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## Robert Lee Wins Bi-District Title At Ozona 7 to 6

Robert Lee's high school football players added more laurels to their brilliant record when they defeated Ozona 7-6 in the bi-district playoff at Ozona on Thanksgiving day. The Steers had previously won the championship of District 7 B, while the Ozona Lions had captured the title in District 8-B.

By virtue of the bi-district victory Robert Lee advances to a regional game, with their opponents being the winner of the Fort Stockton-Marfa contest at Fort Stockton Friday afternoon of this week. Regional games will end competition for all teams in Class A and B, while the AA teams continue to a state championship.

Coach Hannaford will take his entire squad to Fort Stockton to witness the game today, and before starting home will make arrangements for next week's regional playoff. Local fans are hoping the game will be played here or on a neutral field between the two towns. It is 195 miles from Robert Lee to Ft. Stockton, and 88 miles farther on to Marfa. Advance dope is that Stockton has a better team than Marfa.

The bi-district tussle at Ozona was a red-hot affair which the Steers won by the slim margin of a point made after touchdown. Will Percifull's educated toe drove the ball between the uprights and decided the outcome. The Steers were outgained in first downs 12 to 6.

A poor Ozona punt in the first quarter gave Robert Lee the ball on their 40. Littlefield circled his left end for a big gain and a first down on the Lions 31. After picking up small gains in three plays by the Steers, Fowler got thru for a first down on the 12 yard line. Two more thrusts were good for 4 yards each and then Littlefield cracked outside his left tackle for a touchdown. Percifull converted by a kick from placement.

Ozona then went to work after taking the kickoff on their 40. Lemmons threw a pass to Don Cooke, end, who went to the Steer 3 yard line. On the next play Read plunged over for a touchdown. Cook's attempted placekick was blocked and that ended the scoring with Robert Lee out in front 7 to 6.

The Steers threatened again in the third period when Devoll recovered a fumble on the Ozona 34. Later a pass from Percifull to Littlefield was good for a first down on the 23, and as the fourth quarter opened Littlefield grabbed another flip from Percifull for a first down on the Ozona 10. On the second play following Ozona intercepted a pass attempt.

In the closing minutes of the game Ozona got down to the Robert Lee 29, a pass into the end zone was dropped and on the last desperate Ozona pass attempt Littlefield came up and knocked it down. Robert Lee's starting lineup was

### Football Banquet

Plans are shaping up for a banquet for the Robert Lee high school football team to be given at the high school auditorium the week after next. Mrs. Frank Percifull and Mrs. A. W. Littlefield plan to call a meeting of the boys' mothers in the near future to make committee arrangements. Members of the pep squad will also be guests and the public is invited.

### Church Services

Bro. T. R. Chappell of Sonora will preach at the north side Church of Christ in Robert Lee next Sunday, Dec. 8, at 11 a. m. The public has a special invitation to attend.

## Illness Fatal To L. S. Bird, 72; Sanco Resident

The community was saddened this week by the passing of L. S. Bird, 72, Coke county pioneer and well known Sanco resident, whose death occurred at 4 a. m. Tuesday at a San Angelo hospital. He had been a patient at the hospital for six weeks, and his condition was critical following a major surgical operation four weeks ago.

The body was brought to the Clift funeral home here Tuesday afternoon. Services were scheduled for Thursday at 2:30 p. m. at the Sanco Bible Church, with burial in the Sanco cemetery. Bruce Clift was in charge of arrangements.

Leander Smith Bird was born March 12, 1874, near Hico, in Hamilton County. At the age of 13, he moved with his father, the late M. Bird, to Sanco in 1887. As a young man, he taught day schools in West Texas. During the 59 years he has made Sanco his home, with some intervals of teaching school in other communities.

For three years he taught in Runnels County, was superintendent of Runnels County schools for a short time, and later became superintendent of the Robert Lee schools.

Feb. 13, 1898, he was married to Julia Ellen Cosby, in Howard County, near Big Spring. For a time they made their home on the Plains, taking up land on Wet Tobacco Creek, near the present Lamesa, but soon returned to Coke County, settling on the present homestead east of Sanco.

Surviving him are Mrs. Bird, three sons and two daughters. The sons are the Rev. Ulmer Bird of Blackwell, Irving Bird and Ira M. Bird of Sanco; the daughters are Mrs. Fred Killam of Sanco and Mrs. Paul Killam of Carlsbad, N. M. Six grandchildren survive, also two brothers, I. A. Bird of Sanco, C. M. Bird of Midland, and two sisters, Mrs. Cora E. Berryman of Los Angeles and Mrs. Tennie Berryman of Eunice, N. M.

With the passing of Smith Bird Coke County loses one of its most highly esteemed citizens. Through out the years he had been an enthusiastic supporter of the Sanco Camp Meeting. His late father, M. Bird, served in the Civil War, had been a Texas Ranger and an Indian scout.

as follows:

Ends—Sheppard and Varnadore.  
Tackles—Devoll and Blair.  
Guards—Austin and Cole.  
Center—Dean.  
Backfield—Percifull, Littlefield, Fowler and Duncan.

## Oil Well Drilling Crew



Pictured above is one of three shifts who are in charge of drilling operations at the Sun Oil Co. test on the Allen Jameson property near Silver. Sitting on the car bumper is "Buck" Bond, driller in charge of the crew, and kneeling in front is W. E. Irby. Standing, left to right, are J. D. Hill, E. L. (Slim) Hill, superintendent, M. T. Ewing and E. C. Giles.

### Percifulls Buy Home

Sheriff Frank Percifull has purchased Mrs. Than Brown's residence on north Main street and will occupy it with his family after the first of the year when his term of office expires. The Percifulls will postpone building their new home until next year.

### Christmas Cards

The Observer office has a supply of beautiful Christmas cards, and we suggest that you get yours now. Our stock is limited. We have them in boxes of 25 and 50 and prices are very reasonable, including your name printed on the cards.

J. B. Mauldin, Jr., wife and little son, J. B. III, returned Sunday to their home at Belton after a week's visit with the former's parents in Robert Lee. The former spent a part of the week deer hunting down near Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Green of Borger and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Peays, Jr. and daughter, Pamela of Lubbock spent the Thanksgiving holiday in the parental T. A. Peays home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Varnadore and children, J. Cue and Lyn Doris, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Scott and other relatives in Lampasas last weekend. Mrs. Scott is the daughter of the Varnadores.

## Bobbie Jim Sparks Auto Crash Victim

Bobbie Jim Sparks, 17, former Robert Lee girl, was instantly killed last Saturday night in an auto accident near Odessa.

She was riding with friends who were towing another car behind, when an auto came onto the highway from a side road and crashed into them. Bobbie Jim was thrown out and run over by the car being towed.

The car which caused the crash was driven by a girl, who died Sunday night from injuries. None of the other persons were badly hurt.

Bobbie Jim was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sparks, who moved to Kermit a few years ago. She graduated from the Kermit high school last year and was home on a Thanksgiving vacation from Sul Ross college where she was a freshman student. Besides her parents she is survived by an older sister and two brothers.

Among relatives and friends from Coke county who attended the funeral rites at Kermit Monday were A. B. Sheppard, Mrs. A. D. Fields, Mrs. Hubert Fields, Mrs. Elbert Davidson, Mrs. Tom Gilmore, Delmir Sheppard and wife, J. T. Thetford, Mrs. Tony Freeman and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Page.

## Coke County Oil Field Promising In Latest Tests

While no official report has been put out on the oil well discovery on the Allen Jameson property near Silver, it is general opinion that it is a good producing well. The Sun Company evidently has this opinion as they are now clearing ground for location of storage tanks, and this week have started to build roads to the sites where two or three more wells will be put down.

Indications continue highly promising for the opening of a new oil field in northwestern Coke county, although final production tests have not been made at Sun Oil company's No. 1 Allen Jameson near Silver.

Some delay has been experienced in cleaning out the hole, after a 5 inch casing was cemented in. Last week drilling was extended down 15 feet farther beyond then original depth of 6,230 feet. The last 5-foot core showed porosity but was a little hard at the bottom. The wildcat is reported to have recovered 560 feet of clean oil and 90 feet of oil-cut mud on a two-hour drillstem test Sunday from water, 6,233 to 6,240 feet. There was no gas. The test was through a five-eighths inch bottomhole choke and a quarter top choke. Gas came to surface in nine minutes. Flowing pressure was 210 pounds. Bottomhole pressure after a 45-minute shut-in was 3,235 pounds.

The Jameson test first showed oil in the crinoidal of the Strawn section of the Pennsylvania on a 45-minute drillstem test Nov. 17 from 6,206 to 6,230 feet. Recovery was 500 feet of high gravity oil, gas being estimated at two million cubic feet daily.

A packer set last week at 6,174 feet was believed to have leaked throughout testing. The drillstem test Sunday followed.

After considerable swabbing the well flowed naturally Wednesday afternoon through open 2-inch tubing. Tubing had been run to 6,242 feet and an unsuccessful attempt was made to set a packer. The hole was then loaded with wash water and swabbing was begun a 8 o'clock Tuesday evening.

With drillers estimating that considerable mud remains to be cleaned out it may be another day or two before an hour test can be made.

Some leasing activity continues, but a lull is apparent pending final report on the production. A. W. Stepp received \$100 an acre for leasing 80 acres to Sun. The tract lays just north of the Jameson test. There is also talk of royalty transactions in the making, but most folks are sitting tight for the present.

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**FOR 'BED AND BEANS'**

# Unique Barter Theater Plays Significant Role in U.S. Drama

WNU Features.

ABINGDON, Va.—In these days of wholesale prosperity and bulging bank vaults it is difficult to recall that a mere dozen years or so ago bread lines reached far up the streets, smoke long since had ceased to billow from factory chimneys, banks clanged shut their doors and threw away the keys, people faced starvation in a land of plenty, farmers could not sell their produce—and the American theater suffered the worst season in history.

It was in this depression setting that the Barter theater was born in 1933. Returning from a tour with Walter Hampden in "Cyrano de Bergerac," Robert Porterfield scanned the dismal Broadway scene. He found hordes of fellow actors out of work and hungry, with no prospects of casting calls.

**Recalls Ancient Trades.**

He thought of produce left in the fields and the problems of economics. He recalled that in farming communities considerable business is transacted by the ancient barter system. His family, he remembered, had purchased the old Virginia home place from the Indians by barter around 1800.

Reasoning that there was plenty of talent on Broadway—but no money—and plenty of food on farms—but no money—Porterfield decided to bring the two together by founding the nation's first "Barter" theater.

As the site for his experimental theater, he decided on Abingdon, first English town west of the Alleghenies and only a few miles from the family homestead at Glad Spring. He arranged to use the buildings of the defunct Martha Washington college for a home. Near this spot Daniel Boone's trail west crossed the old Wilderness road.

When Porterfield sounded out some of his stage friends, he was besieged by candidates willing to forsake Broadway for three months of acting in exchange for bed, beans and salubrious Virginia mountain air.

**Selects 21 Actors.**

From the list of applicants Porterfield selected 21 talented thespians, who were willing to double as stage hands, scene designers, seamstresses and general all-around theater people. By wheeling pieces of furniture, old fabrics, electrical equipment, decorations and other properties on a round of shops, stores and wholesalers, Porterfield finally assembled a freight car of material.

By the time Porterfield got his 21 actors and carload of equipment to Abingdon, he had one lone dollar in his pocket. A canvass of the community netted kitchen supplies, tableware and other necessities. Women of the town made curtains; Boy Scouts cleaned up the grounds.

On a sunny June day in 1933, the Barter theater, first theater to accept produce as well as cash at the box office, was officially opened to a packed house and a full pantry. The theater is located in the old Main street opera house, erected in 1830 and the second oldest in the nation. The theater, incidentally, is part of the town hall. It is linked with the mayor's office and the local hoosegow in the rear, with the dressing rooms next to the cells.

**Pigs Are Prolific.**

First ticket to Barter theater was traded to a farmer for a baby pig, which became a pet of the Barter colony. At the end of the season Porterfield proposed to serve the pig at a farewell banquet for the staff, but the actors rebelled. Porterfield acquiesced and sent the pig to his father's farm, where it formed the foundation for an unending supply of hams for the colony's dining tables. Sugar-cured hams from descendants of that little pig also went to playwrights in lieu of royalties, Porterfield never having paid a cash royalty.

Intrigued by the new theater, townsfolk and farmers flocked to the opening night performance.

News that tickets could be secured "in trade" traveled fast. Soon the town barber arrived with an offer of haircuts and shaves for first row seats.

Live chickens and other fowl, honey, potatoes, onions "enough to last for a century," lettuce, corn and chocolate cakes were included among the bartered items.

Constant problem for Porterfield's chief dietitian is to evolve new recipes with which to use the cottage cheese which two elderly women present for their admissions nightly. Once the two women brought more cheese than usual and asked for "ten cents change because we thought we would like to buy a soda after the show."

In early years of the theater's existence, produce accounted for almost 85 per cent of the total take.

sometimes more. Porterfield begged for money. Today, the reverse is true, about 90 per cent of the receipts being in cash. Taking cognizance of current shortages, Porterfield now begs for produce.

**Trace Group's History.**

History of the Barter theater is divided into two periods, the prewar barter period and the postwar professional period. The distinction, Porterfield hastens to explain, does not indicate that prewar companies were not composed largely of professionals. During that period, however, the actors received no compensation except bed and board.

Since raising the first curtain on June 10, 1933, the Barter colony has presented 154 plays in more than 1,000 performances. In addition to the regular Abingdon season, the players have trouped to nearby Virginia towns of the "fog circuit," so designated by Barterites because of the ghostlike fog that is whispred each night through the mountains of southwest Virginia.

**Gets State Grant.**

Now, after being closed during war years when the young founder-director entered the army air forces, Barter theater has resumed operations. Aided by a subsidy of \$10,000 from the commonwealth of Virginia, Barter now ranks as the first "state theater" in history of America. From this start, Porterfield envisions an expansion of such theatrical enterprises throughout the nation until something resembling the Old Vic theater of England has been achieved.

The state grant has enabled Barter to be set up on an annual basis with a permanent company. Although now on regular salary, however, the actors still double as stage hands, box office cashiers, ushers and even as caretakers of ducks, pigs, chickens, goats and other barnyard denizens, some of which are recent box office receipts while others are descendants of the original barter animals.

**Plan Extended Tour.**

At close of the regular season in Abingdon this fall, the company launched an extensive statewide tour covering 70 Virginia cities in an attempt to provide every citizen an opportunity of viewing the best in drama as staged by the theatrical group which the state has underwritten. Performances in other southern states will follow, with two weeks in New York climaxing the trip.

On the results of the tour hinges the feasibility of state subsidized drama throughout America, adherents of the project agree.

## IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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### Lesson for December 8

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#### PAUL ADMONISHES THE CHURCHES

LESSON TEXT—1 Corinthians 11:20-27; Romans 13:13, 14; Ephesians 5:18-21. MEMORY SELECTION—Let us walk honestly, as in the day.—Romans 13:13.

Temperance is readily taught from the epistles of Paul for he was constantly moved by the Holy Spirit to exhort the churches and individual Christians to a careful and worthy walk before God.

Our lesson is a temperance lesson, and since some twist that word "temperance" to fit almost any kind of indulgence, we should like to quote a careful evaluation of it by Dr. W. R. White:

"Temperance is a seriously misunderstood word. The best definition we know defines it as abstaining from that which is harmful, and using moderately that which is legitimate. We would not advise a man to be moderate in teasing a rattlesnake. We would not tell him that it is all right to steal, lie or commit adultery just so he is temperate about it. We would not tell a man to use dope moderately. . . . We could tell a man to be moderate about eating meat or any other wholesome thing."

The only way to be temperate about liquor is to let it alone!

#### I. The Wrong Way and the Right Way—in the Church (1 Cor. 11:20-27).

There were a number of disorderly things about the Corinthian church which needed correction. One of these concerned the Lord's Supper.

It was their custom to eat a so-called love feast before the sacrament, and instead of making it a time of loving and sharing, the rich ate their sumptuous meals and let a poor brother gnaw on a crust of bread.

We are not so much concerned with the Lord's Supper in this lesson as we are with the behavior of those who attended. Think of coming to the holy table drunk! It seems impossible.

Do we not still let the poor in our midst shift pretty well for themselves? The rich flaunt their affluence and let the poor get along on their crust of bread.

#### II. The Wrong Way and the Right Way—in the Community (Rom. 13:13, 14).

This chapter of the epistle to the Romans concerns the right behavior of the believer in his civic relationships. He is a citizen of heaven, but he is also a citizen of the community in which he lives.

The use of intoxicants which a generation ago was a shameful thing is now generally accepted. The home in which liquor was served was a disgrace; now "cocktail" is one of the first words children learn.

What is the explanation? Is liquor any less destructive and demoralizing? Certainly not! Is it then true that people are more candid and open about what they do? No, it is rather that moral standards have slipped to the point where they are no longer ashamed when they should be, if they thought straight!

Along with the liquor go all the things enumerated in verse 13. Oh, the awful depth of sex degradation, of plain ordinary indecency and dishonesty, of strife and envy. It is not a nice picture, but it is true.

The right way is found in verse 14. It was reading these two verses in his mother's open Bible that led Augustine to Christ. He saw and took the right way. Will others do likewise?

#### III. The Wrong Way and the Right Way—in the Heart (Eph. 5:18-21).

This is a personal matter. The man or woman who finds satisfaction in wine wants the overcoming power of the narcotic influence to take away the sense of responsibility for life. It is a weak and hopeless way to avoid facing reality.

The right way is to let the Holy Spirit take full control of the heart and life. This is to be an experience of complete surrender, being "filled with the Spirit."

Does life then become drab and uninteresting? No, indeed! For the first time you will be really joyful.

That inevitably leads to thankfulness, a grace too little known and practiced. It is for all things at all times. Do not overlook that fact. Then too there will be a delightful attitude of consideration and respect for one another (v. 21) and of devotion to God.

**Gems of Thought**

OUR salvation will come when we realize that peace, as much as war, demands the utmost of the best that we have, and for the same reason—that nothing less will do.—James Hilton.

The true epic of our times is not "arms and the man," but "tools and the man," an infinitely wider kind of epic.—Thomas Carlyle.

The only way to have a friend is to be one.

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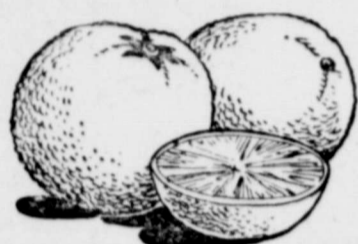
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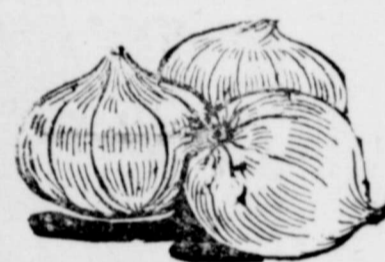
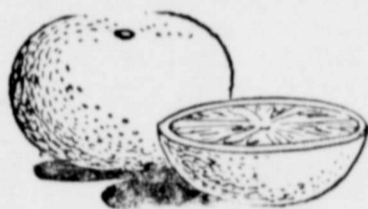
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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Labor Eyes Outcome of Miners' Walkout as New Wage Guide; Japs Staging Slow Recovery

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



As miners in Johnson City, Ill. (lower panel), and other mining communities sat around to await break in coal strike, John L. Lewis (upper left) fenced with government over new contract issue. John O'Leary, UMW vice president, is shown with Lewis.

LABOR: New Crisis

Once again it was John L. against the government! This time, Washington appeared determined to force a showdown with the burly United Mine Workers chieftain, but it had its job cut out for it as 400,000 UMW members stood steadfastly by their leader and both the AFL and CIO threw in their support.

As in previous UMW walkouts, Lewis held a hand full of aces. Punish him as it might try, there were the 400,000 skilled and irreplaceable miners who refused to go down into the pits before clarification of the status of their contract; there were approximately 12,000,000 members of organized labor who looked with disfavor upon government use of the injunction to break a strike, and the courts were still to decide the legality of terminating the UMW-government pact.

But, encouraged by the country's overwhelming swing to the right in the recent elections and the possibility that the courts might decide in his favor in interpreting the legal

Coal Mining Red Style

From Russia, where the Communist commissariat has its own method of settling labor problems, comes word of the working of a gigantic new coal field in northern Siberia by slave laborers from Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia, Ukraine and Crimea. Consisting mostly of political prisoners, the laborers are housed in wooden barracks and subsist on porridge and 600 grams of bread daily. About 23 mines have been developed in the 5,000 square mile field.

aspects of the case, President Truman was set to push John L. to the limit in his efforts to wring wage and hour concessions from the government.

Under the UMW-government contract, the miners received \$75.25 weekly for a 54-hour week, in contrast to \$23.88 weekly for a shorter week in 1939. Lewis' latest demands were said to call for a 40-hour week with earnings approximating those for 54 hours.

Arrival of the latest soft coal crisis saw the government prepared for emergency distribution of bituminous stocks. Only householders, hospitals, utilities and other essential public services were to receive deliveries. Railroads were scheduled to haul only food, clothing, medicine, fuel and other necessities and to reduce locomotive passenger service by 25 per cent.

Humming again after the crippling strikes of last winter, industry faced another slow-down to conserve fuel supplies and spread them over the period of the walkout.

CIO Goal

Like the AFL, the CIO watched the coal strike with interest, not only because of the injunction proceedings generally condemned by labor but also because Lewis' acquisition of new wage concessions promised to blaze the way for boosts all along the line.

Meeting in Atlantic City, where

John L. formed the CIO 11 years ago, CIO Pres. Philip Murray sounded the battle cry for another round of wage increases by lamenting the rise in prices which offset previous boosts and assailing the uneven distribution of wealth.

Seeking to indicate the extent to which recent price rises have crossed out the 18 1/2 cent an hour wage raise won by the CIO earlier this year, Murray said that steel workers now are earning \$13.04 less a week than they did last March. Pointing to the ability of industry to bear higher wages, Murray said that profits in the last quarter of 1946 would total 15 billion dollars compared with 10 billions for 1944.

JAPAN: On Mend

From General MacArthur's monthly report the U. S. could draw a picture of a vanquished nation struggling to its feet after surviving the effects of total defeat. Suffering from postwar abnormalities itself, the U. S. has none of Nippon's problems of rebuilding a shattered political structure, a war-based industry and a crippled production plant.

MacArthur reported: —Passage of a bill providing for election, rather than appointment, of local officials.

—Increases in production of lumber, oil, paper and aluminum to offset slumps in iron, steel and coke and shutdowns in tin, nickel and antimony plants. Arrangements to boost exports to Russia, England and Australia to pay for needed imports.

—Expansion of trade union membership to 3,745,000, with 24 per cent being women.

—Prospects of improved rice, wheat, potato and barley yields to relieve a severe food shortage, necessitating substantial imports.

HOUSING: New Wrinkle

The public received its first good look at the Lustrom corporation's heralded porcelain enameled steel home in Hinsdale, Ill., outside Chicago, and the showing marked another step in the battle of the company with the Tucker automobile corporation for possession of the huge Dodge-Chicago plant.

The battle took a sensational turn with charges of Preston Tucker, the auto magnate, that a prominent Washington attorney had promised to use his influence in having the National Housing authority remand its order turning the Dodge-Chicago plant to Lustrom if given the Tucker corporation's legal business plus a stock interest. Named as the attorney, Theodore Granik vigorously denied the allegation.

In using its emergency powers to help speed vet housing, the NHA moved to award the huge Dodge-Chicago plant to Lustrom after War Assets administration had leased the facilities to Tucker. In eyeing the Dodge-Chicago plant, Lustrom declared that it could build 85 of the five-room, radiant heated houses a day six months after going into large-scale output, and 400 a day within 14 months. The houses sell for \$7,000.

Washington Digest  
GOP Sweep Frees Truman Of Burdensome Program

By BAUKHAGE  
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WASHINGTON. — There is a feel of Christmas in the Washington air which is prompted by more than the evanescence of the joyous spirit of Noel — just try to get onto a Connecticut avenue car headed for the F street shopping district.

The White House presents its usual decor of pine and ribboned wreath. And, at this writing, the chief tenant is, I believe, dreaming of a Missouri Christmas among his friends.



Baukhage

Whether he spends the holiday beneath his own roof or the one which Uncle Sam so generously provides, it can be said that it will be a far merrier occasion than a year ago. He will be among his friends as well as his family, and as one of his official circle put it, with his "professed" enemies (the opposite party) in power his "unprofessed" enemies (officially his friends) having no further opportunity to toss bricks or bandy threats about his head.

I recall another crisp, cool winter day last February a year ago, when we wended our way to the President's weekly press and radio conference. Bemused pansies (I recorded in this space) showed frost-bitten faces in the garden of the White House grounds.

We were discussing the difficulties and differences which President Truman already was encountering at the hands of his own party in congress.

"Congress has to be realistic in an election year," I quoted someone as saying. "They are facing real issues. And the President's program isn't realistic."

"Whether or not it is realistic," another member of the group replied, "it isn't his program. He inherited it. It's New Deal and New Deal is Old Hat now. It doesn't represent Harry Truman's ideas at all, but he has to go through with it."

As we look back, it is plain enough that whether it was New Deal or what it was, the program of the President was one that the people rejected on election day, the moral obligations of the past, the effect of the pressure groups, the ukase of the party of bigwigs were swept away and Harry Truman, who didn't want the job that was thrust upon him when death commanded, was made a free man.

The President's satisfaction springs not from any spirit of "I told you so" hurled at his alleged supporters, not from any lack of loyalty to a cause well lost. It was simply the weary but happy flood of relief of a man who, having attempted what he knew was an impossible task, saw that task ended, and friend and foe forced fairly into the open.

War Terminated  
Honeymoon With Congress

My mind goes back to another scene shortly before the death of President Roosevelt. I sat in the office of the vice president talking of days when the caissons went rolling along and both of us — many miles apart — rode beside them. We talked also of the then forthcoming San Francisco conference of the United Nations and Mr. Truman's theme was what he felt to be his function. Paradoxically enough—as it turned out later—it was helping establish liaison between congress and the White House, complementing the highly successful effort of Secretary of State Hull which resulted in the forging of a bi-partisan foreign policy. And in so short a time, after Mr. Truman became President, that liaison between Capitol Hill and 1600 Pennsylvania avenue snapped in twain, never to be reunited.

Three months after the President took office I recorded: "The political armistice in Washington will end shortly after the President's (Truman's) return from Berlin—by that time domestic discontent will be crystallizing, the honeymoon will be on the wane. . . ."

And I then had the temerity to predict that if . . . "the Japanese war should end . . . within the year . . . President Truman will be stripped of the protecting armor of the Commander-in-Chief. Then

the slings and arrows which even Roosevelt's enemies went to deflect to congress and other government agencies will be aimed squarely at the man in the White House."

That prophesy required no gift of the occult. Mr. Truman knew it then—or I wouldn't have.

From now on the President is his own man. The legislation he offers, whatever its fate may be, will be moulded to suit his own heart's desire. He has fought the fight to the best of his ability, assailed from the right and the left and the rear as well as the front. Now he will write his own ticket, be it good or bad. Few Presidents have had such an opportunity or faced a more severe test.

Presidential Bee  
Hums in Capitol Dome

Washington withdraws from official activity for the holidays without getting any real impact of the advent of the new regime. There has been the preliminary hurly-burly of reorganization on Capitol Hill but the same old faces are evident and the same old voices speak. The active Republican leaders in both houses of congress have been so much in the limelight for the last year anyhow that they merely appear to be stepping up, rather than stepping in. It all seems quite routine and casual.

There was just a touch of the excitement of the beginning of a new era when house and senate steering committees had their first meetings and made their first offi-



Senator Taft  
Politically Cautious

cial statements concerning legislation and policy. Most of the steps had been foreshadowed and the change of venue was not fanfared.

The last 14 years make up the longest period of lean years that any party has suffered. I witnessed the end of two 12-year droughts through which the Democrats thirsted; close of the one that began with William McKinley and ended with William Howard Taft, when Wilson accompanied the "new freedom" to the White House. And the next, another 12-year period, when the New Deal followed Hoover's exit.

The Democrats had only a short interlude at the pie-counter between Taft and Harding and their return in 1933 came in the midst of such a domestic crisis, with the mad days of the NRA following on the heels of the bank holiday, that our attention was diverted from politics. But what the Democrats did to the Republican officeholders "wasn't good," as one Republican put it recently. He added: "We are going to do the same for them."

Congress begins with the Republican Presidential plum within easier reach than any which have dangled in many a year and it is no wonder many hands are reaching hopefully for it. In fact, Senator Vandenberg early sounded the warning that more thoughts should be concentrated on the responsibilities following the victory of '46, and less on the possibilities of '48, and for the good of all concerned.

The battle between the Taftites and the anti-Taftites began even before election and the Ohio senator himself is so determined that this time he will win the nomination that he leans over backward to avoid criticism. He refused to go on a broadcast for even a three-minute statement of Republican policy and he took off for Central America shortly thereafter.

That Was Tough

"Two days without food or water," announced the Commando to an admiring audience; "think of it."

"Pretty bad," agreed a middle-aged man; "but how would you like to have fought in the trenches in Flanders? Sometimes we were up to the waist in icy water and mud for a week or more."

"Call yourself soldiers?" snorted a very old man who had hobbled up. "Pah! When I was in the Zulu war, a spear knocked me down and pinned me to the ground. I lay there for over a week without food or drink."

"By Jove!" exclaimed the Commando. "Painful, wasn't it?"

"Not very," answered the old man; "only when I laughed."

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HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers



Here's an Easy-to-Serve Dinner (See recipes below)

Simple Dinners

While talking to a young bride recently, she expressed a desire to learn how to entertain nicely, but simply, because, as she expressed it, "I don't know much about cooking, but I do so want things to taste and look wonderful."

Well, that's a problem all of us might give some thought to, every now and then. It's a good idea to have some menus all filed away that we can rely on as being successful both from the standpoint of being good to eat and looking attractive.

In case you're in a sort of a rut about entertaining because of the past several year's food difficulties, take yourself in hand and look over our suggestions today. I'm all for simplicity in entertaining, especially if cooking and serving doesn't come to one as easily as it seems to others. In that case, plan a simple menu, but carry it out well, and you'll really get bouquets to go with it.

Before company comes, and even before you start getting the dinner itself, have the house, linens, tableware and cooking equipment in order. Once this big worry is out of mind, then you can concentrate on the cooking itself. Do everything you possibly can ahead of time, so too much won't be left for the last minute.

Make out a schedule of when things should go in the oven or when they should be put on the range. Be sure this is worked out in advance so you won't be worried that things will not all be ready at the same time.

I'm going to give simple but festive recipes today because they will be easy for the novice to prepare, but just wait until you see how they look on the table. UMMMMMM!

Start off with a minted fruit juice, as this is refreshing and will not take cooking. Chill citrus fruit juice before serving — pineapple and orange juice is a good combination — and pour into dainty glasses. Add a few crushed mint leaves to each glass. Serve.

Everyone is bound to like lamb chops and here's a grand way to prepare those chops so they look like a roast:

- Mock Crown Roast of Lamb. (Serves 6)
6 frenched lamb chops
Melted butter or substitute
Salt and pepper

Have the butcher french the lamb chops. Place them under moderate broiler heat and broil 8 to 10 minutes on each side until they are well browned. Baste with melted butter as they brown. Sprinkle with salt and pepper just before removing from the broiler.

Just before serving, pile a mound of fluffy mashed potatoes in the center of a platter. Stand the lamb chops around the mound of potatoes, as illustrated, patting them well into the potatoes so they don't fall down. Arrange cooked sliced carrots around the platter for the vegetables. Place paper frills, if de-

LYNN CHAMBER'S MENU

- Pot Roast of Beef with Spiced Prunes
Browned Potatoes
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Coconut Custard Pie Beverage

sired, around the lamb chops before serving.

There you have meat, potatoes and vegetable on one platter! Makes for easy serving, doesn't it?

The salad is exceedingly simple to arrange and goes well with the hearty main dish. It may be prepared ahead of time on individual plates and placed in the refrigerator. Arrange three spears of canned, chilled asparagus on lettuce leaves. Lay sliced cucumbers on each side and pour french or thousand island dressing across the center of the asparagus.

If you want to serve attractive and dainty biscuits with the dinner, here's an idea. Use a recipe for baking powder biscuit dough or get one of the good packaged mixes. Roll the dough out to 1/4-inch thick. Spread with melted butter, sprinkle with cinnamon and nutmeg. Roll as for jelly roll. Cut off one-inch pieces and place them, cut side down, in a baking pan. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes in a hot (400 degree) oven. Serve with jelly or jam, if you wish, or with just plain butter.

A cake is really a simple dessert to have with this type of dinner because it eliminates last minute fluster. Prepare the cake the day before and frost before beginning to cook dinner.

Orange Flower Cake.

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

Sift flour, baking powder and salt together. Add orange rind to shortening and cream together thoroughly. Add sugar to shortening and cream until fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating thoroughly after each addition. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with orange juice, in small amounts, beating thoroughly after each addition. Pour into greased cake pans and bake in a moderate (350 degree) oven for 30 minutes. This recipe will make two 8-inch layers.

This cake may be frosted with a fluffy boiled icing and sprinkled with orange rind or garnished with orange segments. Whipped cream, if available, may also be used. Or, if you prefer, an orange-flavored butter cream icing may be used with orange segments arranged on top.

Orange Frosting.

- 1 scant cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
Pinch of cream of tartar
1 egg white
3 tablespoons orange and lemon juice, mixed

Beat all ingredients together in top of double boiler until it stands in peaks. Use on top and in between layers of cake.

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- 1. Is the atomic theory new?
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3. What is a Chinook?
4. Did a giant once rule Rome?
5. Was the Battle of Bunker Hill fought on Bunker hill in 1775?
6. In literature Pegasus is what sort of creature?
7. Where was our Liberty bell cast?
8. What does claustrophobia mean?

The Answers

- 1. No, it was conceived 2,400 years ago by Democritus.
2. The Cuban hummingbird.
3. A type of wind.
4. Yes, Emperor Maximin, who was almost 9 feet tall. He ate 40 pounds of meat a day.
5. No. It was fought on nearby Breed's hill.
6. A flying horse.
7. England.
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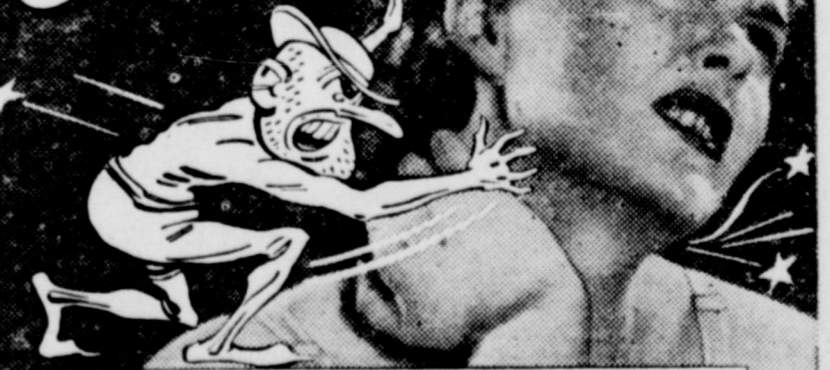
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Some of the football fans around here feel that Blondy Cross of the San Angelo Standard Times don't give the Robert Lee team the publicity that it deserves. However, we can't agree with them that Blondy has it "in for" Robert Lee. His newspaper covers a wide range of territory in West Texas and it's impossible for them to carry long write-ups from every community. But everyone must admit Blondy has done pretty well by us this season, especially the last few weeks when we were taking district and bi-district titles. Good Old Blondy! Aint he wonderful with his football stories? Here's some of his comments on the Bronte-Robert Lee game a few weeks ago: "Littlefield raked the right guard slot—Then it was Fowler flailing over the Bronte left end—Littlefield picked up nine yards at the port palisade—Duncan dunked through center—etc." Whew! Ain't he big time stuff! Must have cubbed on the Police Gazette.

And say, Blondy. We don't know whether or not you may have heard that a certain mother of one of the football players is coming in to see you. She says you can't call our boys "Sissie Steers" and get away with it. You didn't call 'em that, did you?

They are still carrying publicity stories about the champion 4-H steer that sold for \$35.50 a pound at the American Royal Show at Kansas City. In our opinion such stunt is a lot of hokey. While it brought its owner more than \$40,000, it would have been more equitable if the top ten steers had brought \$4,000 apiece and thus helped a number of deserving youths. Anyway the whole thing strikes us as a big publicity stunt for the T-O Ranch outfit at Raton N. M. They are making a specialty of those blocky steers that just waddle up to a feed trough and gorge themselves. Those babies would starve to death on a Texas range. They haven't any necks to reach down to the grass and their legs aren't long enough to get them from one patch of grass to another. It's getting pretty difficult to describe a good type Hereford anymore, except that most of them still have white faces.

Walter Winchell said a week ago that the Democrats were dopes for not lining up J. Edgar Hoover for their next presidential candidate. But it looks as though Winchell's boom busted before it even got started. Too bad, Walter, you dope!

The distinguished editor of the Nolan County News at Sweetwater is happy that prices haven't gone up since the OPA went off. Wonder if he has bought a pair of new shoes lately.

From some of the stories emanating to the north and west one

might believe the Colorado River dam at Colorado City was already under construction. Facts are that it's a long way off. This week Snyder city officials voted to withdraw as one of the sponsors because they have a sufficient water supply. That leaves Colorado City, Big Spring, Midland and Odessa to shoulder the \$10,000,000 burden. Wonder what the promoters will tell the people when they get ready to vote those big bond issues. Best solution would be for the Robert Lee dam to be built 15 or 20 miles northwest of here and then if it was necessary for those cities to have water they could obtain it from the Coke county lake. Everybody would be happy then including the Robert Lee folks, a big majority of whom don't like the idea of having their town submerged.

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Employment for all, high wages, low prices, no shortages, lower taxes and no strikes—these are what the Republicans promised. Let us hope that these promises won't be like 'two cars in every garage' and "a chicken in every pot."

1946 will be remembered as the year of hardships—when people paid \$300.00 for a \$4.80 ticket to Notre Dame-Army game and Texas sportsmen chartered planes to fly to North Dakota to hunt pheasants.

The Austin dynasty may talk about "Washington wastefulness" but Austin itself reached an all-time low in stupidity and incompetence when it ordered a special election on one constitutional amendment for two days after the national election. The voters were so disgusted that only about 80,000 out of 1,500,000 took the trouble to vote in the unnecessary election, which cost the taxpayers a mere \$220,000.

When Mark Twain got mad, he was a mighty good, free-handed cuss. His wife tried repeatedly to break him of the habit and at last one day she broke out in a string of cuss words herself, thinking he would be so disgusted that he would "swear off" swearing. But

instead, he broke out laughing and then said, "Darling, you have the words but you don't have the tune."

A little boy asked his father, "How much is a million dollars?" The father, busy reading the paper said, "It's a h—of a lotta money." Next afternoon, the boy came home from school, crying, and said, "Pa, that wasn't the right answer."

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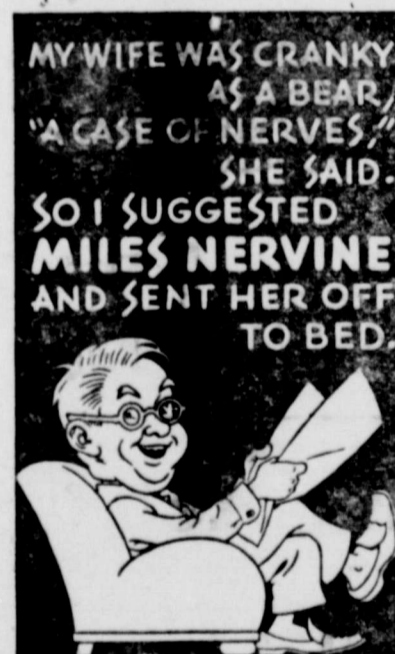
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## Black's Grocery

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## P.T.A. Party

Come to the P. T. A. Party at the Robert Lee High School Auditorium

Saturday Night, Dec. 7

Free Moving Pictures (See and hear the new movie machine which was purchased from funds raised at the Halloween Carnival.) Also Games, Bingo, '42, Dominoes, Supervised Games for Children. Cake and Coffee will be served.

## Public Invited

The Fun Begins at 7 o'clock

## Folks You Know

J. W. Martin and wife of Loraine visited old friends here a couple of days the last of the week and were guests in the V. V. Wojtek home. The Martins moved to Mitchell county 21 years ago and operate a farm 2 miles west of Loraine.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Sheppard and children of Pueblo, Colo., arrived last Wednesday and remained until Sunday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ross, and other relatives.

S. B. Plumlee, Jr., and family came down from Hart, Texas, for a few days visit the last of the week at the parental J. H. Walker home at Edith and S. B. Plumlee home in Robert Lee. S. B. and family moved a few months ago from Roscoe to Hart, where he drives a school bus and is custodian of the school building.

Mrs. Floyd Murtishaw and daughter, Myrna, of Brownwood were Thanksgiving guests in the home of her parents, the B. H. Boykins.

Mrs. A. W. Littlefield's Sunday school class of the Baptist church prepared a number of boxes of food and delivered them the day before Thanksgiving to local families. Most of the homes visited were occupied by aged or ill persons, and the gifts were very much appreciated.

Carroll Russel and family spent the weekend in Levelland visiting Mrs. Russell's sister, Mrs. Joplin.

Robert Louis Jay visited over the Thanksgiving holiday with his cousin, Mrs. B. F. Blaylock, at Eldorado.

Clifford Robertson, who is a student at Denton state college, spent the Thanksgiving vacation in the parental J. B. Robertson home.

H. B. Yarbrough of Snyder came down for a few days visit last week with relatives and friends in Robert Lee.

Foy Askins and family have moved to Robert Lee from Sanco, having rented the Lizzie Davis Daniel property two blocks east of the water tower. Mr. Askins is employed by the Robert Lee Truck & Tractor Co.

C. E. (Doc) Benningfield was in San Angelo Friday morning buying some material for his new home which is under construction.

### We Thank You

To all who helped in our hours of sorrow and grief with the death of our father, to those who sent flowers and helped prepare the lunch, we do thank with all our hearts.—Mrs. J. I. Murtishaw and Family, Mrs. Ed Fletcher and Family, Mrs. Lassie Leineweber and Family, Mrs. Walter McDorman and Family, and Delbert, Clarence and Aaron Vestal and their Families

## WANT ADS

For Sale—Boys bicycle in good condition, tires never had a flat, price \$25. Mrs. Ruby Pettit.

For Sale—Coleman irons and lanterns. Leeper Supply Co.

For Sale—1933 Chevrolet coach, new rubber all around, and 2 spares. K. F. Shropshire. 1p

For Sale—6 and 8 foot Aeromotor double geared windmills and towers. Leeper Supply Co.

For Sale—Circulating oil heater. See Ford Hallmark. 1p

For Sale—8 room house, block off Main street, new roof, new paint. Might consider livestock as trade-in. See J. C. Strickland.

Notice—To all those who have dishes at my home, please call and get them as a few aren't marked, and oblige, Mrs. J. I. Murtishaw.

For Sale—32 volt wind charger, fully equipped for 5 room house, price \$150. L. M. Service. 1p

Notice—After Friday, Dec. 6, I will have no regular gin days. When you get a bale out call me at my home and I will set a day. Fred McDonald, Jr.

## ALAMO THEATRE

Robert Lee, Texas

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, DEC. 6-7

Evelyn Keyes-Willard Parker-Larry Parks in  
"Renegades" (In Technicolor)  
Also Color Cartoon-News and Football Reel

SUNDAY 1:30 & 3:10 and MON., DEC. 8-9

Bob Hope-Bing Crosby-Dotty Lamour in  
"Road To Utopia" Also Cartoon

WEDNESDAY ONLY, DEC. 11

Leo Gorcey and the Bowery Boys in  
"In Fast Company" also two reel comedy

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FRIDAY-SATURDAY, DEC. 6-7

Alan Ladd-Veronica Lake-William Bendix in  
"The Blue Dahlia" also cartoon and news

SUNDAY 1:30 & 3:30 also MON., DEC. 8-9

Fred MacMurray-Ann Baxter-Bruce Cabot in  
"Smoky" (Technicolor) Also Cartoon

TUESDAY ONLY, DEC. 10

Leo Gorcey and the Bowery Boys in  
"In Fast Company" also two reel comedy

## For Christmas

There are only a few days until Christmas and each of us has a problem of what to buy others. We are doing our best to help you decide. Different items arrive each week, so we cannot enumerate each article. It is our wish that you visit our store and we believe you will find some of your answers to your Christmas shopping problems. We list below a few:

20-piece sets China Dishes, assorted colors, for \$7.95. The new 4-piece colored Pyrex Mixing Bowls. Only a few Westinghouse battery and electric Radios Boys Wagons, Wheel Toys, Presto Cookers, Queensware Cast Aluminum Utensils of all kinds, Coleman Gas Irons and Lanterns.

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