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Rural Fire Truck To Be Demonstrated

The San Angelo Fire Department will put on a demonstration in Robert Lee Saturday afternoon of its "county" truck. This is the same kind of a truck that has been recommended for use here, and it will give local people first hand information on what such equipment is capable of doing.

Farmers and ranchmen are especially invited to be in town Saturday afternoon, as they are interested in knowing what help they can expect from the new truck that the Robert Lee Junior Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring.

The drive for \$3,500 to buy new fire equipment bogged down the past week. Cash payments received this week include Looney Lbr. and Hardware Co., \$50.00; C. F. Vowell, 25.00; Daryl Childress, 10.00; Legion Auxiliary, 10.00, and S. B. Plumiee, 1.00. The sum of \$610.50 was reported last week, making a total of \$706.50 received up to this date.

Funds are being handled by the Jaycee treasurer and deposited in the bank. If the necessary amount is not raised donations will be returned.

Coke County Receives Generous Spring Rain

Coke county received a fine rain the first of the week, the moisture being measured from an inch and one-half to 2 inches. Starting Monday night the showers continued Tuesday and cloudy skies prevailed until yesterday. The generous rain coming just at the start of spring planting indicates one of the best crop seasons in years. It will be highly beneficial to ranges and oat crops.

Buyers Nice Home

C. E. (Doodad) Davis has purchased Sheriff Paul Good's residence property and moved his family in last week. This is one of the nice homes of the city and is well located.

Ben Tubb has been ill of bronchial pneumonia this week.

Sul Ross Favorite



Martha Francis Smith of Robert Lee has been chosen Favorite of the Sophomore class at Sul Ross college at Alpine. She will be formally honored along with other favorites and the crowning of the queen at the Brand Dance Friday night. Martha is majoring in art and is a member of Schems and Sigma Rho Chi. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith and is one of Robert Lee's most charming and popular young women. Martha was voted Freshman Favorite last year.

Buy Bronte Establishment

W. B. Clift has purchased Frank Keeney's undertaking business at Bronte. Separate establishments will be operated in both Bronte and Robert Lee, and Mr. Clift will divide his time between the two places. He has leased the Ed Stevens building at Bronte and will make extensive improvements thereto. One of the new features will be a chapel. Mr. Keeney is retiring after more than 40 years in the undertaking business. He will assist Mr. Clift for the present.

Counts Agent Hicks and Wayne Arrott of Tennyson will go to El Paso Monday to attend the Fat Stock Show. Later in the week J. B. and LeDrew will join them and the boys will complete as a Coke county team in the judging contest.

Turney Casey has a new 1947 Chevrolet Club Coupe.

Fred Jameson Test Being Drilled Ahead

Sun Oil Co. No. 1 Fred Jameson started at midnight Wednesday to drill deeper into the Ellenburger. Some delay was experienced early in the week in efforts to take a test in the open hole between 7,043 and 7,073 feet. When no fluid was recovered by swabbing Wednesday, orders were given to pull the packer and drill ahead.

No. 2 Fred Jameson spudded in last Friday night and has been making good progress. They were below 1,200 feet in lime and shale yesterday morning and are preparing to cement a casing at 1,400 feet. Baker & Taylor is the drilling company at No. 2 Fred Jameson. The test is a half mile south-east of Fred Jameson No. 1.

Sun No. 1 Homer Jameson, a quarter mile west of No. 1 Allen Jameson, the pool opener, had reached 3,828 feet in lime and shale Wednesday.

Royalty-Leases

The Observer was in error last week in reporting a lease transaction by Mrs. John B. Walker. The lease of a section of land in southwestern Nolan county was sold by its owner, J. S. (Jack) Walker, to J. E. Dickinson of Midland who paid \$40 an acre cash for a 10-year commercial oil and gas lease. The tract begins slightly less than two miles northwest of Sun's lime pool opener on the Allen Jameson land, Jack had the money in the bank Friday.

However, the John B. Walkers signed up a good sized deal of their own, selling one-fourth royalty on their 522 acres at a base of \$225 per acre. This land lays just east of the Allen Jameson. Mrs. Walker was Clara Jameson, a sister of Allen, Fred and Homer Jameson.

A couple of leases were reported here this week which show a continued interest over oil development. Cortez Russell received \$7.50 an acre for signing a 10-year lease on a tract of 1644 acres northwest of Robert Lee, and Marvin Simpson leased his ranch of more than 800 acres southwest of town at \$5 an acre. Both carry one dollar an acre renewals.

Coke Austin, Jr., has left the west coast on a trip to China and Australia, according to word received by his parents here this week. He is a member of the crew of the Navy Carrier Antietam.

Rex Scoggins of Burnet, visited here last week with his grandmother, Mrs. N. C. Brown.

School Census Up In Robert Lee Dist.

Supt. M. G. Hannaford advised The Observer this week that 248 scholastics had been reported with a completion of the school census in the Robert Lee district. This is an increase of eight over last year.

School authorities are anxious that every scholastic be counted, so if you know of any child overlooked by the census taker please contact Mr. Hannaford. Children who can be counted in the school census this year must have been born between the dates of Sept. 1, 1929, and Sept. 1, 1941.

The census is required by state law and the state apportionment of school funds is made on the basis of it. The present apportionment is \$35 a year for each child 5 to 18 years of age. The amount may be even higher. A bill is pending in the legislature to raise the figure to \$55 per child.

Cafe Changes Hands

The Club Cafe changed hands the first of the week when Mrs. Burl Childress purchased the business from Daryl Childress and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Childress will help operate the cafe. The new owner says they will specialize in serving good food and they expect to handle an increased volume of business. Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Childress will go to Middlesboro, Ky., for a month's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Hendrickson, after which they plan to return to their former home at Mesa, Ariz.

William Allen of Silver Weds San Angelo Girl

The marriage of Miss Katherine Louise McCarroll of San Angelo and Mr. William Glyn Allen of Silver occurred Friday night at the First Christian church in San Angelo, with the pastor, Rev. G. N. Goldston, reading the double ring ceremony.

The bride wore a wedding gown fashioned from the bridegroom's parachute that he used when he bailed out over Belgium in 1944. She was attended by Mrs. William Archer, a sister of the bridegroom, as matron of honor.

S. L. Jones of Water Valley attended the bridegroom as best man, William L. Archer was groomsmen, and the ushers were Charles Allen of Winslow, Ariz., and Durward Allen of Vancourt, brothers of the bridegroom.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Arthur McCarroll. She attended San Angelo junior college and the University of Texas. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen of Silver. He attended Texas Tech one year before entering the Air Corps. He was in service three years and spent 13 months overseas.

Following a short wedding trip to Dallas, the couple will be at home in San Angelo where Mr. Allen is attending junior college. He plans to transfer to Texas Tech next fall.

Cars Badly Wrecked

Cars driven by Bob Odom of Silver and John Parrish collided Friday at midnight on the Colorado City highway about 14 miles northwest of Robert Lee. Both autos were badly damaged but no one was injured. Odom was returning home from San Angelo. Parrish, who is employed with a drilling crew at the Jameson field, was accompanied by a crew of five men who had just finished a shift.

Quarter Horses Win

James Burrus won a second and third on his young stallions at the Quarter Horse Show at Fort Worth the last of the week.

Union Oil Co. To Drill Wildcat Test East of Robert Lee

Union Oil Co. of California staked a location Wednesday for a scheduled 7,000 foot rotary wildcat to seek Ellenburger production on the Jim McCutchen ranch, 3 miles east of Robert Lee.

The test due to start at once will be No. 1 Jim McCutchen, 1980 feet from the north, 660 feet from the west line of Section 444, block I-A, H&TC Ry. Co. survey. It will be slightly more than a quarter mile south of the Robert Lee-Bronte highway and is about a half mile west of McCutchen's ranch house.

Mr. McCutchen was with Union representatives when the location was staked Wednesday afternoon. Work will be started at once building a road into the location and a drilling rig is expected to be moved in immediately.

Union's exploration is more than 20 miles southeast of Sun's new Jameson field near Silver. Union has a spread of 20,000 acres. Its leases do not form a solid block but are connected. Running from the river at the south edge of the McCutchen land and their leases extend generally north and northeast to the vicinity north of Bronte.

Some of the land owners from whom leases were acquired, besides Jim McCutchen, are the J. B. McCutchen estate, Mrs. Daisy McCutchen, Mrs. Elizabeth McCutchen, Burt Smalley, W. G. Byrd, C. M. Byrd, G. W. Jennings of San Angelo the Steffy estate, Frank G. Wojtek and T. G. Stinebaugh.

Sun Oil Co. and American Republics Corp. are among holders of leases nearest Union No. 1 Jim McCutchen.

There was considerable royalty buying in the area last year at prices up to \$10 an acre base. Trading among some of these royalty buyers is understood to have been brisk since it first was rumored two or three weeks ago that Union would likely announce a location soon, and some land owners are reported to have received offers up to \$50 an acre base.

Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary met Tuesday night with Mrs. W. T. Roach. Reports were given by various committees and plans made for the Jaycee dinner next Monday night. The unit voted to donate \$10 to the new Robert Lee fire truck. An interesting program, "Living in the Community," was given. The next meeting will be April 1 with Mrs. Eddie Patterson as hostess.

Easter Fashions

Dresses, Miss Virginia, Virginia Hart and Sportee Frocks, Bags, Nylon Hose, Shoes, Flowers and Costume Jewelry.

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Mens Dress Shirts, 14 to 17 2.95 to 3.49
Mens Ties 1.00 to 1.49

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John H. Brown

Rural America Has Major Role In Annual Red Cross Campaign



FRIENDLY FLAVOR . . . Typical of the variety of Red Cross services that makes hospital routine take on the flavor of life outside are the various duties performed by Red Cross Gray Ladies at McGuire Veterans' hospital, Richmond, Va.

Agency to Stress Four Main Fields Of Service in 1947

WNU Features.

Rural America—the provision stockpile of the nation—has an especially important share in the current fund campaign of the American Red Cross, officials at the Washington, D. C., national headquarters emphasize.

With a 1947 campaign goal of 60 million dollars, the Red Cross again is relying upon the rural areas and the small towns which center the farming communities for substantial support in attaining its quota.

Because 1947 will be in the nature of a "shakedown cruise" for a nation newly returned to peacetime, and because in the uncertainty of the postwar existence many Americans are inclined to question the need to support even the most deserving of organizations, Red Cross officials have related the answers to some of the "whys" of the fund campaign.

Major Red Cross responsibilities will be four-fold in 1947-48. They include service to veterans and their families; to men in army and navy hospitals; to men serving with the armed forces overseas or in this country, and to the community.

During the war period of 1941-46, Red Cross was supported by contributions in the amount of \$784,151,000 in five fund campaigns. In numbers, rural community chapters—2,908 of them—account for more than three-quarters of all the Red Cross chapters in America. With the overwhelming majority of their workers unpaid volunteers the Red Cross said, these smaller chapters were the backbone of the ARC during the war and will continue to be so in peace.

Expand Services.

In the coming year, on a greatly reduced budget, the Red Cross will conduct a program exceeding any previous peacetime operation in its entire history.

Services for veterans and the armed forces and their families will be the major concern of the Red Cross. The increasing need for assistance to veterans will continue for years. Approximately 1,100,000 veterans and their families were assisted by Red Cross last year through its workers in chapters alone. Thousands more were aided by Red Cross workers in hospitals.

Under authorization of Veterans' administration, there are 155 Red Cross field directors and assistant field directors in 105 VA hospitals. Nearly 350 Red Cross claims experts are stationed in VA offices throughout the nation, in Puerto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines. On army posts and naval stations



HELPING HAND . . . Red Cross Gray Lady Mrs. John W. Johnson has a long shopping list. She is shown adding items wanted by a patient at Bay Pines Veterans' hospital, St. Petersburg, Fla. She'll buy them at the canteen and downtown.

in this country and overseas, Red Cross field directors are serving, giving emergency assistance, counseling and helping keep the men in communication with their families at home.

In the field of community service, Red Cross disaster work is a round-the-clock operation the country over. National, state and local governments expect the Red Cross to assume leadership in disaster preparedness and relief, and rural areas know well the work of Red Cross following tornadoes, floods and fires.

Red Cross first aid, water safety and accident-prevention services have been carried on in all communities of this country. First aid instruction for young people and adults, swimming classes for children of the community, and spreading the gospel of safety from farm accidents, are several ways these Red Cross safety services function.

Aid Rural Areas.

Red Cross home-nursing instruction in rural communities where hospital facilities are scarce is receiving greater emphasis. Community nutrition classes teach the homemaker how better to prepare and preserve foods.

The American Junior Red Cross, with its 19 million youngsters, provides effective channels through which school children throughout America may put to practice citizenship responsibilities and good neighbor practices with children of nations overseas.

Improved Uniform International SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D., Of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. Released by Western Newspaper Union.

LESSON FOR MARCH 23

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PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD

LESSON TEXT—John 17:1-11, 20-23. MEMORY SELECTION—And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to these. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.—John 17:11.

The voice of the Son of God lifted in audible prayer! What could be more sacred and more blessed? He who had by act and example taught his disciples loving service (John 13), and had spoken to them words of comfort and assurance (John 14-16), now prayed for himself, for them, and for us.

While he spoke most intimately with the Father as his only begotten Son, he prayed aloud that his disciples might hear his prayer and join with him in it.

This prayer is often called the high-priestly prayer of Christ, and rightly so, for here the "one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Tim. 2:5) spoke as "the High Priest of mankind who begins his sacrifice by offering himself to God with all his people" (Godet).

First.

For we find that he prayed for himself as he spoke of

I. Salvation Finished—Then Glory with the Father (vv. 1-5).

He looked up and said, "Father," that was all. No struggling, no pleading, just the recognition of his own divinity, his intimate and unique Sonship to God. Throughout this entire prayer the same close relationship is found. It was not as we would pray "Our Father," but "Father."

Jesus was the Son of God. Yes, he was and is God. He and the Father are one in blessed eternal, infinite unity. But as he is in the Father, we who believe are in him. So the poet well says:

"Near, so very near to God,
Nearer I cannot be,
For in the person of his Son
I am as near as he."

This divine Redeemer, who laid down his glory when he came to earth (Phil. 2:7, 8) to be a Saviour, was now ready to take up that glory again. He spoke of the work of salvation as completed—for in his obedient soul the death on the cross which was just ahead was already accomplished.

Now he was ready for the Father to glorify him even as he had glorified the name of the Father. That prayer was answered, and Christ now sits at the right hand of the Father in heaven. What a glorious Saviour we have!

His prayer was soon turned to those who had believed in him. They were precious to him, for they were given to him by the Father.

II. Out of the World—Then Kept by the Father (vv. 6-11).

There is something powerfully assuring to the believer to read the words of Jesus which declare that these who had believed on him had been given to him by the Father. They belonged to the Father, and he gave them to the Son. They kept the Word of God, and thus they knew the Son as the manifestation of the Father's name. What could be more certain for time and eternity!

Note that they were taken "out of the world"—that does not mean that they left this earth. They lived here as we live here, but they were delivered from that evil world power which opposes God.

Some professed Christians who find their greatest delight in fellowship with the Christ-rejecting world had better read carefully here, for it appears that the one who is truly in Christ is not "of the world."

These disciples had to remain in the world (though they were not of it!) and they needed to be kept. Now that the earthly ministry of Jesus was to be brought to a close, he tenderly placed them anew in the Father's mighty hand. Again we say, what could be more blessedly secure than that!

We must note that our Lord had a special interest and prayer for his own. Verse 9 obviously does not mean that he is not interested in all mankind. He died for them (John 3:16). But here his prayer was for his own, and in that prayer the world was left out. That makes us feel still more assured in him. He, the blessed Son of God and only Saviour, prayed for me, for you!

The closing words of verse 11 reach out into the third petition of our Lord, as he prayed for their

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Soak clothes in cool or lukewarm water rather than cold. Cold water causes the fabric mesh to close and hold the dirt.

Keep a mirror hanging in the kitchen. Glance into it before you go to answer the door-bell.

Glue pieces of felt under chair legs to prevent scratching painted floors. It's a good way to cut down on noise too.

Crumble a dry newspaper, wet, and rub your windows and mirrors with this instead of a cloth.



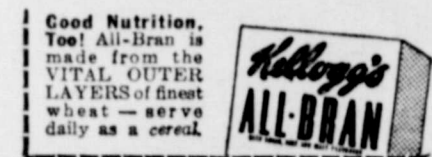
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Don't take much shortening or sugar, either!

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| 2 tablespoons shortening | 1 cup sifted flour |
| 1/4 cup sugar | 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder |
| 1 egg | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| 1 cup Kellogg's All-Bran | 1/2 cup chopped nut meats |
| 3/4 cup milk | |

Blend shortening and sugar. Add egg; beat well. Stir in Kellogg's All-Bran and milk. Let soak until most of moisture is taken up. Add chopped nuts to sifted dry ingredients. Add to first mixture. Stir only until flour disappears. Fill greased muffin pans two-thirds full. Bake in moderately hot oven (400° F.), 25 to 30 minutes. Makes 9 tasty muffins.



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DOAN'S PILLS

Farm Leaders Laud Red Cross in Urging Support in Campaign

Paying tribute to the Red Cross as a "good neighbor," Clinton P. Anderson, secretary of agriculture, has urged rural America to support the 1947 fund campaign.

"It is a neighbor who works for a better local community and, at the same time, for a better world community," Anderson declared. "Rural people are grateful to the Red Cross. Rural America knows the value of good neighbors and gets real satisfaction from cooperating with them."

Two other farm leaders, A. S. Goss, master of National Grange, and Edward A. O'Neal, president of American Farm Bureau federation, also endorsed the current drive.

Goss characterized the Red Cross service as "indispensable," pointing out that "throughout a large part of the world the suffering and need arising from war are almost as great as during the days of conflict."

"The great work of the American Red Cross, whose principal objective is the alleviation of human misery, has become legendary," O'Neal asserted in his tribute. "No matter how great the need," he continued, "it has always been able to accomplish its mission of mercy because of the generosity of the American public."

Churches Utilize Chartered Buses To Swell Crowd

PHILADELPHIA, PA. — As a means of swelling attendance, 15 Philadelphia churches are engaged in a novel experiment of providing "portal-to-pew" transportation services.

The program involves buses chartered by churches to make scheduled stops at pre-arranged street corners to pick up parishioners, carrying them to church and then returning them home after services.

The 15 churches hire from one to four buses regularly every Sunday. Clergymen admit they are prepared to "cater" to members as a means of maintaining and increasing attendance.

Attendance at Holmesburg Methodist church has been boosted 30 to 40 per cent in the year the church has used chartered buses.

Historic Gloria Dei (Old Swedes) Protestant Episcopal church, situated in a neighborhood formerly residential but now entirely commercial, also has resorted to chartered buses.

Old Swedes bus riders pay a minimum of 10 cents a ride, with "the sky the limit." On a rainy Sunday, one grateful parishioner slipped the driver a \$10 bill.

Church officials agree that the transportation problem is more pressing now than ever and that it affects all denominations. Many families have moved from the old neighborhood, yet still desire to attend their old church. In other cases, public transportation is not available to residents of outlying areas and new residential districts.

Small Town Rates Frequent Mention As 'Coldest Spot'

BIG PINEY, WYO. — Although this little cattle-raising community nestled in the Wyoming mountains has only 241 residents, it probably rates mention in the nation's newspapers more often than any other small town in the country.

It's not at all unusual for stories about weather conditions to include the statement that "the coldest spot in the country was Big Piney, Wyo., with 20 degrees below zero."

The dubious distinction of being the "nation's ice box" is blamed by the weather bureau on a "cold air drainage" off the mountains lying to the west of the town, which is situated in a mountain valley of 6,200 feet altitude.

"Masses of cold air drain off the mountain range into the valley just like streams of water," the weather bureau explains. "There is also an elevation to the east. This inclosure prevents the wind from sweeping out cold air and warming up the valley."

Frigid blasts are almost a year-around proposition. Big Piney had only a 61-day growing season last year, compared with 143 growing days at Cheyenne, some 300 miles to the southeast.

Street 'Strays'

SANTA FE, N. M.—Camino de las Vacas—Street of the Cows—has been lost or strayed in this ancient city. Notified that the street is 40 feet south of where it was originally established 60 years ago, the city council ordered the street committee "to corral the straying street."

Sawing Proves Easy as Sewing, Woman Insists

JACKSON, MICH.—Although she has made her living for years as a dressmaker, Mrs. Myrtle Ann Dibble is as adept with a hammer and saw as with a needle and scissors. For proof, she soon will have a seven-room house completed practically entirely by her own efforts.

Faced with a housing problem, Mrs. Dibble decided that if she could cut and sew dresses she also could "run up" a house for herself and her two young daughters.

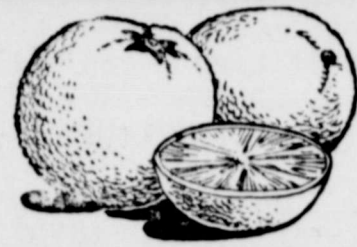
Work was commenced last May when the basement was dug, the only time Mrs. Dibble called in professional help. She mixed her own cement, the two daughters, Lauretta Lee, 13, and Mona Mae, 12, hauling the blocks while she set them. More than 1,000 blocks were required for the basement. A mason, inspecting the work, described it as a "pretty good job."

As the next step, Mrs. Dibble purchased green oak logs and had them cut into boards at a sawmill. She fitted them herself, displaying blistered palms as evidence that green oak "saws plenty hard." Driving nails into that wood was "the hardest job I ever took on," she adds.

Mrs. Dibble did all the electrical work in the basement and plans to wire the entire house. She also will do her own plumbing.

A divorcee, Mrs. Dibble used her life savings to start the house. With expenses running higher than anticipated, Mrs. Dibble was forced to return to dressmaking to get money to finish the house.

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Oranges 3 doz 65c

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CABBAGE, South Texas lb 4½c

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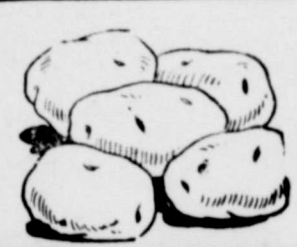
GRAPEFRUIT, Texas Marsh Seedless 6 for 17c

LETTUCE Large crisp heads 7½c

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Crystal White, approx. 100 to a bunch

Carrots, south Texas, fine flavor, 3 bunches 10c



Idaho Russet
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Sausage Home made Pure Pork LB. **58c**

Bacon, slab or sliced - **69c**

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Veal	No waste	Assorted Lunch
Cutlets	lb 63c	Meats Lb 43c

Oysters 7½ oz tin **39c**

- Hunts CHB Catsup, 14 oz. bottle 25c
- No. 237 Everoyal Stuffed
- Olives, 63-4 oz. tall bottle, 53c value 39c
- Portuguese Sardines, 39c value 29c
- Whitson's Chili, No. 2 tin 37c
- Whitson's Tamales 24c
- Armours Treet 12 oz. tin 43c
- Van Camp
- Beans in tomato sauce, No. 2 tin 19c
- Valley Brand
- Tomatoes, No. 2 tin 2 for 25c

Nugget Tomato Juice

No. 2 tin **14c** - 46 oz. tin **29c**

- Nation Pride Corn, 12 oz can 17c
- Challenge Sweet Peas, No. 2 3 for 29c
- Memory Fruit Mix in Syrup, No. 2½ 38c
- Plenty of varieties of Campbells Soup
- Heinz Cucumber
- Dilled Pickles, 24 oz. jar 27c
- Gabby Cabby Kraut, No. 2 tin 2 for 25c
- Heinz
- Worcestershire Sauce, 6 oz. bottle 24c
- Chocolate Covered
- Almonds, Brach's, 1 lb. bag 79c
- Sunshine Chocolates, 1 lb. box 69c

Sani Flush large can **21c**

- Drano, can 21c
- Chore Girl for cleaning pots & pans 10c
- Pineapple Layer Cake 59c
- Pecan Pies 39c
- French Bread 15c
- Devils Food Cake 39c

DRUGS DRUGS

- Gillette Lather Cream, gt. size 33c
- Drene Shampoo, lge. size 79c
- Absorbine Jr., 4 oz. 97c
- Camphopenique, 1 oz. 21c
- Phillips Tooth Paste, lge. size 33c
- Pepsodent Tooth Brushes 47c



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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Set Defensive Pattern Against Future Reich; Lewis Ruling Upholds Power of Judiciary

(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.)

EUROPE:

Hem in Reich

Even before determination of the future design of Germany, the major powers are proceeding to build a ring of steel around the reich to guard against a revived German state waging a third war of aggression.

The British and French forged the first link with a 50-year alliance, pledging the two countries to go to each other's assistance in the event of an attack by Germany or any other country. At the same time, the two allies agreed to integrate their economies to build an industrial base for war and promote the exchange of goods.

France's declaration that she would offer the same terms to other major powers led to speculation whether the treaty would implement the U. S. proposal for a defensive alliance of the Big Four against the threat of future German resurgence. Thus far, Russia has shied away from the U. S. proposition, but has been dicker with Britain for a mutual aid pact.

Holland and Belgium were expected to act favorably upon the French invitation to consummate a similar defensive and economic pact. On the other hand, Poland and Czechoslovakia were expected to look to Moscow for instructions on negotiating such a treaty.

PALESTINE:

Use Psychology

Britain resorted to psychology instead of arms in an effort to check the rampant Jewish underground in Palestine.

By imposing martial law in Tel Aviv, the British sealed this Jewish industrial, financial and commercial hub from the rest of the country, seriously disrupting its business. Thus, the Jewish leaders were faced



British soldier searches aged bomb suspect outside detention camp in Palestine.

with continuing heavy losses or cooperating in suppressing the terrorists.

Martial law also was imposed in the Jewish quarter of Jerusalem. British authorities arranged for movement of bread and vegetables to 25,000 isolated Jews and the Jewish welfare committee was permitted to set up free milk and food kitchens for the needy.

The British cracked down after the Irgun Zvai Leumi underground organization had blown up a British officers' club in Jerusalem with a loss of 14 lives and attacked other British personnel and installations in its fight for a Zionist state in the Holy land.

CONGRESS:

Doom OPA

Long the whipping boy for public and politician alike, OPA was headed for the discard by June 30 because of congressional limitation of its funds. The office of temporary controls, established last December as the supervisory agency over remaining wartime regulatory bureaus, also was scheduled to go.

With abolition of OPA, it was reported that rent control would be transferred to the department of commerce and sugar control to the department of agriculture. Because of the scarcity of housing and sugar in the face of tremendous demand, legislators continued to favor their regulation to prevent hardship and skyrocketing prices.

While the Republican minority continued to ride herd in the house and threatened to put OPA out of

business before June 30 by refusing a deficiency appropriation and chopping nine million dollars from previous appropriations, the senate provided funds for closing out the agency within the next three months. As a result of these differences, the bill was sent to a senate-house conference for settlement of terms.

JUDICIARY:

Curb Lewis

The Supreme court decision against John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers has been regarded as one of the momentous verdicts in American history, definitely establishing the power and dignity of the courts in civil affairs.



Chief Justice Vinson

By a 7 to 2 ruling, the court cracked down on Lewis' and the UMW's open flaunting of Circuit Judge Goldsborough's order calling for a suspension of the recent soft coal strike to provide additional time for working on an agreement. In his majority opinion, Chief Justice Vinson wrote:

"The interests of orderly government demand respect and compliance be given to orders issued by courts. . . . In our complex society there is a great variety of limited loyalties, but the overriding loyalty of all is to our country and to the institutions under which a particular interest may be pursued. . . ."

To emphasize the gravity of the offense, the court sustained Lewis' fine of \$10,000 and placed the UMW fine at \$700,000.

The accompanying issue of whether the Norris-La Guardia act prohibiting the issuance of injunctions against strikes in labor disputes could be applied in the UMW walk-out against the government found the court more narrowly divided. By a 5 to 4 decision, the majority decreed that the act does not apply to government employees and since the U. S. has been operating the mines UMW members fell in that classification.

SMALL BUSINESS:

More Openings

Fully expectant of cashing in on the huge postwar need for all kinds of goods, 509,000 new small businesses were opened up in 1946, the department of commerce estimated. This brought the total number of business enterprises up to 3,733,000.

During the first six months of the year, 365,000 new businesses were begun, the department disclosed. While the rate declined somewhat in the latter part of the year, it was estimated 322,000 new establishments opened their doors, bringing the grand total to 687,000. Against this, 187,000 businesses failed.

Shortages of some goods, high prices and stiff taxes failed to check the small business boom. Other lines were adopted to supplement income, an increase in installment buying helped to ease high prices and operators still made money despite federal taxes.

MEAT:

Consumer Pressure

During the extensive debates over decontrolling meat, arguments flew thick and fast whether strict government control or the law of supply and demand constituted the best method of keeping retail prices within bounds.

Little was heard of consumer sense, but consumer sense it is that has been keeping meat prices within reasonable levels in recent weeks, packers report. Much as people like pork, they have been passing it up for cheaper cuts of beef, and many butchers have been following the line of least resistance in serving customers.

Having processed pork from the recent record price hogs for fresh sale, packers have been compelled to cut wholesale charges as much as eight cents a pound under costs to move their supplies. Even with the cut, they have encountered difficulty selling their meat. With the pork trade determined by demand, packers have scaled down their offerings for live hogs, with the result that the record prices gradually have receded.

Washington Digest

Taft Swings to Right As GOP Senate Leader

By BAUKHAGE
News Analyst and Commentator.

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

WASHINGTON. — Recently the keen ears of the master politicians

on Capitol Hill have been tuned to some strange squeaks and rattles developing in the otherwise smoothly running Republican senate machinery. It is confidently predicted on the Democratic side of the aisle that "Chauffeur" Taft who had pretty easy going in the driver's seat up until the latter part of February will have to jump out and tinker under the hood more than once.



Baukhage

From now on, observers say, there are going to be a lot more orders from the back seat.

When the gentleman from Ohio took over after the November elections even the old-timers sat up and took notice of the way he assumed charge. He just shuffled the deck and dealt himself the cards he wanted; chairman of the policy committee; chairman of the labor committee which was going to direct labor legislation on what had been almost the No. 1 issue of the day; chairman of the committee which handles the new economic report. Under the reorganization act, this report must

be submitted annually to congress by the President's economic council. With reasonable support from party stalwarts and with these powerful chairmanships in his hands it looked as though the senior senator from the Buckeye state easily could ride herd on the party vote, delivering it when and where he wished.

But, did you ever try to ride a horse or drive a cow with a large sized bumble-bee leaping from forehead to buttock or from cud to rump? Not so easy, and no bumble-bee ever buzzed or stung like the apis presidentia.

Crack 'Iron Curtain' With Short Wave

If there is much more evidence of the cracking of the so-called "iron curtain," the impression may get about soon that it is a pretty porous protection of the secrets of the Soviets.

Recently I was walking the corridors of the state department with one of its officials. "How long," I asked him, "do you expect the Kremlin to permit you people and the British, with your American and British propaganda magazines and pamphlets and your broadcasts, to poison Ivan and his Tovarishes, with this western poison?"

"Oh," he replied, "they won't stop us."

"Why not?" I inquired. "They can't," was his answer.

British Broadcasting company has been beaming broadcasts on Russia to Russia in the Russian language for a year or more. BBC reports that the programs have been well-received and that the effort is worth while. The state department began its broadcasts last month. Some of its officials believe that it is worth the millions it will cost to continue them. The first program had few listeners; it was criticized. It is being tailored according to listener comment. There is no way for the Russians to know about the programs, since notice of them, except by announcement over BBC, appears in no Russian paper.

How is it the Russians permit it at all? And even if they don't put obstacles in the way, will the Russians listen? Are there enough radio sets with short-wave receivers to make up a worth while potential audience?

These are the questions I asked. I'll try to give some of the answers.

As to the Russian attitude, it seems negative. When the British first talked about broadcasting to Russia, a Russian official is reported to have said: "We have tried to cooperate with you. You have your kind of democracy. You believe in freedom of speech. So we have cooperated with you by sending you broadcasts in English from Russia. We have our kind of democracy. We do not believe in freedom of speech. So we hope you will cooperate with our kind of democracy by NOT broadcasting to us."

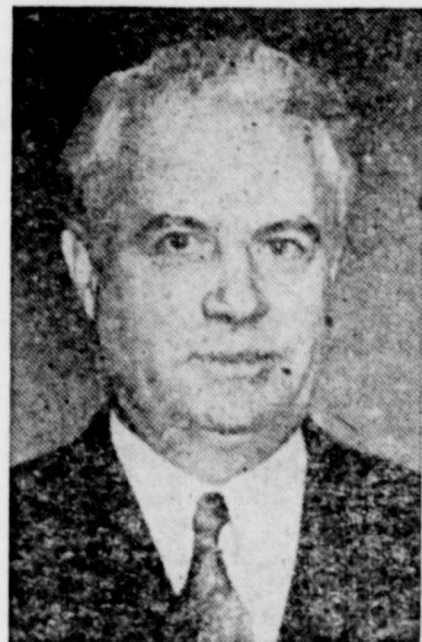
If that wasn't actually said, it ought to have been. It is too good to be untrue.

The British did not cooperate. Neither did 11 other countries, including Ecuador, which, along with the United States, are all now beaming their programs on Russia. I don't know about the others, but the British seem to have quite a following and since the Russian people are more interested in America than in any other country, I see no reason why the state department's effort shouldn't be quite as successful.

What are the chances? In the first place, radio listening has been developed in Russia. People are encouraged to have sets and they are short-wave sets because short-wave is the communication method used by the Russian government. That's because of the great distance.

How many have sets?

When Averill Harriman was there he made an estimate of 75,000 sets. A later estimate put the figure as 75,000 to a million. According to the Russian five-year plan the goal is 325,000 for the first year. We know that the Russians seized all the radio sets they could in territory they occupied; also the government returned all sets seized from Russian citizens during the war.



JOHN W. BRICKER
Dark Horse in Lead

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Early in January I reminded you of the trouble the presidential bee was expected to cause when I quoted Republican National Committeeman Clarence Budington Kelland's remark:

"I don't think you are going to see the matter (Republican candidacy) jell at all until Ohio decides whether it's going to be Taft or Bricker." And it hasn't jelled. Although it was predicted Bricker would bow out, he has refused to bow. Quite the contrary, it is Taft who is bowing—not out, but to the demands of the right wing of the party. (Taft's friends insist Bricker will exit at the right moment.)

But Taft's first obeisance was made toward the end of the Lillenthal hearings. He announced his opposition to the confirmation of the TVA head and did it with such absence of the famous Taft logic that eyebrows went up all over the place. The reason for departing from the common sense path that his superior intellect usually dictates soon became evident. Simultaneously his control of the party in the senate began to slip.

That was seen in the vote on the budget. In that case Taft took what most people considered the sensible, middle-of-the-road course. The four and a half billion cut rather than the six billion urged by the house.

What happened to force Taft's anti-Lillenthal statement? Well, a certain conservative commentator talked with Taft—criticized what he implied was a dangerous lack of

The Wrong Route

Mr. and Mrs. Newrich were staying at an exclusive seaside hotel. One evening at dinner the conversation turned to music, with special reference to Mozart.

"What a coincidence," said Mrs. Newrich. "Only this morning I saw him on the Number Five bus with his wife; they were going down to the beach."

A dreadful silence followed, and for the rest of the meal Mrs. Newrich was acutely aware that she had "dropped a brick."

As soon as they were alone, her husband rounded on her.

"You and your ignorance. Don't you know that the Number Five bus doesn't go down to the beach!"

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SANCO NEWS

By Mrs. Sam Fowler

Mrs. Olen McDonald (Ada Byrne) former Sanco resident now of Seagraves, was here the past week visiting with friends and relatives. She spent the weekend with the Guy Denmans.

WHD Club met Monday afternoon at Mrs. John Allens. Work was done on the bedspread. It is almost finished so be thinking of buying a chance on same. Those present at the club were Mrs. Ira M. Bird and baby, Laura Lee, Mrs. Fred Killam, Effie Carwile, Helen and Patricia Fowler and the hostess. Cake and drinks were served.

Mrs. Wilson Carwile and daughters accompanied Bro. Carwile to Maverick Sunday where he preached.

Roy Wyatt, wife and children, Boon Richardson and family and Beulah McCutchen were visitors at the Truitt Arbuckle home Sunday evening.

A group of young people and adults gathered at the Arbuckle home Sunday afternoon to play the organ and sing.

Patricia Fowler was made happy on her 5th birthday, March 13, when her mother gave her a birthday supper.

Bennie Helen Wyatt spent Sunday night with Sammie Jo Fowler.

The Truitt Arbuckles have moved into one of the 2-room apartments owned by Leo Prine.

Miss Wilfred Gartman was here the past weekend visiting her parents.

Walter McGallian and wife, Elmer Adkins and Barbara Ross were Sunday visitors in the Douglas Gartman home.

Mr. Carwile reported back to the hospital Saturday for a check-up and stood the trip fine.

Prayer meeting was held at the Fowlers last Friday night. Owing to a sudden windstorm there were only a few present but the Lord promised "where there are only a few gathered together in my name, there I will be also." Come to the Fred Killams next Friday night. Everybody welcome.

BTU Sunday night had an interesting program and eleven

were present. Come and bring others with you next Sunday night and get in on another interesting subject.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira M. Bird and Mrs. L. S. Bird went to Blackwell Sunday night to hear Bro. Ulmer Bird preach. Mrs. L. S. Bird remained there a few days to substitute in school for a teacher who is ill.

Harvey Reid is still taking treatments at San Angelo, and we hope he recovers very soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Epperson of Coleman came over Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harmon. Also here for the weekend were Delbert Harmon and family and George Epperson of Hobbs, N. Mex. Marvin Cobb accompanied the Harmons from Hobbs and visited in the J. C. Cobb home. Other Sunday guests of the Harmons and Cobbs were the Jack Nesbitts and Cora Zander and Hattie Jeffrey of San Angelo.

Will S. King arrived Tuesday from Stanley, N. Mex., for a few days visit with his father, Sam King, and other relatives and friends. Will says he came through rain all the distance.

Mrs. Monroe Parker returned Tuesday from a week's visit in the home of her son, Dave, on the Harris Ranch at Water Valley.

The Observer editor and his wife were guests Sunday in the home of Editor and Mrs. Fred Grunstead at Eldorado. The Grunsteads, who had a paper in northeast Texas for nearly 20 years, came to Eldorado a year and a half ago. They like West Texas and are doing fine with the Eldorado paper which is rightly named "The Success."

The Coke County Singing Convention will be held at the high school auditorium in Robert Lee on Sunday, March 30, from 11 a. m. until 4 p. m. Dinner on the grounds.

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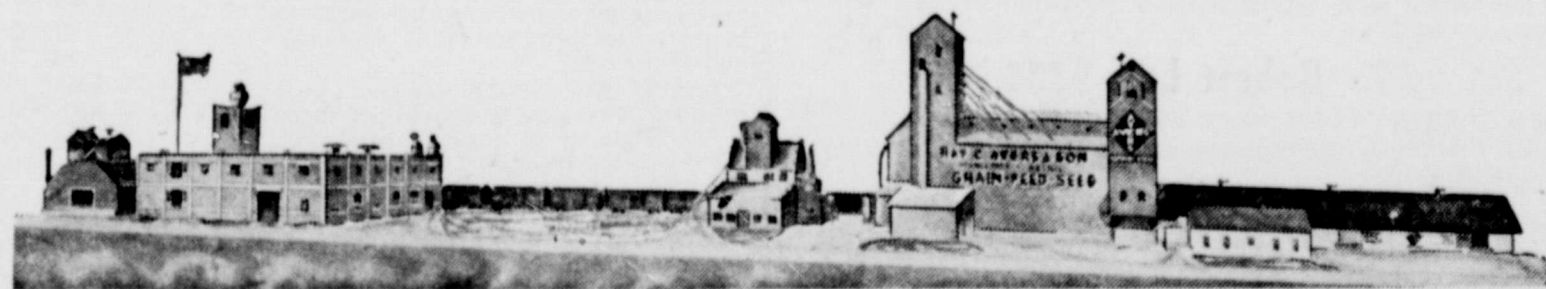
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W. L. Lowrance, 79 Buried at Roaring Springs

H. C. Lowrance and son, David, returned Thursday night from a trip to Tahoka and Roaring Springs where they attended the funeral of the former's brother, W. L. Lowrance, who died at 11 o'clock last Monday night at the home of his son, Oscar Lowrance, at Wilson, Texas. Death followed a two hours illness of acute indigestion. Burial was at Roaring Springs beside the remains of his wife who died in 1936.

Mr. Lowrance was born in 1869 at Montezuma, Ill. He came to Texas with his father and two brothers when he was a small boy.

He married Susie Minerva Millican and they were parents of 13 children, 11 of whom survive. All were present for the funeral except the oldest daughter, Mrs. J. C. Brewer of Meeker, Colo. Other children are Arthur and Elijah Lowrance and Alton Seay, all of Colorado, Oscar of Wilson, Texas, V. F. Lowrance of Donelson, Ark., V. J. and Henry Lowrance and Mrs. Gordon McGee all of Roaring Springs, Mrs. Herman Seay of San Diego, Calif., and Alfred Lowrance of Robert Lee.

He is also survived by three brothers, H. C. Lowrance of Ro-

bert Lee, L. A. Lowrance and Johnnie Lowrance of Big Spring, and one sister, Mrs. Ollie Prevo.

Mr. Lowrance was well known throughout this section of the state. He was 79 years of age. Rev. O. Stricklin conducted the funeral service at the Missionary Baptist church in Roaring Springs last Thursday afternoon.

Notice of School Trustee Election

Be it ordered by the Board of Trustees of the Robert Lee Independent School District that an election be held at the School Tax Office in the City of Robert Lee, Texas, in the said district on the 5th day of April, 1947, for the purpose of electing two school trustees, to serve three year terms.

Any person wishing his name placed on the ballot may have same put thereon by filing with the County Judge five days prior to the said date, April 5th, 1947. If some one else's name is desired on the ballot, it may be placed thereon by presenting a petition signed by five qualified voters to the County Judge ten days prior to the election.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, Robert Lee Ind School District

The Albert Lehr and Johnnie Williams families of San Angelo were Sunday dinner guests in the Leslie Wink home a week ago.

BRONTE NEWS

By D. M. WEST

The city council has ordered an election on a \$40,000 bond issue, set for April 1, as on that day an election for mayor and two city councilmen will be held. Four women have been appointed to hold the election. They are Mrs. Eva Keeney, Mrs. Lois Willoughby, Mrs. Louvenia Rees and Mrs. Olive Keeney.

The order for the election provides that the proceeds from the water system must pay the bonds and interest. Thus, the proponents of the issue assert that the taxpayers will have to pay no tax for water bonds—that if the proceeds from the waterworks system do not pay the bondholders, they can never collect their money.

It is reported that a bond company has already pledged itself to buy the bonds on the above basis.

Ron Spoons of San Angelo has bought the wholesale and retail gas and oil business of C. E. Bruton and has assumed charge of same.

Mr. Spoons is very busy cleaning up his place, renovating the interior of his building and having it painted on the exterior, and is having some attractive signs provided. He is having the wholesale facilities enlarged and is preparing to handle gas and oil on a large scale.

Mrs. Verna Allen has gone to Merton to nurse a lady who is ill. She will be there an indefinite time.

The Methodist and Baptist churches of Bronte are taking a religious census of the community.

Four of the faculty of the Bronte schools have been contracted with by the board of trustees for the 1947-1948 session of the school. They are Jeff Dean superintendent, Coach H. R. Gassiot, Miss Jean Duncan, home economics, and J. T. Henry, ag instructor.

Mrs. Callie Bennett returned to her home at Fort Worth Saturday after a visit with friends. Mrs. Bennett resided in Bronte many years and only a few years ago went to make her home in Fort Worth.

The Bronte Baptist church has voiced its opposition to horse race betting by passing resolutions against it, and has sent a copy of the resolution to local legislators.

Bob Coleman attended to business in Abilene Friday where he bought material and appliances for the electrical department of his business.

Mrs. Cora (Cobb) Zander has opened a beauty shop in her home at 610 East 7th St. in San Angelo.

Mrs. A. E. Latham left Friday for Carlsbad, N. Mex., for a visit in the home of her son, Lee Roland Latham.

Notice of Public Hearing

before the Commissioner's Court of Coke County, Texas, upon an intention of said court to lease land belonging to said county for mineral development purposes. (The State of Texas) County of Coke) ss.

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing before the Commissioner's Court of Coke County, Texas, at 10 o'clock A. M. on the 14th day of April, A. D. 1947, at the Court House of Coke County, in Robert Lee, Texas, upon the intention of said Court to lease the following described tract or parcel of land belonging to said county, and lying and being situated therein, for mineral development purposes, to wit: One (1) acre more or less, being a part of section No. 299, Block No. 1-A, H & T.C. Ry. Co. described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning on the south line of Section 299, Block 1-A, H & T.C. Ry. Co. Survey, Coke County, Texas, 370 vrs. from its south-west corner; Thence North 75 vrs; Thence East 75 vrs; Thence South 75 vrs; Thence West 75 vrs. to the place of beginning. And on said date specified said court will receive and consider any and all bids submitted for the leasing of said land, and will award the lease to the highest and best bidder submitting a bid therefor, provided that if in the judgment of said court the bids submitted do not represent the fair value of such lease such court in its discretion may reject the same.

No bid will be accepted nor lease executed in any case that does not provide for the retaining of at least one-eighth royalty by the lessor, and in no case shall the primary term of said lease be for more than a period of ten (10) years from the date of the execution and approval thereof.

Witness my hand and the official seal of said Commissioners Court, at office in Robert Lee, Texas, this the 17th day of March, A. D. 1947.

Seal Willis Smith
County Clerk, Coke County, Texas
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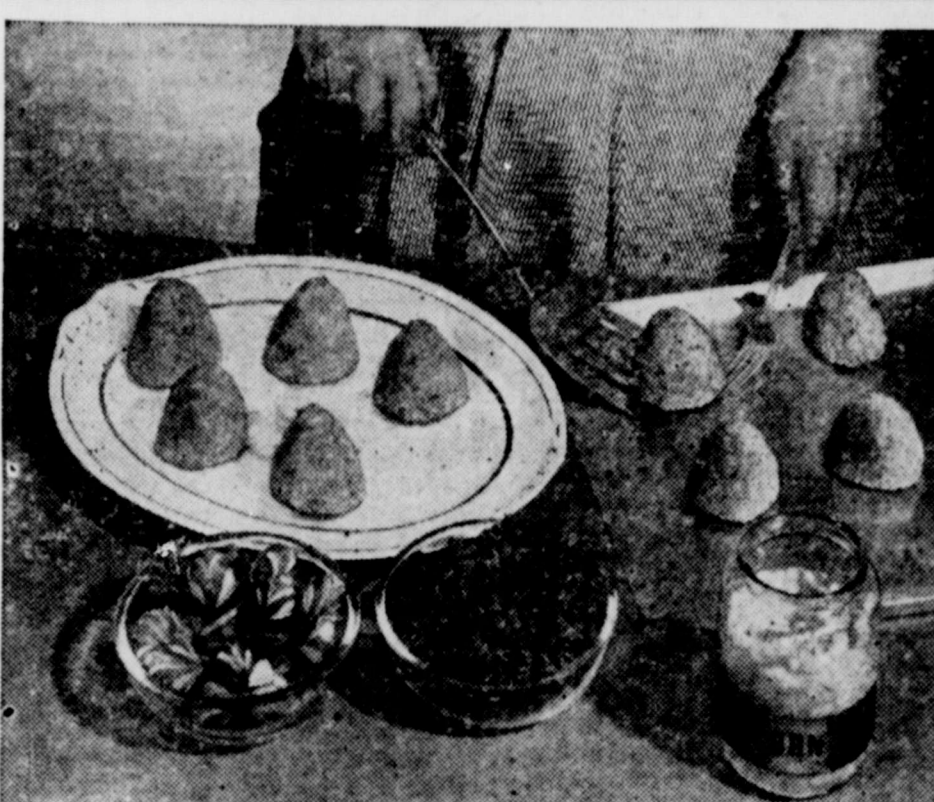
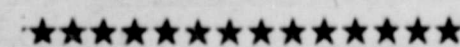
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The secret is in their care and preparation. Wash and refrigerate them upon arrival in the kitchen. Then, do take care when you cook them . . . prepare just to doneness and you will save their crispness and color, and, of course, their nutritive values.

Use interesting methods of preparation to bring out their fullest delicate flavors. Make them into croquettes, toss them into a casserole or a salad, but do keep them looking like vegetables! Your own pleasure and that of your family will well repay your efforts.

***Baked Vegetable-Nut Croquettes.**
(Serves 6)

- 1 1/2 cups canned corn
- 2 cups seasoned mashed potatoes
- 2 tablespoons melted fat
- 1 teaspoon chopped parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- Dash of cayenne
- 1/2 cup chopped nutmeats
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons cold water
- 1 cup bread crumbs

Drain corn; combine with potatoes, melted fat, onion, parsley, seasonings and nutmeats. Divide mixture into uniform portions and shape into croquettes by molding into a pyramid shape with hands. Dip each croquette lightly into crumbs, then into egg which has been mixed with water, then again in crumbs. Place on a well greased baking sheet and bake in a moderate (375-degree) oven for 30 minutes or until lightly browned.

Snap Beans and Bacon.
(Serves 5)

- 1 quart can or
- 1 1/2 pounds of fresh snap beans
- 2 medium sized potatoes, diced
- 1/4 pound bacon, diced
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Brown the bacon, add the onion and let onion brown slightly. Add to other ingredients. Bring to a boil, then cook over low heat, fresh beans 25 minutes or long enough to heat canned beans.

Creamed Corn with Green Peppers.
(Serves 5)

- 2 tablespoons butter or substitute
 - 2 tablespoons flour
 - 1 cup milk
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 - 1 teaspoon sugar
 - 1 egg, well beaten
 - 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
 - 2 cups corn kernels, canned or frozen
- Melt butter, add flour and blend

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well. Add milk slowly, stirring constantly until sauce thickens. Add salt, pepper and sugar. Combine with well beaten egg, corn and green pepper. Simmer for 10 minutes and serve at once.

Scalloped Spinach with Cheese.
(Serves 6)

- 1 1/2 pounds fresh spinach
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 4 tablespoons butter or substitute
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 cup grated cheese
- 1/2 cup soft bread crumbs

Wash spinach well and cook with one teaspoon of salt until tender. To the white sauce, add cheese and stir until melted. Place alternate layers of cheese sauce and spinach in a greased casserole. Cover with bread crumbs which have been mixed with two tablespoons of butter. Bake 20 minutes in a preheated moderate (375-degree) oven.

***Calico Salad.**
(Serves 6 to 8)

- 4 cups shredded cabbage, red and green
- 1 cup diced apple
- 1/4 cup minced onion
- 2/3 cup salad dressing
- 3 tablespoons vinegar
- 1 teaspoon celery seed
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Pineapple slices

Combine cabbage and apple. Combine all remaining ingredients except pineapple; blend well and pour over cabbage mixture. Toss lightly and serve on top of pineapple.

Tossed Spring Salad.
(Serves 6)

- 1 head lettuce
 - 5 radishes, sliced
 - 1/2 cucumber, sliced
 - 2 tablespoons diced onion
 - 1/2 bunch watercress, if desired
 - Salt
 - 3/4 to 1/2 cup french dressing
- Break lettuce into bite-sized pieces. Toss with remaining ingredients.

Apple and Lettuce Salad.

- 3 apples, peeled and diced
- 3/4 cup chopped nuts
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise

Combine apples, lemon juice and nuts. Toss with dressing and serve on leaves of lettuce.

Cranberry and Celery Salad.

- 1 pkg. lime flavored gelatin
- 2 cups boiling water
- 1 cup finely diced celery
- 1 can cranberry sauce

Dissolve gelatin in boiling water; cool. Slice cranberry sauce into 1/4 inch thick slices and cut into rounds with a cookie cutter. Arrange rounds in bottom of shallow pan. When gelatin begins to congeal, add celery and pour over cranberry rounds. When firm, cut into squares so that the round is centered in each square of gelatin. Serve on lettuce.

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3. Without looking, how many times does the numeral one appear on the face of a watch?
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5. Does the mother sea horse carry her young around with her like a kangaroo?
6. How many children did Teddy Roosevelt have?
7. What was the addled parliament?

The Answers

1. The Statue of Freedom.
2. Eastport, Maine.
3. Five times.
4. No, he ran for congress in 1866, but was defeated.
5. No, the father sea horse does.
6. Six (four sons, two daughters).
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New Tourist Courts To Relieve Housing

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More men are expected to come in and the demand for rooms will continue, so keep your rooms listed. Considerable housing space will become available when the two new tourist courts are finished in next few weeks.

Gerald Allen's court at the intersection of the Bronte and San Angelo highway will have 8 cabins, an apartment for the operator, also a store building and a filling station. All cabins will be modern and the exteriors will be of stucco finish.

The Edd Rawlings court at the highway corner on north Main street will also have eight modern units. There will be a building for a store and market with dimensions of 20 x 40 feet on the corner. Construction of the entire court is of concrete tile. The buildings will be plastered with stucco outside finish and asbestos shingle roofs. Genie Baker, formerly with the M System store, will operate the court and plans to put in a stock of meat and groceries.

Mrs. Ray Mundell entertained a group of ten at a tacky party last Thursday night, the occasion being Ray's birthday. Coffee and cake were served.

Gordon Gatlin, wife and children, Tommie and Lee Ann, of San Angelo were Sunday guests a week ago in the home of Frank D. Bryan and wife.

Green Mt. 4-H Club

The Green Mountain 4-H club met March 13 at the school house. Miss Mary Pearl Bearden, county HDA agent was present, and the club baked three cakes. Those taking part in the cake baking were: Zona Mae King and Mary Beth Schooler the 1-2-3-4 cake; Susie Jameson and Leora Nell Burson baked the one-egg cake; and Patsy Pruitt and Billie Fred Jameson baked the Bastom cream pie. Bobbie Davidson and Betty Loyce Burson made the cream filling. The cakes were served to the school children next day.

Zona Mae King was elected clothing demonstrator, and Betty Loyce Burson as bedroom demonstrator.

There were eight members present and the sponsor, Mrs. Crowley Harmon.

Base Ball Time Near

Following a windup of the spring football practice this week, Robert Lee high school boys will begin base ball practice next Monday. This is the first year since the war started that the school has sponsored a base ball team, and most of the players will be inexperienced. Supt. M. G. Hannaford attended a meeting at Lakeview School at San Angelo last week when schedules were drawn up for a 7-school base ball conference. Towns included are Water Valley, Winters, Lakeview, Robert Lee, Crews, Wingate and Christoval. Efforts are being made to secure a new base ball field for use of the school and town team.

L. M. Service had to be taken back to the hospital last week where he is reported to be responding to treatment. Mr. Service spent a long period at the hospital last year because of a heart ailment.

Saturday was Mrs. S. E. Adams' birthday and the girls employed in the office presented her with a bouquet of red roses.

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Marathon Dance Ban

Among the cases that caused many cities to ban dance marathons over a decade ago was that of 26-year-old Charles Gonder of Bayonne, N. J., who dropped dead in one of these endurance contests in 1932 after dancing continuously for 1,147 hours, or 48 days and nights.

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LAST LOVER

BY Helen Topping Miller

Jill McFarlane, whose father, Richard, disappeared in World War I, falls in love with Lieut. Spang Gordon. He tells her that her brother, Ric, is seeing a divorcee and she is upset to find the woman in question, Sandra Calvert, is an older, hardened woman. Spang says good-bye and later, while riding with Dave Patterson, a family friend, she is thrown from her horse and taken to the hospital. That night Richard returns home. He tells her mother, Julia, that he assumed a new name, that of Captain Mackey, and is stationed at the same camp as Ric. Julia is heartstruck that he never acknowledged his children and is determined to keep them from knowing the truth.

CHAPTER XI

Jill sighed, "You're certainly a devilishly stubborn female, Dooley McFarlane." Then she raised her head suddenly, and her eyes widened and blackened with panic. "Dooley, is it Ric? Has something happened?"

"What could happen? I haven't even had a letter from Ric. What made you say that, Jill?" she asked, her voice sharpening a little.

"Well, knowing Ric's capacity for getting himself into jams and your capacity for suffering about them, it was a logical question, wasn't it?"

"Logical enough. But why the panicky attack? Do you know something about Ric that I don't know?"

"No." Jill kept her eyes on the ceiling. "I told you—I only saw him for a few minutes. He had some kind of duty."

She could not add the blonde Mrs. Calvert to Dooley's mental burden now. When Ric was shipped out from Ridley Field that would all end, anyway.

"Dooley, if you sent Spang a registered letter telling him about me, it would be forwarded, wouldn't it?"

"I don't know much about army routine, Jill. You'll hear from him, won't you, when he has a definite address?"

"I don't know. He might be where he couldn't write, maybe for weeks—might be for months. Dooley—he kissed me good-bye!" Tears squeezed between Jill's guarded eyelids.

"That makes you one of the great company of women who wait, then. And your job is to wait patiently, and not worry Spang with a broken arm that will be healed before he hears about it."

"The trouble is, I don't know what I'm waiting for."

"You aren't engaged to your lieutenant, then?"

"No—he just kissed me and said to keep that till he came back. And, Dooley—sometimes they don't come back! Father didn't come back!"

She did not see the quick, drained spasm that changed her mother's face into a hollow mask of torment.

"That's part of it, Jill. That's what I wanted to spare you, if I could."

"It wasn't your fault that I fell, head over heels. I did it with my eyes open. And I'm willing to pay. I won't wench, no matter what life hands me. I'm a McFarlane, like you. But—not to have anything! You had memories—you had Ric and me. I have nothing!"

John I. Denounces His Son

Memories! Julia caught herself before she laughed aloud. Memories that burned and shamed.

"I had my children," she controlled her voice, "but there were times before your grandfather came and got us when I didn't know what you were going to eat. I was younger than you, I had always been taken care of, I hadn't even any common sense. There are compensations, Jill. Personally, I think your Spang an extraordinarily wise and decent young man. He was taking care of you. Not many men have the strength and foresight to do that when they fall in love."

She had to tell Dave. That thought was heavy on her mind and heart as she drove the station-wagon through the town. Dave did not know, as yet, that Richard McFarlane had come back.

Sharing the weight of this new problem with him would be a relief, though not kind to Dave. She could not talk to Richard's father. The old man had withdrawn into a savage mood of gloom, and her attempts to draw him out of it had only irritated him; she could not hurt him any more.

There was a personal humiliation for John I. McFarlane in the situation, a sense of responsibility that showed in his haunted eyes and uncertain gestures. He had flared at her once, trying to ease his own torment, she knew.

"If you had let me go ahead as

I wanted to, you'd be in a decent position now," he had snapped. "You'd have the advantage."

"But Richard isn't dead," Julia reminded him. "Richard is still Richard, he's still your son, he's still my husband, even if for years he has been living a lie."

"I have no son!" he cried, his throat working. "I never had a son! I spawned a creature—something with no honor, no manhood. I owe the world an apology for that mischance. But I will not dignify Richard McFarlane by owning him as my son."

She would talk to Dave now, she decided. He was sitting in his little cuddy in the bank, when she went in, the niche where he met farmers and handled crop loans and mortgages. He looked up at her with a twinkling smile and sprang quickly to his feet, to pull out a chair for her.

"Sit down, Dooley. How's Jill?"

"She's quite unhappy, but that



"Dave, Richard is alive."

will pass. The arm is healing nicely. Are you busy, Dave? Will you be free soon?"

"I'm free now if you need me. Something wrong, Dooley?"

"I want to talk to you. Could we go out and sit in my car?"

Dave reached for his hat, slammed a drawer shut.

"Come along," he said.

Julia started the station-wagon when Dave had climbed up beside her.

"It's too hot to sit still. I'll find a shady place. Or I'll keep driving."

"Find a shady place. Don't wear out your tires."

Dave asked no questions. He did not hurry her. That hurt, too, his sensitive understanding of her mood.

Dave Is Told About Richard

"Dave, Richard is alive."

There was a sharp silence, so intense that Julia's skin began to prickle. Then Dave said, hoarsely, "How do you know?"

"I've seen him." She kept her eyes straight ahead. "He came to the house Sunday night."

"He's in the army," Julia went on. "He's a captain in the air corps. He's at the same field where Ric is."

"So—all this time—"

"All this time," she repeated flatly, "he had stayed away because he didn't want to come back!"

"The hound!" Dave snapped. "And I suppose now—when you're on your feet, when things would be easy for him—he has changed his mind?"

"He said," Julia gave a hard little laugh, "that he realized suddenly that he missed me!"

"Very suddenly—after twenty-five years! Did he have any excuse—any explanation?"

"He didn't offer any excuse. It seems he got bored with the war and wandered off to Paris. In the confusion after the armistice he got hold of some other man's papers. So he changed his name."

"Dave drew a relieved breath. "Well, that lets you out, Dooley. He can't expect to be taken back, after this."

"I don't think he expects it. He didn't talk about it. He was very casual. You know Richard, that impervious, arrogant way he had? He hasn't changed."

"He came expecting you to swoon with delight at seeing him, no doubt, and when you weren't over-

come he kept a remote and slightly condescending attitude. Yes, I know."

"I don't know what he expected. He came in as coolly as though he'd only been gone a week. He asked about the children. I was so thankful neither of them was there. John I. was in a rage. He wouldn't even shake hands with Richard. I'm so sorry for John I. I ache all over."

"Chin up, Dooley. This puts an end to all the uncertainty—at least all the unease that has been making you unhappy so long."

"I wish I could see the end," she said.

"But it's perfectly clear," he argued. Then sharply, "You don't mean that you want him back—now?"

She shook her head. "He shamed me, Dave. I know that I was young and silly. I suppose I bored him after the first excitement of being in love with me cooled into commonplace responsibility, into the dreary chore of having to clothe and feed me, having the babies coming—all that."

"Dooley, you're not going to blame yourself for this man's worthlessness, his utter lack of decency or honor!"

"I have to blame myself, Dave. Another woman might have made a man of Richard, might have made him want to be a man, at least."

"Richard McFarlane had every chance. He threw his chances away. He deserves no sympathy. I won't let you harrow yourself like this."

She gave a little choking sigh. "I suppose I should try to act like an outraged wife. Perhaps I can when I've got over being stunned."

"The next move," Dave said in a calm, business-like tone, "is for you to get a divorce."

She shivered a little. "That's just it, Dave. I can't do it."

"What do you mean, you can't?"

If twenty-five years of callous desertion isn't legal grounds for divorce, I don't know what would be."

"Of course I have grounds," she agreed, "but Richard isn't Richard now. He's Captain Roger Mackey of the air corps. Think what it would mean! A nation-wide sensation. A military investigation. A cheap story to spread in black headlines in the cheap press. Humiliation for me and for Richard's old father. And for Ric and Jill—Dave, I don't even dare to think of what it would do to Ric and Jill!"

"They aren't children, Dooley. They're adults and strong enough to bear the truth."

"Even if they are strong—and Ric isn't strong, Dave. I'm his mother, but I'm not foolishly blind. I know that Ric has a weak strain in him. But even agreeing that they are mature enough to face a ghastly situation like this, think of the cruelty of it. I'd be destroying the one fine thing I've been able to give them. I gave them a hero for a father—a dead hero—and I can't snatch that father away and show them a coward instead! It would do incalculable harm. To Ric especially. Can't you see what it would do to Ric, when he's so unbalanced anyway by the unbalanced recklessness now in the world? Can't you see that it would ruin him? He's proud. He'd despise me, undoubtedly. I can't do it, Dave."

"Why should your son despise you? You aren't talking sense."

"Because his father despised me—enough to abandon me, I'd be a pathetic figure in my children's eyes, I'd be pitied by people who have respected me."

Dave leaned forward, his face gray and grave and weary. "All right, Dooley. If that's the way you feel, there's nothing I can say."

A Struggle of Torn Emotions

"But—how else can I feel?" Julia heard a voice that broke and cried, and was a little startled to discover that it was her own. "I'm trapped. There's no way out for me. You can see that, surely?"

"I don't know whether I see it or not, Dooley. I see you, bent on sacrificing yourself still further to this dream you've harbored all these years. Tell me one thing. Are you still in love with Richard McFarlane?"

She set her face, stilled its quivering.

"No, I'm not in love with him any more. I think that died, long ago. I know now that it died. Not even a spark came alive when I saw him. I had only had one feeling—an outraged and terribly hurt indignation. He made me cheap in my own eyes, Dave, and that can be a horrible feeling. I was something that had been thrown away."

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