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Mrs. Ruby Pettit For County Treasurer



Mrs. Ruby L. Pettit this week announces her candidacy for re-election to the office of County Treasurer of Coke county, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

Serving her first term, Mrs. Pettit has made an enviable record as a capable official. Her office is one of the best kept at the court house, her bookkeeping is of highest type, and the efficient discharge of the duties of the office gives her high rank in Coke county's official family.

In making her announcement for a second term, Mrs. Pettit makes the following statement to the voters of Coke county:

"In announcing my candidacy for a second term as County Treasurer of Coke County, I desire to again thank the voters for the excellent support I have received in the past and the many courtesies that have been shown me during my term of office.

"It has been my desire from the beginning to perform the duties of the office with a high degree of faithfulness and efficiency. I invite you to examine my record and let it be your guide when you go to the polls to choose your County Treasurer for the next term, and if you see fit to again entrust me with that responsibility, I pledge you my best efforts to serve you to the full extent of my ability and assure you that any aid you may be able to give toward my re-election will be deeply appreciated."

Buys City Cafe

Consummating a deal last week with G. L. Lord, Jodie Williams is the new owner of the City Cafe and is now in charge. One of the best cooks in West Texas, Jodie is greeting his host of friends. He will be assisted by Mrs. Williams in the operation of this popular cafe.

Honoring Dr. Griffith

Next Sunday afternoon, 4 to 6 o'clock, in the parlors of the Methodist church, open house will be observed, honoring Robert Lee's beloved physician, Dr. J. K. Griffith, chairman of the church board of trustees, on his 80th birthday. A cordial invitation to all is extended. Refreshments will be served. No gifts.

E. W. Smith this season started his 64th trapping year. So far he has bagged 74 pelts.

Willis Smith For County Clerk

Yielding to a continued barrage of solicitations from every part of the county, Willis Smith this week consented to become a candidate for re-election to the office of District and County Clerk of this county.

That Mr. Smith has made a most enviable record as a public official cannot in the least be disputed. Few county or district clerks can rank with him in the knowledge of law. His office is one of the best kept and managed offices in West Texas, and his cordial treatment of the public, from the very day he took oath of office, has won for him the highest of popularity. Strictly business, sincere, obliging, public-spirited, and a man of integrity, Willis Smith will continue, if elected, to serve the county with the same type of service he has always given.

In entering the race for re-election, Mr. Smith's record is an open book. He solicits and will be grateful for your support in the democratic July primary.

Arrives Home

After overseas service in the Philippines with the armed forces, Delmar D. Walker was discharged at Fort Sam Houston, Dec. 9, and arrived home last Sunday.

They Collected

Texas' 21 congressmen are enjoying their congressional recess. Before leaving Washington for home for the holidays, every one of them collected the special \$2500 expense allowance that the House voted last spring, except Hatton Summers who voted against the measure when the bill passed on roll call vote, 229 to 124. Nine other Texas congressmen voted against the bill, but all cashed in their vouchers for the increase. They were Representatives Fisher, San Angelo; Gossett, Wichita Falls; Lanham, Fort Worth; Mahon, Colorado City; Johnson, Austin; Pickett, Palestine; Poage, Waco; Russell, Stephenville; and Thomason, El Paso.

Lee R. Latham was a business visitor in San Antonio this week.

Mrs. Mattie Bell Keyes has accepted a position with the Robert Lee State Bank.

The good news comes that Edie Roberts, who has been critically ill in a San Angelo hospital, from a heart attack, at this writing (Thursday) his condition is considerably improved.

The Mayor Of Edith Says



Perhaps the bride could make the bread like your mother used to make, if the groom provided the dough like papa did.

Lee R. Latham Enters Race For Sheriff



Lee R. Latham this week announces his candidacy for the office of Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector of Coke county, subject to the action of the July democratic primary.

Born and raised here, Lee is a graduate of Robert Lee high school, attended John Tarleton college, entering the army in Dec. 1941. While in the army he was stationed in the San Francisco area and served on military police duty. It was during this time he became interested in law enforcement, and after his discharge was offered a position with the homicide squad of the San Francisco police but declined as he wished to return to West Texas.

While in service he became an aviation cadet, received his pilot's wings, and a first lieutenant's commission. He spent 11 months overseas in the South Pacific area as a P-38 fighter pilot. Married, he is the father of a two year old daughter.

Lee is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Latham of this city. Always a popular boy because of his considerate, genial and friendly disposition, he is qualified for this important office. Notwithstanding the fact that he knows practically everybody in the county, he expects to make an effort to see each voter before election day. He respectfully solicits and will appreciate your vote, and if elected will faithfully discharge the duties of the office.

\$20,000 Deal Deed Filed For Record

W. A. Payne to J. C. Strickland, north 90 feet of Lots 4, 5, 6, Block 25, Robert Lee. Consideration \$1250.

H. G. Wendland to Claude M. Anderson, 500 acres, Caldwell Co. School Land Survey, Valley View community, consideration, \$20,000.

Cecil N. Landers et ux to Otis Smith, Lots 18, 19, Bronte.

Lola Adkins to C. E. Benningfield, Lot 6, Block 26, Robert Lee, consideration, \$500.

Frank Keeney to Wojtek Bros., Lot 10, Block 41, Bronte, consideration, \$200; C. C. Holder to Wojtek Bros., Lot 9, Block 41, consideration, \$225; J. W. Anderson to Wojtek Bros., Lot 8, Block 41, Bronte, consideration, \$200.

Drive on to Robert Lee.

Team Wins Trophy At Tournament

At the invitational basketball basketball tournament in Sterling City last Saturday, the Robert Lee high school team won top honors, bringing home the pretty gold trophy. Defeating Garden City by a score of 8 to 36, the locals in the semi-finals trounced Sterling City 32 to 9. In the finals Millersview went down before Robert Lee in a score of 35 to 26.

Jarvis Littlefield won the gold award for being the best guard in the tourney.

In volley ball the Robert Lee girls defeated Garden City by a score of 57 to 14. Water Valley defeated Robert Lee in the semi-finals. Yvonne McCutchen was chosen on the all tournament volley ball team.

Supt. Geo. L. Taylor informs us that his basketball boys go to Eden to an invitational tournament.

Louise Stewart

Heartfelt sadness mantled this entire area Tuesday when the news came that Miss Louise Stewart, 21, had passed away in St. John's hospital in San Angelo at 8:30 o'clock Monday night.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the Robert Lee Baptist church, of which she was a devoted member, by Pastor Fred Blake, interment being made in the Robert Lee cemetery, Clift Funeral Home directing.

The daughter of Marvin Stewart, deceased was reared here. A graduate of Robert Lee high school, class of '41, this beloved girl was voted the most popular student in school.

To mourn her homegoing, she leaves her father, and one sister, Mrs. Weldon Fikes, and a wide circle of friends. The bereaved ones will have the condolence of all in this sad hour.

Childress Reunion

The Christmas season was celebrated in high at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Childress, Mesa, Ariz. They had with them their four children and their families which includes Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gilmore and two sons, Melvin Dick and Dean, and their daughter, Lynda Mae of Avondale, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Childress and daughter, Joy Ruth, Mesa, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Childress, Phoenix, Ariz., and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Childress and daughters, Bonita Juanice and Carolyn of Robert Lee.

Dwight served 18 months with the U. S. 9th Army in the European theater. He now has an honorable discharge.

Daryl served in the U. S. Navy 16 months overseas, serving one year of that time on the Island of Guam.

As will be noted in the Robert Lee State Bank statement in this issue, the bank is having a fine growth. Deposits have soared to over \$606,000.00—and brother that ain't hay.

McNeil Wylie For County Judge



We are authorized to announce the candidacy of McNeil Wylie, re-election, to the office of County Judge and County School Superintendent of Coke county, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

Judge Wylie submits his candidacy upon his record as a county official. That he has made an enviable record is without gainsay. His work in behalf of roads and schools has won for him the recognition that he is one of the best posted and most capable county judges in West Texas. When he entered office there were seven state highway projects to be secured for Coke county, namely, the Abilene road, the Ballinger road, Sweetwater-San Angelo Highway 70, Bronte-Robert Lee road, San Angelo-Robert Lee highway, Colorado City-Robert Lee road (to be completed this year), and the Sterling City-Robert Lee road, which is now our Project No. 1. Other roads which will have his future attention are the Bronte-Winters road, Water Valley-Robert Lee road, and any other highways beneficial to our people.

In school aid matters Judge Wylie has made it his policy to give each child an equal chance in educational matters.

His office is well kept, and as chairman of the commissioners court, his kindly, courteous methods and policy of fair play, has won for him the confidence of not only the commissioners but the county as well. Judge Wylie has shirked no task in the war efforts, having served cheerfully in practically all of the undertakings made in behalf of Coke county. He is in every way qualified, as has been amply demonstrated.

Judge Wylie respectfully solicits and will be grateful for your vote and influence in the July primary.

Walter King, who recently purchased Blakeney Downs, south of San Angelo, is starting operations on the resort, which will be known as King Downs, Bud Jones informs us. Bud has accepted a position there and will oversee racing and training, while Aubrey Jones and Bud Fields will look after rodeo features. Bud is now training five of his own horses, as well as animals for others. The big 88x300 foot rock barn on the premises will be converted into an indoor arena, wherein future rodeo events will be staged.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Big Three Draw Closer Together; British Break Ruhr Monopoly; New Work Stoppages Looming

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BIG THREE:
Meeting of Minds

With the declaration that "progress, and great progress, has been made," the foreign ministers of U. S., Britain and Russia concluded their quarterly conference in Moscow, and observers looked to a smoother relation between the major powers for re-establishment of order out of the dislocations in Europe and Asia.

Though the agreement between Messrs. Byrnes, Bevin and Molotov to work for control of atomic energy and eliminate it as a war weapon commanded the most popular attention, political understandings reached were equally important in their assurance of settling populations, permitting organization of comprehensive governments and spurring the resumption of trade.

One of the principal items of accord involved agreement on procedure for drafting the European peace treaties with Axis satellites, the Big Three deciding to let France in on discussions over Italy and consulting all of the United Nations on pacts covering Italy, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary and Finland.

In agreement on Europe, the Big Three also moved to closer understanding on Asia, where they decided upon the establishment of a four-nation control commission for Japan to implement directives formulated by the far eastern advisory council with unanimous approval of the member countries.

RUHR:
British Take Mines

An integral part of Germany's economy, 130 Ruhr coal mines owned by 46 companies were taken over by the British occupation authorities in a move to break up the country's war potential and also contribute to the decentralization of the Reich's industry.

In announcing the expropriation of the properties without compensation to the owners, the British declared that the coal mines were controlled by the same monopolistic interests which dominated the iron, steel and chemical industries and exercised a decisive influence on the character of prewar German economy.

In taking over the mines, the British announced that the financial interests of France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg in the properties would be safeguarded.

Fix Reparations

Though U. S. reparations from western Germany were set at 28 per cent of the total to be shared by 21 countries, this country's actual amount may fall short of the agreed figure since it waived rights to enemy ships and industrial equipment because of small losses in these categories.

In addition to such capital goods as plants, machinery, etc., German foreign assets, current stocks and items from production have been declared available for payments, and the U. S. is expected to draw primarily from these sources.

Besides the U. S., Britain will also receive 28 per cent of reparations, with France allotted 16 per cent. Other recipients include Yugoslavia, the Netherlands, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Belgium, Greece, India, Norway, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, Denmark, Luxembourg, Egypt and Albania.

Under the Potsdam agreement, Russia was to obtain its principal reparations from eastern Germany, and German assets in Bulgaria, Finland, Hungary, Romania and eastern Austria.

FRANCE:
Trade Move

In a move designed to bring the purchasing power of the franc in line with foreign currencies, France devalued its monetary unit to 119 to the American dollar and 480 to the British pound.

As a result of the new arrangement, French foreign trade is expected to pick up, since the rise in prices due to decreased production will be offset by giving up more francs to the dollar or pound. In certain of its colonies where there has been no inflationary spiral, the French maintained the old value of the local franc.

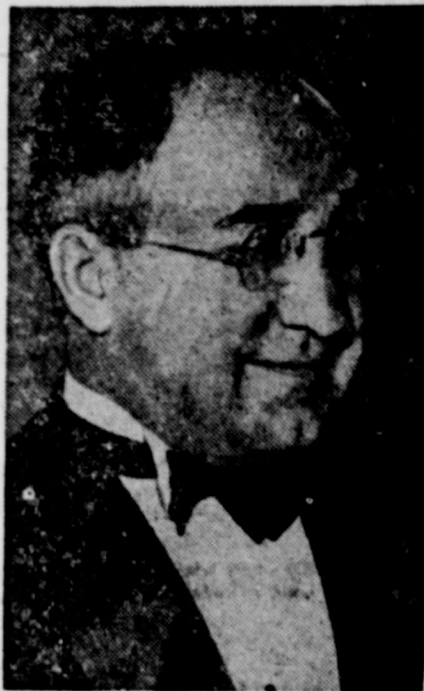
Because of the dislocation of industry and commerce, France's foreign trade since liberation has been mostly of the token variety to keep overseas channels open. Some perfume, cognac and champagne has

been shipped to countries abroad. With the devaluation of the franc, the French general assembly moved on to ratification of the Bretton Woods monetary agreement, under which foreign exchange would be made available to subscribers at par rather than appreciated rates.

OVERSEAS MUSIC:
Petrillo Ban

Stocky little James Caesar Petrillo, czar of the American Federation of Musicians, who got his start playing trumpet for Jane Addams' Hull House band on Chicago's west side, again reasserted his power by issuing an order prohibiting the broadcast on U. S. radio stations of all music originating in foreign countries except Canada.

Having just won a major battle with recording companies by compelling them to pay a percentage of



James Caesar Petrillo

their returns to the AFM to compensate for the reduction in regular employment of musicians through use of transcriptions, Petrillo declared he drew up his latest ultimatum to preserve the jobs of Americans. Said he:

"... The government—everybody—protects themselves against cheap labor. Why the—should musicians be suckers? The watchmakers' union muscled the state department into telling the Swiss to stop sending (watches) into the country. We're trying to keep out foreign musicians in person or on the air."

LABOR:
New Strikes Loom

With 175,000 workers already idle by the General Motors strike in the automobile industry and the United Steel workers also threatening to walk out, the troubled labor situation took another serious turn with the CIO electrical union pondering a work stoppage in General Electric, Westinghouse and General Motors plants.

As in the case of the auto and steel disputes, the strife in the electrical industry centered around the union's move for maintenance of high wartime take-home pay, its demands equalling the steel workers' bid for a \$2 a day wage increase and comparing with the auto workers' goal of a 30 per cent boost.

Active in the automobile dispute in an effort to bring the contesting parties together, government officials also took an aggressive hand in the electrical strife, with Edgar L. Warren, U. S. conciliation service director, conferring with both company and union bigwigs in an attempt to iron out differences.

NATIONAL INCOME:
Triples

From the depression low of \$368 in 1933, per capita income in the U. S. jumped to \$1,117 in 1944, reflecting the increased wartime economic activity.

Even before the onset of the war boom, per capita income showed a decided increase from the 1933 low, reaching \$575 in 1940, still considerably under the 1944 top. Whereas such income ranged from \$202 in Mississippi to \$896 in Delaware in 1940, it ran from \$528 in Mississippi to \$1,519 in New York in 1944.

In 1940, 16 states topping the national average of \$575 included California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Washington and Wyoming. In 1944, all of these states except Wyoming exceeded the national figure, Indiana taking its place.

CHINA:
Propose Truce

Even while 50,000 communist troops reportedly sought to cut the Yangtze river between Nanking and Shanghai, Red political leaders attempted to bring about a truce with Chiang Kai-shek's nationalist forces by suggesting the cessation of hostilities with troops of the two factions permitted to remain at present positions.

Advanced shortly after Gen. George C. Marshall's arrival in China to help untangle the complicated political situation there and promote unification of the country, the communist proposal was a modification of an earlier demand that nationalist troops withdraw to positions previously occupied before V-J Day.

Meanwhile, as communist and nationalist leaders of the political consultative council sat down to lay preparations for later discussions of unity, Red strategists sought to exert pressure on the U. S. to withdraw more support from Chiang's faction and enhance their own bargaining position in conferences. Held throughout China, leftist student rallies called upon Uncle Sam to let the Chinese settle their own differences without interference.

CANDY:
Short Supply

Because of both ingredient and labor shortages, candy production will fall short of expected demands during the first nine months of 1946, the trade predicted, with the deficit amounting to 700 million pounds.

While nuts, peanuts, many fruits, coconuts, cocoa oil and other oil, and sugar apparently will remain in short supply through most of the year, the anticipated return of workers to confectionery plants from higher paying war industries has not materialized, though leveling off of other employment and increased wages should lead to solution of the manpower problem.

In addition to prospective higher labor costs, the trade said, material costs are also expected to remain at upward levels because of the shortage of supplies and the declared program of the government to eliminate subsidies on items entering into manufacture of candy. Straightening of difficulties will be the signal for extensive plant modernization and expansion, experts said, with installation of equipment heading the program.

Journey's End

"O God, thou art my God; early will I seek Thee"—Chaplain Edwin Royal Carter Jr. of Richmond, Va., intoned as soldiers lifted the flag that covered the casket of Gen. George S. Patton and held it a few inches above the silver top.

Rain pattered upon the canvas canopy covering the burial site at the end of a long row of little white crosses in the American military cemetery in Luxembourg, Luxembourg, where 6,000 of the former G.I.s Patton had led in the historic Battle of the Bulge the year before rested in peace. Beside Patton lay the body of Pvt. John Przywara of Detroit, Mich.

"But the king shall rejoice in God; everyone that sweareth by Him shall glory; but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped," the chaplain concluded in reading the fallen warrior's favorite 63rd Psalm. With the recitation of the Lord's prayer, the military men bowed their heads, then three rifle volleys echoed through the hills. As taps sounded softly, all stood at attention, and distinguished generals from Russia, Britain and France held themselves stiffly in salute until Mrs. Patton turned to leave.

Most distinctive of the floral pieces honoring "Old Blood and Guts" was an evergreen wreath from the men he had led to victory. It bore the simple and touching inscription: "To our leader."

PIG CROP:
Above Average

Though falling below the department of agriculture's goal, the 1945 pig crop of 86,714,000 slightly surpassed 1944 production and topped the 10 year 1934-43 average by over 7,000,000.

While the 1945 spring pig crop fell below 1944, fall production rose to offset the early year drop, USDA reported. While large increases in the fall crop over 1944 were noted in the western corn belt, small decreases were recorded in the Atlantic states.

With 5,503,000 sows farrowed during the fall season, the number of pigs saved per litter totaled 6.33, compared with 6.34 in 1944 and 6.23 for the 10-year period.

In view of farmers' intentions to breed 8,542,000 sows next spring, the USDA's goal of 52,000,000 pigs should be achieved if the number saved in each litter equals the 10-year average. With heavy 1945 fall production and the retention of a large percentage of 1945 spring hogs on farms for extra feeding, pork supplies should be good through the ensuing months.

Washington Digest

Try Nazis in Ruins Of Their Handiwork



Scene of Historic Trial 91 Per Cent Destroyed By Bombings; Case Sets Precedent For Outlawing War.

By BAUKHAGE
News Analyst and Commentator.

Back in Germany, Baukhage reports the war crimes trial of 21 top Nazis with the same vividness with which he narrated their rise to power in the pre-war years when he was stationed in the reich. Below is the first of a series of articles written from Nuernberg:

WNU Service, 1616 Eye Street N. W., Washington, D. C.

NUERNBERG, GERMANY. — I have just left the courtroom where, as I write, the trial of Germany's war criminals is still in progress. The courtroom is just above me in this great stone courthouse which was almost untouched by the bombing which reduced this most beautiful and famous city to the point that it was declared "91 per cent dead" by the experts who followed the occupation by American troops on April 20, 1945.

I am writing in the press room with reporters from more than a dozen nations about me. Most of us are in uniform, the majority being the uniform of the United States army, which all war correspondents in our theater wore. Up until recently correspondents had a simulated rank of captain. Now we are simply uniformed civilians operating under military orders.

As I look back over the beginnings of this trial — the earliest discussions before the tribunal itself was formed — I have the feeling that we are now looking at something very real — actual and factual, rather than theoretical and vague. At the first gathering, the appalling condition of this city produced the feeling that all about it and in it must be chaos too. Nuernberg dates back to the 11th century and it grew into such favor and beauty that it bore the name of Germany's "treasure chest." It was a chest of treasures of art, song and culture as well as of the gold that poured into the coffers of the merchants. Now it is a shell, and one of Europe's best examples of the atmosphere and charm of the middle ages is gone.

How the nearly 300,000 people who are said to be living in these ruins exist it is hard to say. The streets are cleared, some street cars are running, some shops are opening, a city government is operating. But few houses are livable. In some cases parts of great office buildings have been restored. Such cellars as can be cleared of rubble and roofed are crowded. A huge air raid shelter 280 steps below the ground contains a small village in itself.

Milestone in Man's Progress

It may be that what is accomplished will be washed out by subsequent stupidities; but I believe, whether we go forward immediately from this point or not, it will remain a milestone in man's effort to accomplish the outlawry of war, that it will be a landmark from which others may set their course anew. Grotius, father of international law, held to the principle that aggressive wars were illegal. As Justice Jackson pointed out, it was because of the greed for land which characterized the 18th and 19th centuries that this concept was thrust aside and the world came to accept the tenet that war in itself was not illegal. And it seems to me that all attempts to stop war must be futile so long as such a concept exists in international thinking. No one who saw the spontaneous reaction to Justice Jackson's opening address to the court could feel that the tremendous effort which has gone into the creation and operation of this court can be completely lost.

For those who have witnessed these proceedings there is a striking symbolism in the rise and fall of a nation which built a vicious culture in less than a decade with one final objective (aggressive war), which very ideology destroyed it as no nation has been wrecked before.

Here we see before us in the flesh (in some cases considerably less flesh than they were adorned with in their hey-day), the men who conceived and carried out this plan, which is the distillation of the philosophy that might is right, and which negates the whole basis of the moral law which has been established by civilization.

Step by step, with the epitome of tons of written evidence, with moving pictures, with plans and charts,

the growth of the Nazi plan is being set forth factually, coldly and logically. A new chapter is being written in every session of the court.

We watched Nazidom unfold before us step by step — first, in the removal of the physical ability of the German people to resist; then in the gradual substitution of Nazi concepts for the normal human concepts produced by the Christian philosophy.

One of the American attorneys quoted a comment of Dr. Schacht on the effect of the destruction of the freedom of the press. Schacht was quoted as having said, a time before he knuckled under to Hitler, that thousands of Germans had been killed or imprisoned and not one word was allowed to be printed about it. Of what use is martyrdom, he asked, when it is so concealed that it has no value as an example to others? Therein lies one of the answers to the moral failure of German resistance.

By the time the Nazis were ready to fill their concentration camps with their foreign victims, they had learned well the art of handling the resistance of their own people and smothering it behind a wall of utter silence. As the court pointed out, the first purpose of the concentration camps, the persecution, suppression and propaganda, was "the conquest of the German masses."

Each successive step was traced by the prosecution with the same meticulous detail, detail that kept even the prisoners with their ears glued to the headphones and their eyes following the speaker or the exhibits.

Accused Make Brave Show

However, for us in the courtroom, more impressive than the things that were done were the men in the prisoners' dock who actually did them. Goering was no longer a name, he was a person, now leaning back and grinning, now with his arms on the edge of the rail of the dock, his chin resting on them. There was Rosenberg, whose task was to twist the minds of the people with his absurd story of a super-race, of anti-semitism. There he sat, looking down, his fingers nervously toying with the telephone cords.

There was Keitel, stiff, cold, proud, arrogant, all Prussian in his uniform, stripped though it was of every badge, ribbon and insignia. He maintains himself with dignity, but not for a moment does he forget his pose. At this writing the psychiatric analysis of the prisoners has not been completed and Keitel has not been reported upon, but I dare say his I. Q. will be high, though perhaps not equal to that of Goering, who, surprisingly enough, stands right at the top. Goering is tacitly acknowledged as leader by the others. To the observers he appeared still the silly poseur, although he seemed more reasonable appearing than the fat and grinning mannikin I saw as he presided over the Reichstag in his comic opera uniform.

Admiral Doenitz, who looks like a pale shadow, is also at the top of the I. Q. list. He remains almost motionless, only occasionally consulting his attorney, who appears in a German naval uniform as he is on duty with a part of the fleet used in mine sweeping and was released especially for the trial.

Down at the bottom of the list so far as intelligence goes is Julius Streicher. Although of far lesser stature than the rest, this miserable character is a symbol of the fall of Nazidom because he is meeting his fate in the city in which he rose to power—a fate at which he himself hinted.

Streicher conducted the last class in Nazi indoctrination for lawyers held in this very courtroom where he had been tried by the pre-Nazi authorities for various misdemeanors and perhaps other crimes. As he concluded his last lecture, he pointed to the prisoners' dock and said: "We used to sit over there. Now we are standing up here. But there may be a day when we are sitting down there again."

He is sitting down there today. In a brand new dock, to be sure, but with the same great iron eagle over the high marble frame of the doorway looking down on his cringing head.

Shoppers' Delight

Are These Fine Buys At The M System

Yams East Texas Sandyland, lb. **10c**

CARROTS, Home Grown, Fine Flavor, bunch 7½c

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

Grapefruit, med. size, doz. 39c
Plenty of Arizona Pink Grapefruit to select from.

Potatoes, Idaho Russets, 10-lb. mesh bag 57c



Cauliflower - 19c

Tangerines, lb. 12½c

Lettuce Fresh, Crisp **23c**
2 heads for

Rutabagas, waxed, pound 5c

Celery, California, stalk - 29c

Lemons, Calif. Sunkist, dozen 39c

Washington Apples, Winesap, small size, pound 12½c

Beets, bunch 9c : Beans, Green or Wax, lb. 29c

Potatoes, South Texas Reds, 2 pounds for 19c

In Our Meat Department



Pork Sausage lb. 33c

Spare Ribs, lb. 25c

Pork Chops pound 35c

Summer Sausage pound - 33c

Chuck Roast, pound 27c : Red Bud Oleo, pound, 19c

Honey Butter

Light Amber Honey, 14-oz. pkg. 31c

Sauer Kraut, Wisconsin Superior qt. 20c

No. 2½ Pinegrove Sweet Potatoes - 19c

Lady Betty Prune Juice, quart - 25c

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

Sunshine Graham Crackers, 1-lb. 21c

Big Value Cream Style Corn, can 12c

Carnation Malted Milk, 16 ounce 37c

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

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

Peaches, Sliced Nugget, No. 2½ tin - 25c

3-Minute Oats, large size 26c; small size 12c

Gold Medal Flour 10-lb bag **55c**
25-lb. bag \$1.27

Chase & Sanborn Coffee, 1 pound glass 32c

Libby's Deep Brown Beans 14 oz. glass 11c

Tea Balls, Tenderleaf, 16 count, pkg. 17c

Hershey Cocoa 8-oz. 10c



M System Enriched **BREAD**
1½ lb. loaf **10c**

Tomato Soup, Heinz, No. 1 can - 10c

Popcorn. 1-lb. cello pkg. 10c; 2 lbs. 19c

Sweetheart Soap 7c : Hilex, quart 14c

Brooms, good quality 79c

Eggs, country, doz. 44c

Libbys Catsup 14 oz. 19c

Hinds 75c Beauty Bargain Deal 49c plus tax

West Point Hair Tonic, 16 oz. 1.01 tax inc.

Modart Fluff Shampoo, 75 cent size - 69c

Matched Makeup Kits, Woodbury - 1.07

After Shave Lotion, 50c Woodbury, - 49c

Kotex, Box 54s Economy Size - 89c

Fibs, 10s with Applicator, package - 20c



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Bring Us Your Cream and Eggs—Top Prices

Gems of Thought

THE soul would have no rainbow had the eyes no tears.—John Vance Cheney.

Happiness can never be Raped in self-security, Scheming for all things that may Minister to my own way; Happiness, to be complete, Must lay tribute at love's feet.

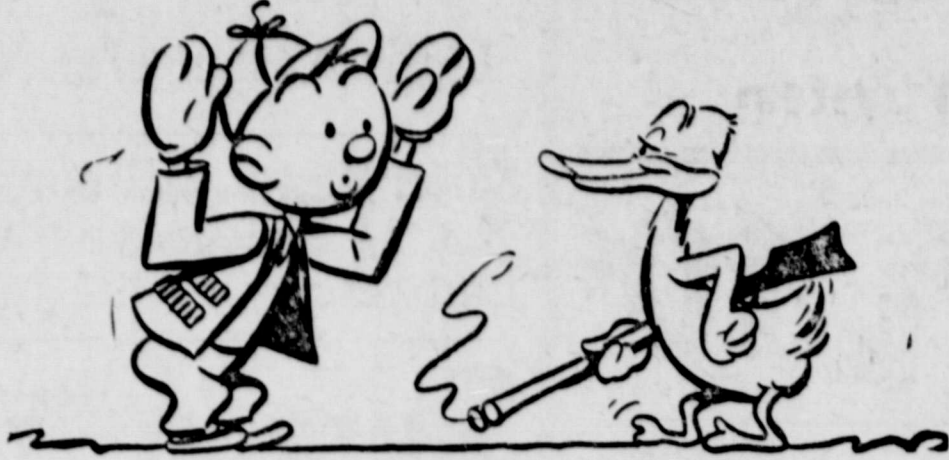
Great men stand like solitary towers in the city of God—Longfellow.

Tyrants . . . build nothing permanent but their own tombstones.—David Sarnoff.

Charity begins at home but must not end there.

Man can plant a tree but he cannot make it grow.

Duck Shoots Man, and Other Curious Mishaps of 1945



By PAUL JONES
(Director of Public Information, National Safety Council.)

BIG things happened in 1945. The war ended. The atom bomb busted. Taxes began to come down. And Mr. Bonner was shot by a duck.

Mr. Bonner is, of course, Mr. Stanley J. Bonner of Houston, Texas, as every duck now knows. On a fine October day he grabbed his trusty automatic pistol and ventured into the back yard to shoot a couple of domestic ducks. Duck No. 1 fell at the first shot. But Duck No. 2, a more aggressive type, leaped at Mr. Bonner, jarred his arm and caused the gun to go off. The bullet hit Mr. Bonner in the knee. The duck? Still alive and sassy.

Wacky? Sure. But no wackier than a lot of other freak accidents that happened in 1945. For a roundup by the National Safety Council reveals that come war, come peace, people go right on having the darnedest things happen to them. To wit:

Mrs. Edward Comfort, of Brooklyn, was driving through Virginia, her 15-month-old baby riding happily beside her in a basket strapped to the seat of the car. So far as Mrs. Comfort knew, there were no hard feelings between her and the baby.



But the child suddenly stopped contentedly drinking milk out of a nursing bottle, swung the bottle lustily and conked Mrs. Comfort neatly on the head. Dazed, she let go the wheel and the car overturned in a ditch. Neither mother nor baby was hurt.

Hard-Headed Fellow.

Not so allergic to a thump on the head is Charles Anderson, a hardy resident of Los Angeles. Mr. Anderson, in fact, has reason to regard himself as practically indestructible. He was repairing a wall one day when a concrete block fell from a fourth-story scaffold and hit him smack on the head. He reeled into the street, just in time to be struck down by Policeman Jess Haenel's motorcycle. He recovered satisfactorily from both accidents.

And Mrs. Dorothy Jensenius was walking in Chicago's loop one day when, lo and behold, a bucket came hurtling down and hit her kerplunk.



It had been dropped by a dismayed window washer seven stories up. A shoulder injury to Mrs. Jensenius and a dent in the bucket comprised the damage.

In Toledo, Mrs. Margaret Cook's car blew a tire at a railroad crossing and careened down the tracks toward an approaching freight train. The auto struck a signal switch and threw a red block against the train, automatically stopping it.

'Stick of Wood' Goes Boom!

When a pin in her washing machine broke off, Mrs. Axel Soder of Makinen, Minn., looked around the house for a substitute pin and finally found something she thought was just the thing. She sawed off the end of it and started to hammer it into the machine. She might have done it, too, if the substitute pin hadn't exploded and blown her clear

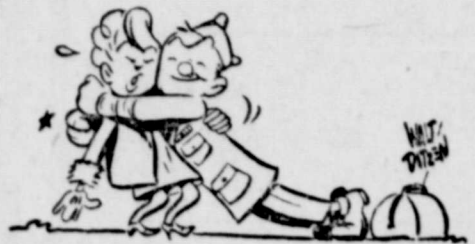


across the room. She had selected a stick of dynamite.

Hits Right Post.

Taxi-driver Ethel Sheffield's cab skidded into a lamp post in Regina, Saskatchewan, one 16-below-zero night last January. She was knocked unconscious and might have frozen to death if a fire alarm box on the lamp post hadn't been set off by the crash, bringing firemen to the rescue.

Every returning G.I. is mighty glad to see the family again, but few are so vociferous in their greet-



ings as was Soldier Frank Chlan of Baltimore. He gave his mom a hug so big it snapped several of her ribs.

It's odd enough, perhaps, when a fire starts itself and then puts itself out. When it happens twice the same way, you begin to wonder. But once in Utica, N. Y., and again in Dark Harbor, Maine, the sun's rays, passing through a bottle of water in a truck, set fire to the floor of each truck, only to have the heat of the fire break the bottle and the water put out the flames.

Fire in Fire Station.

Probably the most embarrassed firemen in the country were the members of the volunteer department of Columbus Manor, Ill., the night an exploding gasoline tank in a pumper wagon set fire to the fire station. Unable to get their own equipment out of the station to fight the flames, the Columbus Manor laddies had to look on glumly while firemen from nearby towns did the job.



A lot of people stick their necks out in various ways, but not so spectacularly as did Virginia Triplett, an elevator operator in St. Paul. Miss Triplett was leaning her head outside the elevator on the first floor when the automatic doors closed. Passersby tugged at the doors by hand until they could be opened by mechanics.

Doorframes Too Low

Out in Hollywood, where anything can happen, "Sunset" Carson, six-foot-five cowboy movie actor, went to the studio hospital for an aspirin to help his headache. Coming out, he struck his head against the door frame, keeled over unconscious and had to have four stitches taken in his scalp.



Whether it was a suicide pact or just an accident, no one will ever know. But when Miss Bette Boren of Marinette, Wis., returned home one day last March, she found the family's two dogs on the floor, overcome by gas. They had, in some manner, turned on the stove. They were revived and haven't tried it again.

Every year someone lets a train pass over him without serious results. In 1945 it was Jesse Spitzer of Denver. Mr. Spitzer did it the hard way by first having himself an auto accident. This threw him through the roof of his car and landed him on his back in the middle of the track just as the train came along. Mr. Spitzer lay quietly and securely until the engine and long string of freight cars had roared over him, then found he had broken a leg—in the auto accident.

No year would be complete, of course, without someone falling safe-

ly out of a third-story window onto a cement sidewalk. The 1945 fall-out girl was Beverly Kay Schwartz, 20 months old, of Maywood, Ill., who escaped with a slight head injury.

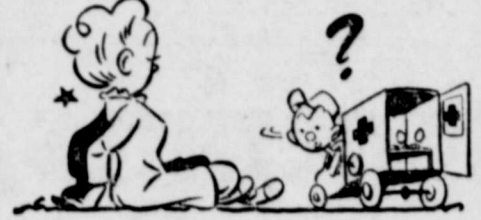
Just to be different, a Chicago baby took his mother along with him when he went for a two-story plunge to the street. The year-old child slipped from a porch railing. His mother, Mrs. Audrey Hudson, grabbed for him, got him, lost her balance, and mother and son fell together. Neither was seriously hurt.

Most farsighted plunger of the year was James Hearn of Seattle,



who fell three floors down an air shaft to land cozily in an easy chair. **Ambulance Throws Her Out.**

As Mrs. Clara Wagner accompanied a sick friend to a Chicago hospital, the ambulance in which they were riding turned a corner so sharply that the rear door flew open and Mrs. Wagner was catapulted into the street. She was returned to the ambulance, and continued the journey—as a patient.



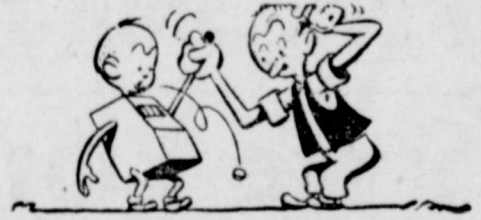
Just to prove that America hasn't a corner on freak accidents, a wind storm in North Adelaide, Australia, scared a deliveryman's horse into running away, but also blew the deliveryman ahead of the horse in time to stop it!

Bobcats don't frighten Mrs. Donaldson of Breen, Colo. When she came suddenly upon a big one in her turkey yard, she fearlessly seized a club and attacked it. The bobcat's hide now hangs in the kitchen. Mrs. Donaldson did not suffer a single scratch.



An ordinary field mouse ran up the steering wheel of an automobile driven by Hollis Lee Randolph of Topanga, Calif. Mr. Randolph, who couldn't have been more startled had it been an elephant, lost control of his car, ran it into a ditch and turned it over. Neither he nor the mouse was hurt.

A Liberty ship crashed into a bridge in Boston harbor, knocking a 90-foot section of the bridge into the water. Although the structure carries elevated lines, automobile traffic and foot ways, there were no trains, no autos and no pedestrians on it at the time of the accident. Yet it was midday, when traffic is usually heavy. No one was hurt or the ship, either.



One of life's little mysteries to doctors and economists came when 17-month-old Larry Lingle of Harrisburg, Pa., swallowed a nickel and coughed up a penny.

Henry Hale slipped on the ice in Chicago. A policeman asked him if he was hurt. "I broke my leg," replied Henry, calmly. "Take me home."

The police did so, then asked solicitously, "What doctor do you want?" "Doctor!" Hale snorted. "What I want is a carpenter." Yes, it was a wooden leg.



And just as a reminder of how tough things really were during the war, Michael Babich walked up to a fellow worker in Newark, N. J., during the height of the tobacco shortage, facetiously asked for a cigarette, got one, and fainted!

Household Hints

Stiff brushes and brooms will last longer if wetted now and then. This prevents fibers or broomstraw from becoming too brittle and consequently breaking off.

Sew a strip of soft washable fabric—a leftover length of dress goods, for example, or even a strip of soft sheeting over the top of the blanket or comforter, remove and wash when soiled, and replace.

To tighten cane seats and prevent sagging, sponge the surface with salt water occasionally.

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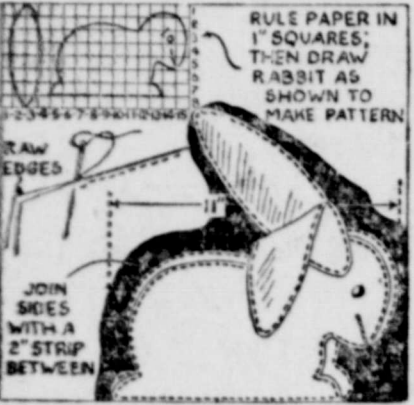
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Make a pattern by following the diagram at the upper left. Rule a paper into one-inch squares and then draw the out-



line to cross the squares as shown. You will need one-quarter yard of oilcloth, heavy pink thread for the hand-stitched seams and two pink beads or buttons for the eyes. Cut two body pieces, four ear pieces and a strip two inches wide and thirty-six inches long for the center part of the body. Interline the ears to make them stand up. Join edges, as shown, leaving an opening in the body for stuffing tightly with cotton, then sew up.

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Eddie P. Good Promoted

Coral Gables, Fla.—Pvt. Eddie P. Good, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Good of Robert Lee, Texas, has been promoted to the rank of private first class at the AAF Regional and Convalescent Hospital here.

Shortly after he entered service at Goodfellow Field, Texas, in May, 1945, Pfc. Good was assigned to this Hospital's Separation Center, which prepares army personnel for honorable discharge.

While an army reservist, Pfc. Good attended New Mexico A. & M. College for a year in Las Cruces, N. M. He is also a graduate of San Angelo High School, class of May, 1944.

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From Big Top To Work Shop



Mrs. Dorothy Clark, of Claremont Ave., New York City, for several years a featured skater and aerial trapeze performer with Ringling Brothers, turned from the Big Top to produce special radars for B-29's. At right she's shown soldering connections on radar equipment at Western Electric Company's 11th Avenue Plant, New York City. "Radars helped lick Japan," says Mrs. Clark. "I've enjoyed working on them."

50 YEARS AGO IN COKE COUNTY

Early Day Items From Files Of The Coke County Rustler, July 4, 1896

Cheap groceries, cheap grain, and free wagon yard.—John Barron.

Bronte's efficient instructor, Prof. Popplewell, was in town Saturday and informed us that the building of the high school there had been postponed until next year. Bronte people feel disappointed over the postponement.

Extra patent Missouri Flour \$2 per 100 pounds.—A. D. White.

Lee J. Good, the Oak Creek cowman, returned from the Territory yesterday morning where he has been looking after his immense cattle interests.

Miss Eva Vestal has been visit-

ing Miss Lucy Mobley this week at their new home about four miles south of town.

Just as we predicted, the drouth has broke up with a rain.

Those who missed the barbecue today missed half their life.

Will Cathey and Grandpa Hayley made a trip to San Angelo Wednesday.

J. W. Barnett announces this week for county and district clerk.

No fruit this year on account of late freezes.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. John Kuykendall on the 29th, a fine boy.

B. N. Tannehill has our thanks for a fine load of wood on subscription.

E. C. Good is on the sick list this week.

W. T. Winters has sold his farm on Oak Creek to Will Read and will probably move to Hamilton county.

Will Warren of the Oak Creek country was seen on our streets Monday.

Married In Brownwood

In Brownwood, Dec. 28, in a pretty ring ceremony, Miss Alma Devoll and Leon Leonard were united in marriage by Pastor E. L. Dalton of the Eureka Baptist Baptist church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Devoll, prominent Coke county people. She graduated in 1944 from the Robert Lee high school, and since that time was employed at Sweetwater. The groom is the son of Mrs. Letha Briggs of Coleman. He received his discharge after overseas service, Dec. 11 at Camp Fannin. Out of town guests for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Baker of Santa Anna, uncle and aunt of the bride.

W. J. Cumbie dropped in to see us last Friday, advancing his subscription another year. Mr. Cumbie has been a reader of this paper fifty years. Started when it was the Coke County Rustler. The son of R. M. Cumbie, pioneer Baptist minister whose impress was made upon the character of hundreds of Coke county people for high ideals, W. J. Cumbie is also one of our county's most esteemed citizens. He has been in public life since a young man, as county official and merchant. Although retiring from business two years ago he still takes an interest in every beneficial move for this section. We wish we had a thousand more readers of The Observer like him.

Miss Geraldine Wright of Colorado City left Monday for her home after a visit last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Summers.

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G. F. Powers and family arrived last week from Mena, Ark., for a visit with relatives. Mr. Powers likes his new location fine. Says land is reasonable in that region; there's lots of spring water, plenty of moisture, and one can grow most anything.

New Years dinner guests in the W. M. Summers home were Mrs. Emmet Kuykendall and daughter, Joy Alice, of Big Lake, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wright and son, Jimmy, and Mr. and Mrs. Silas Angel and sons, all of Colorado City, and Mrs. A. E. Latham, of this city.

Mrs. McNeil Wylie was a visitor in San Angelo Monday.

A little want ad will sell it.

BUBBLES SEZ—



• Now that those lovely nylons are on the way back, the trick is finding soaps to wash 'em in! Best way to fix that is to keep turning in the USED PADS needed to help make soaps. Remember, where there's fat, there's soap. Keep saving yours!

Shopping Hangover



SHOPPING is hard work at best—hard on the feet and hard on the pocketbook. Stores are crowded with buyers, goods are still scarce, and bargains aren't always easy to find.

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Report of Condition of Robert Lee State Bank

of Robert Lee, Texas, at the close of business Dec. 31, 1945
A state banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this state and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by Federal Reserve Bank of this district.

ASSETS

Loans and discounts (including \$461.76 overdrafts)...	134,543.25
U. S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	270,987.50
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	6,194.40
Corporate stocks (including \$900.00 stock of Federal Reserve Bank)	900.00
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	236,815.11
Bank premises owned \$1000.00, furniture; and fixtures \$750.00	1,750.00
Other assets	4,512.84
Total Assets	655,703.10

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	573,160.64
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	28,765.02
Deposits of states and political subdivisions	4,514.61
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	324.70
Total Deposits	\$606,764.97
Total Liabilities	606,764.97

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital	25,000.00
Surplus	15,000.00
Undivided profits	8,938.13
Total Capital Accounts	48,938.13
Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	655,703.10
This bank's capital consists of: Com mon stock with total par value of \$25,000.00.	

MEMORANDA

Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value)...	
(a) U. S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities	45,000.00
Total	45,000.00
Secured and preferred liabilities: (a) Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law.	28,765.02
(d) Deposits preferred under provisions of law but not secured by pledge of assets	
Total	28,765.02

I, T. A. Richardson, cashier of the above named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Correct--Attest: R. W. Smith, G. C. Allen
D. R. Campbell, Directors.

State of Texas, County of Coke, ss: Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of Jan., 1946.
Paul Good, Notary Public.

Here's How to Banish Washday Stooping

IT IS the stooping, bending and toting that make washday tiring, Dorothy Holladay points out in nationally circulated Capper's Farmer.

Among many homemakers who have changed their washday habits to eliminate fatiguing motions, she cites Mrs. Carl Frey of Iroquois county, Ill., in the magazine read by



1,250,000 farm families. Mrs. Frey says that time and energy saving methods make washing easier, beside saving an hour each washday. Here are some of the tips she gives other housewives:

The washing machine should be high enough for ease in working. Mrs. Frey has elevated hers by putting bricks under the legs. A wooden platform built to fit would serve the additional purpose of insulating the washing machine.

Sorting clothes on the floor requires constant stooping. Mrs. Frey separates clothing into several baskets set on wooden crates. Laundry



can also be sorted on a table or counter or from the table to several baskets placed on chairs.

Mrs. Frey's sliding clothes-basket saves time and bending. Holes were bored in each end of a sturdy wooden clothes hanger. From these holes wires are fastened. At the end of the wires are hooks to hold the handles of an ordinary basket. The top of the basket is then waist-high.



A clothespin apron snaps over the hanger. The hanger hook slides along the clothesline as she pushes the contrivance ahead of her

Was Anti-Hitler

The rumor spread in Oslo that a certain citizen had a parrot that could say "Down with Hitler." The rumor eventually came to the ears of the Gestapo. The man was forewarned that the Gestapo intended to pay him a visit, and he went to the local pastor for advice.

"I'll tell you what to do," said the pastor. You take my parrot home with you and bring yours here." No sooner said than done.

Then the Gestapo came and charged the man with insulting the Fuehrer by teaching his parrot to say "Down with Hitler." The Norwegian denied the charge: "My parrot is definitely non-political."

So one of the Gestapo men approached the parrot and said, "Down with Hitler." No comment from the parrot. He repeated the words several times but without avail. Finally the other two came to help him, and the three Gestapo men stood there shouting to the top of their voices: "DOWN WITH HITLER!"

"Praise the Lord!" said the parrot.

Delbert Harmon out at Hobbs, advances his subscription to the rabbit twisters journal another notch.

Candidate cards, printed right here in Coke county for our Coke county candidates to hand out to Coke county voters—see The Observer for samples.

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

There's a long list of attractive reenlistment privileges in the new Armed Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act of 1945. The ability to keep your present grade is only one of them, but this privilege expires on January 31.

There are plenty of other reasons why many thousands of men have enlisted, and more thousands are enlisting every day. You'll certainly want to know all of the opportunities open to you. If you'll read them carefully, you'll know why a job in the new peacetime Regular Army is being regarded today as "The Best Job in the World."

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NEW ENLISTMENT PROGRAM

- Enlistments for 1½, 2 or 3 years. (1-year enlistments permitted for men now in Army with 6 months' service.)
- Enlistment age from 17 to 34 years inclusive, except for men now in Army, who may reenlist at any age.
- Men reenlisting retain present grades, if they reenlist within 20 days after discharge and before February 1, 1946.
- The best pay scale, medical care, food, quarters and clothing in Army history.
- An increase in the reenlistment bonus to \$50 for each year of active service since such bonus was last paid, or since last entry into service.
- Up to 90 days' paid furlough, depending on length of service, with furlough travel paid to home and return, for men now in Army who enlist.
- A 30-day furlough every year at full pay.
- Mustering-out pay (based upon length of service) to all men who are discharged to reenlist.
- Option to retire at half pay for life after 20 years' service—increasing to three-quarters pay after 30 years' service. All previous active federal military service counts toward retirement.
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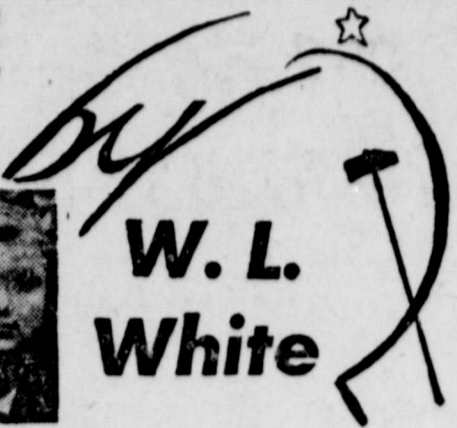
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INSTALLMENT THREE

But now for the Stormovik factory itself. It is, first of all, poorly lit and unbelievably dirty. It has no production line in the American sense but rather a series of connected piles between bottlenecks, with women waiting idle at their machines for the line to start moving again.

It is jammed full of the best American machine tools, but seems to lack proper organization. At one point, the assembly belt is a makeshift canvas affair. The floors throughout are uneven with holes in the concrete. Piles of metal shavings are everywhere. No one bothers to clean up. Many of the girls wear gunny sacks tied around their feet. Others have crude wooden sandals with a nail sticking up between the great and second toes. In these, they scramble around in the dim light. Here they are moving (by wheel-barrow) a load of unfinished parts which spill at a bump on the floor. The girls must stop to pick them up.

There is an elaborate banquet in the director's dining room at the end of the inspection. There again are the red wine, white wine, champagne, and vodka glasses, the tremendous array of cold hors d'oeuvres, starting with caviar and pastry. Standing behind the table, I see a familiar face. It is the smiling steward who presided over the banquet at the Tchaikovsky Theater.

Between toasts Johnston whispers to me: "That director's a good man. He could hold an important job in the States. Maybe not quite the job he has here, not president of the company."

The next morning Kirilov arrives to take us to another factory, one of the most important in Russia. For here they make the Soviet Union's automobiles. In America a dozen major companies turn out a hundred models. In this classless society one company makes one model, and its entire output goes to its single privileged class—the top communists, factory directors, and government officials.

It looks rather like a 1935 model sedan of American manufacture with the difference that it is a sloppy engineering job. Its name, pronounced "Zees" in English, comes from three Russian words meaning "Factory in the name of Stalin."

The director of the Zees plant, Ivan Likhatchov, is a stumpy, serious little man of forty-eight who carefully cultivates a slight resemblance to Stalin. He wears a cap, grows a soup-strainer mustache, and receives us in riding trousers and high black Russian boots.

First, he gives us an over-all picture of the plant. It employs 40,000 workers, and has 12,000 more youngsters in its factory school. Formerly, it made trucks (the Soviet Union, with over 200,000,000 people, made 300,000 motor vehicles per year at the peak compared with America's 1941 production of 4,800,000 for its 130,000,000 people). Now it produces trucks, half-tracks and munitions for the Red Army.

The Komosols (young communists) in the factory school started making Tommy guns for the Red Army when the Germans were only 35 kilometers from Moscow, and went into production in only three weeks.

The Zees plant now has four daughter plants turning out army trucks and munitions in the Urals. Their directors were formerly shop chiefs in this plant.

Automobile production started here in 1924, the car being designed around a Soviet adaptation of the famous American Hercules Engine made in Canton, Ohio.

The director tells us with quiet pride that he has visited American factories at Detroit, Flint, Buffalo, Saginaw, Pittsburgh and Chicago, and he is a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers.

A worker who is ill, he tells us, goes to the plant doctor to get a leave of absence. If the case is serious, in this plant his social insurance would pay 90 per cent of his wages for three months. If he is still not recovered, he gets either a temporary invalid's status or maybe lighter work. A pregnant woman gets several weeks' leave of absence before her baby, and after it. The average family, he tells us, is five children for the city worker and about eight for farmers. But Eric wants to know about the

problem of absenteeism. The director seems amazed that such a question should even be asked, because he says, of course, they have no such cases here. Lazy or tardy workers are rebuked by the wall newspaper or denounced over the shop public address system. If it happens two or three times the matter is taken up with him by the union. We gather it is a grim proceeding.

It is hard for our capitalist minds to grasp the idea that under socialism, possibly the factory belongs to the workers but certainly the worker belongs to his factory; without it he has nothing to eat and no place to sleep.

Now we tour the plant. Again it seems to have no smooth-running assembly line but a series of linked bottlenecks and connected piles. The workers look up, but they seem to have no fear of the bosses. They look him straight in the eye as an American worker would.

The Zees trucks and half-tracks look sturdy by American peacetime standards, but they can't compare with the rugged giants which Detroit pours out for our armies and



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those of our allies. The workers are about half women, and the rest very old men or boys in their middle teens.

Wages here, including the director's salary, are exactly what they were at the other plant—and at most of the others we are to visit.

We go in to the usual banquet at about four in the afternoon.

The next day we are herded into our Zees and tear across town to another dingy square, flanked by barracks-like concrete workers' apartment houses, where flapping Red banners and huge portraits of Marx, Lenin, Engels and Stalin announce the entrance to the ball-bearing works.

It is crammed full of the newest and best American machinery but its floors again are cluttered and the lighting bad. However, the product seems to be a good, precision-made job, although we guess that by American standards, production per worker must be low.

At the regular afternoon banquet there are many toasts to Soviet-American friendship and the second front. Then Eric tries to find out something about business competition in the Soviet Union. The director of the factory insists that there is great competition—particularly to get raw materials. But who gets the most? The plant with the highest production record.

We pile back into our cars to be taken to what Kirilov describes as a rubber factory; actually it produces not rubber but tires, from rubber made (usually from alcohol) in the Soviet Union, whose scientists pioneered in this important field.

Its director, introduced as Vladimir Chesnikov, is a pleasant young man of thirty-three and under him are about 1,500 workers. In answer to our questions he explains that he gets the basic monthly salary of 3,000 roubles (\$240 without the usual production bonuses because the plant isn't yet operating). They started building it only in December and began setting the machinery only six weeks ago.

Back in the director's office, Eric wants to know what percentage of their wages Soviet workers give to the war. Chesnikov tells us proudly that Soviet Union workers sometimes give as much as two or three months' salary.

We attended a performance of Tchaikovsky's "Nut Cracker Ballet" at the Bolshoi Theater, the Grand Opera house of Moscow. It is a magnificent old czarist building decorated with a restrained lavishness rare in Russia under any regime. And the performance is beautiful beyond anything I have seen on any stage in any country—dancing, costumes, acting and scenery are done with sweeping imagination. These people have a genius for the theater.

The theater is the only thing in the Soviet Union which can boast of an uninterrupted growth and tradition. The Bolsheviks were proud of the ballet and in both Moscow and Leningrad they kept going continuously all during the revolution. The Bolsheviks did not liquidate their actors, stage designers, directors and artists as they did most of the upper classes in 1917 and in the ensuing Civil War.

Today, a visit to a motor factory which used to make tractor engines. Both factory and product have been redesigned and the plant now turns out dive bomber motors largely for the Stormovik—a 1700-horsepower job.

Its director is only thirty-four years old and seated next to him at the table is a dark-haired woman of forty who is assistant director, and who has charge of wages, working conditions, health and vacations.

He tells us he has 15,000 workers and most of them eat their meals in one building. The food is cheap and good because the factory owns and operates two farms. There are permanent operating staffs on each, but the factory workers rotate to furnish most of the labor.

We glance into a workers' lunch room. The meal consists of a porridge with kasha (buckwheat), black bread and borsch—a rich meat and beet soup. It looks and smells good.

Beyond is the foremen's dining room. They get the same dishes plus black pressed caviar. Farther on is the engineers' dining room. They eat like the foremen except they may have white bread as well as black, butter, and their caviar is the more expensive, loose, unsalted kind.

Now we proceed to the director's dining room, where I jot down the menu's main items: vodka, red wine, white wine, champagne, caviar, butter, smoked sturgeon, salted cucumbers (which are delicious), coleslaw, cold veal, salami, smoked beef tongue and for dessert, pastry and fine-textured chocolate layer cake.

We learn (not from our Russian hosts) the caste system we have seen in the dining rooms goes all through their factories. They have developed enormous white-collar clerical and engineering staffs. Once a man becomes an engineer, he loses face and prestige should he slip into a suit of cover-alls, as American engineers do, and go down to a factory bench to show workers how it should be done.

Until the 1917 Revolution, Russia for a thousand years was a caste-ridden feudal state. Twenty-five years can no more wipe this out than it can abolish Russian food habits or Russian verbs. So this new socialist bureaucracy, raised up out of the proletariat, instinctively stratifies itself into castes.

Slowly I am beginning to understand this place and its people. Suppose you had been born and spent all your life in a moderately well run penitentiary, which kept you working hard and provided a bunk to sleep in, three daily meals and enough clothes to keep you warm.

Suppose it was explained that the warden and the guards were there largely to protect you from the malevolent outside world.

Needless to say, if anyone tried to release you or menaced you with a parole, you would fight like a tiger.

There is, however, one marked difference between inmates of the Soviet Union and of the Kansas State penitentiary at Lansing, where I have often visited an old friend. Food and clothing in both places are about the same, maybe a little better in Lansing. But should my Kansas friend decide his penitentiary was not well run, and express the hope that there might be a change of wardens, he would run no danger of being shot were he overheard by a stool pigeon. I concede, however, that in Russia a talented inmate can work himself up to be warden, which would be impossible in Lansing.

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6. Which sport attracts the greatest American attendance?

7. What was the nationality of Goliath?
8. Albinism in animals results from the lack of what?

The Answers

1. Lake Erie.
2. At the North Pole.
3. Copper.
4. Auster.
5. Washington and Lee university.
6. Basketball (90 million yearly).
7. He was a Philistine.
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Worth

Met a young lady the other day who had sarcastically named her diamond ring after the capital of Arkansas.

The strike situation seems to get very little better. Workmen are clamoring for higher wages to offset increased living costs, manufacturers are asking for ceiling price changes, and OPA says no. Some factories are turning out items which have a better marginal profit, discontinuing making

needed articles. There's a scarcity of men's pants, shorts, etc., and the end is not in sight. Informed ones tell us that the OPA is trying to check a disastrous inflation which now threatens. Merchants visiting wholesale houses tell us that shelves are pitifully bare. Where it will all end is anybody's guess. Inflation has followed all of our nation's wars. Came then depression, low wages and hardships. Some of our aged recall the dark, dreary days following the Civil War; others remember the hard times aftermath of the war with Spain, and not a few recall those galling days following World War I, especially during the Hoover regime. A dollar a day wage was a handsome figure, and lots of times work was not to be had. Red Cross flour went to many homes in which only a few years previous the man of the house was wearing \$15 silk shirts. Came then the WPA to save the nation and provide food and clothing. Experiences of the past should make us watchful. Let us then be willing to assist our nation's thinkers in helping to forestall the ravages of inflation.

It takes a baby just about two years to learn to talk and between 60 and 70 years to learn to keep his mouth shut.

Those in the know tell us that it will be 1950 before building materials of lumber, brick and tile will be as plentiful as it was prior to 1940. The housing shortage is acute all over the nation. In 1943 there were some 61,000 units constructed. Ordinarily there are 500,000 houses built in the nation. Few were built in 1944 and 1945. In some localities three families are now under the same roof. Several million of our men in service have returned, and more continually coming back. Many have married

while in service, others will wed, increasing by the hundreds of thousands the demand for residences. Prices for residences have mounted greatly in all parts of the country, including this vicinity. Few wish to sell because they would have nowhere to go. During the summer many houses were trucked from Camp Barkeley to Odessa and other towns to relieve housing shortage. The past few weeks has witnessed the sale of houses right here in Robert Lee which were moved on rubber to San Angelo by Mose Jackson. Several old structures have changed hands, were dismantled and went into the building of homes. —We may have to go back to log cabins—who can tell?

This is election year, and County Chairman Dr. J. K. Griffith is getting ready for a busy political season. Dr. Griffith is making Grandoldcoke one of its best democratic county chairmen—he looks after the job and it's always done right.

These are days when a lot of folks don't have time to love their neighbors. They're too busy tryin' to keep ahead of them.

One of these days the legislature is going to pass a law requiring everybody in public service to limit the speech to yes and no with permission to expand a reply or statement to 50 words once a week. There is too much talking and not enough performance. There isn't a subject that can't be told in 50 words. Penalties for violations would be six months in the hoosgow.

Don't wake up 25 years from now and wish you had taken advantage of the opportunity to own a piece of Coke county land. Better do it now.

Coke County Farmers To Get An Allocation Of \$73,919 In 1946 For Conservation Practices

There has been allocated to Coke county \$73,719.00 to be used as assistance to farmers in carrying out needed conservation practices during the 1946 program year. The Coke County ACA committee, assisted by members of the community committres and other agricultural workers have selected the practices considered as most needed in this county, for which assistance will be available. The practices selected are as follows: Construction of Standard and spreader terraces for which proper outlets are provided, construction of diversion terraces; construction of earthen dams; construction of concrete or rubble masonry dams or drops; drilling or digging wells; installing pipe lines, contour furrowing noncropland; strip cropping on the contour; strip cropping not on the contour; deferred grazing; plowing fireguards on pasture land; and elimination of prickly pear, cedar, and mesquite.

Since we have been allotted a certain amount of funds it is necessary that an accurate account be maintained throughout the year as to the amountt being earned, therefore it is necessary for each producer that expects assistance in carrying out one of these selected practices to secure prior approval from the county ACA committee,

by applying at the county AAA office.

The county committee recently elected by the farmers of Coke county to administer the program during the 1946 program year are: Clarence N. Webb, chairman; G. C. Casey, vice-chairman; and J. B. Robertson, third member. M. A. Butner and Ernest Burns were named as alternate members.

The community committeemen elected are as follows: Community A. John B. Walker, Sr., Lowell G. Roane, and Bryan Gartman; Community B, Will C. Shamblin, Joe D. Miller, and J. L. Brunson; Community C, Lenn Roberts, Sam Powell, and A. B. Sheppard.

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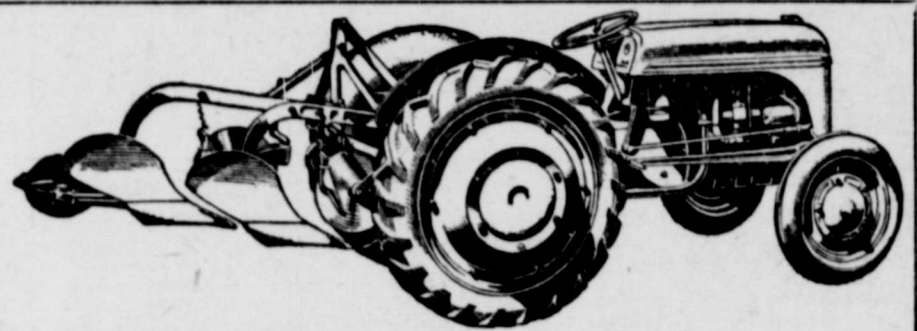
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A PEOPLE DELIVERED

LESSON TEXT—Exodus 6:6-8; 13:17-22. GOLDEN TEXT—I will trust, and not be afraid; for the Lord Jehovah even the Lord, is my strength.—Isaiah 12:2.

"Is thy God able to deliver thee?" was the question asked of Daniel in the lions' den (Dan. 6:20). It is in the minds and on the lips of many in every hour of crisis.

God is able to deliver. Moses found that out when in answer to his complaint that the Lord had done nothing for his suffering people (Exod. 5:22), the Lord revealed Himself as the One who was not only able but ready to take them out of their bondage.

I. God's Promise (6:6-8).
Moses was to remember that he was dealing with the Eternal One, unchangeable, and always true to His word and able to make His will come to pass (v. 2, 3).

So often men in dealing with God think of Him in terms of their own weakness and failure. What we need is to have a Godlike conception of God, not a manlike idea of Him. God is the infinite and the Eternal One with whom we have no right to quarrel, and whose dealings with us are too high for us to judge (Ps. 139:1-6).

God's covenant with His people was established (v. 4). He had heard their cry (v. 5), and His deliverance was sure (v. 6). The only thing Moses had to do was to wait and see God work.

That word "wait" is a little one. It seems to call for no effort, to be easy of fulfillment; yet it seems to be the hardest thing for a human being to do. Christians who can speak and work for God when things are active and moving become querulous and despondent when they have to wait or when they are laid aside for a time.

His promise is sure. That is not just a religious sentiment. It is a fact, and it is proved by history.

II. God's Plan (13:17-19).
There was a direct, easy road along the coast of the Mediterranean up to Canaan, but God with His pillar of cloud and fire did not lead in that way.

How strange that He should take them by a longer, more difficult way! Not at all. He knew the danger of the easy way. It was there that the warlike Philistines would be lying in ambush. Such immediate conflict would discourage Israel and tempt them to return to the fleshpots of Egypt. So He took them the other way.

Note that God's guidance for them was one of intelligent planning, not just impulse or chance. He knew what to do, and He did it, for their good.

God has a plan, not only for the nations, but also for individuals, for your life and mine. Let us find His will for us, for it is good, acceptable and perfect (Rom. 12:1, 2).

Note the honoring of the faith of Joseph in God's promise (v. 19). The memory of his assurance was a blessing to his descendants, and they honored it and him. What will our descendants have to say about our faith in God?

III. God's Presence (13:20-22).
Our God does not just send a plan or program to His people. He is always with them and is ready to go before them.

God's plan is made known to His people as they follow Him step by step. This means that there must be guidance, moment by moment, if His plan is to be worked out. He gives such guidance and it is only when His children fail to follow it that the pattern of life becomes confused.

The field of divine guidance is one in which Christians have widely divergent experiences. Some know the sweet, unconfused daily experience of God's hand upon them, caring for even the minor details (or are they minor?) of life. Others have known the directive power of God in some life crisis, but not in the ordinary affairs of life. Many, and perhaps most, think of divine guidance as a spiritual theory of which the preacher talks, but know nothing of it in their own lives.

What makes this great difference? Faith—or the lack of it. Those who trust God accept and receive His blessed leadership moment by moment. It is as simple as that. Others reach out and take it when the pressure of life makes them cast themselves on God. Others simply muddle along "doing their best," which is not their best, for God is not in it.

AROUND THE HOUSE

Cutting knives are best kept by themselves in a wooden rack in the kitchen drawer. If allowed to rub against other knives or utensils, they dull quickly.

If you want to make your letters absolutely sure-seal, glue them shut with colorless nail polish. These can't even be steamed open by unscrupulous persons.

Clean gilded picture frames by rubbing with a soft cloth dipped in milk or egg white. They'll look like new.

Should you want to make your own roller shades to match the fabric used in the decorative scheme of a room, better stick to glazed chintz, heavy sateen, percale or other material of similar weight and weave.

An ordinary double book strap is excellent to have with you when you are traveling. Should you annex a package too bulky for your suitcase, wrap it in suitable wrapping over a cardboard base, bind it with a book strap and carry it by the handle.

Bird Should Have Spoken Err It Was Too Late!

Bill Jones stopped in at a pet store and was entranced by a remarkable bird that was not only beautiful to look at but also spoke fluently in eight languages. He paid a good round sum for the bird and asked to have it delivered to his home.

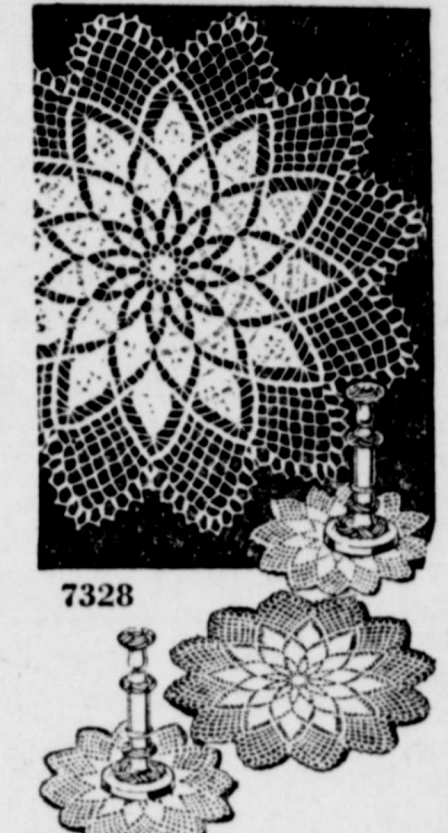
Reaching home at dinner time that evening, he asked: "Has the bird that I ordered come?"

"Yes, dear," his wife replied. "It's in the oven now."

"What!" he exclaimed. "In the oven? Why, that bird could speak eight languages!"

"Then why didn't it say something?" asked the wife.

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January Clearance Sale

Men's Coats, leather and melton, 6.95 to 10.95
Boys' Coats 2.95 to 6.95
Ladies Short Sport Coats 6.95
1-3 off on all Sweaters, Men's Ladies', Children's
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Many Years A Subscriber

From Silverton, our good friend, W. G. Byrd, remits for another year's subscription to The Observer. He writes; "As my subscription to the paper has expired and as we are anxious for the paper each week, and having been a subscriber for The Rustler and all along as the paper has been published in Coke county, you will find check for \$1.50 for another year's subscription to The Observer. I was there before the county was Coke—67 years ago. My parents moved with me when I was 9 years old from Gonzales county to Tom Green county at that time. We settled five miles north of what is now Robert Lee, on Mountain Creek. And you may call me a rabbit twister if you want to, but we always made a living there without eating them, and we made money there after the county settled up."

Uncle Wiley and Mrs. Byrd still own a fine ranch in Grandoldcoke. To be near their children they bought a nice brick home in Silverton, and are nicely situated. They are beloved here by hundreds of friends, and we hope the Lord continues to bless with length of days to enjoy life and the reading of the old home paper, of which Mr. Byrd has been a valued subscriber for 56 years.

Candidate cards, printed right here in Coke county for our Coke county candidates to hand out to Coke county voters—see The Observer for samples.

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Wilson Bryan

Folks You Know

Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Wojtek were among last Friday's shoppers.

Mrs. O. M. Ratliff was here from Blackwell last Saturday.

A. L. Lofton and H. G. Smith were among those in town Saturday who took time to renew their Observer subscriptions.

Mrs. Hattie Day was a visitor in San Angelo Saturday.

F. C. Wojtek was in to see us last week renewing his Observer subscription for which he has our thanks.

Bill Ratliff, who returned from overseas service last week, was in town last Saturday greeting his many friends.

Mrs. Christine Roach AAA administrative officer reports that during 1945 our county farmers and ranchers received \$75,000 for drilling wells, constructing tanks, building terraces, and eliminating destructive plants. Farmers who have not reported acreage of small grain drilled on the contour in the fall of 1945 must do so by Jan. 15 or no payment for same will be made.

Cpl. Joe Dodson Jr., with the U. S. air corps on Guam, writes his mother that he is homeward bound and expects to land in the states soon.

B. A. Austin, valued Observer patron, last week bought another year's ride on this great Coke county journalistic merrygoround.

Lem Cowley and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Smith at Broffte Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ell Hatley and son, and A. V. Hughes visited with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gibbens last weekend in Lubbock. Saturday morning Ell said he saw the loveliest sandstorm that ever perambulated over the South Plains. They returned home Sunday.

Robert Lee had a light shower Friday afternoon of last week. A good general rain would be of great benefit to this section. Another shower and drizzle Tuesday, but we need a chunk floater.

Thanks to Melvin Childress for a fine lot of Arizona citrus fruits this week. I've had limeade, lemonade, orangeade, and got a squirt of grapefruit juice in my optic, beside.

TODAY'S BEST NEWS

Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.—Psalms 61:1,2.

Political Announcements

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

For County Judge & School Supt.:

MCNEIL WYLIE

BOB L. DAVIS

For District and County Clerk:

WILLIS SMITH

R. T. CAPERTON

For County Treasurer

RUBY L. PETTIT

For Sheriff, Tax Assessor & Collector

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