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## TEXAS SHEEP & GOAT RAISERS' ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The 30th annual convention of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association was held in San Antonio Monday and Tuesday.

Preliminary activities got under way Sunday afternoon with the convention delegates attending a football game between two service teams at Alamo Stadium. Sunday evening at 7 o'clock directors and their wives were guests of the Union Stock Yards, San Antonio, at their annual banquet.

The convention proper opened in the Plaza Hotel at 9:30 a. m. Monday and continued through Tuesday afternoon.

More than 600 attended this year convention—the first post-war meeting of the organization.

Steve Stumberg, first vice-president, from Sanderson, was elected new president succeeding Ray Willoughby. Bryan Hunt, Sonora, and Clayton Puckett, Fort Stockton, were chosen as vice presidents.

An important matter discussed was that of determining whether the association shall establish a permanent headquarters, and not move the office each time a new president is selected. San Angelo was selected as the home of the permanent headquarters, and Fort Worth was chosen as the site of the 1946 convention.

Willoughby gave his annual report to the membership and the annual report of the secretary followed.

Speakers at the convention included Gov. Coke Stevenson, Junction; C. B. Wardlaw, Del Rio; Fred Earwood, Sonora; Lawrence Myers, assistant secretary of agriculture, Washington; J. B. Wilson, McKinley, Wyo.; Dr. E. H. Parish, Dallas; Dr. I. B. Boughton, Ranch Experiment Station veterinarian; and Dr. Chas. Koberg, San Angelo, a past president of the state veterinary association, and others.

Mrs. Worth Evans of Fort Davis was named president of the Women's Auxiliary.

## VESTER HUGHES NAMED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT TS&GRA CONVENTION

Vester Hughes attended the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers convention in San Antonio Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Hughes was named on the new board of directors of the association at the meeting; the new board replaces the retiring board of directors.

Mr. Hughes called home that he would have to remain in San Antonio a day or so as he was ill with the flu.

Grady Evans, business manager of the Suggs ranch, whose office is in San Angelo, was a business visitor at the court house in Mertzton last Friday.

## AMERICAN HEROES

by WOODY COWAN



INVESTMENT in War Bonds has helped win the war and was no sacrifice compared to Pvt. Furman L. Smith's. The brave Central, S. C. lad, who has been awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously, stood between two wounded sergeants and 80 advancing Germans with a lone Grand rifle and some clips. From a shallow shell hole he killed 10 of the enemy and littered the field with writhing wounded, in a hopeless stand before a machine gun burst ended his fighting. Your investment in Victory Bonds will care for his Buddies who were wounded in the same battle. U. S. Treasury Department

## YARDLEY FUNERAL SERVICES HELD

Funeral services for James H. Yardley, 80, pioneer West Texas ranchman who died in Austin last Friday, were held at the Christian Church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Marvin Carr, minister, officiated and burial was in the Sherwood Cemetery under direction of Johnson's Funeral Home, San Angelo.

Mr. Yardley was a long time resident of this community and worked for Fayette Tankersley for 35 years.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. J. B. Westfall of Barnhart, and two sons, E. F. Yardley of Eldorado and Cal of Newark, N. J.

Pallbearers were John Boyd, Lake Tankersley, Claude Tankersley, Boyce Tankersley, Max Tankersley and Vester Hughes.

## EXTEND INFANTILE PARALYSIS FUND CAMPAIGN DATES

AUSTIN. — Campaign dates for the Sister Elizabeth Kenny Infantile Paralysis Foundation Fund have been extended until January 1, throughout the nation, according to announcement received at State Headquarters from Bing Crosby, national chairman.

The campaign was originally scheduled to end on Saturday, December 8, which date had been proclaimed Sister Kenny Day by Governor Coke R. Stevenson.

The Texas quota in the campaign is \$250,000. Texas Chairman George C. Francisco, Jr., has notified all county committees, school committees, and special committees at work in Texas cities, to continue their solicitations until January 1, or until they are completed.

Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson of Big Lake and Claude Roberts of Normangee, Texas, were visitors in Mertzton Saturday. Mr. Patterson and Mr. Roberts are former residents of Mertzton.

## MRS. WILKINSON GIVES BOOK REVIEW AT P.-T. A. MEETING

The Mertzton Parent-Teacher Association met Monday afternoon in the high school auditorium with the president, Mrs. David Burns, presiding.

Miss Fowler presented the rhythm band in a number of Christmas songs.

Following a short business meeting, Mrs. Paul Wilkinson of San Angelo gave a book review of Molloy's "Pride's Way."

The primary room won the dollar in the room count contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Cathey and family spent Sunday in San Angelo the occasion being the 3rd birthday of their grandson, Billy Cathey.

Mrs. Eli Hill and Mrs. Carl Preston left for Los Angeles and San Francisco, Calif., Saturday. Mrs. Hill will visit her sister, Mrs. R. C. Staley in Los Angeles, and Mrs. Preston will go on to San Francisco. Mrs. Preston will attend the marriage of her son, Dick Preston, to Miss Alice Dale Allsbaugh of San Francisco while there. Mrs. Preston and Mrs. Hill expect to return from California about the 15th of the month.

Cub Lawdermilk attended the sheep sale in San Angelo Saturday and sold a few lambs.

## NOTICE TO PUBLIC.

My property is posted according to law. "Anyone" Camping-hunting, wood-hauling, handling stock without permission, or in any way trespassing, will be prosecuted. Mrs. Fayette Tankersley Mertzton, Texas.

County Judge W. W. Adams was a San Angelo business visitor Tuesday. He attended a directors' meeting of the Colorado River Basin Authority. The directors elected Sam W. Cooper of Coleman as president of the organization.

## BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL TO HAVE CHRISTMAS TREE AND PROGRAM

The Baptist Sunday School will have a Christmas tree on Christmas Eve night with the public cordially invited to attend.

Trueman Lawdermilk is Sunday school superintendent and has appointed committees to arrange plans for the tree and program.

Mrs. Jaye Hargrave and Mrs. J. T. Davis are on the program committee.

Committee to secure tree: Newman Busby and Street Whitley.

The teachers of the different Sunday school classes compose the gifts committee.

Committee to secure fruits and candies: Mrs. Grace Harkey, Mrs. Everett Farris and Mrs. Bob Pruett.

Special committee to invite service men: Mrs. John R. Scott and Mrs. Homer Martin.

Tree decorating committee: Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Morgan, assisted by the Young People's Class.

## MANS HOGGETT ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF HEREFORD ASSOCIATION

Mans Hoggett was elected vice president of the National Polled Hereford Assn. at 6:15 week at the Jackson show-sale.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Stratton had as their guests last weekend, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Dawell of San Angelo.

Mrs. Alton Holland of Big Lake was here Tuesday visiting with Mrs. Ferol McInnis and Mrs. R. L. Carpenter.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Campbell left Thursday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Cooter Wardlaw at their ranch below Sonora.

Betty Moore, Joyce Shafer and Kay Carpenter attended a show in San Angelo Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Curtis are back from Carlsbad, New Mexico, and will be here until after Christmas.

Mrs. Ruth Glaser was a visitor in San Angelo Tuesday.

Abe West of Big Lake was in Mertzton Monday visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tomlinson of Big Lake were here Monday.

Mrs. Banks, new teachers at the Sherwood school, began her duties Monday.

Boyce Tankersley and Street Whitley attended the Masonic Grand Lodge meeting in Waco on December 5th and 6th. Boyce also attended the Shrine meeting Tuesday afternoon before the Grand Lodge meeting got under way.

## 1946 FARM PROGRAM IN IRION COUNTY

There has been allocated to Irion County \$33,111.00 to be used as assistance to farmers and ranchers in carrying out needed conservation practices during the 1946 program year. The Irion County ACA committee, assisted by other agricultural workers have selected the practices considered as most needed in this county, for which assistance will be available. The practices selected are as follows:

Construction of standard and spreader terraces for which proper outlets are provided; leveling for irrigation land for which water is available; reorganization of farm irrigation system according to a comprehensive plan; drilling or digging wells; installing pipe lines; contour farming intertilled crops; deferred grazing; plowing fireguards on noncrop open pasture and range land; establishing a satisfactory cover of small grains (except wheat) seeded in the fall of 1945 and the growth not harvested for grain or hay; growing green manure or cover crops; application of phosphate other than raw rock phosphate; control of destructive plants on noncrop pasture and range land.

Since we have been allotted a certain amount of funds it is necessary to secure prior approval from the county ACA committee.

When prior approval is issued the amount to be earned is charged against this county allotment, therefore, when the county allotment is obligated by prior approvals no additional practices can be approved.

The county committee elected Saturday by the farmers and ranchers of Irion County to administer the program during the 1946 program year are: Adolf Helmers, chairman; David S. Burns, vice-chairman; Marvin Carr, regular member; Henry Lindley, first alternate member; Reginald Atkinson, second alternate member.

## COUNTY STILL LEADING IN WAR BOND SALES

The latest report from the district headquarters of the war bond drive showed Irion County leading the district in per cent of bond sales.

On Wednesday the E Bond sales for the county showed \$40,725.00 compared with a quota of \$25,000.00. Other sales amounted to \$113,740.00 compared with the quota of \$80,000.

Total of all sales to date are \$154,465.00, the quota being \$105,000.00.

D. I. Taylor of Barnhart was in Mertzton Wednesday on business.

Jay McCarty was discharged from the Navy Monday at Houston and is at home visiting his folks.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

## Congress to Probe Diplomacy of State Department; Maneuver to Modify Demands of CIO Unions

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



Although handicapped by an almost complete lack of tools, these German prisoners of war in PW camp at Fowey, England, still managed to turn out this varied collection of toys to help fill Santa's bag for little Britons. The amateur workmen included a former Berlin judge, a doctor from Hamburg and university students.

### U. S. DIPLOMACY: Duplicity Charged

Long under fire for its implementation of American foreign policy in the wake of U. S. victories on the battlefield, the state department was scheduled for congressional investigation following ex-Amb. Patrick Hurley's charge that some of its personnel had worked counter to his efforts to promote the unification of China.

In losing his bombshell on Capitol Hill, Hurley declared that certain professional diplomats were inviting future conflict by siding with the Chinese communist party and the imperialistic bloc of nations in keeping China divided against itself and unable to resist encroachment.

While he worked for a democratic China which could act as stabilizing influence in the Orient, Hurley charged, some state department officials told the Chinese communists that his activities did not reflect the policy of the U. S. and they should not enter into a unified government unless retaining military control.

Agreement to investigate the state department followed the demand of Senator Wherry (Rep., Neb.) for an inquiry to determine whether there was any variance between U. S. foreign policy and the Potsdam declaration and whether the foreign service was interfering with domestic affairs in South America, influencing other countries toward communist government, or clashing with the army and navy over occupation policy.

Meanwhile, Gen. George C. Marshall, ex-chief of staff, prepared to embark upon his duties as special envoy to China in the midst of Chiang Kai-shek's redoubling of efforts to unify the country and open the way for vigorous postwar economic expansion. In announcing his program to modernize the country, Chiang declared the No. 1 goal would be the improvement of transportation to facilitate an exchange of materials between the various regions.

### LABOR: On Defensive

Heretofore on the offensive with its demands for higher wages to maintain high wartime pay, the CIO was suddenly thrown back on the defensive with the Ford Motor company's proposal that the United Automobile workers pay a \$5 a day fine for workers involved in unauthorized strikes.

Ford asked for this protection against production losses as officials continued negotiations with the UAW, whose leaders have maintained that the industry can afford 30 per cent pay boosts without raising prices because of large reserves and promises of substantial profits from huge postwar output.

While UAW immediately challenged the effectiveness of a fine in curbing wildcat walkouts, Ford officials insisted that the union could exert sufficient pressure on its locals to prevent unauthorized strikes, slowdowns and controlled production.

Meanwhile, General Motors, reversing a previous stand, agreed to consult with government officials concerning resumption of negotiations with the UAW after the union gave ground in its demands for a 30 per cent wage increase. With the company holding out for a modification of terms, the UAW declared that it would seek no wage increase

necessitating a rise in prices. With the work stoppages in G. M. plants threatening to paralyze practically all of the automobile industry because of its dependence upon G. M. for parts, a further menace to reconversion was posed in the United Steel workers' vote for a strike if leaders deemed one necessary to enforce demands for a \$2 a day wage raise.

OPA refusal to grant steel manufacturers price increases until the conclusion of the year's operations permits closer study of their profit also has hardened company resistance to the UAW demands. To the union's assertion that the industry could well pay the increase out of alleged "hidden profits," management has replied that government agencies have classified the so-called "hidden profits" as reasonable business reserves assuring future expansion.

### WAR CRIMES: Pleads Innocence

First major axa personage to be brought to trial for war crimes, Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, erstwhile "Tiger of Malaya" and Jap commander in the Philippines, flatly denied charges of countenancing rape, pillage and murder and then rested his case.

As the Allied military tribunal pondered the case, Yamashita considered appeal to the U. S. Supreme court in case of conviction on grounds of illegality of the proceedings. Previously the Philippine Supreme court had refused a similar protest, with the demand the defendant be freed for trial before civil authorities.

In taking the stand to deny charges against him, the squat, browned Jap general declared he ordered none of the atrocities related by scores of witnesses or contained in hearsay evidence admitted by the court. To the accusation that he had planned the extermination of the Filipinos, Yamashita declared that common sense indicated the impracticability of killing 18 million people.

The case against Yamashita was complicated by the apparent division of command in Japanese ground, naval and air forces in the Philippines. While as ground commander Yamashita said he had ordered the withdrawal of his troops from Manila for warfare in the mountains, Nipponese naval detachments remained within the capital for the fighting which heavily damaged the city and exposed civilians to danger.

Meanwhile, the trial of 20 top Nazis proceeded apace in Nuremberg, with the U. S. prosecutors drawing from voluminous evidence to prove charges of German conspiracy for aggressive warfare.

Citing a statement of Diplomatist Franz Von Papen that southeastern Europe was Germany's hinterland and must be brought within the political framework of the Reich, U. S. Prosecutor Sidney Alderman quoted documents to show that Hitler had delegated Von Papen to develop a program of Nazi infiltration into the Austrian government to take it over after the aborted putsch of 1934.

## Washington Digest

### SSB Finds Workers Want Jobs, Not Pay to Be Idle



Only One in Six Who Lose Jobs Ever Ask for Unemployment Insurance, and Even They Soon Leave Rolls.

By BAUHAGE

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Two men who have been life-long friends will have occasion to remember the month of August, 1945, for a long time to come. Sgt. Peter Pugh, waiting for invasion on an aircraft carrier off the coast of Japan, heard that the war was over. Hank Haines, welder in a medium bomber plant, drew with his pay envelope a notice that his job had come to an end because medium bombers were no longer needed.

Of course the sergeant was not discharged immediately. Neither was Hank—not immediately. He had two weeks. Then he went downtown to file his unemployment compensation claim and put in an application with the United States Employment Service for a new job. Within six weeks he was back at the aircraft factory, but instead of welding parts for medium bombers he was working on the engine of a giant passenger plane.

Then Peter came home. Before he went off to the Pacific he had worked at the same plant, did the very same type of work Haines was now doing. Peter needed a job and since he was a veteran, Haines once more had to give up his position and file another claim with the unemployment compensation office.

Fiction? The names are, but the stories contain facts that have been happening thousands of times in all parts of the country since the war ended. Facts like these are telling some important things to an agency in Washington that was set up at the bottom of the depression to try to help people meet the economic crisis that comes to almost everyone some time. This agency is the Social Security board, and I am thinking particularly of that division of it which administers the state unemployment compensation laws.

The sudden end of the war brought manifold problems to this agency. Like many others, it had expected reconversion and demobilization to be gradual processes and unemployment aid was ready to meet that situation. But the atomic bomb changed the picture and suddenly millions of men and women were thrown onto the labor market. There was a sudden rise in claims for unemployment insurance as the country grappled with the problem of creating jobs for the workers who were no longer needed when war contracts were terminated and for the boys who were doffing uniforms for muff.

### Facts on Jobless Pay

In this first experience of its kind since the SSB came into being some important facts are being uncovered—answers to such questions as: What is the truth about peace-induced unemployment in this country? When on the average will the unemployment compensation periods run out and the crisis become acute if there are not enough jobs?

What kind of people are asking for jobless pay? Is it true that they are taking this money and not bothering to look for work?

Let us see what answers the Employment Bureau of the Social Security Board is finding to these questions as experts here in Washington and in the field sift through a great mass of data. First, I might say that unemployment compensation claims at this writing are a good barometer of the unemployment throughout the country brought on by the war. Later this would not be the case. When there is a long period of heavy unemployment, people who have been out of work for four months or more would not appear on the claims lists and therefore would not figure in the statistics. But the situation is different today. The rise in unemployment is fresh and the periods of payment have not yet been used up by many claimants. So the rolls reflect a true picture of the situation.

As these lines are written, the second wave of unemployment to hit the country since the war ended is mounting as the first wave recedes. At the present time workers are being discharged because they are being displaced by servicemen who are being demobilized. The first wave was made up of those persons who found themselves out of jobs

because war industries had to convert to peacetime operation.

In the first wave about six million workers found themselves out of work as a result of the ending of war contracts. Of these, three million shifted to peacetime jobs right away without any interruption, two million registered in unemployment compensation offices and about one million are unaccounted for—they may have found other jobs without registering in the unemployment office, or they might have gone on vacation or retired. About 1,100,000 former war workers of this number found it necessary to draw unemployment compensation. Right now the claims for jobless pay are dropping each week and Social Security officials say that means the full impact of the first wave of unemployment—the reconversion wave—has been felt. The bulk of the war workers have been laid off. The bulk of those who are going to file for benefits have already done so.

What's ahead, then, is the second wave—the unemployment which will come as an aftermath of demobilization.

It is estimated that from six to nine million servicemen are destined to return to industry in the next 9 to 12 months. In addition, about two million workers who have been in government service during the war will be looking for new jobs. That means that about eight million persons will be thrown on the labor market in this second wave which will come as a result of the end of the war.

### Crisis Looms By 1947

As nearly as can be judged, Social Security officials see a crisis by 1947 if there are not enough jobs. That is, they expect that unemployment compensation payments will carry people over jobless periods until about 1947, by which time payments will have been used up. Since the amount of compensation and the length of time for which it is paid are based on previous length of employment and wages, it is plain that a period of spotty employment will affect a worker's future benefits.

A different type of person is applying for jobless compensation these days than when the system was set up in the days when apples were being sold on street corners and unemployment was a major threat to family security.

In the early thirties workers collected their benefits for the entire period of their eligibility and still were without jobs. As of this moment they are collecting for an average of four weeks and then getting jobs. Today more women are applying for unemployment compensation than men. Skilled workers make up more than 50 per cent of the claimants; semi-skilled rank next in number.

As unemployment comes into the national picture again and efforts are made to get more complete jobless legislation out of congress, arguments are heard that people who are able to get unemployment compensation do not bother to look for jobs. This is answered by the Social Security Board on the basis of what they have been finding out from the postwar claims.

They point out first that little better than one in six of the persons who lost their jobs as a result of reconversion is receiving unemployment compensation payments. This shows, they say, that a worker prefers a job any day to being paid for not working. Moreover, they point to the fact that over 750,000 persons, or about 35 per cent of the workers who filed claims initially since V-J Day, have already left the rolls and taken jobs. Then there is the testimony that in two representative cities where special studies were made it was found that two-thirds of the workers who left the claim rolls took jobs before they drew any benefits at all. They say that other cases can be cited to prove the point.

Meantime, as the second wave of jobless workers hits the labor market, the unemployment compensation agencies prepare to handle growing claims for jobless pay unless—and until—peacetime industry gets its wheels turning to provide the jobs that are needed.

### Photographs of Interesting Events Earn Sizable Sums

Many amateur and professional photographers have earned sizable sums through the sale of prints to publications over a period of years, says Collier's. The picture of the shocked passengers on the deck of the Vestris, taken a few minutes before they were rescued from the sinking Atlantic liner in 1923, made at least \$8,000; snapshots of the Lindbergh plane, as it capsized and threw its occupants into the Yangtze river in 1931, sold outright for \$9,000.

A "bird's-eye view" of San Francisco, made shortly after its great fire in 1906 with a camera elevated 600 feet by kites, produced a profit of \$15,000.

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Since Pearl Harbor, the United States has produced as much synthetic rubber as the entire world's supply of natural rubber for the 18 years from 1900 through 1918.

The rubber industry's pre-war capacity of 65,000,000 tires a year has been increased to more than 110,000,000 civilian tires annually.

*D. Ross Manning*



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Wanda Gale's mother visited school Thursday morning. Donald Lynn's mother visited us Wednesday afternoon.

### PRIMARY ROOM

We have learned five of Robert Louis Stevenson's poems and we are now working on "Twas the Night Before Christmas." We enjoy acting out the poem.

The Rhythm Band played for the P.-T. A. meeting Monday afternoon.

The toys for the primary room have been purchased. We are glad to have them these cold days.

We are busy working on our Christmas tree and posters. We will have a short program in the room with the tree and gifts the Friday we dismiss for Christmas.

### SEVENTH GRADE REPORT

The best citizen of the week is Reta Munsel. She is thirteen years old and has very blonde hair. Reta likes fried chicken, chocolate cake, Claudette Colbert, Clark Gable, and Margaret O'Brien. Reta is a new pupil in our room and is very well liked.

### SPORTS

Our basketball team and the

Barnhart team were to have a game last Friday afternoon on our court, but the Barnhart team was unable to come.

The Hornet team went to Rankin for a game Saturday night, but we took only five men, as many of our players were ill. Boys going were E. L. Tankersley, Steward Evans, Jack Turner, Roy Shilling, and Harvey Kubena. We were very sorry not to have Gene and Dale Hegwood, Fayette Tankersley, and Bobby Glaser with us.

Kubena scored a field goal and a free shot in the first half. Turner made a free shot in the second half. The game ended 60 to 4 in Rankin's favor.

### THE STINGER

Wonder if the basketball boys who went to Rankin really want to move there.

Steward, could you tell us who Lulu is?

Who is the Maxine from Rankin? Roy, maybe you could tell us.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

Owen Freeman, a senior in Abilene Christian College, is preaching regularly for the Church of Christ, second and fourth Sundays in each month. Every one is invited to hear him.

Every milk cow should have all the home-grown grazing and hay she will eat and should be fed concentrates in proportion to her production.

County home demonstration agents can supply recipes that call for syrup or honey instead of sugar for Christmas sweetening.

Corn with a kernel moisture content of 25 to 30 per cent is likely to spoil in the crib.

TO RANCHMEN:—I have purchased a new string of windmill tools and am prepared to do your windmill repair jobs. I have had a number of years experience in windmill work and believe I can handle the job.

Felix Ramsel, Mertzon.

Why go to San Angelo or Big Lake to get your Butane tank, when you can get them from C. L. Asberry at home. He will vote for you and they will not. I will get a tank as soon as they will, so why go elsewhere.

—C. L. Asberry, Mertzon, Texas.

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## STARS IN SERVICE



**MARINE LT. BILL VESSIE,**  
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ALAN MAVER

U. S. Treasury Department

Any part of the home garden not being used to grow winter vegetables should be sown in a cover crop to prevent erosion and to add organic matter to the soil.

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**First Methodist Church**  
 Roy B. Shilling, Pastor.  
 Preaching each 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays.  
 Sunday School 10 A. M. Preaching 11 A. M. and 7 P. M.  
 Young Peoples Meeting at 6.15. Juniors at 5:30 P.M.

Mrs. Mary Eldredge returned to Wichita Falls Monday from San Angelo after visiting her mother, Mrs. Nita Rutledge, and her sisters, Sylvia and Mozelle. The sisters are ill in a San Angelo hospital.

Mrs. Zepha Westbrook Ogle of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Mike Watson of Gilbert, Ariz., returned to their respective homes after visiting friends here.

## Telephones Have Been to War

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**OPA Struggles to 'Hold that Line' As Building Costs Threaten to Zoom**

By AL JEDLIKA and WALTER SHEAD

WITH a huge postwar building and realty boom in the offing, sentiment in the nation's capital favors both government and industry working hand in hand to combat the dangers of an inflationary spiral resulting from the tremendous pent-up demand for housing.

Already empowered to regulate costs of materials and services, the Office of Price Administration has sought the additional authority to control the sales price of finished homes and used buildings. Unless granted such permission, the agency argues, its check over the industry would be imperfect, and untrammelled speculation would undo the benefits obtained by the other regulations.

Bitterly resisting OPA recommendations, private builders asserted that further controls over the industry would result in a diminution of prospective construction, while the problem is one of stimulating more. Rather, the industry argued, OPA and other government agencies should concentrate upon the increase of supplies and manpower to provide a basis for all-out construction.

In the midst of the controversy, Reconversion Director Snyder stepped in to announce that the administration favored a program embracing present government regulation of materials and services, with no supervision over prices of finished homes and used buildings unless proven needed.

**Burden of Mortgages.**

In arguing for authority over pricing of final sales, OPA pointed to World War I records, which not only showed a decrease in construction as costs rose, but also emphasized the serious mortgage problems later growing from the original over-valuation of homes.

According to OPA figures, building material prices showed a 219 per cent increase from 1914 to 1920, with more than half of the rise occurring after the armistice. At the same time, total construction costs mounted 189 per cent from 1913 to 1920, with three-quarters of the boost coming after the end of hostilities.

As a result of the inflationary spiral, OPA said, actual home construction topped from the peak figure of 405,000 units in 1919 to 247,000 a year later. While prices automatically fell with the drop in building activity, they remained relatively high, with another recession setting in around 1926.

Against this record of World War I, OPA cited the accomplishments during the present conflict, when government control of material costs held price increases to 31 per cent from August, 1939. Of this total, a 6.7 per cent rise occurred after issuance of the famous "hold-the-line" order of May, 1943.

Meanwhile, the increase in construction costs totalled only 34 per cent since August, 1939, with only a limited amount of building done to accommodate necessary needs.

**Huge Demand, Short Supplies.**

In contemplating the need for control over sales prices of finished homes and used buildings, OPA

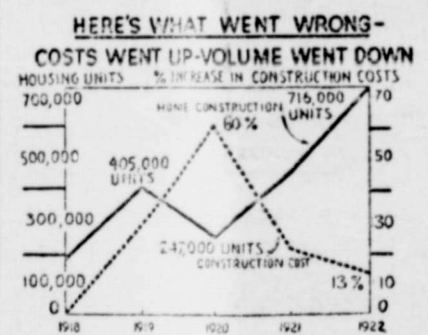
drew the picture of a huge back-log of construction and a protracted period of short supplies in the face of tremendous demand.

In all, the nation has a need for over eight million new homes, OPA figures, as a result of the increase in families since 1940, servicemen marriages, undoubling in crowded quarters, the number of housing units now rated as sub-standard.

Despite the need and the comparative prosperity of the people, however, a recent survey by the architectural forum indicated that 37 per cent of the persons interviewed would postpone building if prices of finished homes should soar above \$1,000 over present prices. Another 12 per cent had not decided what course they would take.

Of the total of 51 per cent that determined to build regardless of a \$1,000 increase in costs, most revealed that they would raise more money, but a sizable percentage declared their intention to purchase a cheaper structure. Most sales would be under \$7,000.

In analyzing the results of the survey, OPA asserted that the indicated deferment of building plans in the



event of a \$1,000 increase in costs would result in a loss of employment to more than 600,000 workers, thereby reducing demand for goods which they themselves could be counted upon to purchase.

Now that private industry will play an important part in the fight to hold sales prices of finished and used homes to reasonable levels, OPA will concentrate on the enforcement of dollars and cents ceilings for materials and services going into structures. The flat prices will cover millwork, lumber, brick and tile, plywood, screens and windows, roofing, siding, insulation, heating equipment, hardware, soil pipe, plumbing supplies, etc.

In addition, services controlled will include painting and paper hanging, renewing of roofs, plumbing installation and other work adapted to supervision.

**"Increased Supply Needed."**

In attacking the OPA proposal to slap controls over the prices of new structures, the National Association of Home Builders, spearheading private industry, declared that the only way to prevent a serious inflation was by increasing the supply to meet the tremendous demand.

"Although swamped with applications for new houses," Joseph E. Merriam, president of the association said, "the home builders cannot complete the large new developments which are needed to ease the housing shortage until they have assurance from the government that manufacturers of badly needed materials and equipment will be aided

in getting into full production immediately.

At the same time, Frank W. Cortright, executive vice president of the association, set out the organization's six-point program for speeding construction and counteracting inflationary tendencies:

1. Continue present price controls on building materials for only so long as is necessary. As rapidly as an item is found to be in ample supply, it should be removed from price control.

2. Inaugurate an active program by the Civilian Production agency, successor to the War Production board, to control the inventory of short items in order to eliminate the possibility of hoarding.

3. Start an active co-ordinated campaign by government agencies to increase the supply of scarce building materials, and, if necessary, grant price and wage increases to break bottlenecks.

4. Builders, realtors and financing institutions will conduct a co-operative program to maintain non-inflationary prices of homes.

5. All segments of the home construction industry will formulate a co-operative program to rapidly increase the supply of homes in all classes.

6. The Veterans' administration, the United States Employment service and other governmental agencies should make immediate provision for the channeling of vets and experienced workers into the construction field.

In the matter of pricing of used homes, close supervision by FHA and private financial institutions will be relied upon to keep costs within reasonable bounds in the absence of ceiling regulations.

**Few Old Buildings Sold.**

Realty activity has been lively since 1939 in the face of the housing shortage, but inability of property owners to find new quarters has served to decrease the supply of old buildings. Even so, 34 per cent of the localities reporting to the National Association of Real Estate boards revealed price increases, averaging 12 1/2 per cent.

Economists have calculated that normally prices of single-family homes have approximated 100 times the monthly rental of purchasers. In July of this year, however, statistics showed that in Denver, Colo., costs of buildings were 95 per cent over this ratio; in Cleveland, Ohio, 65 per cent over; in San Francisco, Calif., 50 per cent; in Chicago, Ill., 47 per cent; in Atlanta, Ga., and New York City, 35 per cent, and in Dallas, Texas, 34 per cent.

With property owners now able to move more freely, and demand for housing exceeding new construction at the start, the turnover of used homes may become greater in the immediate future. To check an inflationary spiral then, finance institutions will have to be careful in appraising the real value of property to prevent burdensome mortgage payments or serious losses in future years.

Having indicated its preference for private regulation of the real estate market, the administration will provide ample opportunity for a real examination of its practicable processes in a period of real national emergency. The experiment will be interesting to follow.

**Gems of Thought**

THE use of force alone is but temporary. It may subdue for a moment; but it does not remove the necessity of subduing again; and a nation is not governed which is perpetually to be conquered.—Edmund Burke.

When a man does not know what harbor he is making for, no wind is the right wind.—Seneca.

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## DANCE SCHEDULED AT SHERWOOD

A holiday season dance will be held at the Sherwood court house on December 22. An orchestra from Ballinger will furnish the music. The dance is sponsored by Johnnie Freitag and Joe Thorp.

A typographical error in last week's paper said the dance was to be held the 12th, but that was the wrong date. The dance will be held December 22 and a good time is planned for all who attend. Everyone is welcome.

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## MOORE REPORTED TO BE PREPARING TO TEST IN IRION

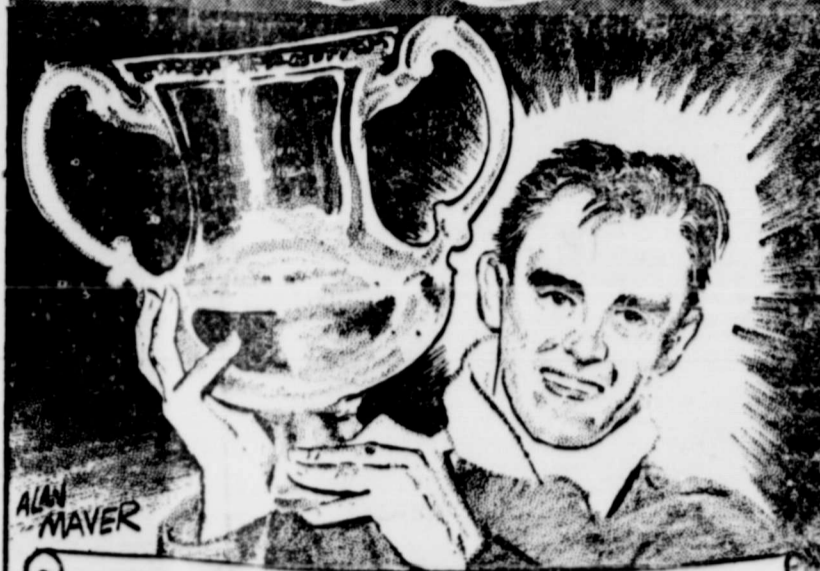
John I. Moore of Midland No. 1 Mrs. Elta T. Murphey, south central Irion County wildcat seeking Ellenburger production, at the week's close was preparing to test a deep oil and gas showing, according to unconfirmed rumors current over the Permian Basin. Moore would make no comment, the operation being "tight".

No. 1 Murphey was credited in one quarter with having recovered a considerable quantity of heavily oil and gas-cut drilling mud on a drillstem test from around 7,900 to approximately 8,025 feet more than 10 days ago. The depth was said to be 8,394 feet, in dolomite, which some believed is the Ellenburger, with 7,945 feet one probable top. Elevation is 2,566 feet.

An electrical survey was reported to have been made before 5 1-2 inch casing was run and cemented during the last few days. All data attributed to the wildcat lacked verification.

No. 1 Murphey is 660 feet out of the northwest corner of section 1227, GC&SF Ry. Co. survey, one mile west of Noelke Switch on the Santa Fe railroad. It is six miles north of the corner of Irion, Schleicher and

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The 1,182 frozen food locker plants built during the past year brought the total to 6,464. There were only 2,870 such plants in operation in 1940.

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The present average age of passenger cars is more than eight years, as compared with an average age of four and one-half years in 1940, according to the National Safety Council.

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The booklet includes a variety of practical and proved ideas for making the farm more profitable, more modern and easier of operation. The purpose of the booklet, according to the introduction, is to help make the most of new methods and materials that will make any farm, large or small, a better place to work and live.

The booklet gives a lot of basic information, such as the best way to mix cement, how to make electrical connections, how to protect and care for farm machines, how to build simple pieces of farm equipment, and improvements in the farm home.

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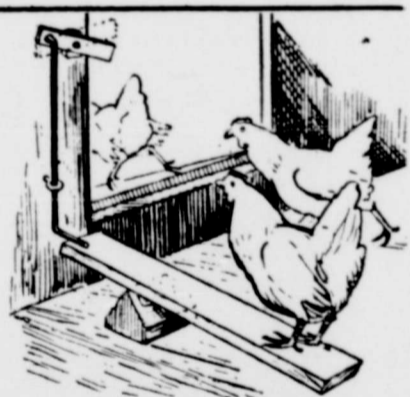
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ed, place the cover on the dish and seal with adhesive tape. Tie with a gay ribbon. The cake will keep perfectly, and the casserole makes a welcome additional gift.

Bake individual fruit cakes in custard cups of glass or oven pottery. Give a set of four or six small cakes, appropriately wrapped, as a gift.

Bake small fruit cakes in candied orange peel cups or grapefruit shells. Pack as they are, fruit shell and all.

If you're having guests on Christmas Day, or want to give a small gift to neighbors who may bring their greetings in person—make individual fruit cakes or small plum puddings and wrap them in cellophane. Tie with a ribbon and hang on

the Christmas tree for the guests to find.

**LIVESTOCK SITUATION**

Production of all classes and types of meat in 1946 is expected to continue at or slightly above the 1945 level, according to a USDA report.

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**OUR LIVESTOCK JUDGING METHODS**

By R. G. JOHNSON  
Head, Department of Animal Husbandry, Oregon State College

Domestic animals are machines for converting plant material into meat, fibers, and other human needs. Competition forces the modern farmer to evaluate efficiency in terms of tons or bushels per acre, dairy production in pounds of butterfat per cow per year, and poultry results in number of eggs per year. Thus, since the basic resource is feed and not animals, shouldn't livestock producers evaluate breeding stock on the basis of meat or of wool their offspring produces per 100 pounds of feed consumed?

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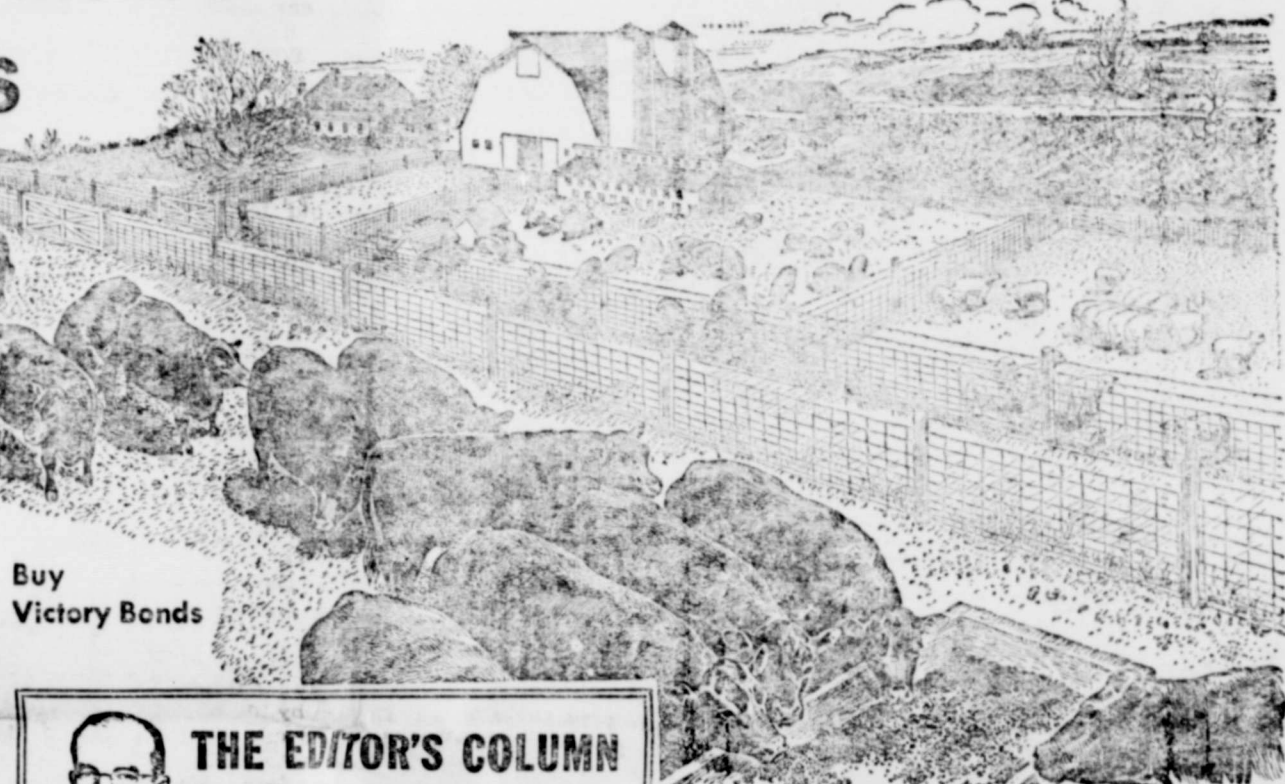
Tomorrow's "yardstick" will not only be bigger yields per acre but also more pounds of meat and fiber per ton of feed.

**WHAT DO YOU KNOW?** How many of the amino acids essential to health are found in meat?

What governs the price of livestock?  
In what dessert is meat an important ingredient?



Answers to these questions may be found in the various articles which are printed elsewhere on this page.



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**THE EDITOR'S COLUMN**  
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Agricultural Research Department

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1/2 pound currants  
1 pound seeded raisins  
1 1/2 pounds brown sugar  
1 quart cider  
2 teaspoons salt  
2 teaspoons nutmeg  
2 teaspoons cloves  
3 teaspoons cinnamon  
5 tablespoons lemon juice

Pare, core, and chop apples. Chop together currants and raisins. Add apples, sugar, cider, and meat stock. Cook about 5 minutes. Grind meat and suet. Add with seasonings to apple mixture. Simmer 1 hour, stirring frequently to prevent burning. Add lemon juice.

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**SORGHUMS ON INCREASE AS CATTLE FEED**

By A. D. WEBER  
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# OVERNIGHT GUEST

By BEN AMES WILLIAMS W.N.U. FEATURES

**THE STORY THUS FAR:** Adam Bruce, FBI operator, on a trip to his old home, ran into his previous boss, Inspector Tope, and Mrs. Tope. He sent them out to an auto camp, operated by Bee Dewain. Later that night Tope phoned Bruce, asking him to come out to Dewain's at once and to bring State Trooper Quill. The Tope had been rented the Faraway cottage, where they found the body of a man, with hands and feet bound. He had been murdered and placed under the bed of the Faraway cottage. Quill went after the district attorney and a medical officer, while the Tope and Bruce discussed the case from what clues and facts they could find.

## CHAPTER IV

Doctor Medford had already made some examination. "Twenty-four hours, anyway," he said. "Probably more." He stripped off those bands of black tape that half-concealed the dead man's countenance. "Anybody know who he is?" he asked.

They came to look; they saw an old small man, with eyes twisted slightly upward at the corners, a nose thick at the bridge and narrowing to a point which drooped above the upper lip. Chin small, retiring; a mouth framed in deep-lined lines; gray, sparse, wiry hair; a gray stubble on cheek and chin. They looked, but no one spoke.

Then Cumberland said wistfully: "I kind of wish Joe was here; but Quill said you didn't want anyone else to know about this right away, Inspector." And he asked: "What's your idea?"

"Well, Mat, maybe you'd better send for Joe."

Cumberland wiped his mouth with his hand. "I don't know as Joe could outdo you, on a thing like this," he admitted.

"He's welcome to try," Tope insisted cheerfully. "But here's the way I see it: We can't trail all the folks that might have done this; but whoever put him here is waiting, somewhere, for the excitement to start. They're in the dark."

"Well, so are we!"  
"But we're this much ahead of them," Tope argued. "We know the body's been found, and they don't. Mat, if it was me, I'd keep the whole thing quiet, long as I could."

"That'd be hard, to keep this quiet. Some one's bound to find out."

Young Adam spoke. "I think you'd do well to let Tope run this, Mat," he urged. "Of course, I've no standing unless it turns out this was an inter-state job; but if I had any say, I'd want Tope in it." And he added: "As for keeping it quiet, Amasa Dewain doesn't talk much; and his housekeeper's away. We can carry the body up there tonight, let Doctor Medford do the autopsy up there. Then tomorrow night we can move it to town."

Cumberland nodded. "We could do it that way," he agreed. "Tope, what do you say? Will you take it on?"

The Inspector looked toward Mrs. Tope, standing by the fire. "We're on a sort of honeymoon," he reflected. "But I don't know. I don't get stirred up often, but I'm kind of mad tonight. This looks to me like a sneaking, cruel business. I'd like to nail the man that did it."

"I know," Cumberland assented heavily. "It hits me that way too." And he reflected: "Joe won't like your being in it; but he'll have to stand it. If you'll take it, you can boss the whole job."

So Tope agreed and made his dispositions. He sent Quill to awaken Amasa Dewain and enlist his cooperation. Adam and Doctor Medford improvised a stretcher for the removal of the body. Mat Cumberland asked:

"Anything I can be doing tonight?"

Tope shook his head. "Have Quill stay at Amasa's and keep his eyes open," he decided. "Adam will come back and spend the night here in case anyone comes around. Doctor Medford can do the autopsy at the farm tomorrow morning. You and I will get a good night's sleep, and I'll meet you there around nine o'clock. That's about all."

And a little later, the Inspector and Mrs. Tope said good night. But once they were out of doors, she grasped his arm with fingers like steel. She whispered:

"I know him."  
"He stared at her. 'Know who? The dead man?'"

"Yes."  
"Why didn't you say so? Who is he?"

"I wasn't sure you'd want to tell them, yet. It's Mr. Ledforge."

The name for a moment woke no memory in him. "Ledforge?" he repeated blankly.

"Yes, the head of New England utilities," she insisted. "I saw

him once at a stockholders' meeting when I worked on Wall Street. That's he, dead back there."

Mrs. Tope's identification of the dead man as Ledforge seemed at first to Tope impossible of belief. "It can't be," he protested. "Or there'd have been a noise about it before now."

"Not necessarily!" she insisted. "If he was kidnaped, his family may have been warned to keep quiet; or perhaps his business associates are planning how to support his stocks when the news comes out. But it is certainly Mr. Ledforge. Aren't you going to tell Mr. Cumberland?"

"Not tonight," Tope decided, boldly. "Even if it's true, I want a chance to think, before this hullabaloo starts."

"Will you tell Adam?"  
"Adam's got a secret of his own," the old man replied. "I'll keep this to trade with him, by and by."

Tope that night lay not long awake; but he roused at dawn, and he began to wonder by what route the dead man had been brought to Faraway. He got up and dressed



"I found this," Tope pointed to the footprint.

with quiet haste, and left Mrs. Tope asleep, and walked up the brookside toward Faraway, where Adam Bruce was still asleep; but he did not disturb the young man. Yonder on the knoll, half concealed by intervening shrubbery, one of the other cabins was visible. It seemed the nearest to Faraway; and assuming for the moment that those who brought the dead man here had lodged in that cabin, Tope began to search the ground between.

He found two things. He found, on a slanting ledge, a scratch which might have been made by a nail in someone's heel; but the scratch was broader than the nail would readily have made, and Tope reflected that some men have set into the heels of their shoes a small triangular plate to retard the wear. Such a plate might have made that scratch.

And he found a woman's footprint! The small French heel had sunk to a depth of a quarter-inch or so, leaving its imprint plain. Tope stooped to look more closely; and then Adam Bruce came up the slope to join him. It was still early; but the sun had risen and now laid level lances through the trees. Adam lifted his hand in silent greeting.

"Found anything?"

"I found this," Tope pointed to the footprint. "I judge whoever brought him here lodged in this cabin."

"This is named 'Little Bear,'" Adam told him. "If they did, Bee will remember them."

Tope hesitated. "Well, later," he decided. "You keep out of sight for now, go up to Dewain's farm, wait there. Doctor Medford will be doing the autopsy there this morning. We'll come up." He added: "Now, let's go up on the knoll and see if there are tire tracks in the drive."

Bee Dewain, fresh as dawn, greeted them cheerfully. "Rest well?"

"I never do, the first night in a strange place," Mrs. Tope admitted. "But I will tonight. We've decided to stay on awhile, so Mr. Tope can try the fishing."

Mrs. Murrell, entering in time to hear this last word, said volubly:

"Well, now, Mrs. Tope, I call that sensible. Isaac, he's always want-

ing to move on and move on. Some people say it's hard on the twins, not going to school; but Isaac gives them their lessons right along." She laughed proudly. "Donnie does all Willie's lessons, if we don't watch him. Their handwriting's so much alike you can't tell the difference."

"They write alike?" Mrs. Tope echoed in polite indifference. "They look exactly alike, of course; but I didn't know twins wrote alike, too."

"Yes, they do," Mrs. Murrell insisted. "I asked a doctor once, and he told me—"

But Bee interrupted her. People were apt to interrupt Mrs. Murrell. "Mr. Tope, Earl Priddy tells me your friend Adam Bruce came back last night."

"So?" Tope echoed. "Why, he told us in Middleford that he was taking the midnight train. Must've changed his mind."

Bee laughed. "Adam's always an uncertain quantity. He must be sleeping late. I'll have Mrs. Priddy keep some coffee hot for him!"

After breakfast, Tope and Mrs. Tope returned to Cascade. Tope rummaged boots and fishing garb out of the rumble of the car and put them on. "We'll make fishing an excuse," he explained. "We'll drive away out of sight, and get to Amasa Dewain's without the folks here knowing."

She nodded, and presently they came out to the car, Tope brave in rubber boots and an old felt hat adorned with flies stuck in the band and crown. Earl Priddy, passing by along the drive, paused to ask in an interested tone: "Goin' fishin'?" Tope admitted this. "Git you any worms?" Tope shook his head. "I'll dig you some, fust chance I git," Priddy promised. "Fellow come through her last summer, hired me to take him fishing. Englishman, he was. And a great one for flies! Man, he could handle 'em, too."

Tope was always willing to listen. He had heard, sometimes, surprisingly useful things. "Don't see many Englishmen here, I expect," he suggested at random.

"Well, some!" Priddy declared. "Fellow come here Friday night late—I guess he was English by the way he talked. Had that kind of a deaf man's voice that they have. I can tell 'em fur as I can hear 'em. He had a woman with him! Miss Dewain wouldn't have took 'em in, if she'd been up, case they wa'n't respectable; but she'd gone to bed, and I ain't so patic'lar. I put 'em in Little Bear. They lit out before I was up in the morning."

Tope nodded indifferently, and he got into the car. When they approached Amasa Dewain's farmhouse, they saw Adam on the porch. "Cumberland and the doctor are inside," he reported. "Want to go in?"

Tope said: "I'm wondering how long that man has been dead. Earl Priddy just told me that a man and a woman came late Friday night and stayed in Little Bear, and left early in the morning."

Bruce's eyes lighted, but before he could speak, Mat Cumberland came out of the house; and when he saw Tope, he drew from his pocket something wrapped in a handkerchief.

"You'll want to see these things, Inspector," he suggested. "They were in the pocket of those overalls. Ever see a knife like that before?"

A car came toward them along the road from the highway. Bee Dewain whirled into the yard and alighted, full of surprised questions.

"What's happened?" she demanded. "What are you all doing here?" No one spoke; and she turned to Adam. "Earl told me you came back last night. Why?"

Adam said laughingly: "Couldn't bear to go away without seeing you again."

She colored angrily. "Don't treat me like a child! Why doesn't some one say something?"

Mrs. Tope spoke. "I'll tell you, Miss Dewain." And she made the matter briefly clear. She turned pale, but her head did not droop.

"I see," she said through stiff lips. "That's terrible, isn't it?" She caught Adam's eye. "This was why you came back?" she guessed. "I suppose Mr. Tope telephoned you?"

"Yes."  
Doctor Medford spoke. "Know him, Miss Dewain?"

"No. No, but—"

"But what?"

"He has something on his hair," said Bee. "Some sort of musky-smelling stuff. I've smelled it before." And she cried suddenly: "I remember!"

"Where?" Tope asked sharply. "Friday night. Or rather, Saturday morning," she answered. "Some people stayed Friday night in Little Bear, and left before daylight."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

# Smile Awhile

**Yes, How?**  
"If I'm the first fellow you ever kissed, how is it you kiss so well?"  
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Sweet Young Thing—So you were in the army. Did you get a commission?  
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**Giddap**  
"Why are you going to quit, Bill? Are your wages too low?"  
"The wages are all right, but I'm keeping a horse out of a job."

**That's Simple**  
"Why is it that a girl can never catch a ball like a man?"  
"Well, a man's much bigger."

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## 'Great Swallower' Fish

Has an Extra Stomach

The "great swallower"—a fish that is only nine inches long—has an extra stomach to take care of food greater than the capacity of its normal stomach, scientists say.

Wrapped up neatly inside the fish's regular stomach is an elastic extra pouch, which expands like a balloon when the fish swallows an object larger than itself. The great swallower lives in deep water, 1,800 to 9,000 feet deep, and scientists are still wondering how it can stand the great pressure at that depth.

## Soccer Popular

Prior to the 20th century, soccer was virtually confined to England where it originated and has been played for more than 900 years, says Collier's. But in the past four decades, the game has spread to 55 countries and become, in several of them, almost as popular as it is in England.

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The catch in this statement is that these were not war casualties but victims of accidents from gas on the home front.

Still, points out Mrs. Eloise T. Johnson, specialist in family life education with the Texas A. and M. College Extension Service, the 1,951 Americans are just as dead as if they had died in battle.

She quoted figures from the National Safety Council which showed that 97 per cent of the victims were stricken in their own homes. Carbon monoxide was the poisonous gas in eight out of every nine cases.

Safety principles recommended for avoiding monoxide poisoning in the home include use of a flue pipe to carry away gases from gas ovens and water heaters.

Other "musts" listed by Mrs. Johnson are regulation of draft on heaters with a check draft rather than with a damper. If a damper in a stove or furnace pipe is used, it should never be



closed tightly enough to force gases out into the room.

Gas burners should burn with a transparent blue flame. If the flame has a white or yellow tint, adjustment is necessary.

Never operate a gasoline engine in a closed space unless the exhaust is piped out of doors. Open shed doors before starting the car, truck or tractor.

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**Grading Potatoes by  
Specific Gravity Test**

**Cornell Points Way to  
Mealy Potato Culling**

By W. J. DRYDEN

Farmers may soon be stamping their potato bags "guaranteed to be mealy," and thus secure a premium for quality potatoes. This has been made possible by work conducted by Prof. Ora Smith of Cornell university.

Specific gravity, based on the dry matter content of the tubers, is the basis of this test, which makes it possible to sort out the mealy potatoes from those which are less mealy or soggy.

All potatoes sink in water. By adding common table salt, the water is made heavier and some potatoes then will float. These are the non-mealy or soggy ones. By having several containers of suitable



Prof. Ora Smith determining the specific gravity of potatoes as outlined in this article. The method is simple and may be applied to the home, farm or commercial handler of potatoes.

size, each with a different concentration of salt solution, it is possible to separate an entire lot into groups of soggy, slightly mealy, mealy and very mealy potatoes.

For a quick differentiation, two solutions are cited. Potatoes that float in specific gravity 1.078 (22 ounces of common salt to 11½ pints of water) are definitely not mealy. Those that sink in 1.078 but float in 1.088 (24½ ounces of salt in 11 pints of water) are slightly to medium mealy. Those that sink in 1.088 are mealy. This would vary somewhat with the variety.

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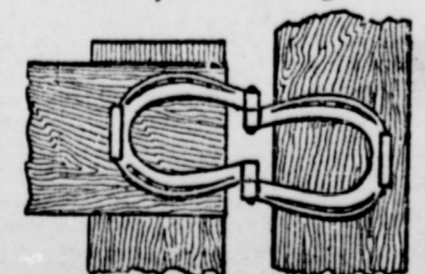
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As some of the newer varieties of potatoes tend to develop an internal reddish-brown discoloration when kept closer to the freezing point, it is well to check up on the condition of the tubers from time to time. In many varieties a temperature of 36 degrees F. or higher is recommended.

Some of the newer varieties have special storage requirements and have caused a good deal of trouble. Severely affected seed pieces usually decay after planting, resulting in a poor stand and many weak hills.

The discoloration usually is revealed only when the tubers are cut, for most of them appear normal on the outside.

**Sturdy Gate Hinges**



Stout hinges may be made from old horseshoes. Spread the nail holes with a punch to take larger spikes or small bolts for attaching hinges to the post.

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**Lesson for December 16**

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**EXALTING CHRIST IN THE LIFE  
OF THE NATION**

LESSON TEXT: Isaiah 9:1, 3 & 7; Luke 1:26-33.

GOLDEN TEXT: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.—Isaiah 9:6.

Christmas is coming! It should be a blessed and delightful time this year. But do not fail to ask yourself, What is its true meaning? Why did Christ come? So that we could feast and celebrate? Surely not. He came first of all to be a Saviour; but do not forget that the Saviour is also the King of kings.

When Jesus came, His people Israel were practically without a government. They were a subject people under the rule of Rome. Their national life was in ruins; darkness had settled over their land, and there was both national and spiritual darkness. Christ came as their King, as well as the Light of the world.

**I. Darkness—but the Light Is Coming!** (Isa. 9:2, 3).

When Jesus came there was deep darkness in Israel; there was no king. National honor and glory were at low ebb. Religious leaders had lost their spiritual vision and zeal. They were going through the form of godliness but denying its power. Read the book of Malachi for a picture of their desolation.

Then Jesus came, and the greatest Light of all time shone forth in the darkness. He was and is "the light of the world" (John 8:12). They that followed Him did not stumble in darkness (John 9:5; 11:9). How sad that they received Him not (John 1:11)! The reason? They loved darkness rather than light (John 3:17-21).

Military leaders, educators, and scientists are saying in our day that there must be a spiritual rebirth of the peoples of the earth if we are not to have another war which will destroy everything. No mere revival of "religion" will do it. We must have Jesus, the Saviour and the Light!

**II. Chaos—but a King Is Coming** (Isa. 9:6, 7).

We have already suggested that Isaiah's prophecy came at a time of chaos in the affairs of the nation. Would they ever have the order and dignity of a nation again? Who was to be their king? What kind of leader would He be? Our verses give the answer.

Seven hundred years before Christ came, the prophet presented a glorious, detailed picture of the coming One. He was to be born as a Babe—a Son—but the "government shall be upon his shoulder."

What kind of King is He? His names reveal Him.

"Wonderful"—that word has been so misused that it means comparatively little to us. It really fulfills its true meaning in Christ. He is unique, remarkable, yes, truly wonderful. "Counsellor"—in every detail of life great or small, an infallible Guide. "Mighty God"—not just like God, or representing God; Christ is God. "Everlasting Father"—the tender and loving, unchanging One to whom time brings no change, for He is the "Father of eternity." "Prince of Peace"—He is not yet the Ruler of the nations of the world, hence we hear not only of wars but of rumors of wars. Mark it well that there will be no enduring peace until He comes to reign whose right it is to reign, the divine Prince of Peace.

**III. Jesus Christ—the Light and the King** (Luke 1:26-33).

If Christ is to be honored in the life of any nation, yes, of our nation, He must first be recognized as the Son of God, the Lord of glory, the everlasting King of kings.

We need to emphasize that fact now when both military and political leaders are talking about the need of spiritual revival to save the world. Let us be sure that they mean more than just to pay formal recognition to a great man and a distinguished moral teacher. He is the Saviour, and there is none other (Acts 4:12).

Note the marvelous fulfillment of prophecy which actually took place in the coming of Jesus. Isaiah (7:14) said He was to be born of a virgin. He was (v. 27)! He was to be the Son of God (Ps. 2:7). He was (v. 32)! And so on through all the detailed prophecies of His birth.

We celebrate the fulfillment of these prophecies at Christmas time.

**AROUND THE HOUSE**

Apply a little colorless nail polish in the area where a buttonhole is to be worked. As the polish dries, it stiffens the cloth and working the holes is thus made easier.

Inasmuch as nuts absorb moisture, they should be placed in boiling water for a few minutes before adding them to cake or bread dough. Otherwise they will make the baked product dry.

Fingernails are a menace to rubber gloves. To prevent their cutting through the rubber, insert wads of cotton in the finger tips of the gloves.

A paste made of baking soda and water will remove coffee stains from enameled kitchen ware.

Arrange canned foods so last year's cans are in front where they will be used first.

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Consignors to Producers Livestock Auction and Commission Co. cattle sale at San Angelo last Friday included Emerson Cox, eight whiteface cows, \$6.20 to \$7.30.

Aluminum once intended for airplane construction will soon be available for roofing. Some is already being sold for that purpose.

### AMATEUR RODEO AT ROBERT LEE SATURDAY

An amateur rodeo sponsored by the Coke County Livestock Association will be held at Robert Lee Saturday, December 15.

Amateur roping will be open to anyone not a professional with professional ropers being barred, and junior events will be held for 4-H and F. F. A. boys.

The program, which includes bronc riding, calf roping, goat roping, calf riding, and other rodeo events, will begin at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

The lamb market at San Angelo last Saturday on a run of 3,000 head at the San Angelo Livestock Auction Co. with feeder lambs of good weights going at \$11.50 to \$12.50 and a string of fat lambs, estimated at 93 pounds, bringing \$13.90.

Lightweight feeder lambs were \$10.50 to \$11.50; buck lambs sold \$9.50 to \$10.50; bucks were \$4.50 to \$5.50 on active demand, and ewes were \$4.50 to \$5.50 on good kinds, shells down to \$3.60 plus subsidy.

A string of 150 yearling Rambouillet ewes drew \$9.20 a head.

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<b>WIENERS</b>	Heinz Baby Food 3 cans 25c
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### FRIDAY-SATURDAY SPECIALS

#### DRIED FRUITS:

<b>Peaches</b>	Extra Choice	35c
	1 lb. cello. bag.....	
<b>Apples</b>	Extra Choice	49c
	1 lb. Cello. Bag.....	
<b>Prunes</b>	Large 30 40 Size,	17c
	1 lb. Cello. ....	
<b>Figs</b>	Extra Choice	37c
	1 lb. cello. pkg. ....	
<b>Raisins</b>	Fruit Cake	19c
	15 oz. pkg. ....	
<b>Currants</b>	Fruit Cake,	19c
	8 oz. pkg. ....	
<b>Dates</b>	14 oz.	49c
	Board Pack.....	
<b>Corn</b>	Monarch Whole	19c
	Kernel Golden.....	
<b>Peas</b>	Thrift Extra Standard	14c
	E. J., No. 2 Can.....	
<b>Green Beans</b>	Yacht Club Cut	18c
	No. 2 Can.....	
<b>Pinto Beans</b>	1 lb. cello. pkg. ....	10c
	2 lb. cello. pkg. ....	19c
<b>Vinegar</b>	Heinz Cider	23c
	Quart.....	
<b>Asparagus</b>	Valia Near All Green	37c
	No. 2 Can.....	
<b>Spaghetti Dinner</b>	Chef Boy	pkg. 32c
	Ar Dee.....	
<b>Mincemeat</b>	15 oz. Frankie Farm.....	23c
	2 lbs. Westshire.....	49c

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**Vegetable Soup**

11 oz. can 14c

**Heinz Tomato Soup**

11 oz. can 11c

#### PRODUCE SPECIALS

<b>Oranges</b>	Texas Thin Skins, Full of Juice, Medium Size, Dozen	29c
<b>Potatoes</b>	U. S. No. 1	10 lb. Mesh Bag 49c
	Idaho Russets	
<b>Onions</b>	U. S. No. 1	lb. 8½c
	White Globe.....	
<b>Peanuts</b>	Roasted Jumbo Reds	27c
	12 oz. cello. bag.....	
<b>Almonds</b>	Drake.....	lb. 49c
<b>Carrots</b>	Home Grown, Fine Flavor, Bunch	6½c
<b>Spinach</b>	Home Grown, It's Nice	lb. 10c
<b>Oranges</b>	10 lb. mesh bag.....	55c

#### MARKET SPECIALS

<b>Wieners</b>	Cereal Added.....	lb. 29c
<b>Pork Sausage</b>	Bulk.....	lb. 37c
<b>Sausage Seasoning</b>	Old Plantation	Seasons 25 lbs., pkg. 19c
<b>7 Bone Steak or Roast</b>		lb. 28c
<b>Cheese</b>	Cheddar, Fine for grating or cooking.....	lb. 37c
<b>Fresh Oysters, Fryers &amp; Calf Liver</b>		