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In Race For Clerk

R. T. Caperton, of Bronte, home reared Coke county man, this week announces his candidacy for the office of District and County Clerk of Coke County, subject to the action of the July Democratic primaries.

Mr. Caperton is widely acquainted throughout the county, and is in every way qualified for this office. A graduate of Bronte High School, he was for a time connected with the local AAA office after which he entered A. & M. College, from which institution he graduated. Shortly after his graduation he entered service in the Army, and was assigned to duties with the Quartermaster Remount Service as a second lieutenant. He trained at Fort Reno, Okla., and Camp Locket, Calif., and at the time of his discharge he had advanced to a captaincy. His overseas service embraced activities in China and Burma.

Mr. Caperton is married, his wife being the former Zelma Slaughter, a Robert Lee girl. They have one child, a daughter.

During the course of the campaign Mr. Caperton will endeavor to contact every voter in the county. In the meantime he wishes to solicit your influence and support in his behalf, and will appreciate your careful consideration of his candidacy.

Our finest De Luxe Christmas Cards, 50 designs, now 15c each. Your name printed on each at no extra cost, if you select as many as 10 of these lovely cards. Ready for your selection.—Observer office.

TODAY'S BEST NEWS

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.—Matt. 1: 21.

" 'TIS SO! There Is A Santa Claus! Nandaddy Told Me So, An' He's Coming To See Me Too!"



MONETTE LATHAM, Flashes Her Christmas Smile

J. P. Gibbins Passes

Many friends here will regret to learn of the demise of J. P. Gibbins, former Coke county resident, who passed away Dec. 4, at the home of his son, Clyde Gibbins, in Lubbock. Funeral services and interment were in Midland.

Pfc. Ernest C. Meek arrived home from McClosky Hospital Tuesday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Meek. This popular home boy has received his army discharge.

Beautiful Xmas Gift Boxes, several sizes, 5c each.—Observer office.

Silver Tea

Seventy persons attended the Coke County Home Demonstration silver tea and achievement event held Wednesday of last week in the home of Mrs. R. Willis Smith, here.

One hundred and forty-five exhibits from nine clubs were shown during the afternoon. Mrs. Lowell Roane and Mrs. V. T. McCabe presided at the punch bowl. Committees who assisted Mrs. Smith and Miss Fay D. Croslin, county home demonstration agent were, decorations, Mmes. Bruce Clift, B. A. Austin, Lowell Roane; refreshments, Mmes. Tom Schooler, D. K. Glenn, Otis Smith; invitation, Mmes. V. T. McCabe, W. D. McDonald, Charlie Keeney; exhibits, Mmes. W. D. McDonald, J. R. Johnson, A. N. Counts.

Guests were Mrs. Weldon Smith of Pampa; Mrs. Fannie L. Pittman, Schleicher home demonstration agent, Miss Hazel McCoy, Tom Green home demonstration agent; Mrs. Charles Kaase, Jr., and Mrs. Jesse Williams, of Tom Green county; Mrs. John B. Yancy, District Six vice president; and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Nunnally, Jr., of San Angelo.

Home Nursing Chairman

Miss Fay Croslin has accepted the chairmanship of the Home Nursing branch of the Coke County Red Cross chapter, and is making plans for an intensive instruction course throughout the county.

Remembers Dad

Miss Agnes Walker, popular home girl who holds a fine position with an Abilene firm, as a Christmas gift this year is sending her father, D. J. Walker, for the year The Observer and the San Angelo Standard-Times. A gift which will be enjoyed throughout 1946.

Don't forget the rodeo Saturday

Goes Over The Top

Coke county is over the top with its Victory War Fund Drive, with the climax transpiring last Saturday afternoon when Major Evans of Brownwood arrived for the finalities, when over \$20,000 worth of bonds were sold here and at Bronte. Bond sales here amounted to \$15,550.

Coke county's quota was \$70,000, and Chairman L. T. Young blood of Bronte reports a total of \$95,000 sold. This was Mr. Youngblood's third war bond drive to lead as chairman of the county forces, and each time our quota was oversubscribed.

Honored With Gift Tea

One of the prettiest social events of the season was that of the gift tea Thursday afternoon of last week, honoring Mrs. Billie Craddock, the former Carleen Clark, at the home of Mrs. J. C. Snead Jr., with Mrs. W. T. Roach, Mrs. H. L. Scott, Sr., and Mrs. Snead as hostesses.

The table was laid in lace with a centerpiece of white chrysanthemums and candlesticks with white candles.

Mrs. Scott presided at the tea table, and Mrs. Beryl Austin at the guest register. Over fifty guests called during the happy event.

Continues To Grow

Like the green bay tree, The Observer's list of readers continues to grow. New subscribers and renewals include: Robert Walker, Mrs. W. M. Clawson, Ike Milligan, Millard Meek, Craig Distributing Co., Robert Ramage, H. L. Bloodworth, D. J. Walker, Bob Read, Earl Roberts, Ivey Motor Co., Ralph Garvin, Miss Ollie Green, S. A. Kiker, Ben Brooks, B. M. Mundell, Henry Briscoe, O. B. Jacobs, O. W. Davis, H. B. Owens, R. W. Odom, Frank King, J. W. B. Robertson, W. O. Thomason, S. R. Young, M. C. Price.

For the past year print paper has been rising. Last week OPA permitted another big advance, which soars the price of newsprint. We have hoped that our subscription price would not have to be advanced, but if prices keep rising, there will be another story. You may save money by renewing your subscription at once.

Political Announcements

The Observer is authorized to announce the candidacy of the following persons, subject to the 1946 democratic primaries: For District and County Clerk: R. T. CAPERTON

Steers Defeat Eden

With a big crowd on hand for the game, the Robert Lee Steers again met the Eden Bulldogs, champions of District 5-B last Friday and blasted their way to a 19 to 0 victory. Last year the Bulldogs suffered defeat at the hands of the Steers in a 7 to 6 score.

Coach Geo. Taylor's Steer squad was in fine fettle for this bi-district game, and each player carried his end of the log in a way that brought home the bacon once more for Robert Lee.

Yuletide Carols

Beginning Saturday, Brother Campbell, pastor of the Methodist church, is inaugurating a befitting musical program for the Christmas season. At 9 a. m., 12 noon and at 6 p. m., daily, Christmas carols of the world, with chimes, will be broadcast from the Methodist church, the last of which will be heard on the last day of Christmas week.

Returns From Service

Staff Sgt. Bill G. Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen of Silver, after a service of 43 months received his discharge at Camp Fanning and has returned home. As a gunner on a B26, Sgt. Allen was with the 9th Air Force 13 months, having 28 missions to his credit. His most exciting experience occurred Dec. 13, last year, over Germany, when Flak destroyed the right engine. The skillful pilot landed the plane in Ardennes Forest in Belgium, 40 miles from enemy territory, with the entire crew parachuting to safety.

Sgt. Allen has the Air Medal with 4 bronze stars, Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal, ETO Ribbon with three battle stars for the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe, the American Theatre Ribbon and Presidential Unit Citation. Now that war's mad alarms have subsided, this fine lad will enter Texas Tech at the next semester.

Bobbie Lee Davis Discharged

Bobbie Lee Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Davis, has received his honorable discharge from the navy, and is expected home this week. He phoned his mother last Friday from San Antonio, One of Robert Lee's most personable and popular kids, Bobby Lee's many friends will be glad to see him again.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Burch of Monahans, visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Simpson, and her aunt, Mrs. F. S. McCabe, last weekend.

Mrs. Raymond McCutchen was the lucky customer to receive the turkey Saturday at Cumbie & Roach's.

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Sweaters.....\$1.98 to \$4.98
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50 YEARS AGO IN COKE COUNTY

Early Day Items From Files Of The Coke County Rustler, June 13, 1896

At New Hope last Sunday Bro. William Glass gave the brethren a good moral developing.

The courts have not unseated Grover Cleveland but some of the boys of Rock Springs unseated G. N. Webb by carrying off his sulky seat. It was returned later and Nelson is happy.

I. M. Bennick's thermometer registered 107 in the shade last Sunday.

John Gardner bought 300 mutons at \$1.65 from R. Whiteside,

and 300 to 500 head at \$1.60, \$1.70 and \$1.75.

M. H. Davis is repairing his well on Coon Holler.

W. R. Boykin bought of Stephen Parker this week 100 head of sheep at \$1 per head.

R. P. Perry's storm house was full Tuesday night.

For two week's prior to Tuesday night's rain the hottest weather ever known prevailed here!

The thermometer did not stop below 100 in the shade for any day

during that time and on one or two days it probably went as high as 110.

Storm houses were in demand during Tuesday night's rain.

Will Gunnells was in town Wednesday after the rain and says there is yet a chance for his corn to make a fine crop.

Wool challis 9c a yard; ladies pink and blue sandals 75c pair; sea island domestic 4c yard; calico 4c yard; shirting prints 3c yard, at L. Schwartz & Co., San Angelo.

A hog has been recently exhibited by a Mr. Catigan in Kaufman county, which weighs 1430 pounds, is 8 feet long and 4 feet, 1 inch high.

The following persons will dispense music for the Sanco school closing entertainment Friday night: Miss Minerva Green, organ; K. and Joe Green, violins; J. A. Gardner, guitar; and J. W. Tunnell, flute.

List Your Room

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.

Be good to yourself—move to Coke county.



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—the finest assortment in our town... gifts that please and delight...

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Thanks a million, ED DEAN.

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53c 49c



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

Grapefruit, Texas Marsh Seedless, med. size, doz. 49c



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

CAULIFLOWER, California - pound - 19c

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

Green Onions, bunch 6 1-2c — Yams, East Texas, 9¹/₂c



O-N-I-O-N-S

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

Colorado White Globe pound 8 1-2c

Carrots, fine flavor, bunch 6 1-2c : Spinach, lb. 10c

Avocados, large size, ea. 29c : Rutabagas, lb. 7 1-2c

MEAT DEPARTMENT

T-Bone Steak, lb. 35c

Pork Sausage, lb. 35c

Pork Chops, pound 36c

Rib Roast, pound - 18c

Skinless Weiners, lb. 33c

Bologna Sausage, lb. 25c

Libbys Y.C. Peaches No. 10 can **93c**

Monarch Golden Corn, whole kernel 19c
Yacht Club Cut Green Beans, can 18c
Pinto Beans, 1 lb. cello 10c; 2 lbs. 19c
Heinz Vegetable Soup - 11 oz. can - 14c
Heinz Tomato Soup - 11 oz. can - 11c
Heinz Cider Vinegar, quart - 25c
Armour Star Peanut Butter, lb. jar 29c



EVAPORATED FRUITS

Dates, 14 ounce cello package - 49c
Figs, Fancy, 1 lb. cello bag - 37c
Raisins, Fruit Cake, 15-oz. package 19c
Currants, Fruit Cake, 8-oz. pkg. - 19c
Prunes, large, 30-40 size 1-lb. cello 17c
Apples, extra choice, 1-lb. cello - 49c
Extra Choice Peaches, 1-lb. pkg. - 35c

Ma Brown Crabapple Jelly 1 lb. jar 28c
Honey Dew Grape Preserves, 2-lb. 38c
Ma Brown Peach Preserves, 1-lb. 31c
Persun Stuffed Olives, pint jar - 59c

Popcorn, 2-lb. bag - 29c

Thrift Extra Standard E. J. Peas, can - 14c
Valia Near All Green Asparagus, can - 37c
Mincemeat, 15 ounce Frankies Farm - 23c
Mincemeat, 2 pounds Westshire - 49c
Palmolive Soap, bath 2 for 19c; reg. 3 for 19c

Pard Dog Food, 8-oz. 9c

S.O.S. Pads, package of 4 - 14c

BAKERY DEPARTMENT

Large Devils Food Cake 59c; Fruit Drops 25c doz.; Date Nut Cookies 25c doz.; Special Fruit Cakes, lb. 99c; M System Bread 1 1/2 lb. loaf 10c

DRUG DEPARTMENT

Alka Seltzer 30c size 25c : Corn Remover, Gets It 29c : Aspirin, St Joseph 20c size 19c
Cough Syrup, Penetro 35c size 29c : Milk of Magnesia, St Joseph, 50c size 39c : Woodbury Assorted Creams, 50c size 47c, tax inc.
Hair Oil, 3 oz. Fitch, 12c, tax inc.

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OPA Struggles to 'Hold that Line' As Building Costs Threaten to Zoom

By AL JEDLIKA and WALTER SHEAD
Released by Western Newspaper Union.

WITH a huge postwar building and realty boom in the offing, sentiment in the nation's capital favors both government and industry working hand in hand to combat the dangers of an inflationary spiral resulting from the tremendous pent-up demand for housing.

Already empowered to regulate costs of materials and services, the Office of Price Administration has sought the additional authority to control the sales price of finished homes and used buildings. Unless granted such permission, the agency argues, its check over the industry would be imperfect, and untrammelled speculation would undo the benefits obtained by the other regulations.

Bitterly resisting OPA recommendations, private builders asserted that further controls over the industry would result in a diminution of prospective construction, while the problem is one of stimulating more. Rather, the industry argued, OPA and other government agencies should concentrate upon the increase of supplies and manpower to provide a basis for all-out construction.

In the midst of the controversy, Reconversion Director Snyder stepped in to announce that the administration favored a program embracing present government regulation of materials and services, with no supervision over prices of finished homes and used buildings unless proven needed.

Burden of Mortgages.

In arguing for authority over pricing of final sales, OPA pointed to World War I records, which not only showed a decrease in construction as costs rose, but also emphasized the serious mortgage problems later growing from the original over-valuation of homes.

According to OPA figures, building material prices showed a 218 per cent increase from 1914 to 1920, with more than half of the rise occurring after the armistice. At the same time, total construction costs mounted 139 per cent from 1913 to 1920, with three-quarters of the boost coming after the end of hostilities.

As a result of the inflationary spiral, OPA said, actual home construction toppled from the peak figure of 405,000 units in 1919 to 247,000 a year later. While prices automatically fell with the drop in building activity, they remained relatively high, with another recession setting in around 1926.

Against this record of World War I, OPA cited the accomplishments during the present conflict, when government control of material costs held price increases to 31 per cent from August, 1939. Of this total, a 6.7 per cent rise occurred after issuance of the famous "hold-the-line" order of May, 1943.

Meanwhile, the increase in construction costs totalled only 34 per cent since August, 1939, with only a limited amount of building done to accommodate necessary needs.

Huge Demand, Short Supplies.

In contemplating the need for control over sales prices of finished homes and used buildings, OPA

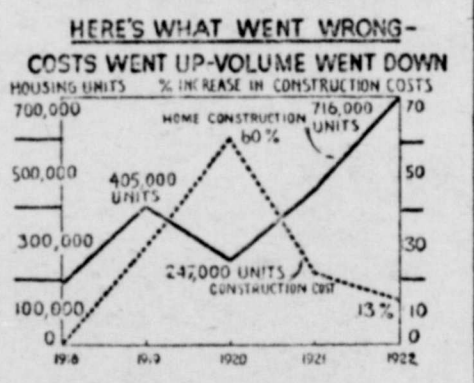
draw the picture of a huge back-log of construction and a protracted period of short supplies in the face of tremendous demand.

In all, the nation has a need for over eight million new homes, OPA figures, as a result of the increase in families since 1940, servicemen marriages, undoubling in crowded quarters, the number of housing units now rated as sub-standard.

Despite the need and the comparative prosperity of the people, however, a recent survey by the architectural forum indicated that 37 per cent of the persons interviewed would postpone building if prices of finished homes should soar above \$1,000 over present prices. Another 12 per cent had not decided what course they would take.

Of the total of 51 per cent that determined to build regardless of a \$1,000 increase in costs, most revealed that they would raise more money, but a sizable percentage declared their intention to purchase a cheaper structure. Most sales would be under \$7,000.

In analyzing the results of the survey, OPA asserted that the indicated deferment of building plans in the



event of a \$1,000 increase in costs would result in a loss of employment to more than 600,000 workers, thereby reducing demand for goods which they themselves could be counted upon to purchase.

Now that private industry will play an important part in the fight to hold sales prices of finished and used homes to reasonable levels, OPA will concentrate on the enforcement of dollars and cents ceilings for materials and services going into structures. The flat prices will cover millwork, lumber, brick and tile, plywood, screens and windows, roofing, siding, insulation, heating equipment, hardware, soil pipe, plumbing supplies, etc.

In addition, services controlled will include painting and paper hanging, renewing of roofs, plumbing installation and other work adapted to supervision.

"Increased Supply Needed."

In attacking the OPA proposal to slap controls over the prices of new structures, the National Association of Home Builders, spearheading private industry, declared that the only way to prevent a serious inflation was by increasing the supply to meet the tremendous demand.

"Although swamped with applications for new houses," Joseph E. Merriam, president of the association said, "the home builders cannot complete the large new developments which are needed to ease the housing shortage until they have assurance from the government that manufacturers of badly needed materials and equipment will be aided

in getting into full production immediately.

At the same time, Frank W. Cortright, executive vice president of the association, set out the organization's six-point program for speeding construction and counteracting inflationary tendencies:

1. Continue present price controls on building materials for only so long as is necessary. As rapidly as an item is found to be in ample supply, it should be removed from price control.
 2. Inaugurate an active program by the Civilian Production agency, successor to the War Production board, to control the inventory of short items in order to eliminate the possibility of hoarding.
 3. Start an active co-ordinated campaign by government agencies to increase the supply of scarce building materials, and, if necessary, grant price and wage increases to break bottlenecks.
 4. Builders, realtors and financing institutions will conduct a co-operative program to maintain non-inflationary prices of homes.
 5. All segments of the home construction industry will formulate a co-operative program to rapidly increase the supply of homes in all classes.
 6. The Veterans' administration, the United States Employment service and other governmental agencies should make immediate provision for the channeling of vets and experienced workers into the construction field.
- In the matter of pricing of used homes, close supervision by FHA and private financial institutions will be relied upon to keep costs within reasonable bounds in the absence of ceiling regulations.

Few Old Buildings Sold.

Realty activity has been lively since 1939 in the face of the housing shortage, but inability of property owners to find new quarters has served to decrease the supply of old buildings. Even so, 84 per cent of the localities reporting to the National Association of Real Estate boards revealed price increases, averaging 12½ per cent.

Economists have calculated that normally prices of single-family homes have approximated 100 times the monthly rental of purchasers. In July of this year, however, statistics showed that in Denver, Colo., costs of buildings were 95 per cent over this ratio; in Cleveland, Ohio, 65 per cent over; in San Francisco, Calif., 59 per cent; in Chicago, Ill., 47 per cent; in Atlanta, Ga., and New York City, 33 per cent, and in Dallas, Texas, 34 per cent.

With property owners now able to move more freely, and demand for housing exceeding new construction at the start, the turnover of used homes may become greater in the immediate future. To check an inflationary spiral then, finance institutions will have to be careful in appraising the real value of property to prevent burdensome mortgage payments or serious losses in future years.

Having indicated its preference for private regulation of the real estate market, the administration will provide ample opportunity for a real examination of its practicable processes in a period of real national emergency. The experiment will be interesting to follow.

Gems of Thought

THE use of force alone is but temporary. It may subdue for a moment; but it does not remove the necessity of subduing again; and a nation is not governed which is perpetually to be conquered.—Edmund Burke.

When a man does not know what harbor he is making for, no wind is the right wind.—Seneca.

Method is good in all things. Order governs the world. The Devil is the author of confusion.—Swift.

Shallow men believe in luck. . . . Strong men believe in cause and effect.—Emerson.

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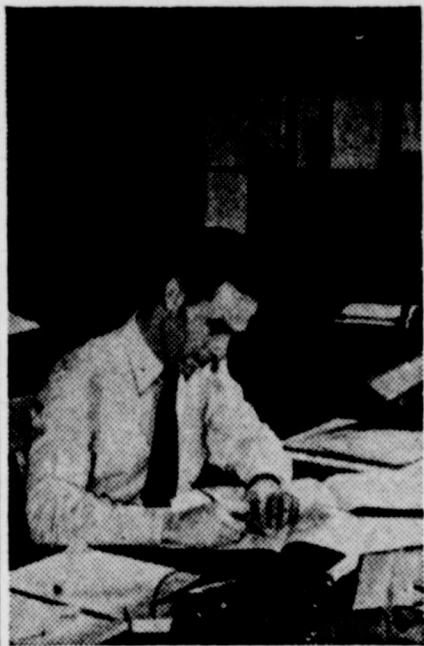
Francisco Oswald, handsome young Brazilian lawyer, who has just completed a year studying personnel and manufacturing methods at Western Electric Company under a scholarship established by the Inter-American Affairs Committee, has sampled many phases of American life and has found practically everything to his liking. He is impressed most of all by our war production. "What you have done and the speed and skill with which you do it knocks me down."

"I am also amazed by your educational system. I never expected to find so many well educated people in the plants and on the street. Everybody here can get a good education. In Brazil our colleges and universities are good. Our high schools in the big cities are good also, but in the country—no. It is the lack of transportation. You cannot have good schools in the country if you cannot get to the schools. It is too bad."

Francisco developed a great enthusiasm for our sports and food—he has gained fifteen pounds so far—and for our girls, who ask him first thing if he can dance the Samba, and he even learned to prefer our cigarettes and coffee to Brazilian brands.

In speaking of Brazilian-United States relations, Francisco says, "In my enthusiasm for the United States, I am typical of my generation. It is the dream of every Brazilian boy to visit North America some day. We read so much about it in our books and magazines and of course your movies have great influence."

Francisco during his stay here



Young Brazilian Likes Our Ways—Here he's shown editing copy for "Kearnygram," official newspaper of Western Electric's Kearny, N. J. Plant.

has become especially interested in safety, training and other personnel work. When he finishes his study here one year from now, he hopes to work for a North American company in Brazil.

"There is a big job to be done there. Brazil has done a lot in industrial relations but on a much smaller scale. I am filled with new ideas and I want to try them with my own people. It will be very interesting."

Folks You Know

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Wilkerson of McCamey were here last week guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Ross. Mr. Wilkerson was recently discharged after four years of army service, most of which was spent overseas.

R. W. Odom was down from Silver Saturday, renewing his subscription to this unterrified weekly.

After having received his honorable discharge from the U. S. army at Fort Sam Houston, Sgt. M. D. Capps arrived last week for a visit with his brother, J. W. Capps.

J. W. B. Robertson was in to see us Saturday, renewing his Observer subscription.

Judge McNeil Wylie conveyed his mother, Mrs. Dollie Wylie to a San Angelo hospital Tuesday, the latter having sustained painful injuries in a fall Monday evening.

Sgt. A. V. Hughes, recently discharged at Fort Sam Houston after four years of service, is getting things in shape to resume stock farming in Coke.

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A Beautiful Memorial

We erred in the writeup last week, relative to the lovely altar and communion set given to the Methodist church as a memorial to Frank Maxwell Tubb. The presentation is being made by his wife. Frank Maxwell Tubb one of Robert Lee's most popular lads, made the supreme sacrifice on the China coast while engaged in an aerial mission, and this memorial will ever keep afresh in the minds of our people the remembrance of this fine lad, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Tubb of this city.

Be good to yourself—move to Coke county.

Mrs. M. J. Palmer has recovered from a recent attack of pneumonia.

The Mayor Of Edith Says



Consider the turtle—he doesn't make any progress until he sticks his neck out.

A LETTER from HOME

A Welcome GIFT to the Former Resident

IN THIS NEWSPAPER

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

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

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• Know what character is? Cleaning the corners nobody sees! And say, cleaning's extra tough now, with soap so short. You can help by turning in USED FATS to help make it. Keep saving, wontcha?

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CURIOSITY is one of the most permanent and certain characteristics of a vigorous intellect.—Samuel Johnson.

There are a thousand hacking at the branches of evil to one who is striking at the root. . . . Thoreau

Rashness is a quality of the budding-time of youth, prudence of the harvest-time of old age.—Cicero.

He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.—II Cor. 9:6.

Much may be known of a man's character by what excites his laughter.—Goethe.

Word 'Gas' Individual; Most Countries Use It

The word "gas," in its true sense, is virtually in a class by itself because it was not derived from any other word, being the outright invention of Jan van Helmont, the Dutch chemist, who coined it about 1625.

As the languages of the world then contained no word of similar meaning, the majority of them have since adopted "gas" as their term for the gaseous form of matter.

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SNAPPY FACTS about RUBBER

Special sponge rubber tablecloths, developed by B. F. Goodrich, attached to tables in factory assembly lines enable assemblers to pick up small metal parts without fumbling. Officials predict that tire production may jump to nearly 4,000,000 passenger car tires a month during the last quarter of 1945. Spare tires should never remain idle until other tires are worn out. Rubber needs to be "exercised" to keep it in best condition. The new B. F. Goodrich all-synthetic Silvertown passenger car tire actually outwears prewar natural rubber tires.



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Washington Digest

UNRRA Test of Sentiment For World Co-Operation



Faith in Ideal Necessary to Continue Work of Allied Relief Agency After Reports Of Early Difficulties.

By BAUKHAGE News Analyst and Commentator.

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The forces in Washington battling for world co-operation are finding the going tough. It is hard to get people to have faith in collective security when they witness such things as the breakdown of the foreign ministers' conference in London, Russia's reluctance to co-operate in the Far East advisory commission, Argentina's espousal of the ways of the dictators. At times it seems as though, internationally speaking, democracy were approaching the winter of its sorest discontent.

It is unfortunate that in the midst of this period of suspicion and anxiety, a yes and no vote has to be taken on a matter that may mean life or death, and to that extent, peace or anarchy, to hundreds of thousands of people in Europe. I refer to the 500 million dollar appropriation for UNRRA which has been winding a precarious way through congress.

By the time these lines appear, that appropriation which congress previously authorized may have been granted. There has never been much doubt as to its final approval. But the danger lies in the effect of proposed reservations.

This appropriation bill is considered a bell-wether. If it goes through unencumbered, it may mean that other measures affecting our relations with other nations are fairly safe and that such isolationism as exists in the country (and, therefore, in congress) is less than one-third of the whole.

It is true that there have been loud and emphatic demands that such knowledge as we possess concerning the atom and its potentiality be kept strictly to ourselves even though scientists say it cannot be less than common knowledge—even the "know-how" to turn it to military or commercial use — within a few years. But I believe that if you will submit to careful analysis the expressed sentiment of congress on this subject, it would reveal a line-up which takes little consideration of any international aspects of the use of atomic energy. In other words, the viewpoints so far expressed have differed as to whether this new force has been looked at as something to sell at home and the question has been whether it be produced under state control or by private enterprise. The question of internationalizing the bomb has remained in the domain of theory.

A look at the arguments for and against UNRRA and the reaction to them gives us a much clearer picture of tendencies, isolationist or otherwise, of the arguer.

U. S. Support Is Vital

When a congressman casts his vote "aye" or "no" on the bill to appropriate the money for UNRRA he is not simply virtually voting aye or no on whether we help feed starving Europe. If he votes no and the noes have it, there will be no UNRRA. True, all contributing nations put in the same proportion of their national income — 1 per cent — but it so happens that 1 per cent of the national income of the United States is nearly three-quarters of the entire sum contributed. Your voter knows this. And he can't help realizing the UNRRA is symbolic of American participation in any world organization. Without this country's advice, consent and support, no world organization can exist. And likewise, with American support no nation can afford not to go along.

Another thing that the congressional voter knows when he votes on UNRRA is that it is far from perfect. He knows that the personnel, the efficiency, the standing of the organization have improved tremendously in the last few months since it has been able to get the personnel it required, which it couldn't get before because of the manpower and brainpower shortage due to the war. But he knows it is still hampered by its polyglot nature and he has to have faith enough in its purpose to make him feel that the risk of failure is worth taking. Because UNRRA, like any international organization, is everybody's baby, it can easily become nobody's baby. Each nation has been only too ready to criticize it, always excluding their own representatives' functions, of

course. UNRRA has suffered greatly from a poor press because the task it faced was well nigh impossible in wartime.

The bad news, therefore, overbalanced the good news as far as reports of progress on the part of the active, contributing countries were concerned. From the passive, recipient countries naturally there were plenty of complaints. These "sins of omission" were ballyhooed. The other side of the story was not. It was the sad and familiar tale of priorities, a story many a business man can tell. Even when UNRRA had money in hand for food required (although some of the contributing members are very slow to pay, the United States still was a little less than half of its allotment and authorization), it was impossible to get the combined food board, which decided who got what, to allot any to UNRRA until the armed forces, the domestic market, the lend-lease, and the liberated countries who had money to buy, got theirs. And even if the food was available, frequently there were no ships in which to transport it.

That situation has changed. Food is now being delivered to Europe. By Christmas it will be moving at the rate of half a million tons a month. But the memory of past deficiencies lingers and doubt as to future performance could easily be used as an excuse to defeat the measure unless one is really convinced that UNRRA's job is so important it must succeed. And there we get down to the nub of the whole argument. For to agree with the thesis that UNRRA's objective is desirable is to agree that the good of one is the good of all and the good of the other fellow is the good of the us—"us" standing for the United States.

It is easy to show that millions in Europe will starve this winter unless they get food from outside their own borders. It is easy to prove that in those countries which are UNRRA's concern — the ones which were invaded and which cannot pay for food — starvation will lead to disease, riots, revolt—and death. And we know that under such conditions, nations turn to totalitarianism and when that fails, to chaos. We also know that unless we help tide these people over, we cannot expect to sell them our surpluses because "you can't do business with a graveyard." Nevertheless the isolationist would respond, what of it? Let's stay in our own backyard.

Therefore, the voter, weighing UNRRA's past errors with its future potentialities, will vote for it only if he still believes that world co-operation is something worth taking a risk for.

So UNRRA becomes a test of how well this belief is standing the test of misunderstandings and disappointments on the diplomatic front which we have faced in the past weeks.

We hear a great deal about the difficulty of understanding the Japanese mind and many people have their fears as to how we are going to get along in the years ahead during which we will occupy the country and attempt a reconversion of Japanese thinking as well as economic life.

Recently I had a long conversation with an officer who had interviewed some of the more intelligent Japanese officers captured in the Philippines just before the surrender. Several remarks of one of these men illustrated the difficulty of reaching the enemy mind.

My friend asked the prisoner: "What did you think of our propaganda?"

"It made us laugh," the Jap replied.

"Be specific," my friend said. "Well, you sent us leaflets saying, 'Surrender; come over to our lines and receive plenty of hot food and cold water.' We laughed at that. We had plenty of cold water in the mountains. What we wanted was hot water."

Water, to a Jap, meant in this case a bath. They bathe in very hot water. That was what they wanted and couldn't get. To the Americans — water means, after the heat of battle, first, a drink.

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AN INNER SANCTUM MYSTERY
STARRING ARAB AND ANDY BLAKE WNU FEATURES

THE STORY THUS FAR: Lt. Andy Blake and his wife, Arab, discovered a spy ring headed by a Mr. Jones. Followed to Andy's house by Jones' gang, Arab was taken prisoner, Andy escaped. Arab reported to the army, then was picked up by two of Jones' men and taken to the Jersey coast. In crossing to a small island, the boat was upset by Andy, who swam ashore. He found Paula and set her free. Jones made him a prisoner, Jones, realizing they must escape, then made plans to signal the Nazi submarine to send a rubber boat for them. Jones had a black light, that could signal the submarine and still not be seen from shore, but he wanted to radio Germany.

CHAPTER XVIII

I sneered, "The commander sees you coming out in the rubber boat and yells 'tricked! They are Americans in our boat! Ten rounds rapid fire!' Blam-blam-blam-blam—" "Stop it!" "That's just one way," I drawled. "There are a million ways he can take care of you." He swung back to the set. His fingers jerked on the sending button. "Chief!" Joey cried. "Don't get rattled! Don't let this guy upset you. Take it easy." The blind glasses glared at Joey. The fat man's voice sounded as if he were yelling through a blanket. "Quiet!" he shouted. "Who do you work for? For me or Canaris? I begin to wonder. I have just ordered the commander to send in a boat now. We will get aboard before telling him anything. I will take over his radio. I have the authority."

He whirled back to the eyepiece, crouched at it. A message must be coming back. His fingers clutched and twisted at the legs of the tripod. At last he straightened, and gasped, "Schwein! He signals: 'Detectors picked up propeller beat quarter hour ago. Inshore patrol active. Unsafe send boat. Transmit information first.'" He bent to the sending button again. Joey quavered, "Whatcha doing now, Chief?"

"There!" the fat man said. "I instructed him to stand by. Now we will see who gets the credit." He went to the short-wave transmitter, flipped switches.

"Chief!" Joey cried. "It ain't safe! They can pick up that radio stuff."

The fat man cursed at the stubbornly cold radio set. "A chance in a hundred," he muttered. "One destroyer cannot police the short-wave bands. It would take a dozen—what is wrong with this pig of a radio!" He peered over the panel, fumbled among tubes and wires and condensers. Then he walked very quietly to me. "The tube," he said.

I had to play this carefully. I could wreck everything by being suspiciously helpful. "What tube?"

"The tube you took from this set. You have not broken it because there is no glass. You did not have the window raised to throw it out. You have hidden it."

"I don't know what you're talking about."

"The tube," he said. His right hand clamped across my face, his thumb dug into the hollow under my right ear. He pressed, and said, "The tube."

"I don't know!" I yelled. "I don't know!" Rockets whizzed and burst in my head. Pain shrieked down every nerve in my body. I could feel it at the tips of my fingers, my toes. I had to take it a second longer. A second longer. It had to look good. It—"In the wastebasket!" I screamed.

He left me, and fumbled in the basket. I slumped. I had almost overdone things. A few seconds more would have fixed that ear for life. He found the tube and lifted it delicately and replaced it in the set.

Arab was crying. "Andy," she said, "Andy, did it hurt awfully?"

I wet my lips. "It's O. K. now."

"Will . . . will it help them very much having the tube?"

"It doesn't matter," I said. "He'd get his news out either this way or the other. I just wanted to make things unpleasant for him if I could."

Tubes and dials glowed on the set, reflected greasily on the fat man's face. "Yes," he said. "We will settle for that later, Renee!"

She whispered, "Yes?"

"Our friends out there may be worrying. I should have sent more than stand by. Signal them that I am getting the information in order and that it will take a number of minutes."

"I do not know how to signal them."

"Anybody can send. A long press on the button for a dash. A short press for a dot. It is plain international code. There is a handbook on my desk."

She slipped past my chair like a pale shadow, found the book, went to the tripod. Joey got her a flashlight. She masked the light with her hand, studied the international code, and began sending slowly, going back to the page for each new letter.

In front of the fat man the big radio set was warming up now. It purred like a giant cat. The fat man touched dials, clamped a receiver over his ears. His fingers tested the sending key. "Joey," he called.

"Here, Chief."

"The code book. Lower right-hand drawer." He flipped keys at Joey, and added, "Get the book, and paper and pencil. This cannot go in the clear. Encode it." He waited while Joey got the code book and writing materials, and then said, "The first sentence: Jones to Ullrich. Second sentence: For Himmeler only. Third sentence: Huge task forces sailed last three days from East Coast Ports of Embarkation. Fourth sentence: Objective absolutely confirmed French North Africa. Encode that. And quickly. There will be more."

"O. K., Chief."

Heat lightning flickered on the horizon to the northeast. My skin tingled. Heat lightning at thirty minutes to November? I sucked in my breath. It might have been four miles away. I would know in ten to



I lay there for a short time, dopey with concussion.

fifteen seconds. I counted. Maybe I counted aloud, or maybe something in the way I strained forward registered with the group at the radio. They swung around, peered at me. I hardly noticed. They were just blurs in the dim room. I counted. Nine . . . ten . . . eleven . . . twelve—

Then it happened. Out on the sand bar two majestic cones of water foamed up into the night sky. Windows jumped in frames. Sound thudded at us. And I went nuts.

"They got a fix on us!" I screamed. "Come on, boys, pour it in! Lay it in their laps! You got the radio tagged! Let 'em have it!"

The fat man leaned over me, snarling something. I didn't care what. I rocked deliriously in the chair and howled up at him. "Watch this one, Jonesy. Get to the window and watch it. Open your mouth and they'll drop one in. Yeeeahoo! Right one zero. Eight eight hundred. Fire!"

He jerked around like a puppet on strings. Lightning glared again on the horizon. Black-powder lightning in Navy five-inchers. "On the way!" I shrieked. "Count it, you rats! Twelve seconds to live! One . . . two . . ."

I went on counting and raving half-forgotten artillery commands while the room turned into a madhouse. The fat man was rescuing his black-light set. He screamed orders. Orders to collect papers. To run to the powerhouse. I heard him howl at Joey to shoot us before leaving but I didn't give a hang. "Eight," I yelled. "Nine . . ." The fat man tumbled out through the door. His feet clattered on the stairs. "Eleven . . . twelve . . ."

Twin screeches rode the air over-

head. The roof seemed to lift to meet them. Blaam! Glass jingled and the old house rocked and groaned like a schooner slamming onto a shoal.

"Hurry up, Joey," I chanted. "Hurry up. That was a hundred over. Hurry up. They got their bracket now. Left five. Eight seven hundred. Hurry up, Joey."

He was flopping around the room like a drunken rooster. He picked up things and dropped them. I chanted "Hurry up" once more and then noticed Renee. She was standing motionless at the window, looking out to sea. Moonlight gilded her face. For the first time she seemed to be calm, almost happy. The brief glow washed the horizon again.

"On the way," Renee said softly. I took a deep breath and turned to Arab. In the dim room her hair seemed to glow like phosphorus. Her head was tilted, chin up. For a moment she and Renee could have been sisters. They faced the ocean almost eagerly, like lovely delicate figureheads on the old China clippers.

"Hold your hat," I said. She smiled. "I'd rather hold your hand."

"I wish I could think of something deathless to say."

"I love you, Andy."

"And I love you."

"That's nice enough," she said contentedly.

She was still smiling at me when everything let go at the seams. The blast was too close, too stunning to be heard. Something pumped the air out of my lungs, picked me up chair and all, and slammed me back against the wall.

I lay there for a short time, dopey with concussion. My chest heaved, trying to force air to my lungs. At first I could only get a sip of air. I worked at it, got a little more . . . more . . . and then a big shuddering breath that put me back in circulation. The chair was kindling wood. I doubled my feet up to my bound hands and worked on the ankle knot. Either I was deaf or it was achingly quiet. Moonlight seeped in through shattered windows and torn wall. Dust drifted like spray; the dust of a generation, shaken from every cranny by the explosion.

"Andy. Andy."

I tried to get my slow-motion thoughts in line. Arab was sitting near the door. The blast had skated her chair back fifteen feet without toppling it. I started toward her . . . and a ragged figure uncoiled from the floor and blocked my way. It was Joey. He jammed me against the wall. I tried to knee him but my legs wouldn't move fast enough. There was a smear of blood across his face. His jaw hung slackly. He tugged at something in his pocket.

"You been askin' for it," he mumbled. "You been askin'."

"Good old Joey," I said loudly.

"This is the kind of shooting you like, isn't it? This was the kind you had in Spain. Are you still putting out that yarn about the Heinkels you shot down? Or are you telling the real story now?"

"You shut up!"

"Sure you fought in Spain, if you call it fighting. Heinkels and bombs and machine guns against rifles. Tell us how you mowed 'em down in your Heinkel. Your Heinkel, Joey."

"You lie!" he yelled. "I fought on the Loyalist side!"

I saw Renee fumbling in the shattered cabinet which had held the fat man's arsenal. I said, "The State Department claims you were with the Germans, fighting for Franco. Tell us about it, Joey. Tell us about the Condor Legion. Tell us how you shot Bob Fielding."

Somewhere in the room sounded the telltale dry clack of a rifle being cocked. Joey whirled toward the sound, screaming. "Renee, he can't pin that on me! There were lots of us in the Condor Legion. It could of been anybody. Renee, take it easy! Take—"

He wrenched the Luger out of his pocket. I kicked his elbow a split-second too late. He got off one shot before the automatic spun from his hand. Renee quivered. The rifle she held wavered. Then the barrel came up again, steadied. The shots cracked slowly. Six of them. A click. Joey twitched once on the floor and was still.

Arab cried, "She's hurt, Andy!"

I stumbled toward Renee. She leaned on the desk, jamming a small stained fist into her side. She smiled wistfully and said, "There's a knife on the desk. You'll have to help me open it."

I turned so that she could reach my bound hands without moving. The penknife touched my fingers. I held it while she pried open a blade. Then she took it and sawed through the ropes at my wrists.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Smile Awhile

Yes, How?
"If I'm the first fellow you ever kissed, how is it you kiss so well?"
"If I'm the first girl you ever kissed, how do you know I kiss so well?"

Modern girls adore spinning wheels—Yep, four of them and a spare.

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Sweet Young Thing—So you were in the army. Did you get a commission?
He—Nope, just straight pay.

Giddap
"Why are you going to quit, Bill? Are your wages too low?"
"The wages are all right, but I'm keeping a horse out of a job."

That's Simple
"If he is it that a girl can never catch a ball like a man?"
"Well, a man's much bigger."

They say Bikfins married her because her uncle left her a million bucks. But he says he'd have married her no matter who left it to her.

'Great Swallower' Fish Has an Extra Stomach

The "great swallower"—a fish that is only nine inches long—has an extra stomach to take care of food greater than the capacity of its normal stomach, scientists say.

Wrapped up neatly inside the fish's regular stomach is an elastic extra pouch, which expands like a balloon when the fish swallows an object larger than itself. The great swallower lives in deep water, 1,800 to 9,000 feet deep, and scientists are still wondering how it can stand the great pressure at that depth.

Soccer Popular

Prior to the 20th century, soccer was virtually confined to England where it originated and has been played for more than 900 years, says Collier's. But in the past four decades, the game has spread to 55 countries and become, in several of them, almost as popular as it is in England.

For example, soccer is today the national sport of Russia where some 200,000 teams are in league competition.



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Old Eli Whitney Was Not The Inventor Of The Cotton Gin

Most folks think Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin. But Eli, the shrewd Connecticut Yankee, didn't. Through skulduggery he secured a patent. The first cotton gin was set up in South Carolina. From a volume "Biographical Sketches of the Kincaid, McMories, Watt, Glazier and Rabb Families" of South Carolina, written by Elder Horace Rabb, an uncle of J. C. Rabb of Robert Lee, we read: "Capt. James Kincaid erected an elegant mansion and built terraced gardens on the hillside overlooking Mill Creek (Fairfield county, S. C.), which are today memorials of a once prosperous time. On this creek he set up and successfully operated the first cotton gin in the United States, the history of which, given here, no doubt is true, since it is vouchered for by the Kincaid family. According to the Kincaids, one Hudgins Holmes of Bamberg, S. C., was engaged in perfecting his invention of the gin. In his em-

ploy had been one Eli Whitney, whom, for some reason he had discharged. Upon telling Capt Kincaid that he could do nothing with the invention at Bamberg on Whitney's account, he asked that Capt. Kincaid take the gin to his farm, and if possible, get it into operation. This was done and when the gin had been in successful operation for some time, Eli Whitney came to see the gin. Capt. Kincaid was not at home when he called and asked to see the gin, but Mrs. Kincaid, not suspecting anything, sent the keys of the gin house out to him that he might go see it. This he did and after getting all the information that he was prevented from getting at Bamberg, he went to Washington and had the invention patented in his own name. Thus he robbed Hudgins Holmes of the honor that was justly his. This gin and the building in which it was housed was in 1865 burned by Sherman's army." So the story about Eli Whitney being inventor of the cotton gin seems to just be a lot of hooey.

If you've been having us to 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.

NOTICE

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

Football Season's Record

Robert Lee

Steers 13, Wingate 0
Steers 7, Iraan 7

Steers 33, S. A. Kittens 0

Steers 29, Bronte 0

Steers 6, Coleman 7

Steers 38, Wingate 7

Steers 47, Paint Rock 0

Steers 46, Eldorado 0

Steers 54, Bronte 0

Steers 19, Eden 0

Eden

Bulldogs 6, Menard 7

Bulldogs 0, Eldorado 2

Bulldogs 20, Eola 0

Bulldogs 40, Rochelle 0

Bulldogs 60, Richland Springs 6

Bulldogs 25, Menard 13

Bulldogs 19, Lohn 12

Bulldogs 19, Melvin 19

Bulldogs 51, Paint Rock 0

Bulldogs 0, Robert Lee 19

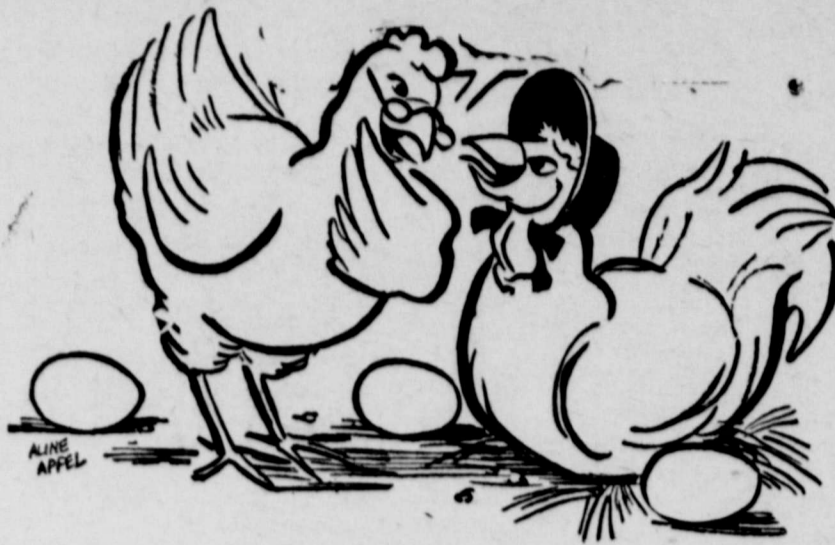
Mrs. Pat Rives this week orders the Robert Lee Observer sent as a Christmas Gift to H. B. Owens at Odessa, Texas. This is a gift which will be enjoyed every week in the year by the recipient, and we are sure will be appreciated.

Monroe Parker tells me the candidates are going to be "blowed up" next year for cigars to hand out to the "dear peepul," as the ones now on the market smell like burning horsehair and garlic.

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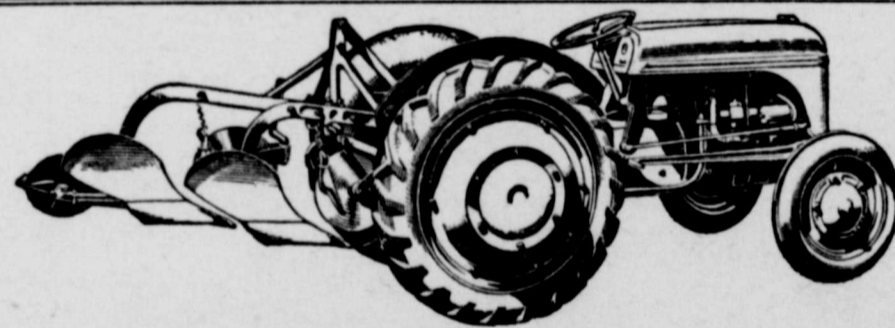
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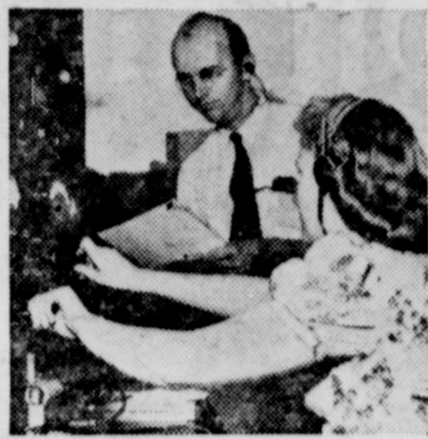
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While still attending Northeastern University, from which he graduated with a degree in electrical engineering, Ed spent his summer vacations working as a waiter and bartender in his father's restaurant in New Britain, Conn. Because of his impaired hearing, particularly in the noisy hubbub of a busy restaurant, he found he was garbling orders. As Ed says, with a smile, "If a man asked for tomato soup and got potato salad, and later expected spaghetti and found spinach on his plate, his language grew somewhat abusive. I could hear the abuse and so did too many others in the room." Several such experiences convinced him he needed a hearing aid, which he promptly procured.

Not long out of college, Ed applied for an engineering position



"OK! That's got it." Ed Landwehr, Electrical Test Engineer at the Western Electric Plant in Clifton, New Jersey, himself a wearer of a Hearing Aid, tests a Hearing Aid on a Receiver Efficiency Test Set operated by Dorothy Vanderwall.

at Western Electric and eventually was placed in the Clifton plant. Although much of his effort was spent on engineering certain testing equipment for electronic war weapons, part of his job is the design of equipment to test hearing aids during manufacture and before they are shipped. Knowing the handicap of impaired hearing, Ed gets a lot of pleasure out of his work, which brings better hearing to thousands like himself.



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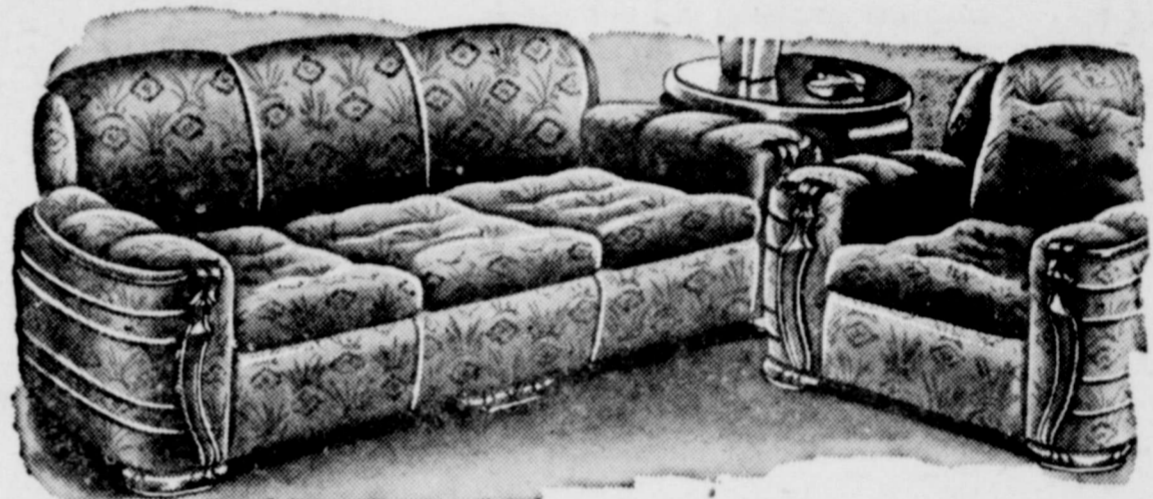
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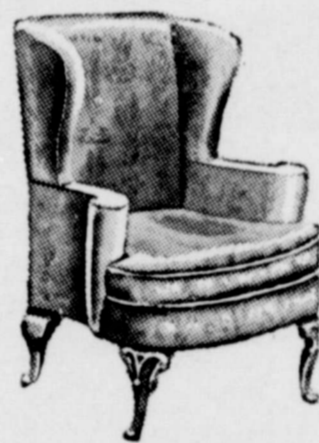
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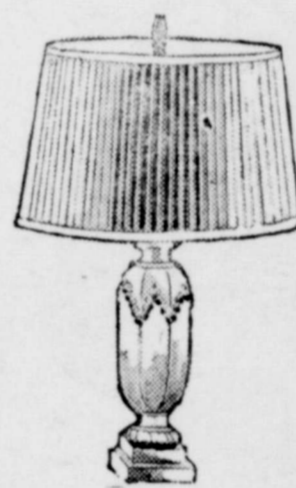
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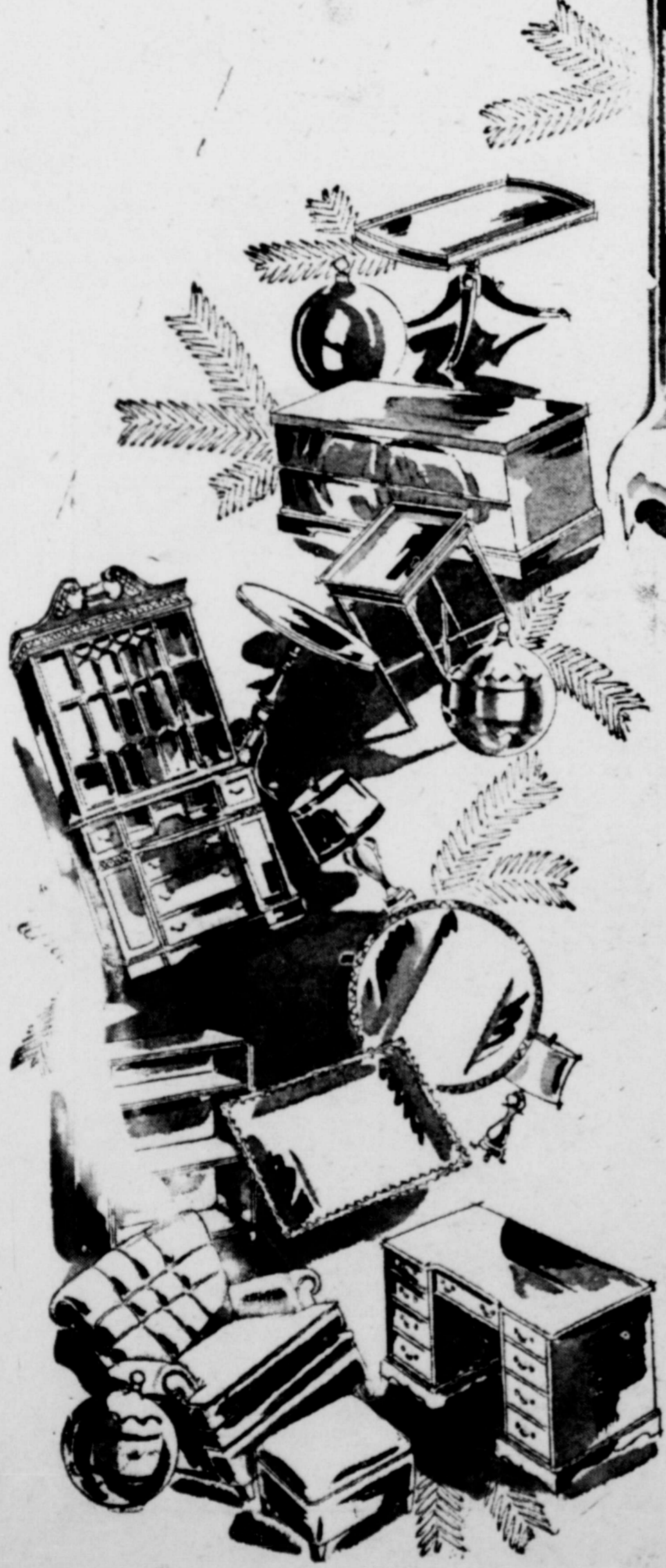
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