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Paul Good For Sheriff



The name of Paul Good appears in our political announcement column this week as a candidate for the office of Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector of Coke county.

Paul Good needs no introduction to our people. Born and raised in this county, his home people know him to be a man of sterling worth, and as one of West Texas' best peace officers.

Raised at Bronte, Paul attended the Bronte school, and was later with T. C. Price & Co., grocers for 11 years. Thirteen years ago he was appointed deputy under Sheriff Frank Percifull, and that he has met every problem with a diplomatic solution satisfactorily, is without gainsay. He is an expert on tax matters and car title certificates, and has been a taxpayer in the county from the time he was old enough to vote. The son of Will Good, pioneer citizen, Paul enjoys a wide acquaintance.

He is a member of the Baptist church, is a Mason, and a good neighbor. Qualified in every respect, he promises the same considerate, courteous service if nominated and elected to the office. Mr. Good hopes to see each voter before primary day, and solicits and will appreciate the vote and influence of each voter in the county.

Club Cafe Opens

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Strickland, experienced cafe operators, this week opened the Club Cafe, and are enjoying a nice patronage. The cafe has been completely remodeled and decorated, and the new owners are being given a cordial welcome to Robert Lee.

Misses Myrtle Hurley, Ada Wallace and Edna May Wallace visited relatives in Pecos last weekend.

Club Cafe

- Lunches
- Steaks
- Short Orders
- Chili
- Real Stews
- Coffee
- Hamburgers

Meet your friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Strickland

Board Of Commissioners Have Fine Road Program



Coke County's Commissioners Court. They go after roads and get 'em. Left to right: H. C. Varnadore, S. A. Kiker, County Judge McNeil Wylie, Thomas R. Harmon and Ben Brooks. A board with a record of noted accomplishments.

The Commissioners Court of Coke county in co-operation with other officials of Coke county submit to the citizens of Coke county a Post War Plan of a Program of Road Building that includes all of Coke county—Lateral Roads, Farm to Market Roads that will over a period of time connect all communities with all weather roads.

This plan is of such magnitude that we can not hope to complete it within a month, a year or within five years, but with the co-operation of all the people we can reasonably hope to make a substantial progress over a period of time.

The Plan of Operation, through the State Highway Department:

(a) Farm to Market Road to county line (Colorado City) \$240,000. This road will be completed in 1946.

(b) Farm to Market Road to county line (Sterling City) \$400,000. This road will be the next No. 1 Project.

(c) Farm to Market Road to county line (Winters) \$60,000. This road will be asked for at the same time as the Sterling City road.

(d) Farm to Market Road to county line (Water Valley) \$300,000. This road will be the No. 2 Project.

(e) Farm to Market Road from Highway No. 208 beginning at Valley View across the Lometa community to an intersection with Highway 70 at Juniper, \$165,000.

(f) A new bridge over Oak Creek on Highway 70, \$100,000.

If it is possible for the commissioners court of Coke county to secure and complete these roads it will constitute approximately \$1,265,000.00. The reason that the commissioners court of Coke county hopes and believe that it is possible to secure the allocation of this amount of money over a period of time is because there has been in the past ten years approximately \$1,000,000.00 of State Highway funds spent in Coke

county. Therefore it is reasonable to believe that the commissioners court of Coke county can do in the next 10 years as much as they have in the past 10 years.

Plan of Operation for Lateral Roads:

The commissioners court has asked for a survey of all the roads of Coke county to tie in to the Farm to Market roads as above outlined. If and when these roads are completed through the federal government, the county or however they may be built, it will give us a complete system of roads that will serve all the people of Coke county alike. This plan is not for today, tomorrow, nor for a year, but from now on; to meet the changes of the State Highway department, the commissioners court and the wishes of the citizens of Coke county.

This may be a big order but it is the belief of your commissioners court that it can be accomplished. We may have setbacks and hurdles to go over, but with the will to do, it is possible.

Mrs. F. M. Andrews

Funeral services were conducted Dec. 26 by Pastor J. C. Campbell for Mrs. F. M. Andrews, 81, resident of Coke county since 1899. Two sons survive. Interment was made in Robert Lee Cemetery, Cliff Funeral Home directing.

Willis Smith's host of friends sympathize with him in the loss of his mother at Houston, Dec. 21. Funeral services were conducted at Crockett, Dec. 22. Mr. Smith was en route when his mother passed away.

Mahon-Taylor Rites Dec. 24

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor, Christmas Eve, Miss Bobbie J. Taylor and Lothlen B. Mahon of Lamesa were united in marriage, Pastor J. C. Campbell of the Methodist church officiating.

The bride, following her discharge from the Wacs, resumed her position in County Clerk Willis Smith's office, where for several years she has been employed. She is one of our most popular and accomplished young ladies. The groom was also reared here, but now resides in Lamesa, where he holds a responsible position with an implement firm.

Enjoyable Recital

Friday evening, Dec. 21, Mrs. J. C. Campbell presented her piano pupils in a splendid recital in her home. Following the musical a social hour was enjoyed. Refreshments were served to 32 guests.

Adds To Ranch Holdings

The county deed records show that Eveline Gillett et al, have sold to M. L. Leddy, Section 11, Block Z, D. & S. E. Ry. Co. 640 acres, on the Divide, adjoining Mr. Leddy's 6-section ranch. Consideration \$20,000.

At a get together in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Key, Sunday afternoon, out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Merle King of Robstown, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Lee Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Zoet of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Frank Blaylock of Eldorado, Misses Wama Hayhurst and Vena Lou of Abilene, Misses Juanell Jay and Ione Davis of San Angelo, Pvt. Judson Watson of Lowry Field, Denver, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Watson, and Mr. Seymour and little son of Wingate.

Other guests were Mrs. Dick Skipworth and little daughter, Willie Sue, Misses Marie and Mildred Wallace, and Stroud Roberts.

Mark Chumley gave us the right hand of fellowship containing a year's wherewith for this untried epistle of joy, last Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Chumley had a round with the flu during the holidays, but have recovered.

Bob L. Davis Enters Race



The name of Bob L. Davis appears in our announcement column this week as a candidate for the office of County Judge and School Superintendent of Coke county.

Mr. Davis was born and reared in this county. He is a graduate of Robert Lee high school, attended San Angelo Junior College, and is a member of International Accountants Society.

Considered a leader among his fellow students in school, he was active in all sports. He was employed in the accounting department for the State of Texas in Austin prior to his appointment as coordinator for the U. S. government in the British West Indies. He served in this capacity, dealing in both national and international affairs for 18 months previous to volunteering for service in the U.S. Navy, where he served two years as a yeoman second class aboard a mine sweeper in the Pacific. He is the holder of a commendation for outstanding service under adverse conditions.

Mr. Davis left this week for San Antonio and Washington to complete an assignment and to place his resignation with the federal government. He is to return shortly and begin an active campaign. Feeling that he is in every way qualified for this office, Mr. Davis presents his candidacy for the consideration of the voters, and solicits and will greatly appreciate your vote and influence before primary day this popular, capable young man hopes to contact each voter in the county.

MYF News

Pastor and Mrs. J. C. Campbell were hosts at a breakfast for the MYF at a Christmas morning breakfast. Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough and Chrystelle Mathers were honor guests. After a carol singing tour the return was made to the church for a social hour.

Sunday afternoon the MYF made a pilgrimage to the Trinity church in Sau Angelo, for the organization of a Sub-District Methodist Fellowship. Fourteen churches had 115 MYF members attending. Following refreshments, officers were elected. The next meeting will be at Mertzon, Feb. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Latham visited in Colorado City last weekend.

Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.—Matt. 24:44.

WANT ADS

Wanted—To buy several pigs.—Club Cafe.

Want to buy three houses to be moved—4 to 6 rooms.—Club Cafe.

Statement of Condition of Robert Lee State Bank

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS
Dec. 31, 1945

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	\$110,655.43
Overdrafts	461.76
U. S. Gov't. Securities	293,287.50
State and County Securities	6,194.40
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	1,750.00
Federal Reserve Bank Stock	900.00
CCC Cotton Producers Notes	1,126.06
Cash and Exchange	241,327.95
Total	\$655,703.10

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	25,000.00
Surplus	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	8,938.13
Deposits	606,764.97
Total	\$655,703.10

OFFICERS:

R. W. Smith, President T. A. Richardson, Cashier
DIRECTORS: D. R. Campbell, R. W. Smith, Marvin Simpson
G. C. Allen, T. A. Richardson

MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Day went off in full swing in the home of Mrs. J. A. Waldrop of Hayrick. She had with her all seven of her children and their families.

There were thirty-one present for the day's fine dinner of turkey and all the trimmings.

Visitors out of family were Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Crum, Robert Lee, Mrs. Ethel Menelle and Johnnie, and Elmer and Charlie Dorian all of Friendship.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lowrance of Pecos, and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Wheeler and Miss Freeda Lowrance of Pyote, were holiday guests of relatives in Robert Lee. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler and Miss Lowrance also visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Key.

Mr. and Mrs. McMinn, their daughter and husband of Corpus Christi, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Harmon. Mrs. McMinn and son remained here while Mr. McMinn went to Kirkland for a visit.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Truman Pushes Unification of Armed Forces; U.S. Moves for Active Participation in UNO

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.)



Composed of war widows and children and men needed to care for their families in Japan, first batch of Nipponese repatriates are shown aboard small steamer leaving Shanghai. In all, some 300,000 Japanese, including troops, will be evacuated from the greater Shanghai area.

SERVICE MERGER:
 On Way

With President Truman throwing his full weight behind a merger of the fighting services, early congressional action on unification of the army, navy and air forces was foreseen.

Meanwhile, rougher sailing loomed on the chief executive's proposal for compulsory military training for youths 18 to 20 years of age to build up an experienced reserve adequate to meet future emergencies.

In casting his lot for the merger of the armed forces after strenuous naval objections to unification, Mr. Truman called for a single department of national defense under a civilian head, with assistants for the various branches, and a military chief of staff, with commanders from the three services. The military leaders would join with the President in an advisory council.

Maximum efficiency would result from unification, the President declared, because close co-ordination would acquaint each branch of the armed forces with the capabilities and limitations of the others, and economy would be achieved by eliminating a duplication of effort and supply.

FARM BUREAU:
 Discuss Parity

Despite imperfections in the present parity formula, American farmers were urged to retain the system by Secretary of Agriculture Anderson addressing the annual convention of the Farm Bureau in Chicago, Ill. Referring specifically to the government program for price support at 90 per cent of parity, Anderson said varying conditions for different crops might fail to promote maximum production. Even with milk at 109 per cent of parity at the 1910-14 base, output is below requirements, he said, while eggs at 90 per cent might lead to plentiful production.



Secretary Anderson

Declaring that the parity formula should be based upon the 10 years preceding the present program rather than on the 1910-14 level, Edward A. O'Neal, farm bureau president, called for all agricultural groups to unite on an over-all plan rather than insist on a separate system for each commodity.

Pointing up the need for additional rural health and education facilities, Senator Hill (Dem., Ala.) said that with millions of farm dollars ending up as profits in industrial districts after consumer purchases, only federal taxation and expenditures for social service could assure the return of some of the money back to agricultural areas for public purposes.

UNO:
 U. S. In

With house passage of enabling legislation, congress joined in making the U. S. a full-fledged member of the United Nations organization, conceived out of the welter of war to preserve future peace by co-

operative action and prevent the destruction of modern conflict.

Acting quickly on the enabling legislation, President Truman nominated the U. S. delegates to UNO, with ex-Secretary of State Edward Stettinius chosen as the representative on the all-powerful security council and senior member of the general assembly group including Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Sen. Tom Connally (Dem., Texas) and Sen. Arthur Vandenberg (Rep. Mich.).

Under the legislation approved, the President can enter into negotiations with the other four members of the security council of UNO for provision of military forces to suppress aggression, with freedom to permit their use after congressional sanction of the arrangements. The President also will be able to join in the imposition of economic boycotts to bring a troublemaker into line.

LABOR:
 Talk Turkey

With early maneuverings for position jolted by President Truman's request for fact-finding anti-strike machinery to speed settlement of labor disputes, the CIO United Automobile Workers and major producers entered into discussions of principal issues, with Ford continuing to steal the show.

With the UAW's Ford division having provided the first real break in the deadlock with agreement to penalize wildcat strikers hindering output, the company took one step closer toward agreement by proposing a 15-cent an hour wage increase. Despite Ford's alteration of the union's security plan and the UAW's rejection of the company's wage offer, the two propositions provided a meeting ground for a settlement somewhere between.

Meanwhile, the Sinclair-United Oil Workers (CIO) pact providing for an 18 per cent wage raise and union assurance against wildcat striking loomed as the model contract for all of industry. In arriving at a settlement, H. F. Sinclair declared that the two parties agreed that voluntary solution of disputes was preferable to government intervention, such as proposed by Mr. Truman.

SHIP SINKING:
 Convict Skipper

Acquitted on a charge of inefficiency in the sinking of the cruiser Indianapolis in the Pacific last July with a loss of 880 lives, Capt. Charles B. McVay was found guilty of negligence in the operation of the ship, with sentence subject to review of the secretary of the navy.

Clearance on the charge of inefficiency for not issuing timely orders to leave the vessel after it was struck by a torpedo followed McVay's testimony that he had at first believed the ship could be saved but then called for its abandonment when convinced of the real extent of damage. Shortly after the Indianapolis capsized, taking a heavy toll of life.

In being convicted on the negligence charge, McVay was accused of failing to order a zig-zag course during the trip from Guam to Leyte and thus divert the aiming of a U-boat. In defense, McVay contended that poor visibility and lack of moon that night governed his decision not to take on a diversionary course.

TELEVISION:
 Charge Restriction

Accusing Scophony, Ltd., of Great Britain and Television Productions Inc. and General Precision Equipment Corporation of America of retarding development of television in the U. S. through a cartel agreement dividing markets between Europe and the western hemisphere, the government filed anti-trust charges in New York City.

In stating that the companies had agreed to stay out of competing areas, the government declared that the American firms had obtained exclusive rights to an advanced television set controlled by Scophony, but had done nothing to either develop and exploit the apparatus here or promote its sale and use.

Employing an independent light along the principle of the motion picture projector, the British product is capable of transmitting images 20 by 24 inches on home sets, 3 by 4 feet on school and club sets and 12 by 15 feet on theater screens, the government said. In contrast, American sets are limited to reproductions of 4 by 6 inches and 6 by 8 inches.

JAPAN:
 Tells Secret

In guarded memoirs left after his suicide to prevent arrest as a war criminal, former Jap Premier Prince Konoye left some glimpses of the behind-the-scenes maneuvering that marked his country's diplomacy before the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor.

One of the top disclosures was Konoye's report on the evolution of a peace plan covering the Far East after unofficial negotiations in which former Postmaster General Walker and Bishop Walsh of the Catholic Maryknoll missionaries figured with government knowledge. Sabotaged by Ultra-Nationalist Japanese officials, the plan called for Jap withdrawal from China, restriction of immigration thereto, and co-operation in the restoration of the open-door trade policy. In return the U. S. was to recognize Manchuria.

In another revelation, Konoye reported Russia's tentative agreement to join the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo Axis in 1940 under inclusion of Iran and India in her sphere of influence. No concrete alliance developed, however, because of the failure of the Nazis and Reds to work out details, and the whole plan collapsed with Germany's drive to the East in 1941.

Frontier Figure Dies

Death of Moman Pruiett, 73, in Oklahoma City, Okla., from pneumonia recalled his one-time eminence as a frontier attorney, with a record of acquittals for 303 accused slayers. Having studied the law in an attorney's office, where he was employed as a shoe shine boy and janitor, Pruiett, a colorful figure with long, black hair falling below his shoulders, was among the first to introduce emotion in court practice in the Southwest.

On one occasion when the prosecution sneered at his plea of self-defense for a client accused of killing a man who threatened him with a pencil, "Old Moman" suddenly seized a juror by the collar—thrust a pencil at his breast and secured an admission that the pencil resembled a knife under the circumstances.

After being convicted as a boy of a robbery—which he said he did not commit, Pruiett resolved to study law. Addressing the judge, he roared: "I'll turn murderers and thieves loose in your midst."

FARM CROPS:
 Year's Review

With a New Year ringing in, American farmers could look back on the old as marking the best in food grain production on record with an all-time wheat crop of 1,123,143,000 bushels featuring the harvest.

At the same time, the department of agriculture reported that feed grains were the third largest on record, though corn fell off slightly to 3,018,410,000 bushels from the 1944 figure. As a result, huge quantities of feed will be available for fattening livestock and assuring the country of banner meat supplies through 1946.

Along with wheat, new records were established for oats, tobacco, rice, popcorn, hops, peaches, pears, grapefruit, almonds and fresh truck crops, while new records were set for hay, soybeans, flaxseed, potatoes, sugar cane, oranges, grapes and pecans.

Despite the general banner production, the cotton harvest fell to its lowest figure since 1896, while apples, barley, rye, dry beans, buckwheat, sorghum silage and forage, sweet potatoes, sugar beets, apricots and sour cherries were also below average output.

With a decrease of 4,000,000 acres from 1944, production of all crops in 1945 was only 1.5 per cent off. Output was 2 per cent below the peak of 1942.

Washington Digest

President Maintains New Deal Policies



Year-End Check Shows Some Change of Faces But Not of Any Principles; FDR Intimates Remain in High Posts.

By BAUKHAGE
 News Analyst and Commentator.

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Sufficient time has elapsed since President Truman went into the White House to warrant a year-end inventory of his reconstituted federal setup, and the result adds up to many changes in personalities, but little switch of fundamental policies.

In its numerical aspect, the changes wrought by the President suggest more of a shakeup than actually has taken place, for there still are many intimates of FDR in high positions, some of them promoted by Mr. Truman.

James F. Byrnes, secretary of state and top man in the Truman cabinet, was lifted out of the relative obscurity of a "career senator" from the southland by Mr. Roosevelt. He came within reach of his present eminence under the guidance of the late President, who appointed him to the United States Supreme court, made him war mobilizer and economic stabilizer, and took him to international conferences which built him to the point where he was a "natural" for the state portfolio when Edward R. Stettinius Jr. was moved out by political party considerations. Byrnes was schooled in the Roosevelt ways and he continues along those paths.

Henry Morgenthau probably would have remained as secretary of treasury had the President who appointed him lived on. But while he was more a personal friend, he was less a political associate of Mr. Roosevelt than was Fred Vinson, the present secretary. And again, it was FDR who brought Vinson to the forefront—made him a federal judge, then took him into the White House to share Byrnes' multiple functions and burdens. He had little more than a passing acquaintance with Truman and his present post was a promotion for a "Roosevelt man."

Robert E. Hannegan, postmaster general, was slated for that office before Mr. Roosevelt passed away. It is political custom to award that plum to the winning party's national committee chairman, whether the Democrats or the Republicans win.

Robert Patterson, secretary of war, came in during the Roosevelt administration as assistant to Henry L. Stimson, creating a team of Republicans in the top spots of the department. He was advanced by President Truman when Mr. Stimson retired, although there were strong representations made to the White House on behalf of other candidates, practically all of them Democrats.

Original Roosevelt cabinet members retained by Mr. Truman are James V. Forrestal in navy, Henry A. Wallace in commerce, and Harold L. Ickes in interior.

Anderson Took Off 'Heat' from Ford

Clinton P. Anderson, the secretary of agriculture, won White House entree during Roosevelt days by taking the heat off the administration with a food investigation. Labor Secretary Lewis B. Schwellenbach has been described as "more New Deal than Roosevelt."

Continuing, it was President Roosevelt who brought Tom C. Clark, the present attorney general, into government service, placing him in line for the advancement which Mr. Truman gave him. Paul V. McNutt, who left recently to become high commissioner in the Philippine islands, was originally a Roosevelt appointee.

Even in the intimate surroundings of the White House will be found several "hold-overs," notably scholarly William D. Hassett, a presidential secretary whose typewriter has turned out many of the lyrical speeches delivered by the late President, and whose skill can be detected by Washington newsmen in Mr. Truman's more formal addresses.

J. A. Krug remained at the head of the War Production board until it went out of existence, although the new President was often critical of WPB when he was presiding over the senate committee which bore his name.

Almost every move made by Mr. Truman in organizing his official family had underlying it a record of Roosevelt association. There has been only one notable discernible

departure from the administrative status quo so far as fundamentals go, and that was the appointment of John W. Snyder as chief of the office of war mobilization and reconversion. Snyder was a friend and military buddy of the President for a quarter of a century. But Washington hears that the OWMR director is being sidetracked, that the President is taking counsel with Secretary Vinson on subjects that rightly fall into Snyder's bailiwick and that a resignation has been offered.

There is nothing in the Truman appointments to indicate whether the President is turning to the right or the left of center—using FDR as "center." Mr. Truman is franker than most public figures and commentators — he says he frankly doesn't know what "center" is, imagines he's about the same as his late chief.

Opinion is growing in the capital that the government is "reconverting" too rapidly and that the force of speed without direction will have harmful results.

Except for a few generalized thrusts, the White House has shown no disposition to come to grips with the wage-price dilemma, hasn't attempted to develop a comprehensive program to eliminate the element of chance, and, in the opinion of critical congressmen, is simply trusting that things somehow will work out all right in the end if left to their own devices.

There is a striking example of the haphazard system which has been followed, and that is the retention of OPA while permitting the National War Labor board to go virtually out of existence. WLB exercised a fair degree of control over wage and salary levels, and with wages the largest single item of production costs, there is today no agency effectively operating in that field. Both management and labor agree the President's radioed speech on the subject clarified almost nothing. The result has been to cut the ground from beneath OPA in its efforts to maintain price ceilings.

Another example is the War Production board, which was permitted to go out of existence on November 3. Odds and ends fell to the newly created Civilian Production administration, but there is today no raw materials allocation plan and efforts are being made to create out of export licensing a means by which domestic industry might have its needs fulfilled. The theory is that refusal of export licenses for needed civilian materials will back those commodities onto the market here. But its effort upon restoration of foreign trade is making congress unhappy.

There still are agencies in Washington "winding up" the business of World War I, and it seems entirely possible that history will repeat after World War II is officially over. That day will be fixed by President Truman unless he carries too long and congress steps in to do the job. Dissolution of the Office of War Information may supply an insight into what happens when bureaus which came into existence since Pearl Harbor cease to exist. Except for changes in the top positions and discarding of the domestic branch, which always was a minor part of the operation, OWI seems to be a very live corpse.

Blanketed into the state department may be upwards of 5,000 OWI payrollers. They will continue, and expand, a worldwide plan of information dedicated to the purpose of teaching other nations more about this country, its people, their aspirations, their accomplishments. About 2,000 more have gone into the bureau of the budget to continue their present assignment, which is publication of the United States government manual. Closing of the domestic branch actually affected fewer than 200 jobs in Washington.

Larger, actually, than OWI's foreign branch will be the informational office of the state department, for it will include also the public relations section of the office of coordinator of Inter-American affairs, which beams its material to points south of the Rio Grande and which heretofore functioned independently of OWI.

MONEY SAVERS

For You Daily At The M System

Yams East Texas Sandyland, lb. **9¹/₂c**

CARROTS, Home Grown, Fine Flavor, bunch 6c

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

Grapefruit, Texas Marsh Seedless, 2 for - - - 15c



Potatoes Idaho Russets U.S. No. 1—lb. **4¹/₂c**
10 Pound Mesh Bag 53c

Lettuce Fresh, Crisp **25c**
2 heads for

Rutabagas, waxed, pound **6¹/₂c**

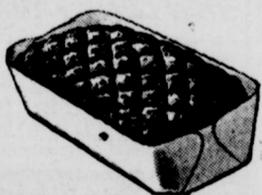
Celery, California, stalk - **21c**

Cabbage, South Texas, pound 4c

Roasted Peanuts, Jumbo Reds, 16-oz. cello bag - 27c

Lemons, Calif. Sunkist, dozen 39c

In Our Meat Department



Pork Sausage lb. 35c

T-Bone Steak lb. 35c

Pork Chops pound 36c

Short Rib Roast, pound - 18c

Summer Sausage pound - 33c

Skinless Weiners pound - 33c

PRUNES

Sugar ripe, large, 1-lb. carton **17c**
Sugar ripe, large, 2-lb. ctn. 33c

Peaches, choice, 1 pound cello package - 35c

Pears, fancy, 1 pound cello package - 33c

Raisins, Household, 2 lb. ctn. 25c; 4 lbs. 49c

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

Pure Lard Swift's 4-lb. carton **1.43**

Maxwell House Coffee, 1 pound glass 32c

Fruit Cocktail, Nugget, 2 1-2 tin - - 32c

Peaches, Sliced Nugget, No. 2¹/₂ tin - - 25c

Whole Green Beans, APCO, No. 2 tin - - 19c

Corn, W K Golden, Nation Pride, 12 oz. 14c

Peas, Fresh Shelled Black Eyes, No. 2 tin 19c

Tomato Juice 46-oz. tin **25c**

Spaghetti Dinner, Lido Club, 14 oz. pkg. 21c

Pimientos, Old Mission, 6-ounce glass - 27c

Apricot Nectar, Calif. Morning Brand - 17c

Blended Juice, Bruce's, No. 2 tin 17c; 46 oz. 38c

Salmon Way Up Chum No. 1 tall can **25c**

Skinner Raisin Bran, 10 ounce package 10c

Grandma Molasses, quart 38c; pint - - - 21c

Peanut Butter, Armour's, 16-ounce - 29c

Sugar Cure Morton No. 10 can **89c**

Tender Quick, Morton's, No. 10 can - - 1.69

Grape Jam, Pure Concord, Amita, 2-lb. - 35c

Life Buoy Soap, 3 regular bars for - - - 19c

Lux Toilet Soap, 3 regular bars for - - 19c

Sugar Pure Cane 10 Pounds **65c**



M System Enriched **BREAD**
1¹/₂ lb. loaf **10c**
Baked by expert Bakers

Syrup Pepsin, Dr. Caldwell's 60c size 49c

Cold Wave Kits, Toni, - - - - 1.25

Peruna, 11 ounce bottle - - - - 97c

Jergen's Lotion, 50c size - - 47c tax inc.

Jergen's Lotion, 1.00 size - - 95c tax inc.

After Shave Lotion, Woodbury, - 49c

Kotex, Regular, 12s, two packages 43c



SYSTEM STORES



Bring Us Your Cream and Eggs—Top Prices



Nitrogen Lack Shows In Farm Crop Colors

Pale Green Often Means Low Protein Content

The culprit responsible for the pale green color and spindly growth of many pastures and fields of small grains last spring was lack of nitrogen, according to W. H. Pierre, head of the agronomy department of Iowa State college.



Corn shows nitrogen application.

And nitrogen deficiency was also to blame for the "firing" or drying up of the lower leaves of corn in many other midwestern fields, Dr. Pierre asserted.

"Nitrogen is the plant food element that gives crops their normal, dark-green color and their fresh appearance," he declared. "Without enough nitrogen, plants become pale green and spindly. In corn when nitrogen hunger develops about mid-summer, the older or lower leaves of the plant turn yellow near the midrib and may gradually die."

"Farmers sometimes mistake nitrogen-hunger signs in corn for drought injury. Where small grains and grasses are concerned, a lack of nitrogen not only results in pale-green color but later maturity and lower yields."

"One of the other serious effects of nitrogen deficiency is a low protein content in crops, for proteins cannot be formed without nitrogen. This has an adverse effect in meat and dairy cattle raising, for low protein crops have a low feeding value."

Dr. Pierre pointed out that there are three ways in which nitrogen can be added to the soils so that crop needs can be met. One is through the growth of legumes, another is through the use of manures and crop residues and the third is through the use of fertilizers containing nitrogen.

Humidity for Storage

Apples Is Important

The successful storage of apples depends on the ability of the individual to read the danger signs. When apples show signs of wilting or shriveling, it is an indication that the surrounding atmosphere or humidity is low, according to Purdue university. The dry air is absorbing the moisture from the produce, thus the apple shrinks.

Sprouting and rotting results from warm and moist temperatures and lack of proper ventilation. Containers should be open and kept off the floor and away from the wall. Apples should be stored at 34 to 38 degrees and 75 to 80 per cent humidity. Ventilation, sound produce, proper temperature and humidity are essential.

New in Machinery

Hole Digger



Jeep serves as post hole digger.

The new improved Jeep, adapted for peacetime work, combines the four basic functions of tractor, light truck, mobile power unit and passenger conveyance.

Among the many and various farm applications is its use as a post-hole digger as shown in illustration above.



By EDWARD EMERINE
WNU Features

THE first settlers in Ohio, remembering the nation which had materially assisted the cause of the American Revolution, named their settlement Marietta, in honor of Queen Marie Antoinette of France. That was in 1786, during the stirring years of expansion and growth following the birth of the new republic. It was a group of New Englanders, led by Manasseh Cutler and Gen. Rufus Putnam, that founded the frontier town at the confluence of the Ohio and Muskingum rivers.

The story of Ohio might be told in the study of names. The word Ohio, from the Indian, means "Beautiful River," but the names of Ohio's sons are known around the world. Seven United States Presidents were born in that state: Grant, Garfield, Hayes, Benjamin Harrison, McKinley, Taft and Harding. Howard Chandler Christy, the artist, was born in Morgan county. Buckeye state authors, teachers, lawyers and doctors are known around the world.

Thomas A. Edison and Orville and Wilbur Wright are examples of Ohio names in invention. Others now household words include Van Sweringen, Goodrich, Firestone, Seiberling, Willys, Proctor, Gamble,



Paint Creek Gorge

Kroger, Olds, Patterson and Kettering. The list is too long to publish here.

Rich In Resources.

There are many empires in the state of Ohio, for it is rich in its natural resources as well as in men. The farmer's Ohio is 22 million acres of agriculture. The business



Boat on the Muskingum River.

man's Ohio is the fourth wealthiest state in the Union. The manufacturer's Ohio is the factories, the mines, the products shipped around the world. The homemaker's Ohio is blessed with an abundance of human and material resources for wholesome, happy living for typical Americans, urban or rural. The vacationist's Ohio provides parks, game preserves, smooth highways, 110 lakes, many rivers, good fishing, deer and small game, rugged hill country, archaeological relics such as Indian mounds, and caves, geological formations, etc.

Ohio is largely a manufacturing state, deserving this industrial prominence mainly because of its natural resources. The advantages afforded for transportation by water as well as by rail cannot be overestimated. Lake Erie and the New York state barge canal make a direct outlet to the Atlantic, while the Ohio and the Muskingum rivers

offer communication with Pennsylvania and the Mississippi basin.

The manufacture of iron and steel and their products constitutes the most important industry in Ohio and entitles the state to a place only below Pennsylvania. It includes the work of the blast furnaces, rolling mills and steel plants. Pig iron production in Ohio represents approximately one-fourth of the nation's total.

World Rubber Capital.

Akron is the rubber manufacturing center of the world. Cleveland and Cincinnati are the centers of the state's clothing industry. East Liverpool has one of the world's most extensive pottery works and together with other nearby towns produces about half of the nation's pottery.

Ohio ranks first in the production of tires and tubes, machine tools, stoves, ranges, furnaces, electrical appliances, printing and publishing of periodicals, soap, matches, pottery and porcelain ware, pumps and pumping equipment, coffins and steam shovels.

The state ranks second in the production of motor vehicles, bodies



made from ocean to ocean by English kings to various colonies along the Atlantic seaboard.

After the settlement of Marietta, a considerable migration from Virginia was directed to the southern part of Ohio. A great impetus was given to settlement when Gen. Anthony Wayne defeated the Indians of the Northwest in the Battle of Fallen Timbers near the Maumee river.

By an act of congress of April 30, 1802, the territory was authorized to draft a constitution; and on February 19, 1803, Ohio was declared a state.

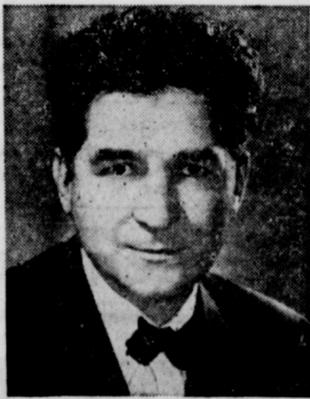
Edward Tiffin was elected the first governor. Chillicothe became the first capital and Lancaster, Newark and Zanesville each shared the honor of being the seat of state government before it was permanently located in Columbus in 1816.

Mysterious Mounds.

Even back in prehistoric days, men must have found Ohio a good land in which to live. The Mound Builders, whose origin is as mysterious as their destiny, devoted an estimated 100,000 man-years of labor to the building of 10,000 mounds and earthworks. These village sites, fortifications and burial places remain in Ohio as the record of these ancient people.

Intertwined in the fabric of Ohio's history and romantic heritage are the French explorers, Jesuit priests, British officers, French traders and Colonial frontiersmen. George Rogers Clark, "Mad" Anthony Wayne, Ebenezer Zane and "Johnny Appleseed" march across its pages of history, for Ohio was once the wild frontier, the unconquered Northwest.

Ohio's governor was born in Cleveland in 1895, the son of Slovenian parents. On Cleveland's sandlots he became a star third



FRANK J. LAUSCHE
Governor

baseball, and was playing professional ball for Duluth when World War I broke out. He served as a second lieutenant, and when the war was over, studied law. He served as a judge in Cleveland and was elected mayor of his home town in 1941 and 1943. In 1944 he was elected governor of Ohio.

Weddings Held at Home Till Invalidated by Clergy

Until the Tenth century, the Christian peoples of Europe continued to marry themselves in the home, despite the efforts of the clergy for hundreds of years to have weddings held in the church, says Collier's. At that time, however, the laity began to yield, but only to the extent of performing the ceremony outside of the door of the church in the presence of the priest.

This custom lasted until the middle of the Sixteenth century when an ecclesiastical council passed and enforced a law making invalid all marriages held outside the church.

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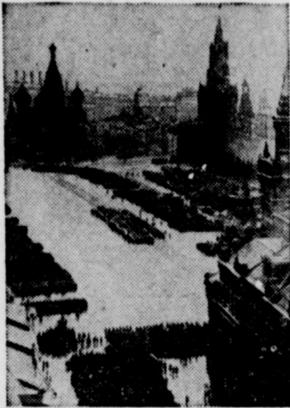
W. L. White

INSTALLMENT TWO

We get a quick first look at Moscow. Wide, incredibly empty streets, sidewalks full of hurrying, shabby people, walking past dingy shops in dilapidated buildings. Monotonous rows of uninteresting apartments, concrete beehives which sometimes make an effort at beauty in ornamentation. But it is half-hearted, like the architecture of an institution.

Now we come to Spaso House which, before the 1917 Revolution, was built by a beet-sugar baron, and is one of a number of such palaces in Moscow which once belonged either to the merchant prince or the Romanov nobility. The Bolsheviks have turned them over to foreign governments for embassies. Inside, all are giant forests of marble columns from the tops of which, like grapevines, trail the marble balustrades of staircases. They are as drafty as movie sets, and as cozy to live in as Grand Central Station. In the back yard of each is a hen house.

But now Johnston is off to call on Mikoyan, an intimate of Stalin and



May Day in Moscow

a top Bolshevik, who is People's Commissar for Foreign Trade, our official host.

Johnston returns from the Kremlin very much impressed by Mikoyan. "Highly intelligent. He'd be prominent in any country. In America he'd be a big businessman or industrialist. I told him that. He seemed pleased."

Tonight our Russian hosts, with Kirilov in charge, take us to a concert in Tschaikovsky Hall, which in New York would be Carnegie Hall. I look at the hall which seems well built but a little too ornate. Then at the crowd. It is intent on the stage and in the half-light looks shabby, except for the red epaulets on the officers' uniforms. Most of their heads are clipped, Prussian style.

This is the Tschaikovsky Concert Hall where seats usually go to top officials or to crack Stakhanovite workers who get high wartime wages. But their clothes can't compare with those of a meeting of the Workers Alliance in my home town of Emporia, Kansas, at the bottom of our depression. Yet Carnegie Hall seldom offers a better program than the one that we heard on the stage.

Red army officers are robust enough. But too many of these Russian women have bad complexions, which seem to indicate lack of vitamins. These people, in their twenties and thirties, were children during the hard days after the revolution; years of malnutrition show in their bad bone structure. No wonder we three average-sized Americans stand half a head higher than the Red Army officers who parade there.

Although Red Army officers must still spend some time in the ranks, schools like Annapolis and West Point have been established where they give promising youngsters training toward commissions. Also the Suvarov cadet schools have recently been opened, admitting sons of officers and orphans as young as eight years old.

These officers in the foyer of the concert hall are apparently on leave and, except for the fact that they are under-sized, are fine-looking men. They are usually blue-eyed blonds with high cheekbones, and their unsmiling Slav faces and clipped bulletheads constantly remind me of old-time Prussian officers, as they solemnly patrol the

foyer with these shabby, undernourished women.

But now our hosts tear us away from this revolving crowd to a room near our box where a little between-the-acts supper is being served in our honor by the director of the theater.

This truly oriental hospitality has nothing to do with Lenin or the theory of Surplus Values. These people may be socialists, but they are also Russians. As such, they inherit an even stronger tradition from the Mongolian Emperor Genghis Khan than they do from Karl Marx.

Looking around the hall, I wonder where they keep the old people. All these faces are young; in their twenties and thirties. So were those on the streets this afternoon. What became of Russians who should now be in their fifties, sixties, or seventies? Now, back in America, I still wonder.

In Russia, if you decide to move, you must go through about as many formalities as you would need to get married. In Moscow you don't just arrive in a taxi (for there are none) at the hotel of your choice. Foreigners stay at one of three hotels, but they are the best Moscow affords except for the Moskva which has been built since the Revolution and is reserved for high-ranking communists, important government officials (which is the same thing), well-known artists, and top Red Army officers. Its public rooms are in an uninteresting, classic style, which is best represented in New York by the Grand Central Station.

Intourist is a government-owned travel agency and you can start thinking Cooks or the American Express, because in peacetime it arranges tours with hotel reservations and meals. But in Russia it has complete charge of the movements and creature-comforts of practically all foreigners, and you cannot stir without it.

For here it is impossible to drop into a restaurant for a casual meal, go to a hotel for a night, or climb on a train for a trip. A Russian belongs to his job. He and his family usually sleep in an apartment house which his factory owns. He probably eats, in his factory dining room, food raised on his factory's farm. His children attend a day-nursery which it maintains. They play games and go to movies in its culture palace and they go on vacations when it can spare them on trains which it designates to resorts and workers' homes which it controls.

Foreigners can function in this rigidly ordered world only if some state organization provides for their living space, transportation, food, and ration coupons, which is where Intourist comes in.

The Soviet Government realizes that it cannot force foreigners from the Western countries down to the sub-WPA standard of living, which is the lot of most Soviet citizens. Consequently, it accords foreigners privileges which in the Western world are only common decencies, but which are fantastic luxuries in the Soviet Union.

I was accorded a large and comfortable room at the Metropole and presented with a book of ration tickets, each good for a meal in one of the Metropole's two dining rooms reserved for foreigners. It had still a third dining room for the selected Russians who were lucky enough to have permission to stay there. I never saw it, nor did they ever see ours.

My hotel room with an adjoining bath was comfortable but somewhat depressing. The washbasin drain was stopped so that it took ten minutes for my shaving water to run out, leaving in the bowl a scum of soap and whisker stubble, but I soon found this is standard in Russia.

After moving my bags to the Metropole, I stop by the embassy to change a hundred American dollars into 1,200 roubles. Once settled, I go for a walk in the town, with that comfortable feeling you have when a large roll of money is rustling in your pocket and you may buy what you like in a strange city. Slowly during my walk, I discover that there is nothing I can buy. Here no one ever kills an hour. There are no cafes, bars, or hours of leisure time. The limited supplies of newspapers were sold out hours ago.

There remains the subway, which I can enter for the equivalent of four American cents. It has been proclaimed the world's best. It is a good one, exactly like the best in

New York or London, with the difference that it is cleaner and its waiting platforms and corridors are lavishly done in costly polished marbles. Yet the system is small with few stations serving only a small per cent of the people.

In the Western world any transit corporation would spend the cost of this polished marble on more miles of track and more stations, swelling their capitalist profits by taking in more nickels from a public eager to ride nearer to work.

A day or so later we are shown our first Soviet factory. It is in Moscow's industrial suburbs and it makes the famous Stormovik plane for the Red Air Force. Approaching it we see enormous sign boards at the entrance on which are given the most recent production figures, the names of workers who have overfulfilled their quota—only here the word is "norm"—and big pictures of Lenin and Stalin, apparently painted by the same artist who does the portraits of the tattooed man, the snake charmer, and the two-headed baby for the side-show. All this faces a square, and there is also a little raised platform in which there is also a red wooden tribune for speakers. We later discover that these are standard in all Soviet factories.

Before inspecting this one, we are taken to the office of the director, who in America might correspond to the president of the company. He is a young man of thirty-seven, Vasilii Nikolayevich Smyrnov by name, and tells us he has worked in aviation twenty-four years—eight years as director.

The director tells Eric Johnston that 65 per cent of his employees are now women, that before the war it was about 30 per cent. Hours? The regular eight-hour day, plus three daily hours of overtime, for which they are paid time and a half, as in most American factories. But they work six days a week, a working week of sixty-six hours. Boys and girls under eighteen work only eight hours a day, five days a week.

Wages are paid to the plant's 10,000 workers twice a month and on a piecework basis. For a predetermined quota or "norm" of work, the worker receives 750 roubles per month. Then, if he overfulfills this norm (and they usually do) his pay goes up on a sliding scale. So the true average would be 1,000 roubles a month, and an occasional 1,500 or 2,000.

Since the rouble has a purchasing power, in terms of rationed Soviet goods, of about 8 cents in America, the Soviet war worker gets, in terms of American purchasing power, between \$20 and \$40 for his sixty-six-hour week.

However, other elements brighten the picture. The worker may buy his meals in the factory's restaurant; if he chooses to eat all three



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there, that will be only 5 roubles a day. The factory also maintains nurseries and kindergartens. Women get the same pay as men.

But now Eric turns to the director. What does he get? He receives a basic salary of 3,000 roubles a month (in rationed purchasing power, about \$240) except that, if the plant wins a production banner (this one like most Soviet war plants have), he then gets 150 per cent more up to a maximum of 10,000 roubles a month (about \$800).

But Eric is now back to the workers; what about their grievances? Well, they take them up with the trade union committee for their department of the plant.

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Ministers G. M. Gardner and Deets began a campmeeting on Paint Creek Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Higgins were made happy by the birth of a fine daughter last Thursday.

Minister G. C. Berryman started a campmeeting in the Tubbs settlement about twenty miles up the river yesterday. Minister B. H. Carroll, a very able preacher, is to assist in the meeting.

A fine boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Green Tuesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Payne of Sanco are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter the 7th inst.

This week The Rustler brings the name of Cal McCutchen before the voters of Coke county for tax assessor. He is a good man, well qualified.

Three men with a good mule team and a well arranged camp wagon from the Indian Territory, were in town Monday. They were hunting for a better country than the Territory. It is with satisfaction that we note the return of Texans from that over-rated country.

The People's Party club had quite an animated meeting at the court house Thursday night.

Wm. Wight and Newton Fowler of Sweetwater passed through Wednesday en route to San Angelo. While here they called on us and we found out they wanted to buy a bunch of sheep at \$1 per head, and when they were told Coke didn't grow dollar sheep they departed in peace.

This notice was found posted on a deserted dugout in the Indian Territory: "Four miles from a neighbor, sixteen miles from a post office, forty-three miles from a railroad, fourteen miles from a school, forty-nine miles from a church, sixty miles from timber, half a mile from water, ninety-seven miles from a democrat, a quarter mile from hades and the same distance from a republican. Goodbye, we're going back to Coke county, Texas, the best country on earth, to get a fresh start."

An amusing instance of the keen competition between the Santa Fe and Katy, took place at Temple last week. The round trip rate to Galveston was cut to \$2, then the Santa Fe added a meal at the Fremont, and the climax was reached by the Katy offering a round trip ticket, a meal at the Beach hotel, a bath and a cigar, all for one dollar. It is said the cigars given excursionists have spoiled the sea breeze in Galveston and permanently injured that place as a health resort.

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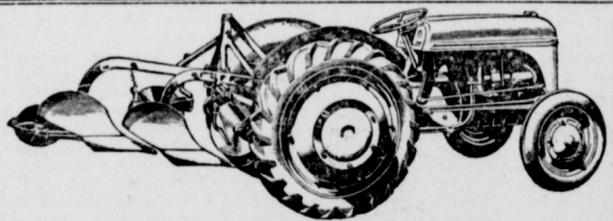
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A Couple of Famous Duels That Did Not Come Off!

As is generally known, when a man is challenged to a duel, he has the choice of weapons. When Gen. Israel Putnam, of Revolutionary war fame, was challenged, he chose an open barrel of gunpowder as the weapon—with a lighted candle set on top. The last to leave would win! That settled that.

Another duel that never came off resulted from Otto von Bismarck's challenge to a famous German scientist. For weapons, the scholar selected two sausages, one infected with deadly bacteria. Bismarck was to eat one, and the scientist the other. The Iron Chancellor decided not to insist on a duel after all!

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Lesson for January 6

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A PEOPLE OPPRESSED

LESSON TEXT—Exodus 1:8-14; 2:23-25.
GOLDEN TEXT—And He said, Certainly I will be with thee.—Exodus 3:12.

God never forgets His people. We can be assured of that even though at times we must wait for His coming to bring us deliverance.

The history of Israel repeatedly demonstrates the faithfulness of God; hence the lessons of this next quarter concerning them will be a source of real blessing to all who need and seek God's help.

The family of Jacob—or, as the Bible calls them, the children of Israel—prospered in Egypt particularly as long as Joseph and the rulers who remembered him were alive. But they soon learned one of life's bitter lessons, namely, that:

I. Prosperity Is Not Always a Blessing (1:8-11).

The Hebrews were a peaceful, law-abiding people. They were God's chosen people, and as He blessed them they prospered, and thus innocently they brought upon themselves the hatred of the suspicious Egyptians.

Prosperity is never an unmixed blessing. We as a nation know that to be true. Not only does it lead to a certain softening of the sinews, but all too often it results in a weakening of the moral fiber, which makes man easy prey to the attack of the enemy of our souls.

It should be said that the Egyptians had reason, humanly speaking, to fear this great nation which was growing up in their midst. The new rulers did not know Joseph and had forgotten the spirit in which he had brought his family into the land. The leaders of the Egyptians therefore made plans which appealed to their brilliant leaders as politic and wise. But they reckoned without God, and the burdens and the afflictions they placed on the Israelites only served to bring further blessing.

So Israel learned a lesson which our present sorry world can profit by, that:

II. Persecution Is Not Always a Burden (vv. 12-14).

The people of Israel did not appreciate it, but the bitterness of their bondage was a blessing in disguise.

1. It Kept Them Separate as a People. Affliction often serves to keep God's people separated from the world. It is doing so today.

2. It Disciplined Them and Prepared Them for the Hardships of Their Wilderness Journey. We, too, do well to remember that "whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth," and that if we are properly "exercised" thereby, our sorrows may yield rich fruit in our lives.

3. It Threw Them Back upon God. Many are the saints of God who have found that the fiery trial, the burden so hard to understand, or some affliction of body, has caused them to bring their burdens to the Lord. We have traveled far on the road of faith when we have reached the place where we learn that "man's extremity if God's opportunity."

III. Prayer Always Brings Deliverance (2:23-25).

Does God really know when His people suffer? Does He really care? Yes, He does. "They cried," and "God heard" and "remembered." That's all we need to know. The groaning of His people had already stirred God's gracious and tender heart. But He waited to hear their cry before He answered. Such is the law of prayer. May we not forget it. Far too often we turn to everyone and everything else, and finally, in desperation, to God. Why not turn to Him first?

Does God hear and answer prayer? Yes, but remember that real prayer is the cry of faith coming from the heart of an obedient child. God may answer other prayers, but He always answers the prayer of faith.

His answer may not be in accord with our opinion of what it should be, for His wisdom is infinite. He knows better than we what the answer should be. Let us trust the Judge of all the earth to do right (Gen. 18:25).

A world thrown into unspeakable fear by the development of the atomic bomb is now recognizing that the only hope for the future is a spiritual revival. Many who scoffed at the idea of prayer to God are ready now to hear the witness of a church that really knows how to pray and to bring deliverance from the hand of God.

Gems of Thought

BE HUMBLE and gentle in your conversation; of few words, I charge you, but always pertinent when you speak; hearing out before you attempt to answer, and then speaking as if you would persuade, not impose.—William Penn.

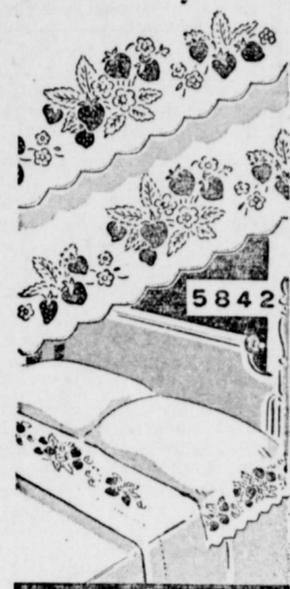
What so great misery as to be hated and to know that we deserve to be hated?—Adam Smith.

Do not tell everything, but never lie. . . . You may always observe that the greatest fools are the greatest liars.—Lord Chesterfield.

Age and sorrow have the gift of reading the future by the sad past.

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Take your outmoded gauntlet or your elaborately trimmed glove and cut it down to a wrist-length shorty—this season's favorite.

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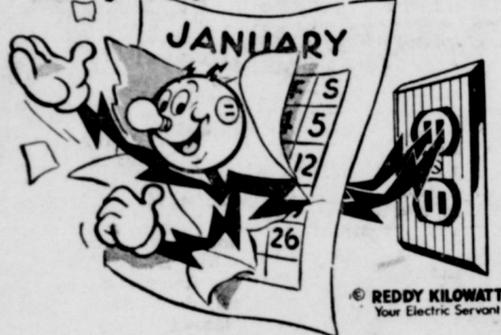
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Folks You Know

Mrs. Hattie Day spent an enjoyable Christmas with relatives in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin L. Keyes are here this week for a visit with Mrs. Mattie Bell Keyes.

Carlos Rabb was here from Roswell during the holidays for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rabb.

Mrs. E. W. Wright was here this week from Colorado City, visiting her sister, Mrs. A. E. Latham.

R. S. Crum was called to Eden Dec. 22 for the funeral of his brother, D. J. Crum, highly respected citizen of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Vladimer Wojtek had a happy Christmas. All of their children were home except O. C., who is in service, stationed at Planche, La. Doyle and Norma were here from Dallas, Vladimer V. and J. C. from San Angelo, and Mr. and Mrs. Walker Cobb from San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. John Corriger of Big Spring, visited with their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Harmon last week.

Mrs. Willis Smith orders The Observer sent to J. F. Johnson at Bronte, as a New Year's gift.

We regret to learn that our popular mail carrier, Bob Read, is in a San Angelo hospital, suffering an attack of pneumonia.

Wilburn (Peanut) Millican, old home boy now riding range on the USS Rockridge, left Monday for Seattle to resume his naval duties after a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Millican. Oh yeah, Peanuts got his share of the turkey and fruit cake at his mother's dining table during the Yuletide.

Misses Pearl and Velma Jane Hurley returned to Pecos Sunday after a visit during the holidays with Misses Myrtle and Ada Hurley.

Ford Shropshire of Austin spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Shropshire.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Epperson and son, George and wife, visited in the Harmon home last week. Mrs. Epperson is a daughter of the Harmons.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Rives were made happy Christmas by the visit of their two sons who are in service. S-2c Roy Eugene Rives of San Diego was here from the 16th to the 21st, and Cpl. James E. Rives of Scott Field, Ill., was here from the 22nd until the 30th.

On the night of Dec. 19 a car belonging to a Sweetwater man was stripped at Bronte, five tires tubes and rims being taken. Deputy sheriffs Paul Good and Ollie Eubanks got busy the next day, trailed the parties to Abilene, arrested them and brought them before judge Robertson at Bronte, who set bonds at \$500 each. Mighty quick work for the officers.

Richard Day, who entered the army Dec 18, is enjoying army life fine. He is stationed at Ft. Sam Houston.

Delbert Harmon and family of Hobbs, N. M., were here during the holidays visiting in the Harmon and Cobb homes. While here Delbert and his son, James, did a nice lot of repair work at the Harmon residence.

The W. S. C. S. will meet with Mrs. C. S. Brown, Jan. 7, with a covered dish luncheon at 1 o'clock. Mrs. Crum will be in charge. Members are cordially invited.

Political Announcements

The Observer is authorized to announce the candidacy of the following persons subject to the 1946 democratic primaries:

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