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### Home Lad Guards Jap Palace

With The 97th Infantry Division, Kumagaya, Japan.—Guarding a prince's palace is the unusual duty of Private First Class Conrad Millican, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Millican, Edith Texas, now with the 96th Infantry Division, commanded by Major General H. F. Cramer, in Japan.

The palace, that of Prince Yamashina of the Imperial Japanese Household, is located at Yorih on Honshu Island. The prince has been residing there since the destruction of his Tokyo palace by American bombers in June of this year.

Private First Class Millican earned the Combat Infantryman Badge as a scout and observer with First Battalion Headquarters Company, 386th Infantry Regiment, in the battle of the Ruhr pocket and the 97th Infantry Division's drive into Czechoslovakia. He joined the division after completing basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas. He was inducted in April, 1944.

At the end of the European war he was redeployed with the 97th Infantry Division to Japan.

M. C. 1-c Ray Ledbetter, son of Mrs. J. C. Slaughter, has arrived home, having received his discharge after 2 1/2 years overseas service. He saw service in Alaska and Okinawa, being with the U. S. forces since Aug. 1, 1942. He was awarded the Good Conduct Ribbon.

Mrs. Coke Austin last week received a big shipment of Jap souvenirs from her son Coke Jr. The lot included silks, fans, pipes, paintings, a knife, a book, and other interesting items.

Commissioner Thomas Harmon was among Saturday's visitors.

### Rodeo Will Be Staged Dec. 15

The Coke County Livestock Association's Amateur Rodeo here on Saturday, Dec. 15, will have a full program of bronc riding, calf roping, goat roping, calf riding and other events. There will be junior events for 4-H and F. F. A. boys; it is announced.

Amateur roping will be open to anyone, except professional ropers, who are barred. L. R. Schooler and Delmir Sheppard are the rodeo directors.

Arrangements are being made to entertain a big crowd on that date at this the first regular rodeo to be presented in the new arena constructed by the Livestock Association. Don't miss it.

#### AAA Election

A final appeal to "get out and vote" in the committeemen election is directed to county farmers and ranchers by Chairman C. N. Webb, of the County AAA Committee. This election is to be held Saturday, Dec. 8th at the places previously stated.

Regular community committeemen and alternates will be elected for 1946. Elected at the same time will be delegates to a county convention, to be held later, where a county committee will be elected for the coming year.

The Observer has on display a beautiful lot of Xmas Gift boxes, several sizes, 5c each. Also large sheets fine Gift Wrapping Paper, 5c.

Mrs. E. W. Wright was here from Colorado City Sunday visiting Mrs. A. E. Latham.

I. A. Bird was a business visitor from Sanco last Saturday.

Otis Smith was a business visitor from Bronte Monday.

### Steers To Meet Eden In Championship Tilt

Everything is in readiness for Friday's big football game in Robert Lee when the steers go up against their old foes, the snappy Eden Bulldogs, holders of the District 5-B title. Last year the Steers, in a hard fought game, defeated the Bulldogs for the bi-district title, in a score of 7-6.

Coach Geo. L. Taylor has his team in fine shape, and everything

#### Extends Thanks

Judge McNeill Wylie, United War Fund chairman, with his assistants, wish to extend thanks to all contributors in Coke county. While Coke county did not attain its quota, a fair showing was made. The committee worked hard and appreciate every kindness shown.

#### Robert Lee 54, Bronte 0

The Robert Lee Steers defeated the Bronte Longhorns Friday by a score of 54 to 0. It was an exciting football game.

### Folks You Know

Marcus Turner has accepted a position with Leeper Supply Co.

Ben Tubb reports the sale of the Miss Ollie Green farm of 193 acres 2 miles northwest of town to Tom Wigginton at \$38 per acre.

Lieut. Frank D. Bryan, after overseas service, arrived home this week from Tyler, where he received an honorable discharge from the army.

The dedication of the Robert Lee Baptist church last Sunday was well attended, despite inclement weather. Minister Harry Hames of Brownwood, former pastor here, delivered the dedicatory sermon.

If you've been having us send The Observer to a friend and want it to continue, better call and check expiration dates. A number of subscriptions expire this and next month, and when the time is up the paper is discontinued.

Miss Ollie Green left this week for Dallas to reside. She has rented her place here in town to W. T. Roach.

Don't delay any longer—place your order for Christmas cards at once with The Observer. Our supply is going fast. Fair warning!

Frank King of Magdalena, N. M. and Miss Gertrude Davis of San Angelo, were Thanksgiving dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Summers.

Commissioner Ben Brooks of Tennyson was among Saturday's visitors in the county capital.

looks lovely, lovely. His team has lost only one game in the last two years, and the homefolks are expecting the Steers to maintain their enviable record.

Following is the line-up for the game:

#### Robert Lee Steer Lineup:

Name	Position	No.	Weight
Sheppard	LE	76	163
Service	LT	83	197
Brown	LG	73	165
Dean	C	71	151
Cole	RG	75	138
Walker	RT	79	182
Varnadore	RE	86	162
Percifull W.	Q	87	162
Littfield	HB	72	167
Smith	HB	70	135
Green	FB	74	162
Ivey	B	90	140
Fowler	B	89	145
Duncan	B	80	130
Burns	B	88	143
Allen	E	22	145
Wallace	E	81	150
Harmon	E	14	120
Schooler	E	15	135
DeVoll Jr.	T	91	145
Day	T	77	173
DeVoll L.	T	17	165
Sheppard F.	T	27	175
Snead	C	84	164
Austin	G	63	145
Gaines	G	51	150
Baker	G	78	137
Lofton	G	82	137

#### Eden Bulldogs Lineup:

Name	Position	No.	Weight
Luhke	LE	39	140
Flippen	LT	37	144
Stephens, L	LG	67	160
Jacoby, R. (Co.C)	C	22	157
Werner	RG	35	133
Haie	RT	46	159
Maddoux	RE	48	140
Sanders	QB	75	145
Jacobson	RH	87	157
Yates	FB	44	153
Mayer (C)	LH	77	173

#### Substitutes:

Daniel, J.		79	132
Daniel, W.		38	124
Farrar		55	153
Lockett		15	136
Davis			130
Jacoby		72	125
Strentz		50	128
Grey		70	122
Gromatzky		60	112
Lamon		10	125
Stephens, W.		20	137

### Seeking Recruits For U. S. Army

Sgt. R. A. Bostrom and Sgt. H. F. Roe, two U. S. Army sergeants were here last Friday from San Angelo seeking recruits for the army. We are asked to announce that they will be in Robert Lee, at the post office, each Friday to discuss matters with prospective recruits. Enlistments may be made at any time for 1, 2 or 3 year periods. A recruiting station is now maintained on the 3rd floor of the post office building, San Angelo. Men between 17 and 34 years old may enlist.

#### Bids Were Rejected

At a special meeting of commissioners court Saturday, bids were opened for the moving back of fencing on the Colorado. Robert Lee highway, and all bids were rejected. Three bids were offered for consideration. We understand that the county will proceed on its own initiative and have the work done.

The Leeper Supply Company, Robert Lee's newest business concern is now open and is enjoying a good business. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Leeper have a nice stock of hardware, which is being enlarged by more goods constantly. Stocks are neatly and conveniently arranged and the new concern is being given a hearty welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Garvin and son, Edmond left Tuesday for Cleburne and Dallas. They will visit their two daughters, Mrs. O. V. Wallace and family and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Zelachoski in Cleburne, and Mrs. Garvin's sister, Mrs. L. E. Forrest and family in Dallas.

Mrs. Willis Smith was hostess at a silver tea Wednesday afternoon, honoring members of the Coke County Home Demonstration Council.

Ben Tubb last week sold a 10 months old calf in the auction ring at San Angelo which brought \$95.40 net.

## Christmas Gifts

Ladies Slips and Lingerie  
Cotton and Wool Blankets, Bedspreads  
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The Turkeys Are Going Strong!

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- Blankets, 25% wool, 72x84.....\$6.98
- Boxed, satin bound—colors blue, rose, cedar, green.
- Bedspreads, Chenille, double bed size \$13.60, \$14.95, \$16.95
- colors white, multicolor, blde, rose peach
- Bedspreads, Chintz, blue, rose, ecru—floral patterns...\$14.95
- Lady Christina Rugs, 24x48 chenille.....\$4.79
- Lady Christina Rugs, 24x48 shag.....\$4.79
- Lady Christina Rugs, 36x60 shag.....\$8.95
- Others in white, peach, blue, rose.....\$4.95 to \$6.95

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## BARBEE'S

## Listening Stick Bows To Progress

Today the "listening stick," like the bustle, the mustache cup and the rubber collar, is only a museum piece, but there are many oldtime telegraphers who recall pleasantly the days when it was the magic wand, the mahogany baton that marked their trade.



The gentle tick of a pocket watch, when conducted to the ear through a listening stick, can be heard even in a noisy room. This ability to single out sound made the listening stick an important tool to old-time telegraph repeater attendants.

The listening stick was an ingenious but simple device designed by Bell System engineers and made by Western Electric early in the 1900's to aid the telegraph room attendant of the day. And that harried guy needed help. Often hundreds of telegraph instruments, spread on tables in one small room, clattered away simultaneously. Attendants shouted orders back and forth above the din. In this babel of electrical and human voices, even an expert technician had difficulty reaching across a table to pick out one electrical voice from the many. The listening stick did the trick.

Made of finest mahogany, the listening stick is about two feet long and five eighths of an inch thick. It operated much like a doctor's stethoscope. The telegrapher would place one end of the stick containing a hollow wooden earpiece to his ear and the other end against the frame of the instrument. The sound, moving by conduction through the closely knit fibres of the mahogany, focused at his ear. As a doctor judges the regularity of heart beats, the telegraph man determined the clarity of dots and dashes coming through. He could detect any flaws in the adjustment of the instrument and concentrate on one circuit at a time.

Today, thanks to modern switchboards, toll-cable networks, vacuum tube amplification and other improvements, Bell System telegraph repeater rooms are about as quiet as an ordinary living room and the listening stick is just a pleasant memory to old-time "brass pounders."

### NOTICE IN PROBATE

The State of Texas, County of Coke.

To those indebted to or holding claims against the Estate of Laura Lee Westbrook, Deceased.

The undersigned having been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Laura Lee Westbrook, deceased, late of Coke county Texas, by McNeil Wylie, Judge of the County Court of said County on the 10th day of September, A. D. 1945, hereby

notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to him within the time prescribed by law at his residence at Bronte, Coke County, Texas, where he receives his mail, this the 26th day of November, A. D. 1945.  
C. S. WESTBROOK,  
Administrator of the Estate of Laura Lee Westbrook, Deceased.

We join many friends in extending condolence to Mrs. H. A. Springer in the loss of her father, Richard T. Roberts, 74, who passed away at his home in San Angelo, Sunday at 1:30 a. m. Deceased, a prominent citizen, had resided in San Angelo since 1926.



## Harvest Help

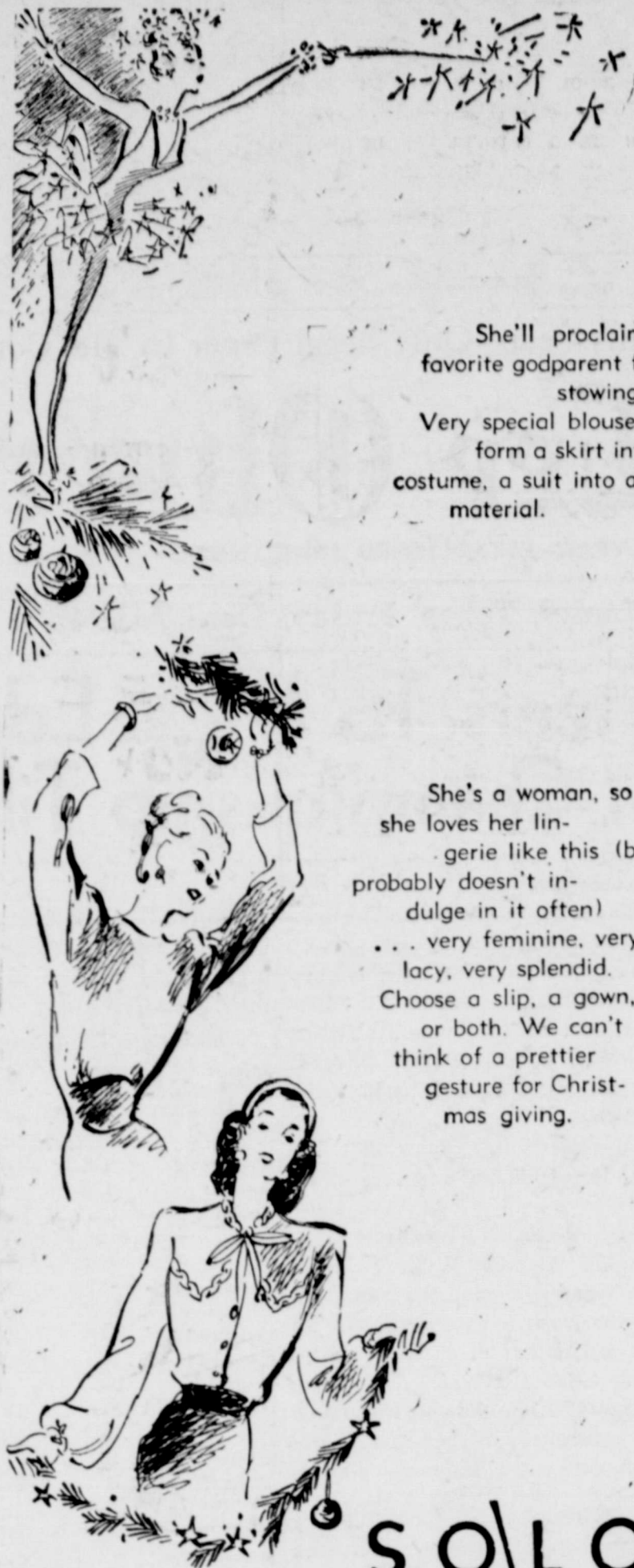
Harvest time . . . when the farmer is at his busiest! Especially so today when the crop he harvests is so vital. It is during these work filled harvest days when the farmer most appreciates the time-saving assistance his telephone offers. That is why so many more progressive farmers are planning to enjoy the conveniences of telephone service after Victory. And that, too, is why our postwar plans include modern rural telephone service.

San Angelo Telephone Company

## Pretty Ways To Say Merry Christmas

She'll proclaim you her favorite godparent for bestowing a gift like this. Very special blouses . . . to transform a skirt into an exciting costume, a suit into after-dark material.

She's a woman, so she loves her lingerie like this (but probably doesn't indulge in it often) . . . very feminine, very lacy, very splendid. Choose a slip, a gown, or both. We can't think of a prettier gesture for Christmas giving.



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### Coke County Livestock Association

# Amateur Rodeo

## Robert Lee, Saturday, Dec. 15

Bronc Riding, Calf Roping  
Goat Roping, Calf Riding  
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PROFESSIONAL ROPERS WILL BE BARRED

Junior Events for 4-H and F. A. A. Boys

Events Begin Promptly At 1 P. M. In The New Arena at Robert Lee. You're Invited.

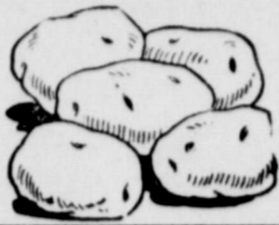
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Directors



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**Potatoes** U. S. No. 1 Idaho Russets, the world famous potatoes  
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10-pound mesh bag **53c**  
**Chili Pods, per pound 49c**



**Oranges, Texas Thin Skin, full of juice, dozen 29c**

**Grapefruit, Texas Marsh Seedless, med. size, doz. 47c**

If you want a bucket full of juice, don't pass these—

**Texas Oranges, Thin Skin, 10-pound mesh bag 55c**

**Lettuce, fresh, crisp, 2 heads 23c**



**Cabbage - 4c**  
New Mexico, firm heads, lb.

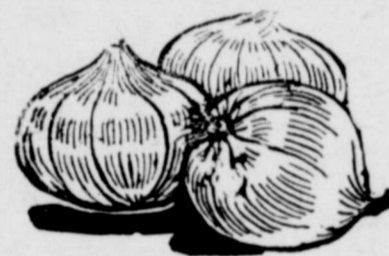
**CAULIFLOWER, California - pound - 19c**

**Rhubarb, cherry red, fine for pies, sauce, 2 lbs. 19c**

**Peanuts, Jumbo, roasted, 12-oz. bag 27c; raw 25c**

**Almonds, Drake 49c lb. — Walnuts, Diamond 43c**

**Green Onions, bunch 6 1-2c — Yams, East Texas, 9½c**



## O-N-I-O-N-S

Colorado Yellow, med. size, lb. 6 1-2c

Colorado Yellow, Jumbo, pound 8c



## Tender Meats

at Special Prices

**Round Bone Roast, pound 28c**

**Round Steak, AA veal, lb. 44c**

**Red Bud Oleo, pound - 19c**

**Summer Sausage, pound - 33c**

**Pork Neck Bones, pound 10c**

**Clover Bloom Cheese, lb. 49c**

## HILEX, gallon jar 39c

**Corn, Nation Pride, 12 ounce can 14c**

**Oats, 3-Minute, large size package 27c**

**TOMATOES No. 2 tin 23c**  
2 for

Armour Star Milk, 6 small or 3 tall cans 25c

Palmolive Soap, bath size, 2 for 19c; regular size 3 for 19c

Olives, Royal Stuffed, No. 250, 4½ oz. jar 31c

Libby's Baby Food, large assortment, per can 7c



## EVAPORATED FRUITS

**Dates, 14 ounce cello package - 59c**

**Figs, Fancy, 1 lb. cello bag - 57c**

**Raisins, Fruit Cake, 15-oz. package 19c**

**Currants, Fruit Cake, 8-oz. pkg. - 19c**

**Prunes, large, 1-lb. cello 17c; 2 lb. 33c**

**Apples, extra choice, 1-lb. cello - 49c**

**Libbys Fruit Cocktail, No. 2 1-2 tin 32c**

**Bright & Early Coffee, 1 lb. pkg. 27c**

**American Sardines, in oil, 3 cans 25c**

**Billow Brand Fish Flakes, 15-oz. can 47c**

**Libbys Grape Preserves, 303 jar 21c**

**Libbys Plum Preserves, 303 jar 33c**

**Snosheen Cake Flour, package - 26c**

**Heinz Cream of Tomato Soup, can 10c**

**Westshire Mincemeat 2 lb. jar 49c**

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

Bruce's Orange Juice, No. 2 tin 19c

Heinz Fresh Cucumber Pickles, 24-ounce jar 33c

Libbys Chili Sauce, 12 ounce bottle 25c

**Libbys Peaches No. 2 1-2 can - 26c**

**Salt, Morton's Sugar Cure, 10 lb. 69c**

**S & W Apple Juice, 12-oz. bottle 12c**

## Drug Department

**Peruna, 11 ounce size - 97c**

**St. Joseph Mineral Oil, pint size - 29c**

**50c St. Joseph Milk of Magnesia - 39c**

Jergens Lotion 50c size 47c tax inc. — 75c size 71c, tax inc.,  
Jeris Hair Oil, 10 oz. bottle, tax inc. 83c

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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!

Looking Down on the Land

The Fellow in the Airplane Above Quickly Surveys Your Farm!

By EDWARD EMERINE WNU Features.

WE WERE a few minutes out of Kansas City, and the C-47 transport plane was gliding along at about 160 miles an hour, some 2,500 feet above sea level. The rolling lands of eastern Kansas lay below us.

"Notice the erosion down there, Art?" I asked the man sitting in the bucket-seat next to me.

"Yes, I do," he replied quickly. "Pretty bad on some of those farms, but look at the ponds, the terracing and contour farming on others."

The mission was a press flight, and "Art" was Arthur V. Burrowes, editor of the News-Press, St. Joseph, Mo. At the time I was a public relations officer with the Air Transport command. A group of radio and press representatives was being flown to Abilene for the homecoming celebration for General of the Armies Dwight D. Eisenhower. A lot of us were looking out of the plane's windows, surveying the soil situation as we sped through the air.

Like many others, Editor Burrowes is interested in conserving the rich soil of northwest Missouri and northeast Kansas. The city of St. Joseph, with its stockyards, packing plants, cereal mills and rows of business houses, depends on that soil. Art Burrowes writes editorials about it, gives space for news stories and pictures that tell about keeping that good earth from going down the Missouri river, into the Mississippi, and on down to the Gulf of Mexico to build a greater delta there. He was that day seeing his beloved country for the first time from the air.

Take 'Mental Photographs.'

But for the past four years or more, while bombers and fighters have circled overhead and crossed the 48 states, American youths in those planes have been looking down on American cities and farms. With practiced eye they've taken mental photographs of hills and valleys, gullies and mesas, plains and mountains, rivers and lakes. As they trained to be pilots, navigators and bombardiers, they also learned about America.

"I'm going to buy a farm when the war's over," a young pilot told me. "But I want to fly over and look at it first."

I knew what he meant. He wanted to see the colorations of the soil, the yellowish patches where the soil was thin, the darker shades of red and brown, and finally, the black, rich bottoms. He wanted to see how much of his farm would be good land and what percentage would be poor. In a minute's flight over the farm he could see every gully, locate every pond, and view every effort at soil conservation.

That pilot had seen soil all over America, from the Everglades of Florida to the hills of New England. He had seen rocks sticking up out of fields in Virginia and had battled red dust over Oklahoma. He had flown over denuded hills of Alabama and Georgia and traced the missing soil to the marshes down near the ocean.

Up in the air the story of the land is told graphically and quickly. The chart spread out below hides nothing and reaches from coast to coast, from border to border. The varicolored soils admit their worth. The extent of damage by a forest fire is viewed within minutes. An Ohio river flood, lashing out to destroy or carry away man's home and food, will take only a few hours to cover from an airplane. Houses, livestock and debris floating down the stream

do not make a pretty sight, but hundreds of fliers have seen it.

Years ago I flew from Scottsbluff, Neb., over the North Platte valley in a small biplane. There were uncovered fields where potatoes and beans had been grown, and the wind was whipping up dust to be carried away. But southwest of Mitchell, I noticed something else. Where the Hall Brothers had used strip-farming for their wheat growing, the dust wasn't blowing!

Abandon Ranch.

It was in 1936, after the "dust-bowl" years, that I talked to an old friend, R. T. Cline, at Brandon, Colo., inquiring about acquaintances of other years. How is the Rupp family? It was my question.

"They left their ranch," Dick Cline told me. "They moved to the Arkansas valley and have a filling station, I think. So much dust covered the range they couldn't run cattle any more."

Recently I flew over eastern Colorado, and the range looks good now. Maybe the Rups are back on their ranch.

About 10 years ago I visited my Uncle Ira, who lived on my grandfather's old farm between Carrsville

The first erosion I ever saw was on our homestead ranch near Calhan, Colo. The settlers planted trees for a windbreak, and I chased tumbleweeds for sport.

The Honorable Robert G. Simmons, now on the supreme court of Nebraska, used to be a representative in congress. I've heard a lot of his speeches, but the most impressive thought he ever uttered was, to me, something like this:

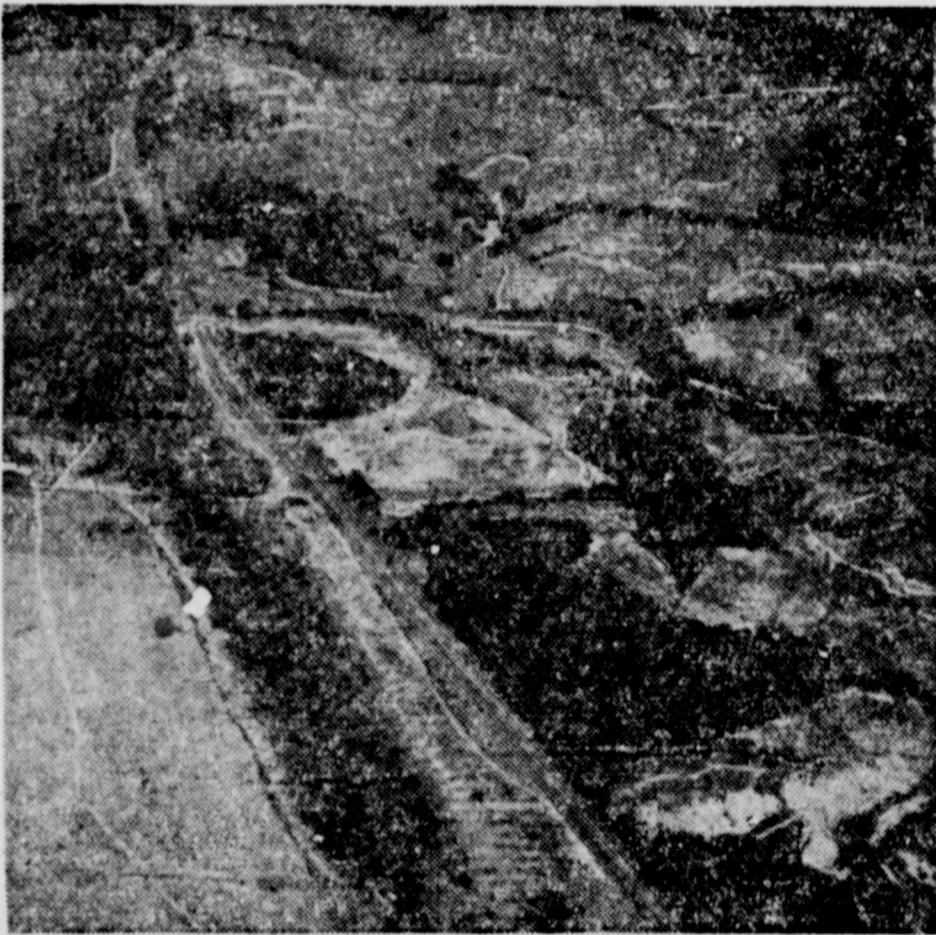
"Nebraska has no mines, no oil wells," said Bob Simmons. "Nebraska's wealth is eight inches of top soil."

Early in the New Deal, a shelter belt was suggested. It was to be a grove of trees from the Canadian border to the Rio Grande. It was laughed at until it was abandoned. But I'm not so sure it wouldn't have been a good thing.

Gigantic Windbreak.

My reason for believing in a shelter belt is the Halsey National forest at Halsey, Neb. Out in the middle of an arid country is a beautiful pine forest covering 30,000 acres, a gigantic windbreak which conserves the soil and builds it up year after year. I can imagine such a forest extending across the United States, and it doesn't look silly to me!

Soil erosion is everybody's business, I think. The banker, the doctor, the merchant—all are affected as much as the farmer. Some two billion people in the world depend for their livelihood on that thin skin of top soil spread over the earth.



Erosion Shows Its Colors.

and Hampton, in Livingston county, Kentucky. We walked over the hilly farm.

"It should have been terraced years ago," Uncle Ira admitted. "It could have been done. There was a big wash right here, for instance, but I kept filling it in with brush and trees and stuff. Not a trace of it left now, see?"

I've never seen that old farm from the air, but thousands of American fliers have looked down upon it. I think I know how it looks from up there.

Several aviators I've known are concerned about erosion in America. Don't expect them to join Friends of the Land, or write about conservation with the skill of Louis Bromfield; but they're concerned about it just the same. One of them who had flown over the Sahara and Gobi deserts remarked that there were no Chicagos or New Yorks in those places. He might have added that there were no Ford or General Motors factories there either.

I am not a farmer, no more than I am a pilot. For three years I rode around in planes while I was in the army, but I'm just a newspaper man with a rural background.

Many believe that 140 million people in the United States should be a little concerned over soil loss and destruction. In any event, it shouldn't be left entirely to the farmer to combat wind, water, fire and overcropping.

See It for Yourself

Many towns and cities are using aerial surveys in their postwar planning. Traffic, smoke, zoning, park planning and other civic problems can be surveyed from an airplane, many times more advantageously than from the ground. And always it is a thrill to fly over your own house and yard, to look down on the little spot you call home! But it is the vast farms, ranches and ranges that make the greatest aerial panorama. See for yourself. Get a "sky-view" of the land you think you know so well. You'll like it.

The next time you ride in an airplane, look out at the technicolor soil map below you, stretching miles and miles for you to study. Look particularly at the acres of poor, denuded soil, yellowish and impotent.

And remember that your food, even the meal the airline's hostess has just served, came from the soil below you.

Far as We're Concerned, We'd Rather Be Right!

Movie Producer Sam Goldwyn, Hollywood's Mr. Malaprop, was discussing the plans for a forthcoming picture with his advisers. At one point, carried away by enthusiasm, Mr. Goldwyn suggested a daring plan. Immediately one of his colleagues protested.

"You can't do that, Mr. Goldwyn," he pleaded.

"Why not?" demanded the producer. "It should work."

"You're wrong," insisted the other. "It can't possibly work."

At this Goldwyn drew himself up to his full height.

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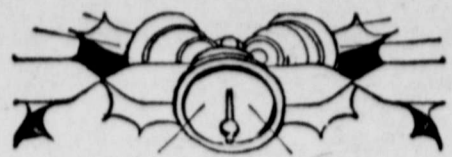
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## 50 YEARS AGO IN COKE COUNTY

Early Day Items From Files Of The Coke County Rustler, June 6, 1896

Seven of R. K. Wylie's fine Durham bulls died Wednesday.

Lee and Will Good, prominent Oak Creek stockmen were in town this week looking after business matters.

Last Sunday a man staying at Mart Trammell's took or pretended to take a quantity of a solution of strychnine. Dr. Tolliver was called to see him and gave medicine that caused him to vomit before the poison took effect. Trouble was the cause assigned for the foolish act. We presume that the man was too lazy to work and not slick enough to succeed as a dead beat. He left Tuesday morning over the Sweetwater mail line.

Married: June 3rd at Fort Chadbourne, J. A. Alexander and Miss Neva Callaway, L. H. Brightman officiating.

The San Angelo Standard reports the sale of nearly two million pounds of wool in that city last week at from 5 1-2c to 6 1-2c a pound.

Al Montieth was in from Ft. Chadbourne Tuesday with honey for sale.

Messrs. Gid Graham and W. W. Sumrall of Olga were in town Wednesday all smiles over the fine rain of Monday night.

Jim Johnson's broncho ran into a tree with him Wednesday and inflicted an ugly wound on his arm.

Jim Stewart and Bro. Bates went to San Angelo Tuesday and bought the lumber with which to build the church here. The bill amounted to \$363.

Mart Trammell brought in from Baird not long since, quite a small man in the person of Jess Daugherty, who is about 40 years old, weighs between 85 and 90 pounds, and is probably between three feet six inches and four feet high.

S. J. Chapman is being spoken of as a suitable man for the office of county judge.

Mrs. Jessie Fae Brock was made happy Tuesday by the news that her husband, Pfc. Robt. C. Brock, veteran of the Italian campaign, had landed in Virginia, and is now en route to Fort Sam Houston for his discharge.

### TODAY'S BEST NEWS

The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.—Proverbs 14:27.

### A. W. Littlefield Passes Away

Funeral services for A. W. Littlefield, who passed away at Pecos, Tuesday night, were conducted at the Robert Lee Baptist church, Thursday morning at 10 o'clock by Pastor Fred Blake, after which the remains were conveyed to Weatherford for interment.

For several years Mr. Littlefield had been in frail health, and for the past several months had resided in Douglas, Ariz., for the benefit of his health. His condition grew worse recently, and while en route home he passed away. Deceased was formerly in business here and had many friends in this area whom The Observer joins in extending to Mrs. Littlefield and children sincere condolence in their sadness.

### Officials Here

Garford Wilkinson, information officer, and Dale Hovey, chief photographer, both with the U. S. Reclamation Service office at Amarillo were here Wednesday conferring with Gerald Allen, secretary of UCRA. Pictures of Robert Lee, Hayrick and Bronte were made, and information obtained which will be beneficial to the Reclamation Service as concerns the proposed 12 million dollar dam at Robert Lee.

### NOTICE

Farmers having cotton to gin should phone and ask us for ginning date. Robert Lee Gin.

Commissioner S. A. Kiker was a visitor from Bronte Saturday.

Coke Austin Jr., is expected home on leave this week from the navy.

V. V. Wojtek was in from the farm Saturday greeting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Fikes were trading in town Saturday.

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Ernest Varnadore was the lucky customer to get the turkey at Cumbie & Roach's last Saturday.

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For Sale—John Deere 2 row tractor with cultivator and planter; has practically new rubber. Is in good shape. Will sell tractor and will rent 175 acres of land to purchaser, or will sell tractor without renting land. —I. A. Bird, Sanco, Texas. 25

For Sale—Ewes, bred to black faced bucks. T. M. Wylie Jr. 26

For Sale—Boy's bicycle. See Frank P. Brown. 26

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

# Auto Industry Faces Tieup In CIO Demand for Pay Increase; Trace Nazi Moves for Conquest

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



Lean and sober, Hermann Goering (left), Rudolph Hess (center) and Joachim Von Ribbentrop go on trial for war crimes at Nuernberg, Germany.

## STRIKE: Showdown

The CIO's demands for a 30 per cent postwar wage increase to maintain high wartime "take-home" pay came to a showdown when 175,000 members of the United Automobile Workers struck against General Motors corporation, No. 1 producer in the industry.

With labor's biggest union locked against the nation's greatest operating company, observers looked for a long-drawn battle between the two participants, with federal conciliator John W. Gibson expecting a settlement by January 15 or probably before. Against G.M.'s huge resources, the UAW reported possession of a \$4,000,000 strike fund, with rumors that the union was preparing for a winter-long siege.

Though original UAW plans called for a walkout only at G.M. plants under a new strategy which would hit at one company at a time and permit free operation of their competitors, the reliance of all other manufacturers except Ford upon G.M. for parts threatened to cripple the whole industry when supplies ran out or new sources could not be found. Meantime, UAW held negotiations with Chrysler and Ford over the pay issue.

UAW's decision to strike at G.M. followed the collapse of bargaining between the two parties, during which the union turned down the company's offer for a 10 per cent raise predicated upon the possibility of price increases for new cars. Under new OPA regulations, costs of new G.M. vehicles will be about 2 per cent below prewar figures.

Countering the UAW's demand for a 30 per cent wage increase, G.M. declared that production workers are earning from \$1.12 to \$1.15 per hour, with the over-all plant average at \$1.18 per hour. If UAW demands were met, the union asserts, the production wage would be boosted to \$1.46 per hour, with an over-all average of \$1.53 per hour.

As the strike began, G.M. continued to pay its 73,500 office and administrative personnel.

## WAR CRIMES: Trace Nazi Rise

Declaring that high Nazis' own written records would furnish sufficient evidence to condemn them, U. S. Prosecutor Robert H. Jackson developed the first count in the Allied case against the 20 surviving members of Hitler's hierarchy, charging that the party's seizure of control in Germany constituted the first step in its plan of world conquest.

Addressing the four-power U. S., British, Russian and French court, Jackson declared: "We will not ask you to convict these men on the testimony of their foes. There is no count in the indictment that cannot be proved by books and records. . . . These defendants had their share of the Teutonic passion for thoroughness in putting things on paper."

In tracing the evolution of the Nazi rise in Germany, the U. S. prosecution recited the notorious blood purge of 1934 reportedly instigated by Reich Marshal Goering to crush opposition within the party; the elimination of all political groups and confinement of opponents in concentration camps; the gradual suppression of labor unions with the industrialists' connivance, and finally the control of business itself.

The trial got underway as the Allied court turned down the defense

attorneys' protest against the validity of the proceedings. Asking that an impartial opinion concerning the legality of the court be solicited from authorities on international law, the Nazi counsel asserted that the U. S. had always insisted that in cases of international arbitration or jurisdiction, the bench be filled by neutrals or representatives of the interested countries.

Most aggressive of the defendants, Goering was gavelled down as the trial opened and he attempted to deny the authority of the court, asserting that he was responsible only to the German people.

## PEARL HARBOR: Star Witness

One of the star witnesses at the early congressional hearings in the Pearl Harbor catastrophe, big, bluff Adm. James O. Richardson, who commanded the U. S. navy up to February, 1941, revealed that the late President Roosevelt favored the anchorage of the Pacific fleet at Hawaii over his objections in the hope of restraining further Jap aggression.

"I stated that in my opinion the presence of the fleet in Hawaii might influence a civilian political government," Richardson said, "but that Japan had a military government which knew that the fleet was



Senator Barkley (left) greets Admiral Richardson at Pearl Harbor probe.

undermanned, unprepared for war, and had no . . . supply force . . . without which it could not undertake active operations. . . ."

Listing his objections to stationing the fleet at Pearl Harbor, Richardson said there would be difficulty transporting supplies to the base; the site lacked security; operations were handicapped by problems of entry, berthing and departure of large ships; surface and air space was congested and restricted, and full mobilization could only be accomplished on the west coast.

Relating a conversation with Mr. Roosevelt, Richardson said that the President told him that though he doubted that the U. S. would enter the war if the Japanese attacked Thailand, the Dutch East Indies, Malaya or even the Philippines, he expected that sooner or later they would make a fatal mistake opening hostilities.

In October, 1941, Richardson said, Secretary of the Navy Knox summoned him to an important conference at which he outlined President Roosevelt's plan for a shipping blockade of the Japanese in case they reacted to the reopening of the Burma road supply line to China. According to Richardson, the operation called for posting a cordon of U. S. warships from Hawaii to the Philippines and thence from Samoa to the Dutch East Indies. Since the Japs took no belligerent action, however, the plan was dropped.

## IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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

### Lesson for December 9

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#### THE CHRISTIAN'S PLACE IN THE LIFE OF HIS NATION (Temperance Lesson)

LESSON TEXT: Matt. 5:13-16, 43-48; I Peter 2:13-17  
 GOLDEN TEXT: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.—Psalm 33:12.

Men make up nations. Human beings in a land like ours determine by their interests and attitudes the direction in which the entire social order moves. That in turn determines what kind of government we have.

Particularly important is the bearing which individual Christians can and should have on our national life. We have tended to draw back and fail to use the power and position which we have by God's grace.

Nowhere does that show more than in our failure (perhaps one should say shameful failure!) to bring Christian principles to bear upon the appalling liquor problem. This is temperance Sunday. Do not fail to stress that phase of Christian citizenship today.

How should Christians make their influence felt in the nation? By being what they ought to be and contributing to its life. Note these things in our lesson:

**I. Salt (Matt. 5:13).**  
 We are the salt of the earth, and the pungent savor of Christ is to be evident in us as we touch life round about us—in the church, in the home, and in the nation.

True salt is antiseptic and purifying. It fights corruption wherever it is found. How effective the spiritually salty Christian and church should be against the corrupt political system, the liquor industry, vice and sin of all kinds. Have we lost our savor (v. 13)?

**II. Light (Matt. 5:14-16).**  
 A light is intended to give illumination to all round about it. It always does unless someone hides it under a cover, and then it becomes not only useless but dangerous.

A life lighted by faith in Christ will shine to the very ends of the earth and, as a missionary once said, "The light that shines farthest shines brightest at home."

We are the light of the world, but if we cover our light we deny the very essence of our natures. Here is no thought of proud or selfish display. Light does not shout about itself, it just shines.

Who will deny that there is need of some real spiritual light in some of the dark corners of our national life? Who is to shine in such places but you and me, fellow-believer?

Then, too, let us not forget that God has sent us out to light other lights. We can best serve our nation, and best meet the challenge of liquor by turning men to Christ.

That doesn't mean that we should neglect other "good works," but it is well to keep "first things first."

**III. Love (Matt. 5:43-48).**  
 "Love your enemies" (v. 44); that is the standard which Christ has established for His followers. While the love one has for the brethren is without doubt a more intimate relationship than the love one may have for an enemy, we must not seek to minimize the real love we should have even for those who curse and revile us.

It is so easy for Christians to speak with derision that borders on hatred about "the devil's gang," and to lose all love for the crowd that hangs around the tavern and the gambling house. Let us hate their sin, but may God help us to show that we really love them.

Love will do more to reach the world for Christ, and more to direct our national life into right channels than any other influence we can bring to bear. Let us do all we can, but let us do it all in love.

**IV. Loyalty (I Pet. 2:13-17).**  
 The loyalty of the Christian to right authority should be glad and free, not by necessity or by coercion.

The believer will see in all men the image of God and will honor them even though he may not be able to respect or approve their way of life. The dignity and position of the individual is always recognized by Christianity.

The brotherhood of true believers should call forth a peculiar love. We need to renew that brotherly affection between believers.

Fear of God, that is, the desire to do His blessed will, shows itself in the best kind of citizenship. Government would serve itself well if it encouraged every effort to win its citizens to Christ.

## AROUND THE HOUSE

Salt may pit your cast aluminum ware. Never store salty foods in aluminum, and to prevent salt used in cooking from settling in the bottom of the utensil to do its harm, add salt only when the water boils or food has already been added.

Most woolen garments that become stained may be cleaned safely with soap and water.

Use gummed labels to show both titles of a phonograph record on each side.

Worn linoleum can be brought back to life by using a special paint made by several of the larger manufacturers.

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# Bill Ratliff, Old Home Boy Is Awarded High Military Honors

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The citation accompanying Bill's award, was as follows: "Pursuant to the authority contained in Army Regulations 600-45, War Dept., Washington, D. C., the Bronze Medal is hereby awarded to M-Sgt. William P. Ratliff, Air Corps, Army of the United States of the 326th Troop Carrier Squadron for meritorious service. As Communications Chief he volunteered to take charge of the section at a critical time when the previous communications chief was killed. He has continuously done more than his job, and has been restrained only by the lack of time in the number of outside jobs he has performed. He assumed charge of the section at a time when there was no hope of advancement in

rank, and at a time when the duties were new and strange to him, and has called forth their best work. He showed great foresight and initiative when part of the squadron was at Nanning during the flood season. It was because of his ceaseless work that much of the Communications equipment was saved from destruction by water. His devotion to duty and degree of efficiency reflect great credit upon himself and upon the Army Air Forces of the United States. CLIFFORD L. MONICAL, Capt. Air Corps, Squadron Commander."

Bill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Ratliff, Blackwell. His wife, Mrs. Eunice Ratliff, resides here.

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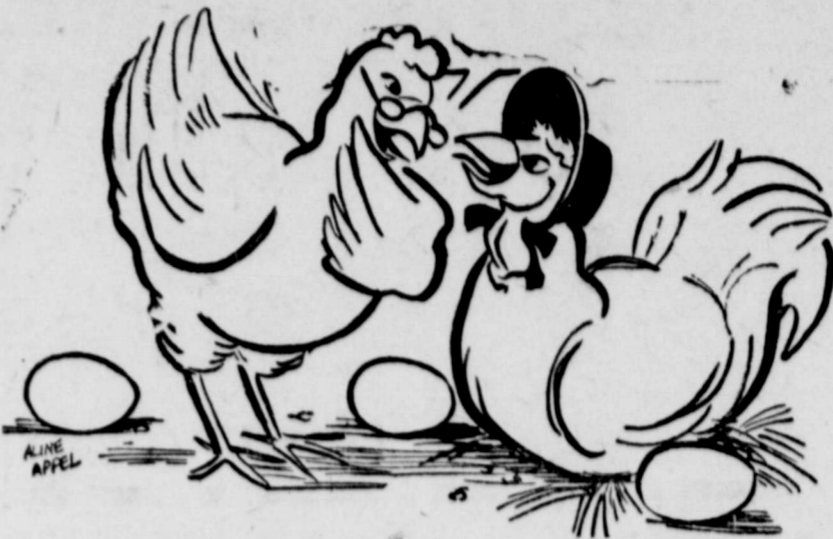
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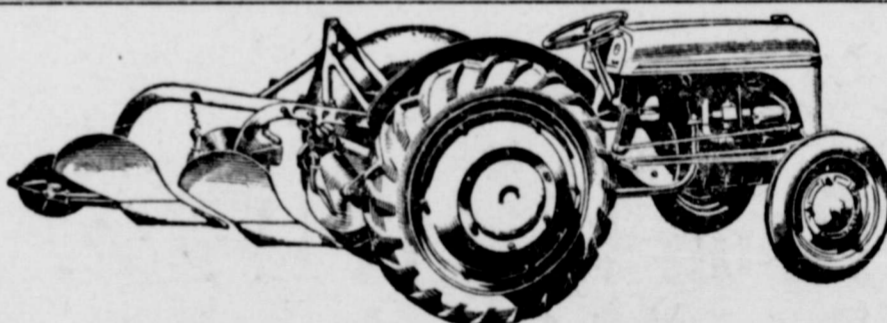
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OF REASONS...  
AND HERE THEY ARE!"**



**1** "First, I keep my present grade. That means a lot.

**2** "By reenlisting for 3 years I can pick my own branch of service in the Air, Ground or Service Forces, and can go to any overseas theater I wish.

**3** "I get my mustering-out pay, even though I'm reenlisting. Also, I get \$50 a year reenlistment bonus for each year I've been in the Army. My dependents receive family allowances for the full term of my enlistment. And I'll be eligible for GI Bill of Rights benefits when I get out of the Army.

**4** "My food, clothes, quarters, medical and dental care are all supplied to me. And I can learn any of 200 skills or trades in the Army schools.

**5** "All of us who are reenlisting are going to have from 30 to 90 days' furlough at home with full pay and our travel paid both ways. And we'll have 30 days' furlough every year with pay.

**6** "Any time after 20 years I can retire at half pay increasing year by year to three-quarters retirement pay, after 30 years of service. And the time I've already served in active military or naval service counts toward my retirement time. *Added up—reenlistment seems pretty sound to me!"*

**JANUARY 31, 1946**

**AN IMPORTANT DATE  
FOR MEN IN THE ARMY**

**MEN now in Army who reenlist before February 1 will be reenlisted in present grade. Men honorably discharged can reenlist within 20 days after discharge in grade held at time of discharge, provided they reenlist before February 1, 1946.**

**You may enlist AT ANY TIME for 1½, 2 or 3 year periods. (One-year enlistments for men now in the Army with at least 6 months of service.)**

**PAY PER MONTH—  
ENLISTED MEN**

In Addition to Food, Lodging, Clothes and Medical Care

(a)—Plus 20% Increase for Service Overseas. (b)—Plus 50% if Member of Flying Crews, Parachutist, etc. (c)—Plus 5% Increase in Pay for Each 3 Years of Service.

Starting Base Pay Per Month	MONTHLY RETIREMENT INCOME AFTER:	
	20 Years' Service	30 Years' Service
Master Sergeant or First Sergeant	\$138.00	\$155.25
Technical Sergeant	114.00	128.25
Staff Sergeant	96.00	108.00
Sergeant	78.00	87.75
Corporal	66.00	74.25
Private First Class	54.00	60.75
Private	50.00	56.25

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U. S. ARMY**  
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**THE ARMY ASKED FOR IT—AND GOT IT**

**Panel 1:** Nazis, retreating from Belgium, sabotaged communications by destroying vacuum tubes. But they missed one. American engineers found it along with design notes by a local tubemaker.

**Panel 2:** Notes and tube were rushed by air to the United States.

**Panel 3:** At Bell Laboratories tests and X-rays revealed that a similar tube could be built from existing parts of American tubes except for a special grid and socket.

**Panel 4:** Western Electric's Tube Shop went to work—modified machines to wind the special grid. Eight trial tubes were made in three days and flown to Europe.

**Panel 5:** Result: Signal Corps soon had Belgian telephone system working again.

**Panel 6:** Production went on full blast. 17 days after original tube was received at Bell Labs, 1015 duplicates were completed by Western Electric and rushed to Europe. They worked!

German sabotage squads were sure that removing all vacuum tubes from sockets would cripple the Belgian telephone system for weeks, even months, but again they underestimated American speed and ingenuity. Even the Army was surprised. "Give us a thousand tubes in thirty days," they had said. They got them in 17 days.

**List Your Rooms**

Anticipating a demand for furnished rooms and rent houses, the Board of Community Development requests that those having quarters to rent to list same with the Robert Lee Observer. Oil activities and road construction will cause a demand for rooms, and to assist in locating people in Robert Lee the Board is taking this enterprising step. No charges are made for this service.

**A Pretty Memorial**

As a memorial to their beloved son, Frank Maxwell Tubb, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tubb are presenting the Methodist church with a beautiful communion table, altar cross and Candle set. The latter are of bronze.

Newest designs in Gift Wrapping Papers, for weddings, showers, birthdays for young or old—large sheets, 5c. Beautifully designed Gift Boxes, different sizes. 5 each. Gift Tying Ribbons, 5c, cards, Tags and Seals, for every purpose, 1c each.—Observer Office,

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By Order of CITY COMMISSION.

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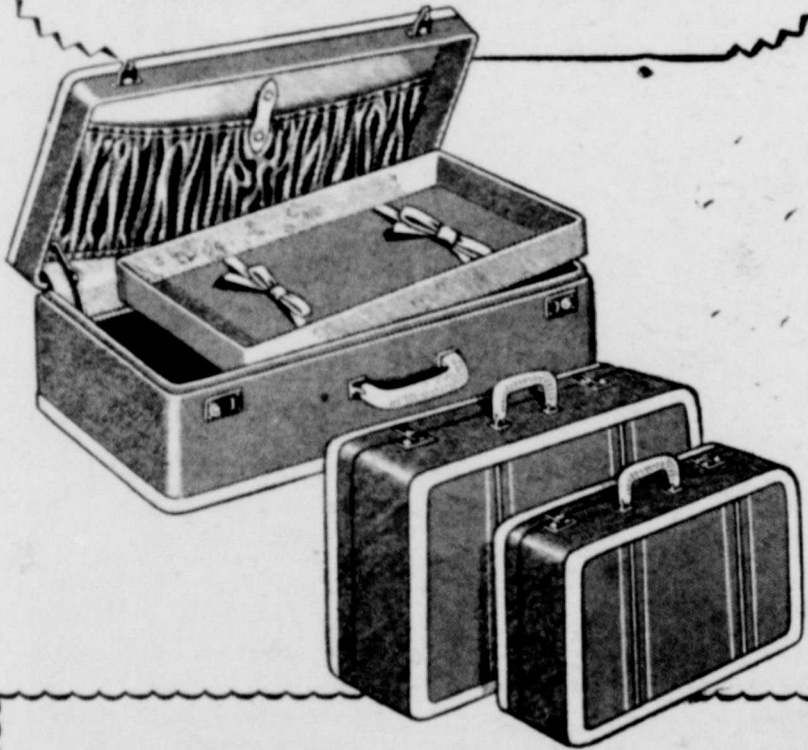
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SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

George King of Rotan was here Saturday visiting relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fields were among Saturday's shoppers in Robert Lee.

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EVERYWHERE PROUDLY**



**OSHKOSH Luggage**  
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Three perfectly matched pieces that will delight the most fastidious traveller. The large Pullman with removable tray is a veritable storehouse for apparel that's so essential on a long trip.

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## Central Drug Store

Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas      BRONTE, TEXAS

Mrs. Martie Bell Keyes, who holds a responsible position with the OPA in San Angelo, was in town Saturday greeting her many friends. Mrs. Keyes is delighted with her new position, and is getting along fine.

Frank Wojtek, with the Army Air Corps, received his honorable discharge from service last week at El Paso, and has returned home.

Will and Frank King, of Magdalena, N. M., former Coke county, were here last week for a visit with their father, Sam King, and other relatives.

Otis Smith is driving the first 1946 Chevrolet to come to Coke county. Otis had his certificate filed with H. & C. Motor Co. for months, and was the lucky boy.

Pfc. Vladimer V. Wojtek Jr., after service with the U. S. Marine Corps, was honorably discharged at Corpus Christi, Nov. 2, and has returned home to Grandoldcoke. Vladimer's father was in World War I, saw service in France under old Black Jack Pershing, and knows a thing or two about what a hitch in service means.

Drive on to Robert Lee.

# Now Open!

Our new store in Robert Lee is now open and we cordially invite you to visit us.

It is our purpose to provide Robert Lee and Coke county with an up-to-date, modern hardware store, serving the people of this area with nationally known brands at prices which will appeal to thrifty purchasers. New goods are constantly arriving, and we hope to have the pleasure of your visit.

## Christmas Gifts

With the Christmas season at hand, you will find here a splendid stock of Toys for the children. For grownups we have many appropriate and lovely gifts, Glassware, Cutlery, Pyrex, and Novelties.

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