



CHAPTER IV SYNOPSIS

Lee Hollister, returning unexpectedly from a trip abroad to the Circle V ranch, his home from childhood, is troubled by signs of neglect. He is upset, too, when he meets Slanty Gano, a trouble maker whom Matt Blair, owner of the ranch, had run off the land in times past. Slanty is now manager for the old Ceballos place. Joey, prospector befriended by Matt, breaks the news that Matt is dead; he had killed himself. Joey says the ranch is going to ruin under Lawler, manager appointed by Virginia, Matt's daughter, who is living in New York with her aunt and uncle. Lee goes east to get her and persuades her to return to the ranch to save it.

There were no cattle in the home pastures now, but in the distance as she rode she could see the scar of the timber slash that Lee had censured.

Down there was Joey's claim, and in front of the little grey cabin a conspicuously tall young man was just rising from the domestic task of filling a coffee pot with water at the creek. Already he had seen her, and Joey from the doorway had raised his thin halo.

"Here's Lee, Honey! Jes' turned up, doggone his ornery hide. You're comin' to supper, ain't ye?"

"Glad to see you, Virginia." Lee held out his hand as a matter of course and gave her a grip that was somehow reassuring.

"If you don't stay to supper," Lee was remarking conversationally, "Joey won't be fit to live with for a week, and I'd counted on bunking with him for a night or two."

"Oh, are you staying with Joey?" She hesitated. As far back as she could remember, the ranch house had been Lee's home. Her father had treated him like a son. "You know, Father would always want you to feel—"

"Thanks, but I'm afraid that wouldn't do. I'm not a part of the Circle V outfit now. I'll probably camp somewhere in the hills while I'm—looking around."

She watched Joey as he bustled about, in contrast to Lee's easier motions. Soon the pleasant smell of cedar smoke was in the air, the aroma of coffee, the hissing of trout broiling over live coals.

"Supper's ready," Lee called cheerfully.

She had forgotten that it was possible to eat with such appetite. And she drank coffee from a large tin cup with a business-like handle and wondered, as Lee Hollister neatly placed a flat stone for a saucer, what her aunt would say if she could see her now, side by side in the dusk with the wizened old prospector and the young man who had been one of her father's "hands."

Lee was quiet, his clean profile showing darkly against the fire. Joey chattered contentedly.

"Lee was sayin'." Joey prattled on, "that ye oughta have some woman to come help with the work."

"I'll think about it, Joey—but I must go now. It's almost dark. She jumped up with a quick shiver. Night was coming on with a keen tang in the air, and her silk shirt was thin. Lee arose and disappeared into the cabin. A moment later a man's coat was laid around her shoulders.

"Reckon you forget that this climate is half a mile up in the air and gets cold awful sudden," he drawled. "I'll ride back with you, Virginia."

She was glad to have him as they left the friendly circle of the fire and plunged into a deepening dusk. Soon they could see the ranch with its lamp-lit windows.

"That means 'welcome home,' Virginia. And I suppose Carly is rounding up the whole outfit to meet the boss."

"Oh—am I a boss?" She laughed long and loud. Somehow it gave her a sense of ownership that she had not felt before.

They rode on in a star-glimmering darkness, talking little. For two people who had quarreled so bitterly, they were strangely content.

Early the next morning Lee rode out of Joey's ravine just in time to receive a sour glance from Lawler and a grinning hail from Curly and Darrell, all on their way to the upper range, and turned up the valley again to the ranch house. He went around back to find Ling pattering with unusual care among his pots and pans. Ling usually clattered.

"Missy sleep," he confided amiably. "Bleakfas, Lee?"

"Had it, thanks. I'll go in the office and bang around."

It was the opportunity that Lee had been waiting for. He closed the office door behind him. Leaning against the door, he absently lit a cigarette and looked slowly around. There was the familiar armchair, sagging somewhat from long years of accommodating Matt's ample frame; there was the old oak desk in the

middle of the room, on whose surface a boy named Lee Hollister had burned the Circle V brand one day.

The chair in which he had died had been moved from its usual place. Lee crossed the room without sound and put it back again. He stood beside it, looking toward the closed door; went over to a window and looked out; looked back again with thoughtful intension; returned to the desk and stood looking down at that, puzzling for the answer that would not come.

Lee pulled out the second drawer of the desk, slid his hand beneath the obstinate upper drawer and gave it a pressure of strong finger tips which brought it sliding out obediently. An old tobacco tin was still there, a few cartridges, some odds and ends of paper. Nothing very valuable.

He bent lower, peering intently, pulled the drawer out, moving the haphazard contents lightly.

He paused and cleared his throat nervously. "It will be very unfortunate if this Hollister does anything to interfere with the sale of the ranch."

"I never liked Lee Hollister," said Mrs. Archer positively. "I never could understand Matthew's action in bringing a child like that—no better than a foundling—right into his own home. But there is only one thing to do now, and that is to get out there and bring Virginia back if I can."

Mr. Archer nodded a relieved assent, secretly envying a power possessed. His wife went over to the desk and drew a telephone from its decorative hiding place.

"I think," she said thoughtfully, "that I'd better telephone Stanley about our plans. He has been really disconsolate since Virginia left."

Stanley Bradish, since the evening when Virginia had left him flat, had been in a bad humor and distinctly sulky.

Mr. Archer's telephone call found him at home and in a state of bored restlessness. He listened warily, but presently with a livelier interest. Why not? Everything was fearfully stale here.

"Awfully good of you to ask me, Mrs. Archer. Are you sure Virginia won't think I'm a nuisance trailing along? That's fine. I'll take the same train if you don't mind. . . . Count on me."

He hung up the receiver with a knowing smile. He went downstairs better pleased with life than he had been for some days, to be informed that his father was closeted with a caller. Stanley strolled outside.

Voices came to him. He caught the word Blair. He moved nearer to the window through which the subdued sounds drifted. He waited, listening.

Milton Bradish always knew what he wanted and went after it with about as much regard for obstacles as an army tank. It was his capacity for ruthlessness that had brought Bradish where he was now. Incidentally had brought Gideon Morse, the lawyer, whom he was at this moment, traveling twenty-five hundred miles for a few brief comments which might not prove altogether discreet on paper.

"The only obstacle," he said in his curiously mild voice, "is this man Hollister."

"Get rid of him."

"No so easy," said Morse mildly. "And dangerous."

"I'm not suggesting homicide," retorted his chief brusquely. "You know there are more ways of getting rid of a man than knocking him over the head. How about bringing him in?"

"Wouldn't come," said Morse laconically. "He's like a hound pup with his nose to a trail. Probably thinks he has a mission to reclaim the Circle V. You see, he and Matt were pretty close. You might say that he was brought up on the Circle V. Matt picked him up years ago in some dingy hole and brought him home because he was a likely youngster and hadn't any folks of his own. You know Matt always had a lot of pensioners around. Anybody could go to him with a hard luck story and get a grubstake or a job."

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Clairette

By NILA MARIE ALEXANDER

The Shiloh Singing met with us Sunday January 14 and was attended and enjoyed by a large crowd.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hampton of Fort Worth were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stanford.

The H-D club met with Mrs. Ray Stipes Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Hurshel Sherrard has been staying with her mother, Mrs. Ogle, who is ill in Hico.

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Duffau

By DOROTHY DESKIN

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bell of Fort Sam Houston visited over the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eck Bell.

The play Saturday night was well attended. Music was furnished by Charlie Nichols' string band from Stephenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cox and family of near Carlton visited in the W. C. Fouts home Sunday.

Everyone enjoyed the basketball games Friday night between Purves junior boys and girls and Duffau junior teams. Also Purves outsiders' team and Duffau out-laws played.

Mr. W. C. Fouts and daughter, Pearl, and son, John B., and Alva

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Loans and Discounts	56,469.21
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank, Dallas, Texas	3,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1.00
TOTAL ASSETS	482,119.73
Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits	127,179.69
Deposits	352,440.04
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Hico, Texas, Friday, Jan. 19, 1940.

AMERICA STANDS BY ITS IDEALS

This thing we call Americanism is the outgrowth and fruit of the spiritual ideals of liberty, of tolerance and of human brotherhood which are the solid and enduring foundations upon which our nation was built.

Recent events serve to demonstrate the truth that the American spirit still prevails. It has been the fashion among so-called "intellectuals" in this country, for some years, to preach the doctrine that there is a higher ideal of government than our own, and that Russia, not the United States, has achieved it.

But when Russia demonstrated to the world by its pact with Germany that the Communist ideal was more ruthless and self-seeking than anything we of America have ever dreamed of, many of the "fellow-travelers" in this country began to have their doubts.

In like manner the spirit of Americanism has been invoked by President Roosevelt in calling upon Catholics, Protestants and Jews to bury their religious differences and unite in a solid front of spiritual resistance to the war of the Godless leaders of European nations.

TRUTH about ADVERTISING

By CHARLES B. ROTH

BUT IT'S JUST AS GOOD

YOU have had the experience, haven't you, of going into some stores and asking for an advertised brand of goods, only to have the clerk hand you another brand and inform you, "But it's just as good."

Sometimes, to your regret, you bought the "just as good" item but sometimes you walked out of the store and searched until you found the merchandise you had asked for in the first place. When you got it you were satisfied.

You had confidence in the advertised goods, because you read in the honest pronouncements of the advertiser what you might expect his product to do for you. This gave you assurance. You bought because you had confidence.

But when that clerk palmed off something different on you, you had misgivings, you had doubts, you had fears, you had lack of confidence.

Maybe they were justified. Maybe they were not. It doesn't matter. The fact remains that advertising had invested the advertiser's goods with a confidence which made you buying a peasant in place of a fearful duty.

Usually, but not always, these "just as good" goods are not as good—they are inferior and the merchant sells them because they carry more profit for him. He does his level best to get rid of them, because it is more to his advantage to do so than it is to yours.

Many stores pay their salesman a commission for selling unknown and unadvertised goods, because the salesman would not sell them without some special inducement.

It is much better for you as a consumer to put your reliance absolutely in advertised goods and in stores which advertise, and to patronize both exclusively.

When a man advertises his goods and tells frankly and publicly what they will do for you, he seeks your patronage on the basis of actual value.

It may be that some manufacturers or merchants can offer just as good value in unknown or unadvertised goods. But the chances are ten to one that they can't—because advertising not only increases the distribution of goods, but at the same time increases the production, so that advertised goods cost less to make; hence, gives more to the buyer.

In the long run you get more for your money when you buy advertised goods. You get more in actual value. And also get more in that intangible value, known as confidence.

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Very Latest



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Buttoned straight up to the throat in business-like fashion, it has a plain neckline that you can adorn with bright, floating wool scarves, if you like.

Make this of velveteen, blanket cloth, duvetyne, suede or suede cloth.

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In Our Town



THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Jan. 18.—With the convening of the second regular session of the 76th Congress on January 3, the outstanding political issue of 1940 began to assume new shape, as Senators and Representatives met for the first time since the neutrality session of last fall.

That outstanding issue is the question whether Mr. Roosevelt desires and intends to run for a third term. Upon the final answer either by the President himself or by the Democratic National Convention when it meets, will hinge the fortunes of the nation for the next four years.

If Mr. Roosevelt were to be renominated without a contest it is now the fixed opinion of most experienced observers here that he would be re-elected. That would mean a continuation of the New Deal for another four years.

Up to a few days ago it was the widespread belief that the decision was entirely up to Mr. Roosevelt himself and to nobody else. But since Vice-President Garner has openly announced his own candidacy doubts are being cast upon the validity of that assumption.

Mr. Garner is an old, experienced and decidedly "cagey" political manipulator. So long as it was merely his friends talking about him as a candidate it was possible to infer that he didn't want the nomination very seriously; at least not seriously enough to risk the wide open break in the Democratic party which his active pursuit of it would almost surely bring about.

Reasonably Sure of Nomination! But now that the die is cast, and "Cactus Jack" is going out in dead earnest after the first prize,

the political sharps are studying the situation from some new angles.

It does not seem probable to those who have made the study of national politics and political figures their chief concern for many years that the gentleman from Texas would make his bid for the nomination unless he felt reasonably sure that he could get it.

Under the rules of the party, adopted in 1936, it no longer takes a two-thirds majority to nominate, only a majority of one more than half the number of delegates, as in the Republican conventions.

And it is not at all impossible, the students of Democratic disaffection with the New Deal think, that Mr. Garner may already have up his sleeve enough assurances from party leaders who will control their state delegations to give him that one-more-than-half.

The alternative of such a conviction on Mr. Garner's part, in the opinion of experts, is that he would prefer a wide-open party split and possibly even a "rump" convention in case Mr. Roosevelt should be re-nominated, to the reelection of the President. It may sound incredible, but there are some experienced onlookers in Washington who believe that the hatred of the New Deal by Mr. Garner and a considerable body of Democrats whom he represents, is so great that they would prefer to see a Republican administration for the next four years.

Neither the President nor the Vice-President is voicing his personal antagonism, naturally. But the evidence that it exists and is getting much stronger on Mr. Garner's part is apparent to those who have studied this phase of the national political scene with care.

Roosevelt Encouraged The number of people who are pressing the idea that it is not only desirable but necessary for Mr. Roosevelt to be renominated and re-elected is growing, mainly in the official circles surrounding him. Ambassadors Kennedy and Davies, home on leave to report on European conditions, the

latest to join in the chorus. Some are saying that he is "indispensable" in the light of the European crisis. Yet among those close to the President there are some who do not share the idea that any man in a democracy is "indispensable" and who hint among their friends that Mr. Roosevelt himself does not subscribe to any such Jeffersonian doctrine.

There is no serious talk here of a "compromise" candidate, equally acceptable to the New Deal and the conservative wing of the Democratic party. The only man who has been so talked of is Secretary of State Cordell Hull. It is said on Mr. Hull's behalf, on what appears to be excellent authority, that he doesn't want such a nomination.

The only thing Mr. Hull is greatly interested in is American foreign relations, and he is much more interested in his reciprocal trade agreements, of which he has negotiated 21 with as many nations, than he is with the impacts and crises arising out of the war situation over the seas. In the handling of foreign relations in respect to the war, it can truly be said that Mr. Roosevelt is his own Secretary of State.

Worried Over Trade Agreements Secretary Hull is more than a little worried over the public reaction to his trade agreements, which are being regarded by various interests in this country as depriving them of the protection against foreign competition which they thought they had under the Smoot-Hawley tariff law.

The most intensive opposition comes from livestock men west of the Mississippi. The cattle and sheep men fear that the proposed letting down of the bars against Argentine beef and mutton, now under negotiation, will adversely affect their interests and Washington has been warned that they are on the warpath.

The matter is bound to be an issue at this session, for the present law authorizing such trade agreements expires by limitation on June 12.

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Author of "How to Win Friends and Influence People."

THEODORE DREISER God's Mercy and Three Gin Rickeys Brought A Titan To American Literature

Theodore Dreiser is one of the most astonishing novelists in America—and one of the most distinguished. For a third of a century, he has been on a literary rampage, bellowing and snorting and pawing up the earth like a short-horn bull.

He has had an immense influence upon American literature. The books you are reading today would have been a trifle different if Theodore Dreiser had never lived.

In 1906, he wrote a sensational novel called Sister Carrie, which stirred up a tornado of talk. Critics denounced it as immoral and obscene. Preachers pounded their pulpits and women's clubs rose up in holy indignation and demanded that it be suppressed.

The publisher became frightened, and refused to sell it. Dreiser was astonished. He didn't know anything immoral about his novel. He had only depicted life as he saw it. But that was back in 1906. Nobody would think of denouncing the book now. And if you want a copy of the first edition of Sister Carrie today, it will cost you \$350.10.

Once went up to see this grey, slim gruff giant. He is so frank he makes you gasp.

He has written the most moving tragedies ever penned about American life. His greatest book, An American Tragedy, appeared in 1925, when the author was so hard up he could hardly pay his room rent. The book created a national sensation and four hundred thousand dollars came roaring down upon him like an avalanche.

Hollywood paid him almost a fifth of a million dollars for the movie rights alone. I asked him what he did with the money—he put it in stocks, bonds and mortgages and lost \$300,000.

Dreiser suddenly decided one day that he was going to newspaper reporter, so he got a job on the Chicago Tribune. They told him that they needed any help. But he took and said he was going to stay until they did. He sat there day for over a month. That was 1891, and when the Democratic National Convention opened in Chicago, in June of that year, paper had to have some extra porters so they gave him one. Then an incredible thing happened. This cub reporter, who never written a line for a paper in his life, was handed the bar of the Auditorium—the other reporters were being the fact that no one who was going to be nominated Dreiser had had a couple of tails and he wanted to show so he said, "I know who is to be nominated. A dark Senator McEnty of South Illinois." Just at that instant, S. McEnty swung into the room and said, "Who does me the honor mentioning my name?" Dreiser confessed; and the editor said: "That's fine. Let a drink." Then five minutes he invited Dreiser to have and some more gin rickeys under their melon influence. Senator said: "I want you to Washington with me as my private secretary."

After lunch, McEnty said: "Ten, boy—I'm going to let you on a dark secret. Grover Cleveland is going to be nominated president; and you are the newspaperman to know it." Dreiser was flabbergasted. He had only been a reporter for a few days, and had gotten the scoop of the year.

I asked him to tell me the history of his success and he said, "the mercy of God—that's all."

TWO SIDES To Every Question

By Lytle Hull use it. We have a right to and security on our side of the ocean. We are endangered time a warlike incident on our waters. Protests and resolutions every time we attempt to force our laws by interfering with any of the belligerents.

Physical danger threatens of one of our countries, the Uruguay coast. It is great a stretch of imagination picture a battle off New York and a few stray shells arising every time we attempt to force our laws by interfering with any of the belligerents.

American line, with a thine Americans aboard, or a mine—dropped by a fleeing in the hope of sinking the—killing Americans instead if the belligerents are also sneer at our claim of superiority over our own waters, how ill it be before they begin our fields along our coast certainly will an incident involve us in the sordid war. The United States already nearly as many citizens in all three of the countries in this war and to us. Am they are of far greater importance to so little that endanger our lives that with impunity, let us inform that they have made a slip.

Try to imagine what would be the United States war with some other nation dared to carry on operations on the coast of Germany, the neutral positions of our countries; and then let us in righteous wrath and those nations that unless keep their supercilious noses of our jam coast they would no jam.

Although there was, of much joy and excitement if a member of her husband's expedition to Alaska, Mrs. Wood must have passed through even days, who thought of civilization with yearning.

The party, commanded by other members besides Mrs. devoted three months to mapping work in snow at covered mountain areas in Yukon Territory.

Sometimes their camp pitched at an elevation of 2,000 square miles of wilderness for the American Geographical Society.

Germany would stop sending her raiders over here if every American country would threaten to cut off all shipments destined for her, England and France are far more vulnerable to similar action on the part of the Americas. They must have our produce or quit. Both sides are equally guilty of utter disrespect for the wishes of the nations of this hemisphere.

The weapon to make this 300 mile zone one of the few peaceful spots is in our hands. We should

Virginia R. Howlett, secretary of the welfare department of the American Geographical Society, has recently moved to their community work. Last 42,189 volunteer jobs were members.

The House of Hazards

By Mac Arthur

IF YOU NEED HELP—WHY DON'T YOU ASK DOPEY OVER THERE TO CLEAR THE TABLE? I CAN BEST ANSWER THAT. BY ASKING YOU TO WATCH YOUR SON PUT JUST ONE DISH AWAY.

GOSH, YER WORKIN' MY YOUNG FINGERS 'T'W' BONE—I HAVE NO FREEDOM...WHY YER STIFLIN' MY YOUTHFUL SPIRIT—I'M A SLAVE--

HOW DYA EXPECT ME T' OPEN THIS WITH MY BOTH HANDS FULL?

THERE'S NO ROOM IN THE ICE BOX FOR THIS DISH-- I'LL HAFTA TAKE A FEW THINGS OUT!

WELL, ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS PUT THESE BACK AND WASH THE FLOOR.--- HOW DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHY I DON'T ASK JUNIOR TO HELP ME?

YA-A-YA-A-YOU WIN!

Gil

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Local Happenings

Mrs. J. D. Gage of spent Sunday with his W. D. Gage.

Miss McAnally of Brady end guest of her mother, E. McAnally.

OP, Jewelry, Watch, Repairing, 14-tc.

Mrs. Marvin Marshall in Richard Springs and Mrs. P. G. Hays.

spent last week in as a guest of C. B. C. A. Brown and family.

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Mrs. Si Johnson and accompanied by Mr. and Tom Johnson, attended at Dublin Sunday.

Roy Hathcock and wife and Tolleriver and wife were their aunt, Mrs. Edd Mas- and Mr. Massengale at Monday night.

Elra Johnson, who has visiting her brother, Si, and also other relatives at home, returned to her home at Saturday night. She was ac- com- panied home by Frank John- and Lorand Heffley, who vis- itatives and friends over the

Mrs. Leonard McLendon daughter, Marlene, of Grey- was visiting Charlie Tolliv- and wife Friday. E. B. Thomp- and wife also visited in the home that day.

Mrs. Si Johnson home that few days included Walter nson, Lorand and Clayton by of Stephenville, John K. of Iredell, I. E. Johnson of Hill and Jack Todd of this

Etta Seay and children re- moved to a farm near Hico, and Mrs. Will Green of Hico visiting in the Earl Patter- some while Tuesday.

Mrs. Joe Crow and chil- of near Walnut Springs were guests of Mrs. Crow's sis- ter, Mrs. Roy Hathcock, and Mr. Hathcock Sunday. Mr. and Charlie Tolliver were after- guests.

Si Johnson was visiting her Mrs. L. J. Jordan, at Hico day afternoon.

Mrs. Manson Humphries of Lub- bock is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Abel, and fam- ily, and her sister, Mrs. John El- ington, and family.

Mrs. George H. McAnally of Ard- more, Okla., who had been here about three weeks visiting with her sister, Mrs. M. E. Burnett, and family, and with Mr. and Mrs. Barto Gamble, left last week end for Waco and Mexia, where she will visit with other relatives.

I. J. Teague was in Temple Mon- day to see his mother, Mrs. I. J. Teague, Sr., who has been in the hospital here since suffering a paralytic stroke at her home in Moody last week. Mr. Teague re- ported upon his return that she was doing as well as could be ex- pected.

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JOTS... Jokes & Jingles

-BU- JENNIE MAE

We looked up O. R. Williams Wednesday and plunked down our dollar and six bits for a brand new 1940 poll tax which we folded neatly and filed away in our purse along with a bushel of other zadd- gets, necessities and excess bag- gage collected therein over a pe- riod of some six months. Since our coming of age (voting age) we have derived more pleasure from our voting privilege than from any other one thing. We realize that one vote couldn't vote down com- munist or any of the other isms, but our point is a purely personal one. Nothing can quite make up for the disinterested look on a candidate's face when he finds out you don't have a poll tax.

Mrs. Driskell said she had been after Pauline for several days to pay her poll tax and finally Pauline became annoyed and said: "Why I still have the one I got last year and didn't use."

Our good friend, W. M. Cheney, has moved from his home to the Russell Hotel, where he is ex- pecting some extra special ser- vice. Mr. Cheney has been in ill health for several months and felt justified in abandoning the responsibilities of keeping up his home for the cozy comfort of a room at the hotel, where he can lie lazily in bed and have his meals brought to him if he doesn't feel like getting up on these cold mornings.

Observations: Carmen Shelton Hooper, seldom seen around, driv- ing down the street and honking us out of the way. . . . Aubrey Du- zan and I. J. Teague, their heads stuck together in front of the lat- ter's place, reminds us that no good can come of it. . . . Miss Jes- sie Garth, seeing her mother off on the train. . . . Misses Carolyn Hol- ford, Mary Helen Hollis and Col- leen Higgins, taking a ride on the Saturday morning train to Clarette and laughing because they had thirty-five cents to spend and there was no "butch". . . . Miss Frances Vickrey, trying to choose between several proofs she'd had made at the Wiseman Studio. . . . J. A. Hughes, reputed to be the best frog gigger in Hamilton or any other county.

CARBON MONOXIDE

Danger To Motorists Can Be Minimized, Says Dr. Cox

Austin, Jan. 11.—To minimize danger of carbon monoxide poi- soning during winter months mo- torists are urged by Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, to check up now on exhaust systems of their automobiles for defective connections and leaks.

Cold weather, which necessitates driving in closed cars, is the time of the year when carbon monox- ide finds most of its victims. The poison seeps inside the car from leaky connections and overwhelms occupants of the car.

Carbon monoxide is colorless, odorless and tasteless; when in the air it gives no sign of its pres- ence and is taken into the blood instead of oxygen. Suffering or collapse results from lack of oxygen.

Dr. Cox pointed out that warn- ing up a car in a closed garage is a common cause of carbon monox- ide deaths. It follows that if one plans to run the automobile en- gine for any purpose inside the garage, the door should be wide open immediately, and this irrespective of outside temperature.

Leaks from manifold connec- tions, cracked manifolds, defective mufflers, leaks from loose muffler connections and leaks from hot air heater connections are potential sources for release of carbon mon- oxide and should be checked. Pay particular attention to these items and remember that proper pres- sure adjustment causes minimum production of carbon monoxide, and that the highest proportion of the gas is produced by an idling motor.

Dr. Cox pointed out that head- aches which occur during long drives may indicate that carbon monoxide is leaking into the air. Sleepiness, dizziness, fatigue, and extreme cases of paralysis are other symptoms of carbon monox- ide poisoning. "Truck drivers mak- ing long drives in cars with defect- ive exhaust systems are particu- larly vulnerable," he stated.

Carbon monoxide poisoning is al- so attributable to worn-out hose or faulty connections on gas heaters. When using the hose type of con- nection, persons should make cer- tain that no leakages due to wear and tear exist. A thorough invest- igation of such appliances each au- tumn to check the leakages and re- place worn parts of gas appliances is indicated.

In short, carelessness is the ef- fective weapon against carbon mon- oxide poisoning. Carelessness and indifference alone make the killer.

FOOTBALL BANQUET NOTICE

The Hico High School Athletic Committee has sent out invita- tions for the annual football ban- quet to be held on January 25th. Will all persons planning to at- tend this banquet please let me know by Tuesday, so that the com- mittee can make the necessary ar- rangements for the banquet? The 1600-foot film of the Sugar Bowl game between T. C. U. and Car- negie Tech definitely will be shown. L. R. (Dutch) Meyer is shown in a letter to me this week.

RAY D. BROWN.

Gilmore
By
MRS. RUBY JOHNSON

Falls Creek
By
LULA MAE COSTON

Mrs. A. O. Cook and daughter, Juanita, of Stephenville spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. S. V. Chumney, and her sister, Mrs. Grady Coston.

Miss Lola Mae Todd of Fairy spent the week end with Mary Katherine Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ryne of Meri- dian spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Ryan.

Miss Mary Katherine Moore spent Tuesday night with Miss Lola Mae Todd of Fairy.

Mrs. Frank Allen spent Satur- day evening with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. L. Parker of Hico. Mr. John White and family have moved in our community from the Iredell community.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Malone of Old Hico visited Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. Grady Coston and family.

CARD OF THANKS

To the many friends and ac- quaintances who were so kind and thoughtful to us during the long illness and death of our husband and father we wish to express our sincere appreciation. May the Lord bless each and every one.

Mrs. G. L. Faggard,
J. Ward Faggard and Family,
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gibson,
Lorraine Morgan.

Relative Dies

Mrs. Mollie Carpenter had re- ceived word of the death of her cousin, Tom McEee, in Elk City, Oklahoma, January 12. Mr. McEee, who died suddenly of heart trouble, leaves his widow and two children. Mrs. Carpenter was unable to at- tend the funeral.

EPWORTH LEAGUE

Tuesday night the B. T. U. gave the League a party in the prayer- meeting room of the Baptist Church. Although quite a few of our members were not present we all enjoyed the party very much. Thanks a lot, Baptist young peo- ple, for the good time you gave us.

JAMES MANN.

Family And Friends Meet For Birthday of Mrs. Chumney

Mrs. Sally Chumney, widow of the late George W. Chumney, passed the eighty-second mile- stone in life's journey on Janu- ary 17, and the event was cele- brated happily by family reun- ion and get-together friends last Sunday at the home near Hico of her daughter, Mrs. Grady Coston, and husband. Features of the day's festivities were the shower of love gifts and the elaborate noonday dinner, served from two long tables in the dining room.

Marking the place of the hon- orée at the prettily-decorated table was a birthday cake, baked and topped with 82 candles by Mrs. W. M. Coston. Another beau- tiful and delicious confection was the gift of Mrs. A. O. Allen. After dinner ceremonies included loving tributes to the celebrant, a woman charming in manner and sweet in association, wisely tender and compassionate toward the unfor- tunate, the sick or suffering. All of the children of Mrs. Chumney, except a daughter, Mrs. Lem. Grisham, of Quanah, Texas, were present, and the company at the table included the following per- sonnel: Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Chum- ney, Mrs. Pearl Neal and chil- dren, Marion Arthur, Bernard and Maurice; Mr. and Mrs. Omer Cook and children, Travis and Juanita; Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Allen, Margaret and Mrs. Coy Parks, Alton Parks, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Poston, Tom Coston, Braxton Edington, Louis Abel, James Allen, Geraldine Brummett, Betty Jim Parks, Antonice Ber- trand, Pauline Douglas Fergusson, Claudene Fergusson, Mary Nell Fergusson, Mrs. Jesse Hainwater, Theima Jean Rainwater, Mrs. Lee Parrish and little son, Bobbie Lee Parrish; Mr. and Mrs. Claud Fer- gusson, Ima Jean Fergusson, Claydene Hedgpeh, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fergusson, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Ellis, James, Wayland and Billy Dale Talley, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Chumney and daughters, Dora, Wilma and Anita; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kreuger and Angie Kreuger, W. M. Coston, Margaret Allen, Artie Mae Tolliver, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Coston and children, Truett, Lula Mae and Virginia; James Allen.

Mrs. Chumney has lived in Ham- ilton county for nearly fifty years. She came to this section with her late husband from McLennan county, and they resided nearly all of the balance of his life time in Blue Ridge, where they reared their family. Since the death of Mr. Chumney, Mrs. Chumney has spent her time among her chil- dren, and grandchildren, and her presence in any of their homes is a coveted privilege and pleasure. She is amiable in disposition and retains a spirit of youth that en- joys happily into all activities of the family wherever she is abiding. She is enjoying good health at present, and keeps busy serving others as has been her choice and loving contribution to those about her since childhood. Mrs. Chumney is a devout Christian and her faith grows more steadfast as the years gather about her in her up- ward journey toward the eternal Home.

The wish of a host of friends is that Mrs. Chumney's birthdays in the future may always be as happy as the one just passed, and the best wish of all for her is that her family circle may remain un- broken, and that prosperity may bless her loved ones in all of their endeavors and undertakings. Miss Chumney, Editor, Hamilton Herald-Record.

For the first time in their lives, five brothers were together at one time when a family reunion was held during the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hillard at Sherman. The two older members of the family, half bro- thers of the younger three, many years ago left the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hillard, where they were born, and had not been back at the same time since. The older brothers are W. L. Hillard of Clarksville, retired naval officer, and James P. Hillard of Detroit. The younger are Joe, John and Phillip Hillard of Sherman, who range in age from 25 to 30. They have one sister, Mrs. Paul Whit- comb of Limona, Fla., who was unable to be present.

Dr. Frances H. Clark stands at the top in the science of metallur- gy, in which she finds both ro- mance and a career. She special- izes in examining metals for their wear-resistant and vibration-proof qualities, and seeks the best for us in telegraph and cable ser- vice.

Dr. Clark has for thirteen years headed the metallurgical labora- tory of one of the leading tele- graph companies in this country. She is a native of Glasgow, Dela- ware, and is a graduate of Syra- cuse University.

Several hundred women now have the right to argue a case be- fore the United States Supreme Court. The number is steadily in- creasing, but it will take some time for it to equal that of the more than 50,000 men who have this distinction.

Austin—The National Youth Administration will provide 100 girls part-time employment and work experience in assisting pub- lic schools in this district in the preparation and serving of school lunches, according to J. C. Kel- lam, State NYA Administrator.

Corpus Christi—Thirty boys will be given part-time employment and work experience in construct- ing a workshop for the Corpus Christi Independent School Dis- trict and in improving the land adjacent, according to State Youth Administrator J. C. Kellam.

EXAMPLES Of Monthly Benefits Under New Social Security Law

(Editor's Note: The following is the fourth of a series of eight articles prepared by Jesse C. Carter, manager of the Waco office of the Social Security Board, lo- cated at 604 Superior Building. These articles will explain the new amendments to the Social Security Act, and it is believed the infor- mation contained in this series will be read with interest, since it is educational and explanatory of the provisions of the old-age and survivors insurance program).

A few typical examples of pay- ments under the amended old-age insurance law will serve to show what these new provisions will mean to workers and their fam- ilies.

Tom Jones, who is now 65, may begin to receive monthly benefits in 1940 if he has earned as much as \$50 in each of any six calendar quarters since 1936, on a job cov- ered by the law. Assume that he has been working regularly up to 1940 at an average salary of \$100 a month; in that case he may draw \$25.75 a month for the rest of his life if he is single. If he has a wife, who is also 65, she will get a benefit equal to half her hus- band's monthly payment, or \$12.88. Together, the two of them will have \$38.63 a month. If he dies, his widow would get three-fourths of her husband's monthly payment of \$25.75, or \$19.31 each month as long as she lives.

A younger man can build up a larger income for his old age; meanwhile, his family is protected in case of his death. Suppose Paul Smith was 25 years old on Janu- ary 1, 1937, when the old-age in- surance system went into effect, and suppose he makes about \$25 a week or \$100 a month on an av- erage. At that rate, by the time he is 65 his old-age insurance pay- ment would be \$35 a month. If he is married, and his wife is 65, she would get an additional \$17.50, making a total of \$52.50 a month for the couple as long as they both live.

If the worker dies before he is 65, leaving a widow and minor children, the widow receives three-fourths and each child one-half the amount of the monthly bene- fit to which he would have been entitled at the time of his death. If Paul Smith, who has earned an average of \$100 a month, dies in 1940 after he has worked three years in covered employment, his monthly rate would be \$25.75. His widow would therefore receive \$19.31, and a minor child \$12.88 a month. Thus, if his widow has two children in her care, the fam- ily would have \$45.07 a month as long as both children were under 16, or 18 if attending school.

If there were no children, the widow would receive a lump sum equal to six times her husband's monthly benefit (in this case \$154.50). In other instance, after she is 65, if she has not remarried, she would receive \$19.31 a month for the rest of her life.

If Paul Smith left no widow or children, but only a wholly de- pendent father or mother, at age 65 each dependent parent would be entitled to a monthly benefit equal to half his benefit rate, or \$12.88 a month.

If a wage earner, who was fully or currently insured, dies leaving no survivor entitled to a monthly benefit at the time he dies, a lump-sum death payment will be made to the widow or widower, or children, or parents of the de- ceased, equal to six times the monthly benefit that would have been due. If no one of these is living, a payment covering the burial expenses will be made to the person who paid them.

The new law sets both a mini- mum and maximum for monthly benefits. The monthly benefit is always at least \$10. The maximum payable to an individual or his family is the smallest of the fol- lowing three figures: \$85, or twice the worker's own benefit or 80 per cent of his average monthly wage.

Next Week: "Fully Insured" and "Currently Insured" Workers.

Rockdale—J. C. Kellam, State Youth Administrator, has an- nounced approval of plans to give forty needy boys part-time em- ployment here in the construction of a livestock exhibition building and in landscaping the adjacent grounds.

Snow

Have your Kodak loaded and ready for a snow picture or any other quick picture you may have to make. The Super XX films are especial- ly fine for making pictures in dull light. We keep them in all sizes.

THE WISEMAN STUDIO
HICO, TEXAS

Star of Yesteryear



PALM BEACH, Fla.—Gloria Swanson, whose fame as a film star was at its peak in the silent days, dancing with her son Joseph at the Patio Nite Club in Palm Beach recently.



WE WOULD ONLY REMEMBER FOLKS' GOOD DEEDS AS LONG AS WE REMEMBER THEIR MISDEEDS

NYA WORKSHOPS
Operated in Sixty Cities of State Are Doing Much Good

Austin, Jan. 10.—Sixty work- shops have been set up through- out the State since the inception in June, 1938, of a state-wide workshop program to give unem- ployed Texas youth work expe- rience and training to help fit them for earning a living, according to J. C. Kellam, State NYA Adminis- trator.

Training, he said, in woodwork- ing, general metal working, auto mechanics, aviation mechanics, radio, sheet metal work, arts and

crafts, foundry work, and farm shop work afford the needy out-of-school youth of Texas an oppor- tunity to work and earn money while they learn.

The San Marcos Resident Cen- ter, giving instructions in the fundamentals of woodworking, general metal working, and auto mechanics, was the first work- shop to be started, Kellam said. He added that since that time the remainder of the sixty workshops have been set up with the advice of local advisory committees and in conjunction with city and county sponsors, school systems, county political subdivisions, and state institutions of higher learn- ing.

According to Kellam, these local committees advise and help set up policies as to the type of training to fit youth, the labor turnover, and the future employment possi- bilities in various trades in each particular community. One of the main services of these committees is cooperating with the National Youth Administration and the Texas State Employment Service in placing youth who have had NYA work experience as appren- tices in private industry.

Kellam declared that in setting up the program the National Youth Administration had been fortunate in having the advice and help of a state-wide committee composed of outstanding leaders in industry, education, and labor.

Members of the state-wide com- mittee are Harry W. Acreman, executive secretary, Texas State Federation of Labor; Frank Kinzbach, president, Kinzbach Tool Company; C. E. Doyle, County Superintendent of Education; S. W. Doerner, business agent, International Machinists Union; Carl White, president, White House Printers, Inc.; R. C. Feagin, Houston Foundry and Machine Company; C. L. Mulholland, field representative, International Machinists Union; C. E. Evans, president, Southwest Texas State Teachers College; and Travis J. Lewis, former member of the committee.

"The most satisfying knowledge to me," concluded State Adminis- trator Kellam, "is that in acquir- ing coordination of hand and mind in NYA workshops to better equip them for private employment, these youths have received work experience in basic fundamentals of modern shop equipment as well as a thorough background of nec- essary safety standards."

E. H. Persons
HICO, TEXAS
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

MEDICINE

MADE TO YOUR MEASURE IS INDIVIDUALIZED MEDICINE

... and individualized medicine is PRESCRIPTION medicine. Don't experiment when you're sick. Ready-made medicine cannot foresee individual differences. The combined skill of your doctor and your pharmacist produces the most scientific medicine in the world.

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News of the World Told In Pictures

Find the Queen



PASADENA, Calif. . . . These seven beauties were in the finals for the choice of the Queen of the 1940 Tournament of Roses. All of the girls are from the Pasadena Junior College, where officials started out with 1,000 beautiful co-eds to choose from.

Chosen Healthiest Farm Group



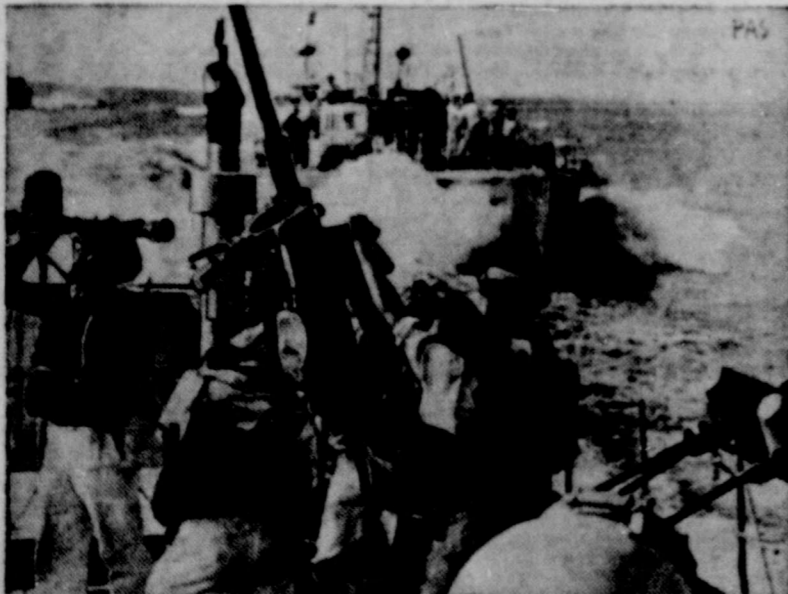
CHICAGO, Ill. . . . Four strong boys and two comely young ladies today were declared the healthiest 4-H club youths in a contest of state champions held in connection with the 18th annual National 4-H Club Congress. Left to right: Richard Crane, 17, Rushville, Ind.; Warren Cales, 18, Sandstone, W. Va.; Ruth Fitzreiter, 16, Bel. La.; Joanne Parks, 15, Liberty, Ind.; Carlisle W. Klein, 18, Black River Falls, Wis.; Leslie G. Warrant, 16, Kasota, Minn.

Stormy Petrel of Russo-Rumanian Crisis



RUMANIA . . . A peasant of Bessarabia driving his hay wagon along a country road, oblivious to the possibility that the Soviet may take steps to retake the area once an integral part of imperialist Russia and given to Rumania after the World War. Bessarabia is a land of windmills, used for grinding grain from the rich wheat fields of the province.

Protecting German Waters



AT SEA . . . Sailors aboard clearing boats of the German fleet are seen practicing with their anti-aircraft guns. These vessels resemble the famed mosquito boats of the British Navy. Photo passed by the German censor.

Tomorrow's Air Force



MIAMI, Fla. . . . European aerial activity has intensified activity among Miami's juvenile Model Airplane enthusiasts. More than 300 of them will compete for prizes in a Model Air Race during the Miami All-American Air Maneuvers, Jan. 5-7.

Gable's Ex-Wife



COLUMBIA, Mo. — Mrs. Josephine Dillon Gable, former wife of Clark Gable, film star, has just taken over the post of drama instructor at Christian College here. She will instruct in courses covering the stage, motion pictures, television, and radio.

Latest From Paris



PARIS, France — Molyneux' latest coatline flares from the shoulders and has a high cuff-collared. This model is in beige tweed trimmed with beaver and fastened with silver buttons.

New Style



NEW YORK CITY . . . Here is a new type of "coat-cardigan" which may create a vogue. It is just a more important than a sweater, more casual than a knit coat. The model is made of white Jumbolani with crocheted borders of bright red. Germantown Zephyr.

Bund Leader, Convicted



NEW YORK CITY — Fritz Kuhn, leader of the German-American Bund, who recently was convicted here of diverting Bund funds to his personal use.



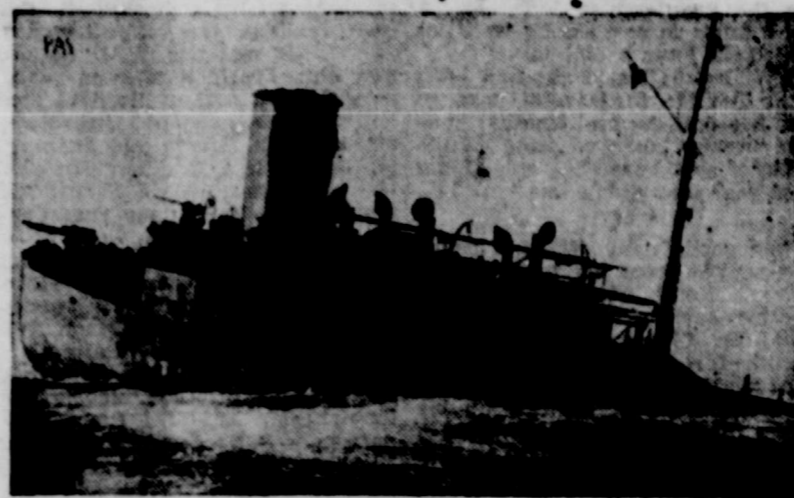
WINTER DISCLOSES MANY A BLESSING WE OVERLOOKED LAST SUMMER

Russians Invade Finland



FINLAND . . . Soviet machine-gunners taking part in hostilities as Soviet forces invaded Finland recently.

Candidate For "Davy Jones Locker"



OFF ENGLAND — The London oil tanker, San Calisto, shown sinking recently off the Southeast Coast of England after striking two German mines. Two of the crew were killed and forty-one were picked up and brought ashore. Passed by British censor.

Ice Carnival At Rockefeller Center



NEW YORK CITY — Dorothy Lewis' six starlets performing on the ice at Rockefeller Center Skating Pond here. Their number was televised, marking the first time that an ice carnival was broadcast by television.

Peace Ambassador



WASHINGTON, D. C. — Myron C. Taylor, retired chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, who has been named by President Roosevelt as the Chief Executive's personal representative to Pope Pius XII, with the rank of Ambassador, but without portfolio. Mr. Taylor is an Episcopalian.

Scuttled Liner



WASHINGTON, D. C. — Captain W. Daehne, commander of the German luxury liner Columbus, which was sunk in the Atlantic—scuttled by her own crew to avoid capture by a British warship which trailed her as she made a desperate dash for Europe from Vera Cruz, Mexico.

Aids Finn Relief



NEW YORK . . . Herbert Hoover, former President, who has taken over the administration of the Finnish relief movement in this country. He has traveled from coast to coast to confer with Finnish relief organizations and Scandinavian societies on the question of aiding Finland in her war against Russia.

Gift Of "American Women"



LONDON — Lady Astor shown serving tea, cakes, and sandwiches to Tommies somewhere in London recently from a mobile canteen reported as the gift of "American women." This photo was taken at the opening of the canteen, which was reported to be the first of many such gifts for the Tommies. Passed by British censor.

Finns Flee To Mainland



FINLAND — Residents of Valamo Island in Lake Ladoga are shown as they prepared to board a Finnish boat to be transferred to the mainland, where they can join the main Finnish defense forces.

Champion Receives the Secretary's Approval



CHICAGO, Ill. . . . Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, presenting the blue ribbon award to Roger Amsler, 18, of Ronsseleer, Ill., owner of the hog selected as the grand champion barrow at the national Livestock Show here recently. The winning barrow is a bred Hampshire, 8 months old and weighing 298 pounds.

14 Pounds Of White Lion Cubs



EL MONTE, Calif. — Four rare white lion cubs, two weeks old and weighing 3 1/2 pounds each, shown at Gay's Lion Farm here recently as they were taken from their mother for a few minutes for their first photographs. The cubs were born of a normally colored mother, and, according to Charles Gay, noted lion tamer, they are the only white ones now living in captivity.

Stars Of "Gone With The Wind", Meet Author



Vivien Leigh (right) playing the role of Scarlett O'Hara in the film version of "Gone With The Wind" and Clark Gable, in the role of Rhett Butler, shown with Margaret Mitchell, author of the book.

The Mirror

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WUT-UPS

With flu... this about Carlton... most interesting... two new... makes one... sit in the official... games... thinking... rather... collision in it... former senior class... back to... Letha Mae and... daily spat... Letha Mae the win... looking like a... Bill Pontrem... playing his self... three very... girls seen running... street in Stephen-

cause of changes in schedule and rooms; also our grades and other things. Perhaps we will soon grow accustomed to the new order of things.

SEVENTH GRADE

We turned in our geography books Monday, and now we have begun our study of seventh grade history.

Helen Childress visited with Bonnie Curry Sunday. Bonnie is a former seventh grader. We will have the honor roll next week. We hope it is longer than usual.

Winnie Beck visited Laverne Phillips Sunday. Carlene Elkins spent the week end in Stephenville. Fred Ray Hyles withdrew from school Monday and moved to Carlton.

SIXTH GRADE

We're awfully glad mid-term tests are over. We were sorry to lose Marcelle McGlothlin from our room.

We were glad to have Lee Roy Everett from Las Cruces, New Mexico visit our room Monday. Thomas Ray Coston visited his grandparents in Clifton.

Don Griffiths visited his cousin, Allan Knight Sunday. There were thirteen in Sunday School Sunday.

FIFTH GRADE

We have a new pupil in our room, Violet Rhoades from Carlton. We are very glad to have her.

Mid-term examinations are over and everyone wants to start the new year right and study hard. We hope to have better grades this six weeks.

Alma Ruth Busby visited her grandmother Sunday. Don Patterson visited his brother, Earl Patterson Sunday.

Winnona Hunter visited her cousin, Oleta Hunter of Millerville Sunday. Mary Helen Hollis spent Sunday night with Carolyn Holford.

The following pupils attended Church Sunday: Paul Hendrix, Dean Spaulding, Mary Helen Hollis, Leroy Bobo, Olney Bills, and Wayne Thompson.

FOURTH GRADE

Everyone is glad the mid-term exams are over and we think most of them were pretty easy. Junior Bird visited in Hamilton Sunday.

Allene Herring's uncle visited her over the week end. The pupils who went to Sunday School Sunday were: Wendell Knight, Louise Higginbotham, Billy Jackson, Betty McLarty, Donald Phillips, Ray Keller, Margie Nell Land.

THIRD GRADE

We were sorry to lose Henry Edward and Vernon Hyles who moved to Carlton. Jimmie Hyde moved to the country last week, but will continue his school work here in Hico.

Jimmie Lee Barnette reported Monday morning that she had a new baby brother at her house. Raymond Lane's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Byrd Bales, visited him Sunday.

Joan Houston's aunt, Mrs. Net Massengale, went to see her Saturday. Dorothy Grace Mann, Lorea Oakley, Lula Bell Adkison, Irma Lee Sanders, Loyd and Loyce Simons were absent Monday.

The following pupils made 100 in spelling: Raymond Lane, Kenneth Wren, LaVerne Parker, Jimmie Lee Barnette, Fred Spinks, Dorothy Robinson, Dorothy Grace Mann, Lorea Oakley, Nelson Ables, and Clarice Walker.

SECOND GRADE

Billie Jo McGlothlin turned her books in Tuesday and moved to Fairly. We hope he enjoys going to school there.

Betty Jean Knight's Grandmother Griffiths visited her Sunday. Charles Gollightly went to an all day singing at Clairette Sunday. Maidee Ash had an uncle to visit her this week end. Sunday, they spent the day in Hamilton with her Grandmother Chapman.

Glenna Maude Russell visited her Grandmother Russell near Stephenville Saturday. J. W. Connally went to Stephenville Sunday.

Clynton Loyd Roberson went to Stephenville Saturday afternoon. Glenna Faye Ditz's Grandmother and Grandfather Pollard of Carlton visited her Sunday.

Juanita Herrin brought three real pretty goldfish for our room. J. W. Russell brought a large bowl for them and Glenna Maude Russell brought some shells. We are very proud of them and enjoy watching them.

Burrell Horton has been out of school for more than a week. We hope he soon will be well and able to come back to school. Von Horton was absent some last week because of illness.

The following pupils made hundreds in spelling last week: Patsy Ruth Meador, Betty June Knight, Billy Cotter, Glenna Maude Russell.

Bobby Jean Newton, Bertha Jean Connally, Jean McLarty, Melvin Jaggars, Helen Palmer, Clynton Loyd Roberson and Wade Jones.

FIRST GRADE

Mrs. Jackson Otell Thompson was absent from school Friday because she was sick.

Doyle Jones went to see his grandmother Jones Saturday. Jimmie Lambert visited his uncle, Red Lambert Sunday.

Bobby Jo Kirkland visited his uncle, Will Green Sunday. Garlin Herrin has a new puppy. Louise Leeth went to Glen Rose Saturday night and saw a real porcupine.

Betty Jo Hicks visited her Grandmother Kellar Sunday. These children went to Sunday School Sunday: Mary Ruth Childress, Martha Nell English, Betty Jo Hicks, Altha, Itha Mae and Nelpa Hale, Wanda Jean Carpenter, Don Doty, Mildred Thompson, Garlin Herrin, and Billie Dee Snoddy.

The LETTER-BOX

WANTS SPECIAL SESSION
Austin, Texas, Jan. 4, 1940

Honorable W. Lee O'Daniel
Governor of Texas
Austin, Texas
Honorable Sir:

I appeal to you in the name of the people of the state of Texas, urging you to call a special session of the legislature for the purpose of redeeming your pledge to raise the truck load limit that you advocated when you were a candidate for governor. It is needless to point out, as I am sure you are well informed of the great handicaps that our livestock and agricultural industries are struggling under caused by this unreasonable 7,999 pound limit law. It is evident that the transportation industry and all who patronize that industry can be greatly relieved by a general revision of the laws that regulate motor transportation. As our present motor transportation laws are inadequate and out of date, making it impossible to enforce it and impractical to obey, I am asking you to declare yourself, as chief of all law enforcement in this state to either enforce the law on all alike, or strive to repeal it.

As you will remember, I have called to your attention and requested your help on several other occasions during the time the modification bills were being considered by the committee, of which I was a member. It is true that the 46th legislature did fail to act upon this all important question; and it is also true that you, as Governor of Texas, refrained from any action to carry out your pledge to the people while this legislation was being considered by members of our committee on highway and motor traffic.

As we are now approaching the harvest season of our citrus fruit and the spring harvest of our grain products, it will again be forced upon the producers of this state to either sacrifice their profit and obey this unreasonable 7,999 pound limit law, or be a violator of that law. I therefore appeal to you in the name of the producers, shippers and consumers of the state of Texas to call a special session of the legislature immediately in order to rewrite our transportation laws so as to provide for a greater safety upon the highways of our state. By so doing, we can give our producers, shippers, and consumers an even break with other states that are now operating under a more adequate and more modern motor traffic regulations. Again this will be a step in the direction of lowering the high freight rates that all the consumers of this state must pay. It is time our people should be awakened to the fact that the exorbitant freight rate is now taxing the people of Texas in excess of hundreds of million dollars annually. Truck competition is our most effective way to beat down this high rate. Your help is needed for the welfare of all Texans who must directly or indirectly patronize the transportation industry.

Your answer is anxiously awaited. Respectfully yours, Weldon Burney Representative 94th Legislative District

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

The year 1939 has closed and many great things have come to pass. That seems to me to be a complete fulfillment of what Christ and the prophets told us would come in the last days. The unemployment of millions seems to affect all nations. The first time I preached on the street in Hico on "Signs of the Times" I told the people I thought the depression had just begun. How some did scoff. The reason I made this statement was that I had been studying the Bible. It reports coming over the air from the nations of earth are true, it is far worse now than then. One's guess might be as good as another's, but my guess is that when 1940 comes to a close, it will find the nations of the earth in far greater distress than when it began. If there are those that guess peace and prosperity will prevail, it would cause the people to rejoice that my guess didn't come to pass. So would I.

When the disciples asked Christ in Matthew 24, "What shall be the sign of thy coming and the end of the world or age?" He told them of many things that would come to pass up to the 15th verse. Then He says, "When you see the abomination spoken by Daniel, the prophet, stand in the holy place." That is, stand wholly prepared for

that all important day. Read the 10th and 11th chapters of Daniel, where Daniel tells of those abominations. But what comfort Daniel brings to those whose names are written in the Book. This is in Chapter 12-1. But according to Daniel, only those whose names are written in the Book will be delivered in that day. Dear reader, is your name written in that Book? This is a serious question. Mine is—and I wouldn't have erased it for all the world.

Christ tells us of the great scourge of drunkenness at His return in Obadiah, the shortest book in the Old Testament. He doesn't tell us much, but what he tells of this scourge of drunkenness seems far worse than at any time in the 78 years I have lived. The many people being killed on our highways by drunken drivers is causing our sober people much concern. It appears that human nature has changed in some ways. An old man that raised me back in Georgia said that in his young days most stores kept a barrel of whiskey and sold it for 10 cents a quart. He said seldom did he ever see a man drunk and never a woman. I sometimes think it would be a good plan to go back to that ten-cent whiskey. Possibly the fool drinkers would kill themselves soon and we could have decent and safe highways to travel.

Again our beloved nation seems to be on a pleasure drunk—the amusement places crowded on Sundays and many churches gone out of business and others with very light attendance. When I was a boy, if people had gathered in great crowds, played ball, whooped and hollered as they do now, we thought fire would have fallen from Heaven and destroyed them before morning. But now, many so-called Christians take part in these different amusements.

I find in reading the dear old Book that in all ages when people have left God out of their programs, God has sent judgment. And I fear it will get far worse in our nation. Yet, unless our people face about, it appears to me the best thing our highest officials could do would be to call a National Prayer Meeting. But will they? They seem to think their wisdom will get us through.

Hog Jaw

By OMA ROBERSON

Mr. and Mrs. John Leach were in De Leon Sunday afternoon. Mrs. E. S. Jackson was a business visitor in Hamilton Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Lambert and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lambert. Mrs. Stanley Giesecke spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. L. C. Lambert.

Sunday is church day at the church here.

Miss Carlene Elkins spent the week end with relatives in Stephenville.

Skene, Oma and Mrs. J. W. Roberson visited Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Roberson Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Russell of Hico were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Jackson and Mrs. E. K. Ridenhower Sunday.

Mrs. O. C. Lambert and Mrs. E. S. Jackson were business visitors in Stephenville Saturday afternoon.

We are glad to welcome to our community Mr. and Mrs. John Ogile who recently moved here from near Fairly, and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Roberson and daughters, who moved this week to the O. W. Roberson farm from Hico.

S. E. Patterson was a Stephenville visitor Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Roberson and daughter, Billie Wynez, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Stringer and daughter of Duffau.

Millerville

By CHAS. W. GIESECKE

Albert Conner and son, Elzie, of Stamford visited his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Conner, and his brothers, E. B. and C. L. last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Giesecke visited Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rogers at Salem last Sunday after church.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hyde and children of Hico have moved to the Hyde farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bramblett visited relatives in Fort Worth last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Land of Chalk Mountain were attendants at church here Sunday. Mr. Land preached at the morning services.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Bramblett and O. M. Bramblett and his friend, Mr. Jacks, all of Fort Worth, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Bramblett last week end.

Bob Meriworth and family have moved to the W. H. Hyde farm.

Mr. Mankins has been employed by the Hanshaw dairy at Hico. He began work this week.

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GROWING STURDY PLANTS

Is Explained By Hamilton County Home Demonstration Agent

From the ground up may be enough to know before attempting some ventures, but planting the home grounds is different. Before beginning it one's chief concern is from the ground down.

So many yards have been kept or raked clean and are so badly washed away that a great deal of filling in and rebuilding of soil will thrive in them. The methods used to improve field soils work equally well in the yard, but since the yard is such a small area compared to the fields, it is possible to get quicker results—sometimes even to control the situation by entirely replacing the top soil. But whatever the scheme, there is no substitute for careful preparation of the soil.

Good soil should furnish food, water and physical support to the plants. These things are so closely related that if one factor is taken care of the others often are automatically improved or even entirely corrected. A good garden loam is usually made up of about two parts of sand, two of clay, and one part decayed vegetable matter or manure.

The proper physical conditions of the soil can be judged largely by the feel. On a dry day, rake back about the top inch and pick up a handful of the soil underneath it. If it runs through the hands like sand, it needs binding, water-holding materials. If it makes a ball leaving the print of the hand it has too much clay and needs open or sandy materials to assist in the drainage. If it retains the print of the hand only momentarily or not at all, but crumbles easily into a nicely granulated soil that has no notion of draining out between the fingers, it is just right.

Don't burn leaves and other vegetable matter unless it is diseased. Rake it into a hole, shovel in a little dirt to hold it there, add water and spade it now and then, and use it later as a leaf mold.

The whole bed where shrubs are to be planted should be put in this good shape, not just a small hole for each individual plant. If the bed is prepared at least two or three weeks before planting so the soil has time to settle some—so much the better. Edges of the bed should be shaped in natural easy lines about the planting—not outlined with concrete or stone.

The chief purpose of planting the home is to add attractiveness to it. A few fine vigorous plants well kept are much prettier than any number of stunted poorly nourished ones. Attractive planting is fairly easy to accomplish when one realizes that the same care that makes the garden or field productive will work in the yard—though it may mean a lot of work from the ground down.

GWENDOLYN JONES
Hamilton County H. D. Agent

Mt. Pleasant

By S. N. AKIN

Mrs. G. B. Duke has returned home here after an extended visit with relatives and friends in Waco.

N. N. Akin and wife of Hico and Rev. E. N. Strother of Newburg spent Saturday night in the S. N. Akin home.

Louis Abel and Braxton Edington took dinner in the Coston home in the Falls Creek community Sunday.

Among these from this place who attended the singing at Clairette Sunday were J. T. Abel and wife, Leslie Arrant and daughter, Wynnona, S. N. Akin and wife and two sons, Elbert and Lloyd.

Roy Davis and family of Fairly visited in the H. M. Allison home Sunday.

S. N. Akin and wife attended the workers' meeting at Hamilton last Monday.

Jess Massengale of Falls Creek was in our midst a while Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Eoff returned home Monday after a visit with her sister, Mrs. Emma Houston, of Iredell.

Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Squares of Hamilton visited with their daughter, Mrs. R. H. Dennis, recently.

Mrs. M. H. Gordon, of Claremore, Okla., is one of the busiest women I've heard of. She manages two dairy farms, a milk bottling plant, several business properties and a free employment agency.

Hidago—a part-time work project recently approved by State NYA Administrator J. C. Kellam will give 26 needy boys employment and work experience in repairing and repainting the Hidalgo High School building.

That Nagging Backache

May Warn of Disordered Kidney Action

Modern life with its hurry and worry, irregular habits, improper eating and drinking—so full of exposure and exhaustion—throws heavy strain on the work over-taxed and fail to filter out acid and other impurities from the life-giving blood.

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Stew Meat lb. 15c

H. C. CONNALLY'S GROCERY AND MARKET

Nancy Hart's HOME NEWS

Every mail brings notices of January "white sales" in the local department stores, so when these necessities can be purchased at worthwhile reductions in price we all like to replenish our linen closets.

Many women find that the easiest way to have plenty of household linens is to buy a few articles every year. One pair of sheets is less of a strain on the housekeeping allowance than three or four pairs and in the average household one new pair a year will maintain an adequate supply. Of course, you can't wait until you are low on sheets before you begin your yearly replenishing. If the one pair means a replacement you aren't adding to your stock and you will undoubtedly need to invest in several pairs.

Each bed should be furnished with at least three pairs of sheets and twice as many pillow cases with blankets and other bedding to suit individual needs.

Sheets are made in several standard sizes that are calculated to meet average requirements. For years the longest sheet on the market was 108 inches torn length. Now some manufacturers are making sheets 112 inches torn length. Remember that the finished sheet with its hems at top and bottom is the width of the hems shorter than the torn length. So if you like a good tuck-in at the foot and a wide turn-over at the top, choose the longest sheets.

Naturally the width of your beds determines the width of your sheets. Single beds and many old "three-quarter"-width beds are best taken care of with 81 inch sheets. Seventy-two inch sheets are wide enough for some single beds. Sheets of ninety inch width are satisfactory for wide double beds only.

Obviously the size of the sheet will influence the price. The larger the sheet the heavier it is and the more it costs to launder, so buy sheets to fit your beds and mark them plainly so that you can easily find the right sheet for a certain bed.

Another point in favor of regular replenishing is that you will be inclined to buy better quality if you need to buy only a few articles at a time.

Unless linens are sealed in containers bearing the manufacturer's assurance that the articles were laundered before they were wrapped they should be washed before using. Though they may have been clean when they left the factory, handling by sales people and purchasers makes them unfit for use without thorough laundering.

Cold weather means extra care of hands that are in and out of water a dozen times a day.

Hands that wash dishes and prepare vegetables and dust and clean require much more attention than hands that are used only to "sew a fine seam" so the housewife's hands need special attention. Treat yourself to a professional manicure occasionally and in the meantime observe a few simple precautions.

Keep a pair of loose canvas gloves where you can slip into them easily when you fix fires in furnace and fireplace. Wear well-fitting rubber gloves for dusting as well as for window washing and general scrubbing. Ever so many women wear rubber gloves for dish washing, too.

Keep a small bottle of hand lotion near the kitchen sink and then use it every time you finish washing dishes or sudsing out lingerie.

Several nights a week work a good nourishing cream into your hands before going to bed. Slip a pair of loose gloves over your hands in order to get the full benefit of the cream.

Hands that chap easily should be treated with a healing salve. The salve will soften but will not whiten your hands. Hence it will not take the place of your hand lotions and creams if you strive for white hands.

Before you have your next permanent be sure that your hair is in good shape as to its texture. You may need a course of scalp treatments at your beauty shop to correct either excessive dryness or oiliness. Perhaps a ten minute scalp massage that you can give yourself on alternate nights will be beneficial.

It's a good idea to inspect stored roots, corns and bulbs frequently. Any indication of mildew or decay usually means that the place where they are stored lacks ventilation. Choose as warm and dry a day as possible for ventilating storage places during cold weather. In other words the temperature outside the storage places should be uniform with that inside. House plants like fresh air, too, but cannot endure extremes of temperature. They will do best in the cooler parts of the house but should not be left near the windows.

Mealy bugs are a common pest on house plants and can usually be removed by touching each insect with a swab of cotton dipped in alcohol or one of the contact insecticides. However, if these pests have become too numerous you may find it easier and quicker to dip the whole top of the plant into a weak solution of your contact insecticide.

It's Her Birthday, Too!



"To celebrate your birthday and mine," wrote Ginger Lucas when she mailed the first birthday greeting card to President Roosevelt in Texas' 1940 March of Dimes. Ginger, attending Hockaday Junior College, in Dallas, will be 17 and the President will be 55 on Tuesday, January 30, when nation-wide celebrations in his honor will wage battle against infantile paralysis. The greeting cards, each to be filled with ten dimes, are being distributed throughout the state. Fifty percent of the contributions mailed to the White House will be returned to local chapters for direct assistance to Texas children crippled by the disease, with the balance going for national research and preventive measures.



CHEMISTRY change

Looking forward, as I am always impelled to do with the approach of a new year on the calendar, I have an idea that the greatest material changes in the world to come will be those which come out of the chemical laboratories. Looking backward I can remember the introduction of the first important chemical products on which great industries were founded.

There were aniline dyes, developed by German chemists from the scientific discoveries of Sir William Perkin, an Englishman, and there was the first of the plastics, celluloid, a chemical compound invented by John W. Hyatt, who created a new substance by treating cotton cellulose with nitric acid.

Today almost everybody uses some kind of a plastic product made in the chemical works. Words like celluloid, teflon, bakelite, catalin, bakelite, casein, koroseal, pyralin, lucite, cellophane and scores of others are common words designating substances of which our grandfathers never heard or dreamed, all out of the chemists' magical retorts.

RUBBER artificial

The Spanish invaders of Mexico found the Aztec children playing with elastic balls made from the sap of a tree. They took some back to Europe, where it was found that it would erase pencil marks, hence the name "rubber." That's all it was used for until recent years. Now it's hard to imagine a world without rubber.

Nearly thirty years ago a famous German chemist, Dr. Duisberg, showed me a tire of artificial rubber, which he had made from turpentine. Now American scientists have found ways to make something better than natural rubber out of such common substances as air, coal, limestone and water.

Writing in the "India Rubber World" about the newest of these, called koroseal, S. L. Brous, engineer of the R. F. Goodrich Company, says that in case of war all the necessary supply of this material could be produced in less than a year. It not only serves all the purposes of natural rubber but withstands gases and chemicals which quickly destroy the tree-grown product.

COMMERCE freedom

I was pleased to read in the papers that the Secretary of Commerce is considering ways to remove many of the restrictions upon free trade between the various states of the Union. The troubles of the states over commerce restrictions were what led to the calling of the Constitutional Convention in 1787.

The Constitution prohibits any state from imposing duties on imports, but lately many states have tried to keep goods from other states out, by imposing heavy taxes in New York, for instance, it is illegal to bring in cigarettes from New Jersey without paying the New York sales tax. Some states impose a heavy penalty on commercial automobiles entering or crossing them.

That seems all wrong to me. What has made the United States the great nation it is has been that it is the largest settled area in the world over which trade and people are free to move without restrictions. Unless the new ten-

dency is checked we are likely to become divided into little selfish units, like the nations of Europe, with customs barriers at every state boundary.

TAXES chains

There is only one proper purpose of taxation. That is to raise revenue for the expenses of government. Not only states but the Federal government have put the taxing power at work as a method of punishing people whom politicians dislike or of enabling states to set up barriers against trade with other states.

I have in mind such schemes as the one which Representative Patman of Texas has been trying to get Congress to enact. His bill would put a Federal tax on all chain stores doing business in interstate commerce, the tax rate increasing with the number of stores and the number of states in which the chain operates. A chain of 200 stores operating in 30 states, for example, would be taxed \$2,700,000, which would put any organization out of business.

I don't believe Congress will fail for any such scheme. The failure of recent state efforts to tax the chains out of business indicates that there is a strong public sentiment running the other way. The Council of State Governments went on record lately against such punitive taxation, and hundreds of farm, labor, consumer and business organizations are opposing any laws which tend to raise living costs.

BUSINESS prosperity

I've been talking with a lot of business men lately, and they all say that business is pretty good. Retail stores have done the largest Christmas business in years. Manufacturers of consumer goods, such as shoes, clothing and the like, are happy over present conditions. There is great activity in the building industry, mainly in residential construction.

In the so-called "heavy industries" men in that line say that the European war has given a new stimulus, and the United States defense preparations are putting ship-builders, gun-makers and producers of other military goods to work as never before since the Great War. The builders of airplanes and their equipment are rushed with work.

All that seems to spell a prosperous New Year. I wouldn't bet that the war-stimulated prosperity will last, but it's good while it does last.

Dresses On Exhibit

The freshmen home economics girls will be on display at Richbourg's from Friday through the week end, according to Miss Iris Wagstaff, instructor.

Want Ads

For an electric radio cheap, see M. P. Walker. 34-2p

FOR SALE: 2 milk cows. N. M. Hipp, Route 1. 34-2p.

FOR RENT: 80 to 95 acres of land to man with tractor or good teams. W. C. Sellman. Rt. 5, Hico. 24-1p-tfc.

FOR SALE: 15 late model horses. Work single or double without any trouble. Aubrey Duzan. 34-tfc.

Rooms for rent. Unfurnished. Mrs. Willie Platt. 33-2c.

WANTED: About 100 bales of good hay. Address C. H. Miller, Route 5. 33-2c.

FOR SALE: 50 ricks wood, \$1.50 rick. Barrow Furniture Co. 32-tfc.

FOR ELECTRICAL WORK of all kinds see J. B. Bobo. 14-tfc.

MODERN WOMEN

DR. M. L. MAFFETT
President of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.

Margaret, Lady Motr, a former president of the Women's Engineering Society of England, organized the work done by women in the munitions factories during the last World War. England followed France in this step.

When it was found necessary to keep the lathes going seven days a week, she started the relief munition movement, enrolling the so-called leisure women to take the regular workers' places for the week end. More than 2,000 women trained for this work in one munitions factory. Later some of these workers had jobs in the shipyards.

Mrs. Flora A. Ylagan, of Manila, P. I., is executive director of the National Teachers College in Manila and has been taking a course in school business administration at Columbia University. There are nearly four thousand university women in the islands, according to her.

Encouragement for women to practice medicine is lacking in her native land. Philippine women may be teachers or pharmacists. In fact, several women in Manila have their own pharmacies and others are prescription clerks in shops owned by men. But the woman medical graduate enters a limited field. Mrs. Ylagan and her friends are going to do something about this.

Through her black pottery, Maria Martinez and her plant at San Ildefonso, New Mexico, have become famous. Examples of this beautiful pottery are in most of the museums in the United States and in many abroad. The revival of this almost lost Indian art is due to the Museum of New Mexico.

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which began some time ago to interest men and women in carrying on the craft.

Maria studied old designs and shapes and then began to mould her own pots. She discovered how to produce a shiny black surface by firing, then how to make the designs come out of the fire with a dull black effect like etching. These two discoveries led to her fame. Now Maria molds the shapes and her husband, Julian, who used to work in the museum, paints the designs.

The Mariners' Family Asylum for Aged Women of the Sea was at Stapleton, Staten Island, N. Y., established eighty-six years ago to take care of the wives, widows, mothers, sisters and daughters of former seamen of the port of New York. Mrs. Walter N. Davis and a committee of women help to keep it going.

In a recent survey it was found that there are 8,713 hotels in the United States employing housekeepers. Many of these women get a fair salary, food, living quarters and sometimes laundry and valet service.

The pioneer perfume makers in Bermuda are the Herbert Scotts and they quite naturally started with the perfume of the Easter lily. Mrs. Herbert Scott was born in Bermuda, was always an ardent gardener, and her knowledge of flowers and her interest in them have been a great asset to the perfume making firm. In her gardens grow practically every plant that can be found in Bermuda.

Of course, it wasn't easy at first, and I doubt if it is much easier now, to make the rare perfumes that are distinctive of the Bermuda house, but the work has grown more and more interesting as the Scotts have widened their variety of bottled scents to include jasmine, oleander, gardenia, and the Bermuda passion flower.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Paid Political Advertising)

The News Review is authorized to announce the following candidates for office, subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries in July, 1940:

Hamilton County

For State Senator, 21st District:
J. MANLEY HEAD (Re-Election)
KARL L. LOVELADY
HENRY CLARK

For Representative, 94th District:
WELDON BURNEY (Re-Election)

For District Judge:
R. B. CROSS (Re-Election)

For District Attorney:
H. WILLIAM ALLEN (Re-Election)

For District Clerk:
C. E. EDMISTON (Re-Election)

For County Judge:
J. B. POOL (Re-Election)

For Sheriff:
HOUSTON WHITE (Re-Election)

For County Clerk:
IRA MOORE

For County Treasurer:
MRS. W. B. TUNE (Re-Election)

For Co. Tax Assessor-Collector:
O. R. WILLIAMS (Re-Election)

For Commissioner, Prec. 3:
R. W. (Bob) HANCOCK (Re-Election)

Erath County

For County Clerk:
ELMO WHITE (Re-Election)

Palace Theatre

HICO, TEX.

THANKS
The management of Theatre wishes to express their appreciation for their consideration during the the machines Saturday

THURSDAY & FRIDAY
"AT THE CH"
Comedy. The three put on a hilarious and disheartened playboy in 24 hours to keep his circus. Starring brothers, Florence Baker.

SATURDAY MATINEE
"RANGE W."
Western. Hopalong and his gang, while on a road trunk line for a cattle, are victimized by scrupulous land-holders the toll for use of a fare. Starring William sell Hayden.

SAT. MIDNITE. SUNDAY
"KING OF THE"
ADOLPH MEN

SUNDAY NITE, 8:30 P.
"THE CAT AND THE"
Mystery and comedy. heirs of an eccentric gather in a dilapidated to hear the will read, murder, mystery and supplied by a prowling manuevers in the form Starring Bob Hope, Goddard.

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY
"20,000 MEN A"
Action drama. A reckless pilot becomes head of training school for co-der government sponsoring Randolph Scott, I ter, Margaret Lindsay.

NEXT THURSDAY & FRIDAY
"DRUMS ALONG THE"
Historical drama. A plod of the plight and in the Mohawk Valley against Indian raids. American revolution. Claudette Colbert, Henri technicolor.

Throw a dollar out of the window

There's a certain amount of pleasure in throwing a dollar bill out of the window (we suppose—we've never tried it) . . . watching it float through the air . . . guessing where it's going to land . . . seeing it finally settle on a curbstone . . . and perhaps seeing some surprised individual pick it up.

At least, it's certainly more fun than throwing away a dollar bill by paying one hundred extra cents for something you're buying. Yet every year we all part with a goodly sum of hard-earned cash that we might otherwise save—if we knew how to buy!

The quickest, easiest, simplest way to learn how to buy is to read the advertisements in this newspaper. Know values . . . know prices . . . know quality. Start now to stop throwing dollar bills away!