horse traders

and others having stock to sell. Bring your animals to town every Saturday and tie to said rack. Nothing but trading stock will be allowed at the rack.—F. B. Perry.

Last Friday evening the young people enjoyed an ice cream supper at the Barron Hotel.

I. J. Good of Edith was in town Friday.

According to official reports there are 3777 national banks in the United States, 221 of which are in Texas.

Texas farmers are being offered \$7 per ton for their cotton seed.

The Robert Lee school during the last scholastic year turned out three new teachers, R. L. Allen, and Misses Portia Christian and Edna Reed. Each secured certificates and schools to teach in the county.

Over at Dublin a new game has been introduced in local society which has incurred the ire of a majority of the mammas and daddies in that city. The game is called "postoffice," and is played thus: A damsel is placed in a room from which all others have been excluded. She is asked by the "steerer" which she would prefer—a post card, letter or package. She expresses her preference and names the young man who is to deliver it. For a postal he gives her a pinch; a letter means a kiss; while for a package he delivers a hug.

The city tax collector at Fort Worth has been authorized by the city council to add 100 per cent to unpaid taxes and 15 per cent additional after sixty days.

Cotton is selling at 6c per pound.

Girls 4-H Club News

The Green Mountain club met Friday April 20. How to brighten the bedroom, how to remodel old furniture and how to fix the bathroom were discussed. There were ten present.

Receiving Training

Camp Walters, Texas, May 3.—Lewis Dee Ott, of Robert Lee, has arrived at this Infantry Replacement Training Center to begin his basic training as an infantryman.

Coke Austin Jr. arrived last week from San Francisco, Calif., for a visit with homefolks. Coke is with the U. S. Navy and has been aboard a big ocean transport for some time, and has had some very exciting experiences with the enemy. He has a 20-days leave and is enjoying every minute of his visit—the first since he entered service.

TODAY'S BEST NEWS

My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: for length of days and long life and peace shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: so shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.—Proverbs 3:1-6.

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.

Change to
M SYSTEM
and 'Pocket the Change'

GROCERY DEPARTMENT:

Pinto Beans, 2 pound package - 19c

Bruce's Orange Juice - No. 2 can 19c

Swift's Jewel Shortening, 4 pounds - - - 72c

Hy-Power Chili 23c

Maine Shore Mackerel, tall can 27c

South Pacific Sardines, tall can 12c

Ocean Chief Tuna, flat can - - - 24c

Libby Potted Meat, 1-4 can - - 6c

Carnation Malted Milk, 1-lb. jar 37c

Libby Apple Butter - 303 jar - 19c

Sunland Coconut, 4 oz. package 21c

No Ration Points On These:

Ma Brown Apple Jelly, 1 lb. jar 15c, 2 lb. jar 29c. Morton Chicken Noodle Dinner, 1 lb. jar 39c. Campbell's Tomato Soup. can 9c. S & W Apple Juice, 12 oz. bottle 10c. Winner Macaroni, 6 oz. pkg. 3 for 10c. Libby Tomato Slices 15c. Dorothy Pie Crust, pkg. 10c. Dorothy Biscuit Mix, pkg. 10c. Texana Rice, 2-lb. carton 23c.



M System Enriched BREAD
1 1/2 lb. loaf
10c

DUZ LARGE SIZE 23c
Medium size 10c

Oxydol, large size package 23c; medium size 10c
Personal Ivory 3 for 14c; Medium Ivory 3 for 17c
Medium Lava Soap 3 for 17c; Camay 3 for 19c
All Good Whole Unpeeled Apricots No. 2 1/2 can 25c
Ma Brown Blackberry Preserves, 2 pound jar 49c
Tootsie V-M Chocolate Malted Milk 1 lb. tin 39c
Ma Brown Apple Jelly 1 lb. jar 15c; 2 lb. jar 29c

PRODUCE DEPARTMENT:

In our produce department you will find most everything the market affords.

New Potatoes, 3 lbs. 25c : Onions, yellow, lb. 8 1/2c
Squash, Yellow. So. Texas 10c lb. : Lemons 27c
Grapefruit, Texas Marsh Seedless - doz. 79c
Carrots, Winter Garden District, 3 bunches 10c
Yams, Strictly U.S. 1 East Texas Kiln Dried, 11c
Lettuce, crisp, ea. 12 1/2c : Maine Potatoes, new car
Blackeyed Peas, fresh 2 lbs. 19c : Cabbage 3 1/2c lb.
Green Beans, fresh and snappy - pound - 15c

DRUG DEPARTMENT

West Point Hair Tonic 1.01, tax inc.; Hinds Hand Cream 49c tax inc.; Hinds Beauty Bargain 64c, tax inc.; Kwik Hair Oil 6c, tax inc. Alamo Alcohol, 35% 10c; Cue, giant size, 49c.

MEAT DEPARTMENT

Pure Hog Lard, pound - - - 18c

Short Ribs, pound - - - 18c

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**Harry Truman's Life Story Proves Again
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**President Advanced
From County Offices
To Head of Nation**

By Elliott Pine

Released by Western Newspaper Union.
Forty years ago Harry Truman was plowing behind a mule on a Missouri farm. Today he is in the White House, in many ways the most powerful man in the world.

The new president was born in Lamar, Mo., May 8, 1884. Four years later his parents, John Anderson and Martha Young Truman, returned to Jackson county, 125 miles north, which was the ancestral home of both. Harry grew up on the 600-acre family farm in Jackson county near Grandview. His mother, still alive at 92, remarked reminiscently last fall when he was elected to the vice presidency:

"That boy could plow the straightest row of corn in the county. He could sow wheat so there wouldn't be a bare spot in the whole field. He was a farmer who could do anything there was to do—just a little bit better than anyone else."

During his grade and high school days Harry distinguished himself by his scholarship. He was an omnivorous reader, an earnest student of everything. When he graduated in 1901, he hoped to go to college, but, although his father was known as the "best horse and mule trader in the county," family finances would not permit any more education for the eager youth. He won an appointment to West Point, but was rejected for weak eyesight.

Harry decided to make his fortune in nearby Kansas City. After a few years at small jobs—drug clerk, bundle wrapper on the Kansas City Star, bank clerk, timekeeper on a railroad gang—he went back to the family farm at his grandmother's invitation.

Went to War.

For the next few years working the big farm took all Harry's time. Then in 1917, he volunteered for the army, and soon became a lieutenant of field artillery. While in training camp he organized a canteen for the men, and took care of them in many other ways. Later he rose to a captaincy, and led his company in hard fighting in Saint Mihiel and the Argonne campaigns. On the boat home Harry was commissioned a major.

Soon after returning to Missouri, he married his childhood sweetheart, Elizabeth (Bess) Wallace, granddaughter of the first mayor of Independence, Mo. The ceremony took place in the Episcopal church, Mrs. Truman's sect.

In 1919 Truman decided to go into business, so he entered partnership with a man whom he met in army life, and established a haberdashery store in Kansas City. Harry invested his entire fortune, amounting to about \$15,000. At first the business prospered but the sharp recession of 1921 brought disaster. Truman did not go into bankruptcy, but chose to pay off his debts as well as he could. In 1934, when elected to the U. S. senate, he was still meeting old bills.

Somewhat accidentally, he got into politics. An army acquaintance who was a nephew of Thomas Pendergast, then Democratic leader in Kansas City, suggested Harry Truman for some small position. The astute Pendergast, discovering that Truman was well known and liked, had the backing of the American Legion, and was anxious for a new career, appointed him a road supervisor. In return Harry made occa-



PRES. HARRY S. TRUMAN

sional speeches and assisted in party organization work.

The young man's integrity and energy were effective and he was placed on the ticket for county judge in Jackson county. Truman won, and discharged his duties well during his two-year term, 1922-24. He was defeated in his try for reelection, however, the only political setback in his career. (The office of county judge in Missouri corresponds to county superintendent in other states.)

Truman studied law at night during his term of office, and gained admittance to the bar. Then in 1926 he was elected presiding judge of Jackson county which includes Kansas City, and environs.

Handled 60 Million Dollars.
"I had charge of the spending of \$60,000,000 for highways and public buildings," Truman said later. "Nobody ever found anything wrong with that, and it wasn't because they didn't look, either. We built more miles of paved roads in Jackson county than in any other county in the country, with only two exceptions."

Truman was repeatedly reelected to this office until 1934. He had sought the nomination for governor in 1930, and for county collector in 1932, but party heads advised him to wait a little longer. Then in 1934 came the big chance. Pendergast put Truman on the ticket for the U. S. senate. This was not such a favor as it might seem, for Pendergast did not expect victory in that year. By a peculiar stroke of luck, however, the opposition was divided between two strong candidates, and Truman's own popularity sufficed to win him a seat in the august upper house. During his first term Truman remained somewhat obscure, making few speeches, and in general following the lead of Missouri's senior senator, Bennett Clark.

With few exceptions, Senator Truman supported the party program. He voted for the original agricultural adjustment act, the Wagner labor act, social security, the Tennessee valley authority, and the joining of the World court. In his second year he voted for the Florida Ship canal and Passamaquoddy dam project. The only measure he opposed was the President's veto of the bonus payments.

In 1938 and '39 he supported preparedness appropriations and lend-lease. He was chairman of a subcommittee that investigated railroad finance, leading to the Transportation Act of 1940. His work in drafting the Civil Aeronautics authority was outstanding for thoroughness and practicality.

In 1940, after squeaking through the Democratic nomination battle with only 7,000 votes to spare, he

won the election by a wide margin. Soon after resuming his seat he became interested in reports of extravagance in construction of army camps. Truman requested funds to set up an investigating committee, with himself as chairman. Within a few months the committee uncovered widespread waste, excessive purchasing, profiteering and inefficiency in military contracts. In the first report the committee attacked "needless waste" amounting to \$100,000,000 in the army's cantonment construction program.

Plenty to Investigate.

Complaints poured into the committee's headquarters. One concerned inferior steel plate in naval construction—an investigation disclosed a serious situation, which was corrected. The committee brought about a reversal of policy when housewives complained about a shortage of sugar for canning. Thirty-one reports were issued—all unanimous on the part of the six Democratic and four Republican members. The committee was instrumental in consolidating the various and conflicting war agencies into the War Production board. It helped to end bottlenecks in synthetic rubber and aluminum production. It advocated subcontracting to small war plants.

"The thing to do is dig this stuff up now and correct it," Truman declared. "If we run this war program efficiently there won't be any opportunity for some one to undertake a lot of investigations after the war and cause a wave of revulsion that will start this country on the downhill road to unpreparedness, and put us in another war in 20 years."

These famous investigations put the "Truman committee" in the headlines time and again. Senator Truman grew into a national figure. President Roosevelt took increas-



The President's mother, Mrs. Martha E. Truman, now 92, still lives in Independence, Mo.

ing interest in him. So did Robert Hannegan, national Democratic chairman, who knew Truman in Kansas City: When the dust settled at the convention in Chicago last summer, Harry S. Truman found himself nominated as vice president. Victory at the polls in November thrust him into the second highest office in the land.

As vice president Truman had less opportunity to act independently than while in the senate, since as presiding officer of the upper house he could not take sides, as often he wished to do. Unlike his predecessor, Wallace, he did not travel abroad on any special missions for the President, but remained in Washington close to affairs of state.

Shrewd, Practical Man.

The new President is considered a shrewd and practical man, a middle-of-the-road liberal, with an ability to get along with conflicting factions and to compromise when necessary. Capital observers think he will rise to the demands of the enormous task ahead as have other vice presidents suddenly called to vast responsibilities.

Personally, the new President is a modest-appearing man of almost 61. He stands 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighs about 170 pounds, and is trim and well proportioned. Until they entered the White House, he and Mrs. Truman lived in a five-room apartment. They had no house - servants, as Mrs. Truman, who has been her husband's secretary for years, also preferred to take care of the apartment herself. The Truman's only child, Mary Margaret, is studying at George Washington university. She is 21, and a junior. Her hopes are for a career in music.

All his life President Truman has been a "joiner." Even as a child he often attended the Presbyterian Sunday school, although he is a Baptist. In youth he enlisted in the National Guard, and stayed in service for a dozen years until 1917. His fraternal connections include the Elks, the Masons (he was state Grand Master for Missouri in 1940-41) and the Anah Templars.

Gems of Thought

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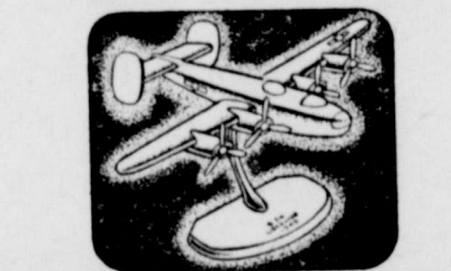
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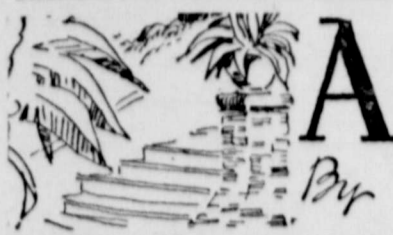
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A Bell for Adano

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THE STORY THUS FAR: The American troops arrived at Adano, with Major Joppolo, the Amgot officer in charge. Sergeant Borth was in charge of security. The Major set out to win the confidence of the citizens and promised them to replace the town bell stolen by the Nazis. General Marvin ordered all carts kept out of the city. Major Joppolo, however, hearing that the city would not get water without the carts, permitted them to continue to enter Adano. The Major went to see Tomasino, head fisherman, and arranged with him to start the fishing boats out in order that the city could have fresh fish again. The navy issued a chart showing where the mines were planted.

CHAPTER IX

Tomasino was shaken. "Protection," he said. "Before you came we had to pay protection money to Enea, the Supervisor of the Fisheries, an evil man. In return he 'protected' us. Hah, Fiorentino said one time that he did not feel the need of protection, and the next week his boat, the pretty Matina, burned up as it lay at its mooring."

The Major said: "There will be no such thing under the Americans, Tomasino. That's the kind of thing we want to eliminate."

Tomasino said: "You are lying to me. There is a trick."

At this moment Captain Purvis swung into the port area in his jeep. He jumped out and ran into the delighted crowd, shouting as he ran: "Scram, you. Get out of here."

He pulled out his automatic and fired six shots into the air.

The crowd broke instantly. "The Germans, the Germans," one shouted.

"The Fascists have come back," someone else shouted.

"It's all over," a woman screamed.

"I've been wounded," a man moaned. Of course he had not been. All of Captain Purvis's shots went into the air.

Within twenty seconds the entire crowd had disappeared into the streets of Adano, and there was nothing left at the head of the Molo di Ponente except the smoke from Captain Purvis's Colt. The Captain got into his jeep and drove off.

Tomasino was alarmed by the shots. "You have come to shoot me," he shouted, springing to his feet. "I knew there was a trick. You want to kill me."

But Major Joppolo calmed him. "That was just to get rid of the crowd. I don't want anything except to send you out fishing, Tomasino."

Tomasino said: "There is a trick," but he sat down again.

The Major said: "Tomasino, we will need about half a dozen boats. Can you help arrange this?"

"To whom will the tribute be paid? How much will it be?"

"You won't have to pay any tribute to the Americans, Tomasino."

"No protection. No tribute. I do not believe it. And how much tax must we pay on the gross weight of our catch?"

"There will not be any tax on your catch, Tomasino. You will only have to pay the regular taxes. It is true that your profit will be limited to fifteen per cent of what you take in. The rest you must spend in wages to your fishermen and upkeep on your boats."

"No protection, no tribute, no special tax. You are making fun of me, American."

"Why should I make fun of you, fisherman? It is my job to run this town. I consider it my job to keep the people of this town alive. They haven't enough to eat. I want fish for them. I want you to go fishing. Why should I make fun of you?"

Tomasino stood up. "American," he said, "I begin to think you are different from the others."

The Major ignored this concession and said: "Tomasino, I want you to be the head of the fishermen of Adano. There will no longer be a criminal like — what was his name?"

"Enea."

"There will no longer be an Enea over the fishermen. I want a fisherman to be in charge of the fishermen."

Tomasino's sad face almost broke into a smile. "There would be justice in that, and we fishermen aren't very well acquainted with justice." Then the morose man thought a moment. "No," he said, "I can't do it."

"Why not?"

"I would be a man of authority. I would be the thing I have hated all my life. The other fishermen would laugh at me for becoming the thing I had always hated most."

"But Tomasino, you've just admitted that I was different from other men of authority. You could be different too. It is possible to make

your authority seem to spring from the very people over whom you have authority. And after a while, Tomasino, it actually does spring from them, and you are only the instrument of their will. That is the thing that the Americans want to teach you who have lived under men who imagined that they themselves were authority."

Tomasino thought a long time and then said: "It is too good. There is a trick."

"Yes, as a matter of fact there is a trick, fisherman. The trick is that some men are not good enough for this thing, and that makes it fall down. Right here in this invasion we have a general who is not good enough, General Marvin. He imagines that he is something that ought to be worshiped. Also we have one who may not be good enough, I'm not sure yet, much closer to us than the General. I mean the Captain of the Navy who runs this port. He is a young man and very fond of authority. And Tomasino, we have to get permission from him before you and the others can go out fishing."

"Who is this young man of authority?" Tomasino said with a sullen face. "I will bash his head in with my gaffing hook." And the fisherman's face looked as if he meant it.

"Let's go and talk with him."

And so the Major and Tomasino went to see Lieutenant Livingston in the Port Captain's office. The Lieutenant was feeling very grumpy after the brush-off Major Joppolo had given him because he was in

the Major said: "Why do you have to go running to the Admirals? Don't they give you any responsibility at all?"

Lieutenant Livingston spoke very patiently. "You wouldn't understand," he said. "This is a Navy problem."

"Listen, Captain, we're in this war together. What's itching you?"

"How do you know this man isn't in the Italian Navy? How do you know he isn't being paid by the German Navy? How do you know he just wants to fish?"

Major Joppolo was too outraged to laugh. "Tomasino?" he said. "Have you ever talked with Tomasino?" Tomasino saluted.

The Lieutenant said: "Can he speak English?"

Major Joppolo had had enough. He said: "Listen, Captain, this town is hungry. It needs fish. If it doesn't get something to supplement its diet, people are going to die here of starvation. Are you going to let these men go out fishing, or aren't you?"

Lieutenant Livingston was surprised by the Major's vehemence. "They might hit loose mines and be blown up," he said defensively.

"I don't care. This is a war. Some people've got to get killed so others can live. Are you going to let these men go out fishing, or aren't you?"

Lieutenant Livingston said uncertainly: "I don't think I ought to."

Major Joppolo said: "Captain, unless you give permission for these men to go out, I'm going to send a separate letter naming each person who dies of hunger in this town to your commanding officer, and in each letter I'm going to say it's your fault."

"Maybe we could work something out," the Lieutenant said.

"You know we could," Major Joppolo said. "By day after tomorrow I want you to have six charts ready showing exactly where these boats can go and not run into our mine fields. They don't have to show where the mines are, all they need show is an area where the boats can go. I'll see that these men stick to that area. Have it ready day after tomorrow."

And before he could catch himself, Lieutenant Livingston of Kent and Yale had said to Major Joppolo of the Bowery and Tammany Hall: "Yes, sir."

Major Joppolo left with Tomasino before the Lieutenant could catch his wits.

Outside, Tomasino said: "I hate him. What did he say?"

"A lot of foolishness, except for one thing," the Major said. "If you go out fishing, Tomasino, you may get hurt. Your boat might hit an American mine."

"What do I care?" said Tomasino. "I am going fishing. Mister Major, if you could know how unhappy the fishermen of Adano have been. All we want in the world is to go fishing. We will go even if we have to pay graft to the men of authority. Now you say we don't have to do that. Thank you, Mister Major."

"No," the Major said, and he decided to try something. "No, Tomasino, I thank you for taking charge of the fishermen, and I kiss your hand."

Tomasino looked at this man of authority, and he said: "You are different." And the old fisherman turned and ran out on the mole to the Tina, and he shouted as he ran, as if telling his boat: "We are going fishing! We are going fishing! We are going fishing!"

The telephone rang. "Hello," Major Joppolo said. "Joppolo, Amgot."

"Joppolo, this is Sartorius, up at Vicinamare."

"Oh, hello, Colonel."

"About that bell."

"Yeah, any luck?"

"Oh, they shipped it off."

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"Too bad."

"Well, at least I found the records for you."

"That's awful disappointing."

"Yeah, I'm sorry. But I'm glad I could set you straight on it." All Colonel Sartorius wanted was one word of thanks.

"These people down here'll be heartbroken," the single-minded Major said.

"Is that a fact?" said Colonel Sartorius. "Well, you're welcome," and he hung up hard.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

"Scram, you—"

a hurry. Lieutenant Livingston was in no mood to grant requests to an Army man and a meatball.

Major Joppolo, being single-minded, not to say absent-minded, was not in the least conscious of Lieutenant Livingston's mood.

"Hi, Captain," he said blithely when he and Tomasino walked in. "Back again."

"So I see," said Lieutenant Livingston without pleasure.

"This is Tomasino, the head of the fishermen here." Tomasino, hearing his name, gave the Lieutenant a Fascist salute.

Lieutenant Livingston said: "Would the old fisherman mind taking a seat out there in the hall? I have a rule that no Italians are to come in this office."

Major Joppolo said: "Tomasino wouldn't mind, but I would. What kind of way is that to run an office in an Italian town?" Tomasino, hearing his name, gave the Lieutenant another Fascist salute.

The Lieutenant said: "What do you want, Major?"

Major Joppolo said: "I want the Navy's permission to send out six fishing boats to get fish for Adano."

Lieutenant Livingston said: "Impossible."

Major Joppolo said: "What's impossible about it?"

The Lieutenant said: "We'd have to get permission from ComNavt and he'd have to refer it to ComNavt, and they're both Admirals. Not a chance."

Major Joppolo said: "What's all that gibberish mean?"

The Lieutenant said: "Commander Navy Italian and Commander Navy North African Waters. Is that gibberish, Major?"

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Recital Is Enjoyed By Appreciative Audience

Music lovers of this vicinity enjoyed to the fullest extent the recital presented by the music pupils of Mrs. Cortez Russell at the Methodist church Monday evening. The following program was rendered:

The Street Band.....	d'Albert
Swaying Birches.....	Leslie
Jolly Sailor Lads.....	Bermont
Little Girl's Waltz.....	Fisher
A Miniature.....	Howell
Sailor Boy.....	MacLachlan
A Trip To The Sky.....	Lloyd
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Tippie and The Circus.....	Thomas
The Dancing Party.....	Bennett
Rosemary.....	Fox
A Spanish Dance.....	Bussey
Twilight Song.....	Thompson
The Dancing Lesson.....	Rolseth
Betty's Wooden Shoe Dance.....	Light
On A Blue Lagoon.....	Mattingly
Pomp and Pageantry.....	Cobb
Miss Coquette.....	Johnson
Rose Petals.....	Lawson
A Garden At Evening.....	Eckstein
Swaying Daffodils.....	Overlade
Cossacks.....	Rebe
Swaying Treetops.....	Daniel
Chapel Chimes.....	Rolfe
The Navajo Warrior.....	Reid
Fur Elise.....	Beethoven
Russian Dance.....	Engelmann

That porcelain duck on Mrs. Mattie Belle Keyes' desk at the Ration Board office has been christened Siwash. A friend sent Mrs. Keyes the waddler, and another friend promptly named the fowl.

The Mayor Of Edith Says



Face powder may catch a man, but it takes baking powder to hold him.

NOTICE

Water customers are requested to pay their water bills promptly between the 1st and 10th of each month. Mrs. Green will be in the office from the 1st to 10th to receive your remittances. Shortage of help has caused dispensing with a collector to contact patrons personally. Please be advised that unless water bills are paid by the 10th of each month, water service will be promptly discontinued. CITY COMMISSION.

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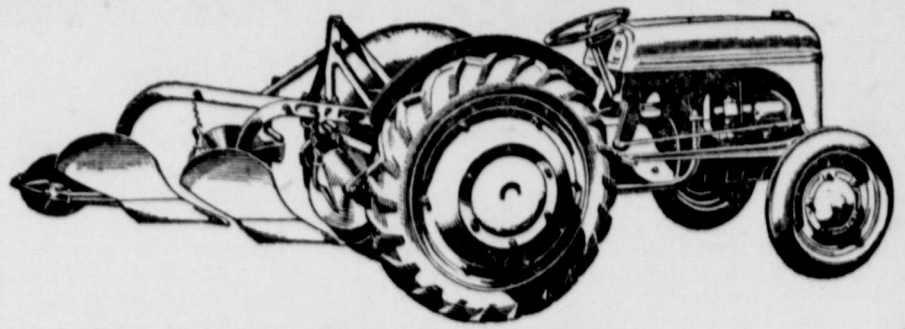
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Household Hints

To preserve rubber galoshes during the warm summer period, put them in a porous bag and hang them in a cellar where it is cool and damp. Heat injures rubber.

Odds and ends of soap can be saved by putting them in a small bag made from a wash cloth. When taking a bath, this bag full of soap can be put into the tub and you'll have wash cloth and soap in one.

To avoid a musty odor in a metal teapot that is seldom used, keep a lump of sugar in the pot.

Hang up dresses and suits, but not sweaters. Lay them flat in a drawer so they will retain their shape.

HOUSEHOLD MEMOS
by Lynn Chambers



Canning Is Food Insurance for Winter
(See Recipes Below)

Early Canning

Strawberries and rhubarb, green peas and asparagus are all flaunting their gay colors before our eyes and begging to be eaten, either now or later.

One of the most basic rules in canning is that fruit and vegetables should be canned at the peak of the season to be their best. If you want a good product, you will have to put up a good food is another way of putting this rule across.

Canning at best does not improve the food, it simply preserves it for future use. Unless strawberries are sweet and bright in color, they will not become so in the jars. The same is true of everything else which we put up.

Less canning sugar will presumably be allotted this year than previously, and it would be well to decide just how much of what you are going to put up before you start in using sugar. It will have to be strictly budgeted if it is to reach over all the winter's needs.

Those of you who have canned while sugar has been rationed know that it is possible to can with a great deal less sugar if you will put the fruit up not quite so sweet. Most of us can do with less sugar as long as we have nice looking jars of fruit.

One of the "musts" on your canning list this year should be several jars of jams, jellies and preserves to spread on bread next winter if butter supplies are low. The family will greet these fruit concoctions with cheers:

- Strawberry Marmalade.**
(Makes 12 6-ounce glasses)
- 2 oranges
- 2 lemons
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 teaspoon soda
- 1 quart strawberries
- 7 cups sugar
- 1/2 bottle fruit pectin

Remove peels from oranges and lemons; cut off white membrane. Force peels through food chopper. Add water and soda. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Add orange and lemon pulp and juice. Simmer for 20 minutes. Add crushed strawberries. Measure 4 cups prepared fruit; add sugar. Bring to boiling and boil 5 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in fruit pectin. Let stand 5 minutes; skim; seal in hot, sterilized glasses.

- Currant Jelly.**
(Makes 4 to 5 small glasses)
- 1 quart currants
- 1/4 cup water
- Sugar

Wash and pick over currants but do not remove stems. Mash a few in the bottom of a preserving kettle and continue until all berries are used. Add water, cover and heat slowly. When fruit is thoroughly heated, put into a jelly bag or in several thicknesses of cheese cloth and drain off juice. Measure 4 cups

Lynn Chambers' Point-Saving Menus.

- Mixed Vegetables in Bologna Cups
- Creamed Potatoes
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juice, bring to boiling point and boil 5 minutes. Add 3 cups of sugar and boil 3 minutes, or until jelly sheets off a spoon. Pour into several hot sterilized glasses, cover with paraffin and store.

- Strawberry and Rhubarb Jam.**
(Makes 6 to 8 Glasses)
- 3 cups cooked pink rhubarb
- 3 cups strawberries
- 4 cups sugar

Use tender red rhubarb, trim off hard ends, wash without skinning, cut into small pieces. Mix fruit and sugar, let stand several hours. Cook gently in preserving kettle until thick and clear. Pour into hot sterilized glasses and paraffin at once.

For canning spring's first fruits, use the directions given in these recipes to save color, food value and quality.

Canning Rhubarb.

Wash tender, rosy rhubarb and cut into 1/2-inch pieces with a sharp knife. Measure the rhubarb and place it in a baking dish and add 1/4 as much sugar by measure as rhubarb. Cover and bake in a moderate (350-degree) oven 30 to 35 minutes until rhubarb is tender, but whole. Pack into hot sterile jars immediately after removing from oven and process 10 minutes in a boiling water bath or 5 minutes at 5 pounds pressure in pressure cooker.

Canning Asparagus.

Wash young, tender asparagus and remove tough ends. Cut to fit into jar or in 1/2-inch lengths. Tie into small bundles and place in a saucepan. Add a small amount of boiling water and cook 4 to 5 minutes. Place immediately into hot sterile jars, adding boiling liquid to within 1/2 inch of the top along with 1 teaspoon salt to each quart. Adjust cap and process immediately in a pressure cooker, processing pint jars 35 minutes at 10 pounds pressure.

Canning Peas.

Select tender, even-sized green peas. Shell and wash. Place in saucepan with boiling water to cover. Heat to boiling. Pack as hot as possible into sterile jars. Add 1 teaspoon salt and 1 teaspoon sugar to each jar. Process in the pressure cooker 50 minutes at 10 pounds.

Vitamin Value and Retention.

The more quickly you work once the fruits and vegetables are collected, the better will they retain their nutritive qualities. Everything should be in readiness so there is no time lost going from step to step. If jars are stored in a cool, dark place there is a better chance of their keeping their vitamins and minerals.

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The Questions

1. What is the correct name for the Statue of Liberty?
2. Why do so many English towns end in chester as Winchester?
3. The sea elephant when fully grown contains how many gallons of oil?
4. What did the ancient Greeks use for napkins?
5. Does the South pole receive more sunlight than the tropics?
6. What is histrionic art?

The Answers

1. Liberty Enlightening the World.
2. Chester is English for the Roman word castra or camp. Many of these towns were sites of Roman camps.
3. Approximately 70 gallons of oil.
4. Pieces of bread.
5. Yes. At the December solstice it is nearer the sun than any other spot on earth is at any time.
6. The art of the theater.

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Folks You Know

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J. W. Gates, contractor and builder of O'Donnell, was here last week to attend the funeral of W. R. Boykin, and to visit his sister, Mrs. Ed Roane. Mr. Gates resided in Coke some 40 years ago. His host of friends here were glad to greet him again.

Henry Briscoe of Sanco was transacting business in town Saturday.

Mrs. Billie Campbell was a visitor in San Angelo Tuesday.

Cpl. James Gunnells, with United States armed forces in Germany, writes us, date of April 7: "This is to advise that my APO number is now 350. Please make the address change. The Observer is much better than it used to be and I sure enjoy reading news from the old home town."

Mrs. A. E. Latham, after an enjoyable visit in California, returned home last Friday. She was accompanied by Mrs. Lee Roland Latham and Little Miss Monett. The latter is here for a visit to keep her grand-dad entertained while her mother visits her husband, Lee Roland Latham, who is taking post graduate aerial training at College Station.

Mrs. Myrtle Watson of Valley View was among Monday's shoppers.

Mrs. W. D. Powers, of Paducah, is visiting in the homes of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harmon, and G. F. Powers in Robert Lee.

Mesdames E. M. Herron and A. L. McDermon of Bronte were guests of Mrs. Ed Hickman this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Walker are in receipt of a letter from their son, Delmar, who is now in the Philippines. He writes that he likes his location better than New Guinea.

Mrs. T. E. Mahon of Lamesa is here for a visit with her mother, Mrs. J. N. Buchanan.

Pfc. Conrad Millican, old home boy with the 15th Army, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Millican, that he is now in Germany. From reports, it now looks like the Fifteenth will be among the occupational forces after the war.

Mrs. Ed Hickman and Mrs. Austin Sandusky and Pete Hickman visited with relatives at Comanche last weekend.

Our List Grows

New subscribers to The Robert Lee Observer this week:

T. A. Peays, J. I. Murtisbaw, F. W. Puett, Roger H. Holden, J. L. Robertson.

Renewals: Roy Taylor, W. J. Capps, Dr. Griffith, Jett Hood, Paul Good, Della Ruth Halle, H.C. Allen, W.L. Calvert, E.V. Lowrance.

Cemetery Working

There will be a cemetery working at the Paint Creek cemetery, Saturday May 12, the day previous to Mother's Day. All are invited to come and help. Bring tools and lunch.

Inductions

The following young men left Sunday morning for Fort Sam Houston for induction into military service: Marvin Ernest Clepper, Billy Leroy Reed, Jesse Forest Elkins, Elmer Dresden Adkins, Herbert Kenneth Lackey, Freddy Wayne Hickman, Lester Ivey Leathers.

Court House News

Hung Jury

Last Friday in district court the case of Harve Mayfield, executor of the estate of J. H. Porter deceased vs. M. D. Porter et ux, resulted in a hung jury. This was a suit to recover possession of 320 acres of land in Coke county. M. D. Porter claims the land under an oral gift from his late brother, J. H. Porter, and has occupied the property since 1934.



We Take Pleasure In Extending CONGRATULATIONS To Our Home County Boys and Girls:

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