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LIONS HEAR OF LIVE STOCK SHOW PLANS

The Sterling County 4-H Club Boys Show was set for Mar 2, by the executive committee from the Lions Club. Such announcement was made at the Wednesday luncheon this week by J. T. Davis, chairman, and Bryon W. Frierson, secretary.

District Agent W. I. Marshall, has been asked to judge the show. The site will be just south of the Hefley Motor Company building as in the past.

Frierson, County Agent and secretary of the show, told of the classes and premiums. He said that following the local show, the boys will take the animals to the San Angelo show.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Brock, Harold Shaw, and a Mr. Merrell, who is with the Texaco Oil Company.

The problem of installing caution lights at the each end of town was discussed.

4-H Club Boys To Gather Scrap Iron

Eighteen boys were present for the January meeting of the Sterling County 4-H Club. The club met in the County Library and discussed plans for 1948, the 1948 Sterling County 4-H Club Show, and studied the keeping of club demonstration records. Each member made a complete record of an imaginary demonstration. A cash prize will be given following the San Angelo Show for the best record book turned in on livestock demonstrations.

The outstanding plan made was for atrip for the club boys to Carlsbad Caverns in the summer of 1948. The club voted unanimously in favor of the undertaking. Various methods of financing the trip were discussed. Many good suggestions were made for raising the necessary money, and an unusual method was chosen.

In view of the steel shortage in industry, an excellent price is being paid for scrap iron. Club boys are going to start an iron pile and build it from every source of scrap iron that can be found. Old junked plow tools, auto motors, and any other useless metal will be brought in. Only those 4-H Club boys who actively engage in the collection will be eligible for the trip. Two parents have agreed to make the trip and others are invited.

The cooperation of the public in this undertaking is invited. If you have any scrap metal, notify a club member or the County Agent. No metal will be picked up without the owners' specific permission.

ROGERS HEFLEY IMPROVED

The general condition of Rogers Hefley, who was injured in a car wreck the latter part of December, is better, it is reported. Hefley was seriously injured when his car overturned after striking three of the highway posts near Nick Reed's ranch house on a slight curve.

J. T. Davis made a business trip to Junction the first part of the week.

New Lock Boxes For Post Office Here

Three hundred new lock boxes for the local post office have arrived and will be installed within about thirty days, said postmaster Anna Lee Johnson this week.

The postmaster has been trying to get the new boxes since 1939, she said, but due to war conditions it took this long to get them.

One section of the new boxes has been uncrated, and they are well built, and no amount of tampering can open one.

The owner of the building plans to refinish the inside, said Mrs. Johnson, and then the whole interior of the office will have that "new look" that is so popular this year.

"Covering the County"

By Byron W. Frierson, Sterling County Agent

The Executive Committee appointed by the Lions Club president to make the plans for the Sterling County 4-H Club Livestock Show, met January 15 and decided the show would be held on March 2. The executive committee is composed of J. T. Davis, chairman; Fred Hodges, and Roland Lowe. The committee also decided to invite W. I. Marshall of San Angelo to judge the show. Plans are being made to have the show in the usual place south of the Hefley Motor Company.

Dr. Charles Koberg, San Angelo veterinarian, plans to be in Sterling County, Monday, January 26, or Tuesday, January 27, to test cows for T.B. and Bangs disease. Forty-three cows have been listed to date. The charge is \$2.00 per cow for both tests. I will call each party who has listed cows for testing one or two days prior to testing.

Another sheep-killing coyote passed on to the great beyond last week. He was caught on the Jackson ranch.

Some cattle in the county are pretty lousy. J. I. Cope and others have recently sprayed with D.D.T. for louse control. Mixture recommended is one quart of 25% D.D.T. per 25 gallons of water. Cattle should be wet thoroughly with the spray. Watch the cattle closely after spraying, and repeat the spraying in 15 or 16 days if necessary, to get the lice that hatch from the eggs.

Joe Barton, Lee and Bill Reed and Hubert Williams were Sterling County purchasers at the recent Concho Hereford Association Auction. Barton and the Reeds bought bulls and Williams purchased a registered heifer.

Jungherr, the stallion at the Bade Bros. ranch, is attracting considerable attention from local stock men. He is a stocky type of thoroughbred, and among other good points has an excellent head. He was foaled in France, but brought to this country from Germany by army authorities. (He is reputed to have had a stall next to Adolf Hitler's at one time.)

Fred Hodges, local rancher, suffered a broken arm early Wednesday morning.

OUR WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER

By Congressman O. C. Fisher

This is the season of the year in Congress when most of the work is done by committees. Bills are not brought to the floor for action until committee hearings are held and favorable reports are made.

Right now the House Committee on Education and Labor, of which I am a member, is holding additional hearings on Caesar Petrillo, the dictator of the Musicians' Union. This stems from Petrillo's refusal to renew any contracts for the making of records, his refusal to allow members of his union to provide music for television, his restriction of music on FM broadcasts and a number of other recent developments.

Petrillo's power over his union is almost absolute. For example, the article in the union's constitution which defines the powers of the president, provides:

"It shall be his duty and prerogative to exercise supervision over the affairs of the Federation to make decisions in cases where, in his opinion an emergency exists; and to give effect to such decisions, he is authorized and empowered to promulgate and issue executive orders, which shall be conclusive and binding upon all members and/or locals; any such order may be by its terms (a) enforce the constitution, by-laws, standing resolutions, or rules of the Federation or (b) may annul and set-aside some or any portion thereof, and substitute therefor other and different provisions of his own making."

The Musicians' dictator gets a salary of \$46,000 a year, a huge expense account, an automobile and many other emoluments. He is proud of his power over the music world and he doesn't fail to use that power.

What will eventually happen to record making and transcriptions remains to be seen. On January 1, all contracts between the union and the record manufacturers ended. At this time no new records are being made. There is a backlog that will last a year or so, but as it looks right now, record-making as it has been known is a thing of the past. Petrillo refuses, under any condition or at any price, to allow one of his professional musicians to make a record. He says that instead of hiring live musicians to play on radios, etc., stations use "canned" music, and this serves to deprive live musicians of work they might otherwise get.

All contracts between Petrillo and the broadcasting companies expire at the end of January. Up to now he has shown no interest in renewing those contracts, but something will likely be worked out.

What is needed is a change in the law to make Petrillo subject to the anti-trust laws. If all the record companies got together and conspired to refrain from making records or to fix the prices, etc., they would be guilty of violating anti-trust laws and would land in jail. But not so with Petrillo, who can write monopolistic decrees that control hundreds of local unions and 230,000 individual members and be guilty of nothing.

The reason for this is that in 1914 when Congress passed the Clayton Act against combinations in restraint of trade, labor unions were exempted. When the Taft-Hartley law first passed the House last year, the Clayton Act was amended and industry-wide bargaining was restricted. But the Senate struck these two provisions out, and we had to take what we could get.

So, while the Taft-Hartley law is very helpful in protecting the public and wage earners from actions of irresponsible union bosses, it is apparent that even stronger laws are needed to better cope with monopolies such as Petrillo operates.

It looks like another good year for peanut growers. Secretary of Agriculture Anderson announced his decision to forego any quota restrictions on acreage during 1948. This action has been repeatedly urged by me and others in recent months. The support of 90% of parity will be in effect, though it is likely the market price will be that much or more. With present high prices and shortages, we need to encourage, not restrict, production. That is particularly true of food.

STERLING EAGLES LEAD DISTRICT IN BASKETBALL RACE

In the season's most thrilling game thus far, the Sterling Eagles made a story-book finish when Tweedle scored two points in the final seconds to give Sterling a victory over Stanton 25-23 Monday night.

The warbirds played a winning first-quarter, but the Stanton Buffaloes began to rally in the second quarter. The Eagles however managed to maintain a lead 14-10 at the half. Both teams returned with new energy to bring the score to a 17-17 tie at the end of the third quarter. During the fourth quarter the Eagles were either leading or tied, never falling behind. The last seconds found the score 23-23 when Sterling scored a final goal to give us a victory over a previously undefeated team. Sterling now remains the only undefeated team in the conference.

Jackie Tweedle led the scoring with 9 points. The B squad suffered a loss of 28-13.

Stanton will come to Sterling on Thursday night to seek revenge from this battle. This promises to be a good game.

EAGLES JOURNEY TO KNOTT

In spite of the bitter cold last Friday night, the Sterling Eagles went north to play Knott. The Eagles and two boys teams made the trip.

The Knott B team overpowered the Eagles by a score of 16-6, with R. Beall scoring 4 field goals to become their high man. Edwin Aiken lead the scoring for the Sterling B squad with a total of four points.

The girls also bowed to Knott's girls with a score of 26-6, with Melvina Huff leading our scoring.

The Eagles A squad beat the Knott club by a score of 32 to 10 with Tweedle and R. T. Smith scoring 13 points each.

STERLING DEFEATS FORSAN

The Eagles A and B squads travelled to Forsan Tuesday night to win a conference "battle 58-26.

At the half Forsan lead the Eagles 20-21. The Warbirds took control of the last half and brought the final score to 58-26. Tweedle scored 22 points to become the high point man.

The B team lost to Forsan in a close battle, ending 11-9.

INVITATION TOURNAMENT BEGINS JANUARY 29

A combination boys and girls basketball tournament will begin in the local school gymnasium on Thursday night, January 29. Some of the better basketball clubs of this area will appear.

Watch the advertising down town next week for the games and times.

Mrs. Tommie Johnson Noratadata Hostess

Mrs. Tommie Johnson was hostess to the Noratadata Club at the Community Center on Monday evening of this week.

Mrs. Edwin Aiken presided in the club business session. Mrs. Joe Emery reported the work of the committees who prepared and distributed the Christmas boxes furnished each year by the local Lions Club. Those serving on this committee were Mrs. Emery and Mrs. Aiken, representing the Noratadata Club, and Henton Emery, O. T. Jones, John Brock and Rev. Ed. H. Lovelace, representing the Lions Club.

"Women and the Home" was the program topic for the evening. "Are Homemakers People?" was given by Mrs. Foster S. Price; "Does Your Home Give You Neuroses?" prepared by Mrs. J. S. Cole Jr., was read by Mrs. G. C. Murrell. The club adjourned, and bridge was played.

High score went to Mrs. Murrell, bingo to Mrs. Leah Wyckoff and the floating prize to Mrs. Price.

A delicious dinner was served to Mrs. Aiken, Mrs. J. S. Augustine, Jr., Mrs. John Brock, Mrs. Worth B. Durham, Mrs. Emery, Mrs. Reynolds Foster, Mrs. Ross Foster, Mrs. Harold Gober, Mrs. Harvey Hennigan, Mrs. Murrell, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Martin C. Reed, Mrs. Finis Westbrook, Mrs. Wyckoff and Mrs. T. S. Foster.

PLYMOUTH FOSTER GETS ELLENBURGER OIL

Prospects of the development of commercial oil production from the Ellenburger in Plymouth Oil Co. No. 1 Mrs. Willie Mae Foster in Sterling County each day this week.

Recovery drillstem tests was followed by 3,800 feet of 48.4 corrected gravity oil and 600 feet of oil and gas cut drilling mud. There were no signs of formation water. Gas developed 25 minutes after the testing tool was opened and blew throughout the remainder of the period.

The oil was believed to be coming from the bottom 10 feet of the hole, none having been recovered on drill-stem tests to 8,366 feet.

No. 1 Foster topped the Ellenburger at 8,316 feet, 5,751 feet below sea level, one foot lower than in Plymouth No. 1 Mrs. Georgia Frost, 2,951 feet to the northeast. No. 1 Frost flowed oil from the Ellenburger for a short time last August through casing perforations at 8,356-76 feet after washing with acid. It deepened to 8,444 feet with out encountering more oil and for some time has been pumping a small amount of oil and water daily above plugged back depth of 8,365 feet.

No. 1 Foster is in the C NW NW 56-2-H&TC, about 12 miles northwest of Sterling City.

Cities Service No. 1 Claude Collins, slated Ellenburger wildcat C SE SE 71-17-SPRR, three miles north and one-half mile west of Plymouth No. 1 Frost, was drilling at 6,520 feet in shale.

Anderson-Prichard No. 1 Marvin Frances Foster, proposed Ellenburger wildcat seven miles south of Sterling City, C SW SW 12-15-H&TC, was making hole at 1,805 feet in lime.

PECAN TREES SET OUT AT COURTHOUSE

The county is setting out some pecan trees around the courthouse this week. Ten trees altogether, will be set out, said G. C. Murrell, County Judge. Eight of the trees will be put in front of the courthouse and two will go on the side by the community center.

J. T. Davis, local rancher and Mr. and Mrs. Fowler McEntire, also ranch folks of this county, left Thursday for Salt Lake City, Utah to attend the National Wool Growers Convention. Davis and the McEntires attended the convention in San Francisco last year.

Murrell Asks Reelection As County Judge

To the citizens of Sterling County:

In announcing for reelection to the office of County Judge, I wish to express my sincere gratitude and thanks for your past support and, if you favor me with another term, I will endeavor to serve you with fairness and impartiality and to conduct the affairs of the county in a manner that will best serve the interests of all concerned.

With assurance of my appreciation for your support in the 1948 elections, I am

Sincerely,
G. C. Murrell.

Mrs. Sallie Wallace In Treasurer's Race

After a lapse of several years, I am announcing again as a candidate for the office of County Treasurer, and am taking this means of appealing to each and all of you for your support in the coming election.

I served you for six years in this capacity which will be of great help to me in performing the duties of treasurer, if you see fit to elect me to the office. I have no means to go out in the country to see you, but am hoping I will be able to contact each of you in town. I need the office and if elected, I promise you the very best service I can possibly give.

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Mrs. Sallie Wallace.

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SWING OF SOUTHWEST FARM MARKETS

By United States Department of Agriculture

(USDA)—Grains rose to higher levels, but many other southwest farm products sold lower last week, according to the Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Fairly active trading at southwest cotton markets advanced prices early in the week, but later losses more than erased the gains by around \$1.50 a bale. Good harvesting weather in most areas found farmers offering current ginnings freely.

Prices ranged lower on most commodities in the lower Rio Grande Valley the past week in slower trading. Cabbage dropped to a new seasonal low of \$15 per ton to growers, and citrus found slow demand. New Orleans reported slow business with a generally weaker feeling but potatoes, onions and tomatoes sold well. Lettuce lost \$2 to \$3 per crate at Denver. Slow trade at St. Louis brought lower prices for moderate to liberal supplies of cabbage, carrots, lettuce, southern greens and tangerenes. First Texas spinach arrived at Kansas City as tomatoes gained sharply.

Eggs weakened further during the period. Current receipts brought 40 to 42 cents per dozen at Dallas and Fort Worth, 38 to 41 at Denver and 46 to 47 at New Orleans. Heavy hens sold lower at New Orleans. Other poultry held steady to firm.

Slaughter steers, yearlings and heifers moved lower at most southwest markets, and calves and vealers sold steady to weak. Cows, bulls and replacement classes generally brought strong to higher prices. Houston showed strength in all classes, and good calves cashed at \$24 to \$27. Fort Worth set a new high price of \$28 for top choice calves. Good and choice calves cleared at mostly \$23 to \$27 at Ft. Worth, \$21 to \$25 at Wichita, up to \$26 at Oklahoma City, and to \$28 at Denver.

Hogs closed the week at largely 25 to 75 cents lower prices. Top butcher hogs sold Friday at \$27 at San Antonio, \$27.25 at Fort Worth, and \$27.75 to \$28 at Oklahoma City. Wichita closed at \$27.25 to \$27.50, and Denver at \$27.65. Sows ranged from \$23 to \$24.75, and pigs \$12 to \$21.

Lambs dropped as much as 50 cents to \$1 for the week at Fort Worth and Oklahoma City, as other southwest sheep and lambs sold mostly steady to \$1 higher. Choice ewes sold up to \$11 at San Antonio, \$10 at Oklahoma City, and \$11.75 at Wichita. Denver bought good and choice ewes up to \$11.50, a new all time high. Wool inquiries increased. Limited fine wool offerings continued in strong demand.

Grains scored sharp net advances for the week. Resumed buying of flour by Commodity Credit Corporation strengthened wheat and continued active feed demand boosted feed grain prices. Most grains rose 10 to 12 cents per bushel. Rough rice advanced slightly the past week as milled rice remained generally unchanged. Feed prices soared to new high levels with gains of \$5 or more on most ingredients. More hay moved to market from producing areas and prices trended lower. Shelled peanut demand improved, while farmers' stock drew support prices.

ARE YOU GOING TO VOTE?

This is a general election year. Many important issues are to be decided and some of these issues are of world-wide importance. Able and dependable men should be elected to decide these issues. Candidates are NOW announcing for office. Therefore, the voters should now begin to inform themselves as to these issues and as to the character and ability of candidates and as to how they stand on these several issues. It takes time and effort to gain this information and so does the attainment of almost everything else that is worthwhile.

It takes intelligent voting to select the right man in this time of so much uncertainty and chaotic confusion. Be a good citizen, pay your poll tax, and be sure to vote, and to vote intelligently.

Election Reporter, Malcom Black.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Slaton of San Angelo have donated a book to the Sterling Library in memory of J. L. Glass. The book is "Big Country—Texas", by Donald Day.

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But do I ever pray?
And do the wishes of my heart
Go with the words I say?

I may as well kneel down
And worship gods of stone,
As offer to the living God
A prayer of words alone.

For words, without the heart,
The Lord will never hear,
Nor will He to those lips attend,
Whose prayers are not sincere.

PRAYER

By C. D. McEntire
"If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you." (Matt. 17: 20).

I have buried between the pages of my little vest pocket Testament, some genuine Palestine mustard seed, such as were spoken of in this text by the Lord.

They are so tiny that one can hardly conceive of the idea that within these little brown seeds there is hidden the potential power of a great mustard tree.

In order to magnify the Omnipotent Power and the willingness of Almighty God to answer prayer, Jesus uses this great contrast of man's little faith and God's great willingness and power to get this message over to the disciples.

Nothing is impossible to those who pray with faith! What an encouragement this is from the Savior to us, to ask for mighty things of God.

In Mark (9:23) Jesus said: "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."

In Psalms (81:10) we read this word, "I am the Lord thy God which brought thee out of the land of Egypt; Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it."

Here we find God is introducing Himself and gives His credentials as if he were a contractor bidding for a construction job.

God seems to say, "Do you need a really big God to do something for you? Then call on me, for I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt."

1. I opened the Red Sea in answer to Moses prayer.

2. I brought all the plagues upon Egypt, from turning the water into blood to killing the firstborn.

3. I fed them for forty years with manna from Heaven.

4. I gave them rivers of water from a dry rock when Moses smote it at my command.

5. I wrought wondrous miracles among them as they journeyed.

6. Then I caused them to cross over Jordan on dry ground while waters piled up high on the right and ebbed away down stream on the left.

7. I called the walls of Jericho to fall down flat.

That is the kind of God that is talking to you. Now, if you have a big job to do, call on me and I am able to do it.

Almighty God constantly reminds us that He never changes. "I am the Lord, I change not." As He says in Mal. 3:6 and in Hebrew 13:8 we are reminded of our Lord that He is "Jesus Christ, the same

yesterday, and today and forever." We can ask much of the Heavenly Father and He is large enough to fulfill our order. James 4:2 says "Ye have not because ye ask not." When we receive little in our church services, or in our lives, it is because we ask and expect little. "According to your faith be it unto you." (Matt. 9:29)

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Young People's Class 6:30 p. m.
Evening Services 7:00 p. m.
Wednesday Night Services 7:30.

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Evening Worship 7:00 p. m.
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ED. H. LOVELACE, Pastor
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Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Evening Service 7:00 p. m.

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"Living in a Big Way"
Gene Kelly, Marie McDonald
Tues., Wed., Jan. 27-28
"The Crimson Key"
Kent Taylor, Doris Dowling
Thurs., Fri., Jan., 29-30
"Escape Me Never"
Errol Flynn, Eleanor Parker
Sat., Jan. 31
"Song of The Sierra"
Jimmy Wakely

Erosion In The Grocery Store

If the local grocery store were to cave in, sending cans, jars, boxes, and sacks of food swirling down the river the people depending on that store for food would really get excited about it. But when the soil which produces the food goes down the river it is taken as a matter of course. With this simple analogy, Howard T. Kingsberry, Texas AAA Chairman calls attention to what soil losses mean to the public.

News of a carload of potatoes going bad or several hundred cases of eggs spoiling makes headlines, the chairman points out. But, when potential production goes under the bridge in the way of eroded soil, it is viewed as just so much muddy water.

"If, in the flood swollen rivers, we could see barrels of flour, cases of eggs, truck loads of canned vegetables and fruits, and carloads of potatoes, beans, corn, milk, beef, butter, apples, and many other foods instead of so much muddy water, more people would understand what is taking place in this country," the chairman explains.

"Experts estimate that when the Pilgrim fathers landed in this country, we had an average of 9 inches of good topsoil. Now there are only 6 inches. It is startling to estimate the amount of food this lost 3 inches of topsoil represents. More startling is the thought of what will happen if with population increasing we lose another 3 inches of topsoil.

"To check soil losses and insure continued production, is the reason for the Agricultural Conservation Program.

Flies To Brother's Funeral

Mrs. W. P. Meyer returned home Monday from Long Beach, California where she had attended the funeral services for her brother, Eugene Lee Walker. Masonic rites were held in Long Beach and burial was at Independence, California.

Mrs. Meyer took the plane from Big Spring on Thursday of last week and returned home by plane Monday. Mr. Meyer met her in Big Spring at the airport.

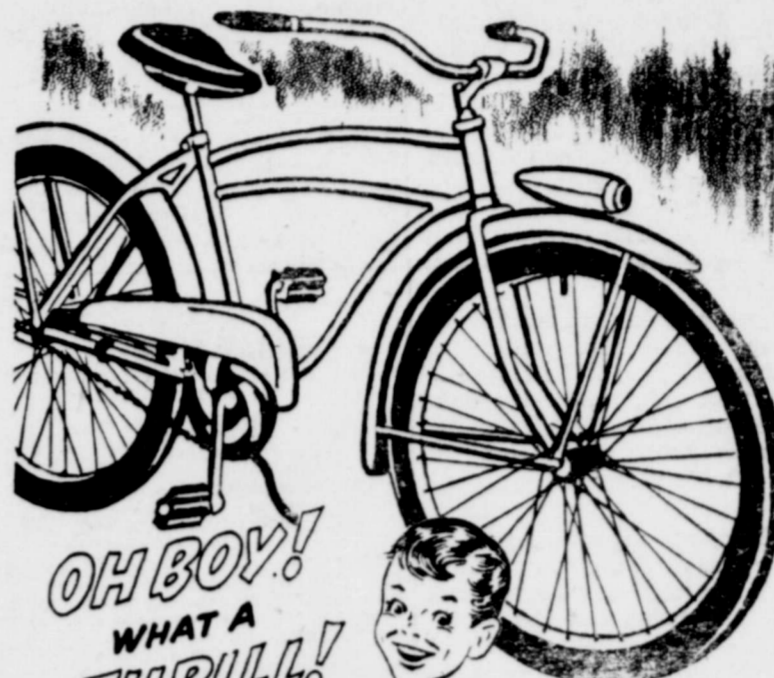
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Haven't seen Judge Elzo Been in a long time but, now and then, I recall a political campaign to take part in, many years ago, and get a chuckle.

It was out in Eastland County and he was running for district judge. Elzo—everybody called him by his first name because he's the kind of fellow you just naturally want to call by his given name—Elzo was born in Eastland County and he had picked cotton in every precinct in the county or, if he hadn't picked cotton there, he had taught school there or had a brother or uncle living there.

His opponent was a rather dignified attorney of Eastland. They were having joint debates every night.

One morning, a friend saw the opponent on the street and said, "Well, how did you do last night?" He said, "Not very well; we spoke in another of Elzo's birthplaces." Of course, Judge Been won the race, by a wide margin.

L. C. Kirgan passed away recently. He was a home town editor for half a century and never once did he fail to bring out the weekly issue of the Fairfield Recorder, regardless of storms, fire or sickness.

A tribute to his memory, in the Recorder, closed with these beautiful words, "One of our editor's great pleasures was a leisurely drive each autumn through the woods of East Texas when the sumacs were a scarlet flame and the hickories and the sweet gums had changed to golden pyramids. That time has now come, the season of the return of the leaf to the good earth."

"In such an hour, our editor has written '30' and closed his story."

I'll never forget when I was given an encyclopedia, a 12-volume set, absolutely free.

It was back a good many years ago when I was editor of a small town daily and felt a keen sense of my own importance as the holder of that exalted position.

One day, a well-dressed man, a few years older than I, came in and said, "I represent the world-famous Blank Encyclopedia and I want to give you a set of these wonderful books, absolutely free."

At my look of astonishment, he continued, "In each city, we select some outstanding citizen and make him a present of a set. The only thing we ask is that you permit us to use your name as endorsing the encyclopedia."

Well, that sounded reasonable enough, so I agreed.

"There will be a small charge, of course, for handling and shipping," he said.

"Oh, of course," I concurred.

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"Naturally."

"There is an extra charge, a very small charge, for the buckram binding," he said, "but you'll never regret your decision."

Then he continued, "Of course, the Blank Encyclopedia is up-to-the-minute now but in this chang-

ing world, today's facts may be out of date tomorrow. Naturally, you will want to receive our monthly loose-leaf service."

"Yes, naturally," I replied rather weakly.

"There will be a small service charge for that. And now," he said, briskly, "just sign here."

I did and he shook hands and took a breezy departure as well as my check for \$22.85 for a set of books which I received absolutely free because I was an outstanding citizen.

LIFE PHOTOGRAPHER AT PLYMOUTH WELL

A photographer was at the Plymouth No. 1 Foster oil well Sunday taking pictures for the Life magazine. It is assumed that the pictures and article will appear in about three or four weeks.

FRIDAY SUGGESTION CREAMED SALT CODFISH IN POTATO RING

3 tablespoons fat
3 tablespoons flour
Dash of pepper
2 cups milk
2 1/2 cups shredded salt codfish (10 ounces)
2 shelled hard-cooked eggs, sliced
3 cups hot mashed potatoes

Melt fat in saucepan, stir in flour and pepper. (No salt is needed because of the salt fish used.) Add milk gradually, while stirring, and cook until smooth and thickened, stirring constantly.

Shred codfish by pulling it apart with two forks or cutting it with scissors. Freshen it following manufacturer's directions. Drain, cover with cold water, and simmer 15-20 minutes or until tender. Drain. Add to white sauce with sliced eggs. Arrange hot mashed potatoes in a ring on a platter with creamed fish in center. Sprinkle mashed potato with paprika or finely chopped parsley if desired. Serves 4.

Menu Suggestions
With Creamed Salt Codfish in Potato Ring, serve lemoned green beans (cooked or canned beans seasoned with lemon juice, butter or margarine, salt, and pepper); also sliced pickled beets. For dessert, have crisp molasses cookies and spiced applesauce made by adding 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon and 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg to 2 cups applesauce. And remember in following any recipe to use level measurements.

Rubber Stamps at News-Record.



HAROLD RUSSELL, famous handless war veteran who charges America is forgetting its ex-GIs permanently in hospitals, can do virtually everything with his "meat-hooks" but tie his tie. His wife, Rita, smilingly obliges.

Conservation in 1948

Sterling County has been allotted \$15,900 for conservation practices under the 1948 program.

Probably not as much overall conservation, but a greater concentration on most needed practices is what the AAA office of Sterling County predicts under the 1948 Agricultural Conservation Program. Disclaiming any gifts of prophecy, the AAA is basing such prediction on what they have learned about farming and ranching and farmers and ranchers and the 1948 program.

In the first place, we explain, with the reduced assistance which can be offered, many farmers and ranchers will not be in a position to carry out as much and as many conservation practices as in the past. The \$500 limit on the amount of assistance to any one person may have some effect in reducing the amount of conservation, but the main reason we can expect even better conservation work is that practices have been improving each year. The program has been developing toward more adaptability to local needs, and as farmers and ranchers understand conservation better, they are doing a better job.

More and more farmers are sensing their responsibility as custodians of the nation's soil and water and what they are expected to do in return for the assistance they receive to help them carry out these needed conservation practices.

Improved machinery and better equipment are making it possible for farmers and ranchers to do a better job of terracing, construction of dams, drains, diversion ditches, cedar and mesquite eradication and similar practices. Better machinery is available for the spreading of lime and phosphate, which is badly needed in parts of Sterling County, and improved strains of grasses and legumes will make for greener and more produc-

tive fields and pastures.

What we expect to be done and what ought to be done still will be a long way apart. We have made progress, but it is hardly enough to keep up with the ever-increasing demands for more food. We are still losing ground faster than we can afford if we expect to continue to meet the needs of the nation.

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March of Dimes

The tenth March of Dimes campaign will get underway here soon with boxes for contributions placed in the business houses, said Chesley McDonald, chairman, this week.

The drive will reach a climax on Friday night, January 30, with a double-header basketball game in the high school gym. The two games will feature—first, a game between the Sterling Independents and Gem Jewelers of San Angelo; and second, a game between the Ellis Parts and Yellow Cab teams of San Angelo. The proceeds from the game going entirely to the "March of Dimes." The players of the teams will be fed and feted following the games.

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By GEORGE S. BENSON
President of Harding College
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Looking Ahead

THINGS HAVE not been going well in France and Italy. Press reports speak increasingly of Communist-inspired rioting. These riots, in which people are being killed and many injured, are in perfect keeping with the well-known methods of the Communists. They work with peaceful ways until they think they are strong enough to win with violence. Then they use violence—showing their real colors.

When I visited Communist headquarters in Paris last year, it was clear from their own talk that they were building chiefly upon hate. Events that have come to pass therefore are not surprising. Where the individual is not respected, violence may be expected. Most of the hatred, destruction, and chaos still stalking the earth may be laid at the door of those bitter and false philosophers who have denied human rights and liberties!

Builders OF SUCH is Communism, both in theory and in action. In the recent French elections, when the De Gaullists (anti-Communists) gained ground, the French Communists were ready to go into action. They had gone as far as they could by peaceful action, so the Communists used violence to take the great port city of Marseilles. American and British flags, hanging in Armistice celebrations, were torn from the city hall. Confusion was rampant.

Communist-led unions in other cities began to strike, to add to the confusion. Coal miners and auto workers struck. The Communists have called for "committees of defense," to resist the peaceful election victory of the

followers of De Gaulle. France continues to call up soldiers, anticipating continued trouble. Civil war could develop.

Don't Help IT IS noteworthy Agitators that French Communists hold labor captive. So powerful is the Communist-led Trade Union Central Committee, that apparently whenever it says so, a general strike is begun. It is a pity that, as desperately as France needs peace and production, its workers are misled into contributing to the political chaos. In Italy, the Communists also failed to win an election and adopted methods of violence in an attempt to start a civil war.

These things are not surprising. They are just the ordinary, well-established tactics of the Communists. But to Americans, these events must serve as warning. If we want to preserve peace, harmony, and prosperity, we should keep our own people well-informed. When Americans see through these tactics with understanding, it will be impossible for us to have enough Communists and "fellow travelers" to create such violence in America.

We should pay attention to trends, lest we give our Communist agitators the assistance they want: 1. Regulations on industry that would limit production and add to shortages of goods. 2. High taxes of a nature that limit capital flowing into tools of production, to make it appear the government should produce goods. 3. Industrial confusion, creating misunderstanding and suspicion between workers and employers. The agitators just love those things!

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh



From Sheepskin to Sheep

There aren't too many college graduates in our town. Good honest thinking, yes...but most folks went from high school into farming.

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And veterans like Dick aren't letting anything interfere. What little relaxation they allow themselves is in the form of needed exercise, or

books, or conversation and an occasional glass of beer with friends.

Seems as if, just by having their education postponed, they've put a higher value on it...and on things like temperance (that glass of beer, for instance), understanding, and good citizenship. And from where I sit, when Dick gets his sheepskin—he won't have lost much time. He'll be an even better farmer than his Dad. (Exactly what Dad wanted!)

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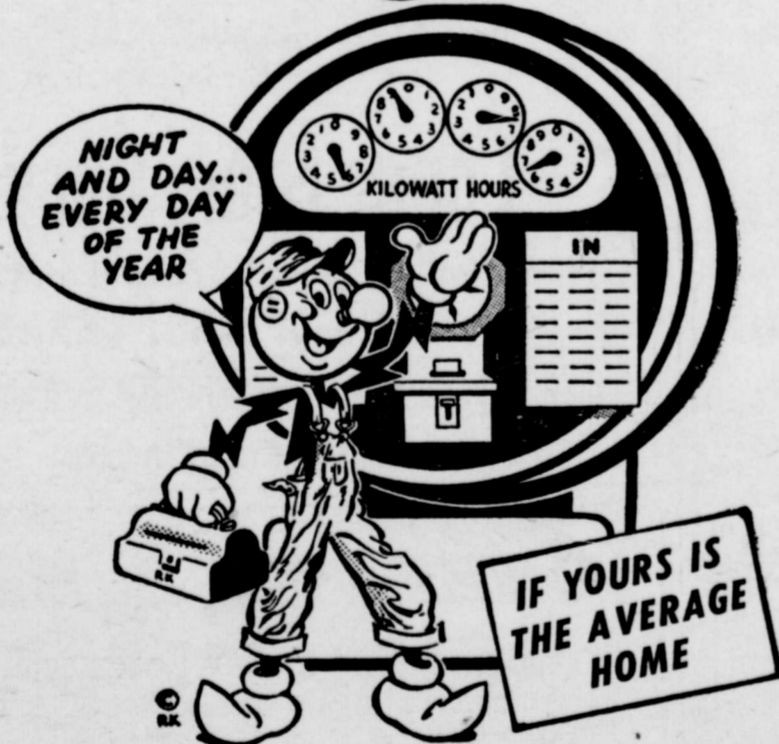
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HOWELL E. COBB OF BRADY ENTERS CONGRESS RACE

Howell E. Cobb of Brady, former McCullough County Judge and ex-district attorney of the 35th judicial district of Texas, and currently practicing law in Brady, announces his candidacy for Congress from the 21st Congressional District of Texas.

A native of Williamson County, Cobb lived the first year of his life at Ballinger, and as a small boy, resided for four years at Uvalde, where he entered school for the first time. He was graduated from high school at Goldthwaite, following which he attended the University of Texas for four years, going to Brady in 1934 to engage in the practice of law.

Cobb served as county judge of McCullough County for four years, from 1937 through 1940, being elected district attorney of the 35th judicial district, comprising McCullough, Brown and Coleman Counties, in 1940. He served in this capacity until May 1942, when he resigned his office and volunteered for service in the United States Army. He saw four years of military service, the last two of the war being in the European Theater of Operations.

At the present time, Cobb is commander of the Allin-Stafford American Legion Post No. 327 of Brady, and is committeeman from the 25th Senatorial District on the State Democratic Executive Committee.

In making his announcement for the seat in Congress, Cobb declared that our people must come to realize that we are today engaged in a desperate struggle to determine whether our form of government and our American way of life shall perish from the earth, or be supplanted by the ruthless slavery of totalitarian Communist Russia. He said that, were he in Congress today, he would cry out at the top of his voice against economic appeasement toward Russia because you can't appease a beast.

"We recently concluded the great Second World War to maintain our way of life", Cobb said, "and we must realize that the battle today, which is referred to as the 'cold war', is no less desperate and its termination no less important for us than was our recent fight with the Germans and the Japanese. With many other American soldiers, I met the Russian army in Austria in 1945, and I know their sole purpose and aim is world conquest and domination. They are now practicing, and have already practiced the same imperialistic methods of dominating the peoples of the world that were preached and practised by the late Adolf Hitler, except they are doing it on a much larger scale and in a more ruthless manner. Our government is still sending thousands of pieces of transportation equipment, machinery, machine tools and industrial material to Russia and her satellites. This has been called 'economic appeasement.' If I were in Congress today I would cry out to the top of my voice against this practice, and would continue to cry out until it ceased. You can't appease a wildcat."

There are many issues confronting the people in this campaign, Cobb asserted, adding that to discuss them all in this announcement would be impossible. However, he stated his position on a few of these issues as follows:

Support of Marshall Plan For the Recovery of Europe
"I well realize that this will be costly and will bring about some hardships on the American people. However, the cost and the hardships will be small indeed compared to what it will be if all of Europe should come under the domination of Red Russia. And this very thing will surely happen un-

less our assistance is adequate and timely. We cannot afford to be too late with too little. If Europe falls to Russia, so will Africa. Then we will be the victim of that great pincer movement which we feared so much during the last war, with one pincer in France aimed at our shores and one in South Africa aimed at South America. If this should happen, our economic position and living standards would decline, and the burden of maintaining an adequate defense would be almost insurmountable. Surely we have learned that it is better and cheaper to keep a dictator confined to his own precinct than to blast him out after he has fastened his grasp upon a country.

Our Military Establishment
"Until the United Nations organization is capable of discharging its purpose of securing and maintaining world peace, I shall favor the maintenance of the strongest military establishment possible. This should include the establishment of strong military bases and fortifications in Alaska and in the strategic islands of the Pacific. It should include a program of universal military training. I do not mean a program that would conscript our young men into the army, but a training program under the supervision of the Army and Navy designed to train our young men in the latest and newest military tactics in order that if they should ever be called to bear arms and protect this country in a future war, they would know more about protecting themselves from the weapons of the enemy and have a better chance of coming home alive and sound of health.

"These and many other issues will be discussed at length as this campaign progresses, but in closing this announcement, I want to make this further statement: I may be a little old-fashioned, perhaps a little wedded to the past, but I believe the Constitution of the United States, along with its first ten amendments which we call the Bill of Rights, is the greatest document ever penned by the hand of mortal man, and I would yield to no man in my defense of the rights guaranteed us as American citizens under the Constitution. But, I do not believe that any man or group of men has the right or should be permitted to use those rights and privileges to the extent and for the purpose of destroying the very instrument which guarantees those rights to them. And this should apply to all subversive elements who seek to overthrow our form of government, and as well, to the labor bosses and racketeers who have fastened themselves upon our people."

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