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Army Disability Claims Life Of N. C. Brown, Jr.

N. C. Brown, Jr., 35, well known Robert Lee resident, died at 11 a. m. Sunday, Sept. 15, at Amarillo, where he had gone six weeks ago for treatment. His death was due to a heart ailment attributed to strenuous training in the U. S. Army Air Corps which he experienced during the war.

"Than," as he was familiarly known, seemed to be holding up quite well until a few weeks ago. Early in August he decided to go to Amarillo to take treatment from a specialist. He made his home temporarily with his sister, Mrs. Inez Sullivan, and his wife and little daughter joined him there. However, his ailment failed to respond to treatment and his condition became steadily worse.

His sister, Mrs. Vera McSpadden of Marfa, was called early last week and on Wednesday his brother, Chism Brown, and wife were called from Robert Lee. Last Wednesday evening he was taken to Northwest Texas hospital in Amarillo and immediately placed under oxygen. He became unconscious Thursday morning and failed to revive, although his life lingered until Sunday.

The body was shipped to San Angelo Monday night, with the Robert Massie funeral home being in charge of arrangements for the funeral which was held at the Church of Christ in the east part of Robert Lee at 4 p. m. Tuesday. Mr. J. P. Crenshaw of San Angelo officiated at the service and burial was in the Robert Lee cemetery. Casket bearers were Elbert Beasley, Ray Martin, Floyd Warren, Eddie Browning, Lloyd Pate and Jack Gassaway.

Nathaniel Crockett Brown, Jr. was born in Robert Lee Nov. 30, 1910. He was the youngest son. He grew up in this community and after leaving high school went to Houston where he worked a number of years. On Jan. 13, 1939, he was united in marriage to Ona Faye Beasley of Corsicana. To them was born a daughter, Judith Gayle, now two years old.

"Than" was inducted into the service at San Antonio Jan. 7, 1943. He was attached to the Army Air Corps and was a turret gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress bomber, with the rank sergeant. He went overseas in January 1944 and was based in England. Further intensive training was experienced and he had only made a few combat missions when his heart ailment was discovered by army doctors. He was immediately relieved of active duty and spent a time in the hospital before returning to the United States in May. For several months he was a patient at Brooke general hospital at San Antonio and was discharged Aug. 10, 1944, because of total disability.

A short time later he and his family came to Robert Lee to



N. C. Brown, Jr.

make their home and a year ago they purchased the Dr. Griffith residence on north Main Street. He had planned to engage in the contracting business and bought a bulldozer from the government a short time ago.

"Than" was active in community affairs and a prominent member and good worker in the American Legion. He was chosen manager of the town base ball team the past summer and gave his time and effort to many similar projects. He was an outstanding individual, at times having independent opinions that were not always in step with the majority, but he was always charitable and likewise generous and thoughtful of others. He had a wide circle of friends and his passing is deeply regretted by the entire community.

Through his entire illness he was lovingly cared for by his wife, who formerly practised as a registered nurse. His sister, Vera, also a nurse, and other members of the family present during his final days gave him every possible comfort.

Surviving are his wife and little daughter, his mother, Mrs. N. C. Brown, Sr., four brothers, Paul of San Angelo, Chism and John of Robert Lee, and Rex of Houston, and five sisters, Mrs. Inez Sullivan, Amarillo, Mrs. Iva Scoggins, Burnet, Mrs. Alice Acock, Alvord, Mrs. Vera McSpadden, Marfa, and Mrs. Chanda McBroom of Quemado, New Mex. All members of the family were present for the funeral. His father died March 5, 1942, and a sister, Mrs. Juanita Smith, died in 1936.

Expect Report This Week On Blackwell Oil Test

Warren Petroleum Corp. No. 1 J. T. Hamilton estate, northeastern Coke county wildcat 2 miles southwest of Blackwell, was reported Saturday to have topped the Ellenburger lime Saturday at 6,312 feet. It cored ahead.

The location is 3-4 mile east of Warren No. 1 W. M. Fowler, deep failure which entered the Ellenburger at 6,392 feet, 4,231 feet below sea level. No. 1 Fowler was an east offset to Warren's (formerly Wm. F. Morgan) No. 1 J. S. Craft, Coke County discovery producer from the Cisco lime at 3,821 feet.

Livestock Ass'n Plans Fall Sale

Coke County Livestock Association at a board meeting Friday night named Oct. 12 as the date of the annual auction sale to raise funds for the county 4-H show next February.

A committee has been named to contact every farmer, ranchman and business man in the county relative to donating livestock or cash toward the project. The association hopes to construct a much needed addition to the pavilion and also retire some indebtedness against the grounds. Excellent rains descending upon Coke county the past few weeks will make it possible to proceed with renewed efforts in behalf of the stock sale and 4-H show.

Wilson Bryan is again serving as president of the association, succeeding A. B. Sheppard, who resigned. Edward Cumbie of Bronte was chosen as a new member of the board of directors.

Ice Sales Set New Record Here This Year

One of the largest and most important business institutions in Robert Lee is the retail ice establishment operated by H. S. Lewis. The present owner has been selling ice here the past six years, but 1946 was by far the biggest year he has experienced.

This is largely due to the long period of heat and drouth which increased the normal demand, while more ice has also been available. Most of the local supply comes from the San Angelo Ice Co. and there were only two brief occasions during the summer when Mr. Lewis had to tell his customers he was "out of ice." In recent years ice manufacturers were called upon to supply army camps and that demand was enormous, thus cutting down the available supply for civilian use.

Mr. Lewis says his average sales during the summer were from 10,000 to 12,000 pounds daily and biggest his day was about 18,000 pounds. It was a fine service to the community and the "Major" and his helper, S. B. Plumlee, put in long hours seven days a week.

Pumping Lake Water

Robert Lee is now using water out of the lake, the change over from the well being made on Monday. Most water users are happy since the lake water is so much softer. Joe Dodson, water superintendent, says that flood water from Mountain Creek put the pump out of commission at the well. The lake has several feet of water now and will be sufficient to supply the demand for some time.

Build Store Addition

A new storehouse is being constructed in connection with the Black Grocery in the south part of town. The structure, which has dimensions of 20 x 20 feet, has a cement floor and was needed to supply additional storage space for the store. Work is in charge of Roy Taylor and Morgan Casey.

Why, It's Plain Libel

The Standard-Times Tuesday said: "More drouth-shattering rains fell generally over the West Texas area Monday, especially heavy moisture falling in the dry Robert Lee sector north of San Angelo."

Isn't that great to still be referring to Robert Lee as a "dry sector." We wish our good newspaper friends in the city would remember that Grandoldcoke was pretty well soaked up, even before Monday's additional rain, and we don't care to be pitied any longer.

It is sad, however, that the Angelo community remains quite dry. Too much dirty politics down there maybe, or something.

Dallas Man Buys Farm Near Edith at \$42 Acre

Mrs. M. D. Porter last week signed a contract for the sale of her 320-acre farm near Edith to J. E. Stokes of Dallas, at a reported price of about \$42 per acre. The farm, located 1 1/2 miles west of the Edith store, has 150 acres in cultivation. It has been visited by good rains the past few weeks and has a lot of excellent grass for fall feeding.

Mr. Stokes recently disposed of a farm in the Dallas locality and will move his family here immediately. He intends to buy Mrs. Porter's herd of ten cows and a bull, a tractor and some other equipment. Mr. and Mrs. Stokes have two sons in the service and a 9-year-old daughter at home.

Mrs. Porter has been unable to operate the farm since the death of her husband last spring. She has purchased a place on East 17th street in San Angelo and will move there to make her home.

Benefit Show

A benefit show is scheduled at the Alamo theatre Sept. 29-30 when 60 per cent of the ticket sales will be donated to the fund being raised for floodlights at the football field. The film feature is "Mildred Pierce," starring Joan Crawford. Tickets will be sold in advance at regular prices of 35c for adults and 14c for children under 12 years.

Entire County Gets Big Rains

Coke county received more good rains during the past week, with 3 inches being recorded here in Robert Lee from Friday through Monday. Most important is the fact that some sections of the county which had not previously received much rain were pretty well soaked the past week.

These localities included the Wildcat neighborhood west of Robert Lee as well as the Divide on west of Edith, where moisture was reported as much as three inches. "Skinny" Adams, who has a ranch southwest at the foot of the mountains, says he got three inches, the biggest rain in four years. The same situation exists over on the Divide.

Fall seeding is going ahead rapidly all over the county. Quite a few farmers had oats planted before the rains, and thousands of acres are being seeded now. A large acreage of wheat will be sowed in the Divide and some other localities.

Feed crops have been benefitted greatly and ranges are beginning to green up. An abundance of fall and winter feed is now assured.

In spite of the worst summer drouth in nearly 30 years, Grandoldcoke is bouncing back, and how!

While this section can hardly be considered a swamp just yet, we want to keep those city newspaper folks informed. So here's the rainfall figures in Robert Lee for the past three weeks. They add up to 6.09 inches, as follows:

August 28.....	2.39
Sept. 3.....	.64
Sept. 13.....	1.42
Sept. 14.....	.39
Sept. 16.....	1.25

BCD Meeting Called Off

The monthly meeting of the Board of Community Development scheduled for Monday night was called off when it was learned that several officials of the organization were out of town. Another reason for postponement was that Cong. O. C. Fisher, who was expected to be here for a speech, had been called back to Washington.

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Romantic Pacific Isles Prove Lure to Many Ex-Servicemen

NAMES REMEMBERED

Jungle Is Creeping Back On Historic War Sites

Guadalcanal, Hollandia, Manus, Tarawa, Kwajalein, Iwo Jima, Okinawa—all were but spots on a map of the Pacific (a large-scale chart at that) until American soldiers, sailors and marines battled and bled there on their long march to victory in World War II.

By dint of sheer manpower, many of them became bases hacked out of the wilderness of the jungle. Now, only a year after the war clouds have cleared, many of them are creeping back to their jungle vastness.

Guadalcanal, site of America's first major land stand against the Jap invaders, has slipped back into obscurity. British civil officials once more rule the Solomon Island bastion and far-famed Henderson Field is quiet except for an occasional plane.

Airfield Disappears.

The remorseless jungle is reconquering the big airfield hacked out by the Americans at Buna, New Guinea.

Few signs of conflict remain on battle-scarred Kwajalein. Developed as a major base in closing days of the war, it also served as an advance base for the atomic-bomb tests.

At Tarawa, one of the costliest battlefields of the Pacific, a small navy garrison maintains the air base, but it may be decommissioned soon.

The name, Leyte, where Gen. Douglas MacArthur kept his pledge to return to the Philippines, is kept alive by the navy, which maintains a major base there. The bay teems with activity, an airfield, air depot, hospital, radio station and naval repair yards being located there.

Manila Is Shambles.

Manila, most dramatic battleground of the war, still is in shabby ruins. Army trucks and jeeps wind through the streets, past heaps of rubble cleared from the thoroughfares and gaunt frames of once-beautiful buildings. Tourists gaze in awe at the maze of rubble in the Walled City; historic battlesite.

Waves lap the wrecked and rusting landing craft which litter the shoreline at Iwo Jima, a volcanic stepping stone in the march to Tokyo. The American flag still flutters from Mount Surabachi, for a small garrison maintains a relatively unimportant air base on Iwo.

In less than two years, Guam has become the most powerful navy base in the distant Pacific. Of all the Mid-Pacific bases, it alone



POPULAR PASTIME . . . Most popular diversion for sailors in the Pacific was the hula show.

has taken on an air of permanency.

Okinawa, at Japan's southern threshold, still lives in much of the misery that war left. Army air forces and navy bases are maintained on the island. Naha, capital city, is a wilderness of destruction, and sunken ships stud Buckner bay.

Kahoolawe Ranks Most Bombarded Island In Pacific

Ask any veteran of the Pacific warfare which bastion was the "most shot at island" during World War II and he'll probably answer Saipan, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Tarawa or one of the other Japanese strongholds.

But that dubious distinction belongs to the small, desolate, insignificant, waterless, uninhabited island of Kahoolawe in the Hawaiian chain. Former smugglers' haven, the island, only eight miles by five and of rugged terrain, has been reduced to a mass of rubble by countless shells and bombs.

The explanation is that naval and marine forces used Kahoolawe, uninhabited and commercially worthless, as a testing ground for theories of naval gunfire support of landing forces.

More than 800 ships, ranging from small amphibious craft to battlewagons, poured thousands upon thousands of rounds into Kahoolawe's barren sides. The tiny island took a greater shelling than either Iwo Jima or Okinawa, where naval gunfire reached its peak in the Pacific.

10,000 Navy Men Take Discharges At Island Bases

Long heralded in song and film as the land of beauty and romance, glamour and adventure, the myriad islands of the Pacific left a lasting imprint on thousands of American servicemen whose war duties gave them their first glimpse of the palm-fringed and coral-studded atolls.

The romantic lure of these Pacific isles already has drawn nearly 10,000 discharged American navy men, who have decided not to go home after the war's end.

The navy department reports that 9,372 navy men who were stationed on Pacific islands during the war have received special authority to be demobilized at their stations instead of returning to the United States for discharge.

All were required to have jobs or some other source of income before this permission was granted. Most of the voluntary ex-patriates have obtained civil service employment in the military government, the navy announces. Others have jobs in private enterprises, mainly in Hawaii and the Philippines.

Some sailors have "gone native" — marrying native girls and deciding to make their permanent homes on one of the islands.

A few were reported interested in starting commercial enterprises which import consumer durable goods from the United States. Private business has been impeded, however, because of the relative scarcity of radios, automobiles, refrigerators and other durable goods.

Look for Retreat.

Occasionally the navy department receives a wistful letter from a former sailor or marine, discouraged by peacetime conditions at home, asking if there is a little island in the Pacific he can buy inexpensively for a retreat "to get away from it all."

As during the war, Americans find a warm reception on most of the islands of the Pacific. Almost without exception the natives regarded the United States as their defender and liberator, and now they wait hopefully for the return of the men they saw during the war.

The Americans brought a taste of modernity and of big enterprise to the peoples of the island groups. The natives saw a picture of vast wealth and immense physical resources. The huge quantities of materials which moved through these places made an indelible impression on the people.

Revelation of United States standards of comfort, of transportation, of eating and of public health has given the natives an incentive to move forward. Americans were friendly, and generally there was immediate response to this offer of friendship.



FOND MEMORIES . . . The romantic allure of Pacific isles is drawing many ex-servicemen back to the land of palm trees, coral beaches and hula girls. The navy itself has discharged nearly 10,000 sailors at Pacific bases because the men decided not to go home after war's end.

ONE OUT OF FOUR

High School Graduates Flock to Army

NEW YORK.—One of every four boys graduated from high school this year either has joined the army or has indicated his intention of doing so, it is disclosed in an army enlistment survey. The survey was taken in connection with the campaign to secure a million enlistments.

Army life still holds an element of adventure for youth, the survey indicates, as about 22 per cent of the approximate 900,000 volunteers so far were in the 17 to 18-year-old age bracket.

Former army men constituted 13 per cent of the total, although that category is diminishing.

Largest single group, about 65 per cent, represent men already in the army who signed up for extended service.

Many responding to the survey reported that they considered the army a "better deal" than a civilian's job, especially since the pay has been increased materially.

Others expressed a desire to join the army because it provides a "chance to learn." In addition to army training, soldiers joining the regular army at this time are eligible to secure a college education

under the extended G.I. Bill of Rights.

With the goal of a million enlistments in sight, the army now is planning a new approach—a search for quality. Maj. Gen. Harold N. Gilbert, assistant to the adjutant general for military personnel procurement, said the army soon would be putting quality above all; that the service wanted men who could absorb the technical training necessary for soldiers who must deal with electronics, chemistry, communications, intelligence, languages, civil administration, high speed aviation and the other factors of a scientific army in the atomic age.

ASK ME ? ANOTHER ?

A quiz with answers offering information on various subjects

The Questions

1. The Bessemer process refers to the manufacture of what?
2. What is the name of the stock exchange in Paris?
3. Who was the emperor of Mexico when it was conquered by Cortez?
4. What was Dante's last name?
5. The Caucasus extends for 940 miles into what country?
6. What is the name of the load line mark on a ship?
7. Which of all land animals is best equipped for the water?

8. The average elevation of the plateau states is what?

The Answers

1. Steel.
2. Bourse.
3. Montezuma.
4. Alighieri.
5. Russia.
6. Plimsoll line.
7. The porcupine. He has 30,000 air-filled quills, which makes him practically impossible to sink.
8. Approximately 5,300 feet above sea level.

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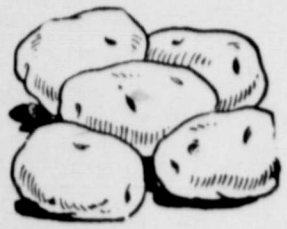
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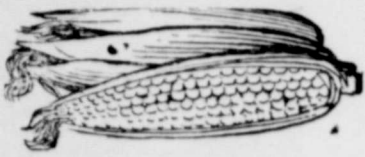
U S No. 1 Idaho Russetts
Potatoes lb. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c

Home Grown, Large Bunch
TURNIPS and TOPS - 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c

U. S. No. 1 Yellow, new crop
Onions, 3 lbs 13c



WHITE GLOBE ONIONS, lb. 5c



Colorado Golden Bantam
Fresh Corn, 3 ears 14c

Colorado Pascal or Golden CELERY, stalk 17c	Colorado CUCUMBERS, lb. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c
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Fine Flavor CARROTS, bunch 6c	Rutabagas TURNIPS, lb. - 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c
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Colorado, nice ones BEETS, bunch - 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c	Colorado Fancy Green BEANS, lb. - 14c
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YAMS, East Texas Sandyland, lb. - - 11c

Sirloin Steak, lb. 47c	CLUB Steaks, lb. 48c
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FINE FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES
Cloverbloom Cheese, 2 lbs. 99c

Fine for Boiling Fat Backs lb 22c	Pressed Ham, lb. 53c
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Chuck Roast, lb. - - 33c

DRUG Department



- Modart Fluff Shampoo, 75c size.....69c
- Schick Injector—20 blades.....63c
- Penorub—50c size.....31c
- Berkley Blade Deal.....1.00
- Williams "Baby's Own" Soap, bar.....10c
- Massengill Power, 60c size.....41c
- Noxzema Skin Cream, med.....21c
- Mavis Talc., 25c size.....20c
- Can Opener—long handle.....25c
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Apricots - 99c

CHB Dill Pickles, 8 oz. jar 27c
CHB Burger Relish, 24 oz. jar 53c
CHB Pepper Mix, 24 oz. jar 33c
CHB Pickled Chili Peppers, 8 oz jar 25c
CHB Pickled Chili Peppers, 24 oz jar 33c

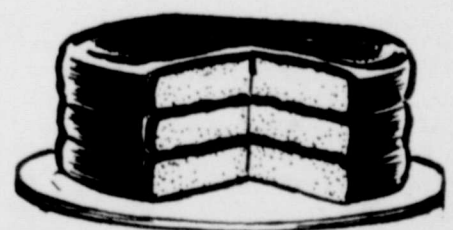
ADMIRATION
Coffee lb 44c

Borden's Instant Coffee, 2 1-2 oz jar 39c
Fire Chief Matches, 6 box carton 19c
Shrimp, 7 1-2 oz. tin 59c
Oysters, 7 1-2 oz. tin 59c
Ancovies, 2 oz. tin 28c
Morzip Pop-Corn 15c
Ma Brown Strawberry Jelly, 1 lb. 59c

FLAP JACK
Syrup qt. 39c

Challenge Peas, No. 2 tin 2 for 19c
Cut-Rite Wax Paper, 125 ft. roll 19c
Pole Cabin Hominy, No. 2 tin 15c
Valley Brand
Turnip & Mustard Greens, No. 2 tin 11c
Hypro, quart 14c

Bakery Dept.



Honey Crome Cake - 59c
Applesauce Cupcakes doz. 30c
Dutch Holland Bread - 12c
Butter Wafers - - 15c



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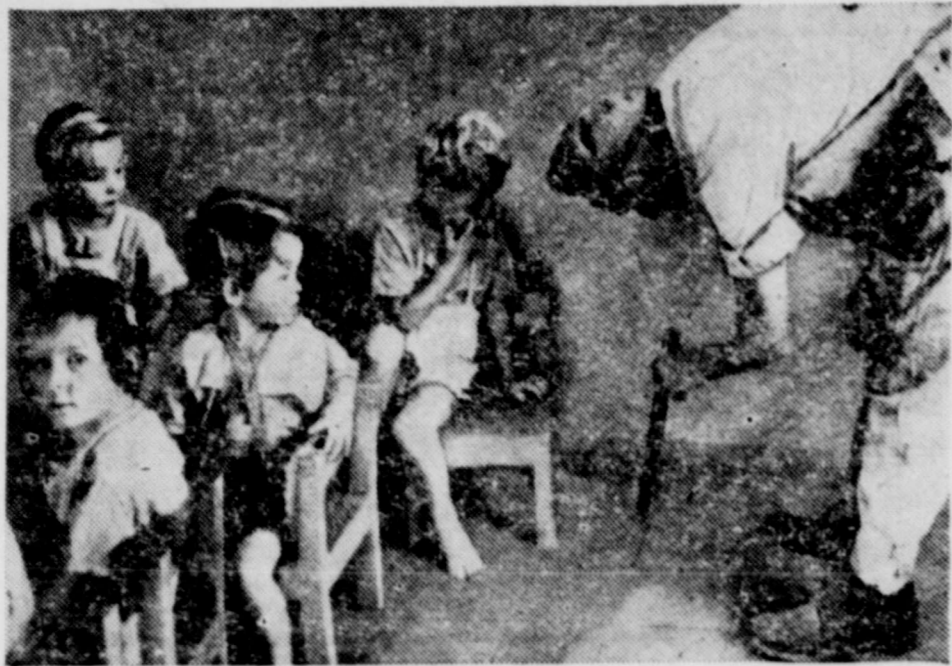


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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Nazi Bigwigs Await Sentence; Dewey Faces Mead in Strategic Race for Governor in New York

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Searching for mines of the type that blew up transport scheduled to carry illegal Jewish immigrants to Palestine to detention camp on Cyprus, British combed seaside settlement of S'Doth Yam. Tommy is shown tapping floor of nursery in quest for hidden cache.

WAR CRIMINALS:

Germany

Defiant to the last, Nazi bigwigs awaited sentence on war crimes after a 10-month trial at Nuernberg. Winding up the lengthy case, in which 3,000 documents were introduced and 5,000,000 words of testimony taken, former Reichsmarshal Goering denounced the allies for accusing the German leaders alone of violations of international law; ex-Foreign Minister Von Ribbentrop ripped the prosecution for refusal to admit as evidence an alleged warning by Churchill that Germany would be destroyed if she became too strong, and Finance Minister Schacht pleaded he had tried to avert the war.

Japan

Counsel for 27 high Japanese leaders on trial for war crimes in Tokyo was thrown into a dither by the revelation that officials of the war department had misused confidential information to tip off the prosecution on its strategy. Knowledge that counsel would claim Japan was forced into the war by America's diplomatic moves and economic sanctions was radioed to the prosecution and accidentally fell into the hands of the defense.

Philippines

Concluding three days of fiery oratory before the people's court for his release on bail, Jose Laurel, Filipino puppet ruler under the Japanese charged with collaboration, declared everyone had worked for the enemy out of fear or other motives. Mentioning Japanese money, Laurel shouted that it was in general circulation throughout the nation and therefore everyone who accepted it had assisted the Nipponese.

AUTO OUTPUT:

Hits Lag

In calling a press conference in Detroit, Mich., C. E. Wilson, president of General Motors corporation, presented the company's case against both the government and workers for the serious lag in auto production.

Pointing out that G.M. had turned out only 400,000 cars and trucks in the year following V-J Day instead of the 1,400,000 scheduled, Wilson charged the Truman administration with having attempted to appease labor unions by taking the lid off wages while at the same time stating that price increases were unnecessary. As a result, manufacturers were "put in the nutcracker," he averred.

Although G.M. has 88,000 more employees on its payroll than in 1941, production is about half, Wilson said. Tests on relative jobs have shown that worker productivity is about 80 per cent of the pre-war rate. Refusal of employees to extend themselves, a high absenteeism rate, inexperience and a large turnover partly due to the ease in collecting unemployment compensation all have contributed to the inefficiency, Wilson declared.

HOUSING:

Fear New Obstacle

Having trimmed commercial construction and tightened allocation of materials to speed up the veterans' emergency housing program, Housing Expediter Wilson W. Wyatt feared a prospective labor

shortage as a new obstacle to the rapid erection of dwellings.

Revealing his apprehensions in his August report on the vet housing situation, Wyatt indicated that the government would strive to head off the latest bogeyman with an intensive recruiting and apprentice training program.

Despite a pickup in new building in July, Wyatt disclosed in his report, the emergency housing program is lagging behind the announced goal of 1,200,000 homes and apartments for this year. During the first seven months of 1946, 607,100 new dwellings were started and 287,100 completed.

NEW YORK:

Election Battle

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's renomination as the Republican candidate for re-election in November, and Sen. James M. Mead's selection as the Democratic choice for the office, promised to make New York one of the strategic political battlegrounds for the 1948 presidential race.

In naming Mead, the Democrats pushed one of their strongest stand-bearers into the fight to capture the governmental apparatus of the all-important empire state and at the same time squelch Dewey's aspirations for the White House. The son of Irish immigrants, who got his start in life as a water carrier for a railroad section gang, Mead has made an impressive record in the senate, particularly as head of the war investigating committee.

That Dewey hoped to make the impending gubernatorial race a springboard for the 1948 presidential run was seen in his strong castigation of the Truman administration for "bungling and confusion" in his renomination speech. As the party lines were being drawn for battle, Dewey stood as the favorite to win because of his administrative record in office.

NAVY:

To Provide Comforts

One could almost have heard the rattle down in Davey Jones' locker when the navy announced that it was air-conditioning the new cruisers, Salem and Newport News, to determine the best kind of equipment for eventually cooling all of its ships.

In announcing the navy's plans for providing additional comfort for crews on the bounding main, Vice-Adm. Edward L. Cochrane, chief of the bureau of ships, emphasized that air-conditioning had proved invaluable in boosting morale and fighting efficiency in combat.

Various types of new air-conditioning equipment will be used in the tests in the new 17,000-ton cruisers, with the cool air transmitted into all living and working compartments save machinery areas where the heat is too intense. Simplified coils will be shockproof and easily cleaned, it was said.

Washington Digest

Diary of 46 Years Ago Points Way for Present

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WASHINGTON. — Mary Condit-Smith, a young Washington society girl, visiting diplomatic friends in China, and a 17-year-old boy in a little town on the Erie Canal both were keeping diaries at the turn of the century.



Baukhage

Mary, alone in her room in the American legation in Peking on June 11, 1900, slipped on her pink silk dressing gown, sat down and wrote:

"The telegraph was broken last night. We have no more communication with the outside world; our world is this dangerous Peking."

That same day, though it was really the day before, according to the strange tricks Old Sol plays as he pushes the clock around while he marches westward and paradoxically reaches the Far East—that same day, Monday, June 11, a boy in the fifth grade of the High street school painfully inscribed this entry in his book:

"It rained this A. M. Two more weeks and we'll be free from this School of Misery." (The next day it is of record that he broke the crank of his "wheel"—bicycle to you.)

The boy's name appears at the head of this column and what he wrote isn't important, but just 46 years later he was to read Mary's diary. She had gone to her reward long since but not until her diary became a book and she had become Mrs. Hooker, a colonel's lady.

White Man's Prestige Slipped to Low

As I read this fascinating story, told in simple, boarding-school English, those awful days when the foreign colony in Peking lived in the daily horror of massacre during the Boxer rebellion, became very real.

Today the fires of civil war are spreading in China. Voices are being raised, demanding that our marines be withdrawn. American prestige has fallen almost as low as it was when Mary Hooker in her diary told the dramatic story of the Boxer Rebellion—that moment in China's history when Americans, along with all foreigners reached their nadir. History repeats.

The Empress Tzuhsi, a reactionary, encouraged the activities of the Boxers and other groups whose chief purpose was to cleanse China of the "foreign devils." It is only fair to say that China had passed through a period during which the occidental powers had exploited her to the hilt.

Attacks on foreigners, especially missionaries, began in 1899, but as Mary Hooker records, "the diplomats and people in general put these things down to the usual spring riots which yearly seized Peking."

By June and July of 1900, however, the foreigners found themselves besieged in Peking. As late as June 7 Mary's diary reports:

"Mr. Pethick . . . forty years a resident of China and an intimate friend of half the political leaders, knowing their weaknesses by heart, urges the minister to state to Washington the situation as it is, but all to no avail."

Three days later, as I mentioned, the foreign colony "had no communication with the outside world."

The next day's entry states:

"Such intense excitement! This afternoon the Japanese Chancellor of the Legation went down to the railway station in the official legation car to see if there was any sign of troops. Returning by the principal gate, he was seized by the Imperial (Chinese) troops, dismembered and cut to pieces."

Eagerly Awaited Arrival of Troops

From then on the entries become even more exciting . . . twenty of our marines have been sent by an officer to guard the big Methodist Mission . . . the Russian secretary . . . has figures at the ends of his fingers about the number of troops Russia can land in Tien-Tsin . . . are

they trying to prepare us for a Russian coup d'etat?

Each day the arrival of foreign troops was awaited. On June 17 the entry reads:

"Just one week ago today we got the telegram that the combined forces of England, the United States, France, Japan, etc. . . had left to go to the relief of the legations in Peking . . . when the time comes that the American and Russian legations can no longer hold out, the British legation will be the stage for the terrible last act."

The Roman Catholic church was only one of many burned, and the converts and their families in the vicinity slaughtered.

"In some cases," says the diary, "the Christians thought it better to be roasted in their houses than try to escape." (She herself had decided that she might as well be massacred in her pink silk dressing gown with a pink bow at her neck as in her golf clothes.)

On the 19th of June, the Chinese government offered to give legation members their passports and escort them and their families to the port. There was a division of opinion as to whether to trust the Chinese. In the evening the German minister started to confer a second time on the question when he was murdered in the streets.

The situation grows worse.

Dead Piled

Around Ramparts

A bullet knocks off the headpiece of a baby's crib.

All the women are sewing sandbags.

The Dutch and Austrian legations burn.

On July 1: "There are so many dead dogs, horses and Chinese lying in heaps all around the defended lines, but too far for us to bury or burn them."

They used the dead horses closer by, however: "The . . . mess has an invariable menu. At breakfast, rice, tea and jam; at tiffin, rice and horse; at dinner, rice, horse and jam."

With the privations and fear of the Boxers grew the suspicion and distrust of the members of the foreign missions of each other. Russians and English hated each other; Americans were the buffers. Racial ructions have no date lines. Mary Hooker notes:

"The dislike of the Russians for the British is so cordial that it is only equaled by the feeling the British entertain toward them. Our compound joins the Russians, and they love us and we love them in as strong a fashion as they hate their English neighbors on their other side."

And so pretty Mary Hooker wrote history. . . .

But it was more than history. It was drama. It was tragedy. Just look over her shoulder once again:

"July 9 . . . day before yesterday, the Austrian Charge d'Affaires was shot at the French legation. . . . At first we kept a record of the dead or badly wounded . . . but now they come in so often we cease to note the exact number. . . ."

"July 16 . . . I was en route to the hospital carrying a pot of coffee to the doctors and nurses when some soldiers passed me, carrying a rough litter, bearing Captain Strouts (the British commanding officer) mortally wounded."

Then July 16:

"It is discussed quietly by men that they will certainly kill their wives when that time comes (to make a final stand). God grant it never may! Apropos of this, I have in my pocket a small pistol loaded with several cartridges, to use if the worst happens. A Belgian secretary stole it from the armory for me—in case you need it, mademoiselle."

Then finally this note on August 15, when the Chinese were closing in on the improvised fortifications manned by lord and funky, soldier and civilian making their last stand . . . "a veritable ring of flame on all sides of the defenses."

And then! — "Through that racket that was around us all night, we could faintly hear the unmistakable sound of the foreign guns of our troops."

That page of history, let us hope, will not be repeated.

Vulgar Display of Wealth Back in the Gay Nineties

The climax of all the vulgar displays of wealth which took place in this country in the Gay Nineties was the Bradley Martin ball at the Waldorf-Astoria on February 10, 1897, says Collier's. Given for New York's Four Hundred, the fancy-dress affair was one of the greatest society news stories in history, even receiving pages of publicity in London and Paris.

As this ball cost \$369,200 and was held at a time when thousands of Americans were destitute, the Bradley Martins were severely censured for their extravagance. Unable to endure the notoriety, they left the country and settled permanently in England.

Johnny Q. Clawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Clawson of Robert Lee, has been promoted to the grade of Technician 5th grade. He is stationed at a far Pacific outpost, Ryukyus, and attached to Military Govt. Hdqs.

James Thomason and wife returned Sunday from a vacation trip to Carlsbad, New Mex.

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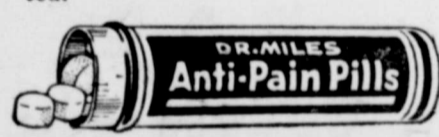
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Ray Mundell Weds Doris Ruth Freeman

The marriage of Ray Mundell and Doris Ruth Freeman, popular Robert Lee couple, took place Saturday night at 8 o'clock at the Baptist parsonage, with the Rev. Fred D. Blake officiating.

The bride, a daughter of Mrs. Della Freeman of Talpa, is a graduate of the Mineral Wells high school, and for the past six months has made her home in Robert Lee with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Lewis.

The bridegroom, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Mundell, was born and raised in Robert Lee. He returned home in the spring after serving with credit in the Navy. Ray is an energetic young man and is engaged in business with his father.

The couple made a brief trip to San Angelo and Talpa.

Bronte Nuisance Case Continued To Oct. 7

Hearing of an injunction suit of D. M. West, former newspaper publisher, against the Town of Bronte and owners of the Home Motor Co., was continued until Oct. 7. It will be heard as the first case in the fall term of court which opens the second week in October.

Glenn R. Lewis of San Angelo defense attorney, asked for the delay to permit testing of a sample of water sent to the State Health Dept. in Austin. Attorneys for the plaintiff agreed to continuance, reporting two of their witnesses were not present when the hearing was scheduled to come up last Friday.

West alleges in the suit that waste water from a wash room and toilet at the garage empties into an open sewer in front of his property on one of the main streets of Bronte. He seeks an injunction to stop the alleged nuisance and damages of \$5,750.

"I'll Be Loving You Always," wrote by Irving Berlin. His beautiful song describes perfectly his own romance with Ellin Mackay, which surmounted many obstacles, including an irate father who placed an ocean between them, little dreaming that it would be bridged by the haunting melodies inspired by love. Read the fairytale romance of Irving and Ellin Mackay in The American Weekly with Next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

Dave Adkins returned the last of the week from Shannon hospital where he had been receiving treatment for an eye injury.

Hickman Looks Good
Referring to the San Angelo college football candidates, the Sunday Standard-Times said: "Speed merchants in the Ram backfield could be simmered down to about four men. Johnny Hickman, former three-sport and three-year football letterman for Robert Lee's Steers, and a veteran of some service football in Maryland, appears the top zipper. "Hicky" is a physical education major and tips the scales at 185 pounds." D. J. Walker, Jr., 178-pounder from Robert Lee, is considered one of the leading contenders for a tackle position.

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W. O. Thomason writes The Observer to have his address changed from Roscoe to San Angelo, Rt. 1, care Joe Key.

Frank McCabe, accompanied by his sons Wayne and J. F., and James Counts went to Levelland Sunday to attend the steer roping contest. Frank reports that section of the state has received big rains and the lakes are all full of water.

B. H. Hudson and Russell Miller of San Antonio were Sunday guests in the Raymond McCutchen home.

Mrs. and Mrs. Preacher Cathey of Monahans visited last week in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Counts, on the Divide west of Robert Lee.

Garden Club Launches New Year of Study

El Valle Garden Club opened its new year with a breakfast last Wednesday, with Mrs. J. C. Snead, Jr. as hostess. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 25, with Mrs. T. A. Richardson as hostess. Lesson leader will be Mrs. H. C. Allen and speakers will include Mrs. B. A. Austin and Mrs. W. B. Clift.

El Valle is Robert Lee's only federated woman's club, having been affiliated with the Sixth District federated group since 1938. Course of study during the year will include miscellaneous garden subjects, and the civic project is "Improvement of the Court House Lawn." A flower show is set for next April.

The club has 20 members. Mrs. F. C. Clark is president, while vice presidents include Mrs. Clift, Mrs. Frank McCabe, and Mrs. L. W. Campbell. The secretary-treasurer is Mrs. H. S. Lewis and Mrs. Richardson is corresponding secretary.

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Gosh, look at all the new electric gadgets! When I dozed off back in the Thirties, we had electric lights and an iron and a vacuum cleaner at our house! Now we've got a refrigerator, a couple of radios (my last one was a crystal set), clocks, toaster, washer—why, everything you touch has a switch on it!

It's funny, too, with all those gadgets perking away, my electric bill isn't much more than it was 15 years ago, while everything else has gone up a lot!

(Yes, Rip Van Winkle, you're getting twice as much electricity for your money today as you did 15 years ago. It took increased usage plus plenty of skill and planning—under sound business management—to make electricity the bargain it is right now!)

West Texas Utilities Company

Footballers To Play Opener at Eldorado

Robert Lee high school football team opens the season Friday night at Eldorado. Just what can be expected of the Steers in their debut is something of a question.

The Steers have a lot of good material again this season and they will be tough competition all the way. But right now they are pretty rough, and the experience of a game or two will be a wonderful help.

Supt. M. G. Hannaford, who took over the coaching reins this week, says the boys looked pretty good Wednesday night. He is not making predictions and said he would not announce the starting lineup until game time, because of the psychology involved. The first home game will not be until Oct. 11, with Miles as opponents.

Supt. C. A. Reynolds of Eldorado says they have a squad of 36 men, and the material is more than two deep for all positions. There are 14 lettermen. Eldorado defeated Christoval 26-0 last week and could have run up a bigger score.

A good sized crowd of fans plans to accompany the team to Eldorado Friday night.

Service For Veterans

Coke county will hereafter be under the Abilene office in the matter of Veterans Administration affairs, instead of San Angelo. Frank Meyers of the Abilene office was in Robert Lee last week and advised that he will spend two days each month here contacting veterans, beginning early in October. More information concerning his official visit will be published in The Observer later.

Meeting Will Start

It has been announced that special meetings will start next Sunday at the Church of Christ in the east part of Robert Lee, with Bro. Black of Barnhart occupying the pulpit. Services will be at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on Sundays and 7:30 p. m. during the week. The meeting will continue through Sept. 29.

Billie Sue Brown, who was called here Monday from Lubbock to attend the funeral of her uncle, N. C. Brown, Jr., will remain until the end of the week in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown.



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Drying Room at Laundry

The Robert Lee Laundry has added a drying room to its plant in the south part of town, and is now equipped to dry clothes properly in all kinds of weather. The laundry, which is owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Smith, gives excellent service. They handle wet or dry washings and also have a help yourself service which is very popular.

Marcus Turner and wife spent Sunday with relatives and friends at Norton.

Mrs. Weldon Scott of Lampassas is visiting her parents, the Henry Varnadores.

Wallace Clift is helping as substitute teacher in the high school since a vacancy in the faculty resulted from the resignation of Principal G. C. Graves.

Luda Roberts, Mrs. A. W. Littlefield and Viola Clawson are helping with extra work in the sheriff's office. The new taxes are being figured at this time.

Rev. J. C. Campbell, pastor of the Robert Lee Methodist church, entered Shannon hospital Monday for a physical checkup. He has not enjoyed good health recently and may have to undergo an operation.

James Thomason, L. B. Mahon and Wayne Smith left Wednesday morning on a trip to Carlsbad, New Mex.

Saddles

Casper, Wyo., boasts a saddle maker who has been at the business for forty years in that city. He knows his trade, a fact not hard to prove. You see there are a great many people in his state who know a good saddle when they see one and a saddle maker has to be good to stay in business long in Wyoming. Not many days ago I dropped into his shop and got introduced.

I was a prospective customer. We need a couple of good saddles at the Harding College stable and had shopped close to home with no success. To my astonishment the Casper saddler was no better able to supply our needs than those in Memphis or Little Rock. He was able, however, to give me some facts I had not learned before from any of the saddle stores visited earlier.

Saddletrees Scarce.

A good saddle is built on a wooden frame called a tree, much as a shoe is built on a wooden last, except that the tree is built into the saddle and becomes a permanent part of it. Saddletrees are made by men of a highly specialized craft. Trees have to be shaped right, no bulkier and no heavier than strength and design require. Men able to do such things with wood are by no means common.

During the war Uncle Sam needed skillful saddletree men in the construction of gliders. "The government employed most of them at about \$160 a week," the saddler declared. Good saddles not being made any more, might have skyrocketed in price but the Office of Price Administration fixed a ceiling to stop it. Stocks of new saddles soon were bought up by users at ceiling prices.

But the War Is Over

Now the glider business is slack. Wonders have been done with gliders and they are not being forgotten, but fewer are being built. Unemployed saddletree men would like to start building saddletrees again—there's quite a demand. Living costs have built up, however, and they think they ought to have \$120 a week. That's \$6,000 a year and 25% under their defense-plant scale of pay.

Saddle manufacturers, like the one in Casper, want trees because—no trees, no saddles. They are willing to pay tree builders \$120 a week and wouldn't kick a bit if saddles might be sold at prices they would easily bring. I guess there are thousands of customers besides me who are ready to pay more for a saddle than it would have cost in the months immediately before the war.

2-Day Stock Show at Abilene Instead of Fair

There will be a two day Jersey, Sheep and Swine Show in Abilene on September 27-28 for West Texas breeders. This show is being sponsored by the Agricultural Department of Abilene Christian College at the request of breeders who already had animals fitted before the West Texas Fair was cancelled.

The eligibility and fitness of all animals entered for competitive and show purposes will be passed upon by the superintendent and his committee. Judging will start at 10 A.M. Sept. 27th. All entries must be in their stalls by 6 P.M. Sept. 26th. Stall fee will be \$1.00. No formal entry blanks will be necessary. Mail your reservation number to Mrs. E. P. Hurd, P. O. Box 361, Abilene, Texas, as soon as possible. Registration papers must be presented at time of entry.

The base date for figuring ages shall be July 1 for senior classes and January 1 for junior classes.

Folks You Know

Mrs. H. A. Nichols of Tahoka and Miss Iva Snead of Ft. Davis are guests this week of their brother, J. C. Snead and family.

Mrs. A. E. Latham and Olene Snoddy attended a meeting of the Rebekah lodge in San Angelo Tuesday night. Mrs. Snoddy was one of the new members who joined the fraternal order at that time.

Rial Denman arrived this week from Texas City for a visit with relatives and friends.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Zoet, a baby daughter, Sept. 16, at San Antonio. Mrs. Zoet is the former Billy Davis, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Davis of Robert Lee.

J. F. Hamilton, Jr. and family of Spur were here over the week-end visiting relatives and friends.

F. A. and James Gladney of Homer, La., are here this week looking after business interests.

Mr. and Mrs. James Adkins of the Silver locality are the parents of a baby daughter born the fore part of last week at Shannon hospital. The baby has been named Linda Joan.

Mrs. J. S. Gardner rode the new bus to Colorado City Sunday and spent the day with her sister, Mrs. Dan Buchanan.

Mrs. Wilson Carwile and children of Fort Worth have been visiting in the J. L. Carwile home at Sango.

J. H. Escue, Jr. and wife are visiting friends at Eldorado this week.

Sam McGallian, who submitted to major surgery at Shannon hospital last week, is reported to be improving.

Drue Scoggins and family came to Robert Lee last Friday after receiving word of the serious illness of her brother, Than Brown. They remained with her mother, Mrs. N. C. Brown, Sr., until Wednesday when they returned to their home at Burnet. Mr. Scoggins formerly operated a furniture store here, having moved the stock to Burnet two years ago. They are pleased with their new home and are enjoying a fine business.

Kitty and Ruth Ann Taylor left Monday for Austin where they will resume their studies at the University of Texas. The former will get a degree this winter, while Ruth Ann will be a junior and is majoring in physical education.

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Home From the Marines

Floyd W. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Smith, arrived home last Thursday night after 1 1/2 years service in the U. S. Marines. He spent the past year with the army of occupation in China, and was on the transport going over when V-J Day occurred. Floyd landed on the west coast Aug. 29 and received his discharge at San Diego.

A. J. Bilbo, well known Robert Lee business man, suffered a collapse at his drug store Monday forenoon. He was rushed to Shannon hospital in the Clift ambulance and was soon revived by attending physicians. It is believed he became exhausted from overwork and will be restored to normal health after a few days of rest.

Relatives of Mrs. Brown who came for the funeral of N. C. Brown, Jr. here Tuesday included her father, E. F. Beasley, three sisters, Miss Thelma Beasley, Mrs. Roy Martin and Mrs. Marvin Herold, also Mr. Martin and Mr. Herold, all of Corsicana. A nephew, Elbert Beasley, and a family friend, Mrs. Bill Smalling, also came from Corsicana. Coming from Dallas were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Warren, intimate friends of the Browns.

For Sale—400 ewes, threes, fours and fives. See M. A. Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Russ Mathers of Silver left Tuesday for a months visit with their son, Elton Mathers and family at Del Monte, Calif.

Mary Pearl Bearden, Coke county home demonstration agent, is spending the week at a training meeting in Sweetwater. She was accompanied by a group of county leaders.

Earl Roberts and wife returned home Friday from a ten days motor trip through the west. They visited a sister of Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Marian Welch, at Ft. Sumner, New Mex., then went up through Colorado and Utah to Marysville, Calif., where they visited Earl's sister, Mrs. Oda Benton. They went south through California and came back through Arizona, making a trip of 3,700 miles.

Mrs. Carroll Russell and Mrs. Marvin Simpson were in San Angelo Tuesday attending a Crusade for Christ church school institute for Methodist church workers. Three representatives from the southwest Texas Conference conducted the institute which dealt with ways and means of increasing church school attendance and enrollment.

Mrs. Jake Davis and little son are moving to McCamey this week to join Mr. Davis, who is employed in a grocery store there.

Coach Resigns Leaving High School Vacancy

G. C. Graves resigned the last of the week as high school principal and athletic coach, two weeks after the opening of the school term. Mr. Graves found it necessary to return to his home at Big Spring, due to conditions arising from the recent death of his father.

Robert Lee regrets to see Coach Graves depart, as he seemed to possess the qualities of an excellent athletic director and class room teacher, and he was a fine appearing young gentleman as well.

Coaching duties have been taken over this week by Supt. M. G. Hannaford. The school board was in session Wednesday night discussing the situation and there is a possibility that another coach may be secured in the next few days. If the vacancy is not filled in the near future, Mr. Hannaford will assume the coaching assignment permanently and another teacher will be hired in the high school.

Supt. Hannaford is qualified to coach, but to do so it means he must be relieved of some high school administrative and class room duties.

Calvin Wallace attended a dinner meeting of M System store managers and executives at Hotel Cactus in San Angelo Wednesday night.

Mrs. W. H. Bell spent Wednesday at Blackwell visiting her brother, R. L. Hall.

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The teacher told him to go to his seat.

But one elderly board member was obviously displeased with the proceedings. He arose from his chair.

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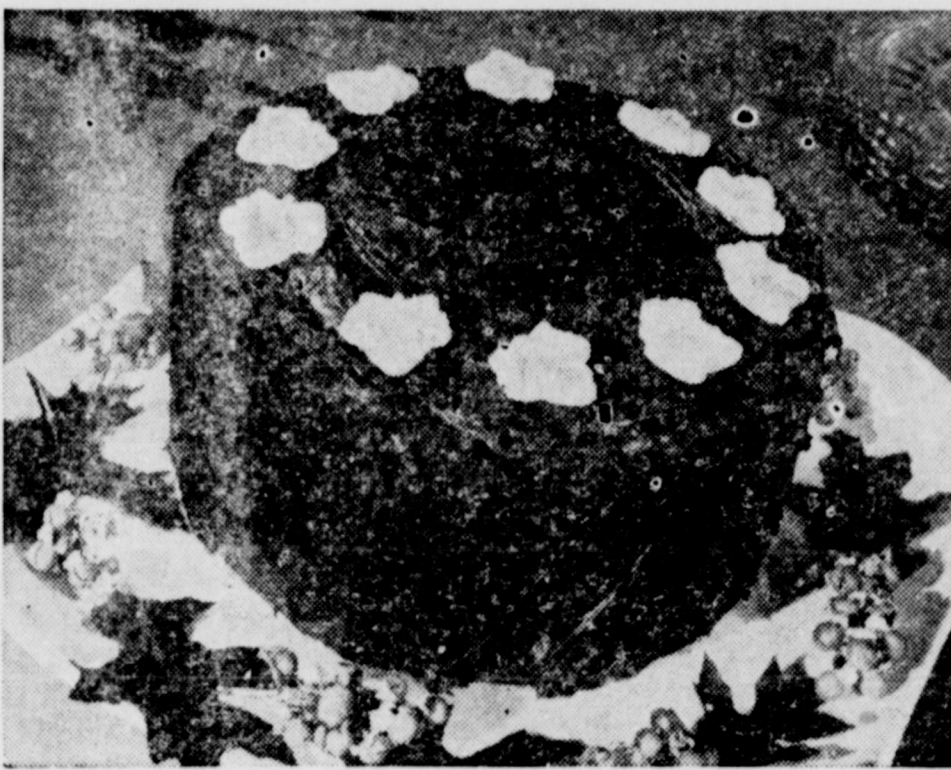
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(See Recipes Below)

Parade of Cakes

If you long to make a cake tender to the touch, feathery in texture, and delicate to the taste, then success is yours if you measure carefully, use good ingredients and bake carefully.

Maybe yours is one of those homes where the week-end does not begin unless there's a luscious cake reposing on the cake dish. If so, you'll want variety in addition to goodness, and there will be a different cake here for several week-ends, if you just clip out these recipes and use them as you go along.



Orange Cake.
(Makes 2 8-inch layers)

- 2 cups sifted flour
- 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup shortening
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 1/2 tablespoons grated orange rind
- 3/4 cup orange juice

Sift flour, measure, then sift again with baking powder and salt. Cream shortening, add sugar gradually and cream until light and fluffy.

Add well-beaten eggs and cream thoroughly, then add orange rind. Add dry ingredients alternately with orange juice, blending thoroughly after each addition. Bake in two layers in greased pans or as cup cakes or loaf cake. Use a moderate (350-degree) oven for 30 to 35 minutes.

Chocolate Spice Cake.
(Makes 1 9-inch tube pan)

- 2 3/4 cups flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cloves
- 1 teaspoon allspice
- 1 cup shortening
- 1 3/4 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 3 squares unsweetened chocolate
- 1 1/4 cups milk

Sift flour, measure, then sift again with baking powder, salt and spices.



Cream shortening, add gradually the sugar and cream together until light and fluffy. Add well-beaten eggs, then chocolate which has been melted and cooled and beat until smooth. Add dry ingredients alternately with milk, stirring only long enough after each addition to make the mixture smooth. Pour into a greased tube

LYNN SAYS:

When You Bake Cakes: Use these tips to make your work more efficient:

Oven should be heated to desired temperature before placing the cake within it. A good work order to follow is to lay out your utensils and ingredients, then light the oven, and then mix your cake. In this way you don't have to stop during mixing to light the oven.

The cake is done when it is lightly browned, and when it springs back lightly as touched. It may show very slight shrinkage from the edges of the pan.

LYNN CHAMBERS' MENU

- Broiled Whitefish Lemon Wedges
- Boiled New Potatoes
- Green Beans and Mushrooms
- Citrus Fruit Salad
- Toasted English Muffin
- *Orange Cake with Orange Frosting Beverage

*Recipe given.

pan and bake in a moderate (350-degree) oven until done, about 1 hour.

When cool, spread with chocolate or mocha icing.

If you like fruit in your cake, I'd suggest you try a Prune Cake which will keep nicely moist for at least a week. Dress it up with orange frosting, sprinkled with shredded cocoanut.

Prune Velvet Cake.
(Makes 3 8-inch layers)

- 1 1/2 cups drained, unsweetened, cooked prunes
- 1 cup shortening
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 4 eggs, separated
- 3 cups sifted flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup sour cream or buttermilk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla

Measure prunes, then cut into small pieces. Cream together shortening with sugar and cream until fluffy. Add whole eggs, one at a time and beat until mixture is fluffy. Add sifted dry ingredients with sour cream, alternately, beating until smooth after each addition. Add prunes and vanilla last and mix lightly. Pour batter into three greased or oiled layer pans and bake in a moderately hot (375-degree) oven for 30 to 35 minutes. Frost when cool.

Maraschino Cherry Cake.
(Makes 8 by 12-inch loaf)

- 3/4 cup shortening
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 teaspoon lemon flavoring
- 1/2 cup liquid drained from maraschino cherries or 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup finely chopped maraschino cherries
- 3 cups sifted flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 4 egg whites

Cream together shortening and sugar. Add flavoring and chopped cherries. Add flour alternately with liquid or milk, after flour has been sifted three times with baking powder and salt. Beat until smooth, then fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Place in a greased shallow loaf pan and bake 40 to 45 minutes in a moderate (375-degree) oven. Cool and ice with boiled icing.

Sugarless Boiled Icing.

- 2 egg whites, unbeaten
- 1 1/2 cups white corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Pinch of salt

Combine all ingredients except flavor in top of double boiler. Place over rapidly boiling water and beat with rotary beater for 7 minutes or until frosting stands in peaks. Remove from boiling water, add vanilla and beat until thick enough to spread.

AROUND THE HOUSE

A 60-inch tape measure, marked on both sides is the most practical kind for use when sewing. A yard stick is needed for marking long lines and taking skirt lengths. A six-inch ruler is useful as a gauge for spacing buttonholes.

Fasten the strings of baby's bonnet to the bonnet with snap fasteners. Then the strings can easily be removed when they need washing and the bonnet does not.

A nutpick is handy to turn under edges as one sews.

Before soaking a cooking pan in cold water, allow it to cool a few minutes after it is taken off the stove. Rapid cooling may warp aluminum, chip porcelain, or crack iron utensils.

You can't afford to be careless with delicate curtains these days. When washing them, baste the curtains into muslin bags or pillow cases to protect them.

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Items from the files of The Coke County Rustler, Feb. 20, 1897

Three hundred well armed and well equipped men left Texas on the 17th for the Cuban war.

County court was in session Monday and Tuesday. There were two pistol cases disposed of as follows: J. L. Hyde, accused on unlawfully carrying a pistol, acquitted by jury. John Burnett, same charge, fined \$25 and costs.

The San Angelo Standard volunteers to inform the Rustler that it is not a member of the third party. Owing to the uncertainty developed by that paper politically, this little bit of information will be a source of comfort to its many friends.

It seems that it is very hard for the men of means of Coke county, the men who would reap the greatest benefits, to make up their minds and exert a little effort in concert for the biggest thing that has ever been offered them, or that may ever be offered this county again. As stated before in The Rustler, it is just this: Coke county is offered a railroad for the sum of \$40,000, which is nothing compared to the benefits to be derived. The amount and a great deal more would be paid back to the county and people by the time the road is built through the county. We are informed that up to date there has been only a little more than \$20,000 of stock taken. Even though it is believed the necessary amount will be subscribed, our people are too slow in pushing the thing, and there is a danger in delay.

Tomatoes, full weight 3 lb. cans 10c each at J. D. Collier & Co., Edith

M. L. Youngblood, one of Edith's prominent stockmen, is in town today.

J. H. Burroughs went to San Angelo yesterday on business.

Mrs. J. L. Barron and Mrs. J. W. Reed canvassed the town yesterday and in a very short time secured by subscription five dollars and some cents for paying for a pulpit at the new church.

It is claimed that Sanco will go strong for prohibition. We will report next week how strong it went.

T. C. Baldwin of the Ft. Chadbourne country was in the villa last Saturday.

Prof. J. L. Ross, the efficient Hayrick preceptor, was attending to business in town Saturday.

The prohibition election comes off today. Vote as you please and think right about it. But remember one way is right and the other way wrong.

Henry Russell, a former citizen of Coke who has been trying other parts of the state for some time, has returned and located with us again.

Messrs. A. J. Pettit and T. A. Higginbotham, two of Bronte's representative citizens, were in the city Thursday and paid this office substantial respects. Mr. Pettit says in his opinion Bronte will do right by helping get the railroad. We have never so far heard of Bronte lagging behind in anything and it is certainly not expected to do so in this instance.

Mrs. Mart Trammell has been quite sick this week.

J. L. Barron wishes to say to the public that he has opened up in the lower story of the Odd Fellows building with a full stock of groceries.

Charlie Roe has bought the W. F. Buchanan place west of town, 200 acres of improved land, consideration \$3,000. Buchanan took the Roe residence here at \$1,200.

At a citizens meeting at the school house Saturday night a committee was appointed to solicit subscribers to a petition for an election to be held for the purpose of incorporating the town for school purposes only. The object of the move is the building of a school house.

Robert Lee public school closed Feb. 26. School will be suspended for a few weeks, after which we will expect to open a summer session for a period of months.

—Frank E. Thomas.

Items From Bronte: We would like to see rain, although there is plenty of season in the ground yet. We learn that Mr. Allen has a fine stand of corn up. Some oats are being sowed here. Health of the community fine—We met yesterday at the Bronte cemetery and decided to fence it. Elder Baker of Taylor county preached last night at the residence of Mr. Prewitt. He is a Primitive Baptist and an able speaker—Prof. Popelwell perhaps can boast of owning one of the youngest cow mothers in the west. The mother will be one year old this month and the calf was born two weeks ago—Last Tuesday, if we mistake not, at the residence of Wm. Hulse on Oak Creek, Miss Nettie Acre and a gentleman from

Brown county were united in matrimony, Rev. R. M. Cumbie officiating.

By order of Capt. J. L. Robinson, Commander of Richard Coke Camp No. 600, all old Confederate soldiers of Coke county and members of the camp are requested to meet at the court house in Robert Lee on Saturday, March 13th. There is some important business to transact that cannot be put off.—H. H. Haley, Adj.

Surplus Motor Vehicles On Sale at Goodfellow

Goodfellow Field at San Angelo is announced as one of six sites at which sales of surplus used motor vehicles will be conducted by the Fort Worth regional office of War Assets Administration in the week beginning Monday, September 23. The sales include "set aside" items and are being held exclusively for veterans of World War II. All veterans holding certificates for any of the vehicles offered are eligible to attend any or all sales.

The sale at Goodfellow Field, which will also include vehicles stored at San Angelo Army Air Field, lists a total of 94 pieces of automotive equipment. Included are passenger sedans, half ton pickup trucks, weapon carriers, ambulances, carryalls, scooters and a wide variety of trucks and trailers.

Inspection of the vehicles at the Goodfellow Field sale may be made from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday, September 23, as well as all day Tuesday, September 24, which is the date of sale. Selling will start at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 5:00 p.m. Oldest dated certificate holders will be waited on in chronological order.

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W.N.U. FEATURES



Duke McCale, private detective, has established an enviable reputation in Boston in a short time by solving some difficult cases. He is consequently surprised and chagrined when Miss Adelaide Bigelow, extremely wealthy and aristocratic old lady, engages him to guard the presents during the festivities surrounding her niece's wedding. McCale accepts the commission only because he senses that Miss Bigelow is afraid of something, and that she wants a competent detective around the house in case of some outbreak. "If something were stolen, if something did happen, you'd have to investigate, wouldn't you?" inquires Miss Bigelow, meaningfully. McCale grasps the obvious hint.

CHAPTER II

A nursemaid's job to a lot of iced-tea spoons. "Phooey!" The big young man hitched his long legs over an arm of the chair and snorted in irritation. "Holy Mike! What are we—broke? I thought we were definitely out for the big stuff—no more small time. Go ahead, master-mind. Go into your trance and tell us all."

McCale helped himself to a sandwich. "There isn't anything definite, Rocky. The old lady Bigelow, aunt of the bride, comes in here to hire special service—that of guarding the wedding gifts. That's her story. But look here. She doesn't want half a dozen men planted here. She's after only one inconspicuous man; not for the day of the wedding, but starting now—for the duration. That in itself is screwy. Besides that, she doesn't want the police and she's turned down operators from all the big agencies."

Rocky's eyes narrowed. In other words, she doesn't give a hang if the wedding feast is lousy with kleptomaniacs. She's got other troubles.

"Exactly."
"Go to the head of the class," said Ann.

"Well, where do we come in?"
McCale accepted coffee from Ann and lit a cigarette. He spoke into the first puff of smoke.

"You've got me there. I'm not sure the lady knows herself, but it's certain she wants someone around. We're elected, anyway. So my first move is a file on the family and the dashing bridegroom, just in case. What did you get on Curt Vallaincourt?"

"Not much, I'm afraid." Rocky flipped open a notebook. "Showed up around these parts about a year ago. He's from New York City, or so he says. Definitely not Harvard nor Blue Book. Seems to have plenty of dough. Lives in a swank apartment on the Riverway. Doesn't work. Goes everywhere with the society crowd. The gals all do cartwheels whenever he shows up anywhere. Anyway, he's marrying twenty million dollars next week. Make anything mysterious out of that?"

McCale shrugged. "Plenty if I wanted to let it run away with me." He turned to Ann. "Did you line up the Bigelows for me?"

"Well," she began, "the Perkinses and the Bigelows go right back—long before the Tea Party—if that's the sort of thing you want."

Mystery Surrounds Vallaincourt

"Skip that. Bring us up to date."
"Okay. The money all comes from cotton mills in Lowell, and clipper ships and the Oriental trade before that. The Perkinses and the Bigelows intermarried, and so on. Adelaide Bigelow, our client, and her brother, Joel, are and were, respectively, the last of the line. Adelaide never married. Joel married twice. His first wife is dead. Is that clear?"

"Perfectly."
"Joel's second wife, Sybil, is apparently not of the royal purple. Her family only seems to go back a generation or two. Probably she was considered fast or nouveau riche or something, as she was a widow when he married her. She's a lot younger than he, too."

"Where did you get the nouveau riche stuff?"

"Oh, I didn't. Just surmise. In fact, I don't know whether she has any money of her own, or not. He was seventy when he died, five years ago, and she was forty-three then. She had two children by her first marriage, a son, Stephen, and a daughter, Victoria. Their name was Bennett, but he adopted them, and they changed to the Bigelow surname."

"Then Veronica, the bride, is a daughter of this second marriage?"

"No. The first Mrs. Bigelow died in childbirth—that is, in giving birth to Veronica. The old gentleman married Sybil Bennett three years after. Am I bawling this up?"

"No, indeed. It's very clear. Go on."

"There's not much more. Stephen was married two years ago. He didn't go to Harvard or Groton, like the rest of the Bigelows. M.I.T., I believe. He's an airplane designer at present. He married a girl from St. Louis—Swedish descent, but social and all that. A Karen Cristofen. Not much fuss around here about it."

"What's that?" He picked up a folded square of paper that had fluttered from her lap to the floor.
"Oh, I nearly forgot that. It's a rotogravure cut of Veronica Bigelow from the Sunday Herald of a few weeks ago."

McCale unfolded it and spread it flat on the top of the desk. The likeness of a very pretty girl looked up at him. It was a carefully lighted study of the photographer's conception of how a well-groomed, quiet, aristocratic young woman should pose.

"That really doesn't do her justice, I should say," mused Ann. "I understand she has gorgeous red hair and a beautiful figure."

"Well, we shall see," said Duke, handing it back to her. "Tuck it away with the rest of the data and transcribe Rocky's notes for a file on Vallaincourt. I'm due at the ancestral mansion for tea with Miss Adelaide at five—or thereabouts."

The Bigelow house was on that mound of Beacon street that slopes



She held up a long legal envelope that had been lying beside the model.

gently to Charles street and the Gardens. It was almost in the shadow of the State House dome and you could have thrown a pebble easily from the front stoop onto the paths of the old Common. Four stories high, its narrow dusty brick facade gave the lie to the roominess and depth within.

McCale Senses That Something's Amiss

Adelaide Bigelow was waiting for McCale in the drawing room on the second floor. A butler, old and quiet and unobtrusive, had answered his knock and led him through a dim hallway, preceding him up dark, thickly carpeted stairs.

The room was at the front of the house. Heavy red draperies at the wide high windows were already drawn. Frail Miss Bigelow stood in its exact center, small and patrician, against the background of a huge black marble mantel.

He bowed slightly, and as she sank onto a Victorian sofa, he made a half-hearted gesture of fumbling for a cigarette. A clock on the mantel ticked a long minute as he hesitated to light it.

"Please do smoke," Miss Adelaide said in her soft, troubled voice. "This room is rather overpowering, isn't it? It has never been changed since the days of my grandparents. It takes the children to cheer it up. They should be along soon. There was a rehearsal at the church this afternoon." She sighed.

McCale struck a match, thinking that there was something wicked about hereditary possession and what it could do to people's lives.

"If you'd like to mix yourself a drink, Mr. McCale, there's a variety of liquor on that table." He shook his head.

"I'll wait, I think."
He was obsessed with the thought that although her voice was calm, unhurried, there was something empty and trembling in her. She seemed to be watching, too, watching the way the firelight flickered across his lean, hard jaw, and reaching out to him in some uncertain way for strength.

Letting the smoke out of his lungs, he said slowly, his voice low, "Perhaps you have something to tell me before the others arrive."

She looked up quickly, one fist

tightly clenched in her lap. "Oh, no."

"Damnation," thought McCale. "What is the matter with this woman? Or is it me? Am I getting out of practice? I can usually catch something significant in my own subtle way, but this baffles me. I'll stake my life that there is something seriously wrong in this room, in this house. Something is going to happen. The Irish in me tells me so. It's crawling up the very small of my back. I've got to have something to go on."

She rose and walked past him to the door, her dress rustling like dry leaves. "I want you to see the wedding gifts," was all she said, closing the door of her mind sharply in his face.

A quick black anger flared up in him. His impulse was to stalk from the house, but reason held him, reason and the disturbing unrest that had remained in his brain and nerves ever since her visit to his office that morning. He followed her downstairs.

Heavy double doors intricately carved in designs of fruit opened off the lower hall into an immense dining room. There was faded scenic paper on the walls and huge sideboards against opposite sides of the room. Two exquisite crystal chandeliers, wired now for electricity, hung over a long narrow table. Along the dado which outlined the room, a dozen or more Adam chairs arched their dignified backs. Table and sideboards were loaded with silver, lamps, expensive glassware; rare, beautiful, odd, pretentious gifts for the bride and groom.

McCale walked around the display slowly, nodding at Miss Bigelow's remarks: "Very valuable; an heirloom; priceless," and so on. He marveled at the value placed on some simple piece, shuddering at the ostentatiousness of others. He was ready to grant the necessity of protection for this collection, was beginning to push away the odd hunch he had been playing all day, when he felt, rather than saw, a sudden change in his client.

A quiver rippled over her frail shoulders. Her hands fluttered helplessly as she came to a sudden frozen stop. They had reached the far end of the table. He heard her gasp and looked down to see the strangest gift of all.

It was a model, to scale, of a small modernistic house, set in miniature landscaped grounds. Complete with casement windows, sun deck, glass-walled patio, it was an architect's dream of the plus ultra in a civilized dwelling place. There was even a tiny roadster on the curved highway, a swimming pool in the rear, a statue in the small, geometrically plotted garden. The model had evidently been on display somewhere, for an engraved card attached to one corner of the base read:

Model of 1942 House—The Nest
Crystal Cove, Nahant

Architect—Christopher Storm
Beside McCale, Miss Bigelow swayed. Her face blanched. With eyes half-closed, she reached for and held up in her trembling fingers a long legal envelope that had been lying beside the model. From it, she took a folded document, opened it slowly. Over her shoulder, Duke saw it was a deed, ceding the property and buildings of Christopher Storm at Crystal Cove, Nahant, Massachusetts, to Curt Vallaincourt.

Beautiful Blonde Enters the Scene

Wordlessly, as McCale bit his lip to keep silent, Adelaide Bigelow replaced the deed in its envelope. She turned slowly, motioning him to leave the room with her.

The bright brilliance of "The Firebird" rippled through the gloom of the upper hall on a shaft of yellow light from the open drawing room door. Someone was playing the Stravinsky and playing it well. McCale, following Miss Bigelow inside, saw that the room was now occupied by three women and a man.

As his client drew him forward, his glance was irresistibly drawn to the woman at the piano. She was exceedingly beautiful in a almost cinematic way. Her body was long and thin and exquisitely draped in a white jersey tea-gown, the wide sleeves of which swung rhythmically as she played. The high cheekbones of her face shadowed the faintest of hollows. You could have swept the floor with her lashes, behind which glowed humorous blue eyes. Her mouth was sensuous, and thick with vermilion lipstick. As if all this were not enough, hair the color of flax hung in a long bob to her shoulders.

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JESUS AND THE LAW OF THE STRANGER

LESSON TEXT—Exodus 22:21-23; Deuteronomy 24:14, 15; Matthew 25:34-41.

MEMORY SELECTION—The King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.—Matthew 25:40.

There is as much need today for the words of counsel and admonition regarding strangers which we find in our lesson, as there was in the days of Moses, for there seems to be an almost complete breakdown of neighborliness both between nations and individuals.

I. The Law Required Neighborliness (Exod. 22:21-23; Deut. 24:14, 15).

Our heavenly Father as revealed to us in his Word is a Father indeed, one greatly concerned about his many children; but especially does he care for those who are weak and needy.

The laws of ancient Israel made provision for the feeding of those who had no fields. The corners of the field were left uncut at harvest-time, some of the grapes were to be left on the vine, etc., so that the poor could enjoy the sense of self-respect as they picked for themselves what God had provided (see Lev. 19:9, 10; 23:22; Deut. 24:19-21, and other passages).

The poor man who found work was to receive his pay when needed. For the one who hired him to do otherwise was to bring upon himself the judgment of God. He listens to the cry of the hungry worker and his family (Deut. 24:15).

Strangers were in a peculiar way subject to the possibility of extortion. They are even today the easy mark of the one who lives by his wits, the "confidence" man and sneak thief.

If any such person reads these notes let me warn him solemnly to keep his tricky hands off the stranger, for God is watching and will hear their cry (Exod. 22:23).

The same is true of widows and orphans. God is their keeper and their defender.

II. Christ Expects Neighborliness (Matt. 25:34-41).

This is a prophetic picture of a great judgment scene. It is not, as many suppose, the same as the judgment of the Great White Throne of Revelation 20.

The scene here is not in heaven, but upon the earth. It is not individuals who are being judged, but the nations of the earth. They are not being judged regarding personal salvation, but for their treatment of Christ's brethren.

Who are his brethren? First we think of his brethren, after the flesh, the people of the Jewish race. Scripture reveals again and again that God is watching over his chosen people, even though they are now scattered in judgment for their unbelief. He will not hold any guiltless who harm his people (Gen. 12:1-3).

The word "brethren" is also used in such a passage as Matthew 12:46-50 to include all who do the will of God. That suggests a broader application of these words.

Our attitude toward God expresses itself in our attitude toward our fellow man. That which we do toward those about us is not a matter of indifference, but is the basis for God's judgment of our lives. Each of us must answer for the deeds done in the flesh whether they be good or evil.

Here in our lesson, however, the failure to do that which shows forth God's law of love is made the ground of eternal judgment. This is not because a act of kindness itself can be regarded as the ground of division, but because the failure to give it or do it reflects an attitude of heart toward our God and his Christ which is in reality a rejection of his way of salvation.

Judgment is thus a revelation of the attitude of the heart, which marks a man or woman as being either saved or lost. It may be possible to so becloud the thinking of our friends and neighbors that we may go through life looking something like a Christian, but when Christ judges, it will all be revealed.

Observe also that the Lord identifies himself with his brethren—what is done to and for them is counted as done to and for him. Compare the experience of Samuel (1 Sam. 8:7) and of Paul (Acts 9:5). Touch God's people and you touch him. Fail them and you fail him. Serve them and you serve him.

Gems of Thought

WORDS are like leaves; and where they most abound, much fruit of sense beneath is rarely found.—Pope.

Hopes, what are they?—Beads of morning
Strung on slender blades of grass;
Or a spider's web adorning
In a straight and treacherous pass.
—WORDSWORTH.

Through knowledge shall the just be delivered.—Proverbs 20.

Great men seem to be a part of the infinite brothers of the mountains and the seas.

Kindness is wisdom. There is none in life but needs it and may learn.—Bailey.

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Folks You Know

Betty Jane Higginbotham of Bronte visited here last Friday in the J. S. Walker home. She returned Sunday to Denton where she is a junior student at T. S. C. W.

Miss Bobbie Burns of San Angelo was a guest in the Gerald Allen home over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Cumbie Ivey and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Good left Sunday morning on a week's vacation trip to Colorado. They plan to visit Corp. Eddie Paul Good, who is stationed at Denver.

Mrs. Floyd Garner of Port Arthur has been a guest the past two weeks in the home of her cousin, Mrs. Weldon Fikes, at Sanco. She also visited her aunt, Mrs. L. W. Campbell.

Wanda Mauldin enrolled Friday at San Angelo junior college. She has been doing office work at the Ivey Motor Co. the past summer.

Mrs. Bud Jones and daughters, Patricia and Kleta, left Saturday by bus for Fluvanna to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kerley.

Garland Green came over from Alpine to spend the weekend. He went back Monday morning to begin his studies at Sul Ross college.

Mrs. T. M. Wylie, Sr. and Mrs. Dan Campbell went to Bronte last Thursday to attend a meeting of the art club.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Allen took their son, Bill, to Waco on Monday where he will enter Baylor University as a freshman.

Foy Askins and wife of Monterey, Calif., arrived Friday, being called here by the serious illness of her father, Sam McGallian.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tom Roach left Sunday for Ft. Worth and Dallas on a business trip. While there Mr. Roach received a physical examination at the Veterans hospital.

Eckart Tinkler has returned to Alpine where he is taking a course in business administration at Sul Ross college.

L. M. Service, well known Graham Valley farmer, is taking several weeks treatment at a San Angelo hospital for heart ailment. He is reported to be improving nicely and will come home after a couple more weeks.

Palmer and Jo Ella Leeper made a trip to Sweetwater on Monday.

Mrs. A. J. Roe, Jr. requests that we change their address to Route 2, Honey Grove, Texas. She says they miss their Robert Lee friends but like it there fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bloodworth are the happy parents of a daughter born to them in Robert Lee Sept. 15. The baby weighed 8 pounds and has been given the name of Judy Raynelle.

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