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## Germany Surrenders Unconditionally

Germany surrendered unconditionally to the Allies Monday, completing the victory in the European phase of World War II—the most devastating in history.

President Truman officially announced the surrender at 8 a. m. Tuesday in a radio address to the American people.

### Farm Gasoline

The farmer who needs gasoline to operate a tractor, or other pieces of farm machinery or equipment, may apply this season as last to his War Price and Ration Board, for his off-highway ration.

He estimates the amount of gasoline he will need for the next six months, and the Board issues him the approved amounts in two installments of "E" and "R" coupons. The first installment amounts to 70 percent of the total. The remaining 30 percent is issued if and it is needed.

This year farmers and other users of off highway gasoline will be asked to keep a delivery record, on which the supplier will enter all purchases made with "E" and "R" coupons. Beginning May 1 the delivery record form will be issued by Boards to non-highway users with their ration coupons.

A year ago the civilian supply was in serious danger. Now such steps as coupon endorsement, scientific tests, at verification centers, inventory deductions from dealers who have turned in stolen or counterfeit coupons, are helping to plug black market leaks. The more careful check made possible by the keeping of a purchaser's delivery record of off-highway gasoline is in line with the general policy of taking all possible steps to see that civilian gasoline supply stays out of black market, and in the tanks of people who have it for farming and other essential civilian needs.

G. C. Allen, Chairman Coke County Gasoline Panel.

VE Day was observed in Robert Lee Tuesday. Several business concerns closed up shop. At night a fair sized crowd assembled at the theatre for the observance of the occasion, with Ministers Blake and Teer in charge of the program.

Special Mother's Day service at the Baptist church, 11 a. m., Sunday. Bouquets will be presented.

### TODAY'S BEST NEWS

The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life.—Psalms 14:27.

## Announcement

I have sold the RED & WHITE STORE to Mr. Ernest Ivey, who will take charge next week.

And in this connection I wish to express deepest appreciation to my many friends and customers for their patronage and loyalty. It has been a pleasure to serve you. May God guide and protect each of you is my prayer.

Mrs. A. W. Littlefield

### Canning Sugar

Those desiring canning sugar should file applications at once with the Ration Board, T. A. Richardson advises. June 2 is the dead line date to place applications. If you haven't filled out your application, do so now and mail it to the Ration Board. After June 2, you will be too late.

### Missing In Action

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Price have received word their son, Glenn O. Price, Motor Machinist Mate 2nd Class, U. S. Navy, is missing in action. Glenn enlisted in the navy in the early part of the war. His wife, Mrs. Juanita Price, is working in Phillips, Texas. The parents, formerly of Robert Lee, now reside in Sidney, Texas. A brother, Pfc. Willie Price, is in India.

Here for the funeral of Mrs. Beulah Gaines last Sunday were her brothers: Will King of Estancia, N. M., Frank King of Magdalena, N. M., Tom King of Plainview, George King of Rotan, and R. B. King of El Paso.

Mrs. Monroe Parker spent this week at Bronte, visiting her new grand daughter

### J. Culberson Deal Ends His Life

County Judge McNeil Wylie returned a verdict of suicide in the death of J. Culberson Deal, 51, manager of the San Angelo Board of City Development.

Deal's body was found at noon Friday in a ravine 15 miles south of Robert Lee on the Harris ranch. Sheriff Frank Perciful and Deputy Paul Good were notified and went immediately to the scene, where the inquest was held. The inquest revealed he had been shot in the head twice with a pistol. He had been dead some 24 hours, it is reported. The pistol, a .38 calibre, was near the body. The first bullet entered the head just above the right ear, the next at the base of the skull. Powder burns were visible at both spots.

Robert Hughes, district attorney, who aided Judge Wylie in the inquest, said a bottle of bichloride of mercury with some pills missing was found near the body.

Deal's body was found about 100 yards from the highway in a small ravine. His hat and coat were lying on the bank of the ravine. Ill health is supposed to have caused the tragedy.

Mr. Deal had been a member of the Upper Colorado Authority since its establishment 10 years ago, in which he took a leading part. His death has occasioned a great deal of sadness in Coke county, where he had many friends.

Saturday, May 12, there will be a cemetery working at the Old Fort Cemetery at Fort Chadbourne. Bring tools. Ladies will bring well filled lunch baskets.

### Says The Wildcat Apostle



Never before was science so full of new and wonderful ideas. Another year of scarcities, and it will be able to make anything from anything.

## Particulars Of Cpl. Frank Tubb's Death

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Tubb last week received a letter from Mrs. Frank Tubb, of Festus, Mo., enclosing a letter from Capt. Thomas R. Bazzel, of the 500th AAF Bombardment Squadron, giving particulars of the death of Corporal Frank M. Tubb, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Tubb of this city. The letter, in part, states:

Dear Mrs. Tubb:

It is my painful and regrettable duty to inform you that your husband, Frank, was killed in action on March 15, 1945. Frank met his death on that date when the airplane in which he was riding as radio gunner was hit by the debris of an enemy ship blowing up under the airplane and, although the pilot skillfully feathered the prop, while attempting to pull up the airplane crashed into the side of a hill and exploded on impact sixteen miles northwest of Hong Kong, China. There were no possible survivors of the crashed aircraft and no bodies were recovered. I can assure you that Frank's death was instantaneous and merciful and that there was no suffering. He died indeed a true hero's death in the service of his country at war.

As you no doubt know, Frank has been with us for only a short time but nevertheless had endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact. He was chosen to occupy a key position as radio gunner on a top-notch combat crew in this organization from the very first day and his excellent and efficient handling of his job proved the wisdom of this choice. All of us know that in time of war many men will be sacrificed but it is difficult for us to realize that those who are closest and dearest to us may be among those men. You have our solemn promise that the cause to which Frank devoted himself and for which he rendered the supreme sacrifice will be pursued with renewed fervor by all who remain behind. We sincerely hope that our sharing your sorrow with you even with half a world between us will in some small way enable you to bear more lightly your own deep grief.

THOMAS R. BAZZEL,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Commanding.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Byrd returned Tuesday from Happy where Mr. Byrd was called on business. They also had a nice visit with their sons, Johnnie and Brown Byrd and their families. Also their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCracken of Silverton, and grand daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McCutchen and family. They are in the wheat belt of the Panhandle where it looks now that the wheat crop will be cut to one-half the yield of last year, on account of needing rain.

## Commencement Week Exercises

A large crowd was present Sunday evening for the baccalaureate service at the Baptist church. Pastor Teer of the Methodist church delivering the sermon.

Tonight (Friday) Lieut. Schilling, of Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, will deliver the address to the graduates, after which Supt. Geo. L. Taylor will present the diplomas.

The class of graduates includes: 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, Erma Lee Wink.

### Will Get Awards

We are mighty proud of our Boy Scouts. A few days ago they carried down to San Angelo their cargo of waste paper. It weighed 7,760 pounds. For extraordinary service eight of the Scouts are eligible for the Dwight D. Eisenhower award. They are: Gerald Ivey, 29 1-2 hours of work; Paul Rabb, 24 hours; Jay Spears, 21 hours; J. C. Wallace, 20 1-2 hours; Donald Mauldin, 20 hours; Frankie Perciful, 15 hours; Arlyn Simpson, 15 hours; Royce Smith, 13 hours. Others worked hard, but did not accumulate the time the above lads did. The Scouts wish to thank their scoutmaster and assistance for their help, also A. E. Latham for hauling the paper to San Angelo.

### W. H. D. Clubs

Valley View—The club met in the home of Mrs. Lem Cowley April 27. "Living together in the home, recreation and reading materials, giving the child a chance," were discussed by members of the club. After the business session refreshments were served to seven members and one guest. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Lee Hallmark, May 11. Demonstration: Cheese making. Lunch will be served at noon by club members.

Silver—The club met Monday with eight members present. Report of the council meeting was heard. Demonstrations of food preservation, drying, freezing and canning were made by Miss Crosslin. The next meeting will be held May 16, with Mrs. Fred Jameson.

Hayrick—A feed sack parade was the main feature carried out in the club meeting of May 3 with Mrs. A. R. Coalsen as hostess. Cake and ice cream were served to five members, two visitors and seven children. An all day meeting with Mrs. W. G. Cresap will be held May 17. A covered dish luncheon will be served. There will be a grab bag feature in the afternoon.

A little want ad will sell it.

(News Item)

### Shoes To Remain Scarce

Because "the leather shortage is more serious than at any other time since the war began," civilians will find it increasingly difficult to obtain footwear during the balance of the year, manufacturers declare.



## SHOES

If you need Shoes, you should get them now. There's already a shortage and it will become more acute. Let us supply you with Ladies' and Children's, Men's and Boys' Shoes.

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Let Us Save You Money On

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Bring Us Your Eggs For Top Prices

# Ott's Grocery



## 50 YEARS AGO IN COKE COUNTY

Early Day Items From Files Of The Coke County Rustler, Oct. 20, 1894

Miss Myrtle Walling is visiting friends here this week. She came down from Colorado City last Thursday.

J. J. Vestal is opening a new blacksmith shop in the old Burkett building.

Candidates are as follows: For district attorney, E. Cartledge, D. D. Wallace; county judge, D. T. Averitt; for tax assessor, J. W. Barnett, H. E. Johnson; for sheriff and tax collector, J. H. Burroughs, L. B. Murray, J. M. Sparks, Rufe

Whitesides W. W. McCutchen; for county treasurer, W. C. Hayley, Geo. Williamson; for hide and animal inspector, G. W. Kuykendall.

The engineer employed to make a survey of the river valley north of Colorado City, looking to the construction of a dam for storing water for irrigation purposes, is now in the field with a full force of men.

The iron bridge across the Pecos river between Ward and Pecos

counties has been accepted by the commissioners of both counties.

Bronte news: Cotton picking and housing cane is the order of the day. Everybody is paying debts with a vengeance—cotton selling at 4c. Bronte is the stomping ground nowadays for candidates. They are the friendliest set of visitors that come to town. Bronte is a better place now—no swearing, and religion is discussed everywhere. I am proud of the change. Trade is good for the times. Merchants are rustling cotton, and doctors are sitting around wondering when their time will come. Pettit & Rogers have a cotton gin and grist mill at the Rock water hole and are prepared to turn out 12 to 15 bales a day.

Last Saturday was a lively day in Robert Lee, and as a result of one or two indulging too freely in "personal liberty" have paid off; and some of our officers can now have "sweetened coffee" and the cash in the treasury is swelled a little.

The last saloon at Round Rock, Williamson county, closed the other night for good. The "boys" moved the signs of the saloon to merchants' doors, piled up beer kegs and made new signs in front of the stores of prohibitionists with red streamers, and put crepe on the doors of the antis.

Hon. A. W. Houston, son of Gen. Sam Houston, who is a candidate for congress, spoke at the court house Saturday night to a good sized crowd.

Why is the actual settler not entitled to as much reduction on school land as the cattle king? The latter gets the use of 640 acres for a year at a rental price of \$25, while the actual settler is required to pay \$48 on the principal and \$96 in interest, making a total of \$154.

Ed Mobley attended justice court at Fort Chadbourne this week.

The scab is troubling sheep considerably in Sutton county.

The sign "cotton pickers wanted" can be seen in thousands of places in Texas nowadays.

Cotton seed bought \$8.50 a ton at Dallas.

Sheep shearing is being delayed in Sutton county on account of showery weather.

(Fifty Years Ago In Coke items appear each week in The Observer as a regular feature. Watch for them.)

### Wins Oak Leaf Clusters

Ninth Air Force, B-26 Station 585 Bomb Squadron, France.—S-Sgt. Billie G. Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen, Sanco, Tex., has been awarded two Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in bombing attacks over Germany.

S-Sgt. Allen has been overseas since last Oct., he is flying with the 394th Marauder Group.

He is a graduate from Robert Lee High School and attended Texas Tech; entered the A. A. F. in June 1943.

A little want ad will sell it.



Says The Senator From Sanco

We always knew that money talks, and judging from the way homefolks will buy bonds in the War Bond drive, the Japs are going to learn that the stuff can stand up and shoot, too!

Change to **M SYSTEM** and 'Pocket the Change'

### GROCERY DEPARTMENT:

Del Monte Coffee, 1-lb. glass . . . 32c  
Judmar Popcorn, 10 ounce tin . 15c

Ozark No Points No. 2 1-2 tin

**Sweet Potatoes 22c**

Dyanshine Paste Polish 4 oz. jar 15c

Mother's Cocoa, 1 pound package 10c

Clothes Lines, 50 foot rope . . . 39c

**Clothes Pins 1c Each**

Heinz Breakfast Wheat, package 14c

Blue Label 16 oz. glass

Brer Rabbit Syrup 17c

**3-Minute Oats 25c**  
Large Package

Reagan's Grapefruit Juice, No. 2 - 10c

Evaporated Peaches, 1 pound bag 39c

Evaporated Prunes, 60-70 size, 2 pound bag 29c

Heinz Breakfast Wheat, pkg. : 14c

Gooch's Macaroni, 12 ounce pkg. 10c

Shredded Ralston, 2 pkgs. 25c

Bernadin Jar Lids - 3 packages - 25c

Victor Pancake Flour, small pkg. 8c, large 17c

Imperial Catsup Style Sauce, no points, 2 for 25c



Amaryllis Flour

25 pound bag

**\$1.15**

50 lb. bag \$2.25

Borden Hemo - 1 pound jar . . . 59c

**Candy, 1 lb. bag 23c**

Fibs 20c : Quest 2 oz. can 31c : Kotex 2 for 43c

Camay Soap, 3 for 19c

Ivory Soap, medium 6c; personal 5c

Oxydol, large, 23c Duz, large, 23c

Supersuds, large, 23c

Crystal White Cleanser, 2 cans 9c

Palm Olive Soap, regular size 3 for 19c

Palm Olive Soap, bath size 2 for 19c

### PRODUCE DEPARTMENT:

New Potatoes, 3 lbs. 25c : Onions, white, lb. 9c

Green Beans, fresh and snappy - pound - 10c

Blackeyed Peas, fresh 1 lb. 10c : Cabbage 3½c lb.

Carrots, Winter Garden District, 3 bunches 10c

Fresh Corn 4 for 19c; Cucumbers, per pound 12½c

Celery, stalk 23c; Lemons, Calif. Sunkist, doz. 29c

### MEAT DEPARTMENT

Sirloin or T-Bone Steak, lb. 38c

Boiling Bacon, pound . . . 18c

Country Butter, pound . . . 47c

Round Bone Roast, pound 28c

**All Sweet Oleo 25c**

## You're Still The Boss

Our customers are the most important asset we have. Their good will and confidence in us is what keeps us in business.

Everything we do is designed to serve and please you. YOU are the real boss—YOU the customer. You are making us what we are, and we will not forget our obligation to you.

We appreciate your business and shall always try to serve you well. We service Cars and Trucks of all makes. We can supply practically any vital part. If we don't have it we will get it if it's to be had anywhere.

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Lv. 6:00 A. M. Lv. 3:15 P. M. Abilene	Ar. 12:35 P. M. Ar. 12:10 P. M.
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.

## Field Seeds

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**Wise Bird Would Have Taken to Its Wings**

Having missed his railway connection, a disgruntled soldier spent a miserable hour exploring a dark and dreary town in the pouring rain. He entered a restaurant. "Wotcha got that's good?" he asked the waitress grumpily. "Sage hen," she answered. "What's sage hen?" "Oh, it's a bird that's shot around here." "Has it got wings?" asked the soldier. "Of course it's got wings," the waitress answered sharply. "Then I don't want any!" snorted the soldier. "I don't want nothing that has wings and still stays here."

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**CARBOIL SALVE**

**WONDERFUL RELIEF**  
From Bladder Irritations!  
Famous doctor's discovery acts on the kidneys to increase urine and relieve painful bladder irritations caused by excess acidity in the urine

There is no need now to suffer unnecessary distress and discomfort from backache, bladder irritation, and run-down feeling due to excess acidity in your urine—take the famous doctor's discovery—DR. KILMER'S SWAMP ROOT. For Swamp Root acts fast on the kidneys to increase the flow of urine and relieve excess acidity. Originally discovered by a well-known physician, Swamp Root is a carefully blended combination of 16 herbs, roots, vegetables, balsams and other natural ingredients. It's not harsh or habit-forming in any way—just good ingredients that help you feel worlds better fast!

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**Breakfast Club Appeals To Millions of Air Fans**

**Audiences and Events Make Program of Ever Increasing Interest**

By W. J. DRYDEN  
Released by Western Newspaper Union.

Radio stations and networks throughout the country revised their programs, cancelled outright or drastically revised all commercial broadcasts, when word was received of the death of President Roosevelt. Typical of programs undergoing complete revision was the Breakfast Club's broadcast on which Don McNeill, master of ceremony, paid tribute to the president: "One of the qualities about Mr. Roosevelt that I always admired," said McNeill, "was his sense of humor. In the tremendous job in which he gave his life he needed a sense of humor for balance. In fact, if he could speak to us now, he might say something like this: 'Never mind the flowery language about me—when my time had come the Lord knew I was not an indispensable man, so get back in there and finish off the job in a hurry, and make a peace so binding, so secure, that this may never happen again. Get back to the days when you can quit worrying about your loved ones and when you can laugh and smile. Your face looks so much better that way.'"

Radio's favorite daytime variety show, the Breakfast Club, owes its popularity to its ardent fans in every city, hamlet and nearly every farm in America. It has been adopted and considered as a part of rural America. By making an appeal to those in rural districts as well as in metropolitan areas, it proved that a morning hour variety show could achieve immense popularity. Scripts have been entirely dispensed with and the cast depends on native wit rather than on gag writers.

Like the program following President Roosevelt's death, each program is created by circumstances and the audience itself. There is no monotony, for the program is life itself, the life as played by its many fans. They create the program, play the parts, give the questions and answers.

**Audience's Contributions.**  
There are other reasons for this radio program clicking. Don McNeill, the genial m.c. of the program, which is carried over Blue

Network stations of the American Broadcasting company, would say that the audience's contributions are what makes for the remarkable success of the program. Many fans find other reasons. Some 875,000 of them applied for charter membership in the club in one week.

Each program from Monday through Saturday at 8 a.m. will find 600 fans watching the program. Hundreds are turned away daily from the Chicago studios where the broadcast originates. Tickets are now required two weeks in advance. These people come from all the states in the union. They come to see Don McNeill, who has served as master of ceremonies on more network broadcasts than any other man, woman or child in radio. He has spent more than 4,000 hours before the microphone, and still gains in popularity.

They come to see Nancy Martin, the singing schoolma'm, or songster Marion Mann. They come to see Sam Cowling, the heckler, or Ed Ballatine, the orchestra director, or Ray Grant's Vagabonds.

They come to see Fran Allison's characterizations of genial, gossipy, gauche "Aunt Fanny," which are so realistic that Fran's mother, back in Iowa, is in a perpetual dither for fear that kinfolk might be offended. They come to make the program, their program.

Memory and inspiration time on the broadcast has reached the heartstrings of the Breakfast Club's



When the entire cast takes the stage, things begin to hum over the air.

**Hybrid Hogs Produce Super Meat**

Development of a super meat yielding hybrid hog by the application of the same inbreeding methods that produced hybrid corn is the goal of farm authorities.

Thirteen state experiment stations are cooperating in what is known as the Regional Swine Breeding laboratory, George A. Montgomery writes in Capper's Farmer. They are inbreeding some of the more popular breeds with the hope of establishing superior types. In this they are following the methods of those who developed inbred parent stock for modern hybrid corn.

"The hog men are little further advanced in their program than corn men were 15 or 20 years ago," Mr. Montgomery points out. "They have their inbreeds, but the work of

main in his herd: 1. Sows must be able to produce large litters of live pigs. 2. A high percentage of pigs born alive must survive to market age. 3. Pigs must gain rapidly from birth to market weight. 4. Feed requirements for each unit of gain must be low. 5. Body form must be such as to produce high yields of the most desirable cuts of pork.

"He has succeeded in fixing the last three characteristics so some of his lines and crosses of these lines excel purebred Polands that have been propagated by ordinary breeding methods. However, inbreeding lowers vitality and, to a lesser extent, fertility; and crossing two unrelated inbred lines of the same breed does not produce the hybrid vigor that comes when two breeds are crossed. Winters ex-



New type Minnesota hybrid hog.

combining them to see which ones nick has hardly started. Minnesota and Iowa, for example, have crossed inbred lines of Poland Chinas, with certain elements in the results highly encouraging; others distinctly disappointing.

"At the Minnesota station, Dr. M. L. Winters, working with Poland Chinas, has saved only individuals that best combine five economical desirable characteristics. To re-

**RADIO GARDENER**



Don McNeill, M. C. of the Breakfast club program.

fans. The prayer and impromptu assignments for D-Day will go down in radio as a classic of the year.

When the program was started 12 years ago, no visitors were allowed. This rule was first broken in 1937, in response to a letter from a hopelessly tubercular marine, who wrote that seeing a performance of the club was chief among the things he wanted to do before his final hour. In 1938, the doors were thrown open to all comers. Since then half a million people have seen the program and watched the "gang" go through their paces.

The program has attracted national attention in its effective war work. They are given credit for hav-


**JUST GOING DOWN!**

Pop—So you refused young Costli-man. Don't you know he descended from a fine family?  
Daughter—Yes, and how he descended.

Jenky always believed in calling a spade a spade till he hit his foot with one the other day.

Dear Me  
Admirer—I admire your repertoire.  
Star—Yes, he was a repertoire on the Blaze before we became engaged.

**SNAPPY FACTS**  
about RUBBER



In 1942, our first year at war, 4 1/2% of the rubber consumed in the U. S. was synthetic; in 1943, 35%, and in 1944 80%. At the present time, more than 85% is synthetic.

The synthetic rubber industry is using soap at the rate of 100,000,000 pounds a year—enough to cover the needs of the population of Chicago for one year.

A new kind of synthetic rubber has been developed from lactic acid (buttermilk).

The B. F. Goodrich Company has made experimental tires of rubber produced from kok-saghyz, the Russian dandelion.

*Peace*  
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### ALKA-SELTZER BRIGHTENS MY DAY



OCCASIONALLY, I wake up in the morning with a Headache. It sometimes wears off along the middle of the forenoon, but I don't want to wait that long, so I drink a glass of sparkling ALKA-SELTZER. In just a little while I am feeling a lot better.

Sometimes the week's ironing tires me and makes me sore and stiff. Then it's ALKA-SELTZER to the rescue—a tablet or two and a little rest makes me feel more like finishing the job.

And when I eat "not wisely but too well," ALKA-SELTZER relieves the Acid Indigestion that so often follows.

Yes, Alka-Seltzer brightens my day. It brings relief from so many of my discomforts, that I always keep it handy.

Why don't you get a package of ALKA-SELTZER at your drug store today?

Large Package 60¢, Small 30¢.

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### HOME-CANNED BERRIES TAKE LITTLE SUGAR



Photo Courtesy Ball Bros. Co.

Home canned berries play leading roles in the pantry because they contribute vitamins and minerals for health, can be used in many ways, and are easy and inexpensive to can.

Blackberries, blueberries, boysenberries, raspberries, elderberries—can them all and others, too, with little or no sugar. Sugar gives them better flavor and more calories, but has nothing to do with keeping qualities.

Berries are too precious to waste and none will be wasted if you will see to it that every step taken is the right one. First of all, wash, rinse and examine your jars. Be sure to inspect the top edges of those to be sealed with glass top seal or two-piece vacuum seal closures because top seals refuse to work unless tops of the jars are perfect. Cover jars, glass lids, and zinc caps with luke-warm water, heat to boiling and keep hot until needed. Wash and rinse rubbers and vacuum seal lids and drop them in boiling water—they don't need boiling unless you plan to do old-fashioned open kettle canning—then they must be boiled a few minutes to sterilize.

Every berry must be fresh, sound, ripe, and firm. Wash them carefully and then take your choice of canning methods.

Gladys Kimbrough, Home Service Director of Ball Brothers Company, prefers to hot-pack berries. This is how it is done. Place berries in a wide, shallow pan; add one-half cup sugar, or less, for each quart of berries; set the pan over low heat and simmer until the berries heat through and the sugar dissolves (remember you don't have to use any sugar); pour the hot berries into clean, hot jars and process five minutes in hot water-bath canner.

If you prefer cold packing, fill a jar about half full with raw berries, then tap it gently on a folded cloth to shake the berries down. When the jar is filled to within a half-inch of the top, add enough hot syrup to cover the berries. Process 20 minutes in a water-bath canner.

Syrup for four quarts of berries may be made by boiling two cups sugar and three cups water or berry juice together until the sugar dissolves. If you are a little short on sugar—and who isn't these days?—try making the syrup of one measure sugar, one measure corn syrup, and one-half measure water or berry juice. This syrup seems rather thick and sweet, but it will become thinner and less sweet after it has been with the berries a few weeks. And if you have no sugar at all, cover the berries with hot berry juice or boiling water; seal or partly seal the jars (follow the manufacturer's instructions) and process 20 minutes in a water-bath canner.

If you want your berries to really star, can them without sugar. Then they can be used as if they were fresh from the patch. The juice can be drained off and used for making jelly. The berries can go into a pie or into jam—a jam turnover tucked in a lunch box will make the noon hour much more pleasant for somebody and surely you need nobody to tell you that jelly and jam are far more delicious when freshly made than at any other time.

Please don't send us long communications, letters or articles for publication. Our space is limited, and each week we have news crowded out. We try to use all items, but brevity must be exercised.

### The Mayor Of Edith Says



There would be a whole lot more divorces if husbands had a trade-in value like today's cars.

### 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.

### Prisoner Of Japs

A Fort Worth veteran writes Claude Dean that the latter's son, Hill E. Dean, who is a prisoner of the Japs, was shipped from the Philippines late in August of last year, presumably to Japan. At that time the Fort Worth comrade advises that young Dean was well and in good health.

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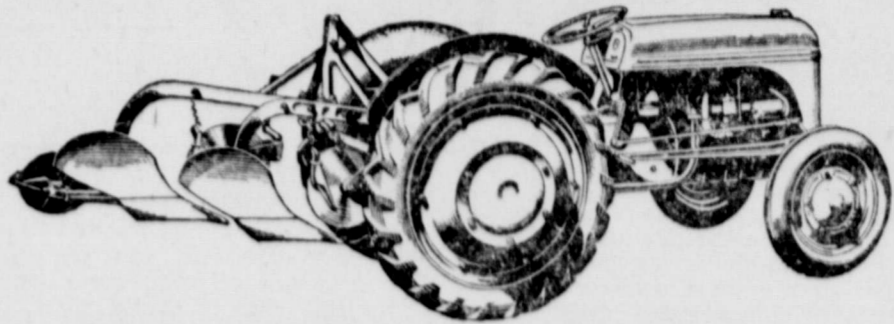
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Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lofton and little daughter are here from Tracy, Calif., for a visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lofton. J. L. holds a lucrative position with the International Harvester Co. in that city and is doing well. However, he is looking for-

ward and his plans encompass the view of coming back to Granddaddy's place to a nice ranch all his own, one of these days. Wise lad. A chunk of Coke county land, some sheep, cows, goats, hogs, poultry—say, that's a combination that can't be beat.

## Mrs. Beulah Gaines Passes Away

Funeral services for Mrs. Beulah Gaines, who passed away Friday afternoon at the family home near Bronte after a several months illness, were conducted Sunday afternoon by Minister Tammans of the Bronte Full Gospel church, with interment being made in the Edith cemetery.

Clift Funeral Home directed the funeral arrangements.

Deceased was reared in Coke county and was the daughter of Mr. Sam King, pioneer citizen. Besides her aged father, she is survived by her husband, Jesse Gaines, two sons and four daughters; six brothers, Tom, Will, Frank, Dave, George, and R. B. King; two sisters, Mrs. R. Gaines and Mrs. S. B. Plumlee, besides a wide circle of friends.

Thanks to Mrs. Wiley Byrd for a bountiful supply of poke greens Wednesday. The editor has certainly dined sumptuously this week, brethering.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Parker of Bronte are the parents of a fine girl, born Friday, May 4.

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## So the city folks have done it! Well, WATCH OUR SPEED!

WORD comes from Washington that the fat-salvage problem has got to be licked in the small cities, the towns and on the farms.

We women have to save enough used fats in our kitchens to help make munitions, medicines, fabrics, soap for military and civilian use, and many other essentials.

The job, to date, has been done largely by city people, because arrangements for collecting the fats were made in the cities first. And these city folks are turning in more than twelve million pounds a month!

Now we're called on. And will the women on the farms and in the towns and small cities break that record?

Don't worry—just watch our speed!

**HOW TO DO IT:** Save all used fats in a tin can. Keep it handy to the stove. Scrape your broilers and roasting pans, skim soups and gravies, for every drop counts. Keep solid pieces of fat, as meat trimmings and table scraps, in a bowl.

Melt down once a week when your oven's going, add the liquid fat to the salvage can.

Take the can to your butcher as soon as it's full. He will give you two red points and up to four cents for every pound. If you have any difficulty, call your County Agent or Home Demonstration Agent. This message is approved by WFA and OPA, and paid for by Industry.

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## IT'S ALL IN THE WAY YOU LOOK AT IT!

MAYBE you won't thank us for reminding you of the H C of L. But it doesn't seem nearly so high when you look at it in the light of your electric bills!

(The lines above may look like a mystic maze. But if you close one eye and tilt this page to the position shown, you can easily read four familiar words.)

Almost alone among household necessities, the price of electricity has not spiraled upward with war. In fact, official government figures\* show that the average price of electricity has actually dropped 3.2% since 1939!

That's especially good news now, but it continues a long-time trend. Electric prices have been coming down so steadily that the average American family gets about twice as much electricity for its money today as it did 15 years ago.

If your bill is no smaller, it's because you're using more electricity to do more jobs than you did then. But the saving is there.

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