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WHY HE NEVER SMOKED

George McEntire never smokes tobacco in any form. It isn't his fault that he didn't learn to smoke.

I have smoked since I was a but-
and just beginning to remove
bank of dirt from behind my
Uncle Hank Davis was my
and we attended a brush arbor
Methodist revival at Scott's Chapel
night. We went down by the
to wait for the shouting to
begin. We weren't interested in
lengthy preaching, but the antics
of the shouters were fascinating to
me. While sitting by the spring,
Hank pulled out of his pocket a
clay pipe with a cane stem
and filled it with tobacco, lit it and
began to smoke. Then he passed it
to me. It was my first smoke. I
felt a little dizzy, but I was able to
follow Hank under the arbor when
the shouting began.

It was a "sarchin' meetin'"
where those who got religion shouted and
danced on the straw. We two un-
washed sinners were greatly enter-
tained. Since then we acquired
enough grace to tolerate their ways
of demonstrating their religion. We
agreed that if it suited them, it was
none of our business and we had no
right to laugh or criticize them. I
think we have stuck to those ideas
ever since.

But to get back to our smoking
activities, Hank and I learned to
smoke the "grown man's terbacker," or
the raw, natural leaf. We found
that we could smoke it and not get
a sore tongue or mouth. During all
these seventy years we have been
sharing tobacco with each other. To
this day we are still sharing our
tobacco.

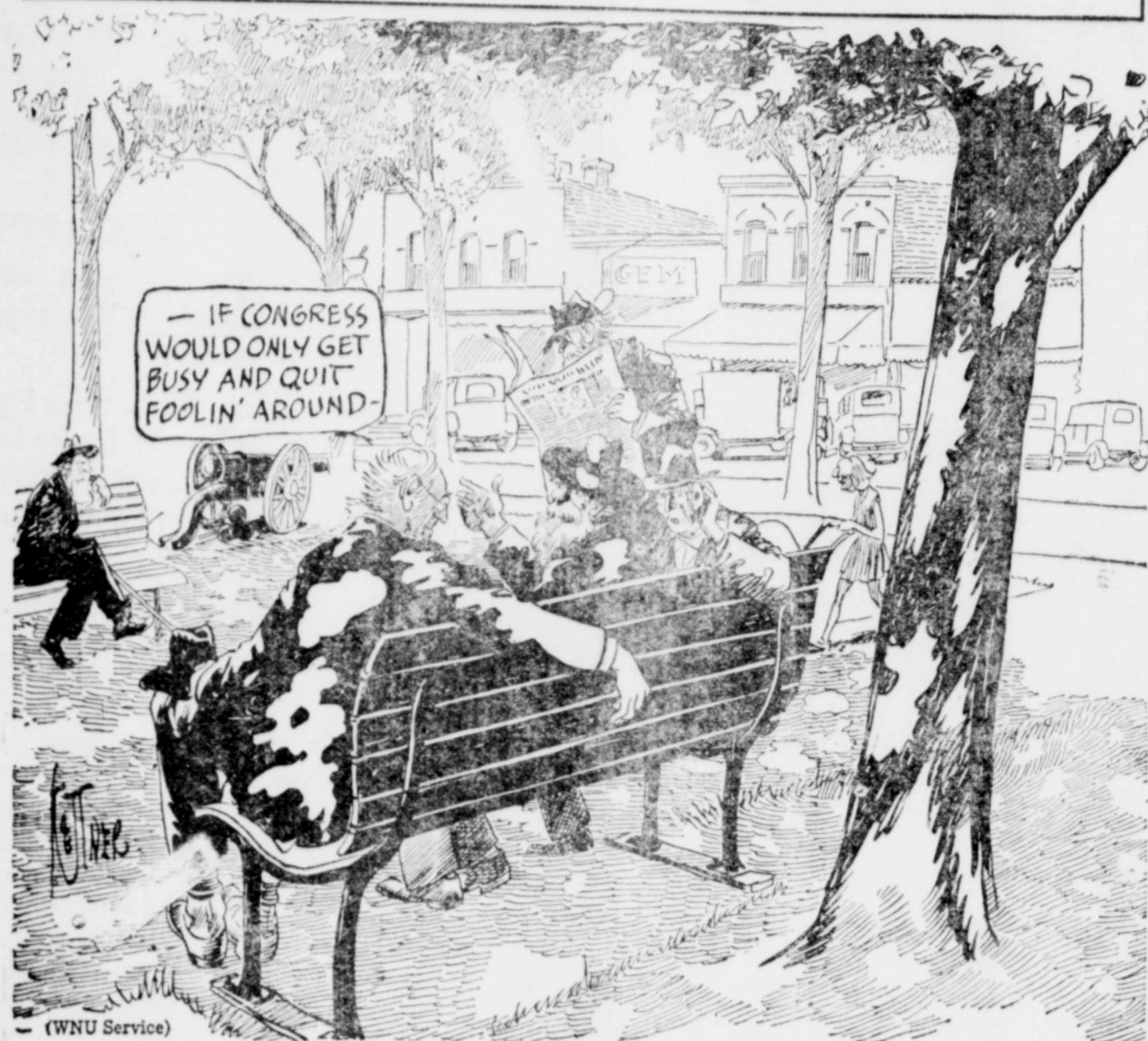
Through observation and experi-
ence, Hank and I have found it a
perfectly safe tobacco in more ways
than one. You can leave it lying
about in reach of everyone, because
the average cigarette smoker can't
negotiate it. A button will try it
only once, and that leads up to
George McEntire again.

When George was a small button
he was a likable little tad—he is
yet, as far as that matter. When
he came in from the ranch, he
would make a break for the print
shop where we had much in common
to talk about.

One day he came to the shop
while I was absent. The big pipe I
had smoked until it had the strength
of a range bull, lay on the table and
by its side lay a "hand" of "grown
man's terbacker." George had often
seen me smoke the pipe and he felt
he needed a smoke.

So he filled up the venerable bowl,
lit it and sat down in my chair and
proceeded to enjoy (?) a smoke.
When I came in, George was in my
chair and looking deathly pale.
No, he wasn't sick, he was just
feeling a little sick at his stomach.
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Borrowed Time Square



First National Bank Officers Served Over 30 Years

The First National Bank of Sterling City was organized on the 13th day of July, 1910.

That was 33 years ago. W. L. Foster was chosen president, J. T. Davis, vice president and J. S. Cole as cashier. Others have been connected with the bank at various times, but Mr. Foster and Mr. Cole have held their stations during all these 33 years and Mr. Davis has served as vice president all these years except one.

So far as I can recall, Brother Malcom Black has prayed for the success and prosperity of the bank at every Stockholders meeting held in January of each year. It seems that the old man's prayers have been answered, because the bank has been particularly prosperous and successful during all this time.

During the depression while other banks were going down, this bank stood like a rock in a desert, extending substantial help to those whose fortunes were tottering. This corporation had a soul and that soul is a good soul. It flung out the life line to those who were beginning to sink and saved them.

Long may it live and prosper and the same to those who made it.—
Uncle Bill

Over the Top With Our Bond Quota

Mesdames Roland Lowe, D. P. Glass, Joe Snead, Daisy Smith were hostesses to the Lion's Club at its weekly luncheon in the basement dining room of the Methodist Church last Wednesday.

The town cleanup which is usually sponsored by the club was discussed. It was reported that the entrance to the dump grounds was choked and that it must be cleared before a general cleanup can proceed. Perhaps this can be looked after soon.

Lion Roland Lowe, chairman of the bond sales committee of Sterling County reported that the county had gone over the top in its quota



Figure It Out Yourself. How can you effectively join in saving all the little children of the world from human slavery, death and injury from the Nazis and Japanese? Put more and more of your pay into war bonds every payday. Your savings will go to war in the form of war equipment and other munitions. How much more should you put into war bonds? The only ones who can answer that are—you and your family. It's up to you to decide just how much more you'll do to win the war.

If you were fighting in the Solomons or in Africa or forcing a landing in Europe you'd like to feel that the folks at home were back of you—all the way—you'd be proud of your family and your friends if you knew they were buying war bonds not at 10 per cent or 15 per cent, but with every cent beyond that which they need for necessities.

of \$7,700 for the month of June. Sterling has never failed to go over the top in bond buying.

The Lions are truly grateful to those good Methodist ladies for their efforts in helping the Lions to carry on during these war days. Our town would indeed be poor without all this.

Red Cross Workers

Red Cross Workers Tuesday were: Mesdames Pat Kellis, B. J. Crossno, R. P. Brown, Lura McClellan, Lester Foster, Sterling Foster, J. L. Snead, J. R. Hale, Roy Foster, V. E. Davis, H. W. Hart, Ben Atwell, Sam T. Dowty of Coleman, and Miss Lometa Wood.

Red Cross Workers Monday night were: Mesdames Lester Foster, Roy Foster, Robert Foster, W. Y. Benge, Sr., G. C. Murrell, and Sterling Foster.

Dan Dearen, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Dearen is in the armed forces at Williamsburg, Va.

Texans Have Full Time Health Service

Over half the citizens of Texas have full-time public health protection according to the figures just released by Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer. This is accomplished through service rendered by county health units covering 59 counties and our four largest cities. The personnel which a county health unit employs depends upon the local need for service. The minimum staff of a unit consists of a physician, nurse, sanitarian, and clerk.

A review of the work done during the past year shows that 94,455 persons were protected against smallpox, 88,832 against diphtheria and 120,375 against typhoid fever. Over a half-million persons were visited in their homes and received either preventive medicine or nursing service. Also 780,613 treatments for venereal disease were administered and 10,878 were X rayed for tuberculosis.

Sanitation in water, food, and milk supplies was rigidly enforced, sewage facilities expanded and campaigns conducted to prevent malaria and typhus fever.

These, the State Health Officer asserted, are but a few of the many services that were rendered to the population living in the area with full-time health services during the past year.

The units are financed by cooperative participation on the part of local, county, or city governments and the State Health Department.

Entertained with Barbecue

Entertaining a few friends Wilburn Lindsey and Johnnie Lucis gave a barbecue on the river last Sunday. Games, dancing and the picture show provided entertainment. Others present were Misses Alma Lawson, Betty Donaldson, Mary Ann Bynum, Eugenie Mathis, Beth Abernathy and Billy Hudson. Alvin Lawson and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Garrett.

Ralph Logan Has Resigned and Joined the Navy

Following is a letter of resignation of Ralph Logan, District Attorney, to the governor:

June 19, 1943
Honorable Coke R. Stevenson
Governor of the State of Texas
Austin, Texas

Dear Governor Stevenson:

I have enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve and have been ordered to active duty on June 29th, subject to the completion of sixty days indoctrination and training. I am, therefore, tendering my resignation as District Attorney of the 51st Judicial District to become effective September 1, 1943, and I respectfully ask that you accept and approve this resignation on that date.

Very truly yours,
Ralph Logan
District Attorney
51st Judicial District

At a conference between Logan and Judge Sutton, it was agreed that Mr. R. G. Hughes would discharge the duties of District Attorney until the effective date of Mr. Logan's resignation. As soon as Mr. Logan leaves for service with the United States Military forces, an order will be made appointing Mr. Hughes to discharge the duties of the 51st District Attorney's office.

A Rare Tree

The other day while admiring a neighbor's grove, I found a rare tree. But before I tell you about this tree, I must tell you of the how-come.

Several years ago when Warren (Smoky) Garms and Marvella Merrell were married, it seemed that they were both of the idea to build a home for themselves. So they secured a couple of choice lots and began in a modest way. Soon a neat little cottage was erected and they moved into it and began housekeeping. Every idle moment they had they spent in building their home. They planted all the ground that could be spared in trees and shrubs. This cosy little home is now a riot of pecans, fruit trees and shrubs. Every tree of proper age is loaded with fruit and nuts, while their vegetable garden makes you wish you could hang around until dinner time.

While planting one day, Smoky had some Brazil Nuts (nigger toes) and he planted some of them. One came up and grew rapidly. That was about three years ago and the tree now has a trunk of about three inches in diameter and is seven or eight feet high and has a large cluster of limbs and a splendid foliage of leaves which resembles those of a shag bark hickory of East Texas.

This tree is the only one of its kind I ever saw. It came from a tree somewhere in Brazil. It is a stranger in these parts, but it is interesting as to what it may develop into.

As I have said before, homebuilding is the happiest period of a young couple's life. A pair of wild birds are never so happy as when building their nests. Young people can learn much if they watch and consider the birds. Smoky and Marvella can give you some pointers about homebuilding.—Uncle Bill

ADIES

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Sterling City News-Record

W. F. Kellis,
Editor and Owner

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Whatever your attitude toward organized labor, you must admit that it has written a yellow page in American history. We hang our heads before the world in shame because labor has failed us in our most critical hour of the war. Just when we need coal to carry on production, these slaves of dictator Lewis have quit their jobs and sabotage of our war plants may follow in an alarming degree. Congress has done all it can to relieve the situation, but the trouble still goes on. The rank and file of workers are no longer free-born Americans. They are the slaves of John L. Lewis, and John L. Lewis is Hitler's sidekick in America. No doubt in my mind that John L. Lewis and certain leaders of the union are taking orders from Hitler. If not, why do they pull a strike just when we need coal the most.—Uncle Bill

Whatever alarmists may say about the scarcity of food, will spur the food producer to redouble his efforts. There is no real cause for alarm. There is plenty of corn and wheat in the land and cotton and wool enough to clothe the world. Ranges are alive with fat cattle, sheep, and goats while around the barns of most every country home are to be seen hogs and chickens by the millions. Every nook and cranny around these homes have been planted in garden truck and most every kitchen has been turned into a canning factory. Let the alarmist squawk, the food producer will only produce a bit more just in case.—Uncle Bill

Well, as they had to have a race riot at Beaumont, I am not grieving that they pulled off a big one at Detroit. People of the North and East have always blamed the South as the place where they have race troubles. They should sweep before their own doors before they concern themselves about other people's doors. I believe in giving the negro a square deal and all his rights under the law, but if he rapes a white woman, kill him, but kill him according to the law. Don't take it out on his people. The man who teaches social equality to negroes, is teaching the shortest route to hell.—Uncle Bill

President Roosevelt declares that if the strikers don't behave in the future, he will ask congress to enact a law to compel every idle striker under 65 to serve in the army and dig ditches. That should be the law now and put in full force. I would not trust one of those strikers with a gun, but I would give him a pick and spade and make him work where he can do the most good.

Those who can afford lodging and board for the teachers, who will teach in the Sterling Public schools during the coming scholastic year, please confer with Supt. James R. Hale, who in turn will give the information to the teachers.

GEARED FOR VICTORY



Los Angeles Examiner

U. S. Treasury

WHY HE NEVER

(Continued from first page)

No he wasn't a bit hungry, so I did not take him to lunch that day. He said he had to go back as soon as the boys were ready to go.

When I returned from lunch I found indications that the fountains of the great deep had been broken

up and George was gone. The old pipe lay on the table with a half smoked charge of tobacco in it. I knew the trouble the kid was having but I didn't ever mention it to him.

George was off his feed for two or three days, and his appetite for a smoke never returned. Three little kiddies call him "Granddaddy," now, but he completely lost his

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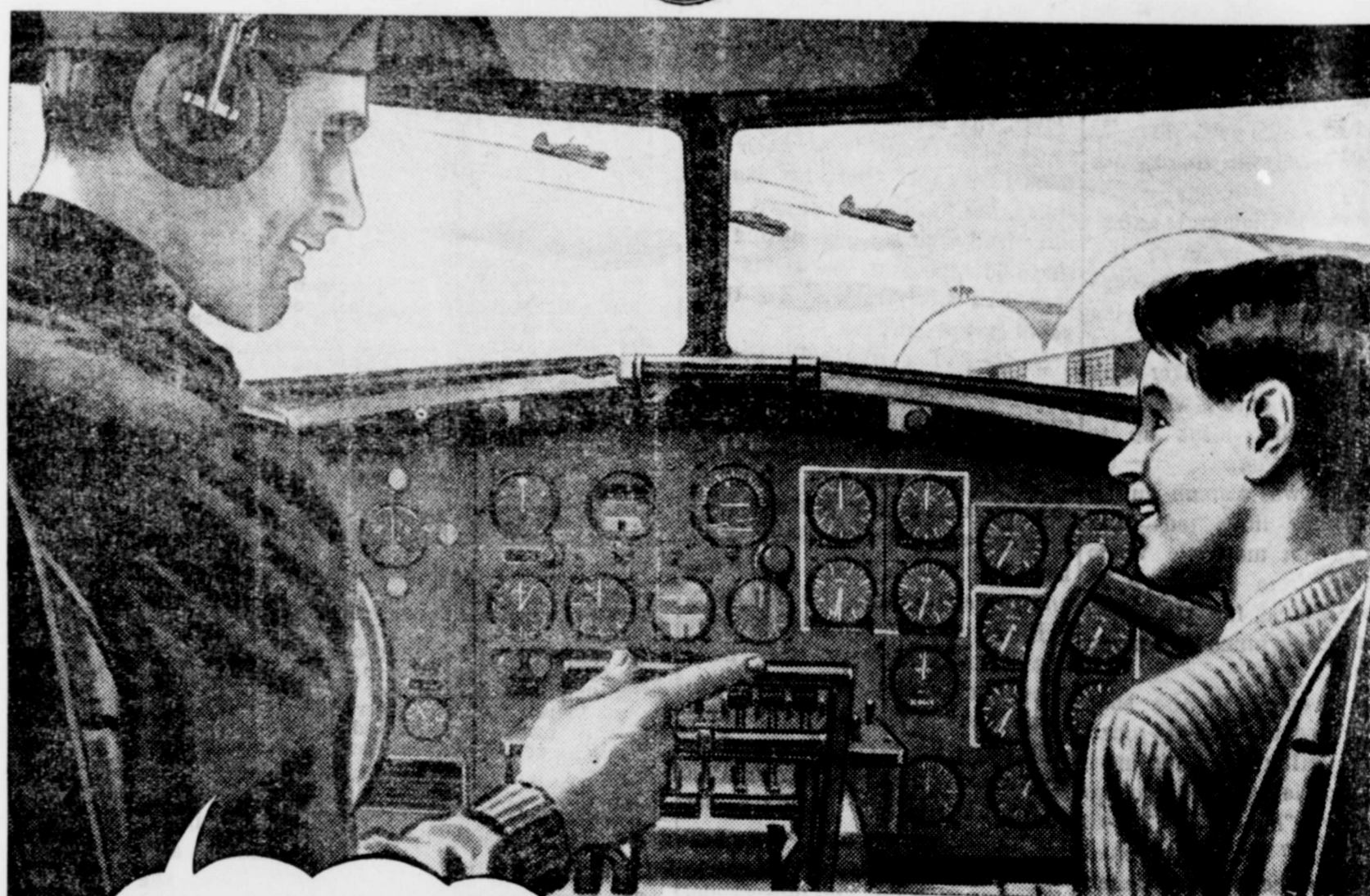
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appetite for a smoke when he smoked my old pipe.

It was different with Hank and me. We stayed with our pipes even unto this day. Old time ministers volunteered the information to us that our pipes would kill us after a while, but we kept right on. It may get us yet. The old ministers should know, but we are still smoking "grown man's terbacker."—Uncle Bill



Then he yells—
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What boy wouldn't like to just sit in a flying fortress! And to fly it... well, this pilot ranks with Superman!

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It works so well that we're winning the war in spite of socialistic bureaucracies. But to hasten the day of victory, the bureaucrats must concentrate on the war and desist from their plans to permanently change our system of government by which America stands to lose its freedom at home.

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Local Items

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Mrs. W. E. Grigsby of Sanderson visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Glass and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Craig and daughters of Ft. Worth are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Craig's parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. Brauer this week.

Pvt. R. D. Garrett came in from Ft. Sam Houston last Wednesday visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Garrett. R. D. is with the Infantry Arm of the service.

Joe Allen Mathis stationed somewhere in the Pacific writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mathis, that he is well and getting along all right. Young Mathis has been over here for several months.

The News-Record family is indebted to Mrs. A. L. Merrell of Water Valley for a generous sample of Irish potatoes which she raised in her victory garden. You can't buy this quality of spuds in the markets. Thanks.

Mrs. Sam T. Dowty of Coleman, accompanied by her nephew, Jim Tom Kellis, came in last Monday to visit her sister, Mrs. Pat Kellis and family. Jim Tom has been visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Sam Roach and his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Sam T. Dowty at Coleman for the past three weeks.

Tom Dee Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Jeff Davis, volunteered in the U. S. Navy several weeks ago and is now in training on the West Coast. Tom Dee graduated from the Sterling High School last month and soon after enlisted. He was not quite 18 when he joined up with the Navy. He was among the tops in the Sterling High School.

Mr. and Mrs. George McEntire, Jr came in from North Hollywood, California, last Thursday to visit with Mr. McEntire's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. McEntire, Sr. at their U Ranch home. "Little George" is with the Lockheed Air Plane Corporation as an inspector of the big bombers before they are turned over to the government for service.

Heard at the Red Cross

The Red Cross workers were as busy as a colony of beavers, making surgical dressings for the soldier boys overseas.

In a lull in the gabble around the work table, the president said:

"Had you heard about the Army Nurses in North Africa having to wear fig leaves?"

"My gracious! How did that happen?" asked a worker.

"Well, it was this way," said the president. "It was during the battle around Tunis that they brought in so many wounded soldiers that the nurses ran out of surgical dressing. The Red Cross had flunked in getting the dressing to the nurses in time for use, and after the last bandage was used up, the girls tore up their clothes to bind up the wounds of a fresh group of soldiers brought in."

"Well, when it was all over, the girls sent out and had a basket of fig leaves brought in and soon they were wearing dresses of the latest style made of fig leaves."

"Well," commented the president, "that comes of a lot of Red Cross

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P.m. 7:45 Training union 8:30 Evening worship Wednesday

P.m. 4:00 Missionary Society 8:00 Weekly Teachers meeting 8:30 Mid-week Devotional

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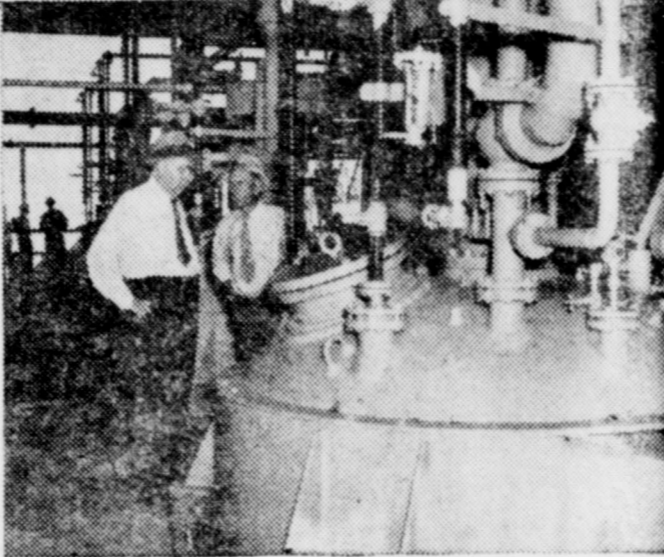
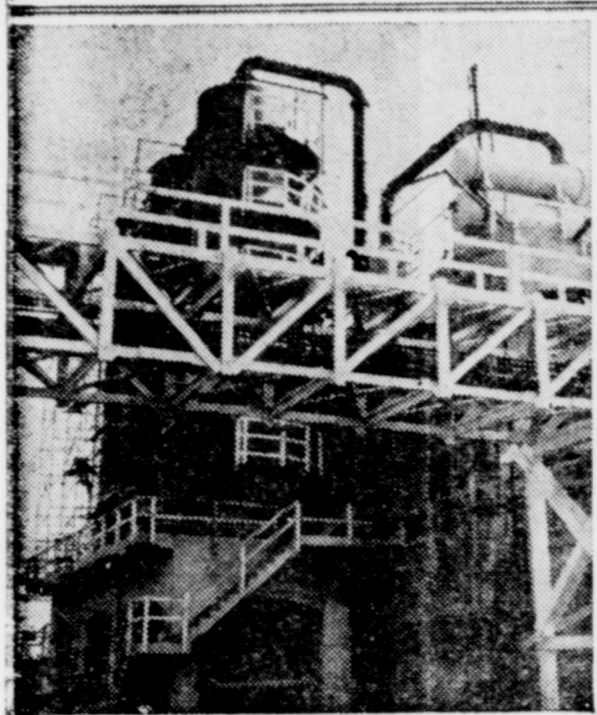
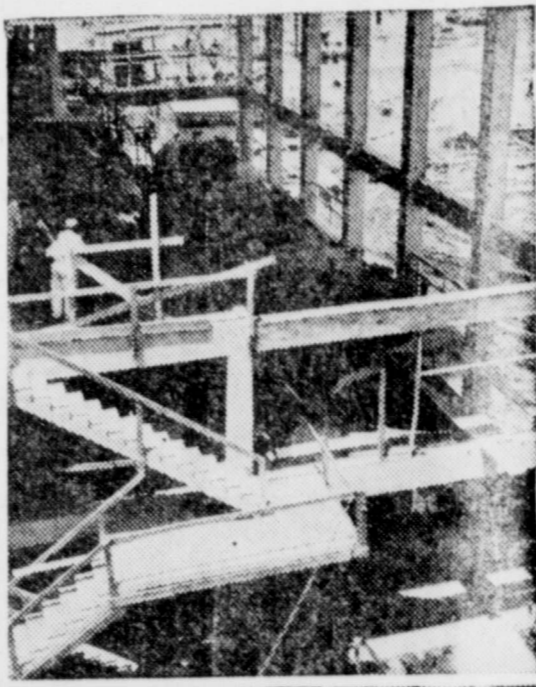
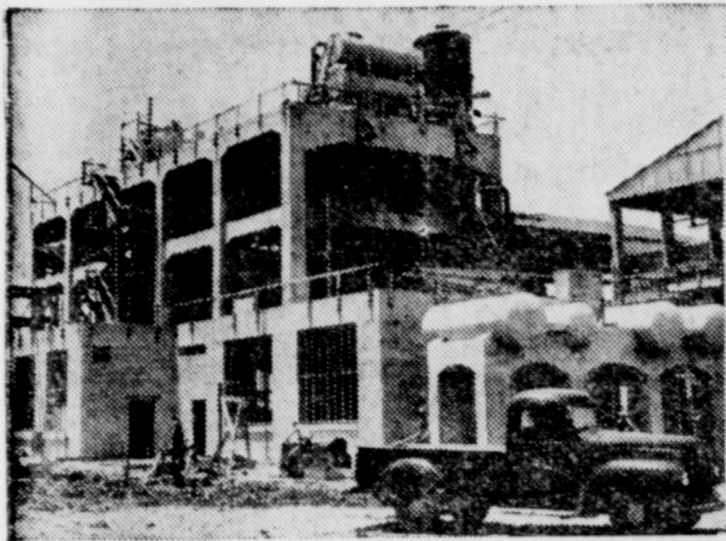
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I KNOW BEANS

I know beans, especially if I have my head in the sack.

Beans are among the most dependable articles of food. We would indeed be poor without beans. If you had a sack of diamonds and a sack of beans and they were the only ones in the world and you had to dispose of one, you would benefit mankind more by throwing the diamonds in the creek and planting the beans, because you can't eat the diamonds, but the beans you can eat and thrive on them.

This Concho soil is ideal for beans and you can raise almost any variety of bean here. For a home garden, the Kentucky Wonder is the most popular bean grown here. There is a great variety of beans, but this variety is at the head of the class. It is the best as string beans, and when dry they are the best of all.

But all beans are good. You can raise Pinto beans by planting early in the spring or late in the summer. They are very popular as a dry bean and fairly good as string beans.

Most everybody around Sterling has his bean patch and there are beans for the neighbors. If you can't eat them or sell them, can them. If you have more than you can use, let them dry on the vines and harvest them for winter use.

When beans got scarce last winter and had to be rationed, the News-Record family was discussing the bean situation, then the Mat-familias remembered there was a good sized bucket of beans which she had picked and stored in the cellar. They were beans that had dried on the vines last year and which I was too lazy to pick and store against the day we might need them. We had plenty of beans and have plenty yet. We don't need the Ration Board to tell us when and how many beans we can have.—Uncle Bill

Preparing to Eat

At no time in the history of West Texas, was there so much canning and processing of food going on. Some of the cellars in Sterling and vicinity are beginning to look like wholesale grocery stores. But this good work is just at its beginning. Corn, tomatoes and fruits will soon be ready for the cans. Later, the chickens that are eating their heads off will stop their eating and go into cans. It's the women that is doing this work of food salvation.

It is refreshing to be in the earshot of a group of neighbor women gathered in a kitchen around a pressure cooker snapping beans and preparing other good eats for the cans. It is good to hear the chatter as they daintily work against the day when these good eats will be needed. They remind me of their grandmothers in the Civil War days when they gathered at a home and spun, wove, knitted and sewed while they chattered. The same spirit of the grandmothers and great grandmothers has found lodgement in the women of today. They are as patriotic and unselfish as those who really knew hardships and privation in Civil War days.

Every can of food stored away is just so many bombs to blast Hitler and his cohorts into eternity. These women are doing the work.—Uncle Bill

Repairing Tanks

Most every home in and around Sterling City is equipped with a windmill and water tank in order to provide running water for the house and garden.

The ordinary tank is made of galvanized sheet iron. They are nice things when new, but there is an element in the water that eats holes in the bottom of the tank within six months to two years, and a new tank is hard to get.

When this occurs, buy a bag of cement and mix this with two parts of sand. Put this mixture in the bottom of the tank. Take a hoe and mix thoroughly. Then put in water and stir until it is the consistency of mortar. Take a board and smooth it. Let it stand about eight hours and turn the water on it and the longer it lasts, the harder it gets.

If holes come in the sides of the tank, let Gene Carr or the Garms boys fix it for you. You can do it yourself if you are handy with a trowel. After a tank is repaired in this way, you are through with your tank troubles.

Those who raise home gardens have suffered much damage and disappointment through the depredation of sparrows. These little pests will clean up a row of beets or other plants before you know they are coming up. I never knew one to eat an insect, but he will fight the scissortail and mockingbird which live on insects to a finish. The house Martin which used to come in the spring to help fight the hawks and insects, is not seen any more. The sparrow keeps him away. Sparrows make good pies and why not eat them during these days of meat shortage. In England a sparrow pie ranks as a top dish.

Our local Draft and Ration Boards have done a wonderful service to the people of Sterling County. Membership on either Board is a hard place to fill, but so far, the members of either Board have filled their places (without pay) to the general satisfaction of the people. If you are in a jam, go to the board with your troubles, and if your troubles can be solved, they will help you solve it. You don't hear people criticising these Boards as a rule. Most all our people are intelligent and can understand and that makes it easy on the Boards.

SOME VICTORY RULES FOR CANNING VICTORY VEGETABLES



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Canning without rules is like driving in a strange country without a road map—one is likely to go in the wrong direction. The wrong direction in canning leads to spoiled food—loss of canned food through spoilage is deplorable and unnecessary in time of peace, and inexcusable in time of war.

Gladys Kimbrough, Home Service Director of Ball Brothers Company, gives the following sure-fire rule for successful home-canning:

1. Use jars intended for home-canning. Every one of them has a name lettered on the side.
2. Examine every jar to make sure that it is in good condition. Give special attention to the top edges of Mason jars. Most of them must be sealed with glass top seal closures or two-piece metal vacuum seals, because the zinc that used to go into the one-piece Mason caps has gone to the battle front. The glass top and vacuum seals can take the zinc cap's place on the home front only when used on jars with perfect top edges.
3. Do not stretch rubbers to test.
4. Wash and rinse jars, lids and rubbers. Then cover jars, zinc caps, and glass lids with lukewarm water, heat to boiling, and keep hot. Jars and lids to be used for old-fashioned open-kettle canning must be boiled 20 to 30 minutes. Wash rubbers and vacuum-seal lids, drop into boiling water, and keep hot until needed if to be used for processing (cooking food in jars). They must be boiled to sterilize for open-kettle canning.
5. Get canners and jars ready before starting to prepare vegetables.
6. Use vegetables that are fresh from the garden. The alien enemies, mould, yeast and bacteria, stand ready to sabotage any and all vegetables left standing over night or all through a long, hot morning.
7. Be sure that everything to be canned is at the right stage for canning. Shelled beans and peas should be young and tender—a few over-size or over-mature ones can cause the loss of the whole batch. The pods of string beans should be crisp and meaty—corn in full milk stage—and tomatoes red-ripe, firm, and sound. Wash all fruits and vegetables before breaking the skins.
8. Hot pack all vegetables except tomatoes. Hot pack means to cook the food a few minutes, then pour it into hot jars for processing. This is also the best way to can most fruits.
9. Fill no more jars at a time than your canner will hold.
10. Leave ample head space and plenty of room for liquid to circulate between pieces of food when filling jars for processing.
11. Tighten metal bands on two-piece metal vacuum seal caps before processing. Do not tighten again.
12. Partly seal for processing, all jars on which a jar rubber is used.
13. Place jars in the canner immediately after packing and process the time called for in the recipe. Remember, time guessing has no place in canning.
14. Take jars out of canner as promptly as possible after the processing time is up and complete the seal on all that are partly sealed for processing (see Rule 12).
15. Set hot jars as far apart as possible so they will cool quickly, but do not place in a draft.
16. Be sure every jar of canned food is sealed before it is put away.
 - a. Take the bands off glass top seals after the jars have stood over night and test the seal by pulling gently on lid with finger tips. Don't put the bands back on the jars.
 - b. Remove bands from vacuum seals 12 or 15 hours after canning and test the seal by pressing on the lid with the finger. If tightly sealed, there will be no "give" to the lid. Don't put the bands back on the jars.
 - c. One-piece zinc caps are drawn down flat when sealed. Do not turn Mason jars upside down—this rule applies when using glass top seals, vacuum seals, and zinc caps.
 - d. Test "lightning" jars after they are cold by holding them upside down and examining for leaks.
17. Be finicky when it comes to cleanliness. Get rid of house flies. Remember, they prefer food to foot tub for foot washing.
18. Don't ask your neighbor how to can. She may not be as up-to-date as she thinks she is. It is far better to get a good recipe book and follow directions to the letter. As good a one as can be bought costs only a dime.

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