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AROUND  
THE  
COUNTY  
by



ARTHUR BARLEMANN, JR. COUNTY AGENT

David Durham and Clayton Stewart were guests of the TSGRA at the annual banquet Tuesday night in San Angelo. David was the 1959 state winner in the range management program sponsored by the association while Clayton is the 1960 state winner in the same program.

On Wednesday morning, both boys appeared on the program of the convention. Clayton received an engraved belt buckle as a district winner in the program and a certificate as state winner in this good 4-H club program. The certificate will entitle him to attend the 1961 range camp at Junction.

David gave a short illustrated talk on the activities at the 1960 range camp. He discussed the technical phases of the camp and showed slide pictures of some portions of the work. Billy Troy Williams of Ozona, the other 1959 state winner, discussed the religious and recreational phases of the camp.

Congratulations to Clayton and David for job well done.

Mrs. Alvie Cole was named second vice-president of the women's auxiliary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association. The auxiliary held its election on Tuesday.

On Wednesday afternoon at the final session, the men named their directors for the coming year for the various districts. Renamed to their posts from Sterling County were Fowler McEntire, Tom Collins, Alvie Cole and Worth Durham. All have served several years in the association as directors.

Gold Star 4-H winners from the 22 counties which make up Extension Service District 7 will be honored at a luncheon next Wednesday at the Country Club in San Angelo. Host for the luncheon, as it has been for several years, is the West Texas Utilities Co.

Cecilia McDonald will receive her Gold Star and certificate at the luncheon. She is Sterling County's Gold Star 4-H girl for 1960.

Reynolds Lee Foster, District Council co-chairman, will introduce the special-guests at the luncheon. He will also aid Senator Dorsey Hardeman in presenting award winners with their medals and certificates.

According to officials of the

## COTTON REFERENDUM VOTE DECEMBER 13

All operators of upland cotton farms in Sterling County should receive official notice of their 1961 farm acreage allotments through the mails within the next few days. Chairman Reynolds W. Foster of the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee said on November 29.

Growers are reminded to vote at the local ASC County office Tuesday, December 13, on the upland cotton program for 1961, and allotments are being mailed to reach all growers before referendum day Mr Foster said.

Voting in Sterling County will take place between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

In a change from the programs in effect for 1959 and 1960, each farm operator will receive only one allotment for 1961. This will represent the farm's share of the national upland cotton acreage allotment of 18½ million acres.

The allotment determines the effect of marketing quotas on the individual farm. If marketing quotas take effect as a result of a two-thirds favorable vote in the referendum, cotton from compliance farms may be marketed without penalty and is eligible for the full available rate of price support. Even if quotas are disapproved, compliance with the acreage allotment will determine eligibility for the lower rate of price support available.

In Case of Fire Dial 3-2121

San Antonio Livestock show, entries this year are already far above those of the 1960 show. Entries close on December 15.

Thus far, over 1600 fat lambs have already been entered. Entries in the breeding sheep show are far above last year's total also with better than 800 already entered in all divisions.

The \$3600 prize paid for last year's champion finewool lamb is probably responsible for part of the increase in entries. Also, the Houston show has restricted entries in its lamb show and has already closed entries. Entries were closed more than a month before the deadline expired.

## High School Football Banquet Held Last Saturday

The annual football boys and pep squad girl banquet was held last Saturday evening in the community center. The boys, the girls, their parents, faculty and other guests made up the crowd of nearly 150.

Main speaker of the evening was Emory Bellard, coach of San Angelo Central High School. He spoke on the true and worthwhile values of life.

Jimmy McCarty acted as master of ceremonies. The Rev. Hubert Travis gave the invocation. Mrs. J. R. Dillard, the president of the mothers club welcomed the guests and responses were given by Elizabeth Cole and Jack Asbill.

Dinner music was played by Willene Glass. Miss Radora Massey, pep squad sponsor, spoke on the activities of the year's activities. Coach J. R. Dillard gave comments on the year's football.

Don McDonald, in a rhyming piece, gave the highlights of the year's football from the players standpoint.

Superintendent Jones introduced the speaker of the evening.

Gifts were presented to the coach by Sam Nance and H.D. Coleman; a gift was presented to Miss Massey by Jeanette Gaston; Billy Blair made the presentation of a gift to superintendent Jones; Dr. Swann was given a gift from the boys by Paul Harzke; and Jimmy McCarty, football hero, was presented a gift by Barbara Clark from the Pep Squad girls; and the two football sweethearts, Elizabeth Cole and Barbara Clark were given gifts by Jimmy McCarty.

The banquet was served by members of the Epsilon Zeta Club. On the menu was tomato juice cocktail, barbecued utrkey, cranberry salad, green beans, creamed potatoes, rolls, pie, coffee and tea.

The Sterling Eagles had a very successful season. They won the district championship without any trouble or losses. In bi-district play they lost to the Jayton Jaybirds 20-6. A score which was identical as a pre-season game with the Kent County boys. Jayton went on to win the regional championship by defeating Miami in the regional finals.

## SCHOOL LUNCH ROOM MENUS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

Sausage and Gravy  
Creamed Potatoes  
Cream Peas  
Mixed Vegetable Salad  
Rolls  
Cookies

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Home Made Chili  
Pinto Beans  
French Fried Potatoes  
Crackers  
Cornbread Muffins  
Cake and Peaches

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14

Hamburgers  
Potato Salad  
Lettuce, Onions, Pickles  
Stuffed Celery  
Doughnuts  
Applesauce

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

Meat Salad  
Macaroni and Cheese  
String Beans  
Cabbage Salad  
Rolls  
Banana Pudding

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

Salmon Croquettes  
Baked Potatoes  
Spaghetti and Tomatoes  
Vegetable Salad  
Rolls  
Cherry Pie

## Hunt's Visitors

Last week when Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hunt returned from a visit in El Paso with the D. L. Hunts and Pecos with the Stencil Hunts, Lee's brother and sister from Leesville, La. came for a visit here. They were D. P. Hunt and Mrs. Will Drowddy.

## Lions Christmas Auction Next Wednesday

The Lions Club will hold their annual Christmas auction at the luncheon meeting next Wednesday, December 14. Money raised by the club will be used to fill the usual Christmas baskets here. Toys brought by the members will be put in the basket, too.

**Turkey Shoot Sunday, Dec. 18**  
The club is sponsoring a turkey shoot on Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock December 18. The shoot will be held at the caliche pit four miles west of town. Wayne Loury is chairman for the event.

## Christmas Lights

The club is again sponsoring the Christmas lights up the main street. On the club committee to raise the money for paying for the lights are Leroy Butler, Jim Coleman and Jack Douthit. The lights cost \$90 each year and merchants and interested men donate toward their cost.

At the meeting Wednesday Bill Sayles, with the West Texas Utilities Co. as a scout for new industries for this area, spoke on the problems of securing new industries and follow-up problems.

Guests at the meeting were the Rev. Sherman Conner, Bill McRee, Jack Peel, R. T. Caperton, W. G. Fincher and Sayles.

**No Meeting on December 28**  
The club voted to not hold a meeting on December 28. That is the Wednesday between Christmas and New Year.

## HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients in the Sterling County Hospital on Thursday morning of this week included—

Mrs. W. B. Everitt  
Mrs. J. H. Blackburn  
Bob Fields  
Phoebe Owens  
Leroy Hunt  
Dismissals since Thursday morning of last week—  
Dr. J. O. Leonard  
Bob Brown, transferred to an Odessa hospital.

**Memorials Made to The First Methodist Church—**  
IN MEMORY OF Rufus W. Foster—

By Mr. and Mrs. C.L. King.  
IN MEMORY OF Mrs. Lee Rogers—by Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Foster.

**BURL MURTISHAW** by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Foster, Mr. and Mrs. J.Q. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. R.T. Foster Jr., Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Foster, Mrs. Lena Foster, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Finis Westbrook, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Lowe.

## School Holidays

START DECEMBER 21

The Sterling School will turn out for the Christmas holidays on the afternoon of December 21, said superintendent O. T. Jones this week.

Classes are scheduled to be resumed on Monday, January 2, 1961, said Mr. Jones.

## MRS. LEE AUGUSTINE'S BROTHER DIES

William Burl Murtishaw, 59, a brother of Mrs. Augustine, died in Corpus Christi on December 1. Burial was in Kingsville on Saturday, Dec. 3.

Mr. Murtishaw died on the operating table of a Corpus hospital while undergoing an operation. Mr. and Mrs. Augustine were in Corpus for the operation at the time.

Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church in Kingsville. Burial was in Kingsville.

Attending the funeral from here were Mr. and Mrs. Augustine and Mr. and Mrs. William Foster.

Mr. Murtishaw is survived by the wife, a son, George C. of Midland, a daughter, Mrs. Burlene Beilue of Andrews four grandchildren, four sisters and two brothers.

## Sterling Is Soaked By Slow Rains

## Martinez Trial Reset For February 7

The trial of Mike Martinez for the slaying of Taylor Garrett was reset for February 7 by district judge Joe Mays here Monday. Martinez's lawyer asked for a postponement on the grounds that he had too many other court trials at this time.

Reynaldo Sanches, 28, of Sonora, was given a three-year suspended sentence on a plea of guilty of driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Martinez was indicted by a grand jury here last month for the pistol slaying of Garrett in 1957. Martinez had pleaded guilty to the slaying as a robbery was in progress at the Gulf service station at closing time. The four Latin-American boys had stolen a car and beer from a priest in Big Spring and were on their way to Mexico, it was said. They were caught in a road block in San Angelo shortly after the robbery and slaying.

## F. M. COCHRAN BURIED

F. M. Cochran, 86, was buried here in the Montvale Cemetery Thursday following funeral rites in San Angelo.

Mr. Cochran, a former resident, was buried beside his wife.

Johnson's was in charge of the funeral arrangements and Lowe Funeral Home was in charge of getting the grave ready.

## AUCTION SALES

The Johnson Ford Company was sold out here last week at an auction sale on the premises by an auctioneer from Austin. Bidders were from all over this area, and the goods were sold in lots as well as separately. The Johnsons moved back to San Angelo.

Mac Bengé plans to sell out the lumber yard contents and buildings here at an auction Saturday, December 10.

## Concho River Coon Hunters Meeting Sunday

At the contests sponsored Sunday afternoon by the Concho River Coon Hunters Association Eddie Braswell's dog, Jim took first in "Coon in the Box" and first in the "Drag Race."

Charles Allen's dog, ueenie, was second in "Treeing" and also in the "Drag Race." Buster Burson's dog was first in "Treeing."

The contests were held at the J. T. Nelson place in Tom Green County.

## TONY ALLEN HIGH MAN IN RANGE JUDGING

Tony Allen, son of Mr. and Mr. Worth Allen, was high point man in range judging in the Texas Section of the American Society of Range Management contest last week at Corpus Christi. Tony, a freshman student in San Angelo College, was one of four boys from that college to enter in the contest. Boys were also entered in the contest from Texas A&M, Texas Tech and SAC.

Tony's award was for the outstanding student in the contest. He was also awarded a spurclip for being high point man in his division.

BEAGLE Puppies for sale See or call Gene Alley.

Henry Zettler is to undergo an operation on his neck at the Cowper Clinic-Hospital in Big Spring today (Friday.)

In case of fire dial 3-2121

## Ice Causes Some Damage

Rain, drizzle, and some sleet drenched this area on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, leaving over an inch of moisture. Winter ranges will be benefitted greatly from the slow falling rains.

Early Wednesday morning the drizzle had iced over and formed a thick enough coating of ice to cause damage, especially on the divide area. Wires, trees, poles, and shrubbery suffered from the heavy coating of ice.

Road conditions did not get too bad except on bridges, said Jim Butler, highway department foreman here.

The rains got heavier during Wednesday night and Thursday morning. The heavier rains melted most of the ice off trees and buildings.

Further to the north and west road conditions were hazardous due to the ice on the highways.

## Mrs. Foster S. Price Is Noratadata Hostess

Mrs. Foster Sims Price was hostess to the members of the Noratadata club and guests at her home here Tuesday evening. She served a salad plate.

Mrs. Leroy Butler discussed the "Birth of Christ" and Mrs. I. W. Terry talked on Christmas carols.

Members present were Mrs. Leroy Butler, Mrs. Robert Foster, Mrs. Kenneth Peel, Mrs. Terry and Mrs. Finis Westbrook and Mrs. Ross Foster. Guests included were Mrs. Roland Lowe, Mrs. William Foster, Mrs. J.Q. Foster, Mrs. Sterling Foster, and Mrs. Ray. Mixon.

Bridge was played and hi club went to Mrs. Butler, hi club, Mrs. Sterling Foster, hi guest, and Mrs. Mixon, hi cut.

## Sunday School Classes Have Party

Two classes of the Methodist Sunday School entertained with a dessert party Monday evening in the community center. The classes were the Friendship and Wiboholabro classes. Teachers of the local school were invited guests.

Fifty-four persons were present and bridge, forty-two and dominoes were played.

Pie, cake and coffee was served. Fall flowers and Christmas decorations were used.

## Baptist WMU Notes

Mrs. D. C. Durham was hostess to her group with the Week-of-Prayer program on Friday, December 2.

The theme for foreign mission study was: is Peace for the multitudes, and included stories of mission work in Hong Kong—Mrs. Tom Humble, Columbia—Mrs. Marie Legg, Africa—Mrs. Leon Ferguson, Japan—Mrs. Henry Merrell, and Peru—Mrs. W. B. Allen. Mrs. Bertha McCabe was the leader. All members participated. Mrs. J. A. Revell gave "Urgency for Prayer" and Mrs. Lee Hunt a poem "When Jesus Saw the Multitude."

A Lottie Moon offering was taken.

Present for the covered dish luncheon were eighteen, including the new pastor, Rev. Sherman Conner and Mrs. Conner and daughter, Tamme.

## CARD OF THANKS

We want to express our thanks and appreciation for the cards, flowers and other expressions of sympathy received at the death of our loved one. May God bless all of you.

Mr and Mrs. Lee Augustine

## Texas 4-H'ers Chicago Bound



Lester Kuperman



Billy Powers

Five of the busiest days of their young lives await two Texas boys on their arrival in Chicago where they will attend the National 4-H Club Congress.

Their expert proficiency in electric and beef 4-H projects have been rewarded with top state recognition and all-expense trips. They were selected by the Cooperative Extension Service.

Representing Texas in the electric program is Lester Kuperman, 15, of 1505 W. Dyer, Breckenridge. He enrolled in this program four years ago, and has won top county honors almost every year, going on to take first place in the district last year.

Young Kuperman spent more than 300 hours working on the winning demonstration he presented this year. He built an 8 foot x 40 inch scale model of a farm, which included langscaping.

With the aid of this model, he demonstrated how the low voltage switch system with its mod-

ern features can be applied to the farm or ranch, actually taking the place of an extra man.

A sophomore at Breckenridge High School, this expert electrician has won a gold watch and more than \$150 in prize money. His Chicago trip has been donated by the Westinghouse Educational Foundation, program sponsor.

Billy Powers, 19, of Bryan, is state champion in the beef program. During his 10 years in 4-H, he has won innumerable top awards in addition to finding his work profitable.

Three years ago he was named grand champion showman at the state fair and went on to place third in the nation. The following year he was presented with the state award in addition to his showmanship honors on county and district 4-H levels. Last year he showed one grand champion, two champions and nine reserve grand champion animals.

A freshman at Texas A&M, he is studying veterinary medicine and hopes to participate on the livestock judging team.

The 4-H beef program, which embraces an understanding of beef breeding, production and management practices, in addition to the values of scientific research, is supported by E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. The company is Powers' Chicago host and award donor.

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## Clothes Do A Lot, Bring Top Awards

The eyes of Texas, especially those of admiring fellow 4-H'ers, will be sharply focused this month on two young ladies bidding for greater recognition at the 39th National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago.

Both teenagers, who already have won all-expense paid trips to Chicago, will be joined there by some other 1,300 4-H'ers—all state champions—for the star spangled event, Nov. 27 to Dec. 1, at the Conrad Hilton hotel.



Miss Karrh

Miss Cannon

The congress is sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service, the National 4-H Committee, and scores of business groups, who are financing the trips and offering scholarships to national winners in 4-H programs.

Included in the Texas delegation are Rebecca Karrh of Hale Center and Julia Cannon of Greenville. Both have spent nearly half of their 17 years in 4-H.

Miss Karrh followed what came naturally at the 414-acre Karrh ranch. Both her parents are volunteer local 4-H leaders; her brother is a member, too. This year an ambitious dress revue program, finally paid off for this young model. She collected a batch of awards and won a trip from Simplicity Pattern Co.

Her title-winning costume this year was a mulberry brown wool flannel. However, this junior at Plainview High also was active in other 4-H endeavors, winning the county award in safety, poultry and recreation.

"Judy" Cannon, a graduate of Celeste High, will be shooting for one of 12 national \$400 scholarships to be awarded top winners in clothing by Coats & Clark Inc., sponsor of her trip.

Miss Cannon was well-rated in Hunt county clothing competition, winning medals three straight years before being named state champion. Included in her latest one-year project were 16 garments and articles.

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## Christmas Bazaar NORATADATA CLUB TO HOLD CHRISTMAS SALE

Members of the Noratadata Club will hold their annual Christmas bazaar on Friday, December 9 in the West Texas Utilities Co. building. The sale of Christmas baked goodies and handwork was announced this week by members.

Money raised goes for the club's community projects of the year.

The sale will begin at 9 a. m., said Mrs. Worth Durham.

### REWARD NOTICE

A reward of \$500.00 will be paid by the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association to any person (other than law enforcement officers) giving information causing the arrest and final conviction of any person or persons found butchering or stealing any sheep or lambs or goats belonging to any Association member in good standing. When two or more persons give information, the above sum will be divided at the discretion of the Board of the Association. When two or more defendants are involved in a single crime, the total reward is limited to \$500.00, but the conviction of one defendant, even though the other defendants are acquitted, will entitle the claimant or claimants to said sum of \$500.00. All claims must be submitted within ninety (90) days following conviction. If, upon conviction, a defendant confesses other thefts, no additional reward will be paid. All deviations concerning the payment of such reward and the conditions of payment will be made by the Board of Directors of the Association.  
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Bible school — 10:00 a.m.  
 Morning worship 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Classes — 6:00 p.m.  
 Evening Worship — 7:00 p.m.  
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 Wednesday Mid-Week Service — 7:00 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

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**District Superintendent To Preach at Methodist Church Sunday Morning**

The Methodist District Superintendent, the Rev. Lawrence K. Brown, will preach at the local Methodist church Sunday morning, Dec. 11, at 11:00 o'clock. The pastor is to be out of town in a called meeting.

The evening service will be dismissed to the First Baptist church to join in the welcome for the new minister, the Rev. Sherman Conner.

**METHODIST CHRISTMAS PLANS**

The Methodist church will have the annual Christmas program and tree for the children at 6:00 p.m.

On Sunday, December 25, a Christmas worship program is to be held at 10:00 a.m. for all Sunday School classes and all who wish to attend. There will be no service at 11:00 a.m. or evening service.  
 The Christmas offering for the Methodist Home in Waco and the Texas Mission Home and Training School in San Antonio will be received on one of these Sundays.

**Christian Science Lecture Tonight in San Angelo**

Today's need for scientific prayer will be the topic of a free public lecture on Christian Science to be delivered by Herbert E. Rieke of Indianapolis, Indiana, in San Angelo on Friday, December 9 at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Rieke, a member of The Christian Science Board of Lectureship, will speak in San Angelo Central High School, 100 Cottonwood Street under the auspices of First Church of Christ Scientist. His subject will be "The Power of Prayer Revealed Through Christian Science."

A Christian Science teacher and practitioner, Mr. Rieke is a graduate of Northwestern University. He entered the public practice of Christian Science healing in 1923. An Army Air Corps Chaplain during World War II, he served for three and a half years in India, North Africa and Italy, receiving a Bronze Star for distinguished service. He became an authorized teacher of Christian Science in 1946. He is a native of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

YOUR Watkins business is appreciated. Marie Legg  
 2-9-61

**Brucellosis Control Set for Sterling County**

The Texas Animal Health Commission announces the receipt of Sterling County petition for Type II Brucellosis Control.

Proclamation by the Governor No. 138 has been issued and a hearing has been set for January 9, 1961, at 9:30 A.M. in the office of the Texas Animal Health Commission, State Office Building, Austin, Texas.

All those in favor of or in opposition to the designation of this County as a Type II Brucellosis Control Area are invited to attend. If no opposition is presented, Sterling County will be designated as a Type II Control Area effective February 24, 1961.

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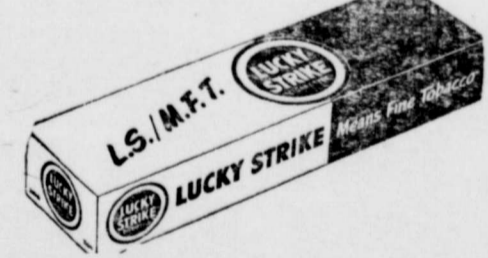
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**GLENDIA SHRYL POOL  
Announcement of  
Marriage**

The announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Glenda Shryl Pool to David Carl Gruny. Miss Pool is the daughter of Mrs. J. C. Pool and W. S. Pool of Fort Stockton, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hallmark of Sterling City. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. York Gruny of Sterling City. The couple will be married Dec. 18 in the home of the bride-elect with the Rev. J.D. Crabb, Jr. reading the vows. Miss Pool is a student in the Fort Stockton High School and will graduate with the 1961 class. Gruny is a graduate of Sterling City High School. He attended Sul Ross State College, and is presently employed by the Fort Stockton engineering office of the State Highway Department. The couple will be at home in Fort Stockton.

**Agricultural Census  
of Sterling County**

The 1959 Census of Agriculture, conducted in Sterling County last fall, counted 75 farms, according to a preliminary report just issued by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce. Total land in farms was 717,331 acres. The average size of farm was 9,564.4 acres. The average value of farms (land and buildings) in the county was \$207,506.

Of the county's farm operators, 25 owned their farms, 34 owned part of the land and rented additional acreage, and 13 were tenant farmers.

The average age of farm operators in the county was 53.4 years. There were 21 farm operators 65 or more years of age.

Of the 75 farms in the county, 55 were commercial farms.

Detailed statistics on crops, livestock, equipment, etc., are presented in the preliminary report, with comparable statistics for 1954. Copies of the county report may be obtained for 10 cents each from the Bureau of the Census, Washington 25, D. C.

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**Social Security Should Be  
Paid on Household Workers**

Many housewives in this area may be depriving their household workers of social security protection according to a joint statement issued by S. Baker Mallett, Administrative Officer of the San Angelo Internal Revenue office and Floyd B. Ellington, Manager of the Social Security district office. "Workers' earnings are credited to their social security account from reports of their employers, and most of the employers," Mr. Mallett said, "faithfully report these earnings year after year." Some household employers who only recently hired household help may not realize their responsibility, and their employees, in particular, should make sure they are protected. The next quarterly report is due by July 31. "Postcard forms for checking your own account with social security are available at all social security offices and



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Of all the commodities on the American Market, furniture is one of the most difficult to buy with any degree of certainty. We look at a chair, we sit in it, we decide that we like the fabric with which it is upholstered, and we buy it. But do we really know what we are buying? What is under the cover? We are attracted to the basic styling of a wood cabinet. It is the right size and contains the required amount of storage space. But again, what do we know about the wood, the finish, or the construction? Buying a "Brand Name" can be a guide, but this method should not always be used as a hard and fast rule.

The important factor in buying furniture is not always the number of dollars spent, but rather the value received for the dollars spent. A combination of three elements establishes the quality of the piece of furniture—design, craftsmanship, and materials used. If any of these elements is missing, the value of the piece is diminished.

Selection of design is a matter of personal preference, but ask yourself this question, "Do I like to look at the piece of furniture, and why? Does it fit into the over-all decorative scheme which I have established?" If it passes this test, then delve into the construction of the piece.

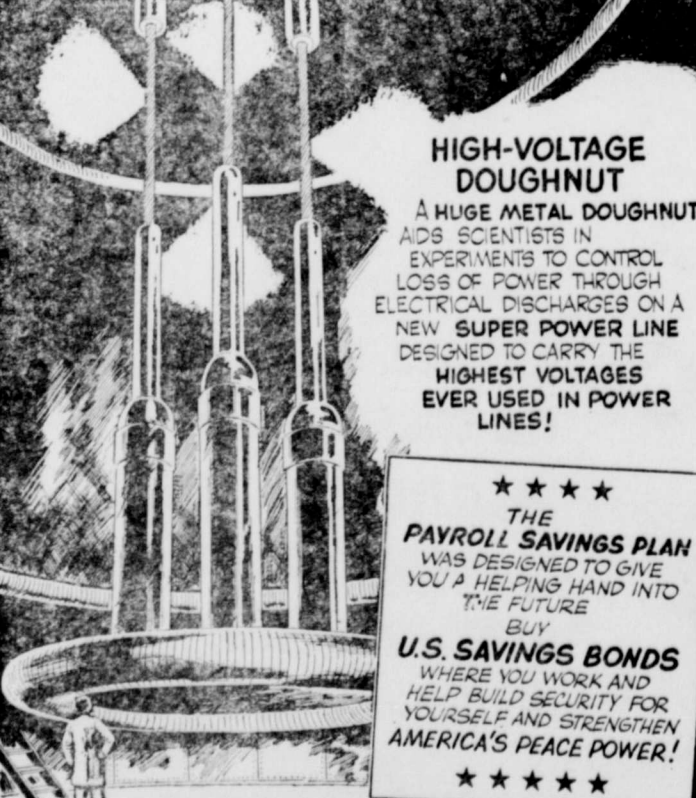
Wood furniture (commonly referred to in the trade as case goods) should be constructed in such a manner that over a period of time the basic frame does not warp, the drawers continue to open and close, regardless of temperature or humidity, and any doors, whether hinged or sliding, continue to function. Check to see that drawer openings have center drawer guides (a small rail extending from the front to the back of the case which keeps the drawers in perfect line). Check the sides of the

drawers to see that they are dove-tailed together, and not merely glued or nailed. The sides of the case should be glued and doweled. Scrutinize the interior of the case to see that all supporting members are held in place with screws. These manufacturing methods are used in any wood furniture, regardless of price, which has any degree of quality.

Make certain of the materials used in the furniture which you are selecting. There is no substitute for the fine hardwoods and fine hardwood veneers in the furniture industry. Frames for upholstered furniture should be made of hard kiln-dried lumber, eliminating warpage and pulling apart, which necessitates expensive repair. Select upholstering fabrics for weave, not weight—or a combination of both. Finished wood pieces should have solid wood structural members, and either solid or fine wood veneer surfaces. Determine whether you are buying a fine cabinet wood, or whether you are buying another material which is finished to resemble what is represented to you. Remember that fine hardwoods have been designed by Nature to withstand the test of time. They give a natural beauty through the years, and can always be refinished at nominal cost, when necessary.

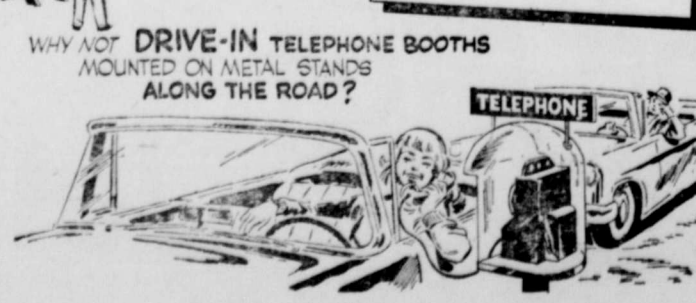
Buy the best quality that you can afford, but learn to look for the trademarks of quality. This is where value received—and not dollars spent—becomes important.

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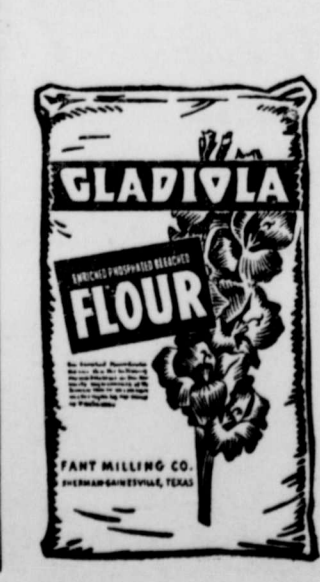


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