

CITY DEBATES ON RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Truck With Tank, Hose And Pump Proposed

Farmers' Mutual Offers \$300 Toward Purchase Of Equipment

Will the Muenster rural community have fire protection? Ever since that question was brought out in the open at a district meeting of the German Farmers Benevolent Association last Saturday, it has been a subject of lively debate. Supporters of the idea insist it is possible and practical, opponents label it as a big pipe dream.

The origin of the idea traces back several weeks to a meeting of the volunteer fire department when it was mentioned that a truck with water storage tank and force pump could be put into operation faster, and also would bring another reduction in the local insurance rate. The idea was discouraged because of a shortage of city funds.

However, it did not die. Some of the supporters, reasoning that truck with its own water supply could be effective against rural fires, decided to call on farmers to help finance the arrangement. The logical organization for such help was the local mutual fire insurance company, and the subject was introduced at that group's meeting, with the result that members approved an expenditure of \$300 toward putting the truck in service.

And so the subject was dropped right into the laps of the city council, which is now trying to decide whether the "pro" or the "con" side of the debate sounds better.

Opponents claim that the city hasn't any money to spend on more equipment; that results have been quite satisfactory with what is now on hand; that \$300 would constitute a very small part of the cost; that the contribution is even more inadequate because it makes no provision for upkeep, depreciation, etc.; that such a truck could be helpful only within a limited distance from town; that it would squirt away a tankful within a few minutes then just set there; etc., etc.

But the other fellows have quite a number of answers ready. They claim a tank and second hand truck won't cost much and the only new equipment necessary is a pump and hose, and that the reduction in insurance rates alone would offset the total cost in a few years. Running the truck empty doesn't bother them either because they expect to drown the fire in that time—unless it has done a lot of spreading before the alarm was turned in. And if the supply should run out, well, about 50 per cent of the farms have stock or storage tanks within a convenient distance.

As for the time needed to reach a fire they would expect to use a minute per mile longer than here in town. Given an early alarm and favored by a slow spreading flame, they are confident of saving a home as far as 10 miles away. In grass or field fires they claim that the truck with its fog nozzle can do more than a hundred men with wet sacks.

And so the debate goes on, while the city council tries to decide what to do with its problem. Whatever the outcome, it can still be said that Muenster is probably the first city to consider a rural fire department.

LINDSAY PLAYERS APPEAR SUNDAY IN THREE-ACT COMEDY

A hilarious farce, featuring a mixed-up family affair, in which the father of the house falls for an actress, is to be presented next Sunday, Feb. 4, at the Lindsay community hall.

It is entitled "Poor Quality" and will be staged by the Lindsay Dramatic Club under the direction of Ray Kupper. Two performances will be given. The first, a matinee, at 3 o'clock, is especially for children. The other performance is scheduled for 8 o'clock.

The play contains a dandy plot, witty dialogue and good comedy, much of the latter being supplied by Julius Gieb, who takes the roll of a colored boy. Others in the cast are: Bruno and Vincens Zimmerman, Gregory Hundt, Lambert Bezner, Lawrence Streng and Misses Dorothy Bezner, Cecilia Gieb, Antonio and Clara Hundt, Leona Berend and Genevieve Bengfort.

The Lindsay Players, who present several plays each year, have spent the past four weeks rehearsing this production which is their first offering for this year. Everyone is invited to attend.

ATLANTA PARALYZED BY RECORD SNOWFALL



ATLANTA, Ga.—Traffic completely tied up, bus service stopped, schools closed, when a record snowfall of 10.3 inches, the largest in this city's history, paralyzed the city's life. The elements of nature were on a rampage throughout the nation. Florida statesmen found themselves shoveling snow in the nation's capitol; Mi-

ami was the scene of fur coats; California farmers were using all of man's tools to keep their crops from freezing; infra red rays were used for heat in the citrus groves of Texas. Commander Byrd and his party at Antarctica seemed to have balmy weather.

INCREASING NUMBER INTERESTED IN LOW CURB-PAVEMENT BID

The offer of a South Texas contractor to build curb, gutter and pavement here for the fantastically low price of 39 cents per foot of front is creating an almost feverish interest among improvement-conscious citizens. While somewhat skeptical of the offer, which is generally regarded as too good to be true, a considerable number reported that they are ready to have the work done provided there are no "catches."

The proposition was introduced at a city council meeting last week and referred to Herbert Meurer for investigation. Curb and gutter are to be of regulation concrete construction while pavement is to be an asphalt surface over crushed rock. It was taken for granted that the pavement would reach no farther than the center of the street, although the offer made no specific mention of that point.

Considering that many curbs were built here for 60 cents a foot, the offer of curb, gutter and pavement for 39 cents seems unbelievable. Many are wondering how it is possible to furnish material at that price. The labor angle is not puzzling—the work is identified as a WPA project. Estimates based on general comment are that the equivalent of several blocks will come under the project—if present impressions of the work are found to be correct.

The city will have no part in the undertaking. Whatever is done will be by individual agreements between the contractor and the citizens concerned.

MUENSTER PARISH WILL OBSERVE FORTY HOURS NEXT WEEK

Forty Hours Adoration services for the Muenster parish will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 9-11, pastors of the Sacred Heart church have announced.

A schedule as announced Wednesday afternoon by Father Frowin is as follows:

Friday, 6:15—Communion mass, 8 o'clock high mass, Communion, Exposition and procession in church. Adoration services throughout the afternoon to be concluded with rosary and benediction.

Saturday 6:15—Communion mass and Exposition, 8 o'clock high mass and Communion. Afternoon adoration, rosary and benediction.

Sunday, 6:15—Low mass, Exposition and Communion, 8 o'clock low mass, 10 o'clock high mass. Afternoon adoration with closing services at 3:30 p. m.

2 LOCAL MEN STUDY MODERN TRENDS IN BUILDING INDUSTRY

A new type of building service, designed to make it easier for consumers to buy new homes and home improvements, was the basis of a six day training course attended at Houston last week by Leo Henscheid and M. J. Endres, Jr., of the local Waples Painter yard. The course was sponsored by the Johns-Manville Company.

Special emphasis was placed on the Housing Guild system which calls for coordination of the varied building services so that any building job, from a small repair to a complete home, can be handled as one unit or "package," in the same way cars and radios are sold. Architects, contractors, material suppliers, realtors, financial agencies, etc., would all be members of such a guild.

HOSPITAL HEAD ACCUSED BY NURSES



AUSTIN, Texas.—Dr. W. J. Johnson (right), superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insane and one of the country's best known psychiatrists, who is being tried before the board of Control on morals charges, is shown with his wife, during the hearing. At left is Harry Knox, chairman of the Board of Control. Several nurses at the hospital, located in San Antonio, Texas, testified that they were subject to improper advances by the 36-year-old doctor. The hearing is the result of charges brought by the San Antonio Ministerial Alliance.

FELKER EXPECTS TO BEGIN ON NEW SOUTH ROAD ABOUT MARCH 1

Commissioner E. A. "Babe" Felker is confident that work on the new road south of town can begin shortly after March 1. While in Muenster Saturday with WPA engineers Scott and McMillan, he stated that plans for the road have been completed and submitted to WPA headquarters and will probably be approved within a short time.

Operating expense presents no problem for the project, Felker said. A lump sum had been allotted to the county several months ago; it is available now and can be used as soon as the plan is approved.

The project will total slightly more than five miles, one half mile of which will constitute a new road and bridge leading southwest from the Katy crossing at Muenster and the balance a new connecting link between Linn school and the Rosston-Gainesville road. That new road will bring Rosston 12 miles nearer a market than the present all weather route.

This road, an important improvement on its own merit, is regarded by Felker as the first link in a Muenster-Port Worth short-cut route. Another new road of about 3 miles would connect near Leo with the Butterfield trail, which leads to Decatur and Fort Worth.

MUENSTER HI LOSES TWO VOLLEY GAMES

The recent awakening of Muenster High School's volleyball sextet as marked by victories over two strong opponents was destined to be short lived. The girls were promptly eliminated by their old rivals of Valley Creek in the opening encounter of an invitation tournament in Era last Saturday.

Their slump continued through Wednesday of this week when the parochial girls beat them two out of a three game contest.

8,843 BALES

A census report recently issued by Edwin J. Huffaker, special agent of the Department of Commerce, shows that 8,843 bales of cotton were ginned in Cooke County from the 1939 crop prior to January 16, as compared with 8,952 bales for the crops of 1938.

WATER SYSTEM BACK TO FORMER STANDARD --- THE CITY HOPES

That the municipal water system is finally back to its former standard was the hope expressed by Mayor Ben Seyler Tuesday after all known leaks in the line had been mended and the reservoir was given a thorough cleaning.

Cold weather was responsible for at least four bad leaks when contraction of pipe broke joints in the water line. All of those breaks have been repaired. It is possible, however, that there are still more leaks that escaped detection because they did not break out at the surface. Additional trouble, if any, will be revealed by checking total consumption against the volume pumped.

In cleaning, the men removed an accumulation of sand and silt then disinfected with chlorine.

HILL COUNTY AGENT AND C. H. CLARK IN JOB SWAPPING DEAL

A. S. Brient, formerly of Hillsboro took up his new work Thursday as agricultural agent of Cooke county. He replaces Charles H. Clark who has moved to Hillsboro as Brient's successor to that post. News of the exchange of positions was first made public last week. Both men had been at their former positions for three and a half years.

Mr. Brient, 38, is a graduate of A. and M. College, where he lettered in basketball. He is married and has six years' experience as an agricultural agent. He moved to Gainesville early this week and the Clarks at the same time moved to Hillsboro.

MIGHTY FINE CHEESE

A report received this week from Kraft headquarters advises that the cheese factory received the best score of its career for its December cheese. According to Rudy Hellman, plant manager, Muenster cheese is consistently well above the average of other Texas plants, and the latest score was exceptionally good. Rating is based on flavor, color, texture, moisture content, etc.

Anthony Luke spent Sunday afternoon in Dallas with a district representative of the Magnolia Company.

State Regulations Force New Approach At Mutual Hospital Service Plan

RED FLAG



COLUMBUS, OHIO.—The bright red Communist banner, complete with white hammer and sickle, hangs high over the head of John L. Lewis (shown before microphones), as he spoke over a nation-wide radio network from the stage of the convention hall where his United Mine Workers were celebrating the founding of their union fifty years ago. Angered delegates grabbed photographers who had snapped the picture and destroyed their plates. The highlight of the convention was reached when Lewis told his listeners that in his opinion if Roosevelt ran for a third term, he would suffer ignominious defeat.

MUTUAL INSURANCE GROUP HOLDS ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

Holding their annual district meeting in the parish hall last Saturday, members of the German Farmers Benevolent Association, re-elected their local officers as follows: John Klement, president; F. J. Hess, secretary; W. H. Endres, Barney Voth and Wm. Becker, appraisers.

Members also gave favorable consideration to a proposal of sharing the cost of a city fire truck capable of giving service at farm homes, and voted to contribute \$300 toward that cause.

Much of the meeting was taken up with reports on a general meeting at the close of last year. F. J. Hess, secretary, revealed a change in policy whereby the company may accept residence insurance in incorporated cities that are protected by state approved fire departments. Such insurance must be limited, however, to \$10,000 for any one block.

The total insurance now in force is \$1,300,000, Hess stated, and the company's total loss last year was \$1,750 on seven claims. He also advised that another assessment of 25c per \$100 had been approved by the general meeting. This constitutes the third assessment in five years, making an average annual assessment of 15 cents.

The general executive committee now includes John Bayer, president; F. J. Hess, secretary; Emil Vogel, treasurer; W. H. Endres and Barney Voth, directors.

LEAP YEAR DANCE AT LINDSAY MONDAY

Another leap year party on the order of that held in the K of C hall last week will be held next Monday night in the Lindsay hall, the young men's group, sponsor of the dance, announced this week.

Ladies will enjoy the privileges usually reserved by their boy friends. They will pick their escorts and their partners at the dance, but will pay for their privilege by footing the bills.

TIRES STOLEN FROM FATHER FROWIN'S CAR

The reason Father Frowin was afoot Wednesday is that thieves visited his garage and relieved him of three tires and wheels. He discovered the theft when he was preparing to use the machine Wednesday afternoon. Presumably the culprits made their call the preceding night.

Cannot Operate As Insurance Company

Mutually Owned Hospital With Free Service To Membership Now Being Proposed

Encountering difficulties in the form of legal technicalities, Muenster's hospitalization enthusiasts began working this week on a plan that will serve the same purpose through a different method.

Instead of forming an insurance mutual with provisions for building a hospital out of surplus funds, the organizers now propose to form a hospital association for the purpose of building a hospital and give free hospital service to its members.

Some time ago Herbert Meurer had inquired of the state insurance commission whether an organization such as that proposed could be operated in the state. A reply late last week informed that the business would be classed as health insurance and would require \$50,000 of invested capital before it could operate. Considering the limited scope of the local undertaking, that sum is regarded as impossible.

No such regulation would apply to the revised plan. Briefly, it provides membership dues, and the fund accumulated by those dues is intended primarily for the construction of a hospital. However, the membership agreement will provide that all members are entitled to free hospital service—within the limits usually prescribed in other hospitalization plans. That free service is assured even though the member becomes a patient in some other hospital, which will necessarily be the case until the organization constructs its own building.

Those who are working on the plan are confident it will not conflict with any regulation. Organizing to build a hospital seems just as legitimate as organizing any other business. And rendering free service is a privilege of any business.

Final details concerning rates, the service to be rendered, and membership agreement forms are now receiving consideration, and a membership drive will be under way at the earliest possible date.

As an assurance to wary prospects who might lack confidence in the organization's success, it has been decided to place fees in escrow until it is certain the organization is in a position to operate efficiently.

MATT SCHMITZ SENT TO DALLAS HOSPITAL WITH BROKEN FOOT

A fall from a tank car early Tuesday morning while he was on duty at the Muenster refinery sent Matt Schmitz to the Baylor hospital in Dallas with a severe fracture in his left foot. According to a report early Wednesday, the injured member is badly swollen and will require an ice pack for several days before the bone can be set.

From present indications it is believed that the patient will have to remain in Dallas about two weeks before he can return home. Dr. Myrick expects him to be in the cast at least six weeks.

Matt's accident occurred shortly after he reported for work on the early morning shift. While walking on one of the railroad tank cars he slipped and fell to the rough ground. Dr. Myrick administered first aid treatment then recommended a bone specialist in Dallas. Matt was accompanied to Dallas by his brother, Bernard.

EDITH MAE RHODES DECORATES CHAPEL AT DENTON COLLEGE

Miss Edith Mae Rhodes, daughter of Mrs. Jim Cooke of this city, is one of the honor students in the fine arts department of Texas State College for Women at Denton chosen by the school faculty to decorate the new chapel now under construction at the college.

To Miss Rhodes and two other students fell the honor of painting the ceiling of the chapel. They climbed 30-foot scaffolds to place final touches of decoration on the beamed ceiling of the Little Chapel in the Woods.

Miss Rhodes is a senior at the school and is a talented artist.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

J. B. Wilde was in Wichita Falls on business Monday.

Bernie Schumacher made a business trip to Albany, Texas, Monday.

Mrs. Al Bayer is confined to bed with the flu since Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Kaiser and Frank Kaiser spent Monday in Fort Worth.

Bert Fisch and son, Jerry, of Fort Worth visited relatives and friends here Sunday.

The back porch of Mrs. Gertrude Bayer's home has been rebuilt and remodeled into a closed-in sun porch.

Mrs. John Kathman was confined to bed this week because of influenza.

M. J. Endres has just received a new stock of queen's lace hose in new spring shades. (Adv. 11)

Alphonse Schmitz of Valley View visited with old friends here Thursday evening.

Miss Angela Laake has been confined to her home for the past two weeks because of neuritis.

Rudy Hellman and Herman Swirczynski made a business trip to Wichita Falls Monday.

J. W. Meurer, though navigating on crutches, has been back at his old post in the bank since Monday. He

had been confined to his home because of a hip injury sustained in a fall on Jan. 13.

Henry Pagel of Smithville spent Monday here with his father and other members of the family.

Carl and Miss Joyce Bentley were guests of friends in Wichita Falls Tuesday.

Mrs. Bernie Schumacher and Miss Joyce Bentley visited at Ryan, Okla., Wednesday with friends.

The front porch of the Henry Luke home was rebuilt during the week-end.

For Sale: 2-year-old Dairy Short-horn bull. Martin Bayer, Muenster, (Adv. 11)

Miss Dorothy Hartman is replacing Miss Gertrude Roberg at the local clinic since the latter resigned Saturday.

Miss Lillian Fisher is spending several weeks in Sherman doing special duty at St. Vincent's hospital.

Mrs. Angela Fuhrbach and son, Johnny, spent the week-end in Dallas with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schoech.

Rev. Father Frowin spent Thursday in Wichita Falls, Windthorst and Scotland making "pop calls" on former parishioners and old friends.

Members of the Mission Sewing Circle are reminded of a monthly meeting next Thursday, the 8th, in the school basement.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Stelzer and Mrs. Bernie Schumacher spent Tuesday afternoon in Henrietta as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Stelzer.

Rev. Father Francis assisted with church services at Lindsay Sunday because of the illness of the pastor, Rev. Conrad Herda.

Mrs. Henry Stelzer returned Sunday from Mineral Wells where she spent two weeks for her health. She is much improved.

Jacob Pagel, Sr., is confined to his home because of a severe burn on his right foot. The injury was sustained from boiling water.

Muenster's volunteer fire department practiced Monday evening, using for the first time the department's new siamese connection hose.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thoele and daughter of Nocona spent Sunday here with Messrs. and Mesdames John Eberhart and J. M. Weinzapfel.

Little Patsy Fette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fette, is showing some improvement after a relapse of the ear ailment which afflicted her two weeks ago.

Mrs. Joseph Hofbauer was sufficiently recovered Saturday to be moved to the home of her son, Clem Hofbauer, after being a patient at the local clinic for three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Stelzer and son and Mr. and Mrs. Bob McBride were guests of the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Williams, at Ryan, Okla., Sunday.

Miss Lorena Fisher, a student at Victory College, Fort Worth, spent from Thursday to Monday, the mid-term holidays, here with her father and other relatives.

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Mrs. Jake Pagel, Miss Gertrude Roberg, Miss Marcella Pagel of Gainesville, Jerome Pagel and Miss Carrie Roberg, spent Monday in Dallas shopping.

Miss Clara Lueb returned to her home in Tishomingo, Okla., this week after a visit with her sisters, Mrs. Tony Wimmer and Mrs. Bernard Wolf.

Bill Groves, former bookkeeper at the Muenster Refinery, now of Fort Worth, accompanied by his nephew,

Bill Kernagaj, and family, also of that city, spent Sunday afternoon here visiting friends.

Charles Kenneth is the name of the new son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Herr. He was born at the family home Saturday and was baptized Sunday with Miss Gertrude Roberg and Jerome Pagel as sponsors.

The Get-Together Club will meet next Tuesday with Mrs. William Becker as hostess in her home for the monthly social. The meeting is one day early, as the usual date falls on Ash Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hellman returned Saturday from a visit to Detroit, Mich., Chicago, Ill., and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Enroute to Detroit, where they took delivery of a new car, they stopped over in Chicago to visit Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Baker, who accompanied them on the remainder of their journey. They visited the Hugo Hellmans in Wisconsin and Dr. and Mrs. Joe Hellman in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hellman were greeted by long distance telephone call from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips of Portland, Oregon, Sunday to congratulate them on their 38th

wedding anniversary and also on Mrs. Hellman's birthday, both events being observed on the 28th of January.

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ENERGY OF SUN IS TRAPPED AND STORED FOR USE IN HOMES

BOSTON, Mass. — Engineers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology are now perfecting a scientific dream of several decades—harnessing the sun's energy for use in heating homes in winter and conditioning them in summer.

Already a house has been built at MIT where the sun's radiation is trapped on the roof, stored in the basement as a source of heating, cooling and even power.

The heating system is based on a method of forcing air either over the hot surface of the tank or through the coil of a refrigeration system which is also to be run on energy stolen from the sun.

Heat collectors on top of the house are in the form of a shallow box placed in a recess in the roof. A thin piece of metal in the bottom of the box, painted black, absorbs as much of the sun's rays as possible. Firmly fixed to this bottom is a series of small, thin-walled metal tubes which are to be heated by contact with the sheet and which will then pass this heat on to water circulating through them.

This box has a series of glass covers through which nearly all the sunlight can pass but through which little heat can escape back to the outside. The sunlight is converted to heat as it strikes the metal sheet and the whole arrangement has a layer of mineral wool beneath it to prevent heat escape in that direction.

The warm water in the coils is then piped, through carefully insulated tubes, to the well-insulated storage tank where engineers expect to keep it hot anywhere from a few weeks to six months, depending on the tank's size.

MIT scientists think the whole process is uneconomical in New England because of the few months of intense sunshine. But in the South, Southwest and West they believe it will eventually have great possibilities for home purposes.

ARMY REPLACES OLD SPRINGFIELD RIFLE BY NEW AUTOMATIC

In 1936 the U. S. Army adopted a new semi-automatic rifle, the Garand, to replace the famous old bolt-action Springfield, the standard infantry arm since 1903. But it was only recently that the Army put its new rifle into mass production. Two weeks ago it gave a convincing demonstration of why the change was made. At a test at Peekskill, N. Y., by 12 National Guardsmen, the Garand registered 402 hits in one minute on a target 200 yards away.

Last week the self-effacing inventor of the Army's new standard arm said mildly: "They should have done better." His blue eyes sparkling behind his spectacles, as he reviewed the test at his shop in Springfield, Mass., Arsenal, John C. Garand added: "But it was their first time, and the rifle was new to them."

The Garand officially known as M-1, has been declared by experts to be the best shoulder rifle in the world. The Springfield fires a clip of 5 cartridges, with the ejection bolt operated by hand. The Garand fires eight cartridges, operating by gas compression. The only hand action required is pulling the trigger which permits a fire-power of up to 60 shots a minute.

At 51, the French-Canadian-born inventor still spoke with an accent last week as he told how he spent 20 years developing the rifle. Born in a village near Montreal, John Gar-



Gas dispatchers in headquarters of Lone Star Gas System, Dallas, at work on one of the coldest days of the year. With heavy snow falling and the greatest demand for gas in 30 years, men were at their posts constantly. They are connected with far flung gas fields and compressor stations giving orders to step up pressures and cut in more wells. One man is receiving weather reports over short wave radio. They are alert for any emergency. Left to right: Tom B. Long, chief dispatcher; Luther Tolbert, assistant pipe line superintendent standing back of M. S. Ball, receiving weather reports; H. D. Hewitt, studying pipe line map.

and moved to Connecticut while still a boy.

His interest in rifles first developed when his father opened a shooting gallery in Connecticut. Like most good precision machinists, Garand is a perfectionist. So, in 1918 when the U. S. Bureau of Standards offered him a job at \$1,800 a year, he snapped it up, leaving a private war orders job that paid twice the salary, but where emphasis was on production, not quality.

Twenty years ago Garand began working on ideas for his rifle. More than 50 designs were drawn and rejected. Five complete models were made before a satisfactory rifle emerged. In 1933 the first completed model satisfied preliminary War Department tests, and money was provided to build 80 more.

After final tests at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, the Garand was officially adopted by the U. S. Army in 1936. Today, with new defense funds mass production is being pushed, with private firms as well as Army arsenals working on the rifle.

John Garand still works at his modestly salaried job in Springfield Arsenal, where he has 20 men under him in his office. He might have made a small fortune from his invention in a world where nations are clamoring for better arms. A foreign government tried to buy it. A private firm offered him a bonus and royalties. But John Garand has vested all his rights exclusively in the country of his adoption. He is satisfied in the knowledge that in the Garand the United States has the best rifle in the world.

He said last week: "In the present

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TEXAS HATCHERIES RAISE MORE THAN FIVE MILLION FISH

state of affairs it seems we have to have weapons. I don't feel sorry that I can donate one to this country. But then, I won't feel sorry if everybody lays down their arms."

Mrs. M. J. Endres spent Sunday and Monday in Dallas visiting her daughter, Sister Agnes, and buying merchandise for the Endres store.

Fish production in the ten hatcheries maintained by the Texas Game

Fish and Oyster Commission increased nearly 2,000,000 (million) in 1939 over the 1938 crop of fingerlings, final reports of production from hatchery superintendents to the executive secretary of the Game Department show. The total production for 1939 was 5,212,288 (million) as compared with 3,306,996, (million) the previous year. That is an increase of 1,905,292.

The Heart O' The Hill Hatchery, near Natalia, led in the distribution of fish in 1939 with a total of 795,817. The Dundee Hatchery was second with 679,776. The Tyler Hatchery was third highest in production with a total of 642,210. Other reports: Lake Dallas, 621,185; Cisco, 549,290; Huntsville, 540,083; Jasper, 513,325; San Angelo, 480,400; Olmito, 198,545; and Medina, 191,657. The new Medina Hatchery, in production for the first time, had only four ponds which were ready for use.

Twelve species of fish were raised in the state hatcheries in 1939. They are channel cat, large mouth black bass, small mouth bass, spotted or Kentucky bass, rock bass, green sunfish, bluegills, long-eared bream, white crappie and black crappie.

Less than 15 per cent of the total number of fish raised by the state hatcheries went into private lakes and streams in 1939, the executive secretary announced.

Hatchery superintendents and helpers are now draining their ponds cleaning and fertilizing them and refilling them in preparation for raising another crop of fish this year.

Of the heroes who fought in the war for American Independence, 4,044 never returned from the battlefield; 6,004 returned permanently disabled. In the years 1900 to 1930, it was revealed that 4,290 Americans—(more than died in the revolutionary war)—lost their lives celebrating the victories of the original 4,044. Those maimed, crippled and blinded by these observances aggregated 96,000.

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SOUND AND FAIR

Getting back to local interests, this community does have a major problem crying for a solution. Whoever is concerned about worth while improvements will do well to start figuring on a school system that offers adequate educational facilities to children of all creeds, and at the same time offers Catholic children at least a partial return on the \$22 per capita allotment set aside by the state. Both fairness and sound business judgment demand that something be done about this condition.

It must be said to the credit of all Muenster that progress has been moving forward by leaps and bounds—in all lines but this one. We have seen extensive business and residential building. We have seen the development of a rural electric system and better roads. Just lately we received a favorable return on our sewer application. We expect to begin soon on a magnificent church, and we hope to develop a low cost hospital service plan with a hospital of our own. In many respects Muenster earns its reputation as one of the most progressive communities in Texas, but it lags years behind in the matter of education.

An explanation is not hard to find. The Catholics, constituting a vast majority of Muenster, have a splendid school of their own, supported by voluntary donations, and simply are not in favor of burdening themselves with the expense of advancing the public school. Most of them do not send pupils there anyway.

The attitude is reasonable up to the point of disregarding the per capita allotment to which each Catholic child is entitled and denying public school pupils an adequate educational opportunity. It is physically impossible for four teachers to conduct twelve grades and give the proper time to each subject.

Two objections stand in the way of a satisfactory solution for this problem. One is the general preference for a religious background in the local educational system, the other is the expense of improving the public school.

The former objection is accepted as a reason why the two schools cannot be conducted co-operatively, each operating on the funds now at its disposal. Opponents to such a merger foresee not only the end of religious classes but even a possibility that children may be exposed to teachers or text books antagonistic to their religion.

The objection loses its significance, however, when faced by the fact that the community has control over such circumstan-

ces through school board elections. By keeping competent and representative men as trustees the people can be assured that all courses will be up to standard. Here is a method that requires no greater sacrifice than the community already makes but provides only one system with as many teachers as are now included on both faculties. Practically, the two institutions would become one school and stop a wasteful duplication of courses.

That is the simple and inexpensive way of doing it. It involves no money, no building program, just a rearrangement of schedules. It would be a great improvement over the present system, but would still lack affiliation with the state department of education and some other advantages. To go all the way and organize a really adequate public school system comparable to any in the state would require a tax and consolidation.

That is the proposal that arouses the second major objection. People here are paying a self imposed tax to support their private school. They do not want another tax. Nevertheless, a consolidated school district with a tax offers some opportunities to offset the objections. First there is the matter of state aid for transportation. For many families that item alone would more than offset the additional tax burden each year. The saving each year for people who send their older children to other schools represents another important consideration. Better facilities in science, manual training, library, home economics, athletics, etc., also deserve attention.

The proposal even presents a business opportunity. Muenster would become the scholastic center of this end of Cooke county, and the interest of parents would naturally center where their children's interests center. Muenster isn't doing so bad under present conditions, certainly it could reap a generous harvest from a stronger appeal to neighboring districts.

People who look forward to continued growth, greater opportunity and better living at Muenster will give serious thought to the need for a better educational system. Perhaps they will object to additional taxation and favor a merger of facilities now at hand. Perhaps they will consider the extra burden a good investment and favor a first class system truly representative of a progressive town. Whatever the trend, one thing is certain. Muenster children are entitled to better opportunities.

LOCAL AND NATIONAL INTEREST

This department is mindful of a rebuke for giving attention to national and international topics while neglecting some important local topics. As one person expressed it: "Why waste time airing opinions on Finland, radical isms, unemployment, or any of those other subjects beyond our control! What this community needs to think about are the problems it can do something about."

The opinion is certainly correct in that it encourages a greater interest in community affairs. However, it is not correct in assuming that the voice of a single community is so insignificant in national affairs as to justify a loss of interest. If such were the case, voting would be a ridiculous farce.

Even though a person concedes that his vote were lost among the millions and that he has no voice in state and national affairs, he usually is interested in major problems concerning the welfare of humanity in general and especially those concerning his own welfare. Thinking about the slavery of certain isms inspires greater appreciation for American freedom. Thinking about some of our national problems helps to find a solution for them.

First of all a person is a member of his own community. But at the same time he is a citizen of his nation. His first allegiance is more tangible and no doubt more interesting, but it is no more important.

ECONOMIC ANEMIA

"They key log of the economic jam in the stream of American private enterprise is taxation," says the American Taxpayers Association, a non-partisan organization made up of public officials, business men and others with an interest in sound and solvent government. "The persistent decline in the American scale of living since 1929 is due as much to the hidden hand of taxation as to any other single cause. One of the greatest national economies of all time is suffering from protracted pernicious anemia caused by taxes—a form of economic bloodletting. Although a vast portion of our population clings to the naive belief that the nation can spend itself into prosperity, they know that a man cannot drink himself sober."

The Association doesn't simply kick against high taxes—instead it cites statistics and presents a definite program looking toward national fiscal sanity. It advocates a reduction in the rates of income tax levies in higher brackets in order to produce more revenue for government by releasing for productive purposes capital now frozen. It advocates the elimination of spending not necessary for carrying out the true purposes of government as provided by the constitution, to the end that other taxes may be reduced and some eliminated. And it advocates a constitutional amendment placing a maximum tax limit upon incomes, gifts and inheritances.

The average man should have learned by now that exorbitant taxes are principally harmful to the person of modest means. Confiscatory taxes don't help a man who searches for a job that doesn't exist because capital has been driven into hiding. Nor does it help a widow whose income from savings or investments steadily drops. The program suggested by the Association is basically sound—it lays a groundwork for a more detailed plan that must be adopted if we are to have real, as against sporadic, recovery in this nation. — Mission Times.

Confetti
By CON FETTE

"Those melancholy days are here, the saddest of the year." Without giving the author a credit line or a mention of the ditty from which this is taken—because Con just doesn't know (Won't some bright seventh grade pupil come around and offer a little information on that point?)—yes, without knowing where he got it, yours truly presents the above quotation as the summary of remarks that are in season again. You guessed it, Lent is just around the corner.

For centuries it has been a pious and commendable custom to observe Lent with some form of self denial. Children in school are reminded that it would be nice of them to give up candy and picture shows or perhaps some other little thing they enjoy. And the response is edifying. There probably are some who disregard the request, but usually they are careful not to be seen doing it. Just like older people, children can sometimes endure the rebuke of conscience when they cannot endure the rebuke of their associates.

So the idea of self denial sort of grows on a fellow. Before long he's a man and his conscience still prods him to cut out something he enjoys, otherwise to start doing something worth while he had not been doing before.

Look around after next Wednesday, you'll find quite a number who won't take a smoke or a drink. If it were possible to check closer you could find dozens who have quit shows, card parties, desserts after meals and what not, or maybe they are going to church every morning.

All those ideas got their start when early Christians decided it would be proper to observe the season of Christ's suffering with some suffering of their own. The same explanation holds good today—and it's a very worthy one, good for the soul.

Psychologists say that, eternity or no eternity, lenten denials are good for a fellow right here in this wicked old world. They call it good exercise for the will power, something like the boy scout's good deed every day. If you want to go places, they advise, "do something every day you do not like—just because you don't like to do it." Force yourself to do the unpleasant but necessary things.

Let the worldly wise guys think that over before they laugh at those who take lent seriously. Maybe they can't be impressed by lofty ideas such as putting stars in your crown, but they can't deny it's mighty practical to put determination in your personality.

When a person settles down to serious thought he is amazed at how closely some of the old time Christian ideas coincide with plain horse sense. Things inspired by religious sentiment pay off in physical and mental benefits. Another handy example is the custom of fasting. It is regarded as a form of mortification but many a man will vouch that it is a dandy health hint. One local man claims that he always stops a meal while he's still hungry, and his recent improvement shows that he thrives on it. "Over-eating causes more suffering than under-eating," an old maxim claims. Fasting does

not mean straving, though. When people get weak and cranky they should have enough sense to realize they are over-doing a good thing.

From the viewpoint of possible benefits, lent is a mighty good season to have come around. It's even better than New Year's for good resolutions. Nevertheless it is slow and sad and dull, especially in a community like Muenster. Any kind of public entertainment is on the black list, no dances, parties or social gatherings, just business and birth and death. Starting next Wednesday "the melancholy days are here."

Over at Gainesville a person still encounters vociferous praise on the phenomenal success of Muenster's golden jubilee, and, believe it or not, most of the shouting is about that "good old smoked country sausage." No foolin' that event really created a demand for "wurst" as us Deutchers make it. If a person took the trouble to check up he'd probably find that a ton of sausage has been sent out of here since that time. They don't use it just to flank a stack of hot cakes, either. One fellow was telling about an elite dinner where a yard or so of wurst held the honor spot instead of fillet mignon or something.

Nobody needs to tell why people rave about fresh country sausage. It hits the spot, and that settles it. But won't somebody explain why those napping bozos who call themselves big town butcher boys can't make a string of sausage. There's no trick to it, country folks all know that. It really isn't fair that so many city folks are deprived of something good to eat.

About as neat a trick of shyster maneuvering as came to light lately was the transfer of a New York apartment house to Hitler and Stalin. Faced with foreclosure the owner deeded his equity in the property to the two European dictators. Apparently his plan was to delay foreclosure for a month or two and take advantage of that much free rent. Law demands that the new owners must be duly warned and given a reasonable time to assume the other man's obligations.

The worst complication about the whole thing is that Hitler and Stalin

may pay off the mortgage and claim the property. The principle of that doesn't set so well. Considering their present popularity, the two dictators are about the last people in the world that Americans would want as property owners over here.

Maybe the trick irritates Hitler and Stalin too. The property is said to be a bargain for the obligation against it, but it might not be a bargain to those two. Could they have any assurance that they would ever get tenants? Would they feel altogether protected against fire or bomb? Americans have been known to resent things strongly enough to be forceful.

The best solution is for Uncle Sam to just take the place. Hitler and Stalin shouldn't mind. That's the way they've been getting things.

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If a pension seeker has property, he is not a pauper. If he has sons and daughters who ought to care for him, he is not a pauper. If he has life insurance paid up and likely to be inherited by heirs, he is not a pauper. If he has property which is unproductive and leaves him without subsistence, let him deed his property to the state in exchange for a subsistence pension as long as he lives. If he has sons and daughters who could and won't help him, his signature to the declaration that he is reduced to pauperdom by their infidelity and heartlessness is no greater shame upon them than they deserve. If he has life insurance payable at his death, surely the state ought to be the beneficiary if the state is to be his meal ticket until the day he dies.

That looks like honesty to the column. That looks like sense. That looks like the way to handle this business of old folks adrift in the world without a soul to care whether they live or die. Pensions to help preserve an estate for heirs who won't turn a hand to support parents do not appeal to the column. How do they appeal to you?—Lynn Landrum in Dallas News.

Local NEWS Briefs

Eddie Magee started work at Ben Seyler's Wednesday morning to fill the vacancy left by Elmer Fette. After being on the job for six years, Elmer went to Illinois to try oil field work.

Responding to a recent letter from his brother, Steve, Elmer Fette, accompanied by Edgar and Richard Fette, left Wednesday morning to look for work in an Illinois oil field. Several Muenster men are now employed in that area.

Rudy Hellman was host Sunday evening when employees of the

cheese plant called at his home to help him celebrate his 33rd birthday with a card party. Mrs. Hellman served refreshments to the group at the conclusion of the games.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hellman are the parents of a daughter, Charlene, born at the local clinic Thursday, the 25th. Her grandparents, Mrs. William Gehrig and William Hellman were sponsors at baptism administered by Father Frowin Saturday afternoon.

Mesdames J. M. Weinzappel, Joe Luke and J. B. Wilde and Miss Olivia Stock, members of the Muenster garden club, attended a meeting of the Saint Jo garden club Tuesday afternoon at which time Mrs. Will Lake of Fort Worth was the guest speaker.

BENEFIT PICNIC-DANCE

The parochial high school fund will be on the receiving end next Tuesday night when the parish executive

committee sponsors a benefit picnic and dance in the parish hall. It is being given to make up for some of the poor response to recent appeals for donations, chairman H. P. Hennigan stated.

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The story of Muenster's first half century of development is duly preserved and recorded in the Library of Congress at Washington, Father Frowin was advised by official notice last week.

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THROAT BLESSING

Following the traditional observance of the feast of St. Blaise, the ceremony of blessing throats will be held four times on Saturday, February 3. The first blessing will follow the 7 o'clock mass; the second the 8:30 mass; the third will be at 3:00 p. m., and the fourth after rosary services at 7 p. m.

GLADYS RICHTER AND HUGO LUTKENHAUS UNITED THURSDAY

A pretty church wedding of this week was that of Thursday morning when Miss Gladys Richter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Richter, became the bride of Hugo Lutkenhaus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lutkenhaus. Rev. Father Frowin officiated at the ceremony and at the nuptial high mass at 9 o'clock.

Anthony Luke, organist, played the wedding procession and recessional and also assisted Sacred Heart choir in rendering music for the mass.

The bride wore a lovely floor-length dress of white alpaca crepe. It was made with a sweetheart neckline, a gathered blouse fitted at the waist and a very full skirt and long fitted sleeves. Her only ornaments were a gold chain and cross, gifts from the bridegroom. Her full-length veil of net, edged with lace, fell from a gold sequin cap, and her bridal bouquet fashioned of white roses, sweet peas and valley lilies, was tied with gold tulle. Gold kid sandals completed her costume.

Miss Clara Richter of Dallas was her sister's maid of honor. She was attired in an ankle-length frock of white chiffon made with a smocked waist, full skirt and short puffed sleeves. With it she wore a picture hat of pink straw, long pink gloves and a pink shoulder corsage.

Bill Lutkenhaus, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

Following the church services breakfast for the bridal party was served at the home of the bride's parents. A color scheme of white and pink was noted in the dining room and the bride's table was attractive, centered with a tiered cake, flanked with pink tapers.

Immediately after breakfast the couple departed on a wedding trip to Mexico where they will spend a week.

When they return they will make their home south of Muenster on the Seyler farm.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Lutkenhaus are natives of Muenster and attended the local schools.

FELIX BECKERS OBSERVE 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Becker observed the 25th anniversary of their marriage Sunday with a party in their home. They were married here

on Jan. 26th, 25 years ago. Mrs. Becker is the former Miss Rose Hartman.

In honor of the occasion the couple was presented with a number of handsome gifts from their relatives and friends. Following the presentation, an informal social evening was enjoyed.

A group of accordion selections were played to entertain the guests. This entertainment was provided by Misses Mildred Walterscheid and Katie Mae Walterscheid. During the musical program a selection was dedicated to little Norma Vogel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vogel, and a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Becker, who observed her fifth birthday Sunday.

In the late evening refreshments were served to Messrs. and Mesdames Bill Becker and sons, Frank Klement and family, Victor Hartman and family, Alois Walter and family, Arthur Endres, Ben Luke and family, Joe Vogel and family of Myra, Henry Wolf and son, Joe Lehnertz, Bob Yosten, John Hartman and family, Herman Hartman, C. M. Walterscheid and family, Alphonse Hoemig, Miss Rita Rohmer, Miss Katie Mae Walterscheid and the Felix Becker family.

ROBERG-PAGEL WEDDING TO BE HELD MONDAY, 5TH

Mrs. Katie Roberg has announced the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Miss Gertrude, to Jerome Pagel. Wedding will take place at Sacred Heart church on Monday, February 5.

The bridegroom-to-be is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Pagel, Jr.

A number of social affairs are being planned for the bride-elect. The first is a miscellaneous shower given by Mrs. T. S. Myrick at her home this Thursday afternoon.

BED-SIDE PARTY CHEERS MRS. FLEITMAN MONDAY

A bed-side party cheered Mrs. Henry Fleitman Monday evening when her children gathered at her home to extend best wishes on her birthday.

The party was a surprise to the honoree. After the presentation of lovely gifts, including a decorated cake bearing 62 candles, the group enjoyed an hour of conversation.

Mrs. Fleitman is convalescing from a serious illness of influenza and hopes to be sufficiently recovered to be up by the end of the week.

MISS ANNA HELLMAN ENTERTAINS FOR CDA'S

Miss Anna Hellman was hostess to Catholic Daughters of America for their monthly social last Thursday when she entertained in the home of William Hellman.

Progressive 42 series furnished diversion for the guests during the evening. Mrs. Al Walterscheid scored high and was presented with a yellow pottery water pitcher. Mrs. John Fisher was consoled with a handy kitchen gadget, and Mrs. M. J. Endres was the recipient of the door prize, a set of bath towels.

At the conclusion of the games the hostess served an attractive refreshment course to 16 guests.

MEETING DAY CHANGED FOR LEAGUE AND GARDEN CLUB

The Civic League and Garden Club has postponed its regular meeting date, Feb. 9, to the following week on February 16th.

The change was made so as not to conflict with religious services during Forty Hours Adoration.

STUDY CLUB RESUMES DISCUSSION PERIODS

The Hyacinth Study Club resumed meetings Monday evening after being disbanded for several weeks because of the illness of several members who were confined to bed with influenza.

The meeting was held in the Becker home with Miss Olivia Stock leading the discussion on the 9th chapter of the book entitled, "Pray-

ers to Angels and Saints."

An interesting supplement to the lesson was the reading, by members, of clippings from the club's scrapbook, especially an article on Saint Francis de Sales, patron of journalists, writers and the press, whose

feast was observed Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Fette were pleasantly surprised last Thursday night by a group of relatives and friends who called to observe their 30th wedding anniversary.

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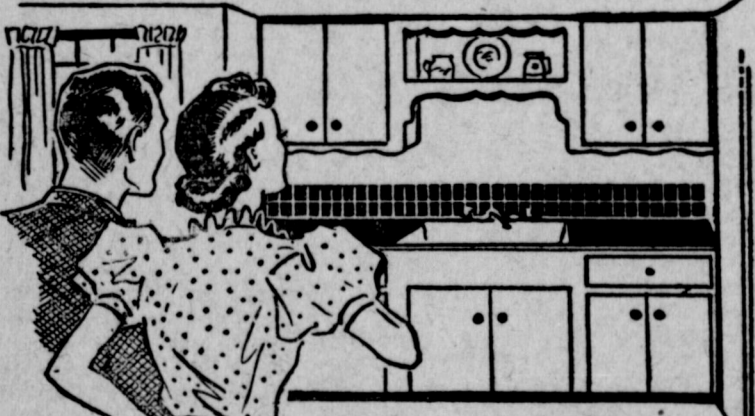
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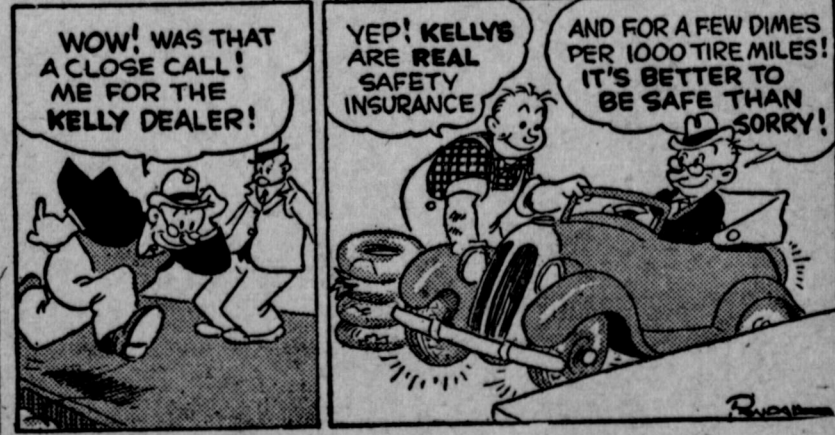
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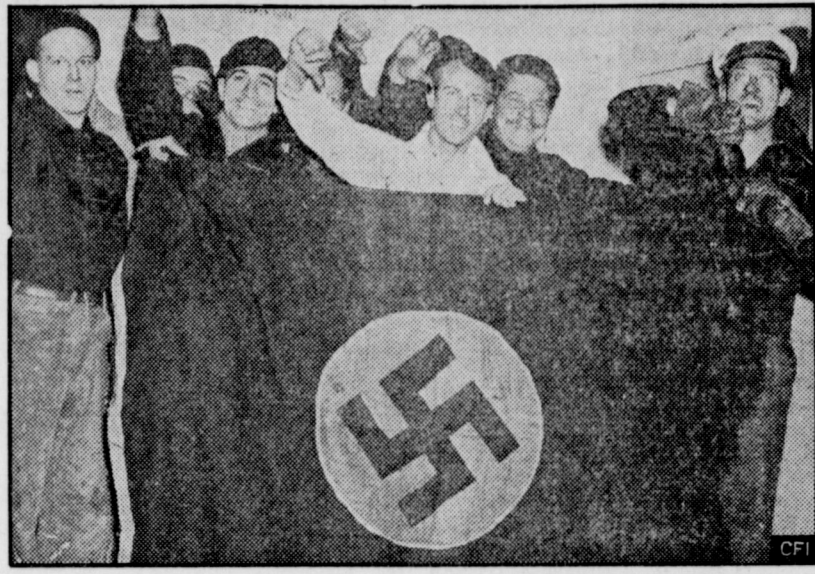
February 1, 1940, was Fourth National Social Hygiene Day. In thousands of communities throughout the nation audiences large and small were gathered to consider the fight against syphilis and the conditions that favor its spread.

The nation has been justly concerned about the number of automobile accidents in this country. The Year 1934 resulted in 107,000 cases of permanent disability, as reported by the National Safety Council. Yet in that same year syphilis attacked and disabled more than half a million persons. There is more of it than measles, twice as much as tuberculosis, a hundred times as much as infantile paralysis. It is responsible for more than 10 per cent of all insanity, 18 per cent of all diseases of the heart and blood vessels, for many of the still births and the deaths of babies in the first weeks of life.

Syphilis is a contagious disease. It is caused by an organism known as the spirochete, which may attack and destroy any organ or tissue in the body. One adult in ten is infected by syphilis at some time during his or her lifetime. Unless treated, it is permanently disabling and frequently fatal. There is reason to believe that if all conditions due to syphilis were reported as such, it would be found the leading cause of death in the United States.

Syphilis can be stamped out more effectively than typhoid. The spirochete which causes it is delicate, and lives only on moist surfaces. It does

WHAT FLINT'S MEN THINK OF NAZI RAIDERS



BALTIMORE, Md.—Members of the crew of the City of Flint express their opinion of the Nazi raiders who captured their vessel during epic cruise. They return thumbs down on the banner with the pinwheel cross. The City of Flint arrived at Baltimore Saturday, January 27. This Nazi flag hoisted by the Nazi prize crew put aboard to take the City of Flint to Germany after capture by German sea raider, but the ship was freed by Norway.

not withstand drying and therefore can exist only for a short time outside the body. There is no intermediary host such as we find in mosquito-borne malaria or louse-borne typhus, and there is no reservoir of infection aside from man himself.

Syphilis has always seemed to be the mad dog of communicable diseases and needs swift action to control it. Its later stages, if untreated may be as horrible to the onlooker as they are agonizing and fatal to the victim. There are no explosive outbreaks. It occurs in a multitude of sporadic epidemics through single infections by personal contact from victim to victim. It is not true that syphilis usually results from immorality. An abundance of cases are on record in which the disease has been incurred from kissing; from the use of a recently soiled drinking cup, napkin or handkerchief; from a pipe or cigarette.

Syphilis can be cured, however it is handicapped because a majority of people are ignorant of its serious consequences and ignore it because it causes no discomfort in its early stages. Sometimes they hide it because of the moral obliquity attached to a person having syphilis. The pseudo-moral attitude has tremendously influenced public opinion against open discussion of the subject.

Before medical control becomes fully effective, it will be necessary to overcome the moral attitude toward syphilis and the ignorance regarding its consequences. Both can be accomplished by education.

A good citizen will probably want to know how he can help eradicate syphilis from his community. First of all he must understand it. The major problem of syphilis is no longer that of medical-research. Doctors know its cause—the germ *Spirochaeta pallida*. They know how it spreads. They can diagnose it accurately and promptly even when it is hidden in the body with no external signs. They have powerful drugs which will cure it. And, finally, they have a plan of attack.

More than money, the task of stamping out syphilis requires devoted men and women who are not afraid of it. Syphilis control is not the business of the public health officer alone nor of the private physician or the social worker. It is the job for the whole people, and can be done only with their understanding and cooperation. To support such action is the first responsibility of a government designed to promote the general welfare.

The means of doing this job are clear:

1. Find syphilis. The obscure cases will never be found in time except by the Wasserman dragnet.
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NEELY BILL CAUSES STRONG RESENTMENT IN MOVIE INDUSTRY

Branded as "another example of misguided legislation that threatens the security of gigantic industry and

will "hog" the good pictures and refuse the poorer ones. Financial considerations will force small theatres to run more B pictures with the inevitable result of going broke because of declining patronage. The last opportunity for small theatres to hang on would be to book the cheap films, such as the Neely bill regards as undesirable.

Small town theatre goers who hear about the Neely bill may dismiss it as Hollywood's headache. But, if the bill's opponents are correct, it may become a special headache for the small town patron. There may not be any more small town shows. And at the same time big town shows may raise the price of their tickets.

Lindsay News

Joe Bezner, Jr., left last week for Dallas where he will be employed.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sandman spent Wednesday in Sherman.

John Fuhrmann spent the week-end in San Antonio with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Voth visited with Mr. and Mrs. Julius Hermes Sunday.

Mrs. Nick Block is reported recovering normally from a severe case of influenza.

Grandmother Mosman, 83, is ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Loerwald.

Mrs. Nick Mosman and children of Gainesville spent Sunday here with the Fred Mosman family.

Albert Krebs and family of Tishomingo visited here during the week-end with relatives.

Mrs. Jake Kuhn is reported seriously ill in the Gainesville hospital where she was taken for treatment Sunday.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hermes is quite ill at his parent's home this week. He is suffering from pneumonia.

John Orth, who was in Gainesville hospital last week suffering from influenza, was returned home Friday and is recovering nicely.

Rev. Francis Zimmerer of Muenster assisted with church services here Sunday because of Father Conrad's illness.

Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Zimmerer observed their 32nd wedding anniversary with a dinner and family reunion in their home Sunday.

The four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Kuhn is making a normal recovery in the Gainesville hospital following an operation for the removal of her appendix Friday.

LINDSAY GUN CLUB HAS OFFICER ELECTION

Lindsay.—An annual election of officers featured Sunday evening's meeting of the Gun Club when members gathered in the community hall.

Officers elected are: John Arendt, president; Jake Bezner, secretary; Mike Fuhrmann, treasurer.

At this meeting a number of new members were admitted, most of them from the community's younger crowd.

A social hour and refreshments concluded the evening's activity.

Linn News

MRS. A. WALTERSCHEID
Correspondent

Sloan McCool of Gainesville visited relatives here Friday.

Harvey Harrison of West Texas is here for a visit with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Reiter and daughters visited relatives in Muenster Wednesday.

Miss Dorothy McKinney spent the week-end in Era with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Gentry and

NATURE'S EARLAPS



They grow these earlaps down south and they've needed ear muffs there recently. Ruth Nunn displays a pair of ear warmers plucked from an orange grove. For decorative effect a few kumquats are added—not much sillier than some women's fashions. Miss Nunn was the "Citrus Queen" for the independent grocers' alliance which held a three-day conference recently. Conference discussions centered about movement of citrus surpluses into consumption.

penalizes the average citizen" is Senate Bill 280, commonly known as the Neely bill. The measure was comparatively unknown until its recent passage by the Senate created a storm in the movie industry—a storm that spread with surprising vigor all over the nation. Now opposition comes not only from the movie producers but from theatre managers and the public at large.

As explained in a current nationally circulated business magazine, the bill's purpose is to put a check on undesirable pictures—they may be immoral, subversive, or just dull. The purpose is to be accomplished by requiring exhibitors to contract for films individually and only after seeing a complete synopsis. Such action automatically outlaws the current practice of "block-booking" by which a theatre manager agrees to accept a specified annual quota of present contracts permit the rejection of a certain number of pictures which an exhibitor might consider poor attractions for his locality.

To abolish block-booking, opponents of the bill say, is to knock the movie industry's tried and proven method of business procedure into a cocked hat. Without contracts, which actually represents so much cash, the producer has to turn from business methods to gambling methods. Believing that many Class B pictures would not sell, he becomes wary about making them, and knowing that every Class A picture represents possible heavy losses, he demands higher prices. At the same time he finds that larger theatres

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family of Freemound were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam McCool.

Mr. and Mrs. Diamond King and daughters and her mother, Mrs. Charlie Bradley, visited relatives at Gainesville during the week.

Andrew and Miss Barbara Harrison, who attend school at Nocona, spent the week-end here with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Schoech and daughter, Harriet, and Anselma Pangel of Muenster, visited Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Walterscheid Sunday.

Mrs. Charlie Bradley spent several days of last week in Wichita Falls at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. T. E. McDowell, who was seriously ill.

MISS SHULTZ SPEAKS TO LINN CLUB WOMEN

Linn.—"Better gardens and home production of foods means a better balanced diet," Miss Nettie Shultz, county home demonstration agent, told members of the Linn club when she addressed them on the subject of "Wise Land Use," during a regular meeting last week. She also spoke on the uses of meat for family meals.

The club met in the home of Mrs. Darrell McCool with Mrs. Ben Sicking, president, in charge. Following the union repetition of the club prayer and club pledge, the roll call was answered by each member telling her favorite way of serving fruit. After Miss Shultz's talk a social

hour of games and contests was enjoyed.

At the conclusion of activity, the hostess served a delicious fresh fruit course to the following: Mesdames Ben Sicking, Jack Biffle, Sam McCool, Alford Harrison, Dude Rosson, Ed Bennie, Bob Steadham, T. N. Fielder, Selby Fielder, Miss Rose Sicking and Miss Shultz.

The next meeting will be on Feb. 13 at the home of Mrs. Ed Bennie.

Jake Pangel and son, Jerome, spent Thursday in Dallas on a combined business and pleasure trip.

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