

F. F. A. Boxing Tournament Next Week

Echoes from the Fat and Lean basketball game, staged by the Hico P. T. A. at the gymnasium along with a cake walk and other features, hint of convalescence, skulduggery and even graft and double-crossing...

Only a fortunate coincidence saved the editor from the aches and pains during the play and afterward. Never were we so glad to get an invitation out of town which urged acceptance.

Mrs. Coston had inquired of him whether he would be available as a player. Willing to do almost anything for the worthy sponsors, he warily promised to make a hand if needed.

By the way, in asking what the duties of a vice-president were, the newly-elected official was informed that he was to be in charge of the "Don't spend no money" and "Don't make no speeches" departments.

The Stephenville organization's banquet was a most auspicious occasion, highlighted by the announcement of new officers and directors, a report of the year's work by Secretary-Manager Lyndsay Phillips, and an address by Hon. Marion S. Church of Dallas.

Attendance was unusually large, as many members brought their wives, and a number of visitors from neighboring towns and cities filled out the gathering to an estimated two hundred and fifty.

One of our best insurance policies has expired—the one that cost us a dollar a year. Death, under certain circumstances such as walking on our index fingers at midnight, would pay our beneficiary a thousand dollars.

A recent letter from S. J. Cheek, night sergeant-at-arms of the Senate at Austin, discloses the fact that he is what the country has been needing.

As long as we can remember, the cry has been, "Turn the rascals out." Now it seems that part of Cheek's duties consist of getting the Senators out of the building so he can close up at night.

Rollie Forgy, guest conductor of this column during the editor's absence a fortnight ago, requests us to thank his public for the many compliments he received on his efforts.

We had intended to tell you about the pert letter we got from

HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK IN 1941 MEANT MUCH TO HAMILTON COUNTY

DEAN WORD GETS HIGHWAY 281 CONTRACT; WORK TO START SOON

Bryan (Buddy) Carr, payroll foreman for Dean Word, road contractor, was in Hico Wednesday making arrangements for housing and rooms for several families expected to arrive here soon and remain several months while the construction work on Highway 281 south of Hico is in progress.

The contract, let this week at a reported sum of around \$240,000, was given Word after bids were opened several days ago in Austin.

Mr. Carr said that Mr. Word, whose headquarters are in Austin, would be up from time to time while the job is in progress. This company has done considerable work in this section, and has a fine record for reliability and class of employees used.

C. C. Smith May Lose Eye

Injuries sustained to an eye while working with the Katy railroad bridge crew near Elgin Tuesday of this week may result in the loss of the eye by C. C. Smith, according to word received here by his father, J. J. Smith.

Abandonment of the railroad to Hamilton leaves Hico the only rail point in the county. Hico is served by the Missouri-Kansas-Texas lines.

Goes To Legion Hospital

Mrs. Sim Everett and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Marshall took Mr. Everett to Legion, near Kerrville, Wednesday, where he entered the Veterans' Hospital there for treatment. He will first undergo a thorough examination, after which the length of his stay will depend upon the nature and the seriousness of his illness.

Wade Greenleaf accusing the editor of absconding with a dollar of the firm's money just because he received a bill for subscription which his wife had already paid.

New description of a beauty parlor came to us last week when we asked Ed Allison what he was hanging around town for.

To learn about homefolks, you must leave home. It took a trip to Washington and return for the editor to be advised by F. S. Crafton that he also made a Model T trip to the capitol city a long time ago.

Agent's Summary Places Estimate of Real Value At Several Thousand Dollars

Twenty-five communities in Hamilton County are being reached by means of 9 home demonstration clubs and 9 4-H clubs. Several communities are reached by 4-H clubs in consolidated schools.

Two representatives from each adult club—the president and an elected delegate—meet each month as a county council to act as an advisory committee for all of the clubs.

In 1940 the home demonstration agent gave 144 method demonstrations to 2053 people; 20 result demonstrations attended by 1078 people and 52 special training meetings were given for local leaders.

Two new phases of work were carried by the 4-H girls in 1940. It was the beginning of bedroom improvement and poultry work. There were 10 demonstrators and 80 cooperators enrolled for bedroom improvement work.

Food production, preparation, and preservation is emphasized in both 4-H and home demonstration clubs. The women and girls canned 44,480 quarts of fruits and vegetables, stored or dried 29,185 pounds of fruits and vegetables, and cured 15,272 pounds of meats.

Nineteen Forty was the second year for the home demonstration club members to study landscape gardening. This year there were 17 yards planned for non-club members, 15 yards were sodded; 103 native shrubs were planted and are living; 98 nursery shrubs were planted and are living; 49 trees planted and living; 124 shrubs were successfully rooted from cuttings; 84 roses planted and living; and 4 recreation areas were provided.

The cotton mattress program was one of the outstanding activities of the year. In communities which have home demonstration clubs, the club members acted as supervisors in processing the material into mattresses.

There were 561 eligible applications received, but only 77 of this number were members of home demonstration clubs. Community recreation has been stressed. A training meeting was held monthly with club recreation leaders and delegates from the rural communities attending.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Adams have received word that a son was born to them Tuesday morning, February 4, in Fort Worth to their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Workman.

Mrs. Workman is the former Miss Mary Ellen Adams.

Relatives here have received word that a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Griffiths of Fort Worth last Saturday, February 1.

No other details were available except that both mother and babe were doing nicely.

Keeping Up With Texas

Texas Asked For 3,400 Selectees

State selective service headquarters Monday called on Texas' 351 local boards for 3,400 men to complete the quota for the period Feb. 24 to March 5.

Texas dairy plants turned out an estimated 458,000 gallons of ice cream, 2,431,900 pounds of creamery butter and 950,000 pounds of cheese during November.

After a three-mile trip and three weeks of bounteous feasting in shiny new tanks of the Illinois Natural History Survey aquarium, 125 young red-ear sunfish from Texas seem well pleased with the ichthyological situation in Illinois.

A great many more returns will be filed this year than in previous years, and a great many more people will find it necessary to ask questions regarding tax exemptions, allowable deductions, etc.

Central Texans To Receive Help In Filing Income Tax Returns

Collector of Internal Revenue Frank Scofield has announced that Deputy Collector R. K. Peters will be stationed at the County Court House, Hamilton, Texas, on March 3, 1941, to help the people of this locality in filing their income tax returns.

The winner of the District Tournament will be privileged to enter the State T. A. A. F. Tournament in Fort Arthur, March 14 and 15. The district tournament will be sponsored by the City of Waco Recreation Department and the following rules will govern the tournament.

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P-T. A. PROGRAM WAS HUGE SUCCESS

So rare is enthusiastic, whole-hearted public cooperation such as that evidenced by the town-people of Hico Tuesday night at the P-T. A. program in the gymnasium that the P-T. A. desires to thank everyone who had a part in the affair, beginning with those who provided the entertainment on down to those who cakewalked so spontaneously.

The occasion could not have been a success without the assistance of each one of you.

STEPHENVILLE C. OF C. INVITES GUESTS TO ANNUAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY

Members of the Hico Chamber of Commerce, including M. E. Waldrop, Roland Holford and County Judge J. B. Pool, were guests of the Stephenville Chamber of Commerce at the annual meeting of that organization Tuesday evening at which time officers and directors to serve during 1941 were announced.

The outgoing president, Claude W. Bryant, who had served two years, read a list of the 24 new directors, introduced the incoming president, J. D. Goodgame, and explained the absence of the newly-elected vice-president, Jack Teddlie, who was unable to attend the meeting because of illness.

A very interesting program, in which an address by Marion S. Church of Dallas was the highlight, was carried out. Other members included the 24 new directors, introduced the incoming president, J. D. Goodgame, and explained the absence of the newly-elected vice-president, Jack Teddlie, who was unable to attend the meeting because of illness.

Dinner was served in the annex of the Methodist Church, where the meeting was held, by the ladies of that church. Many out-of-town guests were present upon invitation from the citizens of Stephenville, as well as the wives of several of the members.

Join Air Corps

Dan Holladay, son of George Holladay of Hico, and Albert Little, son of Mrs. T. U. Little of Stephenville, formerly of Hico, were here last week to undergo tonsillectomies preparatory to entering the Air Corps.

Holladay and Little, students in John Tarleton College, have been taking air training under the CAA program in connection with their work at Tarleton and were two of the three selected from the group to continue the work at a regulation flying school. The third youth to receive the honor was from Cranfills Gap.

Little, who was visiting in Hico Tuesday with his brother, Dick, said they probably would enter with the March or April classes.

Hefner At Camp Bowie

Warren G. Hefner, who recently volunteered in the army, has been stationed with the 8th Corps Area, Service Command, Camp Bowie, according to word received here by relatives.

Teaching At Hamilton

Rev. Alvin Swindell has been going over to Hamilton every night this week where he is teaching a class in the Study Course week of the Hamilton Baptist Church.

Work Done On Gas Line

J. E. Cozzens and W. Werner of Bellville were here the first of the week making some repairs on the line through which the Texas Southwestern Gas Company serves Hico.

The trouble has been cleared up, according to W. M. Marcum, and the men out of the Bellville office returned to South Texas the middle of the week in response to a message that high water on the Brazos River was threatening a trunk line of the company's across that stream.

Central Texas District of T. A. A. F. TO HOLD TOURNAMENT IN WACO SOON

Friday, Feb. 8, and Saturday, March 1, Set As Dates For Basket Ball.

C. An official and certified list of players shall be furnished the district chairman by the deadline entry date of Friday, February 21.

Golden Gloves Winners In Annual Event Will Receive

Working on the theory that "everybody loves a good fight," the Hico chapter of Future Farmers are holding their annual boxing tournament at the gymnasium next Monday and Wednesday nights, Feb. 10 and 12, at 7:45 o'clock.

In past years the fine display of sportsmanship and excellent boxing technique have drawn the praise of large audiences, and the Future Farmers, enthusiastically scheduling this year's matches, promise fight fans there will be nothing lacking in this season's ring bouts.

The winners of each of eight weight divisions will be awarded Golden Gloves. The weight divisions are: flyweight, 112 pounds; bantamweight, 118; featherweight, 126; lightweight, 135; welterweight, 147; middleweight, 160; light heavyweight, 175; and heavyweight, over 175.

The large boxing ring will be built according to fight regulations, and the bouts will be conducted strictly according to rules. The ring is to be located so that a good view of the fights will be afforded from every seat in the gym.

Preliminaries will take place Monday night, with Wednesday evening reserved for the final bouts, expected to be fast and "full of punches."

Anyone interested in making entries is requested to see Harold Todd, secretary of the local chapter. In addition to the regular matches, several exhibition bouts have also been scheduled.

A small admission fee will be charged and proceeds will be used to pay expenses of the annual Father and Son banquet.

LOCAL SECRETARY OF CIVIL SERVICE ANNOUNCES NEW TYPE OF EXAMINATION

J. P. Rodgers, local secretary of the Civil Service Board, calls attention to the following announcement of a new type of examination, the first of its kind in this district.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces open competitive examination for the position of Mechanic-Learner, \$50.00 a month to fill vacancies in the Air Corps, War Department, San Antonio Air Depot, Duncan Field, San Antonio, Texas.

This examination offers unusual opportunities to young men between the ages of 16 and 25 years to assist (in a learner's capacity), mechanics of a higher grade in the miscellaneous repair and manufacturing work on aircraft and aircraft engines.

Applications must be on file with the Manager, Tenth U. S. Civil Service District, Customhouse, New Orleans, Louisiana, not later than February 18, 1941.

Additional information and application blanks may be obtained from the Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Post Office, Hico, Texas, or from the Manager, Tenth U. S. Civil Service District, Customhouse, New Orleans, La.

BAPTISTS ADOPT BUDGET AND SEEK AID OF ALL MEMBERS

The congregation of the Hico Baptist Church adopted their budget for the year's work last Sunday in a business session of the body; and it is stated that the deacons plan to have a full enrollment of all the members at an early date in the support of the year's work.

The officials of the church have not made a personal solicitation of the members, but the subscription cards are at the church where it is expected that the members will themselves make their subscriptions and receive each a package of weekly contribution envelopes for the twelve month period.

Returns From Hospital

J. C. Rodgers was brought home Tuesday afternoon from the Stephenville Hospital where he has been receiving treatment for an illness that has kept him away from his office for several weeks.

Mr. Rodgers said he was much improved on his return, but stated that he was not yet able to return to his work.

Attending Lectures At Dallas

Rev. Floyd Thrash, pastor of the Methodist Church, left for Dallas Tuesday to attend a series of lectures to be given at SMU. Dr. Royal Smith of Chicago will deliver the larger part of the lectures. Rev. Thrash will return Friday.



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Hico, Tex., Friday, Jan. 31, 1941.

### BOY SCOUTS CONTINUING ACTIVE PROGRAM

To mark its 31st birthday, the Boy Scouts of America is continuing an active program to prepare the youth of this country to take its place in dealing with world conditions.

Scouting officials have drawn up an extensive emergency program designed to make the boys of the United States of more value in times of crisis. Dr. James E. West, Chief Scout Executive, in announcing the plan said: "It is the responsibility of everyone identified with Scouting in normal times, and certainly in a period of national emergency, to be alert and vigilant to meet every opportunity for service, not only because of the obligation but because of the special training which the program of Scouting gives to boys in Patrols and Troops and through the development of qualities of leadership on the part of older boys and Scouters."

Giving new significance to the Boy Scout motto: "Be Prepared!" the Scout Movement has begun intensive training for the boys in its membership in all things which will make them more reliable and capable in emergency situations.

Scouts are being trained in observation, identification and memory through a thorough knowledge of their home communities.

The boys are being trained in swimming, horsemanship, boating, proper methods of running messages, as well as how to travel under adverse conditions. Stressing the necessity of clean living, the program emphasizes outdoor life, giving the Scouts training in camping with and without shelter, the preparation of food, and knowledge of woodcraft lore.

Calling to mind the long list of Scout heroes who have received medals for saving life, local Scoutmasters are teaching their boys safety methods for dealing with firearms, cutting tools, and fire, as well as instruction in methods of water rescues and first aid for the seriously injured.

Rural Scouts are playing an important part in this emergency service program through raising garden truck for food, studying the importance of food and its conservation, raising birds and animals for food, as well as fish hatching.

Although in no way advocating military training for the forty-seven thousand Scout Units throughout the country, the Scout Movement has recognized the necessity of preparing the youth of the United States for efficient and valuable service to the country in time of emergency. Scout service in times of recent crisis, such as the hurricane disasters of New England and Florida, has shown the value of Boy Scout training in first aid, signaling, pathfinding, safety, and use of knife and axe.

The Boy Scouts of America in organizing this emergency program has joined with 15 other organizations of the Citizenship Educational Service in issuing this statement: "While recognizing the urgent necessity for military preparedness, we are deeply convinced that the paramount need in national defense is the strengthening and invigoration of democracy in the United States. This we propose to do through our respective programs for activity and education."

### PRIVATE JOHN SMITH

The flames of controversy are still raging in Washington and quite a few sparks are springing up right here in Hico. We're all war-mongers or appeasers, depending on who's calling the names and we ought to be ashamed of ourselves. Every now and then someone takes a deep breath, echoes the pleas for tolerance that a few men like Joe Kennedy are making, and settles down to the serious business of name-calling. It's all very confusing.

On the other hand we have those who claim the oceans are too wide for anyone to cross and invade us, and on the other we see those who have air bases established in Newfoundland or South America or some other place just a hop-skip and a bomb drop from U. S. territory. And between the two we have found a common ground on which all except the extremists agree—that we ought to help Britain and that we ought to stay out of the war. If we can just settle on the formula for doing both, all us war-mongers and appeasers will be happy.

That's where we, here at home, have it all over the politicians. Their only dispute is whether or not an unfriendly power could establish itself in the Americas. Well, we don't—not us war-mongers and appeasers at home. We've got an ace in the hole that everyone else seems to have forgotten. We've got an ace that will take any invasion trick that the rest of the world cares to play and make it wish it hadn't. We've got an ace that we had rather not play, but if it comes to a showdown we'll put it in the game. We've got Mr. John Smith, Private Smith of the United States Army.

We all know Mr. Smith—or a fellow just like him. We've seen him grow up right here in town. Some of us smoked his old man's cigars the day he was born, and some of us shook our heads and wondered what the world was coming to when he shagged in his girl's house.

Private Smith was never a spectacular success here. He sat on the bench for three years when the football season was on, and fumbled the only time he got into a big game. He flunked Latin in his senior year in high school and had to take a re-examination before he could graduate. He spent nearly two years trying to get a job and when he got one what did he do but get up and get married. Remember how nearly prostrated Mrs. Jones was, and how mad old Smith was?

Remember how he showed us the book he got when he registered for the draft. Right after President Roosevelt's solemn and heart-felt foreword which said that he was now enshrined on his country's roll of honor, he wrote: "P. S. If you aren't, it'll cost you 10,000 bucks and five years in the can."

Remember how he yelled about no tag-waxing for him. And how no catch-phrase like "Save the World for Democracy" or "Remember the Maine" was going to drag him into the army. Remember?

And remember the first draft contingent? Remember that quiet fellow in the middle of the line at the railroad station who was kissing young Mrs. Smith goodbye? Remember young Mrs. Smith's words: "Come back a General, Johnny" and him nodding real quick? Remember the train pulling out and Mrs. Smith crying in the arms of old man Smith, and him standing there so straight that you'd think he was a general himself? Remember the fellow who Mrs. Jones just last week said was one of the finest in the world—and there wasn't anyone in the whole town to disagree? Remember?

We'll see him now and then, when he's home on furlough. We might treat him a little differently than we used to, but not much. Because with all our casing his ways, our being outraged at his cantankerousness, his upsetting talk, his plain ornateness, we've always known he was right.

That's our ace in the hole. We may argue for days about the vitality of a British victory, but deep down inside we know that no foreign troops are going to be quartered in our houses. No matter what happens in this crazy world, no matter if we have to change America into an armed camp and live in fear of the bombers or of troops trying to land, we know that in the long run we're going to be all right.

We've got Private Smith, Private John Smith of the United States Army.

A standard driver's license law in Texas would put a premium on competence and skill in driving. It would provide an effective way for removing the incompetent or dangerous drivers from the road.

Since 1919 more than 1,756,554 American men have been volunteer leaders in the Boy Scouts of America.

### Lincoln Still Speaks



### THIS WEEK In Washington

Washington, Feb. 3. (Autocaster)—Congress took time out for a deep breath while the President and Vice-President were being inaugurated and plunged right back into the fight for and against HR 1776, the controversial lend-lease bill which would give the President the right to "sell, transfer, exchange, lease, or otherwise dispose of" any defense article which the President may deem advisable to transfer to another nation. And to permit British ships to be repaired in our ports.

Wendell L. Willkie, titular head of the Republican party, threw a monkey wrench into the planned opposition to President Roosevelt's "All-Out" aid-to-Britain bill by announcing that he favored the bill's provisions with the very minor reservation that a two-year time limit be placed on Presidential powers.

While proponents of the bill are hailing his statements as a forthright, honest appraisal that should effect immediate passage of the bill in its entirety, or with a few minor changes, the opposition is cautiously silent. Informally, many Republican house and senate members condemn the former candidate's statement, but officially it is being ignored.

The opposition, however, is still very visible on the bill itself. This bill, as it happens, proposes to give the President the unlimited right to "sell, transfer, exchange, lease, or otherwise dispose of" any defense article which the President may deem advisable to transfer to another nation. It contains provisions for goods to be manufactured on government order and paid for from the national treasury—these goods to be subject to transfer as the President orders. It also carries a provision for the repair of British warships in American ports—in fact, the bill, as it stands, is so all-encompassing that it gives the President power to do everything except to send men to the aid of a country whose defense he may think vital to the safety of the United States.

The President's adherents backed it strongly, many saying that its provisions did not go far enough. Representative Sol Bloom, Democrat of New York, and chairman of the powerful House Foreign Affairs Committee stated: "This bill follows the line of the President's address, and if it accomplishes the purpose of giving aid to the democracies, I have no doubt that it will meet with popular approval."

There undoubtedly will be many changes in the bill before it is finally passed. The time limit which Mr. Willkie thought advisable will probably be inserted. Certification from the army and navy that goods are not necessary for our defense requirements may be demanded, but there is little doubt that bill 1776 will pass, both House and Senate without any vital revisions.

**Administration May Give In**  
A distinct impression has been given out by Administration forces

### THE DOCTOR Tells the Story

**ANIMAL INTELLIGENCE**  
I have often marvelled at the unusual intelligence exhibited by animals, especially those who live close to man, such as the dog and the horse. The horse which I used to ride, when practicing medicine in the country, knew the homes of every one of my patients, such as a milk wagon horse knows his route, and would frequently stop at a gate, where I had been attending a sick person who had recovered, and look back, expecting me to dismount and open same. Many a night after I had been called out and finished my work, I mounted my steed and now and then caught a few winks of sleep, certain that he would get me home.

I think the strangest experience I ever had with an animal was with a Gordon setter which I had never before seen. One could, at a glance, see that it was a well bred creature, but how it came to my office or from where it came I never ascertained. Neither did my fellow villagers, for it was also a stranger to them.

I was awakened on a rainy night by scratching at my door, accompanied by the moaning of an animal in pain. Opening the door, before me, on the porch, lay the dog of which I speak. It rolled on its back and whined, showing that it was in great distress. I lit an old-fashioned kerosene lamp, for electricity was not used then, and it crawled into the room, again turning on its back and moaning.

An examination showed that it had been kicked or hit in the abdomen and ruptured so that there was a large loop of intestines protruding. Calling my colored man, we placed the poor thing on the operating table. After injecting two hypodermics of morphin I operated and closed the wound, wrapping the animal in a plaster cast so that it would have to remain quiet. It rested for several days on a bit of carpet, took its food regularly, and made an uneventful recovery.

Afterwards, when cured, it became my shadow, following me about town, sleeping in my room, my companion on hunting trips and it always evidenced with its large affectionate eyes the debt it owed me and its deep appreciation for my assistance. To this day I consider that dog my most grateful patient.

When it finally went to the happy hunting ground for dogs I lost a faithful companion. I often think of what Mark Twain said about these four footed friends, which is so true: "If you pick up a sick or a starving dog and make him well and prosperous, he will not bite you. That is the principal difference between a dog and a man."

With so much excitement about the hearings of the House Foreign Relations Committee, the opening of Senate hearings on Friday were

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almost forgotten, but starting with the same parade of witnesses as appeared before the House, the Senate hearings promise plenty of fireworks before they are over.

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**WORRY** . . . glands  
Talking about such things with several doctors who are more or less specialists in heart troubles, I found them mostly of the opinion that worry kills more people than any specific disease medical science can put a name to. "There's nothing the matter with you that a hundred thousand dollars wouldn't cure," one of them told me, when he found I was worried about finances.

The human body has wonderful defense mechanisms. Against fear it has the adrenal glands. When one is afraid of anything, those glands secrete adrenalin, which flows into the blood stream, increases the blood pressure, and gives the muscles greater power to fight or to run away. That is one of the defense mechanisms that humans have in common with other animals.

But the other animals are afraid only of physical danger. We imaginative humans conjure up fear out of money troubles, concern about our families and friends, things that haven't happened and may never happen.

**HABITS** . . . foods  
Most of us are victims of one bad habit or another, of which we may be totally unaware. Very few live the sort of life for which nature designed our physical structures. To be sure, the world would not have made much progress if humanity hadn't abandoned many of the ways and customs of primitive man, but in climbing the ladder from savagery to civilization the race has dropped a good many customs which we would be better off if our forebears had retained.

Cooking, for one thing, I've little patience with food "faddists," but I'm sure that civilized folk today eat too much cooked food and not enough raw. We wouldn't need as many dentists as we do, otherwise.

Clothes are another item in which we've departed from the healthy ways of early man. To be sure, mankind occupies colder climates than our first ancestors did, but most of us don't need as many clothes as we wear. I'm glad to see

### TODAY and Tomorrow

#### SMOKING . . . crutch

All my life I've been a heavy smoker. There's something about tobacco that is both physically and mentally stimulating. Doctors have warned me from time to time for forty years to cut down on cigarettes. I didn't pay much attention until this year. Last summer my heart began to cut up, and I got worried. The doctor started off with the usual advice, to lay off cigarettes.

I tried it. Along in September I stopped smoking entirely. It wasn't as hard to do as I had imagined it would be. After two or three days I didn't miss my cigarettes though I had been smoking about 30 a day. But something else happened. I found that I couldn't do my regular work of writing, writing without tremendous effort and great fatigue. I had to quit and lie down, to rest every few minutes.

I stuck it out for six weeks. Then I called the doctor in again. I pointed out that when a man has used a crutch for many years he can't throw it away without some damage. I'd been relying on cigarettes to keep up my "pep" for so long, that to quit smoking now was like throwing away a crutch. The doctor agreed that whatever damage smoking had done to my heart had already been done. I started smoking again, and I'm having no trouble with my work. The time to quit smoking is before it has done one any harm.

#### HEARTS . . . strain

Naturally, I've been looking into the whole subject of heart troubles. The one thing about them on which doctors seem to agree is that more people die of heart disease in America than for any other cause. Just how much or how little smoking has to do with this situation is a point on which there is a great difference of opinion.

My belief is that too much blame is placed upon cigarettes. Doctors find that a high percentage of their heart patients are heavy smokers. But so is a high percentage of folk who never have a sign of heart trouble. There are no statistics of the number of people who have smoked to excess all their lives and never had a symptom of heart disease.

There's no doubt that most of us put too much strain on our hearts. There's something in the air of America that tempts people to try to do more than the folk of other countries do. We work at high nervous tension, develop high blood pressure, and play havoc with the workings of our bodily machines. But we get things done and have a good time doing them, as no other people do.

#### Week's Fashion

Pattern 8756—This charming pattern for growing girls can be made up in gingham, percale or chambray for play and school, and in dimity, taffeta or organdy for parties. Later on it will be perfect in thin wool and velveteen.

Design No. 8756 looks adorable on girls between the sizes of 6 and 14, because the skirt flares, the shoulders are wide, the bodice gathered just a bit, above the high waistline. Thus it detracts from the length and lankiness of this in-between age, and has a filling-out effect.

Notice, too, how the rounded shoulder section help to make the heart-shaped neckline more becoming! Once your daughter tries this on, she'll never be satisfied till you make her several more just like it.

Pattern No. 8756 is designed for sizes 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 years. Size 8 requires 2 1/2 yards of 35-inch material without nap; 1 1/2 yards braided.

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# CHECKERBOARD LOVE

JOSEPH McCORD

## SYNOPSIS CHAPTER VII

Audrey Swan, nicknamed "Cygnet," is the only daughter of a highly respected horse trainer. His farm adjoins the estate of Judge Castle, whose only son, Jeffrey, has been Audrey's friend since childhood. The Judge has looked forward to taking Jeffrey into partnership, but Jeffrey is to be married to Olive Cooper, who refuses to live in his home town, Parville, and is planning a protracted honeymoon. Ill health makes it necessary for Annie Dodds, the Judge's elderly secretary, to leave, so Jeffrey is forced to work in his father's office. He tries to persuade Vic Quinn, a college friend in Parville, to substitute for him. Vic is talking things over with Audrey.

"You. Look here, Audrey. You know what I'm driving at. Nothing has changed with me. But suppose I'd turned up in Parville for an indefinite stay. Frankly, wouldn't you have thought it in pretty poor taste . . . not to say low?"

"No. Why should you think I would ever stand in the way of your helping a friend or helping yourself to something better? There's no reason that I can see." "That's mighty swell of you. I believe I'll broach the subject to the elder Brand this afternoon if I get a chance. If he's agreeable, I may do it."

Henry Brand listened attentively to his subordinate's request and was unexpectedly cooperative. "I don't wonder, Quinn, that you wish the association with Judge Castle. It is a real opportunity for a young man. I think it can be arranged if you wish."

Victor's next move was to call Jeffrey Castle in Parville. "I say Jeff," he began with a carelessness that would have done credit to Jeffrey himself. "I just talked over that proposition with Mr. Brand. He was good enough to urge me to accept . . . thinks it will mean a lot for me. I guess he's right."

"You mean you'll come then?" Jeff's relief and delight were apparent. "That's the best news I've heard in an age."

"Yes. That is, if you plan to be away long enough to make it worth while."

"Oh, it will be plenty long." "What about your father?" "He'll be tickled pink. He's away for a few days. But I told him I was trying to get someone to help here and he'll be delighted to know it's you. Don't worry. It's all settled."

"Well, look for me about the third. That's next week." "Marvelous! Come right to the house. We'll put you up until you have a chance to look about."

"I'd rather you didn't mention it to anyone until it's settled."

"I won't . . . you sly dog! Good-bye."

He hung up before Victor had a chance to refute the final indication.

December had come before Jeffrey appeared again in the Parville office. After an enthusiastic greeting, his first question was: "Is my father at home?"

"No," Victor returned in some amazement. "He went up to the city on business . . . plans to return tomorrow. Evidently this is a surprise. Did Mrs. Castle come with you?"

"No," Jeff answered shortly. "She's at home. We came back rather unexpectedly. Olive wanted to rest up and I thought I'd run out and see how everybody is . . . get a report of your stewardship."

"That's easy," Victor laughed. "My talent is all wrapped up in a napkin and I'm ready to travel. That's a little over your head. I know. I must say that married life seems to agree with you."

He had been appraising Jeffrey closely since that young man had posed in a chair with graceful ease. He was faultlessly attired and had a healthy outdoor coloring. But Victor thought he detected an ex-

pression on his face, lines at the corners of his mouth that never had been there before.

"Oh, I'm feeling pretty fit," the traveler admitted. "How's everything around this dump?"

"All right. I should say. When do you plan to settle down in harness? You don't have to give me any particular notice, you know."

"No rush about that, Vic. It's going to take me a little time to get straightened out . . . settled, I mean. How're Audrey and her folks? I suppose you've seen quite a bit of them since you've been here."

"As a matter of fact, I haven't. Been out a few times to visit them."

"I must run out and say hello before I go back. Mother's in town. I suppose?"

"So far as I know."

"Guess I'd better jog out there and give her a shock. Instead of following up his suggestion, Jeffrey lighted a cigarette and sat

smoking moodily, staring at the wall in front of him.

His absorption in his thoughts became so evident that Victor was constrained to break the silence.

"Looks as if you're doing some heavy thinking," he suggested.

"I am. For me. Look here, Vic . . . Jeff still was staring at the wall . . . what sort of a deal did you make with Brand?"

"They expect to take care of me when I come back," Victor said it quietly without taking his eyes from the other man's face.

"I see. Then you could stay on here . . . indefinitely."

"Look here, Jeff. You can't do that."

Instead of replying directly, Jeffrey observed: "I had only one letter from the old gentleman while I was gone. It caught up to me in Honolulu. Most of it was a panegyric . . . devoted to you. I wasn't surprised, knowing your efficiency of old. I could see that my absence wasn't disrupting the scheme of the Parville universe."

"Don't be an ass!" Victor retorted sharply. "Look at me, if you don't mind, and tell me what all this drivel is leading up to."

"I'm not coming back to Parville."

"You don't mean that, of course. There's nothing else for you to do, man."

"Think not? You're not married, Vic. But you must have some imagination. Do you fancy you'd trade your wife's affection for the sake of a noble gesture?"

"I'm afraid I am not acquainted with that sort of . . . affection will do, I suppose. You're trying to tell me that Mrs. Castle is standing by her determination to remain in the city. I recall that you mentioned it before you went away."

"That's right. Sweet but unyielding. She sees no reason for my coming back here, and that's all-sufficient. There's no argument."

"But good Lord, Jeff! A man's self-respect counts for something! Surely a woman . . . there I go again. You've had to thresh out all that yourself."

"If I must have a career, what's the matter with good old Harrison Products? Olive has fixed that up for me. Nice berth and a fair income, guaranteed not to interfere with the cocktail hour. There's another argument Olive puts up."

Jeff went on. "I'm not sure it hasn't some merit. If we came here, we'd have to live with the folks. For a time at least. Olive

insists there isn't any house big enough for two families, although there's scads of room at home. That would start a row, too. You'll have to give the girl her due. She won't consent to living in her own home, either. She is starting out on an apartment hunt today. That is all settled, too. You know, Vic, Jeffrey admitted wryly, "things would be easier for me if I didn't love my wife. But I do."

"Naturally. Then it's all settled, so far as you're concerned. Well, if there's anything I can do to smooth your path, you know I will. After all, nobody's going to expect you to break up your married life for the sake of your parents. That doesn't make sense."

"You can do a lot for me and for Father, too, if you'll stay on here. At least he'll never be able to throw it up to me that I left him in the lurch. I've supplied him with a substitute who will go much farther than I ever can. You like it well enough here, don't you?"

"Well enough, yes. I'd have to think it over pretty carefully, Jeff."

"More like April than December today," Anthony Swan remarked to his family as he pushed his chair back from the lunch table. "I believe I'm getting a bit of spring fever."

"I know I am," Audrey admitted. "Dad, have you any jobs that are crying to be done?"

"There's that roan of Bardsley's. Don't be woolgathering if you ride

him. He'll stand a deal of watching. Tricky."

"Maybe I'll do that little thing after a bit. Are you going to be around the place this afternoon?"

"No. I'm leaving shortly with the truck. I've a car of feed in town and I want to get it out here. I'm taking Jim and Robert with me. You can manage your saddling. I dare say."

An hour later, wearing a wind-breaker and her oldest jodhpurs, Audrey was leading the big roan gelding from the lower stable. "No tricks, now!" she warned, getting a firm hold of the reins and her boot in the stirrup. As she vaulted to her seat, the roan jumped sideways with a twisting motion that brought him no satisfaction only a smart touch from Audrey's crop.

"Tough, what?" she bantered. "Go on now and don't pull the smart stuff."

Recalling that her father had complimented the roan upon his willingness to jump in good form, Audrey decided to test him. She put him swiftly at the first set of bars—the same ones where Olive Castle had had her spill, she recalled, after the start was made.

It was a beautiful jump and made an attractive picture. Audrey's slim body in perfect rhythm, with flowing muscles under her, face tense with excitement, curls whipped by the wind. The slight roused the admiration of an un-noticed audience, a lone horseman who thrilled an enthusiastic, "Yip . . . pee . . . ee!"

Audrey reigned in and sent a startled glance over her shoulder. For an instant she failed to recognize the rider trotting up. A man in a sweater with a cap pulled low on his face. "Jeff! Hya!" And her nose quivered. "Scuse my glove," she babbled happily. "No. Don't excuse anything but my excitement! Am I glad to see you?"

"Some here," Jeff still held the small gloved hand in a close grasp, looked steadily into the smiling hazel eyes. "It's good to see you, Cyglet."

"Wherever did you come from?" she demanded.

"The big town. We arrived yesterday and I ran down for a few hours to see the folks. And you," he added quickly. "Father is away until tomorrow and Mother is in bed recovering from the shock. Thought I'd have a little ride for myself and I spied you from afar off. Seeing you all saddled, Cyglet, how about a little ride to celebrate? It isn't in the least cold."

"No, it's a gorgeous day. I'd love to. Where shall we go?"

"Well, if we're going to stay mounted, that cuts out the old trysting place under the willow. If he saw a shadow across Audrey's face he gave no sign. "How about the Ridge? That's next best in my memory."

Jeff seemed to have little to say save answers to Audrey's eager

questions. He seemed changed, looked older. She was trying to think of some cheerfully safe topic to introduce her when he started her by remarking: "I suppose you haven't seen Father lately." It was more nearly a statement than a question.

"No. Not in quite a while. I do not believe that I have talked with him since the night of the dinner. Why?"

"Just wondering how he is these days, that's all. I wish I didn't have to face him."

"Why do you say that, Jeff?"

"I think you know. Well, I can't stall any longer. I was a fool to try it. Tomorrow I'll have the very pleasant job of telling the old gentleman that I'm ducking back to the city to stay. My wife won't live anywhere else and my father-in-law has come across with a job for me. It's a good story. But it won't help me here."

(To be continued)

**Gilmore**  
By  
MRS. RUBY JOHNSON

Messrs. E. B. Thompson, Leonard McLendon, and Charlie Tolliver were visiting in Iredell and near Walnut Springs Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Lorand Heffley and Miss Marcella Johnson of Stephenville were visiting homefolks a while Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Doty and children of Hico, and I. E. Johnson and family of Greysville were Sunday dinner guests of M. H. Johnson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McLendon and daughters, Marlene and Linda Lee, of Greysville, accompanied by Mrs. E. B. Thompson of this community were Fort Worth visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. St. Johnson and son, Kenneth, were visiting Mrs. L. J. Jordan at Hico Saturday afternoon.

I. E. Johnson of Greysville was visiting his brother, St. Friday afternoon.

Miss Christene Christopher and wife of the Clairette community, and E. B. Thompson and wife were guests of Charlie Tolliver and family Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Boyett were attending to business in Stephenville last Saturday.

E. B. Thompson and wife and Charlie Tolliver and family were visiting relatives in the Greysville community Sunday.

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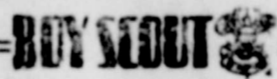
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Miss Mable Jordan, who is working in Brownwood, spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jordan.

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Mrs. Mae Bates returned Monday from a two-weeks' visit in Liberty and Kansas City, Mo., with Miss Sarah Yancey.

Mrs. C. L. Hackett of Sherman and her sister, Mrs. Ben Gunn, of Munday were here last week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Marcum.

Max Ragsdale and Derrill Elkins of Brooks Field, San Antonio, spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Elkins and J. N. Ragsdale.

Mrs. Howard Rlerson and little daughter, Sonja Ann, of Mineral Wells were here one day last week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Ross.

Misses Mayo Hollis and Jennie Mae McDowell spent last week end in Brady visiting Miss McDowell's sister-in-law, Mrs. W. L. McDowell.

Mrs. W. M. Marcum and son, Marks, were in Brownwood Sunday visiting her son, Tommie Hoffman, who is stationed at Camp Bowie.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dohoney Jr. of Cleburne were here Sunday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dohoney Sr., and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Sampley of Lometa spent the week end here with her father, Ike Anderson, and her sisters, Betty Jo, Carroll and Wynama. Miss Carroll accompanied them home for a visit.

**Six Inch Sermon**

REV. ROBERT H. HARPER

The Christian Attitude Towards Possessions. Lesson for February 9: Luke 16: 10-15; 19-23. Golden Text: Luke 16: 13.

It might surprise some to realize that their attitude towards possessions indicates whether they may or may not be trusted with true riches. Faithful in little, a man will be faithful in much; faithful in using the gifts of God, he will be trusted with greater gifts.

Earthly things are not the mere pawns of trade nor the absolute possessions of the temporary owners. Their tenure is a stewardship unto God. If we abuse them in our selfishness, we shall not be trusted with true riches either in this life or the world to come. Jesus says we cannot serve two masters—God and Mammon. It was not strange that the Pharisees, "lovers of money," scoffed at Jesus when he talked of the right use of wealth.

The lesson closes with the story of Dives and Lazarus. The rich man dressed in the linen and faring sumptuously every day, despised the beggar laid at his door. At last these two, whose earthly stations were as far apart as the east from the west, went to different places separated by a great gulf—Hades and Heaven. Dives came to the end of a man who has all his good things in this one who, though a beggar, chose eternal riches.

Jesus did not forbid our seeking the things of earth but he said we should seek first the kingdom of God. We cannot enter the kingdom if we love the things of earth more than God and wrongly use what God has given us. Then we may so use the things of earth that when they fall we may be received, as Jesus promises, "into the everlasting habitations."

Several attended the singing at Cottonwood Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Broughton and children were dinner guests of the home of Mr. T. M. Lee Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stanford, who have been visiting in Brownwood, returned home last week.

Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth and Mrs. Sam Hollingsworth and baby of Menard spent Sunday with Mrs. S. Q. Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Partain of Lampasas, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Partain of Denison were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Partain last Saturday night.

Miss Thoma Rodgers and Mrs. Grady Hooper were visitors in Fort Worth Thursday.

Othar Carlton of Fort Sam Houston was a week-end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Carlton.

Miss Lela Riley has moved to Brownwood where she has been working for the past several weeks.

Now is the time to sow Spring Wheat. I have about 150 bushels, \$5c per bushel at my farm one mile east of Olin. E. E. Basham.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. McCullough and daughter, Frances, spent the week end in Austin with their daughter, Mary Ella, who is a student in the University of Texas.

Miss Jessie Garth and A. T. McCadden spent Wednesday and Thursday in Dallas buying merchandise for the J. W. Richbourg store.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Adams and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Adams, the latter of Ozona, were in Fort Worth Saturday visiting their daughter, Mrs. Mark Workman.

Mrs. Naomi Jones is back at her work at the Buckhorn Cafe this week, after having been out part of last week on account of illness.

W. H. Brown Jr. of Kelly Field, and Grady Brown of Brooks Field, San Antonio, visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown, over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Rainwater and daughter, Nancy, and Mrs. Leslie Wall of Brady, spent the week end here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rainwater and Mrs. C. W. Shelton. They were accompanied home by the ladies' sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Page Barnett, of Carlton.

Fred Leeth of San Antonio spent the week end here visiting Mrs. Leeth and their two daughters, Ila Dee and Allie Dee, who are making their home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Leeth. The twins, who formerly attended school at Thordale, where their parents resided until a month ago, are now attending the Hico schools.

## Clairette

By NILA MARIE ALEXANDER

Rev. Broughton filled his regular appointment here Sunday. Mrs. Eric Baldwin of Sedwick spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. W. B. Harvey.

Mr. J. R. Alexander of Miles spent Wednesday evening and night with his father, R. M. Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Phillips of Dallas were week end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wolfe.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Thompson Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Conda Salmon and little daughters, Monette June and Patsy Jo, and Mrs. George W. Salmon.

Mrs. W. Z. Carter and sons, Donald and Billie Gene, of Marshall Ford Dam visited relatives here over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Havens visited Mr. Havens' father, Mr. Jim Burnett, who is in the Gorman Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Head and daughters visited Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Head and family of near Dublin Sunday.

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Boyd Greenway, R. C. Boaz, George Griffiths and Thomas Levisay were in Brownwood Wednesday night to attend a basketball game played between Howard Payne College and the nationally-known House of David team.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rodgers and daughters, Priscilla and Barbara, and Mrs. J. R. Bobo and daughter, Mildred, were in Denton Tuesday making arrangements for Priscilla and Mildred to attend Texas State College for Women next fall.

Mrs. J. V. Lackey and her brother-in-law, Dr. O. N. Lackey, of Conway, Arkansas, left last Sunday for a week's visit with Mr. Lackey's sisters, Mrs. E. C. Martin at Corpus Christi, and Mrs. T. M. Nix at San Diego, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McClure of Abilene, where Mr. McClure has been engaged in army camp construction work, spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Fewell, and left Sunday night to visit in Morgan and Fort Worth for a few days.

Miss Winnie Eakins of Dallas was here over the week end visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Eakins, and was accompanied home by her sister, Miss Rosalie Eakins, who was carried to Baylor Hospital for examination and medical treatment.

Ninety-Year-Old Honoree Presides At Open House

Sunday was the day of days for Mrs. E. K. Ridenhower, whose sons and daughter honored her at an open house to celebrate her ninetieth birthday. And never for a moment did the gracious and charming honoree take a back seat. The afternoon was hers and she enjoyed it down to the last teacake.

Guests were received at the door by Miss Ruth Felder of Fort Worth and guided to the guest book, presided over by Miss Madge Felder of Dallas. Both girls are great nieces of Mrs. Ridenhower. In the receiving line were Mrs. Ridenhower, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Jackson, Mrs. R. E. Sperry, a niece, of Long Beach, Calif., Ray Ridenhower of Junction, J. G. Blackman of Brackettville, a brother of the honoree; Mr. and Mrs. Olin Ridenhower of Junction; Mrs. E. A. Felder of Fort Worth and Mrs. H. E. Stewart of Tucson, Ariz., nieces; Mr. and Mrs. Loraine Bracewell of Fort Worth, great nephew, and Mrs. Leland Storey of Dallas, great niece.

A red and white motif was carried out and there was a profusion of flowers arranged throughout the reception rooms. The lace covered tea table was centered with a crystal bowl of red carnations and ferns, with crystal candlesticks holding lighted red candles.

Presiding at the tea table were Mrs. Lula Hollingsworth of Menard, Mrs. Iva Pittman of De Leon, Mrs. H. T. Jackson of Fort Worth, Mrs. J. N. Russell, Mrs. J. B. Pool and Mrs. Robert Jackson, all of Hico.

Refreshments of coffee, tea, cake, mints and salted nuts were served by Mrs. Carl Brazell of Lake Charles, La., Misses Virginia Lee and Elizabeth Ridenhower of Junction, all granddaughters, and Miss Mary Sue Felder of Fort Worth and Miss Jessie Miller Pool of Hico.

Music was furnished by Miss Oran Jo Pool of Coleman, Mrs. Ruby Rudd of Comanche and Mrs. Charles W. Froh of Stephenville. Pianist: Mrs. J. N. Russell of Hico, accordionist: Miss Edith Lawrence of Stephenville and Miss Thoma Rodgers of Hico, vocalists.

Mrs. Ridenhower received many cards, letters and telegrams from friends and relatives in several states who were unable to attend. About one hundred and twenty-five guests called during the afternoon.

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JEROME MAE

Somebody finally got us. In the past whenever more careful and reserved drivers have cautioned us about driving fast, we usually replied that when our time came it wouldn't make any difference whether we were driving 40 or 60—after which we were either reminded that we were Presbyterians or were called hard-shelled Baptists. Usually we found ourself in a discussion and we always contended that everyone had a certain time to die and it didn't matter much what we were doing. We usually tried to strengthen our argument with a story about our "baby" uncle who turned over four or five times in a car without a scratch. Two days later he was walking home from school with his girl, turned around to say something to her just after he had said goodbye and fell off the curb and broke his collarbone. The moral to that might be "Stay away from wimmen"—but back to our original story. An air enthusiast who thinks as we do—that our days are numbered—was trying to get a lady acquaintance to take a plane ride, saying that it was no more dangerous than an automobile or train, that when her time came she was going anyway. To his most convincing argument she replied: "Well, there might be something to that, but I'm just afraid it might be the pilot's time." Has us stymied.

This is intended as a warning to J. W. Waldrop. While visiting in McCulloch County last week end, our hosts told us about three little boys living in the county who ran away from home. They got as far as New Mexico one night when a norther struck. Dividing into shifts, one youngster would gather wood and feed the fire while the other two slept. This lasted all night, the kids keeping pretty warm by chopping down small trees and gathering brush to add to the blaze. When morning came they discovered they were on the grounds of a nursery and had destroyed \$300 worth of fine trees. They took to the open road again.

Parting words of advice given to young doctors by Lionel Barrymore in the show, "Dr. Kildare Goes Home," were interesting. "You will find," he said, "that nobody ever gets sick at noon. An illness may start at noon, but no one ever calls a doctor until midnight. You will also find," he continued, "that you will have more trouble with the relatives than the patients."

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is always trying to help someone. He was in bright and early the next day, the papers he brought were well-worn, indicating that he had lent his paper to many a young man to look through the classified ads to look for a job, or assisted a number of the kids in finding the theatre program, or some nice old lady or gentleman looking for the church notices to see what time the evening services started.

There's the timid type—Miss Wilena Purcell—who wanted to be helpful, but didn't want to bother us if we already had enough, so she called on the telephone to find out.

Still another—the old reliables—and that group includes Mr. and Mrs. Bowles and Mrs. Grace Woodward. Both parties have been ill or tending to the sick, but both took time out to see that the editor had his wishes fulfilled. They are also the trusting types—both giving their papers to another person with instructions to hand them to us if Mrs. Woodward, especially, may be classified as definitely of this type—she even trusts Mr. Lampton.

Then there's the "go through fire or water" type—John Guinn, Route 4, who braved all Saturday's rain to bring in those two papers.

Our study comes to a close with the smart alec type—that's Cecil Coston. Arriving by the back door his conversation ran something like this: "That's a h— of a note. Print the papers and send them out one week and then next week you ask us to bring 'em back . . ." We thought maybe he had some sentimental reason for wanting to keep his paper, since the address stamp showed that the paper he returned originally was sent to "Ollie Davis."

Oh, yes, one more. We forgot the practical type. Our Mother used our copy to build a fire in the fireplace. Says it makes a bigger blaze than the Hamilton County News.

Mrs. M. J. Pierson Celebrates Passing 80th Milestone

Mrs. M. J. Pierson, who passed her eightieth birthday February 3, was the honoree at a delightful dinner and gathering at her home the previous Sunday, Feb. 2.

The table was centered with a beautiful birthday cake on which there were eighty candles. The cake was a surprise gift from Miss Ruby Rodgers.

Among the guests for dinner or calling during the day were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tarver Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tarver Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pierson, Mrs. A. R. Pierson, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Hughes, all of Dallas; Mrs. S. L. Johnson of Ennis; Mrs. Theda White and Mrs. Amma Butler of Stephenville; and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Rodgers and daughter, Ann, all of Hico.

CARLTON 4-H GIRLS MET THURSDAY MORNING

Thursday morning the Carlton 4-H Club girls met in the laboratory of the school.

Miss Jones failed to be present, but our sponsor, Miss Moss, was on hand for the meeting.

Each member sang a song, read a poem or said a verse.

A talk was made by Miss Moss with every member adding to the subject, "Poultry."

Plans were made for a Valentine party after next club meeting.

The meeting was adjourned and everyone enjoyed a few minutes of recreation.

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# News of the World Told In Pictures

### Silver Anniversary



HOLLYWOOD, Cal. . . . Back in 1915, Joe E. Brown, the bashful bridegroom of this picture, married the blushing bride, Mrs. Joe E. Brown, who accompanies him here. Then, he promised her a big church wedding if he ever had enough money. It seems that somewhere along the way, the famous film comedian found the money, for here they are!

### Design for Defense



WASHINGTON, D. C. . . . Here is the new defense poster, printed in patriotic colors, which will be displayed by manufacturers after they have complied with instructions in connection with "Preparedness Through Production" week. Governors of more than a score of states have proclaimed their willingness to cooperate with the Defense Commission by urging all manufacturers to register their facilities for defense production.

### Best Lineman



WASHINGTON, D. C. . . . Duch Bergman (left), Catholic University coach, presenting the Knute Rockne Trophy to Robert Snodgrass, University of Tennessee star when the latter was selected as the outstanding grid lineman for the 1940 season.

### Calisthenics



LAND O'LAKES, Wis. . . . Here is one of the most remarkable pictures of the winter sports season. It shows Ola Thonvald, ski instructor, doing a complete somersault on skis. As can be seen, his cap has fallen off, but has not yet hit the ground.

### At Lend-Lease Hearings



WASHINGTON, D. C. . . . William S. Knudsen, co-pilot of the great defense effort of the U. S., is shown as he testified before the House Foreign Affairs Committee.



### Fish Ahoy!



MIAMI, Fla. . . . Letta Beasley, who adds to Florida's scenic beauty by sailing her new sailfish aquaplane in the sub-tropical waters off Miami. A slip, of course, means that she'll get that nice new bathing suit all wet!

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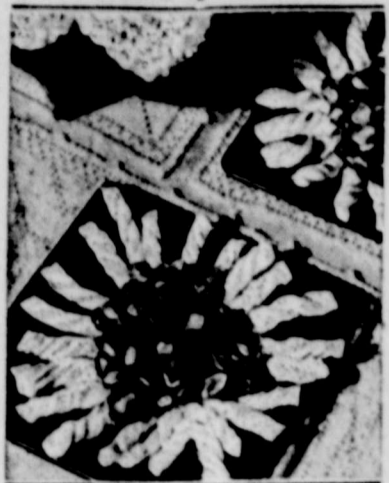


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### SOUTHERN COOKING



### PULLED PEPPERMINT CANDY

At every crossroads store in the South as in most other sections of the country, big striped peppermint sticks are still displayed prominently on candy counters. Always a favorite, a homemade variety of peppermint that the whole family will like is

**Pulled Peppermint Candy**  
2 1/2 cups sugar  
1 cup water  
2 tablespoons corn syrup  
2 tablespoons margarine  
peppermint flavoring  
green coloring

Put the sugar, water, corn syrup and cottonseed oil margarine in a saucepan over moderate heat and stir until dissolved. Cover and cook to long thread stage (248-254° F.).

Pour into pans which have been greased with cottonseed oil margarine, and let cool only until it can be handled; then pull, adding peppermint flavoring and a little green coloring, if desired. While still soft pull in strips the size of little finger, and cut into desired lengths, dropping on waxed paper. Let stand until hard. The longer this candy stands, the creamier the sticks will become. It can be stored in airtight tin boxes. Yields about 1 1/4 pounds.

Other favorite Southern recipes are presented in a large, full-color, 100-page free cook book, "100 Southern Recipes." Send to National Cotton Council, Box 18, Memphis, Tenn.

### Two-bite size MEAT BALLS simmered in Tomato Gravy

by Dorothy Greig

ONE thing I find exciting about cooking is the way in which improvements on old dishes are always bobbing up.



For instance, look at meat balls a good old standby dish from "way back. In the recipe below we show how to add new character to them. The combination of sage and other seasonings gives rare zest. Then we simmer the balls in condensed tomato soup . . . more lively flavor for the meat and a rich tomato gravy besides.

We make the balls much smaller than usual, too—no bigger than an overgrown marble—and we use a hot oven. All of which cuts down on the cooking time.

In making, roll the balls loosely. That keeps them tender and juicy. The rice as it cooks will swell a little, also, and needs room.

**Meat Balls in Tomato Gravy**  
1 pound ground beef  
3/4 cup rice (uncooked)  
1/2 cup chopped onion  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
Pinch of pepper  
1 1/2 teaspoons sage  
1 egg  
1 can condensed tomato soup

Wash the rice and mix it through the ground meat. Then add the onion, seasonings, sage, parsley and egg, slightly beaten. Mix thoroughly. Form into balls (about 12-14 balls) and put into a deep baking dish. Heat the can of condensed tomato soup with 1 can of water and pour over the meat balls in the casserole, having the balls well covered. Place in a hot oven (375°-400°) in a covered casserole, and bake 1 hour and 15 minutes. Serves 6-7

### Tires In The Raw

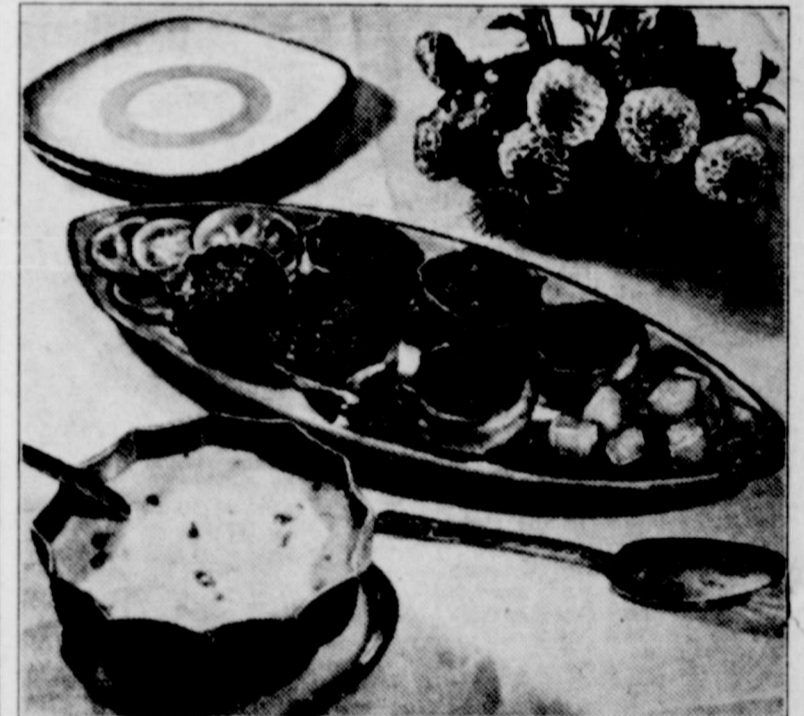


Third largest single outlet for cotton is the automobile tire industry. Shown above is a view of the National Cotton Council's new tire cord going through a gum-dipping process employed in a large tire factory. The new tire cord, perfected by the Council's Cotton Research Foundation as an answer to the threat of rayon in the tire industry, has a tensile strength 35% greater than that of conventional tire cords. It is being used extensively in the manufacture of heavy duty truck and bus tires.

## MEATS — Slow Cookers and Fast Ones . . . both types have their place in meal planning

says Dorothy Greig

IT'S a good thing for most of us that there are both long cooking meats and short cooking ones. We can thereby neatly gear our meats to our day's planned activities.



Lamb patties, girdled in bacon, are garnished with sliced tomatoes and spiced pineapple cubes, and served with Creamy Mushroom Sauce.

There's comfort in the realization that, oh well, we can stay out a while longer because for dinner we are having steak which cooks practically in jig time. One day we are at home, the coziest sound in the world is the slow sizzle of that roast in the oven. And for sheer pleasure no fragrance can equal the savory whiff of the stew as we lift the lid to drop in vegetables.

One of my pet short cookers is patties made of ground lamb instead of the more usual beef. They are accompanied by a creamy mushroom sauce which does wonders to glorify the simple dish:

### Grilled Lamb Patties with Creamy Mushroom Sauce

1 1/2 pounds lean lamb, ground  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon pepper  
2 bacon slices

Season ground lamb with salt and pepper and shape into round cakes. Wrap each in bacon slices and fasten with skewer or tooth pick. Pan-broil the patties on both sides. Then pour off all except 1 tablespoon fat. Serves 6.

—and notice how easy the sauce is to make:

### Creamy Mushroom Sauce

1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup  
1/2 cup milk

Empty the soup into the pan in which the patties were cooked and stir well, then add milk and heat. Serve sauce in gravy boat with the meat.

A garnish of sliced tomatoes and spiced pineapple cubes is another good touch with this dish.

When it comes to a slow-cooking meat, I have a favorite, too. It's a pot roast with a special trick to the gravy which adds extra flavor and turns the roast into a real triumph:

### Pot Roast with Mock Turtle Gravy

4 pounds beef, rolled  
1/2 cup flour  
2 teaspoons salt

1/2 teaspoon pepper  
1/2 cup suet or 3 tablespoons fat  
Vegetables (1 carrot, 2 stalks celery, 1 onion and 2 sprigs parsley)

A cut of beef from round, rump, chuck or shoulder is used for pot roast.

Mix the flour with the salt and pepper. Wipe the meat with a damp cloth, then dredge with flour and seasonings. Melt the suet or fat in a heavy pan and sear ends and sides of the roast.

Place the seared roast on a low rack in the bottom of a heavy kettle. (Beef bones may be placed in bottom of kettle and roast set on those, if rack is not available.) Add cut up vegetables and 1 cup of hot water. Cover tightly and cook for two hours, turning occasionally. The juices come out of the meat and roast finally cooks in its own juices.

### Gravy for Pot Roast:

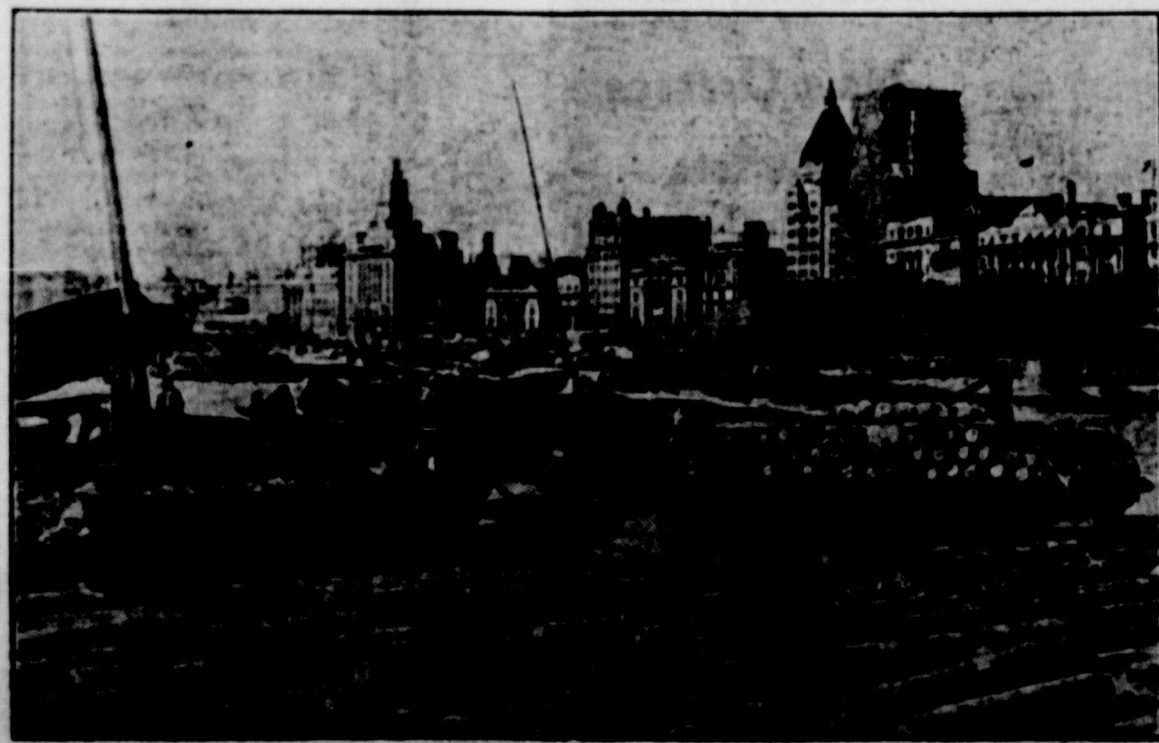
Strain and measure fat and juices from pot roast. Skim off fat.

4 tablespoons fat (skimmed from roast liquor)  
4 tablespoons flour  
2 cups liquid (meat juice from roast)

1 can condensed mock turtle soup  
Cook the flour in the fat until frothy and slightly browned. Then add 2 cups of liquid which is the meat juices with water added if necessary and cook until thickened. Add the mock turtle soup and cook 3-4 minutes. Put the roast back in the gravy and continue cooking for one hour. During this final cooking it is well again to put the roast back on the rack or bones so that it does not stick to bottom of roaster. Keep tightly covered.

Adding soup to gravy 1 hour before cooking is done, means that gravy is all ready when meat is . . . thus saving time at the serving end.

### River Traffic Active in Shanghai





FRESHMAN EDITION

The Mirror

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Sister Clippings Editor  
Sophomores Maxine Lively  
Freshmen Carolyn Holford  
Seventh Patsy Pinson  
Sixth Jean Hancock

SISSER CLIPPINGS

Some freshmen almost got into trouble for laughing Monday... I wonder what Mr. Pinson and Mr. Schwarz thought of the situation... We thought the cameraman would have to fix the camera more than once, when the Sophomores' turn came... Poor volleyball ball and baseball girls—no more chocolate candy for them... Some of the freshman girls are picking up nifty nicknames... There has been some more changing in the classes, in order to have seventh period "off" for county meet training... This is for the Senior girls... "Roses are red, violets are blue, I love my sweetheart but I'm nuts about you"... The latest style credits should be given to Jenkins and Bangs, the hair styles... These Junior girls had better be careful how they receive pictures of George Washington... Elva Jo Rainwater and Wanda Hendrix.

Jo Evelyn didn't do anything. Friends from Iredell to see them. They went to see a "haunted house". Bernice slept nearly all week end.

FRESHMEN

Mr. Levisay has made some changes in our seating arrangements, which we hope will not be too unsatisfactory for us. Many of us have been separated, but maybe our report cards will look better now. Interscholastic League is well started now. We have several more Spelling contestants. Our schedule is changed again, so more students can participate in Interscholastic League activities. We are proud to have the honor of editing The Mirror this week, and we hope it is a success.

SEVENTH GRADE

The Seventh Graders are enjoying Interscholastic League work, which consists of Arithmetic, Spelling, Music Memory, Choral Singing, and Declaration. We are going to work hard and help win the county meet this year. We are all looking forward to the cake-walk and basketball games Tuesday night, which I'll tell about next week. For the Red Cross drive the Seventh Grade made posters. Those awarded prizes were: First, Jerry Graves; and second, Mildred Relihan. Jane Latham visited her uncle in Dublin Sunday. He is recovering from an operation.

Georgia Nell Lewis went to Stephenville Saturday afternoon and stayed until Sunday. Thomas Offutt went to Dallas Sunday to visit his aunt and uncle. Stella Barnett visited her grandmother and grandfather Sunday. J. D. Noland's uncle visited him Sunday. Gwendolyn Kilpatrick visited Betty Jean McLendon Sunday.

SIXTH GRADE

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Bolton and Bettie Jo were in Hamilton Tuesday visiting their daughter, Mrs. Curtis Hartin, and husband. Mr. and Mrs. Whitesides and family are moving to West Texas. Mr. and Mrs. George Greer and son of Duffau spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mullins. Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Yancie were Saturday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmon Rich of Olin. Mr. B. W. Greer of near Iredell visited a while Tuesday in the Kirby Killion home. Mrs. H. Smith of Hico and Mrs. Ellen Bush were in our community Wednesday. Mrs. Bush was looking over her farm. Mrs. Ola Bolton visited Saturday in the Tooley home in Hico. Mr. Raymond Johnson has joined the Army. Mr. J. L. Mullins of this community and George Greer of Duffau were in Hamilton Monday morning. Joe Bush spent Sunday and Sunday night in the N. A. Lambert home.

FIFTH GRADE

Charles Grant visited Coy Pittman Sunday. Bobbie Jean Jaggers' brothers visited her Sunday. Yvonne Williams visited her grandmother Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Green visited Alene Herring Sunday evening. Nadine Glover spent the day with her cousin Sunday. Glenna Maude Russell visited Nelda Joyce Noland Sunday afternoon.

THIRD GRADE

Bertha Jean Connally's uncles, Messrs. Ed Connally and Buck Connally of Brownwood, paid her a visit Sunday. Jimmie Lee Barnett's father, J. T. Barnett, who is employed in Archer City, spent Sunday with her. Donald Ray Davis and Wendell Houston went trapping over the week end. J. W. Connally did some Sunday visiting in Carlton. Nelson Ables enjoyed a week-end visit from his aunt, Miss Johnnie Driver. Mrs. Nettie Barrow of Lubbock visited Glenna Maude Russell during the week end. Mr. and Mrs. Jess Oakley and children spent Sunday with Lorea Oakley's family. Jerry Ince enjoyed a visit from his big brother, Newell Ince, of Burnet. Patsy Ruth Meador celebrated her ninth birthday January 31 with a party. Every pupil in our room was invited, and all had a fine time. Charles Golightly was a Stephenville visitor last Saturday. His aunt, Hester Jordan, visited him Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Dowdy

PUSH-BUTTONS

Freshmen proud of a chance to show their ability to - CLICK - play a horn. Each band member is supposed to find a new member for the - CLICK - Home Ec. meeting Tuesday night postponed because of the bad weather. We are striving to improve our attendance - CLICK in general business. We are going to study Democracy a little later in the year. It is a book which was written lately about - CLICK - the new stadium. It is really growing and promising many successful - CLICK - Interscholastic contests. We are hoping to make them the best in the history of the school. — Carolyn Holford.

HOME EC. UNIT II

We have our regular meeting on Tuesday night. We have decided to sew for the Red Cross about five periods. We are going to make layettes and we'll start sewing on them as soon as the material gets here. We have been studying about our manners. We have learned the correct form for introducing people. If you want to be introduced to anyone just come around and we'll do it for you. We've studied some manners our boys friends should possess. You had better watch your manners, boys, or you might find a girl correcting you, which would probably be embarrassing.

HOME ECONOMICS II

At mid-term we took up clothing. We are now studying small children. Mrs. Greenway gave us our observation sheets Monday. We are to get us a child and observe them. We are just to find out all about their life. This is what our observation sheets are. Our class is rather small now, since most of our girls have left. Some of them finished all the Home Economics they had to have, and some had to have another half year of cooking, and so on. Tuesday night was regular meeting night, as it was the first Tuesday, but we postponed it until the latter part of the week because of the cake-walk and basketball ball games that night.

SOPHOMORES

The Sophomores have charge of the Mirror next week. We're certainly proud of Roy Thompson. He is the only boy from our class that plays basketball. Anyone that saw him play at Hamilton knows why we are so proud of him. Someone has suggested that we tell what we've done over the week end. So here goes: Charles, Maynard, Worth, Roy, and a few others went to Hamilton to the basketball tournament. Joyce said she thought she walked in her sleep. Raymond fed his chickens. Evelyn and Maxine had some

Scouts to Hear President



Besides all the Boy Scouts in the country—a membership of 1,500,000 right now—all America will have an opportunity to hear President Roosevelt, Honorary President; Walter W. Head (right), President, and Dr. James E. West (left), Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, mark the 31st anniversary of the Movement in the United States, over the NBC (Red), CBS and MBS networks, and many local stations not affiliated with the networks, on Saturday, February 8, at 7:30 p. m., EST; 6:30 CST; 5:30 MST and 4:30 PST.

and children of Fort Worth visited Maidee Ash Sunday afternoon. La Verne Parker spent Sunday with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Barbee, at Fair. Clarice Walker went to San Angelo with her mother Saturday. Billy Warren Cummings celebrated his ninth birthday last Friday, Jan. 3, with a party at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. E. R. Hefner. Richard Barnette sustained a cut on his head from a "fistic encounter behind the counter" with Robert Smith.

METHODIST CHURCH  
Race Relations Sunday will be observed at the 11 o'clock service Sunday. The congregation will follow an adaptation of a service of worship prepared by a group of theological students. The morning sermon will be on "The Bible and Race Relations." Sunday school begins at 10 a. m. Our attendance is on the increase again but we are missing many of our people from both the Sunday School and the regular preaching services. Young People's meeting begins at 6:45 p. m. the sermon subject will be "The Inescapable Judgment." Get the church going habit. You can render a real service to your community, your country, and humanity by worshiping in your church every Sunday. FLOYD W. THRASH, Pastor.

Greyville  
By  
NELLIE V. MULLINS

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Altman  
By  
MRS. J. H. McANALLY

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Partain of Denton were visitors in this community Saturday afternoon. Mrs. John Moore and little daughter, Janice, visited her sister, Mrs. O. V. Graves, and family in Dublin Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Clifton and daughter, Myrl, were Stephenville visitors Tuesday. Claude Gibson and Ed Strinzer were in Stephenville Tuesday. The mattress program began in this community Monday morning, Feb. 3. Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Waldrop and baby and Myrl Clifton were Stephenville visitors Wednesday. Louise Land played ball at Hamilton Saturday.

IREDELL ITEMS

by Miss Stella Jones, Local Correspondent

Mrs. Hortense Prater spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Daves.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Curtis of Tahoka are visiting her mother, Mrs. Gregory, this week.

Elizabeth Woodall entertained the Joy Sunday School Class, of which she is a member, at her home Tuesday night. Games were played, some talks were made, and songs were sung. All the class had a fine time. Chili and crackers were served. Mrs. Fouts is the teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Fouts returned from California recently. They visited in Amarillo en route home.

W. H. Loader Jr. left Sunday for Dallas, where he will attend an airplane school.

Miss Bonnie Duncan spent the week with her mother, who lives in Austin.

Mrs. V. L. Ross and baby, after a visit to her mother, Mrs. Chancellor, left Tuesday for Fort Worth where she met her husband and went to her home in Albany.

Mrs. Ward of Waco spent the week end here.

Mrs. Sadie Carter of McKinney visited her sister, Mrs. C. A. Mitchell, this week.

Miss Kathryn Harris spent the week end in Hico with Miss Quata Burden.

Wallace McDonel, Ray Harper and Robert Sawyer, who are working in Mineral Wells, spent the week end at home.

Mrs. Wilson Petty of San Antonio is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Harris. She came Friday. Her husband brought her. He returned home Saturday.

The three-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Myers of Austin died Friday, January 31, and was buried February 1 in Corpus Christi. Willard is known here and he and his wife have the sympathy of their friends in the loss of their baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Loughlin vacated the Moore residence in the south part of town and moved to the Caldwell home.

Guy Frank Main returned to A. & M. Friday as he had improved from his recent illness.

J. L. Goodman, who is attending the University of Texas at Austin, spent the week end at home.

A nice donation was presented to Mrs. Myrtle Duncan this week, which will help her out as she has not been able to work at the sewing room. Her leg is improving some.

The following is the account of the silver wedding anniversary of a couple known here: "An occasion for celebration was the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Bowen of Culver City, Calif., on Monday, Jan. 26. The day also marked the birthday of Mrs. Bowen. A family dinner was attended by the two daughters of the couple and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Howard G. Wood of Bur-

bank, and Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Hoganson of 2960 Van Buren Place. The Hogansons' marriage was recently announced. Mr. and Mrs. Bowen were presented with a set of silver." In a letter from Mrs. Bowen she said that was a happy time for them. Besides the set of silver the happy couple received nice gifts and a large number of cards. Mrs. Bowen is my niece, born and raised here.

Mrs. Rudolph Hoganson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Bowen, was honored with a party and shower at the home of Mrs. James L. Garrison. A letter from her mother informed me that the shower was a beautiful affair and that many beautiful presents were received. Mr. Hoganson is employed with the Douglas Aircraft Co.

Mrs. George Locker, a January bride, was presented with a miscellaneous shower Saturday afternoon, February 1, at the home of Mrs. Hooper Edwards. On account of the day being so bad the crowd was small. She received several nice presents, of which she was proud. Lemonade and cookies were served. All enjoyed the affair very much.

Another rain came and sure has been some rain. The Duffau and the Bosque have been up very high. The cars could not pass the Duffau all day Saturday.

The W. S. C. C. of the Methodist Church gave Mrs. Clem McAden, who is still in California, a card and handkerchief shower this week. Mrs. McAden is slowly recovering from pneumonia.

Mrs. Berns and children spent the week end in Cleburne.

The Senior Class of Iredell

High School enjoyed a weiner roast Tuesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Brantley and children visited his parents in Walnut Springs Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kaylor of Meridian visited here Sunday.

Mr. Virgil Luckaby, who works in Elgin, spent the week end with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Rance Phillips, Mrs. Fouts and Mrs. Conley were in Stephenville Monday.

Billy Jack Blackley, who works in Dallas, spent the week end with his parents.

Mrs. C. S. Harris, Mrs. Laswell and Rev. Candieff attended the Workers' Meeting at Fairview last Monday.

Lawrence Ray Harper, Cokey Graves and Harlan Guinn have returned from John Tarleton. The mid term ended.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Fouts left Monday for Dallas.

Mrs. Gregory and Johnnie and Mr. and Mrs. Garland Curtis spent Sunday in Pilot Point with Mrs. Gregory's daughter, Mrs. George Croster, and family.

Miss Vonelle Wright is in Duffau.

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### Falls Creek

By LULA MAE COSTON

Mr. F. Boone of Fort Worth is visiting Mr. Orle Morrison. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bentsch of El Paso spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Terry Washam. Miss Mildred Sanders of Dry Fork spent Tuesday night with Lula Mae Coston. Mr. and Mrs. Terry Washam spent the week end in Dallas visiting relatives. Mr. Grady Brown of San Antonio spent a while Sunday evening in the home of his sister, Mrs. Winfrey Griffiths.

### Dry Fork

By OPAL DRIVER

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Driver and children and Mrs. Jess Douglas and son, Neil, were Hamilton visitors Tuesday afternoon. Miss Jean Hutton, Travis Simpson, Mutt Blakley of Fairy and Miss Elouise Claunch of this community visited a while Saturday night with Miss Dorothy Box. Fred Henry and J. E. Gordon of Hamilton spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Giles Driver and daughters. Noel Douglas, who has been working at Brownwood, has returned home.

## LETTERS from Our Readers

### WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE LEGISLATURE

Austin, Texas, Jan. 30, 1941. The Legislature met on January 12th. The first thing was to get organized and receive the message of the Governor. Then on the 21st came the inauguration of the Governor. This dealt with the problems which confront the people of Texas and the Legislature. I think it was a clear-cut message. He dealt frankly with the conditions which face us and offered his recommendations which I consider to be worthy of our careful consideration.

The speaker has just appointed the House committees. I was given a place on Agriculture, Elemenary Institutions, Labor and some other minor committees. I was pleased with my assignment. I asked to be placed on Agriculture because I felt that I can read more service on this committee than on any other to my district.

I am trying at this session to serve each and all of the people of my district to the best of my ability. I have not aligned myself with any special group and do not intend to because I want to be free to vote for the best interests of my district.

There have already been several hundred bills introduced, but no action has been taken, only a few emergency bills. Bills are referred to the committee before any action is taken in the House unless the same is an emergency bill.

I invite each citizen in my district to confer with me at any time on any subject in which they are interested, and assure each that I will give their problem careful consideration. I hope we can do something worth while in this Legislature and I intend to work to this end. I will have more to say about what is going on in the Legislature a little later. Respectfully,  
EARL HUDDLESTON,  
Representative 94th District.

## GRUBS

### MT. PLEASANT IND. CLUB

MET WITH MRS. BRUMMETT

The Mt. Pleasant Industrial club met with Mrs. H. R. Brummett on Jan. 29. The quilters quilted on two beautiful quilts. Refreshments were served to the following: Mmes. W. T. Slater, Walter Abel, Ovee Clark, Ben Wright, B. L. Hargrove, John Abel, J. J. Jones, M. E. Parks, Ted Arrant, Herman Dennis, B. J. Parks, Coyt Clark, Lesley Arrant, Ben Gleason, A. B. Clark, S. N. Akin, A. C. Odell, Lester Grisham, J. M. Blacklock, Garfield Brummett, Reuben Anderson, and Misses Nora Abel and Willola Slater.

The visitors were Mmes. J. J. Jones, M. E. Parks, Lester Grisham, B. J. Parks, all of Fairy, and Mrs. J. M. Blacklock of Agee and Mrs. Garfield Brummett of Perci-ville. Everyone reported a nice time and the next time on February 25, we will meet with Mrs. A. B. Clark.

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### CARD OF THANKS

We cannot begin to find words to express our thanks for the presence of our friends during our recent bereavement and for their beautiful floral offering. These expressions of sympathy have meant more to us than words can tell.  
MRS. S. O. SHAFER  
MR. AND MRS. J. S. GRAY.

### Live Shell Found In Yard

A live three-inch shell, complete with fuse, was found in the back yard of a residence at San Antonio Monday afternoon. The shell was removed by Paul Wright, explosives expert of the police department, and sent to Fort Sam Houston for inspection by army officials. It was stated at the army post that the "shell could have exploded at any time." The owner of the residence could give no clue as to why the shell should have been placed in the yard. The explosive, found by a youngster, was buried a few inches underground.

### Flat Tire Saves Child

A flat tire probably saved the life of a 2-year-old Elmhurst baby at San Antonio Monday. When the child's parents en route to San Antonio stopped to repair a tire they discovered the baby unconscious in the rear of the car, overcome by escaping gas fumes. Artificial respiration at a nearby inn revived the youngster.

### Carlton

By CORRESPONDENT

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kavanaugh were in Dallas Thursday and Friday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sharp Jr. and attending to business.

Miss Gwendolyn Fine visited in Stephenville last week with Miss Doris Huffman and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Birdsong were shoppers in Hamilton Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brimer and Prof. Bailey and wife left Saturday for Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Brimer will remain for one month's visit with their son, Kenneth Brimer, and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Murphy and Mrs. Robert Sowell were in Hamilton Saturday attending the tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ray and Don Dock of Claiborne were in Carlton Saturday afternoon.

Clyde and Clayton Lefevre, who have employment in Brownwood, spent the week end with homefolks.

Mrs. J. H. Tull and daughter, Mrs. L. A. Anderson, are visiting their daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. E. A. Blanchard, and husband of Stephenville this week.

Deardl Thompson, who has work in Abilene, spent the week end with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sharp were business visitors in Hamilton Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Chick were in Comanche Thursday attending to business.

Rev. H. E. Jackson and family went to Fairy Sunday where Rev. Jackson filled his regular appointment and they were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gleason.

Grady Laws of Brownwood spent the week end here with his family and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zed Laws.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Adams of Hamilton spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kavanaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Carmichael and Mr. and Mrs. Dock Finley were in Hamilton Saturday afternoon attending the tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sharp of near Sunshine had as their dinner guests Sunday, their daughter, Mrs. Elmer Chick, and family, Mrs. J. D. Diltz of Hico, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Allred and children, Miss Lou Evelyn Williams of Sunshine and Troy Chick. They reported a fine dinner and an enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Taylor of near Carlton are the proud parents of a fine baby girl named Lou Etta.

Scouting as a teen-age boy program is not militaristic and is patriotic and trains for citizenship.

### PIONEER HICOAN PASSES AWAY AFTER EXTENDED ILLNESS

Death Sunday claimed the life of Sidney Oscar Shaffer, 63, widely known and loved pioneer of Hico and Hamilton County, who died at his home at 11:35 a. m. after an illness of fourteen months' duration. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the First Christian Church, of which he was a member, conducted by Rev. J. L. Gattis of Eastland, assisted by Rev. Floyd Thrash, pastor of the Hico Methodist Church. Interment was in the Hico Cemetery.

Surviving are his widow, a daughter, Mrs. J. S. Gray, two brothers, F. T. Shaffer of Meridian and C. W. Shaffer of Phoenix, Arizona; and two sisters, Mrs. Frank Austin of Salina, Okla., and Mrs. J. T. Jordan of Waco.

Honorary pallbearers were J. J. Smith, L. A. Powledge, Earle Harrison, George Oxley, Dink Henderson of Cranfill's Gap, George Powledge, Marvin Marshall, T. H. King, Charley Tyler, J. W. Richardson, E. H. Randall, W. L. Thompson, Dick Whitson, and N. A. Leeth.

J. W. Fairley, Make Johnson of Hamilton, R. W. Hancock, Shirley Campbell, John Simonton and

A. M. Corbett served as active pallbearers.

Flower girls were Mrs. Harry Hudson, Mrs. Tyrus King, Mrs. A. M. Corbett, Mrs. Marvin Marshall, Miss Ina Norton and Miss June Malone.

S. O. Shaffer was born February 16, 1877, at the old Shaffer settlement between Hico and Hamilton, now known as the Sunshine community, and except for six years during which he lived at Bakersfield, Calif., he had spent his entire life in Hico and Hamilton County. He was married at Hico on March 8, 1896, to Miss Nora Belle Robertson, a native of Ennis, Ellis County.

Mr. Shaffer returned to Hico from Bakersfield in June, 1938, to spend his remaining days, and for the past fourteen months had been closely confined to his home. During those months of suffering he was heartened by frequent visits from friends, both old and young, many of whom he had befriended or favored with his generosity.

It was this latter quality, his unselfishness, that endeared him to everyone with whom he came in contact, and to which the Rev. Thrash paid high tribute in the reading of the poem, "Let me live by the side of the road and be a friend to man."

In death, his often-expressed wish that he be surrounded by members of his family and well-loved friends and remembered

with beautiful flowers was fulfilled. He who had never failed a friend had not been failed.

Among the out-of-town relatives and friends, the following were here to attend the services: Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Shaffer, Charlie Gandy, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Wray and Joe Sheppard, Meridian; Mr. and Mrs. Alton Gandy, Valley Mills; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jordan, Mrs. Bill Ketton and Buddy Howard, Waco; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Radcliffe and Mrs. Eulah Radcliffe, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Martin, Mrs. W. M. Bellville, Mrs. Bahma Young and Garland Tunnell, Stephenville; Dr. Clifford Wytche, Dublin; Misses Georgia and Effie Shaffer and Mr. and Mrs. Avie Shipman, Hamilton; Mrs. Jim Fulbright and daughter, Miss Mittie, and Mr. and Mrs. George Williamson, Sunshine; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shaffer, Texline; Mr. and Mrs. Culley Jordan and Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, Carlton; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Burney, Fairy; Dink Henderson, Cranfill's Gap; Mr. and Mrs. Olin Ridenhower, San Antonio; Ray Ridenhower, Junction; and Make Johnson, Hamilton.

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