

Pair Survives Plane Crash South of City

Two McKinney young people survived an airplane crash near the city airport, mile south of Snyder, Tuesday afternoon.

Patsy Anna Nevil, 16, and Lee Davidson, about 20, escaped serious injury about 4:45 o'clock Tuesday afternoon when their light plane crashed into a field just east of the airport shortly after taking off. The plane had stopped at the airport to refuel.

Manager of the airport was out of the city Tuesday. A taxi driver and Herman Craig, electric company employee, went to the airport to help the McKinney man get gasoline for the plane. As the men approached the field, the plane took off for Sweetwater, Craig said. Circling toward Sweetwater, the plane stalled, then nosedived into the field, according to Craig.

Miss Nevil sustained a fractured back. Davidson was thrown clear of the plane and was only shaken up in the crash.

Craig and the taxi driver took the victims to Snyder General Hospital, from which Miss Nevil was released early Wednesday morning and taken to her home at McKinney in an ambulance.

The plane, a side-by-side seater Luscombe, was badly demolished in the crash. Davidson attributed the cause of the crash to failure of the engine.

The couple was flying to Hobbs, New Mexico, for a visit with friends. The Times learns.

Band Group Will Attend Two-Week Abilene School

Seventeen members of the Snyder High School Tiger Band were scheduled to attend the two-week band school at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, beginning Monday, according to Purdie F. Williams, director. The group will go by school bus.

Ninth annual Vandercock Band School will feature classes in theory, harmony, student conducting, group marching, baton twirling, flag waving and rope twirling. Williams says, who will accompany the group of boys and girls.

Five hours of instruction will be conducted each day, and provision is being made for entertainment of the Snyder group, who will be part of several hundred slated to attend the two-week training school.

Signed for the trip, according to Williams, were: Max Wayne Harrell, Betty Lynn Gatlin, Billy Joe Brown, Purdie Williams Jr., Clarice McDougall, Bobby Neal Floyd, Dorothea Williams, Lou Miller, Jimmy Boyd, Margaret Dougherty, Lynell Logan, Tracy Bill Early, Laban Walton, Ed Casabell, Edwin Weathers, Bobby and Glenn Creswell.

Borden County Ballot Smallest Yet Printed

The Times this week printed the smallest primary ballot we have ever produced. It was for the August 23 run-off election in Borden County.

The ballot carried only the names of candidates for two offices—Coke Stevenson and Lyndon Johnson for United States Senator, and S. J. Parrish and Kilmer B. Corbin for State Senator from the 30th Senatorial District.

There are no contests in county or precinct offices in Scurry County's neighbor to the west.



Four newcomers were reported by Snyder General Hospital since last week's report in The Times. They are:

A daughter for Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Dacus of Snyder, who was born August 4. Weighing eight pounds four ounces at birth, the little lady has been named Joyce Maxine.

A son for Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Gillum of Route 1, Hermleigh, who has been named Sully Guy. He balanced the scales at seven pounds eight ounces when he arrived August 3.

A daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McFarland, who discovered America August 8. Empress Ann tipped the scales at seven pounds one ounce.

A daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson (colored) of Snyder who arrived August 5. The baby weighed six pounds 13 ounces, and as given the calling name of Mary Elizabeth.

Negro Ex-Convict Nabbed in Snyder After Burglaries

Elbert Jenkins, 25-year-old ex-convict, was in Scurry County jail today awaiting indictment on charge of burglarizing two Snyder business places last Sunday night. He had been arrested Sunday morning about 10:00 o'clock by Sheriff Lloyd H. Merritt and Deputy V. M. Head at the Hammett Service Station in East Snyder.

Following report of burglaries at the Roscoe, Snyder & Pacific Railway depot and the Burton-Lingo Lumber Company Sunday morning, the sheriff and his deputy were given a description of a suspicious looking negro who was seen after midnight near the Bluebird Cafe, just west of the depot. A few minutes later the black was located as he started to make a purchase at the Hammett place.

Jenkins, after an all-night stay in the jail, Monday morning admitted entering the two places and also confessed stealing an automobile at Lamesa last Thursday night.

Entry was made in the R. S. & P. depot through an east window of the station. Nothing of material value was missed, although the place was pretty badly ransacked, reported A. C. Pruitt, railway agent.

Burton-Lingo Company was entered through a rear room window. The culprit took tools from the lumber concern and endeavored to knock the knob on the safe but had given up.

The Lamesa car was abandoned early Friday west of town, and Richard Parks brought Jenkins to town Friday afternoon.

Jenkins, sent to the state pen for 11 years, on a burglary charge from Jacksonville, had been released after serving seven years on April 19.

Nearby Counties Get First Bales as Ours Expected

As Snyder awaited arrival of the first bale of 1948 cotton, two close-by counties came up last week with their first fleecy staple.

A farmer in Runtels County and one in Mitchell County got the jump on their West Texas neighbors, signing the first bales of the 1948 cotton crop reported in this area.

Niel Stewart of the Norton community gained the first bale at Ballinger Thursday, and John Dearne of the first one at Colorado City Friday.

Dearen gathered his bale from some patches of cotton planted during some of the early warm weather. His bale, ginned by the Mitchell County Gins, was a light one, weighing 416 pounds.

This is Mitchell County's earliest bale of cotton since 1933. Last year's first bale of cotton grown by a Scurry County farmer came to town on August 22, grown by Joan Schattell, five miles south of Hermleigh. Previous first bales have come: For 1947, August 19; 1946, August 7; 1945, August 24; and 1944, August 23.

No Absentee Ballots Cast on Short Ticket

No absentee votes had been cast Wednesday on an abbreviated second primary ballot that carries only five pairs of contenders for office, according to Jimmy Billingsley, county clerk.

On the ballot are these names: For United States Senator—Coke R. Stevenson of Kimble County and Lyndon B. Johnson of Blanco County; for Associate Justice, Court of Civil Appeals, 11th Supreme Judicial District—Allen D. Dabney of Eastland County and Cecil C. Collins of Howard County; for county commissioner, Precinct No. 1—T. B. Knight and John C. (Lum) Day; for county commissioner, precinct No. 2—Jones Chapman and Guy Glenn; for county commissioner, Precinct No. 4—Henry Ellerd and Marvin Manson.

Dixiecrats Invited to Vote with Republican

R. B. Creager of Brownsville, Republican national committeeman for Texas, Wednesday invited Southern Democrats who oppose President Truman to join the GOP and "make your vote count."

"There is no fundamental difference between the Dixiecrat and the Southern Democrat," Creager said in an interview while visiting Wednesday at Dallas.



CATTLE SPRAYER—Edgar Britain of the Lavy E. Ranch near Stinnett, sprays his cattle to

curl horn flies. If left alone the flies will feed on the cattle. Laboratory tests have shown that

cattle may lose as much as 60 pounds of beef if not sprayed against the horn fly.

County's Guard Unit to Leave for Bivouac Sunday

Scurry County National Guardsmen, members of Troop A, 124th Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized) will leave Sunday morning for two weeks' training at Camp Hood, according to Captain William Schiebel, commanding officer of the unit.

Forty-four men and four officers will make the trip.

E. J. Moore and Hugh Fairgason left Tuesday morning for the camp to take courses in cooking before the arrival of the unit Sunday.

Lieutenant E. J. Vaughn, Captain H. L. Wren and Captain Stahl were detailed to Camp Hood at an advance of the unit.

The Scurry County movement is part of the summer training camp for the 36th Infantry and the 4th Armored Divisions. An estimated 8,500 Texas National Guardsmen from 200 units will participate in the training at the Central Texas Army post.

The trainees will be given individual basic training during the first week at Camp Hood and weapons and military occupational specialty training during the second week.

On Governor's Day, August 21, a parade and review will be held by the 36th Division in honor of Lieutenant General Preston A. Weatherford of Dallas. General Thomas T. Handy, commanding the Fourth Army, will make a tour of inspection August 24 and 25.

Old People's Service Slated by Methodists

Old people will be featured guests Sunday morning at the First Methodist Church, it was announced this week by Rev. H. W. Hanks, pastor.

"This service has been in the making for some three months," Rev. Hanks said. "Of course, we want everyone to come, but we are giving special attention to the older members."

Old songs will be featured, and the sermon of the morning will be especially dedicated to the old folks, the pastor says.

Transportation to and from the service will be provided for those who do not have a way to go, church officials say. People needing transportation are asked to notify the pastor or Rev. M. W. Clark.

Ralston Says City Tax Raise Up to People

An open letter to the people of the City of Snyder follows: Editor: I am in favor of raising city taxes by a direct vote of the people. Otherwise we are in danger of unnecessary and excessive taxation which caters to or ministers to the ambitions of those who are itching for power to coerce the public into obedience to their dictates.—E. C. Ralston.

Snyder Schools May Open September 13

Snyder Schools probably will open September 13. It was indicated by school officials this week, although the date had not been definitely decided.

Temporary housing for a portion of the huge enrollment expected at Snyder this term was being arranged. Two of the buildings from rural schools recently consolidated with the Snyder district were being placed on the campus.

Four or five vacancies still remain on the faculty, according to M. E. Stanfield, superintendent.

ECONOMIST H. J. DOLLINGER TO SPEAK TO ROTARIANS AND LIONS



Snyder Rotary and Lions Clubs will be host to one of the Southwest's leading economists when H. J. Dollinger, assistant manager of the division of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, speaks at a joint session of the clubs groups next Thursday noon at the Snyder Country Club.

Brought here at the invitation of the Scurry County Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Dollinger will speak on the position of the Southwest in the national picture of industry, resources and opportunities. M. H. Roe, president of the local Chamber of Commerce, will introduce the speaker.

Business men of the community who are not members of the civic clubs are invited to attend the meeting. They will pay the usual luncheon fee paid by Rotary and Lions Clubs members.

Dollinger, a graduate of the National Institute for Commercial Organizations Executives at Northwestern University, is a veteran of over 20 years' experience in Chamber of Commerce work.

Embraced in his territory of the Southwest are the states of Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Headquarters offices are in Dallas.

Dollinger's experience is not only the Chamber of Commerce field but in historical research, veterans affairs and credit control of national scope.

In deference to the joint meeting the Snyder Lions Club will not meet next Tuesday noon. President R. E. Paterson announces.

Oil Worker's Arm Broken. E. A. Rollins of Snyder sustained a broken arm Wednesday afternoon while working on an oil well in the Sharon Ridge field near Ira.

He was employed on a rig operated by Coffield & Guthrie. Brought to Snyder General Hospital, where the limb was set, he was out this week.



STARTS MEAT STRIKE—Mrs. R. D. Vaughn, a 71-year-old grandmother in Dallas started the verbal goose-booming in the "battle of the beefsteak," as she called housewives asking them to stop buying meat for a week in an effort to bring prices down.

Back of her is her husband ready to assist. Mrs. Vaughn is president of the Dallas Women's Chamber of Commerce. The phone strike has spread to other cities in Texas and surrounding states. Abilene and Hamlin are among area cities participating.

Deep Tests Hold Oil Interest of Section

923 Men Slated To Register for Draft in County

Nine hundred and twenty-three Scurry County young men between the ages of 18 and 25 are due to register with the draft board between August 30 and September 18, according to estimates made by State Draft Director Major General K. L. Berry of the State Selective Service headquarters in Austin last week-end in a release to The Times.

Berry predicts that approximately 561,331 Texas youths of the draft ages will sign up during that period. Individual county estimates range from heavily populated Harris County's 50,400 registrants to sparsely populated Loving County's 22 registrants.

Estimated registrations made by Berry for this area follow:

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| Andrews | 101 |
| Bailey | 584 |
| Baylor | 620 |
| Borden | 111 |
| Coke | 367 |
| Coleman | 1,645 |
| Dawson | 1,689 |
| Dickens | 690 |
| Fisher | 1,034 |
| Gura | 560 |
| Haskell | 792 |
| Howard | 2,080 |
| Jones | 1,870 |
| Kent | 273 |
| Lynn | 954 |
| Mitchell | 998 |
| Nolan | 1,384 |
| Scurry | 923 |
| Stonewall | 447 |
| Taylor | 3,531 |

Ira Schools Will Open September 6 With Full Faculty

Teaching staff for Ira Schools has been completed, and the new term will open Monday, September 6, it was announced this week by W. T. (Pat) Falls, superintendent.

Complete faculty for the school follows: Mrs. H. E. West, first grade; Mrs. Laura Holladay, second grade; Mrs. Tessie Mae Walling, third grade; Mrs. G. S. McCormick, fourth and fifth grades; Mrs. Eupha Shield, sixth and seventh grades; John R. Covey, eighth grade and science in high school; H. E. West, history; Patsy Harder, English; and W. T. Falls, mathematics. Superintendent Falls says he expects an enrollment of about 220 for this year's school term, which is about the same as last year's number of scholars.

Physical equipment at the South-west Scurry County school is in good condition, Falls reports. The school lunch room will be operated again this year by Mrs. Lois Kruse. Average of about 180 students ate at the lunch room last year. A new deep-freeze food box has been installed during the summer for use by the lunch room.

Fluvanna Revival to Open Friday Evening

Revival services will begin at the Fluvanna Baptist Church Friday evening, August 13, at 8:00 o'clock, according to Rev. Don Hanson, pastor.

Rev. Huron Polnac of Post will do the preaching and John Wiman will have charge of the song services.

Services are to be held each evening through Sunday week, August 22, to which the people of the northwest Scurry County community are invited.

Snyder Scouters Will Attend Camp Session

Several Snyder adult Boy Scout leaders have indicated they will attend the next quarterly conference of Buffalo Trail Council officials that will be held Friday and Saturday, October 15 and 16, at the newly acquired Boy Scout camp in the Davis Mountains, according to H. L. Wren, council chairman.

The meeting will be a novel introduction for several of the attendants to the 6,000-acre camp site that was recently purchased by the 16-county council. Typical camping will be done by the men.

Horton Lad's Leg Fractured. Hilton Horton, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Horton of East Snyder, sustained a fractured leg Sunday afternoon near his home when he was struck by a car driven by R. T. Carroll. The lad was playing ball in the street, and the accident was described as unavoidable. Hilton was taken to Snyder General Hospital.



A. M. ROBERTS, serving his second term as member of the Snyder City Council from the North Ward, last week resigned his place. Duties as manager of the Snyder office of the Midwest Electric REA Cooperative have increased so that his resignation was necessary. Election to fill the vacancy has been called for September 21.

Ladies' Night Staged By Hermleigh Lions

About 60 people attended the ladies' night session of Hermleigh Lions Club held Monday evening in the homemaking department of the Hermleigh School.

Following a sumptuous meal, a short business session was presided over by Dave Ammons, president. The president announced his committee for the ensuing year.

Hermleigh Lions pledged support of school projects, playground provisions, city water facilities, the blind program and boys' and girls' interests during the coming year.

R. K. Williams, newly named superintendent of Hermleigh schools, spoke briefly. R. A. DuBoise and Martha Lou Henley rendered a vocal duet.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Deffebach of Snyder were among attendants at the function.

County Tax Rate to Be Set Next Tuesday

County tax rate will be set by the Scurry County Commissioners Court next Tuesday, according to F. C. Hairston, county judge, when the court will present a proposed budget for the ensuing year in an open meeting to be held in the district court room of the courthouse.

Sitting the same day as an equalization board, property owners desiring to register complaints to adjustments on their property renditions may appear before the court, the judge says.

Weeds and Cesspools Present City Hazard

Rank growths of weeds in the Snyder city limits are becoming a health hazard, declares Simon Best, chief of police, who urges citizens to continue their fight against the insect-harboring vegetation.

Several open cesspools have been reported to the police chief, he says. Best declares that the cesspools and other waste places that harbor flies and mosquitoes must be remedied if the town is to remain free of diseases.

EARLY PREDICTIONS OF COTTON CROP FORECAST TO 60,000 BALES

Scurry County citizens are already engaging in one of the old-time fall and winter pastimes—cotton crop forecasting. The sport is free, of course—unless you start to backing up your forecasting abilities with Stetson hats and the like... then it begins to cost somebody.

At any rate, some of the early birds are coming up with talk of from 50,000 to 60,000 bales of cotton from the 1948 crop.

The Times, always one of these

hedging forecasters, is not quite ready to make a prediction, although Your Home County Paper will say that the above figures are getting up in our territory, we believe.

More than 100,000 acres has been planted to the fleecy staple this year, according to estimates released several weeks ago by County Agent Oscar Fowler and other crop observers. Figuring on the basis of half a bale to the acre (which will not be difficult to make if present growing conditions continue through the fruiting and and harvesting periods) the 50,000-bale mark will be reached in Scurry County this season.

Average cotton yield for the past 22 years (since 1927, when The Times started keeping an accurate record of production of West Texas counties) is 26,023 bales. Previous high mark was 55,589 bales in 1933, followed by 46,468 in 1947. Low production for the 22-year period was in 1934, when only 9,171 bales were harvested. Last year's production was 31,087 bales, and for

New Wells Add To Stir as Others Drilling Ahead

Producing and projected deep oil tests continued to hold the spotlight in Scurry County oil developments this week.

New wells about ready to start drilling, one or two already plunging away in new territories, and another endeavoring to get started again after a week-end mishap furnished the interest for maintained fever heat on the oil front.

Leases also continued to change hands at fancy prices in every section of the county, both around the proven territories and in wildcat regions.

McAlester Fuel Company, Walter Keith and others of Magnolia, Arkansas No. 1 A. E. Gessell well was drilling away six miles south-west of Snyder. A projected 8,500-foot test to the Ellenburger level, the test, three and three-quarters miles southeast of the Sun Oil Company's No. 1 Schattell, which recent, is was completed as a 500-barrel producer from the Canyon section of the Pennsylvania at 6,969-91 feet.

Sun No. 2 Emil Schattell had drilled to 2,944 feet in shale and was checking a joint of casing at 1,704 feet last week-end. It is half a mile north and quarter mile west of the discovery.

Sun's No. 3 Schattell remained a location. It is half a mile east and quarter mile south of the No. 1.

Sun's No. 4 test, a quarter-mile east offset to its No. 1 Emil Schattell, spudded in last week-end. It is located 1,980 feet from the south and 2,009.4 feet from the east lines of Section 186, Block 97, Houston & Texas Central Railway Survey. It is projected to 7,500 feet.

American Republic Corporation was rigging up its No. 1 Susie Koonman, 15 miles northeast of Snyder. Drilling was expected to start on the projected 7,750-foot test to the Ellenburger this week-end. The drilling site is 2,115 feet from the north and 2,290.3 feet from the east lines of Section 240, Block 2, Houston & Texas Central Railway Company Survey.

Standard of Texas on the E. E. Brown tract eight miles northwest of Snyder, was scheduled to start drilling middle of the week.

Magnolia Oil Company's No. 1 Winston Brothers, which last week had difficulties when it resumed drilling after setting seven-inch casing at 6,915 feet with a squeeze, had reset the casing over the week-end and was drilling ahead Wednesday.

Renewed Interest in Scout Work Expected

Renewed interest in Boy Scout work in District 4 is contemplated with the starting of area schools, it was disclosed Tuesday morning when officials of the district organization met in monthly breakfast at the Manhattan dining room.

District Chairman Lyle Deffebach presided at the conference.

Need for another troop of Boy Scouts in Snyder was voted by the extension chairman.

Present at the breakfast were the following Scouters: Deffebach, Jay Rogers, Phil Burns, Wayne Boren, Leighton Griffin, E. K. Shepherd, Willard Jones and T. C. Hubbard.

Scurry Countians Renamed to REA Board Directors

John A. Staveland of Pluvanna was reelected president of the Midwest Electric REA Cooperative during business sessions at the annual membership gathering of the area unit Saturday at Roby. Other members of the board of directors renamed included M. L. Andrews of Snyder and J. J. Henry of Hemphill.

About 800 persons were present from the eight counties served by the Midwest cooperative. The Midwest operates in Borden, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Mitchell, Stonewall, Kent and Nolan Counties.

Tom E. Craddock of Seymour, president of the National Rural Electrification Cooperative Association, declared that he was pleased with the allocations of funds for construction of rural lines that have been made by Congress.

REA from the National Standpoint was the topic discussed by National President Craddock, who pointed out that one of the greatest problems of the coops is the power shortage.

He stated that REA is serving 2,240,000 homes in America at the present time. Sixty-five per cent of the American rural homes are now electrified, whereas in 1935 only 10 per cent had electricity.

Johnny Ammons, former Snyder resident, who is manager of the Midwest cooperative offices at Roby, was named permanent chairman for the meeting. He presided over the business session.

Miss Leila Webb, outstanding O.H.M. Demonstration Club member of Fisher County, was the first guest speaker on the morning program. She had as her subject "How I Use Electricity in My Home."

Cotton Consumption In Texas Up in June

Texas consumption of cotton stepped up nine per cent in June to 13,509 running bales, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported this week to The Times.

Compared to June 1947, cotton consumption gained 16 per cent. A total of 1,546 running bales of cotton lint were used in June, a 17 per cent jump over May and a 38 per cent advance over June, 1947. Cotton spinning activity moved forward slightly in June as active spindles increased one per cent from May and four per cent from June, 1947. Total spindle hours were five per cent above the previous month, and 12 per cent above year-ago levels.

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LEADERS in the four-day youth revival at the Snyder First Methodist Church opening next Thursday night will be Douglas Moore, left, who will do the preaching, and Charles Morris,



right, who will direct the music program. Not shown is Paul Robbins, pianist for the revival. All three of the young men are students at Texas Wesleyan College, Fort Worth. Primarily

called a youth revival, the meeting is for the general public, declares Rev. H. W. Hanks, pastor, who says services will be held each evening at 8:00 o'clock in the church auditorium.

Would Ask for Humus.

If badly depleted soils could talk, they would beg for nitrogen, phosphorus and potash. Above all, they would ask for plenty of organic matter with which to make humus. —C. F. Lund, Arkansas Extension Soils Specialist.

Mary Belle Weathersbee, educational director of the First Baptist Church in Odessa, has been a guest of her mother, Mrs. Eunice Weathersbee, for several days.

Texas General Fund Shows Healthy Shape

Texas state's general revenue fund stood at a healthy \$67,382,395 at the end of July, State Treasurer Jesse James reported Friday from Austin. The fund is the barometer of state finances, representing a surplus over state operating expenses. Total net in all funds on July 31 were reported as \$161,060,944. There was \$15,455,549 in the unallocated clearance fund.

Working Both Ends.

Ralph Bell of Lee County, South Carolina, mounted cotton choppers on the front of his tractor and cultivating equipment on the back of it. Thus, one man was chopping and cultivating 15 to 20 acres of cotton daily. —J. M. Eleazer, Clemson Extension Specialist.

Mrs. J. M. Elliott of Vernon returned home first of the week after a several-day visit with her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Ezell, and family.

Livestock Shipments Show Decline in June

Texas shipments of livestock in June slid 20 per cent below May levels, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported. June movements totaled 8,870 carloads, or 12 per cent below a year earlier.

Hog shipments decreased the greatest over the month—29 per cent, while cattle shipments, down 27 per cent, followed closely behind. Movements of calves and sheep increased eight and four per cent, respectively, from May.

Compared to June, 1947, hog shipments climbed 31 per cent, despite the slack in shipments over the month. The other groups registered declines: Sheep, 23 per cent; cattle, 12 per cent; calves, six per cent. Interstate shipments plus Fort Worth dipped 17 per cent from May and 10 per cent from a year earlier.

Dolan Henley Funeral! At Lubbock Sunday

Funeral services for Private First Class Dolan E. Henley, former Big Sulphur community youth, who was killed in action April 4, 1945, will be held Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at Lubbock, relatives of the county were informed this week.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Henley, former Big Sulphur resident now of Lubbock, Dolan was attached to General Patton's Third Army in Germany during World War II. He was attached to an armored division.

Dolan is survived by the parents; three sisters and a brother.

Several Scurry County relatives are planning to attend the final rites Sunday.

Mrs. Arlie Biggs and Billy of Fort Worth are visiting in Snyder this week with relatives and friends.

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Continued Slide For Cotton Price Posted for Week

Cotton prices continued to move steadily downward in the 10 spot markets this week, according to the Department of Agriculture's weekly release to The Times. Inquiries were fairly numerous and spot sales increase in volume.

The trade was apparently awaiting the first official crop report, which was issued Monday, August. Cotton markets in the Southwest were more active as new crop ginnings began to move in volume. The mid-July parity price for cotton was 31.12 cents per pound, unchanged from a month earlier.

Department of Agriculture announced the 1948 cotton loan program. The average loan rate for midling 15-16 inch cotton gross weight is 30.74 cents per pound.

Crop conditions were reported as generally good over most of the belt this week but rains in some central and southeastern areas were moderately favorable for weevil development. Hot dry weather hastened the opening of bolls in Southern Texas and picking in that area was active.

Cotton cotton prices continued their downward trend this week and on Thursday, August 5, midling 15-16 cotton averaged 32.14 cents per pound. This compares with 32.94 cents on Thursday of last week and 36.25 cents a year ago. Prices declined sharply on Monday following the release of the July parity which was somewhat below general trade expectations. The basis in Central and Southern Texas for new crop cotton weakened further as merchants were not active buyers and mills were reported to be buying only in limited quantities.

Activity in the 10 spot markets increased this week. Inquiries were fairly numerous and mill buying was slightly more active. Demand was principally for forward delivery but spot sales were substantially larger than last week in Texas markets. Reports indicated that farmers in the early ginning areas were not offering too freely and that many merchants have been slow to enter the market. Export buying increased but the volume of sales was still small. Reported sales, in the 10 spot markets totaled 84,600 bales for the week against 59,100 last week and 40,800 a year ago.

Parity price for cotton (midling 15-16 inch) as of mid-July was 31.12 cents per pound. This was equal to the all-time high established in January and June of 1948 and was 2.60 cents or nine per cent higher than parity in July a year ago. Parity equivalent price for midling 15-16 inch in the 10 spot markets on August 4 was about 34.37 cents, which is well above spot and near month futures price.

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MAHON URGES LOAN PROGRAM TO INCLUDE COMBINE MAIZE

Congressman George Mahon of this 18th Congressional District reported to The Times this week that he had personally appealed to the secretary of agriculture, Charles Brannan, to use the full force of his office to make effective the government loan program on combine maize. He explained that much of the West Texas crop was not yet beginning to move and that plans should be perfected to spend millions of dollars in losses to West Texas farmers.

Foreign demand for American grain has receded and the price of grain has sagged. Mahon said that some Central Texas farmers were already selling their grain at 50 cents per 100 pounds below the loan rate.

Under the law the producer is entitled to a loan of 90 per cent of parity on his combine maize, but loans are dependent upon the availability of storage, and the law will not be effective if storage arrangements cannot be made. Adequate freight cars and storage were not available during the war years but the market price for grain was above the loan rate and there was no serious question as to a support price and no considerable demand for loans.

Mahon said that if the loan on grain sorghum should not be available many producers would sacrifice their grain sorghums below the support price, but that if the loan were available the market price should remain firm above support price levels.

Secretary Brannan advised Mahon that the department would intensify its efforts to move the wheat crop out of the pipe line insofar as possible and would give sympathetic assistance in trying to meet the situation confronting producers of combine maize.

Following a long distance telephone conversation with Walter Hammond, head of the Texas Farm Bureau, Mahon in his capacity as chairman of the Texas congressional delegation, appointed Congressman Poage of Waco as chairman of a committee of six members to cooperate with Texas farmers and the

Texas Farm Bureau in finding ways and means to meet the situation. A large additional amount of storage that will be acceptable to government loan officials will be necessary.

12 Additions Reported By Church of Christ

Gospel meeting at the Snyder Church of Christ, corner of Avenue M and 25th Street, closed Sunday evening, with 12 additions to the church reported, according to members of the congregation.

Messages were brought by Ted Morton of Wichita, Kansas, in the open air revival staged at the rear of the church building. J. M. Glass of Fluvanna directed the music.

Recent Rains Aid Rages of Area to Build Up Forage

Recent good rains have been a boon to Snyder area ranches, declares Bob Dupree, administrator of the Upper Colorado Soil Conservation District office in Snyder. After three years of severe drought and high prices, most folks are lightly stocked and are in a position to rest one or more pastures in most cases, he says. All the better grasses are seeding now and look better than they have in several years.

Bill Herring, who ranches north of Dermott, is resting two pastures for winter use. He bought lambs just before the rains, and will carry them mostly on sudan grass until frost. Bill became a cooperator with the Upper Colorado Soil Conservation District in 1947 and already knows most of his important grasses and how to manage them for high yields. One of Bill's first objectives is to develop enough litter on the ground to hold the rain where it falls.

L. C. Drum is another stockman in the area who will rest his pastures more in the future. He is building a partition fence this summer to facilitate his program.

Old-timers say that a section would run 65 cows here in the early days when there was enough grass on the ground to hold most of the rainfall. Now we are fortunate if we carry 20 cows on a section. Range recovery is slow with our 21 inches of annual rainfall, but many stockmen are making real progress in this important phase of conservation.

Backbone of Competition.

Maintenance of a sound economic position of the cottonseed industry is of vital importance to Southern agriculture. Cottonseed is the principal source of livestock protein feed for the South and is, therefore, the backbone of Southern competition in the food markets of America.—Dr. W. D. Harris, Texas Experiment Station.

Six Millions Receive Cash Payments from Social Security Act

Thirteen is indeed a lucky number for over six million Americans who are receiving cash payments under the several provisions of the Social Security Act. For it was just 13 years ago, on August 10, 1935, that the Social Security Act became law, according to a release to The Times from the Abilene office of the Social Security Administration.

This law, which was designed to provide a measure of financial security to the people of the nation, was considered by President Roosevelt as one of the outstanding achievements of his administration. Improvements and extensions were made by amendments in 1939 and again in 1946. Further improvements have been considered by each succeeding session of Congress.

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4.—Federal aid to the states for maternal and child health, public health and vocational rehabilitation.

Maybe Misunderstood Him.

The clergyman was preparing his sermon, and his little daughter was watching him.

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Women's World

Simple Tricks With Buttons Or Ribbons Will Alter Dress

By Ertta Haley

ECONOMY and style are both on our minds when we want to do something to a dress to change its manners, its general outlook. Being women, nothing pleases us more than being able, with a simple trick or two, to do something magic to a dress and thus lead our friends to think that we have a brand new addition to the wardrobe.

Classic style dresses are easiest to change because their good tailoring can take all sorts of trimming tricks. Do you have a classic button-down-the-front style dress that needs a bit of something? Remove the self color buttons and add dash with gold or metal ones. Then sweep one of the new gold or silver belts on it and look at the result.

If you want to do something even more drastic, the pastel dress may be dyed a dark green, navy, gray, brown or black, and the metal button and belt combination will make it look perfect. In addition, you will have a dark dress that will be more suitable and practical for the cooler weather than the pastel one which you already have worn most of the summer.

What's to be done when you have a classic style with a full skirt that has no trimming? This dress can be relieved with touches of white. Use bias tape or rick-rack, lacing several rows of this around the lower part of the full skirt, and adding a few bands of the same trim to the sleeves or collar or both, depending upon the size of sleeves and collar.

Plaid Trimmings Are Popular

If you have a wardrobe which is primarily dark and have grown rather tired of it, why not brighten



Buttons help trim dresses . . .

the situation with bits of plaid trimming. Simple black cottons and navy blues take nicely to this treatment.

If you have a cardigan neckline on a dress, the whole of it can be outlined with a lively plaid. You might even make cuffs on the sleeves of the plaid.

When it's too complicated to add the plaid trimming to the neckline, you might change the belt on the dress by making that in plaid, simply adding cuffs to the sleeves and perhaps inserting a band or two of the plaid around the bottom of the skirt.

It's very easy to introduce plaid into a simple solid black, blue, brown or gray dress by changing the belt or



And so do contrasting bands.

to plaid and making quaint pointed pockets of the same material.

If you have a dress or suit in plaid, the appearance of the whole thing can be changed by using white pique trimming at collars and cuffs. Or, if you prefer something different, select one of the colors in the plaid, purchase a solid material in that color and use this for trimming collars

Be Smart!



Sheers belong to any season, especially when they're black or navy. The design sketched holds a rich promise of future fashion, too, in its magnificent development of back fullness. The unusual effect achieved by the apron is climaxed in a bow to accent the back silhouette. The simplicity of the bodice is the best possible foil for the dramatic skirt.

Fashion Forecast

Slips for more tailored wear have tailored trimmings. The tiny, well-mannered embroidered effect is used to good advantage and so is the simple but lovely scalloped edge.

Pockets on full suits are really interesting catching. Since the jackets are of the longer variety, you'll be seeing pockets trimmed in a variety of ways. One type recently seen is the tiered effect that also is being used frequently on skirts of dresses.

Padded Pillbox



This padded pillbox by Mme. Reine shows the trend toward the lower, rounder hat this season. This model comes in gay red felt with an upstanding, fancy feather of black and white at the back. The large dotted veil adds a touch of softness to the small but smart hat.

and cuff and for a band at the bottom of the skirt, if desired.

Eyebelt is very popular for trimmings, too. Since it is rather expensive you might satisfy your need for change simply with a bit of ruffled eyebelt edging the collar and cuffs of the dress. If it has a button-down-the-front, edge this with eyebelt.

What to Do With Buttons

Buttons on washable dresses usually find themselves in a weary corner as the season draws to a close. Most of these dresses, suits and blouses will benefit with a change of buttons, but be certain they are the same size to fit the button holes you already have on the garment.

Button treatments also are used on the sleeves to add interest. Simply run five or six buttons down the sleeve, beginning at the shoulder if you want to add above the waist interest on a tailored dress or blouse.

Another effective way of using buttons is in a diagonal treatment, either outlining pockets or simulating them.

For best effect, the buttons chosen should, in themselves, be interesting. When you want to point up interest in them, select a contrasting color instead of a matching one. Also, remember that buttons show up better on solids than on prints.

For bodices that are plain and will take buttons, a double breasted treatment of tiny gold buttons is frequently very effective. This is especially popular on such things as the bolero sundress type.

In some cases, you can use on your accessories the same button treatment that you have on a dress. Diagonal button treatments on gloves, for instance, frequently can tie them nicely to a certain dress or suit.

Buttons as well as bows are being used to gather up a part of a wide full skirt in some cases.

Bands and Bows Will Do Wonders

Have you ever thought of how effective a band trimming can be especially when it is used on a print dress or suit? When the print is crowded, the solid colored banding seems somehow to clean the print and define it.

If you have a two-piece print dress, try outlining the jacket with a band that matches one of the darker colors in the print. Use it around the front of the jacket, outlining it completely, and then use around the sleeves and pockets, too. Frequently this little trick will lift many a weary dress out of the doldrums.

Bias tape is best to use for this type of trimming because it's all folded and pressed. The tape comes in cotton and rayon so that you can select the proper type for your material.

Many band trimming effects can be relieved with bows made out of the trimming. These are especially effective for the youthful fashions. The jacket of a summer dress for a girl in her teens may carry three or four widely spaced rows of banding for trimming. Bows can come at the closing of the bodice to hide snaps or buttons.

If you prefer, only the skirt may be band trimmed. Use one large bow on the highest band as a trimming. It's important not to overdo the bow part of the trimming, especially on the skirts, for their fullness is, in a sense, a lot of trimming.

If you have contrasting trimming anywhere on the dress, bows can be made of this material and attached to the pockets of the dress for more interest.

Kathleen Norris Says:

Today Mothers Work for Luxuries

Bell Syndicate.—WNU Features.



When children get to the ages of 10 or 12, they are old enough to be of real household use.

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

A QUESTION I am asked often is whether it is a good idea for the woman of the family to hold a job. Arguments on this point have been going on for many years.

In the eyes of the last generation, it was generally considered unfortunate and inadvisable for Mother to be a breadwinner, while two generations ago, it was simply unthinkable. Only women unfortunate enough to be widowed, with young children to support, were supposed to engage in any gainful work, and this was usually teaching or taking boarders.

But times have changed. Our young married folk, our young parents are facing a different world from the world their fathers and mothers knew. Everything is different. The cost of living has increased not 10 nor 20 per cent but several times 100 per cent. Domestic service is commanding prices that would have seemed fantastic even a short while ago and that are prohibitive now.

The nervous pressure upon everyone, from Grandma down to the new baby, is terrific. We are hardly aware of what creates this intense strain, but we are all conscious of it.

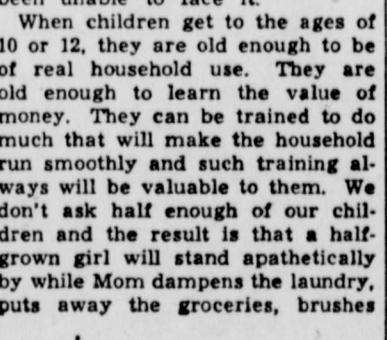
All day long we are meeting hard conditions. Marketing is a shock. Keeping the children in orange juice, new shoes, carfare and lunch-money provides a series of shocks. Taxation is one long jolt. The increase among our men of heart attacks, stomach ulcers, nerve ailments and breakdowns constitutes a mute testimonial to what they are enduring.

Escape From Reality. We escape from realities by a thousand devices. We read exciting crime books, listen to startling air programs, go to endless movies, spend money recklessly—why not? The old world has disintegrated before our eyes, the old ways are gone; we live for the moment.

And in this new civilization, burdened as it is with high expenses, high taxation and the steady demands of less fortunate folk, who so pitifully need food and clothing, it seems to me that the time has come for Mother to do her share in supporting the household.

Not in every case, of course. Not where children are small. Obviously there are many families where Mother must remain the cornerstone. But there are others where her sharing of the load would mean an immense relief to Dad and actually might prolong or save his life. Too much responsibility has killed many a man. The frightening thought that he must be responsible for every dollar of rent, every pair of shoes and every gas, grocery and clothing bill that comes into the household, that somehow doctors' and dentists' bills must be wrung out of that inflexible salary of his has crushed the spirit of the husband and father—and he has been unable to face it.

When children get to the ages of 10 or 12, they are old enough to be of real household use. They are old enough to learn the value of money. They can be trained to do much that will make the household run smoothly and such training always will be valuable to them. We don't ask half enough of our children and the result is that a half-grown girl will stand apathetically while Mom dampens the laundry, puts away the groceries, brushes



... he must be responsible ...

Causes of Headaches. Headaches are caused mostly by an allergic reaction of the mucous membranes of the nose, according to a study of 1,000 cases reported in the 1948 Britannica Year Book. Other common causes, in the order of frequency, are inflammation of the muscles in the neck; mechanical nasal obstruction; inflammation of the sinuses and neuropsychiatric disorders. Headaches caused by muscle inflammations may continue long after the cause has been corrected.

Boy, 19, Grandma, 73, Wed on Same Day

MILFORD, N. H.—A 73-year-old grandmother and her 19-year-old grandson married their sweethearts in a double wedding ceremony.

Mrs. Lillian H. Brown, who has six children, 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, became the bride of Charles H. Colby, 73. Simultaneously, her grandson, Arthur A. Hendrickson Jr., a high school basketball and baseball star, married 16-year-old Ruth Clark, junior at Milford high school.

After the ceremony, Colby and his buxom bride shook hands with the village elders. Standing stiffly erect and holding his wife's hand gallantly, the contractor said: "Gents, I've found my love. She was worth waiting for."

Before leaving, Mrs. Colby gave this bit of advice: "The time to marry is when you're in love. If you're 73, that's all right. If you're 16, that's all right, too."

Star Dust

STAGE—SCREEN—RADIO

Released by WNU Features.

By INEZ GERHARD
THE popularity of "Portia Faces Life" is a strong argument for the intelligence of American women. Mona Kent, who writes the NBC daytime serial, starring Lucille Wall, knows that housewives' interests reach beyond their homes. If "Portia," a lawyer, tries a case in court, the procedure is shown. When her husband wrote for a movie company, we got an insight into the trials



LUCILLE WALL

and tribulations of a scenario writer. This is in sharp and welcome contrast to the belief of another top-notch writer of daytime serials, who claims that the women who listen to such programs don't care about anything outside their own experience.

Paul Stewart, back in the cast of CBS' "Crime Photographer," after working in RKO's "Weep No More" with Joseph Cotton, says he's through with "stubble acting." Stewart, who needs a shave throughout the picture, says, "With a close shave or a full beard you can play practically any part, but if the script calls for you to have a stubble, you're a gangster."

The long-awaited Marx Brothers picture, "Blondes Up," is before the cameras at last, for United Artists release. Betty Hutton's sister, Marion, makes her debut as one of the blondes. The other two are Ilona Massey and Vera Ellen.

John Agar, since making his film debut in "Fort Apache," spends at least two evenings a week reading and rehearsing scenes from Broadway plays. They're mostly love scenes, as wife Shirley Temple rehearses with him.

George Montgomery, who has been winding up his starring role in Edward Small's "Indian Scout" for United Artists, plans to take off for Europe soon, with Dinah Shore Montgomery. It will be his first European visit.

Irene Rich, who returned to the screen in "Fort Apache" and "Joan of Arc," had fun in New York recently, seeing herself as she was in the silent films. The picture she viewed was "Lucretia Lombard," made 26 years ago, starring her and featuring Norma Shearer and Monte Blue. Even now, with graying hair, Miss Rich is as beautiful as when she was a young and popular star.

Frank Sinatra and Romo Vincent have taken options on the old Fatty Arbuckle comedies and will re-film them independently with the 280-pound Vincent in the Arbuckle roles. They planned the venture when both were working on the MGM lot. Vincent's latest picture is "Luxury Liner," in which he is featured with George Brent, Jane Powell and Lauritz Melchior.

The little girl who won notice from the critics 14 years ago as "Asia" in "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" may win it again now that she is a grown-up, glamorous blonde in "My Dream Is Yours." She is Carmen Johnson.

Larry Robinson, "Brad" of "The Second Mrs. Burton," now has a head of flaming red hair—the result of a successful pre-Broadway road tour with "Life With Mother." He dyed his hair for the role of the eldest son.

Nicknames of states is the subject heading the list in question submitted to the CBS "Everybody Wins" quiz show. State flowers and mottos come next, with music questions third in popularity.

ODDS AND ENDS—"Look for the Silver Linings" is June Haver's ninth picture and also her ninth in Technicolor. She's never made a black and white one. . . . Alan Ladd got a kick out of watching his own funeral, the final scene in "The Great Gatsby." . . . Edward G. Robinson is finally going to be filmed after years of preparation. . . . On the strength of his performance in the Betty Davis film, "Winter Meeting," Jim Davis has been signed by Eagle-Lion for "Red Stallion in the Rockies." He has been working as a cement mixer these last months to get in trim.

Co-starring with Jane Wyman in "A Kiss in the Dark," David Niven had to stumble into an animal trap. He'd spent many months learning to avoid such things when in training as a commando in World War II.

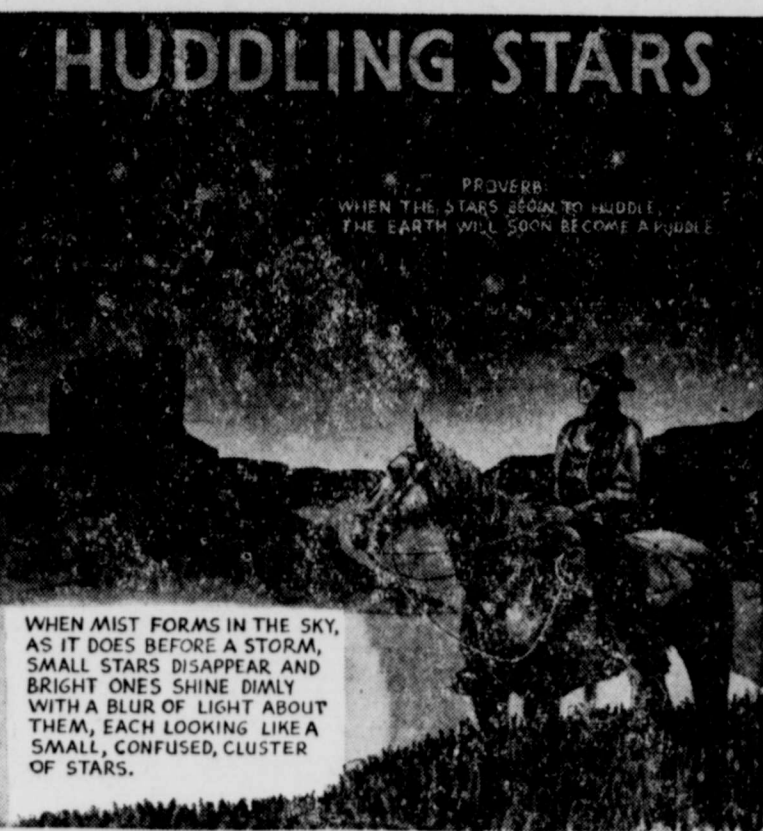
Plans for Rita Hayworth call for her to play a part-Cherokee girl in "Tulsa" in the days when oil was first discovered in Oklahoma, and then to star in "Anne of the Indies" as a fiery, red-haired pirate.

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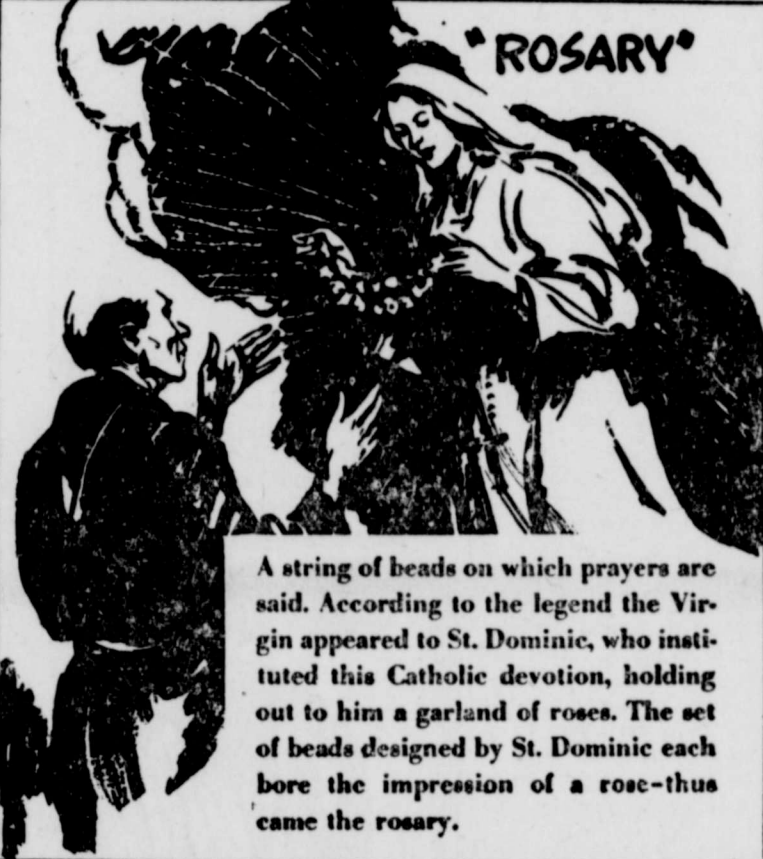
by Carl Starr



WHEN MIST FORMS IN THE SKY, AS IT DOES BEFORE A STORM, SMALL STARS DISAPPEAR AND BRIGHT ONES SHINE DIMLY WITH A BLUR OF LIGHT ABOUT THEM, EACH LOOKING LIKE A SMALL, CONFUSED, CLUSTER OF STARS.

WHY WE SAY

by STAN J. COLLINS & L. J. SLAWSON



A string of beads on which prayers are said. According to the legend the Virgin appeared to St. Dominic, who instituted this Catholic devotion, holding out to him a garland of roses. The set of beads designed by St. Dominic each bore the impression of a rose—thus came the rosary.

LOOKING AT RELIGION

By DON MOORE



GIL DODDS, A MINISTER FROM MEADOW MASS., SET THE WORLD RECORD FOR THE MILE RUN. TIME—4:05.3.



FIRST AID to the AILING HOUSE

by Roger C. Whitman

QUESTION: Our gas refrigerator has taken on a yellowish color. How can I restore it to its former whiteness?

ANSWER: Try washing the surface with mild soap and warm water. Rinse with a solution of javelle water, using about three teaspoonful in a quart of water, and wipe dry.

QUESTION: What should I do about curled shingles on my house?

ANSWER: Sometimes a curled shingle can be split in two or three pieces and then well nailed. If only a few of your shingles are curled, replace them with shingles of a better quality.

QUESTION: What can I do about hot water pipes that constantly cause the paint to peel off? I wish to repaint several rooms and would like this information.

ANSWER: You could use a radiator enamel, following the manufacturer's directions for application. But you should make some allowance for a slight darkening of the color under heat and choose a shade a little lighter than you otherwise would select. The pipes must be clean and cold for a good paint job and for thorough drying.

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The Big Town at Sunset:

Winchellbites: James Farley studying five shiny new FDR dimes that a waitress innocently handed him in making change on a railroad diner. . . . Morton Downey, whose real first name is Sean. . . . John Payne (of the Magic Lanterns) supping in the Cub room. Leading men don't seem natural without a lady in the scene. . . . Henry Fonda dodging clowtographers congesting the "Mr. Roberts" stage door by making a clean getaway via the front entrance.

The Wild West is gone! Bingham Canyon (Utah) recently became the last town in the Far West to pass a law making it sinful to tote a gat without it being registered.

Times Square Ticker: Marion Davies' former beach mansion at Santa Monica now is run by Joe Brown, owner of swanky Bel Air (Beverly Hills), as an exclusive beach rendezvous. The rates are merely \$70 a day. Filled to capacity, however. . . . The revived George M. Cohan's "45 Minutes to Broadway" will introduce several Cohan lites the family found in old trunks. . . . From Elsa's column: "I lunched at the house of common in London. I love lurching there. It's become sort of a habit." Yes, dear, and blimey his hit isn't beginnin' to show!

Midtown Vignette: They assure you it happened the other day. . . . The personnel manager of a large advertising firm was interrupted by an office boy who asked if he could have the following day off—so he could attend a meeting. . . . "What kind of meeting?" snarled the office mgr. "A union meeting." . . . "No," said the office boy, "a meeting of the General Motors board of directors. I'm one of the larger stockholders!" . . . The agency is Federal Advertising, and the office boy-stockholder is named William Dayton Holmes.

Broadway Piffle: One of the B-way 10 per centers is making a fortune booking nothing but professional "amateur" shows. . . . Gi-Gi Durston (the Stork club canary) says when they bill you as a "Society Singer" people think it means you can't sing. . . . The lovely thing at Strophachase (who tests all the daredevil riders) is Daphne Dunbar, a Barbizon cover gal. Does it on the side for the thrill of it—makes plenty modeling. . . . Passersby do double-takes at the sign in a used-car window near 54th and B-way. One imported (Italian) convertible has a price tag on it reading: \$9,500.

The newest midtown phone exchange is L'Uxembourg 2. (Ran out of American names, no doubt.)

Uta, the Phoenix (Ariz.) C. of C. is trying to get the city fathers to ban cowboys from walking through hotels and other public buildings with their spurs on.

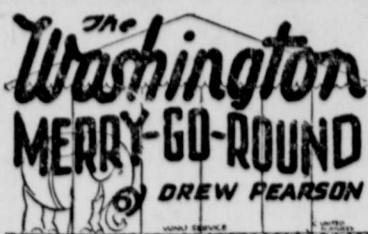
The Cinemagicians: A haymaker among hard-hitting mellers, "Canon City" explodes a shot-by-shot replica of the famed Colorado jailbreak. Its breakneck pace keeps the excitement wings. . . . Another thrilladrama is "Raw Deal." This is a tip-top tingler showing T-men in action that suits the spine to a T. . . . "I, Jane Doe" offers some familiar murder mystery angles, but Ruth Hussey's curves are far more arresting. . . . "The Argyle Secrets" unravels a plot that's easier to see through—than see. . . . He bumbled into one of those dulluloids that won't set any box offices on fire.

Side-Show: Florence, the neustand impresario (at Madison and 53rd), giving free papers to the first 100 patrons to celebrate her birthday. . . . Relics from the Collyer mansion in Harlem incongruously displayed near the atom bomb souvenirs of Hiroshima—At Hubert's museum flea circus. . . . Mrs. Dewey's charming manner of not answering reporters' questions in the neutrals.

Editorial: Robert Best, convicted of treason against the United States and sentenced to life, has obtained a stay of sentence. . . . 250,000 honorable American boys got death on the beaches of Normandy, Okinawa and Iwo Jima. . . . Best told the American soldiers (fighting in the field) that they were wrong and Hitler was right. . . . He bumbled meant it was physically safer to be a traitor behind a Nazi microphone than in an American uniform supporting the flag. . . . Best declared (when sentenced) he wouldn't change places with anyone. . . . On behalf of 250,000 gold stars this is to tell traitor Best that a short trip from Main Street to Arlington is better than the long and dirty road from Nuremberg to Alcatraz.

It looks like Eisenhower would rather be remembered as a man who did so much to make America safe for democracy—not one who made Washington safe for the Democrats.

Quotation Marksmanship: R. Brennan: Beauty ran wild around her curves. . . . V. Hugo: Paradise is a place where parents are always young and the children always little. . . . Anon: A sense of humor is what makes you laugh at something that would make you mad if it happened to you. . . . Will Rogers: When you see a married couple coming down the street, the one who is two or three steps ahead is the one that's mad. . . . Tom Meany: He fight like a guy who is defending his wallet.



The Picture Changes

UNCENSORED DISPATCHES from behind the iron curtain have increased the fear that Russia may be ready for war now.

Hitherto diplomats felt certain that the Soviet did not want war for at least two or three years—until she could develop the A-bomb. But here are some developments which have taken place behind the iron curtain.

1. The Communist-controlled Czech government has received orders from Moscow to empty a large number of army barracks in western Czechoslovakia in preparation for the early arrival of large Russian troop concentrations. It's important to remember that Czechoslovakia is adjacent to the American zone of Germany. If this report is accurate, the Red army is moving up units to face U. S. troops in the American zone.

2. Thousands of bilingual signposts erected all the way from the Soviet border to the German border for use of Red army divisions. Word that these signposts are being set up has leaked out through the Czech underground. They all point in the direction of Berlin and Paris.

3. Russia has occupied 15 new air bases in eastern Germany west of the Soviet border. Some of these air bases are staffed with the Russian version of the B-29, copied from B-29s forced down in Siberia during the war.

4. Russia has quietly summoned some of the most trusted diplomats in its foreign service, leaving relative second-stringers in charge of its embassies.

5. Word has gone out from Moscow for the immediate purge of all dissident and weak elements in the Communist party throughout Europe. This means any Communist who doesn't toe the Moscow line unflinchingly is to be ousted. This order reportedly has the blessing of Premier Stalin. It is interpreted to mean that the Kremlin is gearing for a final showdown.

Reason for Worry

It has been two years since congress, after hot and hectic debates in the month of July, 1946, voted to sabotage price controls.

Here are the official figures showing the difference between controlled prices and uncontrolled prices since the end of OPA:

PRICE OF MEAT—upped 191 per cent since May 15, 1946.

RENTS — which remain under controls, increased only 7.6 per cent.

GAS AND ELECTRICITY—regulated by state and municipal commissions, have increased only 2 per cent.

GENERAL FOOD PRICES—have gone up 214.1 per cent over the 1935-39 average.

A Dramatic Touch

President Truman got some interesting suggestions on the Berlin crisis the other day from James Patton, rugged boss of the National Farmers union, who urged him to "Do something dramatic."

"If I were president," blurted the Rocky mountain farmer, "I would call Premier Stalin on the phone, tell him we had a bad situation on our hands and say I wanted to meet him in Berlin to talk it over."

"Jim," the President smiled, "I can't be dramatic, I'm not the dramatic type."

But he assured the farm leader that "ways can be worked out" to settle the explosive Berlin question without war.

Patton had one more question on the international situation.

"How close," he asked solemnly, "are we to war?"

The newspapers, Mr. Truman replied, have overplayed the Berlin tension. The Russians, he was convinced, do not want war.

"And we certainly don't want war," added the President. Patton also told the President that, while congress had passed farm price supports, it was only the beginning of a long-range farm program. Farmers need other measures, such as soil conservation, rural electricity and aid to rural schools, he said.

U.N. Air Bases

Pentagon planners are dusting off a secret plan for a network of United Nations bases around the world in order to enforce the peace. About 50 strategic bases would be turned over to an international security force, according to the plan, which was first submitted by the air corps in 1942.

Military strategists argue that the United Nations must demonstrate that it means business—if it intends to stay in business. If a majority of nations jointly operated these bases, even a big nation like Russia would hesitate to attack.

Capital Chaff

Secretary of State Marshall has spent part of three straight weeks in Walter Reed hospital. He would like to resign—except for his loyalty to the Democratic Party. Although the Democratic and Republican conventions are over, General MacArthur shows no sign of returning to Washington for a visit. . . . Keep an eye on dynamic young Lyle B. Martin of Olathe, Kan., now challenging diehard Congressman Errett Scrivner in the Kansas Republican primaries.



The Home Town Reporter

WALTER SHEED, WNU Correspondent

Calling the Cards

Apologists for the 80th congress, including Herbert Brownell Jr., Governor Dewey's campaign manager, are attempting to sneak behind a tree by saying the Republican leadership of this congress, in special session or otherwise, is in no way bound by the pledges of the Republican platform adopted at Philadelphia a few short weeks ago.

This 1948 Republican platform, they say, was adopted for the 81st congress, not the 80th, and therefore the GOP leadership is not bound by its pledges. All of which, of course, is a vague evasive technicality, since leadership in the 81st congress will be virtually the same as the 80th congress unless there is a Democratic landslide come November.

Senator Taft, senate majority leader; Senator Wherry, senate whip; Speaker Joe Martin in the house; Majority Leader Charlie Halleck and Congressman Knutson, Taber and Allen—all will be in their places in the 81st congress.

So if they are not morally bound by the 1948 platform pledges four weeks after the platform was adopted, there is certainly no reason to believe they will be bound by these same pledges six months from now.

Charges by the GOP leadership that the call for the special session is "pure politics" on the part of President Truman and the attempts to evade the issues on needed legislation are, in the opinion of the reporter, slightly ridiculous when it is remembered that prior to adjournment both Senator Taft and Speaker Martin spoke of the possibility of reconvening congress to "finish their job" after the conventions were over.

Fallacy in Motive

Gov. J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina is one of the more progressive southern governors and one of the outstanding heroes of World War II and his selection as a presidential candidate against President Truman likely was the best selection that could have been made out of the South. But he comes from a state where only recently a federal judge said from the bench:

"It is a disgrace and a shame when you have to come into court and ask a judge to tell you you are an American."

The statement was made in connection with a court order to the Democratic party in South Carolina to keep its books open for the registration of all voters including Negroes.

The fallacy of the attitude of the southern politicians, in the opinion of this reporter, is that they are using states' rights, against which there is no quarrel, to perpetuate human wrongs.

Odds Against Him

On the surface President Truman seems to have insurmountable odds to overcome in his bid for his first full term. He has Governor Dewey and the GOP in opposition. He has Henry Wallace and the third party. But the Fortune poll indicates that the third party will draw equally from the Republican and Democratic parties.

Now he has Governor Thurmond and his rebel southerners against him. But southern Democrats in house and senate have not been helpful to the Truman program. As a matter of fact they helped the Republicans override Mr. Truman's vetoes and some of them voted with the Democratic minority. So the President stands to lose nothing there.

As we have pointed out in this column before, in the last half-century, except in 1916, when the Democratic party was elected, an election its electoral vote has been big enough to win without the Solid South. And when the Republicans have won, defection of the South would have made no difference.

On top of this, if the southern revolt holds out to election day it will be the first time Democrats in the South have had a choice between two candidates, and this reporter is not at all sure but that President Truman will capture a majority of these southern states despite the rebellious leaders.

Effective Control

Just by way of contrast, Canada has a peace-time price control law and an effective rent control law. So Canadian housewives pay only around 53 cents a pound for sirloin steak, 14 cents a quart for milk, 70 cents a pound for butter and 29 cents a pound for hamburger, or about 25 per cent less than American housewives pay.

Canada has a gradual and planned policy of price adjustment and decontrol.

Aids Small Business

It is good news to small business in the home towns of the country to learn that the Committee for Economic Development is to be continued as a going concern under the leadership of W. Walter Williams of Seattle. When Paul Hoffman resigned chairmanship of the committee to accept administration of the Economic Cooperation administration there was some fear that CED might suffer. But the trustees voted to continue it.

Who Pays WHO?

It was simply a matter of WHO deciding who was to pay the bills. WHO, in this case, was the World Health organization, and the bill, as was to be expected, went to the United States.

The health group ended its first annual assembly in Geneva, Switzerland, after agreeing to have the U. S. foot 40 per cent of its bills. The U. S. delegation tried to cut its contribution to 25 per cent.

Congress Fights Truman Proposals; High Crop Goals Set, Wheat Cut; Atomic Tests Assure New Power

By Bill Schoentgen, WNU Staff Writer

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

CONGRESS:

Feudin' and Fightin'

Bitter recriminations resounded as the fight between President Truman and the GOP-controlled congress moved into a new round with convening of the extra session of the 80th congress.

In a dynamite-laden atmosphere, the President appeared before a joint session of the congress which he had labeled "one of the worst in history" to demand a sweeping anti-inflation economic program. The reception for both the President and his program was cool as Republicans launched their wrecking-crew tactics.

Defiant GOP leaders charged Mr. Truman with playing politics and prepared to play politics of their own. The net result, it appeared, would be a short special session.

Initial step in the GOP's program of obstruction was a decision that the extra session should consider only those recommendations made by Mr. Truman which could "pass a test." This test, established by the majority conference, set the qualifications for congressional action as follows:

Proposed legislation must be emergency in character.

It must contain a problem of national importance.

It must be a program which can be processed properly within the time available to an emergency session.

This available time for processing would be no longer than a period of congress which would not "interfere with the proper conduct" of the autumn campaigns.

No appropriation bills were to be considered, nor would any consideration be given to confirmation of nominations which might be sent to the senate by the President.

Over all hung the threat of a Dixie Democrats' filibuster against the anti-poll tax bill, which would widen the rift between Mr. Truman and the southern wing of his party.

There were no surprises in the President's recommended legislative package. He proposed a re-imposition of the excess profits tax, limited restoration of price controls, even more limited wage controls and enactment of the Taft-Elliender-Wagner housing bill.

WHEAT:

Goal Cut

As clogged elevators and enforced embargoes once again mark the nation's harvest of another bumper wheat crop, the department of agriculture recommends a cut of 8 per cent in wheat acreage in its preliminary recommendations for the 1949 crop year.

Although continued high production of other major grain commodities is recommended, a slight decrease is suggested for wheat acreage, which has increased sharply in recent years in response to war and relief needs.

Looking forward in a move to conserve the country's soil resources, the department points out that "a better balance between soil-conserving and soil-depleting crops will actually assure higher productivity over a longer period of years."

Farmers also are urged to provide for the future by planting fallow in marginal areas, to plant grass seed on land which is not suitable for sustained production of crops.

Also considered in arriving at the wheat goal were this year's increased carry-over, prospects that the 1948 crop will be second largest in history and possibility of small-acreage because of improved crops in importing countries.

The department recommended wheat plantings for 1949 of 71.5 million acres which, with an average yield of 15 bushels an acre, would mean production of nearly 1.1 billion bushels. July estimate of 1948 wheat production was 1,241,751,000 bushels.

In setting another farm goal, the department suggests a beef cattle breeding herd of 15.5 million cows next January 1, a decrease of about 500,000 head. Better management, improved feeding practices and thorough culling, it was suggested, will "put the cattle industry in better position to supply the meat requirements of the increased population."

The recommendations are submitted to state agricultural councils for consideration. State goals and final national goals are determined on the basis of state review and recommendations.

PRECARIOUS PERCH

Americans Seek Economic Security

Increasingly aware of the need for economic security for themselves and their families, Americans will expend approximately 15 billion dollars for that purpose in 1948, the Research Council for Economic Security estimates. The estimate covers payments made under private or government organized plans to meet insurance arising from death, old age, accident, sickness, disability, unemployment and other conditions.

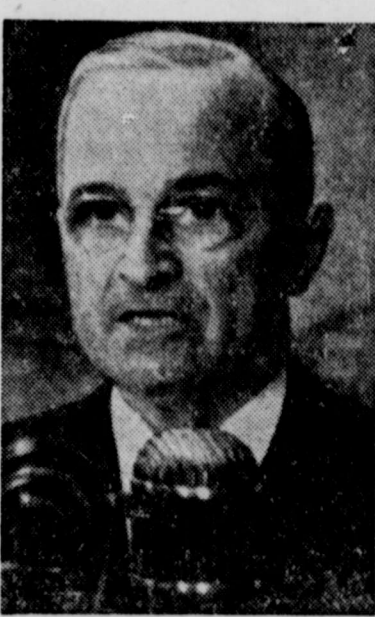
Northeastern, midwestern, and Pacific coast states have the largest measure of protection, both in total amounts and in per capita payments, the study discloses.

Payments under voluntary plans ranked higher than those under government plans.

Estimated expenditure of 15 billion dollars this year marks a continuation of an upward trend which has been noticeable for several years, the council points out. The figure compares with a total outlay of 12 billion dollars for economic security in 1945.

Of the 1945 total approximately half was earmarked for voluntary savings plans. Since that year savings plans have increased both their scope and coverage.

Hands in Pockets



Face to face with the congress he had labeled "worst, save one," in history, President Truman was greeted by one of the coolest congressional receptions ever accorded a chief executive when he appeared before the special session. Only polite applause came occasionally from the galleries and from administration followers; Republicans kept their hands in their pockets.

A-BOMBS:

New Force

The veil of secrecy which has shrouded most of the post-war atomic energy experiments was lifted, a tiny bit at least, for the American public in the fourth semi-annual report of the atomic energy commission and an accompanying statement by President Truman.

Justifying the secrecy, the President contended that until controls are established on the international level to prevent use of atomic energy for military purposes "we cannot, as a nation, afford to disclose these secrets which make this new force the most deadly form of military weapon."

With that statement, the American people, anxiously eyeing war clouds on the horizon, are inclined to agree.

Some measure of reassurance was contained in both reports, stressing the fact that the nation has gained new power in atomic weapons. Both disclosed that the secret tests of new type bombs at the proving grounds on Eniwetok island early this year were highly successful.

The commission's report, the fourth semi-annual summary to congress as provided by law, indicated there were three bombs used at Eniwetok in the spring project known as "Operation Sandstone." Principal study was "on the generation of nuclear explosion itself" rather than "on the effects of the nuclear explosion," as was the case in the earlier Bikini tests.

The report stressed developments of atomic energy research in medicine, agriculture, metallurgy, other sciences and industry. Radioactive materials have been given 229 institutions and commercial agencies for experimentation.

LIVING COSTS:

Hit Peak

They changed the name—from cost of living index to consumers price index—but they still can't change the trend—upward and ever upward.

In fact, the index struck an all-time high on June 15, with food prices reaching record-shattered levels, the bureau of labor statistics reports.

The index, which represents retail prices of goods and services bought by moderate income families in large cities, registered 171.7 per cent of the 1935-39 average.

Further increases are inevitable, too, for wholesale prices hit an all-time high during the week ended July 17 and it takes about a month for their impact to be recorded in retail prices.

The new consumers price index is 9.3 per cent higher than a year ago; 28.8 per cent above June, 1946, when price controls generally were abandoned, and 74.1 per cent above the August, 1939, level. On V-J Day in 1945 the same index was 129.3 per cent of the 1935-39 average.

Headliners

IN ANNAPOLIS. . . An 18-year-old plebe at the U.S. naval academy shouldered a heavy burden when he took his oath. The plebe is John Paul Jones of Piqua, Ohio, no descendant of his famous namesake.

IN FORT WAYNE. . . Joseph Neal, 48, survived by a nose when he was buried for 20 minutes in a collapse of a sewer trench. A fellow worker tore away some of the dirt to expose the tip of Neal's nose. Later, firemen and police dug the rest of him out.

IN SALLISAW, OKLA. . . E. W. Floyd, 40-year-old grocery clerk and brother of the onetime Public Enemy No. 1, Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, was elected sheriff in a bitterly-fought contest.

IN CHARLESTOWN. . . Farmer Eben Trussell drove his new car home, parked it in the barn lot. There a bull calf saw his reflection in the windshield, took a running leap, crashed through the glass and bounced back on the hood. A veterinarian stitched the bull together and a mechanic did the same for the car.

No Limousines Available

Farm families are getting smaller, everyone admits, but H. C. Filley, chairman of the University of Nebraska rural economics department, advances a new reason for the trend.

Automobiles enter the picture, the economist says, explaining that "a father may limit the size of his family to the number that will fit into his car." He admits that economic factors also play a major role.

DRAFTEES:

Old Pals

In an endeavor to make the upcoming draftee as happy as a khaki-colored lark, the army is removing its "petty annoyances" as it completes plans to process men inducted under the first peacetime draft in history.

On orders of Gen. Omar Bradley, chief of staff, to remove "the petty annoyances" that sent many World War II veterans away hating the army, training officers prepared to greet the recruit like an old friend of the family.

Only the finest officers and non-coms will handle the draftee, training officers promised. The recruit will even be given a \$5 advance on his \$75 a month pay the first day in camp so he won't be broke. He won't even have to wait to "tell it to the chaplain," as he'll be taken to the chaplain during his orientation days and urged "to let his hair down."

All of this will take place at eight major training centers which have been set up to receive the draftees and give them their basic training. They are Fort Knox and Camp Breckenridge, Ky.; Fort Riley, Kan.; Camp Chaffee, Ark.; Camp Pickett, Va.; Fort Ord, Calif.; Fort Jackson, S. C., and Fort Dix, N. J.

The standard 13-week army training course has been condensed into eight "tough" weeks. Later draftees will be selected for specialist training or sent directly to duty. About half of the draftees will see overseas duty, probably in Korea, Japan, Germany, Alaska, the Canal Zone, Hawaii or Caribbean defense area.

It Might Have Been

Many a show has clicked despite bad preview notices and many an entertainment that was called sure fire on the road flopped in the ultimate test. The one big advantage the Dewey-Warren production has is that no show ever has run 16 years without boring the cash customers.



This department doesn't think the Democrats could win this time if they added the original cast of "Harvey," gave away free dishes and admitted women and children free. But there's no business as uncertain as show business except election business, and you never can tell.

Harry Truman emerged from the Democratic convention as the most dignified, gamest and most appealing figure, thanks to the quaint conduct of the opposition. He won sympathy just as a theater straw wins it when the rest of the cast tries to give him the works and even the stagehands drop sand bags from the flies. You can't dislike him any more than you could dislike Denham Thompson in "The Old Homestead."

He was called on four years ago to step into a leading part played to the hilt for 12 years by one of the greatest maimed idols, all around showmen and top scene-stealers of all time. Could Citation have succeeded the leading man in "Three Men on a Horse?" We ask you!

GERMANY:

Explosive

Germany remained an explosive issue in the strife-torn international picture.

As the titanic East-West struggle for Berlin continues, reports were current that four-power talks would be resumed in an attempt to settle the crisis there as well as to scan the entire European situation. The rumors circulated after top diplomats of the U. S., Britain and France were closed in a series of conferences.

In the biggest air lift in history, U. S. and British planes continued to transport food and fuel to the beleaguered city. The big planes averaged 4,500 tons of essential goods daily in their effort to break the Russian blockade.

Violence broke out in the Russian sector of the capital city as thousands of Germans jammed banks to exchange their money for new Soviet-sponsored currency.

Although she looks like a prim schoolmarm, Berlin's woman mayor, Socialist Louise Schroeder, courageously defied Russia's order to dismiss the anti-Communist deputy police chief.

THE CANDIDATE

His hat's in the ring; His skimmer he's shed. And what will he get? Just a cold in the head.

A New Jersey judge and bank vice president has been arrested charged with stealing \$637,000 from the bank and throwing it into absorption by a stronger institution. He says it was nothing for him to lose \$6,000 a week on the horses. We assume his hunch horses include Frick, Check, Going Away, Me Always, The Pincher, Speedy Bozo, Fashion Plate and Easy Go. Obviously he was one of those bankers who worked like a horse.

Vanishing Americanisms

"The Democrats can't lose."

"Here's five cents; go buy yourself an ice-cream cone."

"It's hard to get anybody to put money into a line-up musical."

"I think I've been eating too much meat."

Eddie Arcaro shot a 64 on a golf course the other day. He certainly can give a golf ball a ride.

Shudda Haddim, reading about that statue of Crazy Horse to be carved on a South Dakota mountain, says he can't see why they don't carve one of Crazy Horseplayer on all the hills of America.

Seven million dollars worth of Irish sweepstakes tickets were smuggled into New York aboard a liner the other day. We understand the Irish sweepstakes people's comment was "We should not have taken chances."

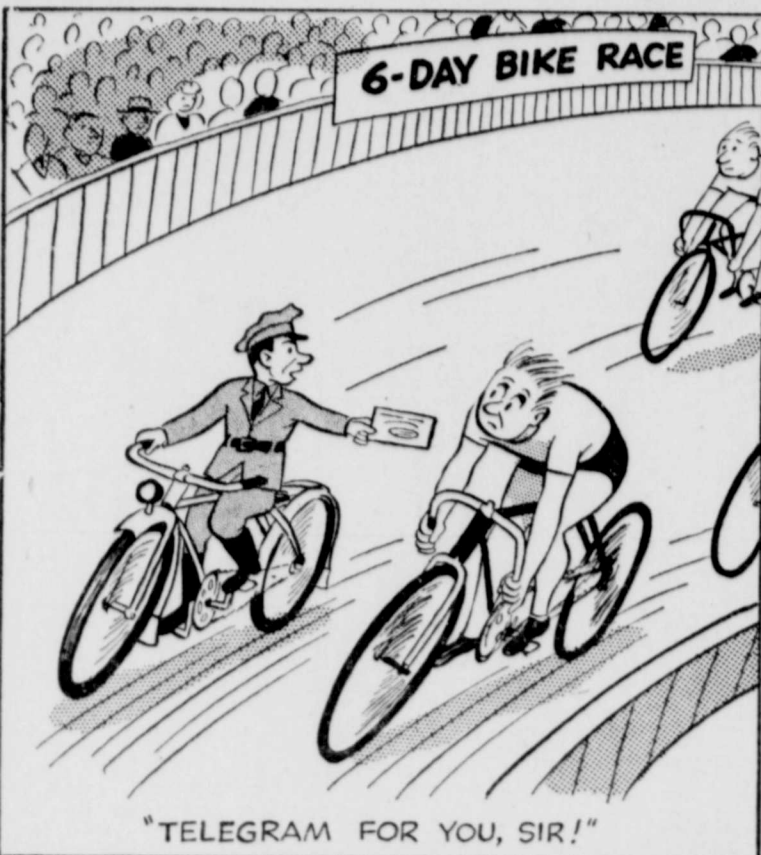


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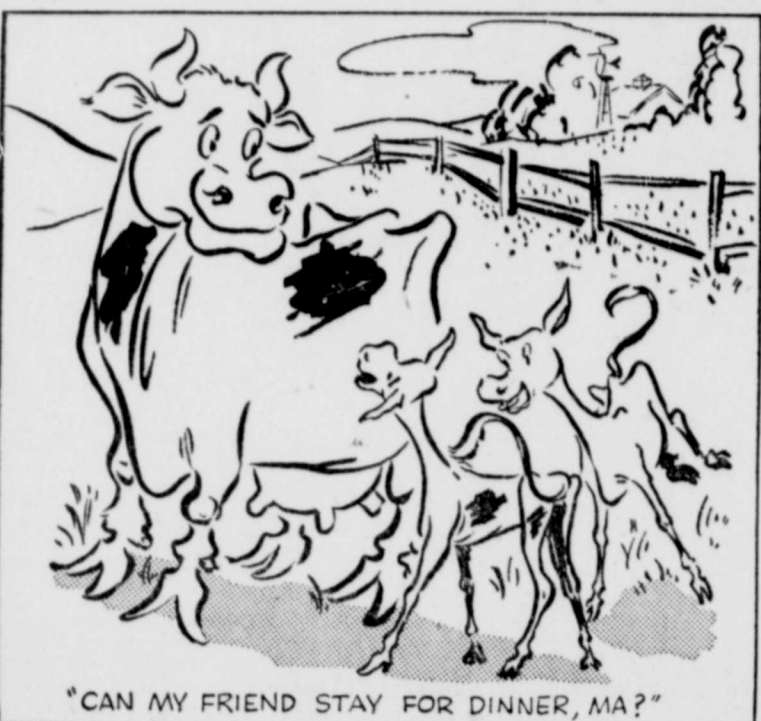
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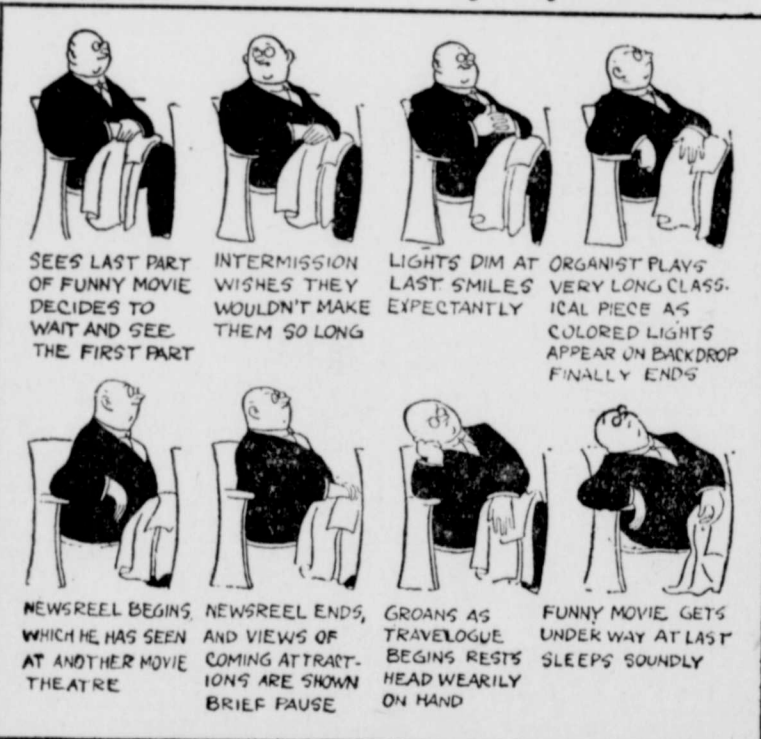
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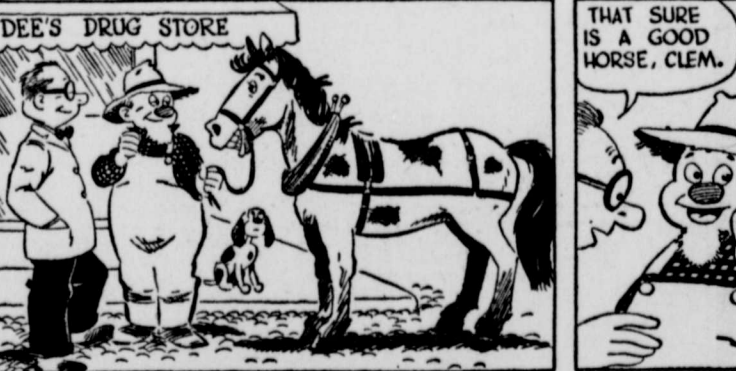
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Sisters Meet For First Time

A London airport was the scene of the meeting of two sisters who had never seen each other before, although both were over thirty years old. When Miss June Morgan, 31, stepped down from the plane arriving from the United States she was greeted by her sister Violet, 34, now Mrs. Clifford Evans of Reading, England, who had been left in Great Britain as a child when her parents went to America, where June was born three years later. Each sister had photographs of the other and they had no difficulty in recognizing each other at the crowded airport.

AROUND THE HOUSE

To keep sandwiches fresh, wrap them in waxed paper; but before you fold the paper over, run a warm iron along the double edges. The wax will melt and the edges will fuse.

To scrape the bottom of a pot, use a wooden spoon or the sharp end of a wooden clothespin. This minimizes noise as well as damage to the pot.

Be sure the cloth or potholder you use to handle hot pots and pans is dry. If it's wet, the moisture will form steam and burn your hands.

If your scouring powder comes in cardboard containers which go to pieces before the powder is used, make your own permanent container by using an empty mayonnaise jar in the top of which you have punched holes. To keep this glass "powder shaker" from slipping out of your wet soapy hands, put some strips of adhesive tape around the sides of the jar.

Most common types of shoe polish can be removed with cleaning fluid. Or, on washable whites, let the polish dry and then brush most of it off. After that, wet it and let it dry again so you can brush it again.

In an emergency, when you haven't time to change from your best shoes to your house ones for some last-minute cooking or dish washing, protect the shoes by slipping paper bags over your feet and secure them at the ankles with rubber bands.

To avoid steaming up the bathroom when you draw your bath, run cold water first and then add hot water to it until you get the desired mixture. After a shower, turn on the cold water for a few minutes to clear up the steam.

When you empty a hot-water bottle, blow air into it and then screw the stopper in.

When raisins get stale and hard, they can be freshened and used if you put them in a strainer and set the strainer with a cover on it over a pot of boiling water for about 15 minutes.

The gummy residue left by adhesive tape on your skin or on any other surface is easily removed with nail polish remover or cleaning fluid.

When an uncolored photograph (not glossy) needs cleaning, wipe it with a damp cloth; then place it face down on a smooth dry cloth until it's dry.

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A General Quiz

THE QUESTIONS

1. How did the ancient Romans spend their leisure time?
2. How long is the Grand Canyon of Colorado?
3. Through which country of South America does the equator run?
4. How large is a person's heart?
5. Do trout migrate?
6. Is a wolverine a small wolf?

THE ANSWERS

1. By snapping their fingers and waving the flaps of their togas.
2. 260 miles long.
3. Colombia.
4. The average human heart is five inches long, three and one-half inches wide, two and one-half inches thick, and weighs about eleven ounces.
5. Yes, but not extensively.
6. No, the wolverine is a big weasel.



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THE FICTION CORNER

AND AN ELEPHANT

By WILLIAM CUTHBERT

U. H. UH, Daddy could see it coming again! He had just settled down to read the evening paper when Barbara climbed on one knee and George Henry took possession of the other.

He let the newspaper drop to the floor. He couldn't read with a pair of heads in front of his eyes.

"How old am I, Daddy?" Barbara asked.

This was better than Daddy had hoped for. He was expecting something else. "You'll be three next month," he told her.

He thought that if he used a little child psychology he could keep the children's thoughts on their ages and birthday parties, instead of having them think of that other thing. "You're five, George Henry," he said, "you'll soon be going to school."

George Henry said bluntly, "tell us a story."

Here it was, that other thing that he could see coming. "Not now," Daddy groaned, "I don't feel like telling a story."

"The three bears, heh, George Henry?" Barbara chimed in.

They settled back expectantly in Daddy's arms. Their flannel pajamas were soft and warm as his arms embraced them.

"Once upon a time there was three bears," Barbara prompted.

What could Daddy do? He shrugged his shoulders helplessly. "The three bears lived in a cabin at the edge of a woods."

"No Goldilocks," George Henry said, "tell us about the three bears and an elephant."

"An elephant?" Daddy didn't feel like plotting a new story. "It will have to be Goldilocks," he said.

Barbara clapped her little chubby hands. "Goody," she cried, "what does the elephant do in the story, Daddy?"

"But I don't know any elephant story."

"Remember the one you read out of the book that you wrote?" This was George Henry trying to refresh his Daddy's memory.

Daddy tried to think over the juvenile stories that he had written and had had published. He couldn't place an elephant story that had anything to do with three bears.

"No Daddy, it wasn't in the book," George Henry suddenly remembered, "you just told it to us."

The easiest thing to do, Daddy decided, was to make up a story, then rush the children off to bed.

"During the day," he continued, "the sun shone bright on the cabin and kept the three bears warm."

"What was the bears' names?" Barbara wanted to know.

There could be no question about the names. Whether it was bears, pigs, ducks or rabbits, the names had to be the same.

"One bear's name was Barbara, another George Henry, and the third, Sally."

Sally was the children's eight-year-old sister. She had just started to take violin lessons, and Daddy could hear her in her bedroom trying to squeak some notes out of the G string.

"As I was saying, the bears were kept warm by the daytime by the hot sun. But at night when the sun went to sleep, it got very cold, and the bears had to keep a fire in the hearth of the open fire place."

The telephone bell rang, and at the children's mother came from the kitchen to answer it. Daddy remained silent. This was a rule in the home. No one talked while someone else was speaking on the telephone.

"The poor bears," Barbara mumbled.

George Henry sat up straight, all sleep disappearing from his bright blue eyes. "Did the elephant chase them, Daddy?" he asked.

Daddy sighed deeply and said sternly, "Will you two settle down and allow me to tell the story?"

Meekly, George Henry settled back in Daddy's arm.

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The children hugged against Daddy. He thought they might go to sleep.

Their mother talked for several minutes. Daddy gathered from the things she said that she was giving Mrs. Piper, a neighbor who lived up the street, a recipe for cheese pie.

When his wife went back to the kitchen, Daddy looked at the children. Their eyes were closed. Ah, no more story telling tonight, he thought.

George Henry opened sleepy eyes. "So the three bears had to keep a fire at night?"

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bled. She looked like she might cry.

"The next day," Daddy said hurriedly, "the bears decided that they just had to have wood, so they went back among the trees. After they made sure that no other animal was in sight, Sally bear picked up the axe and began to chop—chop—chop."

"Please Daddy, tell us about the elephant," George Henry held his hand against his mouth to hold back a yawn.

"But before long, the thumping noise again rang out in the woods. Thump—thump—thump. The bears were too frightened to run this time, and suddenly a big animal stuck its head and long trunk between two trees and glanced bewildered at the three shivering bears."

Barbara clapped her hands. "The elephant!" she cried.

Let it be a good elephant, heh Daddy?" George Henry said.

"All right, it was a good elephant, and it asked the bears why they were frightened? None of the

bears dared to speak, so the elephant looked around and saw that they had been chopping at the tree."

"So the elephant chopped the tree down for them," George Henry volunteered.

Daddy smiled. This would be better than bringing in a lot of complications and would get the children to bed in a hurry.

"Yes, the elephant took the axe in his trunk and chopped the tree into small pieces. The bears then saw that the elephant was a friend, so each gathered an arm load of wood, while the elephant took a big load in his trunk, and they all went back to the cabin."

"Is that all, Daddy?" Barbara wanted to know.

"Not quite. The elephant was so big that it couldn't go through the door of the cabin, and when night came, it had to stay out in the cold, while the bears kept warm near the fire."

GEORGE HENRY could hardly keep his eyes open but he said, "Let the good elephant go inside near the fire, Daddy."

Daddy thought for a moment. How could he get the elephant inside? Suddenly he knew how. "The following morning the bears were so sorry for the elephant that they got out all their carpenter tools and busily went to work."

"Did they build another cabin?" Barbara asked this although Daddy thought she was asleep.

"No, they just made a bigger doorway—and the three bears and the elephant lived happily together ever after."

Barbara and George Henry slept peacefully as Daddy carried them upstairs and put them in their beds.

That day, Daddy went downstairs, picked up the newspaper and settled back in his chair. But he didn't read the newspaper. It dropped to the floor as he closed his eyes and went to sleep.

New Insecticides to Save Considerable Grain Damage

A new and safe insecticide material, which itself can save more grain from damage by insects than that needed for the relief of Europe, now is in production, and insecticides made from it are being made available to the consumer in quantity, says Glenn Haskell, president of U. S. Industrial Chemicals.

The new insecticide, which can be used with complete freedom where food is handled, is known as pyrene. After three years of exhaustive tests, it has been found effective against a broad range of insect life.

The new insecticide is versatile in its application, and can be used in oil sprays, aerosols, emulsions, dusts or wettable powders. Its non-toxic nature makes it safe for use under any circumstances, Haskell says.

It can be sprayed on the interiors of grain bins where insects have been taking an annual toll of 300 million bushels of grain in the United States alone, or three times the 100 million bushels needed for the relief of Europe. It can be used safely on growing foods, feeds of animals or anywhere that food is processed or prepared for human consumption. It has complete safety in household or garden use, and can be used directly on animals, without damaging effect to animals or to meat and dairy products.

This resinous lactic acid, combined with oils, metals or various substances, gives products that, when coated on metals and baked, are highly resistant to water, steam and acids, and they are sufficiently resistant to alkalis that the coated surfaces may be washed with hot solutions of soap or other common detergents.

The enzymes containing an oil and the lactic acid have proved the most durable. Four patents have been issued and others are pending on these processes.



These Foods Make a Picnic (See recipes below)

Picnic Foods

WE ALL AGREE that picnics are fun, but how's the food holding out, now that you've already had some picnics during the summer? Is the variety still there to tempt jaded appetites or are you ready for some quick and easy ideas full of inspiration?

You'll want to keep anything edible simple and easy to prepare as well as easy to carry because it's no fun to get worn out in the process of packing, and there is also nothing worse than arriving with soggy sandwiches as well as bruised fruit or muddled cake.

Everyone will feel better at picnics if you plan well balanced meals, so have your share of starches, vitamins and minerals.

Sandwiches are a standby, but they can have infinite variety. Add some crisp vegetables to the filling when you can, thus making the texture interesting and more delicious.

Plan to use fruit in season, carefully washed and wrapped, of course, so you can enjoy eating it. Cakes should be simple, and are best made in square or oblong pans, tucked in a box and cut when served. No chance for messing when it's done this way!

HERE ARE SOME delightful fillings for sandwiches which I know will be a hit with the folks. Chill the fillings, and they won't soak through the bread.

***Savory Ham-Vegetable Filling (Makes 8 sandwiches)**

16 slices bread
1 cup softened butter
1 cup deviled ham
1 cup grated raw carrot
1 cup chopped green pepper
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup mayonnaise

Spread sliced bread and butter. On eight slices spread deviled ham. Combine green pepper, carrot, salt and mayonnaise. Spread carrot mixture on ham and place buttered slices of bread on top. Cut as desired and wrap well.

***Egg Salad Sandwiches (Makes 8)**

4 chopped hard-cooked eggs
1 cup minced celery
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup minced stuffed olives
1/2 cup mayonnaise

Mix all ingredients together in order given. Spread filling on cracked wheat bread which has been buttered.

***Shrimp Sandwiches (Makes 8)**

1/2 cup canned and cleaned shrimp, crabmeat or lobster
4 tablespoons butter or substitute
1/2 teaspoon minced onion
1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon mustard
2 tablespoons minced stuffed olives

While or whole wheat bread. Mince the shrimp and mix with the remaining ingredients. Chill thoroughly before spreading on bread.

***Chicken-Ham Sandwiches (Makes 6)**

1/2 cup ground, cooked chicken
1/2 cup ground, cooked ham
3 chopped, stuffed olives
1 1/2 tablespoons mayonnaise
1/2 teaspoon lemon juice

Mix all ingredients together in order given. Spread filling on cracked wheat bread which has been buttered.

***Ham and Vegetable Sandwiches (Makes 8)**

1/2 cup ground, cooked ham
1/2 cup ground, cooked chicken
3 chopped, stuffed olives
1 1/2 tablespoons mayonnaise
1/2 teaspoon lemon juice

Mix all ingredients together in order given. Spread filling on cracked wheat bread which has been buttered.

***Deviled Eggs**

8 hard-cooked eggs
4 tablespoons softened butter
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon prepared mustard
Dash of pepper
1 teaspoon vinegar
Mayonnaise

Cut eggs in half lengthwise and remove yolks. Mash yolks and combine with butter, salt, mustard, pepper and vinegar. Add mayonnaise to make a creamy consistency.

Refill egg white and sprinkle with paprika. Chill.

HERE ARE SEASONAL fruits suitable to take on a picnic: Apples, plums, nectarines, peaches, berries, cantaloupes and watermelon. Oranges, apples and bananas are also good standbys. Grapes and cherries are delightful. Berries and peaches may be washed, sugared and placed in mason jars with tight covers. If you are taking melon, it's best to chill it thoroughly, wrap in waxed paper, and cut and scoop out the seeds just before you serve it.

IF YOU LIKE easy-to-carry cookies to take along with you, serve them with the fruit or as snacks between meals if you are making the picnic a whole day affair.

***Minicmeat Goodies (Makes 4 dozen)**

1 cup shortening
2 cups sugar
3 eggs, beaten
3 cups sifted flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon ginger
1/2 teaspoon cloves
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup chopped nuts

Cream shortening and sugar together until fluffy. Add eggs and flour enough to prevent mixture from curdling. Add minicmeat and dry ingredients, sifted together, and the

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We Don't Want an Oil Boom

During the past two months, since interest in the possibilities of increased oil production in Scurry County has cropped out, many people have predicted a real boom for Snyder. We are frank to say that we hope an oil boom does not come.

We hope Snyder never becomes a Burkburnett, a Desdemona, a Caddo, a Ranger or a Holiday. Sudden, over-grown, lop-sided oil boom towns just do not appeal to us—that will mushroom up for a few months, then the bottom drops out, and the town is left a shell—disheveled, vacant buildings, disrupted services, ruined streets and what-have-you.

Rather, we hope the new impetus given to our oil possibilities will mean more leasing of lands at good rates, casual development of our fields without waste and without depletion of the reserves under the surface. Nominal production for years to come will mean more to our county than gushers that soon play out. Much of the rift-raff of labor that follows the boom towns are of low moral character; unchaste women follow the boomers; crime breeds on the elements of the boom.

No, thank you, we do not care for an oil boom for our little city.

Hope to the Handicapped

Recent announcement by Scurry County School Superintendent Forrest W. Beavers that a school for physically handicapped children will be established in Snyder for the coming term has recreated a spark of human-kindness in bosoms of our citizens. The school will be established to give a class of our youth training to which they have been entitled for years. We have been forced to exclude from our regular school classes children with impediments of speech, defective sight and hearing or possessing other undeveloped or mal-formed physical features. Even children with deficient physical strength will be taken into the school, where even beds will be provided for rest periods during the day.

No doubt many children who have such defects as stuttering or other speaking impediments can be trained to overcome their deficiencies just with the application of personal care and patience by trained instructors, for which the time cannot be taken in our already over-crowded schools. Tests have proven that numerous minor physical handicaps can be surmounted in similar schools.

Cold Water Dose

Cold water chills. In like manner do resentment, cruel criticism, habitual complaint, and fault finding chill the soul. You feel like hiding or running away from such as distribute these. Such people dry up all hopeful response.

Many a successful career has been blasted by a parent throwing this "cold water" upon the desired career of a child. Many a poor farmer or professional man has been cheated out of an artistic or scientific career that might have been notable and distinguished. Happy is that one who selects the path he would make his own without interference!

There is always someone to throw "cold water" upon any project. Only the brave and self-confident survive with their ideas and enterprises. Every success, to a large degree, is a hurdle race. And that is what life is, too—conquering the obstacles. But nothing is so disheartening as to have "cold water" thrown upon our enthusiasms or pet projects as we edge our way to our heart's desires.

It is easy to encourage and cruel to censure. Faith feeds upon the former, and starves upon the latter.—George Matthew Adams.

Editorial of the Week

YIELD PER ACRE

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has disquieting statistics for those who want to see the farm population of Texas prosper. Figures released from Washington indicate that the state's wheat crop this year will be 87,029,000 bushels as compared with last year's record-breaking crop of 124,070,000 bushels.

A smaller crop isn't so bad, as long as the price stays up. The department says that the average yield of wheat per acre in Texas this year will be 10 bushels an acre. The average yield of corn per acre here in Texas will be 15.5 bushels. These yields are far too low. No Texas farmer will ever reach the standard of living and the wealth enjoyed by the Iowa corn-hog farmer when his land produces so little.

Texasans are proud of their state and its rich resources, agricultural as well as mineral. But Texasans cannot be proud of the way in which we neglect such resources.

Soil conservation is one answer to the problem. The farmer who conserves his acres against erosion will obtain a higher yield from those acres. The farmer who studies the latest methods of a culture will benefit.

Agriculture, like pork packing, is a business. Too many Texas farmers regard it as a way to earn a living, and a meager living at that.—Fort Worth Press.

Current Comment

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By LEON GUINN.

Although foods for the human system which are tainted cannot be "revived" by the following method, it is heartening to know that an effective way of killing germs on foods by spraying with high energy electrons has been developed to the point the Journal of Applied Physics has devoted considerable publicity to the work. . . . Tests in killing germs on foods have been rather painstaking and exhaustive at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Department of Physics. . . . A giant 2,000,000-volt electro static generator was used in killing germs by means of X-rays (or cathode rays), and the process, when available, may be widely used in preserving important foods without "burning up" nutritive values by heat.

Most men of research admit in practice that the new method of killing germs on food will allow such germs to be killed with a beam that would raise food temperature only two degrees. . . . Such fruits, for instance, as oranges and tomatoes were treated with the electrons and all traces of germs were gone in only a few seconds. . . . Such a generator as mentioned in the above paragraph is capable of subjecting five tons of food to the equal of 1,000,000 units of X-ray energy in 24 hours. . . . When raw milk, coursing through glass piping, was treated with the rays the number of germs dropped from 37,000,000 in a drop of raw milk to only two in irradiated milk. . . . Water can be completely sterilized by the high energy electrons and uses, as time rolls on, may be greatly enlarged. . . . The electronic sterilization process, however, could not be successfully applied to spoiled or tainted foods so purveyors of food will still have to take into account some unavoidable losses along.

Perhaps publicity seekers will never tire in their efforts to gain notoriety one way or the other, but the scathing attack made on President Truman by Senator Homer Ferguson, a Republican, of Michigan, wherein Ferguson hints that Truman should be impeached, may emerge as the wackiest accomplishment of the extra session Congress, which adjourned Saturday. . . . With only a few exceptions the lawmakers either blocked or ignored the far-reaching program President Truman had outlined. . . . The so-called "red herring" hunt for Communists is by all standards just that, and if the president deemed it wise to withhold confidential information (loyalty) on any federal employee, he certainly has very good reasons for such action. . . . Senator Ferguson seems to ignore the fact that Communists were in government posts before Truman took office and he seems to ignore entirely the fact that, above all things, the United States needs at this moment to present a solid front before the entire world.

Say what you will, but the word is going out that all metal products, from washing machines to farm tractors, are going up again, and those who once thought high prices had about reached their peak will be in for a severe jolt. . . . Materials are still so short that aircraft manufacturers on the West Coast are troubled and worried. . . . We used such a vast stockpile of materials in winning the major phase of World War II many people in every-day life do not yet realize just how rugged the materials situation is. . . . We naturally used up our stockpiles of metals, our easiest-to-handle timber lands and ravished the countryside for technicians and engineers to win our precious victory. . . . Now, we happen to be at the stage of having to tighten our belt, take a close inventory and see just what can be furnished along lines of all needed materials. . . . Such news as this always foreshadows still higher prices to keep Old Man Inflation on our doorsteps.

Synthetic rubber may crop out any time in the news as one of America's best bets, because the U. S. and Soviet Russia are still at each other's heels for the raw rubber supplies of the Far East. . . . Efforts to stockpile strategic raw materials has speeded up the competition, and since the Soviets are sharply hiking purchases of raw rubber one will note that the raw materials has gone from 20 cents a pound to 25 cents during the past 60 days. . . . U. S. Rubber buyers have something this week of a decided advantage because they are instructed to outbid the Russians where raw rubber goes on sale. . . . Rather than slacken the pace in research with synthetics, rubber and other things, the U. S. needs to double all operations because there will yet be a day when some of the products in their natural state will not be available on the scale we need.

Though men should rend your heart, let them not embitter or harden it. We win by tenderness; we conquer by forgiveness.—F. W. Robertson.

Only free people can hold their purpose and their honor steady to a common end, and prefer the interest of mankind to any narrow interest of their own.—Woodrow Wilson.

TEXAS FARM CASH INCOME FOR JUNE SHOWS GAIN OF 23% ON MAY

Texas farm cash income, totaling \$131,858,000, climbed 23 per cent from May to June, the Bureau of Business Research reported in a release to The Times.

However, June farm income slid 29 per cent below June, 1947. Wheat brought Texas farmers \$38,769,000 in June, for the greatest source of farm cash income. Increased marketings of oats, wool, sheep, calves, poultry, eggs and milk products contributed to the over-all gain from May.

Largest farm cash income was in the Red Bed Plains where farmers' bumper crop of 15,600,000 bales forecast in 1948.

A 1948 bumper cotton crop of 15,600,000 bales was forecast by the Department of Agriculture Monday from Washington.

Such a crop would be the seventh largest on record. The top yield was 18,946,000 bales produced in 1937. The 1948 indicated crop is 3,318,000 bales more than last year's crop and 3,155,000 bales more than the 10-year (1936-46) average.

Indicated yield of 313.5 pounds per acre is the highest on record—14.6 pounds above the previous record of 298.9 pounds in 1944.

The department said the unusually high yields in prospect are due not only to exceptionally favorable growing conditions, but also to increased use of fertilizer and a larger proportion of the cotton acreage being planted in heavy yielding areas.

This is the first official forecast of the year. It is 3,318,000 bales more than last year's crop of 11,851,000 bales. Production for the 1937-46 period averaged 12,014,000 bales.

Condition of the crop, the indicated yield per acre and production, respectively, for Texas was 79 per cent normal, 187 pounds per acre, and 3,500,000 bales.

incomes increased 95 per cent from a month earlier, totaling \$24,346,000. Black and Grand Prairies' income totaled \$19,652,000, and the Edwards Plateau registered \$18,800,000.

Farm incomes in Black and Grand Prairies and East Texas Timbered Plains more than doubled their May averages, as sales of wheat, cattle, and fruits and vegetables increased. Decreases over the month were reported in the South Texas Plains, the Lower Rio Grande Valley, the Southern High Plains, the Trans-Pecos area, and the Coastal Prairies, in that order.

Only the Lower Rio Grande Valley, Edwards Plateau, Coastal Prairies, South Texas Plains, and the Trans-Pecos areas reported June-to-June gains, ranging from 19 to 24 per cent. Declines varied from 49 per cent dips in the Red Bed Plains and the East Texas Timbered Plains to an eight per cent drop in the Southern Texas Prairies.

For the first one-half of 1948, farm cash income has been \$539,182,000 as compared to \$570,845,000 for a like period in 1947.

Adjusted for seasonal variations, the bureau's index of farm cash income for June was 345 per cent of the pre-war base period (1933-39).

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