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Assurance Of \$12,000,000 Robert Lee Dam Family Project For Irrigation Now Up To The People Reunion

Directors of the Upper Colorado River Authority agreed with Bureau of Reclamation officials at a recent meeting in San Angelo that "the easy work—the surveying and planning"—has been completed on the Robert Lee dam and irrigation project.

The equally important—and perhaps not so simple—job of achieving and presenting a united, project-supported home front to the Congress next fall or winter, is the next major step.

The UCRA is confident that the imminent job will not be "too difficult."

Approval of the project by Governor Coke R. Stevenson is generally considered assured.

The people of Coke, Runnells and Tom Green Counties will be the ones who have the final say as to whether the area bound by Robert Lee, Bronte, Winters, Balingier, Rowena, Miles, San Angelo and Tennyson shall become "West Texas' No. 1 irrigation project."

The farmers below the dam must decide whether they want the water and technical and financial help which should multiply their per-acre incomes, and which would assure perpetual feed for West Texas livestock, and a diversified farm economy which semi-arid West Texas now lacks.

Irrigation features, even though a greater factor in the Robert Lee project than any other contemplated in this area at this time, still represent only something like half the estimated \$12,700,000 project cost.

This means that the Congress must be asked to consider flood control, fish and wildfire, recreation, and possible municipal water supply factors, as well as the clear-cut agricultural aspects of the project.

Where irrigation, flood control

and hydroelectric power generation features are sufficient justification within themselves, the Bureau can finance such projects out of its own revolving fund.

But, the Robert Lee dam, the major structure so far proposed above the Lower Colorado River Authority flood control and power producing dams in the Hill Country, is basically an irrigation project. It has no hydroelectric considerations.

The UCRA, brought into existence by the state legislature to father such projects as the Robert Lee dam and the North Concho River flood control and possible irrigation program, unanimously gave its approval to former project.

Upon motion by C. L. Green of Winters, seconded by Mayor W. D. Holcombe, the directors adopted a resolution pledging \$1,000,000 in rebated state taxes to the Bureau program, payable in a 20-year period after construction begins.

The first commitment, for the same amount, was given by the board on Nov. 7, 1940, and has been renewed from time to time since as war restrictions further delayed the launching of the project. The commitment given this week end will stand until Jan. 1, 1948.

The taxpayers will be out nothing for the million-dollar commitment, the money coming from a remission of state taxes in Coke and Tom Green Counties expected to average about \$80,000 a year.

L. T. Youngblood of Bronte, chairman of the UCRA, said that there had been some early opposition to the project but that it generally was disappearing as it was shown that the project is feasible, a boon to the entire region, promises multiplied and assured annual income to the participating farm-

Pretty Names

Speaking of pretty community names, Coke county certainly has its share. There's Edith, Sanco, Green Mountain, Graham Valley, Silver, Bronte, Tennyson, Mt. Margaret, Silver Peak, Valley View, Friendship, Panther Gap, Lometa, Hayrick, Ft. Chadbourne, as well as others. Of brooks and rivulets, there's Oak Creek, Mountain Creek, Yellow Wolf, Mess Box Creek, and Paint Creek. You can put it down in your little book: our old timers certainly had good taste in picking names.

ers, and does not involve costly repayment demands.

Attending the meeting were the Bureau engineer, Mr. Youngblood, Vice Chairman H. G. Wenland, W. D. Holcombe and Henry Ragsdale of San Angelo; BCD President Frank Cannon and W. P. Barnes, San Angelo; Sen. Penrose B. Metcalfe, members C. S. Coleman of Miles and C. L. Green of Winters; Secretary Gerald C. Allen of Robert Lee, and Lt. Col. E. V. Spence.

Attention, Please!

Effective July 1, in order to conserve shipping space, the Post Office Department has ordered that subscriptions or subscription renewals to newspapers for those in the armed forces of the U. S. MUST BE INITIATED BY THE ADDRESSEE. Relatives or friends may pay for the subscriptions or renewals, provided those in service have initiated the requests for the paper to be sent. These requests must be WRITTEN and turned into the publisher who keeps them on file for inspection by postal authorities. Publishers are required to make a monthly report as to new subscriptions and as to those expiring.

We call attention of our readers to this new post office department ruling. If you are sending The Observer to someone in service and want to renew the subscription, bring along the written request for our files, after July 1. Along with new subscriptions we must also have a written request from the one in service. Subscriptions which have not yet expired will continue to be mailed until they expire. Then a written request for renewal is required.

Lawn Party

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clift tendered a lawn party in behalf of their guests, Mr. and Mrs. J. Madera, of Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Morrow, and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Morrow of Bronte, Thursday evening of last week.

Mrs. Delbert Harmon and sons James and Douglas, were here from Hobbs Monday, visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harmon.



Says The Senator From Sanco

The only way to bridle your appetite is to put a little bit in your mouth.

Didja Ever Swing A Cradle, Bud?

Grain harvest days naturally bring along a lot of talk in this section. One of our jitterbug moderns overheard a couple of old timers talking about the combines succeeding the cradle method. He couldn't figure it out. So yesterday he sidled up to the editor and asked a lot of questions about this here cradle business. All we knew was heresy, but we told him that if he wanted to know about wheat cradling, J. S. Ross or any of our other old timers could relieve his curiosity, anxiety or whatever was troubling his think tank.

Barbecue

Wednesday night of last week, employees of the M System store staged their annual barbecue at the lake. Those present for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wallace, Marie, Edna Mae, Mildred and Royce Wallace, Mrs. W. H. Bell, Mrs. Robbie Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker, Sandra Kay and Ronnie Baker, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Davis, Miss Vena Lou Watson, and Major Wallace, who saw to it that the barbecued meats were browned to the proper turn. All had a g-r-a-n-d time.

Fred O. Green, our popular city secretary, was in to see us Saturday. He has been a pretty sick man for the past several weeks, but is now on the road to recovery, which is good news to his many friends in this area.

Sheriff Frank Percifull's return from a San Angelo hospital this week is hailed with pleasure by his host of friends. Suffering from heart trouble, he was in the hospital a couple of weeks. He is much improved at this writing.

Turney Hall and family of Bellflower, Calif., were here this week visiting Mrs. W. H. Bell and other relatives. Mr. Hall holds a splendid position with the Douglass Aircraft Corporation, and likes California.

Down at Camp Hood, Pvt. Elmer D. Adkins, popular home boy, will read The Observer for the coming year through the kindly forethought of his mother.

Pvt. Cecil R. Danford is here spending a 21-day furlough with Mrs. Danford and other homefolks. At the end of his leave he will return to San Haan, Calif., for further hospitalization.

Another refreshing shower Sunday afternoon.

At the annual reunion of the Keeney family, Sunday, June 24, at Christoval, one hundred and thirty-five members of the family were present for this, the eighth annual reunion held for Mr. and Mrs. Keeney, who have been wedded for 62 years. They are 86 and 84 years old respectively.

Officers elected for next year's event were: Clyde Keeney, president; Oscar Keeney, Robert Schaffer, James Arrott, purchasing committee; Onetta Keeney, entertainment.

This year's reunion was a most enjoyable affair. Conversation, religious songs, and a speech by Mr. Keeney completed the program after a most bountiful dinner.

County H. D. Council

The H. D. Council was called to order by Mrs. O. W. Chapman of Bronte, vice president of the council, with fourteen members and three visitors answering roll call. Nine clubs in the county were represented.

The finance committee gave a report that \$44.63 was earned from the bazaar, making a present total of \$96.55 in the treasury.

The council voted to have a one day encampment at the Bronte American Legion Park, and committees were appointed to plan the encampment.

R. L. Hall, former publisher of The Observer, was here from Blackwell Saturday and was an appreciated visitor in our office. Mr. Hall, during his career with this paper, accomplished much for Coke county, and his visits to Robert Lee are always a source of pleasure to his host of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mahon of Lamesa were guests of Mrs. J. N. Buchanan this week.

The City Drug Store has installed a modern air cooling system.

Mrs. Paul Daffern and son, Milburn, of Ft. Worth, were here this week, guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harmon.

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BARBEE'S

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Fire Bombs Raze Jap Cities; Unemployment Expected to Rise Soon as War Production Tapers

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Battle-weary, sixth division marines recline behind protecting wall near Naha after bitter fight for city on Okinawa.

PACIFIC: Cities Burn

One by one, Japan's great industrial centers are being razed by huge fleets of Flying Superfortresses, with the firing of Osaka and Yokohama cutting further into the enemy's potential to produce weapons needed for the expanding Pacific front.

Considered the Orient's greatest industrial center, Osaka smoldered after heavy Super-Fort strikes at its iron, steel, copper, cotton, hemp and wire plants.

Japan's second biggest port, Yokohama was left in flames by hundreds of B-29s, with strong winds helping to spread the destruction block by block. Approximately 60,000 houses were said to have been wiped out after the first assault, leaving 250,000 homeless, and communication and transportation lines disrupted.

In explaining strategy in laying down the greatest number of bombs in the shortest time over Japanese targets, 21st Bomber Commander Curtis Le May declared: "If you lay them down like that the city burns down. If you don't, they put it out."

With B-29s raising havoc with Japanese industrial centers, the enemy continued to chiefly center his aerial opposition against American naval vessels in the Ryukyus, with Kamikaze (suicide) pilots continuing to score hits on light units. Indicative of the ferocity of the Japanese attacks, the navy reported the greatest casualty toll in all the Pacific fighting off of Okinawa.

On land, U. S. forces herded the enemy onto the southern corner of Okinawa following the collapse of his Shuri line after some of the bitterest ground fighting in the war, with troops compelled to dig the Japs from deep cave positions in rugged terrain.

UNEMPLOYMENT: To Rise

With another large "stepdown" in military orders anticipated, War Production Board Chairman J. A. Krug predicted 4,800,000 persons will no longer be needed for war production six months from now and unemployment can be expected to reach 1,300,000 by then.

During the next three months alone, Krug said, an estimated 2,900,000 war workers will be released, with unemployment jumping 1,100,000 from the present level of 800,000 to 1,900,000. Because of withdrawals from the labor force and the reemployment of 4,100,000 persons by the rapidly expanding civilian economy, however, the total of unemployed will drop about 600,000 a half year from now.

Though unemployment promises to mount in comparison with present conditions, such low-paying industries as lumber and textiles may experience difficulty obtaining workers, Krug said. Wage increases within the bounds of stabilization policy would probably help remedy such a situation, Krug indicated.

Shipyard Problem

In the face of rising layoffs in war production industries, West coast shipyards are experiencing a shortage of help at a time when the demand for repairs is increasing as a result of the damage to U. S. vessels in the quickened Pacific naval warfare.

Twenty thousand workers below their labor ceilings, three West coast shipyards lost an average of 600 employees last month. In an effort to solve the problem, selective service announced blanket deferments

for such skilled help as electricians, sheet metal workers and machinists, and the War Manpower commission gave the yards No. 1 priority in hiring. Transportation and housing also were guaranteed East coast workers desiring to shift to the west.

As an example of the critical labor shortage in the West coast yards, the famed aircraft carrier Franklin had to be hauled all the way to the Brooklyn navy yard for repairs.

NEAR EAST: Oil Oasis

Behind all the trouble in the Near East lies the specter of oil—the great natural resource indispensable to a modern machine economy.

While fighting flared in Syria, the French charged that what appeared to be a mixup between them and the natives really was an incident cooked up by British agents to jeopardize the French pipeline carrying oil across the embattled country from the Mosul fields in Iraq.

At the same time, French commentators sharply pointed out that any Arab uprising in Syria could very well lead to similar disturbances throughout the whole Arabic bloc of states, where both Britain and the U. S. have substantial oil concessions.

Oddly located nearby the Suez canal, providing Britain with a convenient gateway to her oriental empire, the Arabic states are said to possess oil deposits the equal of those in the U. S., with the English holding 40 per cent of all concessions in the area and America 60 per cent.

U. S. interest in the near eastern oil situation was pointed up by the government's proposal to erect a \$150,000,000 pipeline across Arabia and join in a partnership with the Arabian-American Oil company and Gulf Exploration company for its operation. Shelved in the face of bitter opposition, the plan called for the private companies creation of a billion barrel petroleum pool for the army and navy, and repayment for the pipeline over a 25-year period.

Oil also prominently figures in relations between the U. S. and Britain and Russia, what with the Arabic states situated virtually at the Reds' back door and Moscow having already put in a bid for development of the Persian fields, monopolized by the English.

EUROPE: Displaced Persons

One of the most difficult of post-war problems in Europe, the return of displaced nationals to their homeland has become even harder with the reluctance of many to leave the Anglo-American occupied zone of Germany, it was revealed.

Though some 600,000 Poles are showing the greatest antipathy to being sent east, Latvians and Lithuanians also are not eager to return. Even substantial numbers of the 1,500,000 Russians in the Anglo-American zone do not wish to be repatriated, but though the other nationals cannot be forced to go against their wishes, an agreement reached at Yalta makes the return of the Russians compulsory.

Besides the nationals mentioned above, there still are 1,200,000 French in the U. S.-British area along with 350,000 Italians, 200,000 Belgians, 200,000 Dutch, 100,000 Yugoslavs, 60,000 Czechs, 10,000 Greeks, 10,000 Danes, 10,000 Norwegians and 10,000 from Luxembourg.

SUGAR: Press Conservation

Declaring that the present sugar shortage had been aggravated by illegal use of supplies originally obtained for home canning, the OPA took steps to tighten allocations for such purposes and prevent further drainage of shrinking stocks.

In addition to having special investigators check into the diversion of home canning sugar into bootleg liquor or illicit bottling, OPA announced that pledges must now be signed assuring that use of home canning rations will not be used for other purposes and reports made later as to food put up; district offices will suspend allocations until fruits and vegetables become available for preservation, and review all applications so as to spread supplies over coming months.

Partly because of over-issuance of sugar for food preservation last year, OPA said, average table rations have been cut 37 per cent and housewives' allocations for home canning have been trimmed 40 per cent. In addition, the short sugar stocks have resulted in a squeeze on bakers and industrial users, with further reductions in their allotments threatening to seriously hamper continued operations.

CONGRESS: Fistic Debate

Well in the tradition of the good old days when the U. S. took its politics hot and heavy,

Reps. John Taber (N. Y.) and Clarence Cannon (Mo.) engaged in the second fistic engagement of the present session following heated debate over the proposed tax free \$2,500 a year expense account for congressmen in addition to their \$10,000 salaries.

Previously, Reps. John Rankin (Miss.) and Frank Hook (Mich.) went to it hammers and tongs on the floor of the house after Hook had called Rankin a "liar."

According to Taber's story, he had called upon Cannon at the latter's request, only to move to leave the room when the latter became abusive over remarks he had made during the course of debate on the proposed expense account. Returning when Cannon asked him if he was running away, Taber said he stopped a left or a right to the upper lip, and then pinned his opponent to a couch until he cooled down. Claiming on his own account that Taber had hied it to his office when the going got hot, the slight-of-build Cannon declared that the fracas resulted from Taber's insulting remarks on the floor of the house.

APPAREL: Pinch to Persist

With military requirements at a high level and labor short because of the attraction of workers to higher paying industries, textiles will remain in tight supply through 1945, the War Production board revealed.

Declaring that a substantial amount of clothing materials will be needed to provide a continuous flow of apparel for adaptability to the varying climatic conditions of the Pacific, WPB said the military will take 85 per cent of the cotton duck supply in July-August-September, along with 20 per cent of carded and 50 per cent of combed goods.

In addition, WPB said, the military will take 60 per cent of the supply of wool woven goods during the same period, and virtually all worsteds, along with substantial stocks of knit goods. As a result, it may be necessary to restrict civilian sales of heavy underwear to such outdoor workers as loggers and farmers.

CATTLE: For Europe

In a program designed to replace 1 per cent of the 5,000,000 animals destroyed during the war in Greece, Albania, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Poland, UNRRA (United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation administration) will ship about 50,000 dairy and draft animals to those countries in the next 18 months.

With funds for the project to come from UNRRA, about half of the stock will come from the U. S. and the remainder from other nations in the Western hemisphere. The U. S. subscribes to two-thirds of UNRRA's cost.

Because of her extreme need, Greece will receive the first shipment of 300 dairy heifers and 900 draft animals, it was announced. In addition, another 300 bred heifers and 300 mares are scheduled for early delivery to Yugoslavia.

ASK ME ANOTHER? A quiz with answers offering information on various subjects

The Questions

1. What President popularized the fireside?
2. How many employees of the executive branch of the U. S. government serve without pay?
3. What was the peacetime occupation of Francis Scott Key, writer of "The Star Spangled Banner"?
4. How many members who attended the Constitutional Convention did not sign the Constitution?
5. What is an agnail?

6. When a custom tax or import duty is assessed at a certain percentage of the value of the imported article, it is called what?

The Answers

1. Abraham Lincoln. He studied beside the fireplace in his parents' cabin.
2. About 285,000.
3. Lawyer.
4. Sixteen.
5. A hangnail.
6. Ad valorem.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Boil a cracked dish for about three-quarters of an hour in enough sweet milk to cover it. The crack in the dish will become almost invisible.

That old piano stool in the attic can be painted to match the kitchen and used there as an adjustable chair. It's handy.

Stretch your meat balls by adding oatmeal to the hamburger.

Place a small hand brush, bristle side up, in the soap dish. Keep the soap on top of the brush and when you need to use the brush it will already be full of soap.

If your furnace has a tendency to rust in a damp cellar choose a dozen or more cool days during the summer to burn papers in the fire box. This will help prevent replacing pipes and other metal appliances every few years. A better precaution, of course, is to remove the cause of the dampness, but this is often costly since it means extensive resealing of cellar walls.

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While boards of other counties are cussed and discussed, The Observer observes with pleasurable satis-

faction that we have not heard a single gripe, growl or grumble about any of our local boards. The draft board, the ration board, the gas and tire board, are each composed of substantial citizens, who know the county and its people. They serve patriotically, without a dime's remuneration, and our people are appreciative of their labors, their careful, conservative and considerate actions. Coke county's citizens are intelligent, level-headed and are cognizant of the fact that each board member is doing his best to serve impartially. And that's one of the reasons why there's no grumbling.

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Folks You Know

Nearly all the business houses in Robert Lee were closed for the fourth of July.

Minister Geo. B. Shelburne Jr., of Abilene, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Key last week.

When a wedding occurs, The Observer will appreciate it if someone will be kind enough to provide us with particulars.

Oren Fletcher has installed an air conditioner at his home.

Ever hear of a 5-pound catfish pulling a man into the river? You might inquire of H. S. Lewis as to particulars.

Sgt. O. W. (Jake) Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Davis, having received his honorable discharge from the U. S. army after many months of service in the South Pacific, arrived last week for a visit with homefolks. He returns to his former position at McCamey soon.

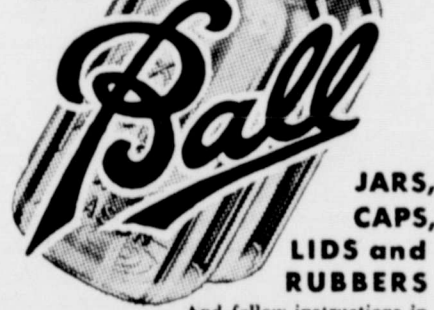
Quite a number of volunteer workers assembled at the livestock show grounds Monday, and did a good job of putting the premises in shape. At the noon hour, ladies of the home demonstration clubs under the leadership of Miss Fay Croslin served a bountiful dinner to the workers.

During the next few months we will have many lads coming home from overseas. When one of our boys return please drop us a card or tell us when the veterans arrive. A post card will do. Give us the following information: Rank, name, parents' or relatives name, date of arrival home, theatre of operations, years overseas, whether or not wounded, medals received, length of furlough, etc. Thank you.

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WAR EXPERIENCE HAS DEFEATED SOCIALISM

WASHINGTON. — They say Mr. Churchill blundered when he claimed socialism would bring a gestapo to the British, rob the individual of his rights and make him a slave to the state—at least the political experts say it in chorus here and abroad. As they see it Churchill is "the man who won the war" and should have run for reelection on that platform. I wonder.



Churchill

The very day he spoke, a British-spirited province in Canada voted on socialism. In Ontario, a straight-out socialist movement, called the Cooperative Commonwealth federation, had won astonishing success last time, gaining 34 seats, more than a third of the provincial parliament. The program was government ownership of banks, insurance companies, railways and certain heavy industries. This was to be the new rising political movement of the postwar Canadian world—but it was nipped far below the bud, and, in fact, frost-killed, when the people of industrial Ontario (where labor is strong) cut its power to an insignificant 6 seats in a parliament of 90 votes.

All Canada is furnishing another test of socialism and you can check the results, but if CCF cannot win in the British labor center of Ontario it cannot hope for much anywhere outside the radical far west farming provinces.

In Britain the Labor party leader, Mr. Atlee, answered Churchill directly, defending the theory of socialism against the ideal of private enterprise for private profit. While Churchill may have taken political license with the gestapo deduction, he did not exaggerate the basic issue, which has been laid: "Do you want socialism or free enterprise?"

The war experience of people has not been favorable to socialism. The lack of competition among sellers has destroyed the interests of the consumers today, and government management has nowhere been satisfactory to the people. Unless a buyer can walk out of a store and go to another to purchase what he wants, he can never be protected as to the quality of merchandise he buys or as to price, no matter how much the government regulates it. Every man and woman has found that out to his great discomfort during this war, not from books or propaganda, but out of his own daily experience in living.

Competition is the only thing which protects the consumers, who are all the people. Government ownership and operation is as non-competitive as a trust, a cartel or a business monopoly. Once any single force gets the power of exclusive operation, the buyer must accept the terms. Where competition is most active, the buyer is best protected. Consider the service the public gets on those western railroads where some are bemoaning the parallel lines. It is much better than upon eastern roads which control a monopoly of travel. This is true of the buying of all goods or services. It is true of hotel accommodations, of buying cigarettes, of renting a house or buying a dress. If one power (government or private) owns all the business, or is in control of the operation for any reason, the public interests are not well served. Of course, they attribute our experiences to a shortage of goods or help. That is true, but the economic effect has been the destruction of competition. The consumer could be told what to buy and at how much. He could not get it across the street, cheaper or better.

In my opinion, government ownership is in the public interest only when it is in itself competitive—competing with private interests to serve the public better. Consider the two Canadian railroads, one private and one government owned. The public gets much better service than if the government owned both and railroading became a business of government bureaucracy, having political directors decide policies.

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For the first time since Nazis came to power, the Roman Catholic feast day of Corpus Christi was observed in Munich, with procession wending way through bomb-battered city. Outspoken foe of Hitler's regime, Michael Cardinal Faulhaber officiated at ceremony.

PACIFIC:

New Campaign

Under heavy attack in the northern portion of their empire, the Japs face equally heavy pressure in the south, with Allied forces under command of Gen. Douglas MacArthur moving into northern Borneo in a drive to conquer the island that easily could be the prelude to a campaign against the Indies and Malaya.

Rich in oil and rubber and possessing good ports and airfields for a thrust to the west, Borneo was overrun by the Japs early in 1942 while the Allied cause in the Pacific still remained paralyzed after Pearl Harbor. With Jap shipping coming under increasing U. S. air and sea pressure, Borneo's value to the enemy has been sharply reduced, and Allied invasion forces met only meager opposition as they moved inland in the mountainous country.

Though only lightly defending the comparatively communicable coastal regions, the Japs did fire the extensive oil installations located there in an effort to prevent their use by the Allies for future operations. Flames from the storage tanks and wells could be seen for 40 miles.

VETS CARE:

Legion, V.F.W. Critical

Stung by the American Legion and V.F.W.'s ringing denunciation of the veterans administration bureau, congress moved to look into the whole question and give ear to the comprehensive program outlined by both service organizations for efficient functioning of the department.

With a spokesman declaring that the bureau may eventually have to handle the cases of 18,000,000 G.I.s, the American Legion suggested the creation of a deputy administrator under Gen. Omar Bradley and a realignment of authority under six assistants to handle medical care, insurance, finance, loan guarantees, readjustment allowances, vocational training, rehabilitation and education, adjustment of compensation, pension and retirement claims, construction, supplies and contracts.

Though criticizing the overall operations of the bureau, the American Legion and V.F.W. particularly rapped vet hospital care, charging that 47 per cent of the institutions now give inadequate treatment and citing instances of abuse in some centers. To relieve conditions, the organizations proposed increasing bed capacity; boosting wages; allowing authorities more leeway in securing help and supplies; more intelligent segregation of patients to speed recovery, and replacing army with civilian personnel.

BIG THREE:

Smoothen Relations

Troubled relations over Poland have been seemingly smoothed, the Big Three looked forward to their forthcoming meeting for planning the peace conference to reestablish the broken continent of Europe.

News of the approaching Big Three confab followed announcement that officials of the U. S., Britain and Russia would meet in Moscow with the Red-sponsored Warsaw government and democratic leaders from within and outside of Poland to discuss the composition of a more representative regime for the country.

Instrumental in smoothing Big

Three relations were Harry Hopkins and Joseph E. Davies, President Truman's special emissaries to Moscow and London. Following receipt of reports from them upon their return to the U. S., the chief executive expressed confidence in a settlement of the Polish question, declaring the Russians were as anxious to get along with us as we are with them.

The late President Roosevelt's No. 1 confidante, Hopkins appeared to have played an especially key part in the discussions abroad, with Mr. Truman revealing that he not only conferred on the irksome Polish situation but also persuaded the Russians to surrender their demands for vetoing the right of aggrieved nations to air their complaints before the postwar peace organization.

While the step toward bringing together the dissident Polish elements was considered an encouraging move for the development of a



With his Chief of Staff Adm. William H. Leahy standing by, President Truman receives report of overseas missions of Joseph Davies (left) and Harry Hopkins (right).

representative rule, the Polish government in exile in London denied the authority of the Big Three to supervise formation of a regime for the liberated country. Not directly included in the Moscow parley and long at loggerheads with the Reds because of alleged political interference in Poland, the exiles branded the plan as a concession to the Russians.

BIG HARVEST:

Mounting Problems

Even as the department of agriculture predicted a bumper wheat yield of 1,084,652,000 bushels for 1945, along with another banner general crop year, Kansas undertook the harvest of 215,000,000 bushels of its winter wheat with a heavy shortage of both men, machinery, storage and transport.

Premier winter wheat producing state of the U. S., Kansas needs an additional 20,000 hands; 2,000 combines; 2,000 trucks; and many ration points for feeding extra workers. Because of the local elevator glut resulting from the freight car shortage, farmers expect to dump sizable quantities of wheat on the ground after filling up vacant houses, store buildings, filling stations, etc.

Typical of the problem confronting other southwestern states, Kansas' transport situation devolves from the inability of the railroads to divert sufficient cars for the grain trade in the face of heavy war production traffic and the redeployment of U. S. forces to the Pacific through the country.

In the face of impending harvest and transport difficulties, the USDA looked forward to not only a bumper wheat harvest but heavy oats, hay and rye production, and another banner truck and fruit crop. Despite wet weather, two-thirds of the corn crop has been planted, USDA

OPA:

Farm Prices

Passed by the senate as part of a bill extending OPA for one year, a provision requiring that farm producers be granted cost plus profit headed for rough treatment in the house, with Pres. Harry S. Truman joining to oppose the amendment.

Drawn by Senators Wherry (Neb.) and Shipstead (Neb.) and adopted by a 37 to 30 vote, the cost-plus provision stipulates that "it shall be unlawful to establish or maintain against the producers of any livestock, grain or other agricultural commodity a maximum price . . . which does not equal all costs and expenses (including all overhead expenses, a return on capital and an allowance for the labor of the producer and family) . . . plus a reasonable profit thereon."

While President Truman described the provision as bad and hoped the house would knock it out, other critics declared that it would create confusion by replacing the present parity formula, sealing farm prices according to general costs. Countering this argument, Senator Wherry said the provision would apply if parity prices failed to meet expenses.

SUGAR:

Set Quotas

Though distribution of sugar through the first five months of 1945 exceeded that for the same period in last year, the War Food administration fixed rigid quotas for government and civilian users for July-August-September, with the home front obtaining 10,000 less tons than at present.

From January through May, distribution of sugar totalled 2,955,906 short tons compared with 2,747,543 last year, it was revealed.

Reflecting criticism that the impending sugar pinch has resulted from loose allocations of the commodity in the face of over-optimism over supplies, figures showed that as of June 2 raw sugar stocks amounted to 275,746 short tons compared with 442,234 last year, the beet inventories totalled 374,052 short tons as against 465,222.

Bombs Take Heavy Toll

A commander in the famed U. S. 21st bomber force in the Marianas, Col. Alfred F. Klaberer, estimated that 500,000 Japanese had been killed in B-29 raids on Tokyo, with the possibility the figure might even be 1,500,000. "Look at Yokohama," he said. "One minute it is there and the next it has disappeared. I believe we killed 250,000 there."

Because burns caused by B-29 fire bombs require the care of two or three people and the Japanese lack the personnel to attend to the injuries, one 21st force medic opined the death rate must be enormous, Klaberer said.

SAN FRANCISCO:

Peace Force

With French delegate Joseph Paul-Boncour declaring that the conference was erecting "the keystone of the peace structure," the United Nations meeting in San Francisco moved to approve plans for the first international army, navy and air force in history.

Directed by a military staff committee, with regional sub-committees throughout the world, the world peace force may draw on one-third of the U. S.'s present army and navy. American authorities recently estimated. All members of the United Nations will have to grant the international force free right of passage through their territory in the event of hostilities.

Use of the peace force will be subjected to the unanimous approval of the Big Five—the U. S., Britain, Russia, China and France—and a majority of the security council of 11.

SHIPYARDS:

Workers Needed

The rush of workers to peacetime jobs is seriously impeding the construction as well as repair of war vessels, the navy revealed, with the situation equally serious in both west and east coast shipyards.

With damaged vessels receiving first call on facilities for repair, the building of new ships necessarily must await their fixing. With the Brooklyn navy yard in need of 5,000 additional workers at once, the new 27,000-ton aircraft carrier Reprisal is five months behind schedule and the Oriskany is about half completed. Approximately 3,000,000 man days of work will be required on the super 45,000-ton flattop Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Both east and west coast shipyards have been losing about 600 employees a month in the shift to peacetime jobs, with the tight manpower situation in the west reflected by the necessity to tow the famed flattop Franklin to Brooklyn for repair.

Dumas Found Innkeeper To Be an Appeaser

Alexander Dumas, while traveling through England, stopped one night at a country inn for supper. Unfamiliar with the language, he tried to explain to the innkeeper in hesitant English that he wanted some mushrooms served with his meat.

Despite the dramatist's attempt, the latter did not understand.

Finally in desperation, Dumas drew a picture of a mushroom on a slip of paper. With that the innkeeper smiled, nodded his head understandingly, and withdrew.

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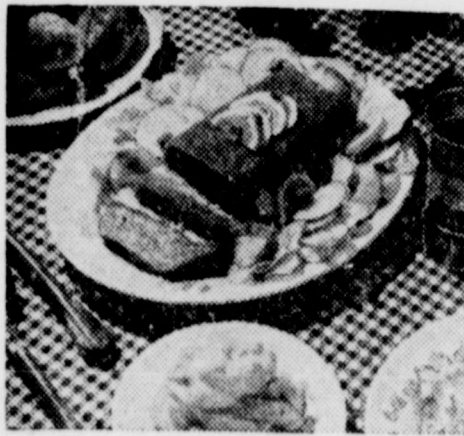
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Serve Garden Suppers, Picnics for Real Joy During Hot Weather



Jellied vegetable salad is garnished prettily with potato chips and cucumbers, topped with lemon and olives to make a tempting main dish for a summer supper.

Porch supper, box lunches, picnics and buffet parties are an inseparable part of summer. There can be plenty of fun in the shade of the old apple or elm tree, and the family will enjoy getting closer to the great outdoors.

Sandwiches or early morning preparation will greatly simplify the work of meal preparation. Let salads and fruits rest in the cool of the refrigerator so they will be ready when time comes to eat. When chilled, they will be doubly good.

Here's an excellent meat loaf which may be served "as is" with mayonnaise or cucumber sour cream sauce or sliced for sandwiches. Make it easy for yourself by letting the family serve themselves:

Refrigerator Meat Loaf
(Serves 6)
2½ cups cold pork or veal
½ cup sweet mustard pickle
¾ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
4 tablespoons butter or substitute
Grind together meat and pickle. Add remaining ingredients, blending together carefully. Pack into a waxed paper lined pan and let stand overnight or several hours in refrigerator. Slice and garnish with greens, deviled eggs, sliced tomatoes, cheese and parsley.

Note: Two small cans of tuna fish may be used in place of the meat. Drain oil from fish, then flake and proceed according to recipe.

Hot Potato Salad With Frankfurters.
(Serves 6)
6 to 8 medium-sized potatoes, unpeeled
6 slices bacon
½ cup onion, chopped
5 to 6 frankfurters, thinly sliced
½ cup vinegar
2 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
1½ to 2 teaspoons salt
Boil potatoes until tender. Dice and fry bacon until crisp. Remove bacon from skillet, then fry in fat the onions and sliced frankfurters. Peel cooked potatoes and dice. Add to frankfurter mixture, mixing well, then blend in also the vinegar, eggs and salt. Stir gently over low heat until all ingredients are heated through. Serve with lettuce.

Lynn Says:

Supper Thoughts: When you are having cold cuts and a substantial salad as main interest for supper, have something hot in the way of a quick bread just out of the oven. Good suggestions include these that bake quickly: corn bread, whole wheat biscuits, prune muffins and orange marmalade rolls.

A freezer of homemade ice cream is a welcome treat at outdoor suppers. Try some flavored with fresh berries or apricots, and be sure to have the cookie jar handy.

Doll up your garden party supper salads with plenty of relishes such as olives, pickles, radish roses and carrot sticks. They make for nice nibbling.

Bring out the checked cloths and paper napkins, old-fashioned jugs for flowers, and picnic utensils for under-the-trees eating. They go with the atmosphere.

Lynn Chambers' Point-Saving Menus

*Refrigerator Meat Loaf
Wheat, Rye, White Bread
Vegetable Salad Bowl
Lemonade Almond Jam Bars
*Recipe Given

A tray for fillings for "make your own sandwiches" is bound to go over big for a porch supper. Here are suggestions which you will enjoy using:

Mock Chicken Filling.
(Enough for 12 sandwiches)
1 cup cooked veal or pork
½ cup finely shredded cooked carrot
½ cup finely chopped celery
2 tablespoons pickle relish
3 tablespoons mayonnaise
Salt to taste

Combine and mix ingredients together thoroughly. Chill before serving.

Nippy Filling.
(Enough for 9 sandwiches)
1 tablespoon horseradish
1 tablespoon cold water
2 cups finely ground wieners
1 cup grated American cheese
3 tablespoons finely chopped green pepper
1 teaspoon salt
Dash of pepper
Mayonnaise to moisten

Mix horseradish and let stand 10 minutes. Add remaining ingredients, blending well. Spread between bread or rolls.

Tuna Snack.
(Makes 8 to 12 sandwiches)
7 ounce can of tuna fish, flaked
1 hard-cooked egg, chopped
½ cup sandwich spread
Tomato slices
Crisp, cooked bacon

Flake fish and add sandwich spread and chopped egg. Serve spread on rolls with tomato and bacon slices.

Salads carry out the prettiness of a porch or garden supper. Make a molded one in the morning and if you have fruits, chill them well before tossing them together

the last minute:
Molded Cottage Cheese Salad.
(Serves 6)
1 package lime-flavored gelatin
1 cup hot water
1 cup water or fruit juice
½ cup chopped celery
½ cup chopped, unpeeled apple
1 cup cottage cheese
Thinned mayonnaise
Salt and pepper



Dissolve gelatin in hot water. Add cold water or fruit juice. Chill until firm. Combine celery, apple and cottage cheese with mayonnaise and season. Serve on top of gelatin in lettuce cups.

Fruit Salad Platter.
(Serves 10 to 12)
2 to 3 large bananas, cut lengthwise
1 red apple, cut in thin wedges
1 cup large, dark sweet cherries, seeded
½ pint fresh berries
4 to 6 slices fresh or canned pineapple
1 large orange, sliced
1 grapefruit, sectioned

Sprinkle bananas and apple with lemon or pineapple juice to prevent turning dark. Line platter or salad bowl with salad greens. Arrange each of the fruits in separate groups, making a pleasing balance of color and shapes. Apple wedges, for example, may be used to separate grapefruit segments. Use honey french or plain french dressing.

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Lesson for July 1

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GOD'S JOY IN CREATION

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 1:1-5, 10-12, 16-18, 26, 27, 31
GOLDEN TEXT—God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.—Genesis 1:31.

The destiny of this world seems to be in the balances in our day with wicked men ruthlessly trying to destroy that which is good and upright. We are deeply concerned in our hearts that the right should triumph and that a just and righteous peace should come.

In such a day it is good to remind ourselves, as we will in our three-month series of studies in Genesis, that man did not make this world, nor is it the product of natural forces. God made it.

I. God Made Heaven and Earth (vv. 1-5, 10-12, 16-18).

The biblical account of creation—"In the beginning God"—stands as a dignified, satisfactory, intelligent explanation of the origin of things, and in bold contrast to the confusing and almost unbelievable theories of men.

The best of scientists admit that they know nothing of the origin of things, and some say that they never will know. The answer to this query, with which every human philosophy opens, is the affirmation with which the divine account in Genesis opens—"In the beginning God."

Space forbids full discussion of the account of creation, but a study of it will reveal its beautiful order, symmetry, and completeness.

Compare that orderly account with the absurdities of the ancient human cosmogonies, and you have a new regard for Scripture.

II. God Made Man in His Own Image (vv. 26, 27).

Although man has often so debased himself by sin and disobedience to God that it seems almost unbelievable, it is nevertheless true that he was made in the likeness and image of God. Because that is true, we never give up hope for him. Because of that image, no matter how deeply defaced by sin, man still may be touched by redeeming grace and restored to fellowship with God.

The likeness and image of God in man refers to a moral and spiritual likeness. Man is a living soul with intelligence, feeling and will. He is a moral being, knowing the difference between right and wrong. He is a self-conscious, personal being.

To man God gave dominion over the earth and all its potential powers. Sometimes one has been hopeful that man was making good progress in the development of the earth's resources for his own good and the glory of God. But one is sad to see how he has used this great God-given opportunity for destruction and death. Only a revival of real Christianity can bring him back to his senses. Let us pray and work for it.

Observe that the family was established as the center of man's life on earth, as God gave him a "help meet unto him."

The decay of family life and the modern substitution of social and civic units as the basis of life have led to disastrous results, one of which is juvenile delinquency. Not only do we need a revival of religion, we also need a revival of the home life of the nation.

III. God Made All Things Well (v. 31).

When men do recognize the hand of God in creation, they often seem to feel that what He made was rather limited and defective. It would almost seem that God should be clever about perfecting His work, developing it and making it useful.

As a matter of fact, God, who had all knowledge and whose standards are higher than man's standards could possibly be, looked over His creation and "behold, it was very good" (v. 31). It was a "finished" job (2:1).

Man has destroyed much of creation's beauty. Sin came in and marred it. What man's inventive cleverness has developed of the possibilities of this world is only a minute fraction of what is yet available. Instead of boasting, man might well be distressed at the pathetic slowness with which he has "thought God's thoughts after Him."

Instead of fighting and destroying, he ought to give his energies to building, developing, and above all, to loving God with all his heart and his neighbor as himself (Matt. 22:37-40).

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The Questions

1. What is Inisfail?
2. What is the legal status of Indians in Canada?
3. What is the difference between a stogy and a stogie?
4. In a newspaper, what is a spreadhead?
5. What is the oldest public park in the United States?
6. How many wings do bees have?
7. What does maladdress mean?
8. What is the world's largest bridge?

The Answers

1. A poetic name for Ireland.
2. In Canada they are considered to be minors.
3. A stogy is a coarse boot or shoe; a stogie is a slender cigar.
4. A headline that runs over two or more columns.
5. Boston Commons, in Boston.
6. Four.
7. Awkwardness or rudeness in speech; a lack of politeness or tact.
8. Oakland Bay bridge in San Francisco.

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Power Resource

Personal confidence is one of the world's really great power resources. When two individuals become acquainted, after they have more or less dealing with each other, confidence (or a noticeable lack of confidence) always results. This is no part of high-brow psychology. It is a practical experience that comes to every human before he knows enough words to tell about it. The power contained in this commonplace, human relationship is too big to calculate. How many times have you known insolvent business firms to rise above ruin and fight their way to prosperity because a banker believed personally in somebody? More than once I have seen "defeated" ball teams build victory from nothing anybody could see but the hopeful grin of a respected coach.

Of Practical Use

Nowhere in mortal experience is the power of personal trust so obvious as in a hospital. Patients get better when the doctor comes. Pain seems to lose its edge, fever actually subsides, confusion gives place to calm when the physician enters. It is a positive curative, a definite part of physical treatment. It is a thing too useful and effective to be lightly discarded.

There is a concerted movement on foot in political circles to break up this relationship between doctor and patient. It is spoken of as "instilling socialized medicine." By no means have all the details of the plan been worked out, but the early steps have been charted. It adds up to putting all doctors on the government's payroll and assigning them their patients.

It Is Regimentation

To Mr. Average Citizen it means that he can't choose his physician. If he gets sick or a member of his family encounters accident or ill health, he must complain to a bureau and accept the doctor picked by the bureaucrat in charge. He probably will be obliged to go somewhere and fill out a blank first. If the case calls for hospital service he will be so informed and a hospital selected for him.

Boosters for socialized medicine claim it will improve the entire nation's well-being. They say it will make doctors anxious to keep their communities well, make them zealous of disease prevention. I doubt it. Making doctors salaried government men can't help but make a lot of them lazy and indifferent. It might reasonably cost many lives and it would certainly pile administrative expenses to the sky.

A Labor of Love

Professional services, by their very nature, are personal services. In large part they are confidential. A man who is not at liberty to pick his own confidants is not a free man at all. Doctors admit that they, on the average, might earn more money in fewer hours of work under socialized medicine. Nevertheless doctors oppose it and it is to their moral credit.

Doctors oppose shorter hours at better pay; why? Because in getting these "goodies" for themselves they would cause their patients to pay more, suffer more and perhaps die sooner. The physician's work would be no longer personal... no longer professional. In their vital delicate services doctors would have to get along without personal confidence, the most helpful of all medicines.

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The Mayor Of Edith Says



A man wrapped up in himself makes a mighty small package.

U. S. Tests Robots To Hurl at Enemy

Seek Method to Counteract Nazi 'Buzz-Bomb.'

WASHINGTON. — The air service technical command is experimenting with robot bombs and the army may decide to hurl them back against Germany as well as Japan, it was revealed recently.

Component parts for between 1,000 and 2,000 bombs similar to the German V-1 are being produced by the Ford Motor company, Republican Aviation corporation, Jack and Heinz company and Monsanto Chemical corporation.

The ASTP, with headquarters at Wright Field, Ohio, said the principal reason for the experiment was to seek a method of counteracting the "Buzz Bomb" and that their employment as an Allied offensive weapon was unlikely.

"We have no interest in a weapon which destroys at random," an official said. "The American mind tends to accurate destruction of military objectives, not in hitting homes and civilian populations."

Military observers, however, said that their employment was a definite possibility, especially against Japan, if experiments should uncover a means of increasing accuracy.

The ASTP already has reconstructed and fired robot bombs after piecing together experimental models from parts collected in England, some from duds. Firing tests are being carried out at special sites constructed by the engineer corps. Special electrical equipment is being used to "track" the robots from launching to landing.

Lieut. Gen. Barney M. Giles, deputy AAF commander, said that U. S. experiments with robots had progressed far beyond the German models. He added that they would be less useful to the Allies than to Germany.

100,000 Workmen Busy at Repairing London Homes

LONDON, ENGLAND. — Lord Woolton, minister of reconstruction, said recently that 100,000 workers had been assigned to repairing robot damaged homes in the London area, but he warned the public against expecting a quick solution of the housing problem.

Since Prime Minister Churchill reported to commons in August that it was estimated 800,000 homes in the London area had been damaged by robots, the number has been raised to well above 1,000,000.

Referring to homes made uninhabitable, Lord Woolton said that "as a result of the bombing we have lost 130,000 houses in the London area."

Germans Perpetrated Art Fraud on Pontiff, Charge

LONDON, ENGLAND. — Some of Italy's greatest art treasures have disappeared in a huge fraud perpetrated on the Vatican by the Germans, War Minister Sir James Grigg told commons recently.

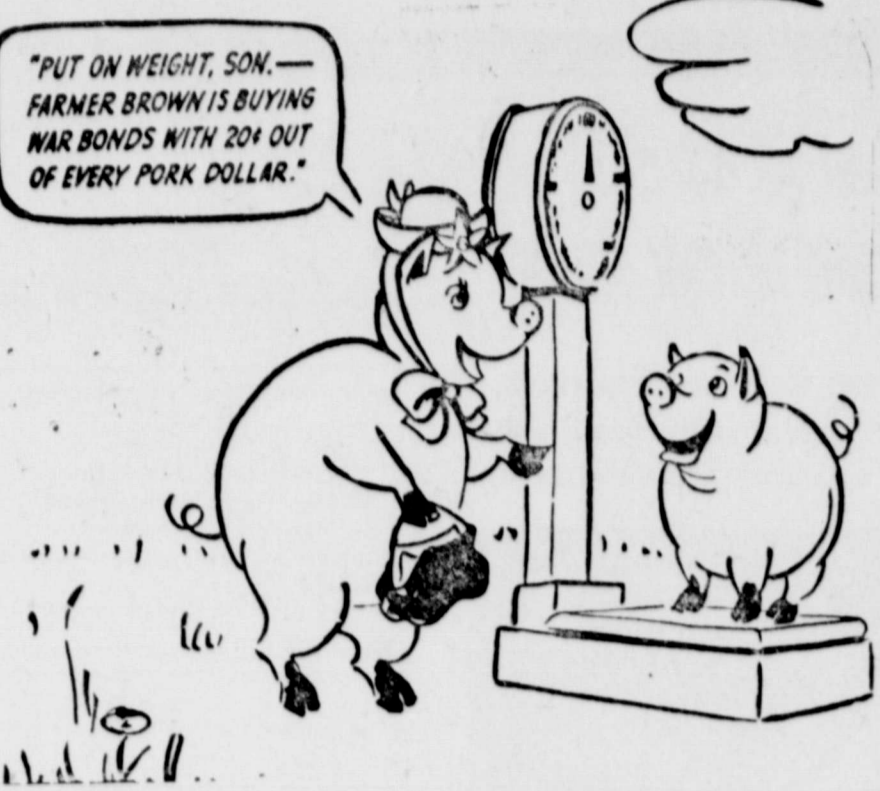
"The most damning case of theft," he said, "was from a deposit in Cassino abbey, where paintings and sculpture from all over north Italy had been stored."

The Germans claimed to have packed the treasures in 187 crates and sent them to the Vatican for safe keeping, he said, but 15 crates never reached their destination and many others were found to contain inferior works.

TODAY'S BEST NEWS

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.—Proverbs 22:1.

Mail your news items so that they will reach us not later than Tuesday afternoon, please.



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Two Schedules Each Way Daily Between Abilene and San Angelo
ABILENE, TEXAS
READ DOWN
NEW SCHEDULES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 10, 1944
READ UP

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.

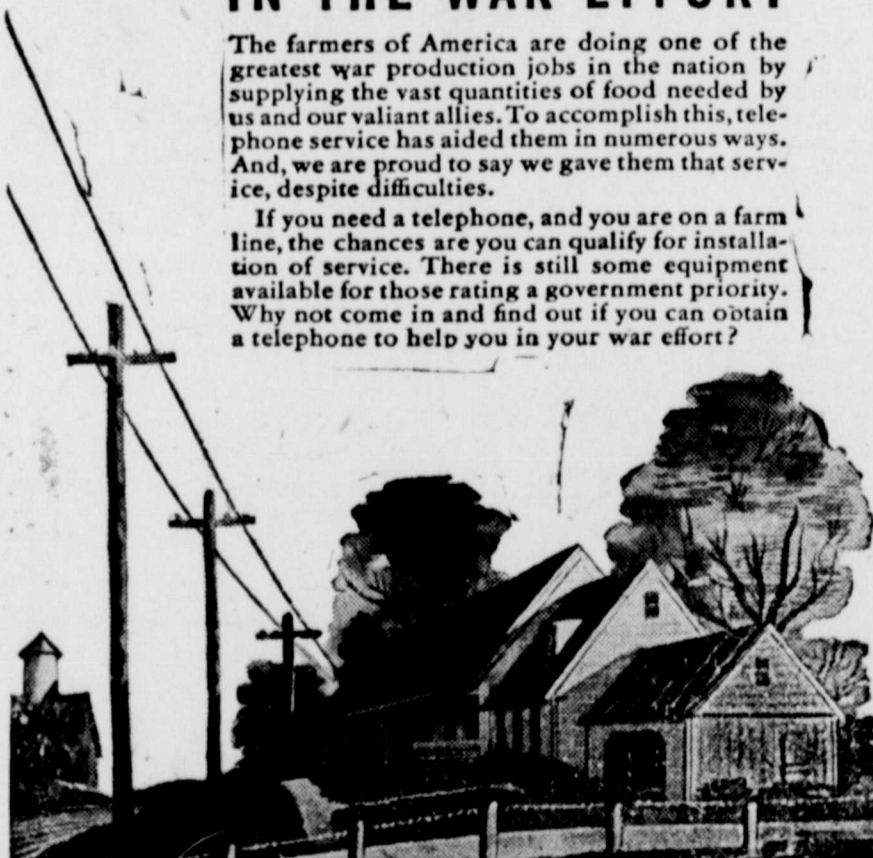
Notice, Water Users

Pay your Water Bill by the 10th of each month at the City Hall or your service will be discontinued.
By Order of CITY COMMISSION.

Partners IN THE WAR EFFORT

The farmers of America are doing one of the greatest war production jobs in the nation by supplying the vast quantities of food needed by us and our valiant allies. To accomplish this, telephone service has aided them in numerous ways. And, we are proud to say we gave them that service, despite difficulties.

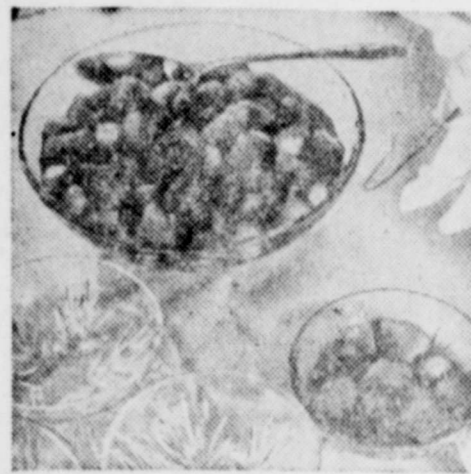
If you need a telephone, and you are on a farm line, the chances are you can qualify for installation of service. There is still some equipment available for those rating a government priority. Why not come in and find out if you can obtain a telephone to help you in your war effort?



San Angelo Telephone Company



Fresh Fruits, Berries, Sugar—Easy Pies Satisfy Appetites



Easy Dessert: You need go no further than a bowlful of luscious, rosy-pink strawberries, plain or sugared with cream for a perfect summery dessert.

Desserts are nutritious but they are served mainly for morale. Fruits, sparkling with their glorious colors, give a fitting close to a heavy meal. On the other hand, heavier desserts give a rich flavor to an otherwise simple meal.

Desserts take care of the sweet tooth, that craving for something utterly delicious. No longer do they require only sugar. Substitutes have been developed that give pies, cakes and puddings all the goodness of former times but do not dip into the sugar canister with a big scoop.

Apricot Torte.

- 3/4 cup melted shortening
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup sifted flour
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups quick-cooking oats

Sift flour, measure, then sift again with soda and salt. Add sugar and oats. Mix in melted shortening and blend well. Press half of the mixture into a shallow pan. Make a filling by mixing 2 1/2 cups of cooked, slightly sweetened apricots with 1/4 cup of the fruit juice and flavoring with 1 tablespoon lemon juice. Pour this mixture over the oatmeal mixture and top with remaining oatmeal mix. Bake for 35 minutes in a moderate (350-degree) oven. Cool and cut into squares and serve with cream or lemon sauce.

***Frozen Strawberry Omelet.** (Serves 6)

- 1 pint strawberries, hulled and washed
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 3 eggs separated
- 6 tablespoons powdered sugar

Mash strawberries and granulated sugar. Let stand to draw off juice. Beat egg yolks until thick and lemon colored, and egg whites until stiff. Drain juice from berries and add berries and add berries to egg yolks. Fold powdered sugar into egg whites and combine the 2 mixtures. Add about 4 tablespoons of the berry juice. Pile lightly in the tray and freeze.

Date-Nut Pudding. (Serves 6 to 8)

- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup sugar

Lynn Says:

Thrifty Tricks: Cream leftover vegetables and serve them piping hot over split, buttered biscuits. Stretch out the strawberries by adding a bit of rhubarb when you make them into a sauce. The color will be rosy-red, the flavor delicious served over cottage pudding, plain cake or dumplings.

If you are low on fruits for coffee cake fillings use last winter's jams, jellies or marmalades. For a quick coffee cake batter, butter the pan, line with orange marmalade and pour batter over it.

Cook potatoes with their skins on whenever possible to save valuable iron. Experiments show that potatoes lose about 10 per cent of their iron in the cooking water.

Lynn Chambers' Point-Saving Menus

- Fried Sausage Cakes with Corn
- Jellied Cabbage Slaw
- Biscuits with Honey or Jam
- *Strawberry Omelet
- Beverage
- *Recipe Given

- 1 cup dates, chopped
- 1 cup nuts, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Beat eggs until very light. Combine flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Add to beaten eggs, dates, nuts and vanilla. Stir until well blended. Spread evenly on a well-greased paperlined pan (square). Bake in a slow (325-degree) oven 40 to 50 minutes until well browned. Serve warm with top milk or whipped cream.

Two favorite, novel pies come in for their share of honors as desserts.

Chocolate Chip Pie. (Makes 1 9-inch pie)

- 1 baked pie shell
- 1 tablespoon unflavored gelatine
- 1/4 cup cold water
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 3 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 egg whites
- 3 tablespoons sugar

Soak gelatin in cold water. Scald milk. Add slowly to beaten egg yolks. Add the 1/2 cup sugar, salt and nutmeg. Cook in a double boiler over hot water, stirring constantly until mixture coats a spoon. Add soaked gelatin and vanilla. Chill until slightly thickened. Beat egg whites until stiff, then add 3 remaining tablespoons of sugar. Fold into gelatin mixture. Pour into baked pie shell. The top may be piled high with whipped cream and sprinkled with semi-sweet chocolate, grated, or just topped with the chocolate.

Note: 1/2 cup of strong coffee may be substituted for 1/2 cup milk, if so desired.



Moderately Easy Dessert: Top simple cupcakes with fruit or berries and serve with plain cream or whipped as a finishing touch to a light meal.

Pecan Pie.

- (Makes 1 8-inch pie)
- 1/4 cup butter or substitute
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup shelled pecans
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Cream the butter, add the sugar, syrup and beaten eggs. Mix well and add pecans, vanilla. Pour into an unbaked pie shell and bake for 45 minutes in a moderate oven. These cookies are dark, spicy and sweet. The combination of sugar and molasses will help save the sugar stamp:

- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon mace
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ginger
- 2 1/2 cups sifted flour

Cream shortening and sugar, then beat in egg. Mix soda with molasses until the latter foams and add. Sift salt, spices and 2 1/2 cups flour together and add to first mixture. Force through cookie press or drop by spoonfuls on greased cookie sheet. Bake 10 to 12 minutes in a hot (275 to 400-degree) oven.

Released by Western Newspaper Union.



AND JUST IN TIME, TOO

Throw away the towing-station phone! Kiss those upholstery squirrels and moths good-by! Forget about that wire you've been saving to hold the fenders and doorknobs in place!

The automobile is coming back!

WPB and the automobile manufacturers announce that 200,000 new cars will be made between now and January 1, with another 400,000 following in the first three months of 1946. Before many months you may actually see automobiles in this country with one-piece windshields, hubcaps on all four wheels and no mice-holes in the cushions.

Few things will lift the spirit of Americans more than the prospect of a return to the days when glistening paint jobs, eye-blinding gadgets and different shaped bodies were as routine as the first robin.

The bitterness of war hit many countries in many ways, but most Americans first awoke to its terrors when they looked into auto sales-room windows and found nothing there but the potted palm and the dusty draperies.

It has now been three or four years since the American home has answered a phone and found somebody on the other end saying "How about coming over and giving you a ride in our demonstrator?"

And there are people in this country who can hardly remember those sweet words: "We'll allow you \$800 on the old six and leave the new eight at your door."

This country never really knew how good its automobiles were until it had to make them last through a tough war. It made the amazing discovery that the industry had turned out machines that would run without oil, gas, tires, radiators, live batteries or intact pistons.

All over America cars have been in operation in defiance of the laws of engineering, gravitation, public safety, sanitation and rubbish collection.

And the condition of the pleasure cars has been somewhat outdone by the shapes the trucks were in. There have been trucks on our roads that needed only proper tags to make them museum pieces and collectors' items.

They operated on the two-trips-for-one plan: one trip as scheduled and another trip back over the route to pick up lost parts.

But relief is at hand. The Post-Hitler Boiler is just around the corner. The Japs are tough, but we can lick them with one hand on the steering gear.

RED POINTS WITH YOUR RESTAURANT MEALS

("It has been suggested that restaurant patrons give red points for meat orders.")—News item.)

Customer—How about a tenderloin?

Waiter—We have a very good 40 point tenderloin with french fries, or a nice 38-point T-bone with onions.

Customer—Are you kidding about this point stuff?

Waiter—No, sir. If you want meat in restaurants you gotta have red points.

Customer—If I had any red points I would eat at home.

Waiter—How about some nice halibut?

Customer—I didn't come in here for halibut.

Waiter—My dear fellow, what you come into a restaurant for these days is of no importance. We have some very good fried clams.

Customer—We digress. Do I get a steak or not?

Waiter—Do I get coupons or not? Customer—You are not entitled to coupons.

Waiter—Who told you that? Customer—Huffnagel, Apffel, Hoffman, Bernstein, Burnett and Cribbs—my lawyers.

Waiter—I've been advised otherwise by Bowles, Packer, Slaughter and Chef—they're my lawyers!

Customer—Oh, well, it looks like a dead heat. Can't we compromise?

Waiter—How?

Customer—I'll give you half the points required if you'd give me half the steak that's represented on the menu.

Waiter—That's easy. And I'll throw in a glass of water, too.

AROUND THE HOUSE

Do not allow your vacuum cleaner bag to become filled with dirt before you empty it. It should be emptied frequently so as not to interfere with the flow of air.

If brown sugar becomes lumpy, place a damp cloth in the jar with the sugar and cover it tightly.

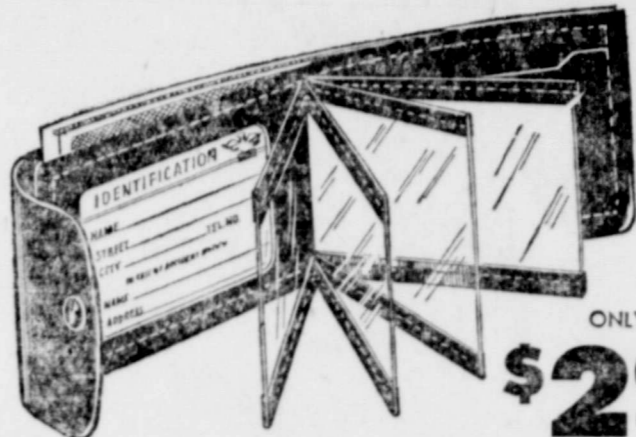
Don't be annoyed by a food chopper that won't stay firmly anchored to the table. Put a piece of sandpaper, gritty side up, on the table before screwing the chopper in place above it.

Two spools nailed to the wall about two inches apart makes a good place to hang the broom (upside down).

An old turkish towel is good for removing dust from upholstered furniture. Wet the towel, wring it dry, and spread over piece to be cleaned. Beat with a broomstick. Escaping dust clings to the towel.

Cut blotting paper to fit the bottom of the large salt shaker. This will take up the dampness, leaving the salt dry and free running.

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50 YEARS AGO IN COKE COUNTY

Early Day Items From Files Of The Coke County Rustler, Oct. 5, 1895

M. H. Davis now has his patent on his reversible dolly or house moving truck, and is to soon start out selling city, county and state rights.

John West of Silver has made some molasses of milo maize, which is said to be far superior to sorghum molasses, both in looks and taste,

On Wednesday evening, Oct. 2, at the Sanco church, Charley Wolf-gin and Miss Dona Craddock were married, Minister G. F. Fair officiating.

On Tuesday, Oct. 1, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gardner, County Judge D. T. Averitt and Miss Adie Gardner were married. Only a

few friends and relatives were present.

H. Christian of Fort Chadbourne this week sold Ed Mobley two loads of corn for 40c a bushel.

Middling cotton is selling at 8c.

J. E. Higgins, of South McAlester, Choctaw Nation, brother of R. B. Higgins, has moved to this place and we hear that he has rented Mrs. J. G. Moor's farm south of town.

Lee Good has bought from J. S. Miles, San Angelo, 17 head of cattle at \$13 per head. Good has sold to M. Z. Smissen, Sterling, 400 heifers, Nov. 1 delivery.

Dennis Maddox is running the butcher shop.

A. J. Payne of Sanco was a visitor in our office Monday. He informs us that Miss Emma Merchant is to teach the Sanco school.

Johnson & Miller last week bought 1500 cows and 500 calves from Lee Good.

J. B. Cherbino, the well known Vermont buck man, has decided to close out his business in Vermont and move to West Texas and engage in the sheep business. He is now in the market for 2,000 ewes.

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

Those Good Old Days

"I remember the good old days when right here in Robert Lee you could buy steak at 8c a pound—three pounds for a quarter, and the butcher threw in a slug of tallow as long as your arm to fry it in," said an old timer to the editor yesterday. "And besides, the meat market man would be glad to give you a liver for your pup, just to get rid of it," said he. Those were grand old days. It's different now. But, if you recall, in those days, so we are told, the butcher could buy a steer for \$12. He paid about \$5 a month rent, and if he had a hired man, his wages were \$15 a month. There were no ice bills to pay. No electric bills, no gas bills, no income tax bills, no gas or lube taxes. No tires to buy, no water bills since they used cisterns and wells. No telephone bills, no insurance bills. Those were grand old days. Eh, what?

As a birthday gift from his mother and sister, James L. Reid Jr., San Angelo, will read The Observer for the ensuing year.

Says The Wildcat Apostle



Some bachelors never get the idea out of their heads that three or four wimmen are always in love with them.

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Co-Op. Association

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

Fri. **SPECIALS** Sat.

GROCERY DEPARTMENT:

Skinner Raisin Bran, pkg. 10c
Cal-Glory Orange Juice 47 oz. can 49c
Victor Pancake Flour, small pkg. 8c, large 17c
Hershey Cocoa, 8 ounce package 10c
S & W Apple Juice, 12-oz. bottle 15c
Dromedary Gingerbread Mix, pk. 18c
Whitson Pinto Beans, No. 2 can 11c
Heinz Baby Food 8c
Madonna Tomato Paste 6 oz. can 10c
Kwik Insect Spray 29c
Quart
Ma Brown Grape Jelly, 1-lb. jar 24c
Del Mar Sardines, tall can - 11c
National Chocolate Syrup, 1 lb. 25c

E-Z Aid

Summer Drink, assorted flavors
8 oz. bottle 10c

No. 2 Cans, case of 100 for only 2.19
Libby Tomato Juice, No. 2 tin - 11c
Vinegar, quart jar, distilled - 10c
Heinz Vegetable Soup, can - 13c

PenJel, 2 pkgs. 23c

Peter Pan Peanut Butter, 12 oz. 29c
Tender Sweet Corn, cream style, No. 2 can 12c
Bestex Cut Green Beans, No. 2 can, 10 points 13c
Gold Medal Flour 10lb. bag 55c; 25lb. bag 1.32



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

Valia Colossal All Green Asparagus Spears - 41c
Welch Grape Juice, pints - 30 points - 24c

Fly Swatters - 10c

DRUG DEPARTMENT

Kreml Shampoo 6 oz. bottle 49c, 12 oz. 79c
Woodbury After Shave Lotion 39c : Fitch Rose Hair Oil, 3 oz. bottle 12c tax inc. : Jergens Face Powder, assorted shades 25c : West Point Hair Tonic, 16 oz. bottle, 1.01 tax inc : Tweezers, 25c value 19c; 50c value 39c.

Lettuce, fresh, crisp, new shipment 12 1/2c each
Oranges, Calif., assorted sizes to select from.
Lemons, full of juice, doz. 25c : Carrots 5c bunch
Grapefruit, California 11c lb. : Celery, stalk 29c

MEAT DEPARTMENT

Seven Bone Roast, pound 28c
Blue Moon Cheese Spread - 19c
Boiling Bacon, pound - - 15c
Red Bud Oleo, pound - - 19c
Brisket Roast, pound - 24c