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CURE FOR SHORTAGE

Oil is said to calm troubled waters. Oil is indeed the key to a good many problems, international and national. Right now there is not enough oil for all who want to consume oil in this country, and some domestic waters are not calmed. Some of you have come smack up against this shortage of petroleum products. I hope you are not among those who have had poor judgment to call for government rationing and control.

I have said in an earlier column that it was government bungling, along with the wastage of war, that laid the ground work for our current trouble in the petroleum industry. The result — our shortage of fuel oil and gasoline — is here. Now, if there are those folks who get frightened, not having the long view of things, everytime a little economic dislocation rears its head. These folks usually holler for the government to do something.

Or they blame an industry. In this instance the oil industry is no more to blame than you are. In fact you are probably more to blame, especially if you are one of nearly a million householders who have installed oil derivative heating since 1941. Or if you have anything to do with the almost 2 1/2 million increase in motor vehicle registration since 1941. There are 35 per cent more trucks on the road than before the war. They haul food to you that is grown on farms almost 100 per cent more mechanized than in 1941.

All these things take oil. Rail-

roads used 42 per cent more diesel fuel in 1947 than in the year before. Our greatly stepped-up industrial growth has been powered by oil and lubrication by petroleum products. Oil and gas have emerged as the main source of industrial energy. In 1920, coal accounted for 78 per cent of the total energy produced in this country, oil and gas 19 per cent. In 1946 it was: coal, 47 per cent; oil and gas 47 per cent. (The miners' Mr. Lewis please note.)

The oil industry is therefore producing at top speed. Despite pricing penalties that hampered expansion, during the war, industry is now supplying a larger volume of petroleum products than it supplied at the peak of war demand. Present output of the industry is more than the whole world required ten years ago. This demand is estimated by some oil men to be growing at a rate of about 8 per cent a year! This is the kind of situation that government interference and price control can never cure!

Demand is a fine thing, for the whole industry. But there are problems. Oil men tell me it costs three times as much to put up a modern refinery as it did in 1936. They say total exploration costs are about four times those of ten years ago, and wildcat wells cost (per barrel discovered) five or six times as much as they used to. Then, of course, there's the problem of whether they can get the steel or materials at all.

One oil man says: "The oil industry does not have to be told to expand. Desire to build, to grow, and to progress is in the blood of an oil man." But there is more. Another oil man says: "If the industry is permitted to work out its problems in a climate of political freedom, without the destructive restraints of government control, I

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The Sanderson Times is authorized to announce the following names of candidates for office, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries in July, 1948.

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CHARLES B. MOORE

feel that it can adjust itself to its larger responsibilities in serving the American people.

If you are an oil consumer, you can help get the country through this crisis. You can do it by practicing honest-to-goodness Scotch economy this winter. This voluntary way will prevent government intervention and rationing, which would only make matters worse. Rationing would bring hoarding and ruin present fair distribution channels. The industry through enterprise will continue to put out the goods. Solving problems this way, America will continue to be a great and strong nation.

Geologists Find Numerous Gems In Texas Soil

Texas has a long list of gems that are found within its boundaries, and 16 of these are on display in the Texas Memorial Museum at the University of Texas.

They are beryl, topaz, garnet, zircon, quartz, turquoise, jade, amazon stone, moonstone, rose quartz, amethyst, malachite, carnelian, ruby, agate and amber.

According to factual information about the stones in the museum fine agate specimens are found in the Big Bend near Terlingua, near Balmorhea, and in Reeves and Jeff Davis counties. Amazon stone, a delicate apple-green feldspar, has been found in Mason County and in Llano County. Amethyst, as well as most of the other quartz minerals, occurs more frequently in the Trans-Pecos area than in any other.

Topaz crystals have been located near Van Horn.

DR. J. C. KERN TO OPEN OFFICE MONDAY

Due to unforeseen and unavoidable delay, Dr. J. C. Kern was unable to open his office last Monday as planned. The suite of offices is being remodeled and redecorated and work will be finished in time for him to open his offices Monday, February 23. Dr. Kern will engage in the general practice of medicine. He is a former resident of Sanderson.

His office is located in the old Kuykendall-Hayre law office building.

Office Supplies at the Times

BUT HE CAN'T MOVE NOW! By MACKENZIE



World Day of Prayer Observed Last Friday

The World Day of Prayer was observed last Friday afternoon in the Presbyterian Church. While individuals and groups have always met together for prayer for missions and for other great causes, it was not until 1927 that the Day of Prayer for Missions became for the first time "The World Day of Prayer." Each year since that time this day has been observed, sponsored by the women of faith throughout the world.

This year the theme was "The Lord's Prayer" and the subject "The World at Prayer," and it was a very inspiring and beautiful service. Those taking special parts from the various churches were: Mesdames John Newton, A. D. Brown, A. B. Gates, H. E. Ezelle, H. C. Goldwire, E. E. Farley, N. M. Mitchell, John W. Byrd, Rev. Lawrence Menefee and Rev. John W. Byrd.

Mrs. C. C. Mitchell was leader of the program. Mrs. R. S. Wilkinson played

appropriate music. An offering of \$14.85 was received to be divided among the missions for migrants, sharecroppers, American Indian girls and for Christian literature and aid for the schools in India, Korea, China, Latin America, Africa and Japan.

About forty were in attendance.

Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Arnold, of Houston, who are en route to California, arrived Saturday for a week end visit in the home of Mrs. R. V. Spears, who is a sister of Dr. Arnold. They were accompanied by Mrs. W. T. Arnold, Mrs. Spears' mother, who remained here for a longer visit.

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Mrs. W. W. Sudduth Hostess For Wednesday Club

Mrs. W. W. Sudduth was hostess for the meeting of the Wednesday Bridge Club this week. Mrs. J. T. Dyche was winner of the high score prize; Mrs. James Kerr, second high; Mrs. Hugh Rose, low and Mrs. H. A. Finger, traveling.

Cake squares topped with strawberries and whipped cream were served with coffee to Mesdames Hugh Rose, James Caroline, C. I. White, James Kerr, S. L. Stumberg, H. A. Finger, Katherine Hart, Webb Townsend, R. S. Wilkinson, Ben Martin, J. W. Pate and J. T. Dyche.

MARGARET PIERSON ENROLLS AT STSC

Miss Margaret Pierson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Pierson, is among the students who have enrolled for the first time at the spring semester of Southwest State Teachers College at San Marcos. Miss Pierson was teaching at Benjamin, Texas, the past semester.

Methodist Ladies To Have Bake Sale And Bazaar Saturday

The ladies of the Methodist Church are having a bake sale and bazaar Saturday commencing in the vacant building to the Community Public Service office. Cake and pie sold with coffee and cakes and pies will be for sale.

Handwork consisting of aprons and children's and some "white elephant" be for sale.

Among those going Friday to visit the Train were Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson and Bobby Savage and Jackie, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Mike.

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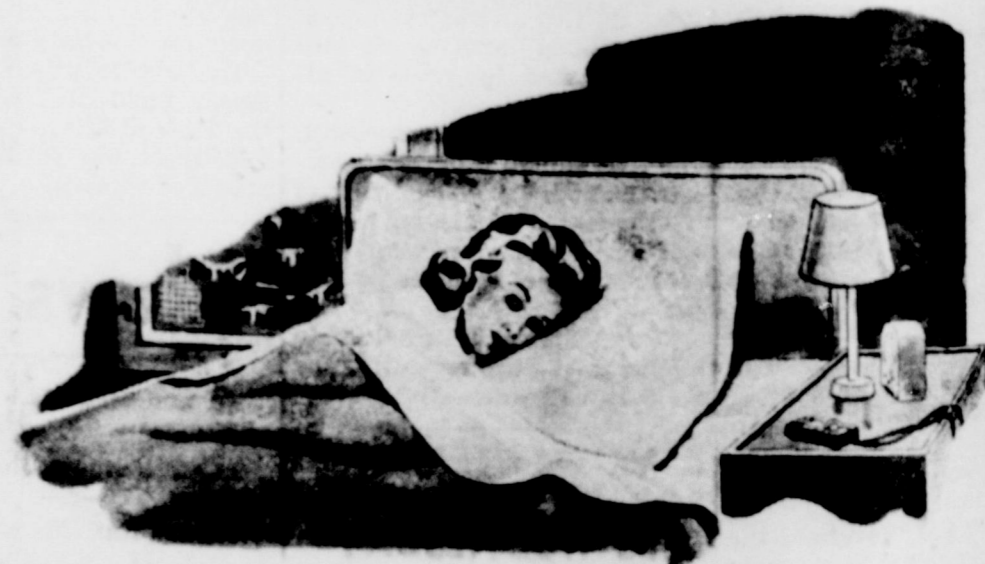
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WEEK'S NEWS

MRS. H. A. FINGER HOSTESS FOR FRIDAY CLUB

Mrs. H. A. Finger was hostess for the meeting of the Friday Bridge Club last week. Pink and white carnations were used to decorate the party rooms.

High score prize was won by Mrs. J. D. May, Mrs. S. H. Underwood, second high; Mrs. R. Stegall, consolation and traveling.

A dessert plate with pie and coffee was served to Mesdames J. T. Dyche, S. H. Underwood, H. E. Fletcher, Harvey Krauss, J. D. May, Roger Rose, Robert Stegall, Jack Laughlin, C. I. White, P. P. Courtney, M. H. Goode, Jr. and Ben Martin. Mrs. W. W. Sudduth was a tea guest.

Tea, Shower Honors Mrs. J. L. Whistler Friday Afternoon

Mrs. John L. Whistler was named honoree when Miss Ora Mae Blackwelder and her mother, Mrs. J. R. Blackwelder, entertained with a tea and pink and blue shower at their home Friday afternoon. Guests called between the hours of three and five o'clock.

The lace covered tea-table was centered with a large cake iced in white and decorated in pink and blue. Miss Blackwelder

served the cake and Mrs. John Whistler, grandmother of the honoree, presided at the coffee service.

Mrs. Whistler was the recipient of many lovely gifts which were on display.

Guests included Mesdames V. G. Ross, B. F. Anderson, A. B. Gates, Wayne Watkins, James Blackwelder, E. F. Pierson, James House, J. Browning and J. A. Mansfield. Gifts were sent by thirty invited guests who were unable to attend.

Carbon paper in varied weights at the Sanderson Times.

Planting of Pecan And Redbud Urged By Local Clubs

The Sanderson Garden Club and the Junior Woman's Club join together in urging everyone in the community to plant a tree on Arbor Day, February 22. The Garden Club has selected the redbud for their project and an extensive planting of this tree will be made on the roadside of the three miles of new highway east of town. This work will be carried on by the Texas Highway Department under the supervision of O. F. Garrett, landscape expert, and members of the Garden Club here.

The Junior Woman's Club urges the planting of pecan trees. Mrs. Roy Deaton is in charge of the gardens for the club. Mrs. W. G. Downie is chairman of gardens for District 8 of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Downie has received word that Gov. Beauford Jester in his Arbor Day proclamation will urge the citizens of Texas to plant pecan trees.

The pecan tree is the state tree of Texas and there is special value in the planting of this tree because of its abundant shade and its crop-bearing ability.

"Both redbuds and pecan trees may be planted as late as the middle of March, but the latter part of February is the ideal time," said Mrs. Downie. "Redbud trees may be dug, bare-rooted from the draws out of town and on the ranches but the Garden Club asks that none be dug near the highway."

"The planting of a tree will be of benefit not only to the owner of the property," continued Mrs. Downie, "but the community will share in its beauty."

MRS. J. T. DYCHE HONOREE FOR BRIDGE PARTY

Mrs. J. T. Dyche, who is leaving for Gatesville to make her home, was named honoree at a bridge party Thursday afternoon when Mesdames H. A. Finger, W. W. Sudduth and Ben Martin entertained at the home of Mrs. Martin. Members of the Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday Bridge Clubs were invited guests.

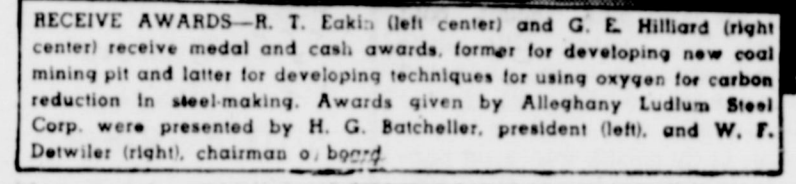
Arrangements of pink and white carnations, ranunculus and iris were used to decorate the party rooms.

The hostesses presented Mrs. Dyche with a going-away gift.

Lemon divinity pie and coffee were served by the hostesses to Mesdames Prince Dishman, Lee McCue, Mary Lou Kellar, Jim Nance, James Caroline, S. L. Stumberg, Webb Townsend, R. S. Wilkinson, J. T. Williams, J. W. Pate, H. E. Fletcher, J. C. Green, W. A. Davis, Harvey Krauss, J. D. May, C. I. White, R. S. Stegall, S. H. Underwood, and J. T. Dyche.

Mrs. Wilkinson was winner of the high score; Mrs. J. W. Pate, second high; Mrs. M. H. Goode, Jr., traveling; Mrs. J. T. Dyche, low.

Mrs. Hal Tyler and son have returned from Royalty, Texas, where they visited her mother last week.



COY LEE BOATNER HONORED WITH VALENTINE PARTY

Mrs. Coy Boatner entertained with a formal Valentine party Friday evening at the Boatner home honoring her son, Coy Lee. Games were played and dancing enjoyed by the young guests. Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Bradford called during the evening and made some pictures of the party guests. Miss Karon Smith, Mrs. Katherine Grigsby, Mrs. E. M. Rainbolt, Mrs. Strother, and Mrs. Condra also called. Refreshments of sandwiches and cookies in the Valentine motif and hot chocolate were served by the hostess to Joyce Ross, Dayna Strother, Sarah Pat Grigsby, Carolyn Kern, Jimmy Condra, Stanley Sullivan, Jimmy Talbot, Kenneth Stutes, and Coy Lee Boatner.

MISS BILLIE BABB ELECTED SWEETHEART AT DANCE

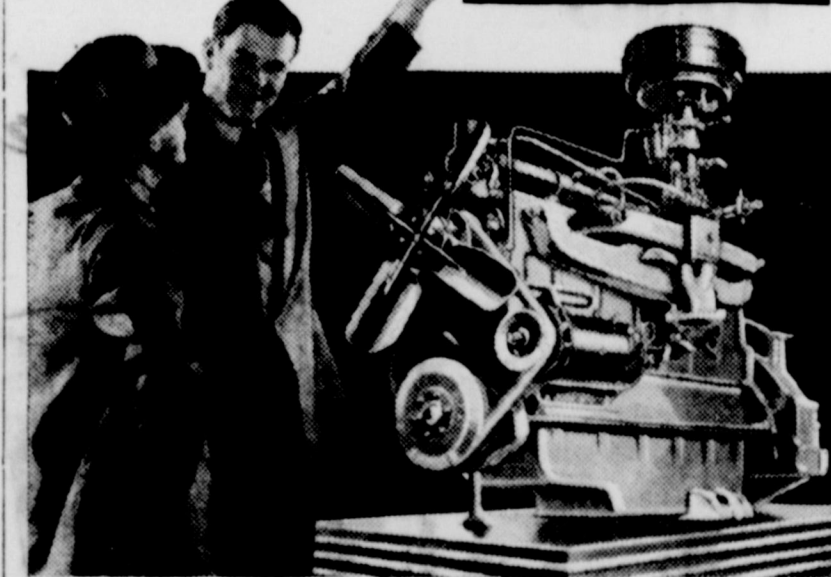
Miss Billie Babb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Babb, was elected "Sweetheart" of the M&S Hospital and Nursing School of San Antonio at a Valentine dance in that city last Friday evening.

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WOMAN'S MEETS AT COX HOME

Mesdames Wylie Cox and Joe Cox were hostesses for the luncheon meeting of the Junior Woman's Club Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Cox. The meeting was given by the officers and chairmen at the luncheon with Mrs. Walter Grigsby, vice-president, presiding. The group voted to furnish funds for the Girl Scouts to purchase ligustrums which will be planted at the grade school on Arbor Day. The car expenses of a car to take the two Girl Scouts to Del Rio to visit the Freedom Train was allowed by the club. The resignation of Mrs. J. T. Dyche, secretary, who was moving from the city, was accepted.

Mrs. W. A. Davis, program leader, used "The Arabs" for her current event topic. Mrs. W. W. Sudduth reviewed "Mr. Blanning Builds His Dream House."

On behalf of the club members, Mrs. Dyche was presented with a lovely hammered aluminum tray by Mrs. Walter Grigsby.

The Valentine motif was noted on the refreshment plate served by the hostesses to Mesdames J. T. Dyche, George O'Neil, Nell Appel, H. A. Finger, V. E. Grigsby, John Scannel, Harvey Krauss, W. W. Sudduth, V. G. Downie, J. W. Pate, J. M. Layre, E. L. Hardgrave, Roy Deaton, W. A. Davis, H. E. Fletcher and Theron Horton, a guest.

Mesdames Hugh Rose, Katherine Hart and Russell Dyer spent several days in San Antonio last week.

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THE BIG BEND PARK INCUBATOR

Courtesy Sheep and Goat Raisers' Magazine

The Big Bend Park, consisting of some of the most worthless land in this country, but publicized to High Heaven for its beauty of scenery, is fast becoming a terrific pain in the neck to West Texas ranchmen. This seven hundred thousand acres of rugged terrain is now a national park devoted entirely to the pleasure of tourists, beguiled into traveling the tortuous roads to see what they can see. One of the attractions the National Park Board intends for the tourist to see is the little antelope, according to a recent newspaper report. If the visitor's eye is keen he may catch a glimpse of a deer or two but it is not likely that he will see on casual inspection the animals which are beginning to cause the ranchmen to howl — and with just cause.

The panther is a prolific animal which grows to better than two hundred pounds in weight and has the ability to travel far and cause amazing destruction. He lives on deer, sheep, goats, antelope and almost any domestic or wild life within the reach of his sharp claws. The death of fifty sheep or goats in one raid is not unusual.

It was last year that the park board closed down the area to ranching, trapping, hunting and even to all traveling except that done by the harmless tourist. It is rumored, and so far we have heard no denial, that lobo wolves have been imported perhaps to fill the vacancy that was caused by the removal of the cattle and sheep. Gene Benson, who lives on the

Christmas Mountains, gets quite frothy when he thinks of the number of panther now being raised in the park area. "I have more deer now than ever before because the panther are pushing the deer over onto my ranch." The ranchmen point out that regardless of whether or not the panther, bear, lobo wolves or any other kind of varmint has been or will be imported into the park area, the panther, bear and wolf are already there and nothing is being done to prevent them from multiplying. If impressive evidence is available to indicate that the Big Bend Park is indeed the most perfect incubator of predatory animals in the United States today.

Here in Texas we find a rather ridiculous and inconsistent policy of government trappers being paid on one hand to control varmints over the state, and on the other hand a large portion of the state is being set aside for the production of such predatory wild life.

One ranchman recently declared: "To give the public an idea of how many panther there are, A. M. Potter, who lives on the Y. E. Mesa, near the park, recently caught fifteen panther. Gilmer Morris, whose ranch joins the park, keeps a Mexican trapping all the time and he has caught over eighty panther in the past few months. Homer Wilson, who not long ago ranched in the park itself, caught in a period of a few years over two hundred panther on his ranch alone. Now all the ranchmen are out of the park, and panther, lobo wolves, coyotes, wild cats, lynx cats, bear and other varmints are being allowed to breed without any hindrance whatsoever. So far as we know the Big Bend Park officials have made no attempt to deny this.

Possibly the program is a part of grand and noble plans to bring back native wild life, which ideas have originated so wealthy "sportsmen" in recent years. These "sportsmen" backed by influential sports magazines, newspapers, radio and even some congressmen, and senators, have been very assiduously poisoning the minds of the general public against the ranch people, who very naturally are bitterly opposed to such fantastic ideas because they are uneconomic and imperil the very livelihood. Undeniably, ranchmen have been catching the very devil everywhere a national park exists in this country and today the ranchmen of the Big Bend area are added to that list.

The Big Bend Park, the "pride of Texas" and the southwest, may be a scenic wonderland to the tourist but it is becoming a pain in the neck to the ranchmen.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Robertson and son, of Uvalde, accompanied by Mrs. Robertson's mother, Mrs. M. Chambers, and daughter, Fay, of Beaumont, Calif., arrived Saturday to spend the week end in the home of Mrs. Robertson's sister, Mrs. D. L. Duncan. Mrs. Chambers and Fay left by train for their home Saturday.

1948 Chevrolet is Massive



The over-all simplicity and massiveness of the new, 1948 Chevrolet is well shown in this three-quarter view of the Fleetmaster Sport Sedan. Fenders, hood, body and door panels all blend; and the crease moulding, below the windows, is wider than that used in previous models. Note the new T-shaped chrome center bar on the radiator grille.

Good Market in 1948 Expected For Cattle and Sheep

There will be fewer meat animals and less meat in '48 which is hard on the consumer but money in the pocket for the producer. The situation holds true for Texas as well as the entire nation.

Extension farm management specialists for Texas A&M College say there are several favorable factors affecting the livestock market. Cattle prices will be affected by the heavy marketing of cattle and calves in 1947, as it brought breeding cattle numbers down and also means a short calf crop in '48 for certain. Fewer calves and strong demand mean good prices for beef. The recent cold wave may cause still more breeding cattle to be marketed because of the high cost of winter feeds.

An early spring and good pasture conditions in the Feed Belt

would make a good market for Texas cattle, as many farmers in that area plan to buy younger and medium to good grade cattle for use on their pastures this spring and summer and will feed them only a little corn until the new crop comes on in the fall.

Not only will there be fewer cattle to market this year, but fewer lambs. Many ewes in Texas are in poor condition and will not be able to stand continued severe weather without heavy feeding. Winter wheat pastures in Texas as a whole are in relatively poor condition. Last year small grain pastures carried a

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million lambs, but very few moved to that area in late '47 because of the drought. Many ranchmen have culled their flocks closely. From the standpoint of the meat producer, the prices will be good in 1948.

Mrs. W. R. Stumberg and daughter, Mrs. Elsie White, are attend Grand Opera in San Antonio this week.

Mrs. Tol Murrah left Monday for San Antonio going by Del Rio for her mother, Mrs. Landon Rose, who will receive medical treatment there.

Jolly Harkins left last Friday for Austin to visit his wife and daughter, Susan, and other relatives for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harrell visited in Dryden Sunday with their son, Wade Harrell and family. Mrs. Wade Harrell returned with them for several days visit.

W. H. IVYS MOVE TO PECON
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ivys moved Saturday for Pecon to their home. Mr. Ivys was employed by the Commercial Service Co. here and transferred to Pecon as a meter man with that company. Mrs. Ivys, who was employed at the Sanderson State accepted a position with CPS as assistant-cashier. Mrs. L. W. Swift, deputy County Clerk's office, will fill the position formerly held by Mrs. W. H. Ivys at bank.

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