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## County Agent Ralph R. Thomas' Annual Report

Agricultural engineering was one of the most important phases of the Extension Work in 1940 as shown by the annual report of County Agent Ralph R. Thomas, which has just been submitted to the State Office, Extension Service of A. & M. College. Approximately one-fifth of the agent's time in 1940 was devoted to some phase of agricultural engineering work. This included surveying of sites for dams on farms and ranches, running terrace and contour lines, surveying sites for trench silos and instruction in the use of farm levels.

Ninety-three dams were built and approved for payment under the Triple A program. In addition to this, seven dams were built on which no payment was applied for under the Triple A program, making a total of 102 dams built in the county in 1940, which were surveyed and approved by Ed S. Carr, range inspector, and the county agent. These dams were built on seventy different farms and ranches. Five dams were built by the county on farm property for the protection of roads. As compared with previous years since the dam building program started in 1937, in 1937 fifty-nine dams were built under the farm and range program. Of these only fifteen were surveyed prior to the time of building. In 1933 it became a requirement that dams be surveyed before construction started. During that year seventy-seven dams were completed. In 1939 there were ninety-one dams constructed, making a total of 329 dams built in the county since this program started. It is estimated that these tanks will hold around 700 acre feet of water.

Standard terraces were built on 237 acres of farm land. 11,623 acres of crops were planted and cultivated on the contour. 264 acres of pasture land was contour furrowed. Five new trench silos were built in the county. Boys' 4-H Club work was another important item in the Extension work in Gray county. Fifty-five days of the agent's time and seven out of the thirteen days that the assistant county agent, Lawrence C. Neece, worked in the county, was devoted to 4-H Club work. Mr. Neece was employed as assistant county agent on December 16th. Fifty-one boys were enrolled in the 4-H Clubs of Gray county, of which thirty-nine completed their demonstrations. Clubs were organized at Grandview, Alanreed and Lefors. Demonstrations were completed in calf feeding, poultry and various feed crops. Club activities included a club encampment held at the Gething Ranch on August 1st and 2nd, which was attended by twenty-four boys. Five boys and one sponsor attended the district encampment at Lake Marvin. Three boys attended the educational encampment at Dallas during the Dallas fair last fall.

Since about 98% of the farmers and ranchmen of Gray county were participating in some way with the Triple A program, it was essential that a great deal of time be spent by the county agent in assisting farmers and ranchmen in planning their operations in order that they receive maximum benefit from this program. This was accomplished by the farmers coming to the office and by the agent actually going on the farms and planning the work with the farmer or ranchman. Records of all acreage allotments and soil building allowance for each farm in the county were carried by the county agent at all times. Also, time was spent in holding educational meetings relative to the Triple A program and assisting in the administration of the program in the county.

Most of the 1939 Agricultural Conservation Payments were received in 1940, which amounted to \$253,796. In the range program the ranchmen received \$60,852 for the building of dams and other conservation work. The 1940 wheat parity payment amounted to \$100,928, and the cotton parity payment amounted to \$19,396. The crop insurance program which is part of the Triple A was of great assistance during the year to policy holders who failed to make crops. There were 236 policies taken out last fall on the 1941 crop, of which 36,153 acres were insured for 248,296 bushels. Records show that the farmers are using the crop insurance program to obtain credit on a sound

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## With the Churches

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

John W. Myrose, Minister  
Sunday school 10 a. m., Mr. Alton Howard, supt.  
Morning worship at 11. Sermon, "The Complete Gospel."  
The junior and senior societies meet at 6:45 p. m.  
Evening worship at 7. Sermon, "Groping for God."  
Miss Ethel Gaskill, representing the Publication Department of the Board of Christian Education, will meet with Sunday school workers and any who are interested, at the church Friday morning, Jan. 10, at 10 o'clock.  
The junior choir practices after school Wednesday.  
The senior choir practices Wednesday night at 7 o'clock.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

Jack Hardcastle, Minister  
Lord's Day services:  
Bible study 10 a. m.  
Sermon 11 a. m.  
Young people's meeting 6:30 p. m.  
Sermon 7:30 p. m.  
The minister will preach at both morning and evening services. If you enjoy plain Gospel preaching and good congregational singing, you will appreciate the services at the Church of Christ.  
Other services of the church include the ladies' Bible class at 2:30 Wednesday, and the mid-week meeting at 7:30 Wednesday.

### PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

W. R. Maxwell, Pastor  
Sunday school 9:45 a. m.  
Foreign missionary service at 11 a. m.  
County Singing Convention 2 p. m.  
P. Y. P. S. 6 p. m., Forrest Switzer, president.  
H. M. S. Tuesday, 2 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday night.  
Preaching Saturday night.  
B. P. Hammond is conducting a singing school at our church and we urge those interested in singing to attend.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Troy A. Sumrall, Pastor  
Sunday school 9:45 a. m.  
Preaching 11 a. m.  
Training Union 6:30 p. m.  
Preaching 7:30 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:15.  
Choir practice Wednesday, 7:45.

### FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Leroy M. Brown, Minister  
Sunday school 10 a. m., C. O. Greene, supt.  
Morning worship at 11.  
Evening worship at 7.

### PRESBYTERIAN LADIES

The Presbyterian ladies met in the home of Mrs. C. V. Hendren Tuesday for a New Year's program, with Mrs. F. H. Bourland in charge.  
Mrs. Chas. E. Cooke led the devotional from Psalm 63, followed by prayer.  
The program was as follows:  
New Year's Story, "Excess Baggage"—Mrs. H. E. Franks.  
"Victorious Life"—Scripture reference.  
"Through Faith"—Mrs. Raymond Glass.  
"Fellowship in Prayer"—Mrs. John B. Rice.  
A short business session was conducted by Mrs. E. L. Sitter, second vice president.  
Others attending were: Mesdames S. R. Jones, Mattie Graham, Carl M. Jones and Oscar Sullivan.

### METHODIST W. S. C. S.

Mrs. J. E. Kirby, president, was hostess to the Methodist W. S. C. S. Tuesday.  
A covered dish luncheon was served at noon, after which Mrs. C. M. Carpenter, vice president, led a pledge service. She was assisted by Mesdames A. B. Christian, C. A. Cryer, Thos. Ashby, C. P. Hamilton and C. O. Greene. Mrs. J. W. Story gave the closing prayer.  
Others present were: Mesdames W. C. Shull, Leroy M. Brown, J. B. Pettit, Jerry Newman, S. A. Cousins, Eyrd Gull, J. A. Sparks, L. S. Tinnin, H. C. Rippey.  
Next Tuesday the regular Bible study will be held at the church at 2:15, with Mrs. Bogan leading.

## Funeral Services Mrs. T. W. Henry Held Saturday

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the First Methodist Church for Mrs. T. W. Henry.  
Mrs. Henry died at an Amarillo hospital Friday, following burns received when her clothing caught fire from an open stove at her home here.  
Mrs. Henry was an old timer, having lived here for 36 years, her husband preceding her in death, May 28, 1923. She was 81 years, 4 months and 24 days old at the time of her death.  
Services were in charge of Pastor Leroy M. Brown. Active pallbearers were T. J. Coffey, J. H. Bodine, W. E. Bogan, W. T. Wilson, R. N. Ashby and J. M. Noel.  
Flower bearers were Miss Margaret Glass, Mrs. T. E. Crisp, Mrs. A. B. Christian, Mrs. Chas. Cousins, Mrs. C. M. Carpenter and Mrs. J. H. Wade.  
Honorary pallbearers were: Mesdames J. T. Glass, Lula Latson, C. S. Rice, S. W. Rice, J. W. Story, J. A. Brawley, M. A. Bowen, R. N. Ashby, J. H. Bodine, J. P. Smith, W. B. Upham, W. T. Boyett, Scott Johnston, John B. Vannoy, W. C. Cheney, Geo. W. Sitter and Thos. Ashby.  
Survivors are: two sons, W. T. Henry, McLean; B. N. Henry, Socorro, N. M.; two daughters, Mrs. B. E. Glass, Alanreed; Mrs. A. P. Alexander, Kermit; three half-brothers, E. P. Norwood, Lubbock; W. R. Norwood, Cameron, Mo.; J. D. Norwood, San Antonio; and two half-sisters, Mrs. W. H. Gaines and Miss Anna Belle Norwood, Houston.

Burial was made in the family plot at Hillcrest cemetery, Womak Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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## ATTORNEY REYNOLDS MOVES TO McLEAN

Dennis Reynolds, Wheeler attorney, has moved to McLean and will practice his profession here.  
Judge Reynolds is a brother of Marion Reynolds, well known Shamrock attorney, and was prosecuting attorney in Colorado for some 10 years.

Mrs. Reynolds is a daughter of the late Rev. J. J. Baird, pioneer Baptist preacher of this section. They have two children, Miss Arlene and R. H., the latter being a student at Texas Tech.

Mrs. Reynolds and Miss Arlene are singers of note and ardent church workers.

Attorney Reynolds says he will practice in all courts and is anxious to make the acquaintance of everyone here and take his rightful place in everything that tends to community betterment.

## McLEAN CENTER FOR MATTRESS MAKING

McLean is one of the five centers in Gray county where mattresses will be made, according to the national mattress program. The work will begin January 15.

Anyone interested in mattresses is invited to see the work. You may learn by doing the work yourself, if you choose. The supervisor will be glad to give any assistance.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST LADIES

Those present at the ladies' Bible class of the Church of Christ Wednesday afternoon were: Mesdames J. Cash, Johnnie R. Back, J. R. Phillips, Austin Stafford, Jack Hardcastle, Barney Fulbright, Ted Morris, Jack Mercer, June Woods, Henry Boyd, Pete Fulbright and Herman McAdams.  
We have begun a study of "Scriptural Survey" by Coleman Overby. It is a very interesting study and we would like to have more women present for this study. Our next lesson will be lesson 3, taught by Bro. Jack Hardcastle.

## LIBERTY COMMUNITY MISSION

S. R. Jones, Minister  
Sunday school 11 a. m.  
Evening service at 7:30.

## SNOW THIS WEEK

Snow began falling here Sunday evening and continued with light flurries and icy mist until Wednesday, bringing much needed moisture to farm lands.

## Judge Reynolds Speaks at Lions Luncheon Tuesday

Judge Dennis Reynolds, who was a guest at the Lions luncheon held Tuesday noon, made a short inspirational talk that was appreciated by all present.

This popular attorney who has recently moved to McLean, found that he knew several Lions in former years, and a good time was had renewing acquaintances among the membership.

County Agent Ralph R. Thomas, who has absented himself for several weeks, was present, but refused to tell any funny stories, giving a reason that was eminently satisfactory to the Lions.

Wilt Springer of New Mexico, a former member, was present, as was Miss Mary Lee Abbott, who substituted for Miss Betty Floyd as club sweet-heart.

Lion Greene reported taking six children to Amarillo Saturday for medical treatment at the expense of the club.

The ladies' night committee reported Jan. 28 as the date selected for this month.

## SHOWER HONORS MRS. CRISP

Mrs. Johnnie R. Back was hostess Friday afternoon at a shower honoring Mrs. Billy Crisp, a recent bride. She was assisted by Mrs. Troy A. Sumrall, Mrs. John W. Cooper and Mrs. C. P. Callahan.

The dining room was lighted with tapers, and the lace covered table was centered with a reflector mirror with miniature bride and bride's maid in a winter setting. Misses Margaret Kramer, Dorothy Sitter and Mabel Back presided at the table, and Miss Julia McCarty at the bride's book. A vocal trio was given by Misses Evonne Floyd, Frances Sitter and Ruth Bond. Mrs. W. E. Bogan gave an original reading, entitled "Where Have You Been, Billy Boy?" written especially for the occasion. The gifts were then presented by Misses Sitter, Kramer, Back and McCarty.

The place of honor was shared with the bride by her mother and sister, Mrs. Lula Young and Miss Marietta.

Among those present and sending gifts were: Mesdames Lula Young, Fred Vaughn of Pampa, C. A. Gatlin, Kid McCoy, Troy A. Sumrall, Geo. Colebank, Amos Thacker, Marvin Hindman, L. P. Gunn, C. J. Cash, H. W. Finley, Wynema Douglas, M. H. Patterson, H. C. Rippey, R. T. Dickinson, Murray Boston, S. A. Cousins, F. E. Stewart, Eldon McMullen, W. E. Bogan, John Cooper, Orville Cunningham, Roger Powers.  
Mesdames Marvin Hall, Frank Crisp, A. B. Christian, Dewey Wood, Harris King, Henry Loter of Pampa, T. J. Coffey, J. W. Story, J. T. McCarty, C. S. Doolen, C. V. Hendren, Joe Hindman, J. T. Glass, Charles Cousins, Jim Back, Ed Howard, David Boston, Mattie Graham, J. W. Kibler, J. R. Back, Earl Stubblefield, Dwight Stubblefield.

Mesdames Pete Fulbright, C. B. Batson, John Merial, Reep Landers, Aud Boyd, T. A. Massay, W. A. Watkins, E. L. Sitter, S. L. Humphreys, Ham Earthman, Chas. E. Cooke, Buck Glass, C. A. Cryer, H. H. Worsham, J. W. Myrose, Ercy Cubine, H. R. Trimble, Sam Hodges, R. L. Appling, E. J. Windom, N. A. Greer, H. E. Franks.

Mesdames Emory Crockett, J. A. Sparks, Billy D. Rice, Geo. Barrow, Bob Black, Guy Farrington of Pampa, J. A. Brawley, T. H. Andrews, Homer Abbott, June Woods, W. H. Floyd, Marvin Tibbets of Lefors, A. H. Moreman, Roy McCracken, Carl Jones, Marie Anderson, J. R. Phillips, E. H. Kramer, J. A. Meador, Barney Fulbright, H. H. Lamb, Bob Thomas, W. C. Cheney, J. B. Pettit, Thos. Ashby, R. W. Bailey, F. H. Bourland.  
Messrs. and Mesdames Bill Cash, Hershel McCarty; Mr. J. D. Davenport, Jack and Dale Glass.

Misses Julia Merial, Frances Landers, Georgia Colebank, Fleeta Cunningham, Flora Duncan, Oleeta Cunningham, Florene Mullin, Margret Kidwell, Lottie Margaret Barrow, Leta Mae Phillips, Ermadell and Evonne Floyd, Lettie Jo Wardlow, Shirley Ray and Sue Glass, Patty Ruth Rippey, Marie Farrington of Pampa, Ruth Bond, Frances Sitter, Bobby Crisp, Marietta Young.

## Chamber Commerce Disbanded after 20- Odd Years of Service

### AWARDS PRESENTED FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Wednesday morning in a special assembly at the high school, Coach Christian awarded jackets to twenty football players.

Receive jackets, which are black wool with gold colored sleeves and neckband, were presented to Robert Baton, Jack Lisman, Joe Wayne Hill, Philip Lisman and Manager David Dwight.

Jackets which went to the first string men are reversible satin or gaberdine. The satin side is gold with black sleeves and belt, while the gaberdine side is black with gold sleeves and belt. These jackets were awarded to Monroe Combs, John Kelly Lee, J. M. Montgomery, Sonny Boy Back, Arthur Boyd, Gayle Montgomery, Conrad Isom, J. D. Roth, Paul Bond, Robert Dwight, Kenneth McMullen, Jack Jones, Kenneth Dyer, Oran Dorsey and Leroy Braxton.

All jackets have a gold colored chenille "M" bearing the service stripes on the left side.

### P. T. A. TO MEET NEXT THURSDAY

The Parent-Teacher Association will meet Thursday, January 16, at 7:30 p. m. at the ward school gymnasium for a social. Everyone is urged to be present.

### SHOWER HONORS MRS. CASH

A miscellaneous shower was given last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Pete Fulbright, honoring Mrs. Billy Cash, a recent bride. Mrs. Fulbright was assisted by Mrs. Barney Fulbright, Mrs. Henry Boyd and Mrs. J. A. Jarrell.

Guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. J. R. Phillips. Mrs. Johnnie R. Back presided at the bride's book, and Mrs. Jack Hardcastle served refreshments from a lace covered table centered with a mirror reflector containing a miniature bride and groom and snowy cedar.

The bride occupied the place of honor, with her mother, Mrs. Mance Lisle, seated on her left, and Mrs. C. J. Cash, mother of the groom, to her right.

Present and sending gifts were: Mesdames W. H. Floyd, Kid McCoy, Thos. Ashby, J. B. Pettit, C. V. Hendren, Raymond Glass, T. E. Crisp, Marvin Hindman, Bob Saunders, Billy Crisp, Billie D. Rice, Roger Powers, C. A. Cryer, Alma Turman, John B. Vannoy, Mance Lisle, Pete Fulbright, Mesdames M. M. Newman, Leola Horrell, Porter Smith, Earl Stubblefield, J. A. Meador, Era Kibler, J. A. Jarrell, C. S. Doolen, J. D. McClellan, Frank Bidwell, Lena Regal, Ercy Cubine, W. C. Cheney, Ed Smith, Pete Chilton, R. T. Dickinson, Henry Boyd, Johnnie R. Back, June Woods.  
Mesdames Jim Back, Jack Hardcastle, Chas. E. Cooke, L. F. Gunn, Hershel McCarty, C. J. Cash, J. R. Phillips, D. M. Graham, F. R. McCracken, W. E. Bogan, D. L. Stubblefield, J. A. Sparks, Milton Carpenter, Barney Fulbright, R. W. Bailey.  
Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Batson, Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Finley, Misses Ruth Hart, Marietta Young, Leta Mae Phillips, and Juanita Clawson.

### STREET HOME BURNS

The G. W. Street home just outside the city limits, occupied by some three families, burned to the ground Friday morning.

It was said that the fire caught from cleaning clothes with gasoline on the back porch on which was a gas refrigerator.

### DISTRICT LEGION MEET

The regular monthly meeting of the 18th district the American Legion will be held at Wellington Jan. 16 with lunch at 7:30 p. m.  
Child Welfare will be the principal subject discussed on the evening's program.

The McLean chamber of commerce is no more, after around 23 years of unbroken service, according to action taken at the annual election of officers Monday night.

Following the dissolution of the old body, it was voted to operate under a seven-board-member plan and be known as the Business Men's Club.

No nominations were made, each one present voting for seven men, and the following received the highest totals: C. A. Cryer, C. S. Doolen, Creed Bogan, Boyd Meador, C. O. Greene, W. W. Boyd and W. E. Bogan.

At a subsequent meeting of the board, C. O. Greene was elected chairman and W. E. Bogan secretary.

It was voted that the board hold quarterly luncheons and invite the membership. It is presumed that no regular monthly open meeting will be held as formerly, and while no constitution and by-laws committee was appointed, such a committee will doubtless function soon, as the old constitution is now nullified under the new set-up.

It was voted to donate \$25 to the PFA club and to entertain the Keller-ville band and board of education in the near future. President D. A. Davis appointed C. S. Doolen as entertainment chairman, he to select his own committee.

The following were present: W. E. Bogan, S. A. Cousins, C. O. Greene, W. W. Boyd, C. S. Doolen, Geo. Colebank, D. A. Davis, D. L. Stubblefield, Wilt Springer, C. J. Magee, T. N. Holloway, C. A. Cryer, Boyd Meador, Creed Bogan, and T. J. Perkins.

### 4-H CLUB STUDIES PILLOW CASES

"In making pillow cases, you should have harmonizing colors," said Mrs. Julia E. Kelley, to the Southeast 4-H Club when they met at the Liberty school house Jan. 3.

Mrs. Kelley continued by saying that pillow cases should not be too fancy and that the stitches in the embroidery work should be short and neat.

The girls are requested to bring material for a jumper dress to the next meeting, which will be Jan. 17 at the home of Betty Lou Roth.

Those attending the last meeting were Norma Lee Myatt, Eulema and Eulamae Lively, Betty Lou Roth, Bennie Mae Wade, Mrs. Dorsey, sponsor, and Mrs. Kelley, county agent.

### SCOUTING SCHOOL HERE

Thursday and Friday nights at the high school, Troy Israel, field man, Boy Scouts of America, will conduct a course in Elements 1 of Scouting.

All the men of the community are invited to attend. There will be regular credit given for those who come both nights, completing the course. The course presents material explaining the basic setup of the Scouting organization, and is for all men interested in the boys of McLean, not just for those who are active Scout workers.

Prof. C. W. Turman of Dumas, former McLean resident, was here Wednesday and subscribed for the home paper. Prof. Turman was kind enough to say that The News' editorials reminded him of Col. Henry Watterson as examples of individual expression.

### BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 12—John Cooper, Mrs. C. M. Jones, Mrs. K. E. Windom, Martha Joyce King, LaWanda Shadd, Louie Calaway.  
Jan. 13—Mrs. J. C. McCabe, J. E. Lynch.  
Jan. 14—Albert Overton, Mrs. Fred Staggs.  
Jan. 15—C. H. Puckett.  
Jan. 16—M. M. Ruff, Carl Sullivan, Amos Williams, Jan Black, Mary Ann Back.  
Jan. 17—W. M. Smith.  
Jan. 18—Mrs. J. A. Meador, Jewel Glass.



WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

By Edward C. Wayne

**President Scores 'Peace Offensives' And Urges Additional Aid for Britain; Nazis Pour More Troops Into Rumania; English Bombers Pound Invasion Ports**

(EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.)  
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**SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE**—A picture released by the German censors, purporting to show French newspaper men being shown the effect of German cannon fire on the Maginot line fortifications. The line, upon which France once pinned its faith against invasion, is now a bad memory of the past for those in occupied France.

**PEACE: U. S. Offensive**

As the U. S. administration moved ever more vigorously toward aiding Britain, isolationists groups in senate and house started individual "peace offensives" which the President had scored in no uncertain terms in his radio address Sunday before New Year's.

Back of them all was the familiar theme of asking the U. S. to demand that Britain and Germany state their war aims and that this country make one last effort to bring the two chief warring nations together before the world as it now exists falls apart.

The theory back of it all seemed to be a feeling on some of the administration's heartiest opponents that President Roosevelt still would like to see himself in the role of peacemaker, on any basis. But the President himself indicated that there could be no negotiations with the Axis powers bent on "conquering the world" by the use of gangster tactics.

The demand of Knudsen that manufacturers work for "victory," and by this evidently meaning a British victory, was seen as enough indication of the true temper of White House feeling in the matter.

Editorially, the anti-British American press hailed this domestic "peace offensive," and the Anglophile press editorially condemned it, saying that normally intelligent senators and congressmen were allowing themselves unwittingly to be made tools of Hitler.

**Defense Capacity**

America's productive capacity for defense is rapidly expanding to meet the nation's armament needs. According to the defense commission, the nation's arms output has reached 2,400 aircraft engines, 700 planes, more than 10,000 semi-automatic rifles and 100 tanks a month.

The commission added that more than a million persons have been put to work in the last two months and that "several million more" will be needed by next November.

**GREECE: Now Anxious**

There were two schools of thought as to the reports that Germany was sending anywhere from 100,000 to 500,000 soldiers into Rumania via Hungary.

School No. 1 figured that these troops were aimed to be shot into Greece through Bulgaria, thus attempting to keep Italy going, and thus perhaps hurling Russia and Turkey into the southeastern end of the World war.

School No. 2 doped it out that this latter eventuality was just what Germany sought to avoid, and that the troop movements, if any, were largely a "smoke screen" to cover a severe invasion attempt on the West Front.

The British evidently belonged wholeheartedly to School No. 2, for they followed up the unofficial holiday truce by hurling an average of 100 bombs a minute on the invasion ports, giving them a taste of war from the air that they hadn't had since October.

Early advices from England's

scouts on the continent seemed to indicate that the objective had been attained, and that any invasion attempt would have to be postponed again.

At the same time the British put into volume production a new type of torpedo boat, said to travel 70 miles per hour, barely touching the tops of the waves, highly maneuverable, and carrying all sorts of armament, including one cannon and several torpedoes.

Purpose of this boat is to be a counter-move against any troop-carrying barges that may seek to cross the channel.

**BRITISH: Get Second Wind**

The campaign in Egypt, which saw the British capture upward of 35,000 prisoners and huge quantities of war material while hurling the Italians not only out of foreign territory but well back within their own Libya, reached a point where the British sat still for a while, apparently catching their "second wind."

Sit-down point was Bardia, where a state of siege was declared, and the British, under General Wavell, apparently decided to shell the defenders into submission with artillery from land and sea and bombs from the air rather than to risk heavy casualties in a direct assault on the well-fortified town.

Bardia is said to be defended by 20,000 Italians, and while cut off from outside help or supplies, and apparently doomed to fall, showed signs of being able to hold out for a while. Prisoners who deserted from within the town and ran the gantlet of fire to the comparative safety of surrender, said Bardia was a hell-on-earth.

They described the havoc wrought by British fire, and felt themselves well out of it all. Rome was slow to admit British successes, but there were signs of sweeping further changes in command. These mostly came from British sources, which announced that as the Italian air force was fighting more vigorously, they assumed that Italy once more had fired a general and hired a new one.

**DIPLOMACY: Beats the Punch**

Diplomatic circles did a bit of shadow-boxing around a supposed plan of President Roosevelt to widen the neutrality area to include Ireland, thus permitting British-aid-carrying American vessels to run to west Irish ports.

The diplomats themselves said nothing, but the newspapers in the dictator nations opened fire on this proposal before it was made, and their barbs shot in all directions and across all oceans.

German papers threatened America with everything, practically including a declaration of war if the move was made. The ships would be sunk without warning, they said. They called it Britain's "dirtiest trick" that the English have tried to foist on America.

Following this the Rome press followed suit, going ever further, and promising Ireland that the Axis powers would give Eire full aid if she were to go to war with Britain. And this shot fell into Ireland and set the Irish almost at each other's throats again.

**Camera, Action—!**



Here is Richard Green, motion picture actor, climbing out of a tank "Somewhere in England," where he is training with the tank unit in which he enlisted. Sometime before his enlistment was accepted in England he made a flying trip from Hollywood to Vancouver, B. C., in an attempt to enlist in the Canadian army. He was rejected there but is now serving with the British forces.

**QUAKE: But No Sabotage**

New England and a large part of the surrounding country was treated to a pair of earthquake shocks, one of the few disasters in recent months that hasn't been investigated by the FBI or the Dies investigators or both.

Most remarkable was the prediction of one quake expert that the shocks felt are just a preliminary, and left New England sitting on the anxious seat. For this scientist predicted that within eight months the earth's fault will really settle, and that a truly disastrous quake will occur.

New Englanders, who have smugly sat back for decades looking over at sunny California, studying their own gloomy climate and saying "well, anyway, we don't have earthquakes," are now revising their slogans accordingly.

And such is their confidence in college professors that New England won't be "sitting pretty" until the eight months have passed away—a warning to a quake!

**NLRB: Gets 'Red' Tag**

The Smith committee of the house of representatives tendered its final report, branding the National Labor Relations board as "avowed enemies of constitutional government," and recommending not its disbandment, but a thorough house-cleaning.

The committee approved the President's naming of Dr. Harry A. Millis and Dr. William S. Leiserson to the board, and the ousting of Edwin S. Smith.

Rep. Howard W. Smith's group turned its chief barbs against Smith. Ending 17 months of investigation of the NLRB, the committee recommended and charged:

1. Prompt dismissal of all members of Communist "front" groups.
2. Sweeping revision of the Wagner Labor Relations act.
3. Institution by congress of an investigation of the entire field of labor relations.

The report tied up Smith with Harry E. Bridges, the stormy petrel of labor on the West coast, charged it with "wrecking labor and employers alike" and of having pronounced "C.I.O. sympathies."

**TRIAL BY BOMBS: Air War Continues**

For periods of as much as two days no German planes appeared over England. Then in a lightning raid a devastating blow is struck. One such blow was on the port of Liverpool and another at Manchester. Damage was admitted heavy.

The British, on the other hand, conducted nightly raids, and sought to make them on the same giant scale. Their most serious blow was on Mannerheim, home of the huge I. G. Farbenindustrie, one of the largest plants in the world. The bombings were not confined to Germany, however, but strung out from northern Norway to Italy. One night R. A. F. planes flew as far as Venice, dropped bombs and returned.

Neutrals also felt the effects of the air war. Several towns in both Northern Ireland (Ulster) and Southern Ireland (Eire) were struck. Civilian casualties were recorded as well in Switzerland.

Otherwise on the war front: German Junker planes were reported carrying Italian soldiers from the east coast to Albania. It was denied any German troops were being ferried.

The British submarine, Swordfish, which attained a notable record, was missing with its crew of 40 and considered lost.

The house of parliament again was struck by a bomb. Hitler told his Nazi soldiers in a New Year's message that the "year 1941 will bring the greatest victory in our history."

**New Silk Lingerie Fascinates With Its 'Dressmaker Touch'**

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



It also answers to the call for black. Garments of black silk sheers profusely trimmed with fine black lace are featured throughout all lingerie collections of note. In this modish ensemble of gown and boudoir coat, the latter, as you will observe, is styled with a side drape finished off with a border of sheerest black lace. The gown underneath is also lace-trimmed. To add to this twosome, designers suggest a third "black beauty" (not illustrated) lace-lavished costume slip to wear under your newest black party dress of net, silk chiffon or lace.

Centered in this group picture is a white silk satin nightgown with hand-sewn Alencon lace which yields to deep V-treatment with flattering shoulder bretelles of the same sumptuous lace. Its semi-princess lines resemble the manner of a party dress.

A new trend to modesty in silk night robes is the adorable gown shown in the inset. This empire nightgown of heaven blue silk crepe reveals a marked tendency to exploit light blues in lingerie fashions. This model has a pleated boson oval neckline with a wide bordering of handsome lace about the hemline. The same lace repeated on the short waist achieves a quaint empire silhouette.

Shades of the Gibson girl! Here it is in modernized version as shown in the camisole-and-pantie set to the right in the group. This combination garment of pinkish mauve silk satin is trimmed with Alencon lace dyed to match. The camisole zips up the front and would fill a Gibson girl with envy.

You will enjoy a far happier, care-free spring and summer if you assemble your lingerie wardrobe in the "do it now" spirit that will leave more time for the spring sewing program just beyond.

(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Everyone should have a hobby. It is almost safe to say that the most alluring, the most all-prevailing hobby among the fair sex is that of acquiring a wardrobe of lovely lacy soft and silken lingerie. Certain it is that women's enthusiasm for pretty "undies," negligees and other flattering boudoir apparel needs no urge.

**Black Lace Magic**



By all means include a large and lovely chiffon kerchief with a three-inch lace border in your collection of evening accessories. You will find it effective in many ways. Trailing gracefully from an embroidered pocket it adds infinite grace to your costume. Carry it in your hand nonchalantly or tuck it under your jeweled belt. These lovely lace kerchiefs designed by Burnel will add a decorative note to anyone's appearance if she is versed in kerchief technique. Worn as pictured, over a prettily groomed evening coiffure, you will take on the loveliness of a modern madonna. You can get these lace and chiffon whimsies in wicked black or angelic white. One of each would tune to every occasion.

**Decorative Veils**

Milliners are making a plaything of veils. They arrange them in whimsical fashion to add a sprightly touch to the hat. It's new to tie your veil under your chin in a butterfly bow. Then too, milliners depend upon veils to give a gay color touch.

**Furs for Women Vary in Durability**

Probably no other article of women's apparel is surrounded by quite the aura of mystery as are fur coats. Only an expert can tell anything about the quality of furs. The best the average woman can do is to learn something of their wearing qualities and then select the type best suited to her needs.

Among the most durable furs are classed beaver, fisher, mink, otter, and badger. Other pelts that wear very well are Alaskan seal, kolinsky, krimmer, marten, muskrat, Persian lamb, raccoon and skunk. If you are selecting furs to stand hard daily wear, you will find these most satisfactory.

Less substantial, but not classed as actually fragile, are caracul, ermine, fox, leopard, lynx, marmot, nutria and opossum. These require constant care and should be sent to the furriers frequently for checking. Fragile furs include sable, chinchilla, squirrel, mole, chipmunk and kidskin.

**Winter Skiing Costumes Sold in Matching Colors**

The mix-and-match movement has invaded the field of ski clothes. This year, along with the regulation two-piece costumes, you will find jackets and trousers in contrasting and matching colors.

The separate jackets are as trimly tailored as are those of more conventional suits and close with slide fasteners all the way up the front. They are reversible, with poplin, treated to be wind resistant, on one side and bright wool plaid on the other.

**Dress Has Ruffles**

A frock to be worn by a young girl at parties is one of pale pink net made with seven full ruffles on the skirt and tiny, very full, puffed sleeves.

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**HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news**

**Athens:** Greek sources reported a submarine had attacked and sunk an Italian convoy in the Adriatic, with a loss of 25,000 to 30,000 tons.

**Melbourne:** Australian army chiefs reported that a Nazi sea raider, disguised as a Japanese vessel, shelled and badly damaged buildings on the island of Nauru, 5,400-acre atoll in the South Pacific, chiefly noted as a source of phosphate.

**Ft. Meade:** Camp building for the National Guard and draftees is big business, this cantonment reporting that 18,000 men were currently at work there.

**Lisbon:** A move is on foot, it was reported at Lisbon, on the part of the Vichy government to set the African colonies free, thus giving them carte blanche to move in any direction they see fit.













## WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON

(Consolidated Features—WNU Service.)

**NEW YORK.**—Joseph C. Grew, ambassador to Japan, got his start by crawling into a cave and getting a half-nelson on a tiger. No wonder he is called **Bear-Wrangler**. He isn't afraid to talk back to **Tiger-Titter Was Diplomat Grew** Foreign Minister Matsuoka and to tell him that "The American people are firmly determined in certain matters."

About that tiger. Just out of Harvard, the young Bostonian headed for Singapore, to piece out his sheepskin with a tiger skin. He hunted big game for two years in southern Asia, engaging in a great deal of jungle milling before he found the open door in China—the entrance to the tiger's cave which was his gateway to a distinguished diplomatic career.

When the tiger story was published, it caught the eye of President Theodore Roosevelt, but it was a later bear story which really stirred his interest. Young Mr. Grew took three straight falls from an angry bear. Naturally, T. R. saw in that the makings of a diplomat. Cables the next day routed the bear-wrangler and tiger-titter into a lifetime career in diplomacy, starting a post with the Egyptian consulate-general at Cairo.

He was paced steadily on up through posts at Mexico City, Petrograd, Berlin, Vienna, Copenhagen and Berne. He is rounding 60, 38 years in the diplomatic service, tall, erect, weathered, graying. His durable career typewriter has come along with him down the years, and on it he raps out his terse reports to the state department. Bear-wrangling, diplomacy and this and that has left him with only one good ear, but it serves to register a bigger ear than most diplomats get with two.

Mrs. Grew is a granddaughter of Commodore Perry, who opened Japan to the western world—vice versa. Living with them at the embassy is their daughter, Mrs. Cecil Lyon, with her two children.

**VERNE MARSHALL** was born and grew up in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and for 26 years has been editor of the Cedar Rapids Gazette.

**Scribe Stays Put, Believes the U. S. Should Do Same** S. A. ought to do the same.

In New York, he becomes the organ and director of the No Foreign War Committee, which puts him in the opposite corner to William Allen White, the other sage of mid-western newspapering, who heads the Committee to Defend America. Not that Mr. White wants war, but their ideas are so opposed that they already are pumping large-caliber editorials at each other.

Mr. Marshall lost one war. For his courageous anti-graft campaign in Cedar Rapids, he was awarded the Pulitzer prize, on May 4, 1938. But while the cheers were still echoing, the Iowa Supreme court, the next day, knocked out his graft charges against 31 persons. He kept on slugging, however, and is highly esteemed in those parts as a self-starting, hard-hitting editor.

He was in London in 1911, writing for the London Chronicle, returned home and later left his newspaper desk for a stretch of machine-gunning in the big war. He didn't like it and now says enough is enough. He is the father of six children.

**NO CUSTOMER** who ever dropped in at Jacques De Sieres' Fifth avenue perfume shop for a spot of "fleur d'amour" would ever have thought of the elegant M. De Sieres as a fighting man. But that's the way it is with the French—elegant, but tough, on occasion. M. De Sieres was a flying ace in the World war, lost a leg, was wounded five times and is now looking for a return engagement as he serves as the personal representative of Gen. Charles De Gaulle, to rally the "free French" in this country. Just now, with three other members of General De Gaulle's American committee, he gives vehement assurance that the present political machinations of the Nazis will consolidate France and steel it for final resistance.

M. De Sieres was a classmate and intimate friend of General De Gaulle at the St. Cyr military academy. They lost touch with each other during the World war and M. De Sieres has not seen his old friend since he left Paris in 1920. But he cabled the general when the latter made a new base in London and issued his stirring appeal for the support of free Frenchmen throughout the world, pledging unchanged loyalty. The result was his personal representation of the general here.

## FARM TOPICS

### WILLOWS SAVE STREAM BANKS

Dense Growth Protects Soil On Curves.

An improved labor-saving method of protecting stream banks with a mat of growing willow shoots has been worked out by the soil conservation service. It is particularly effective where small streams are cutting into their banks at the outside of curves or where streams that normally flow gently rise to destructive heights in rainy seasons. The willows throw up a dense growth that furnishes first-class protection.

The first step is to grade steep banks to about a 45-degree angle. Then cut willow poles and prune them roughly. The poles should be long enough to extend from below low water in the stream to the top of the sloped bank and should be laid about two feet apart the day they are cut to prevent drying. Cover the poles with a 6 to 12-inch layer of brush—using the willow prunings and other brush if needed.

Anchor the brush mat with old woven wire laced together with smooth wire. Set stout posts in the bank and tie the mat down with wires from the posts to heavy stones sunk in the stream below the mat. Provide occasional vertical anchors of logs laid up and down the slope and held by stout stakes.

Poles cut in fall and winter when the willow are dormant will live and in spring will root in the bank and send up growing shoots that form a living mat.

Willows have long been popular as bank protectors, but the new method economizes labor, gets a dense growth with minimum effort, and the work can be done in winter when farm work is slack.

### Use Abundance of Nails When Erecting Buildings

In the erection of farm buildings, poor nailing of joints is often the cause of later damage to these buildings by windstorms. Skimping of the number of nails often means increased upkeep costs. A poor job of nailing in the construction or repair of farm buildings and the use of too few or too small nails result in weaknesses at the joints. Many farm buildings are blown down or sag because not enough or too small nails were used in their construction and while small nails do not crack the lumber so much as larger ones, they are not so effective in holding the building rigid.

Good nailing practice consists mainly in using the proper kind, size, and number of nails for each particular part of a wooden structure. In order to get the full strength of the common wire nail under a side-ways pull, it must be driven at least two-thirds of its length into the piece receiving the point if light-weight wood is being nailed. When it is not possible to get this much penetration, more nails should be used because the strength increases directly with the number of nails.

For wall sheathing and roof boards of the ordinary kind, two eight-penny nails at each nailing point are usually enough. In assembling rafters it is well to consider that a severe storm may lift the roof as a whole. Therefore at least three or four nails of the proper length should be used to fasten each rafter to the top of the side walls. The proper number of nails in such places sometimes seem to be more than necessary but they may mean the difference between a wrecked roof or one in place after a storm.

### Farmers Prepared For U. S. Defense

Agriculture is prepared for national defense better than any other industry, according to N. E. Dodd, western regional director of the AAA.

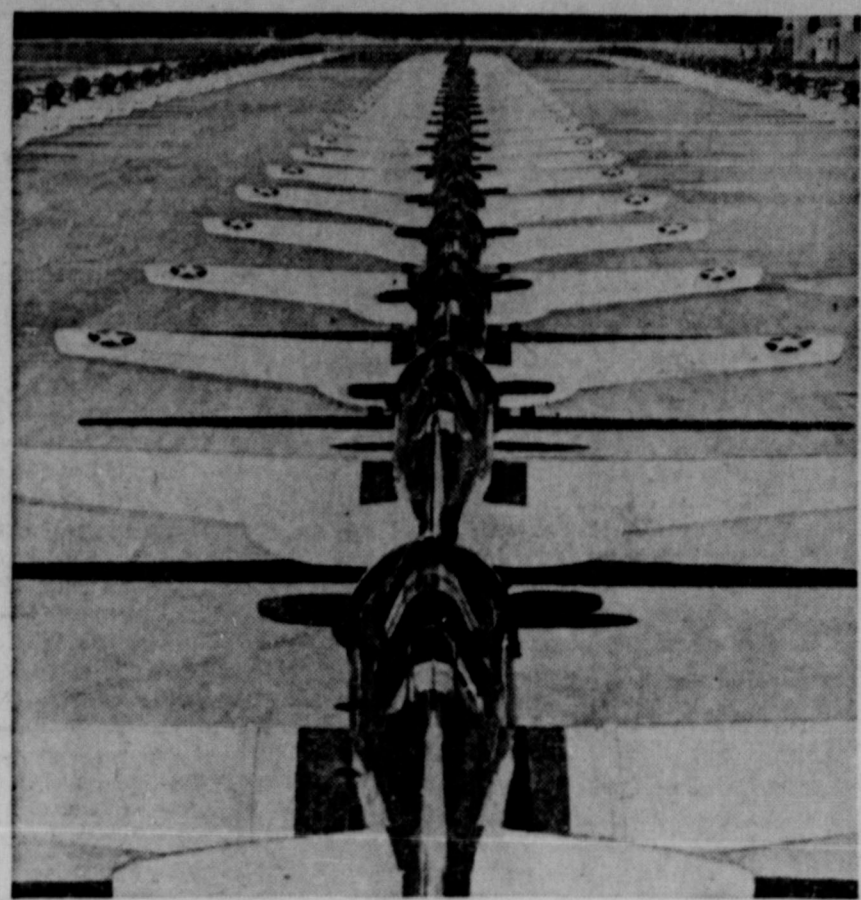
Farmers are better trained to produce all the nation needs without damaging the land as was done during the World war, and there is enough food and fiber for every use.

There is enough wheat stored on farms and in elevators to feed the people next year if no more wheat is grown. We have enough cotton in storage for a two-years' supply if we don't raise another bale. And there is a half billion bushels of corn in storage so there will be plenty of grain for live-stock feed.

### Figuring Acreage

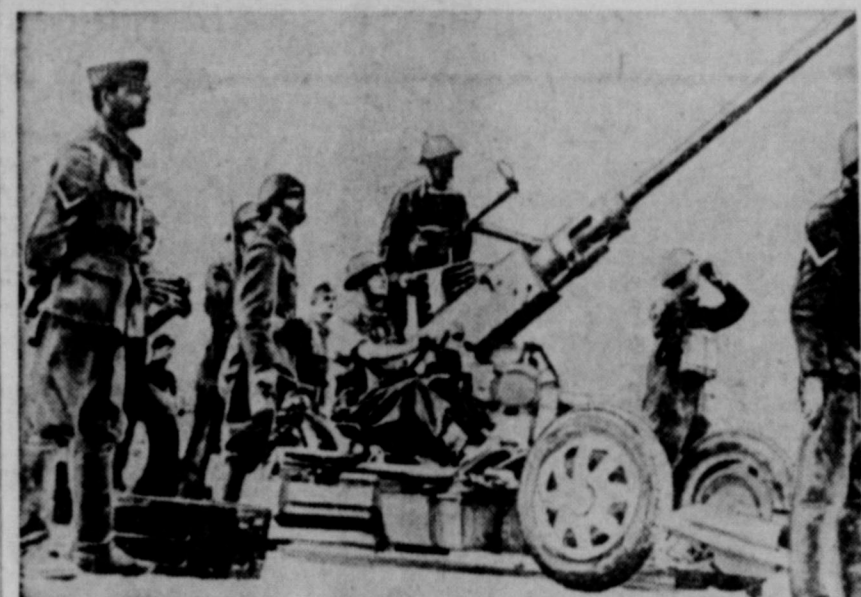
An acre contains 43,560 square feet or, what is more commonly used, 160 square rods. A square acre measures 208 feet, 8 1/2 inches on each side. A strip of land 1/2 rod wide; 1 mile in length equals an acre. To find the number of acres in a rectangular field, multiply the length by the width in feet and divide by 43,560 or, multiply the length and width in yards and divide by 4,840 or, the length by the width in rods and divide by 160.

### Lesson in Perspective for Prospective Pilots



Remember how the railroad tracks seemed to meet in the distance? Well, nowadays a string of airplanes has the same effect. The imaginary line of the wing tips is drawing towards a point in the distance. These are some of the training craft at the "West Point of the Air," Randolph Field, Texas. The planes will be used for training the 500 flying cadets.

### First Picture on Greek War



The first picture of Greek and British soldiers together in the war against Italy. This picture was made on the strategic island of Crete. Greek soldiers watch English soldiers man an anti-aircraft gun. The British use the island of Crete as a base for air raids on Italy.

### Electoral Votes



Here is Col. Edwin Halsey, senate secretary, receiving the presidential electoral votes of all states, just before the new Seventy-seventh congress convened. Election is not "official" until congress actually opens and reads these votes.

### Close Harmony



German Ambassador Von Stohrer (right) with Ramon Serrano Suner, brother-in-law of General Franco, on a tour of Madrid. Suner is said to be very Axis-minded.

### Things to do



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### Flag Display

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The only written statute or rule concerning the 24-hour display was set forth in the report of the capitol architect for 1938, which stated that the flag was to fly in all weather, all times over the Capitol.

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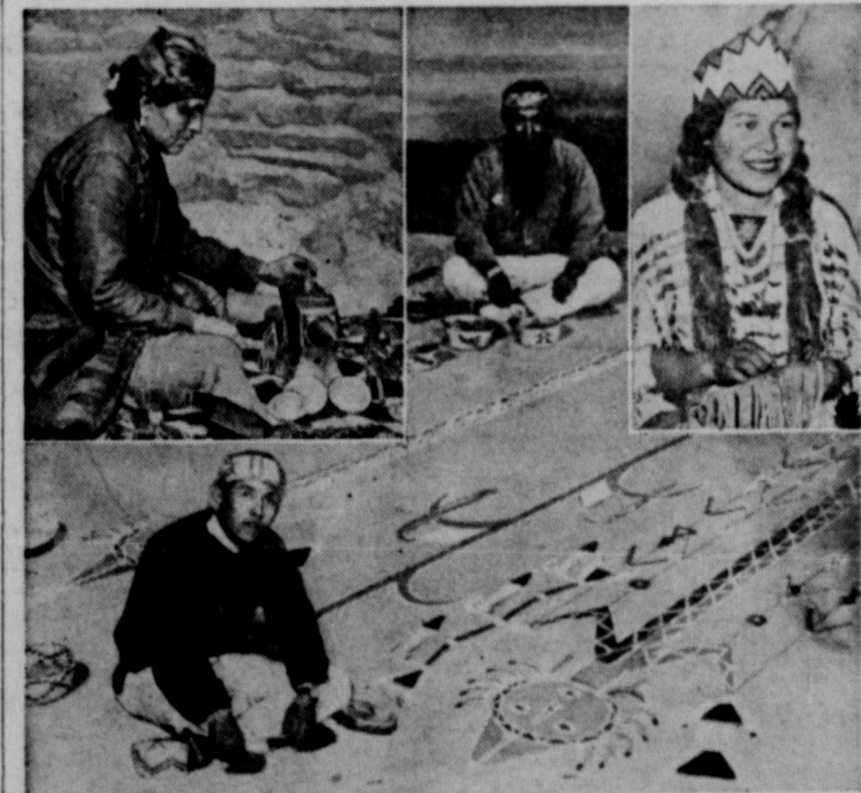
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### Recognition for American Indian Art



The almost forgotten arts developed by Indians will be recalled January 22 when the government, universities and museums will co-operate to feature their achievements. Above, a group of Navajo Indians demonstrate their handwork, which will appear in the museum of modern art, New York city. Upper right: A young Indian girl proudly wears traditional tribal costume.

### President Roosevelt Inaugurated



The third-term tradition will be broken January 20 when Franklin D. Roosevelt is inaugurated as President of the United States for a third term. At the same time former Secretary of Agriculture, Henry A. Wallace, will succeed John N. Garner as vice president. Arrow points to President Roosevelt as he stood in the rain to review passing troops during his inauguration in 1936.

### Wins Drama Award



R. E. Sherwood, 44, creator of "Abe Lincoln in Illinois," will be awarded the gold medal of the National Institute of Arts and Letters for achievements in the field of drama. Presentation will be made in New York on January 18.

### Home Financing

| Assets of Federal Savings and Loan Associations | Year |
|---|------|
| \$513,203                                       | 1933 |
| \$495,456,164                                   | 1935 |
| \$1,092,101,218                                 | 1937 |
| \$1,726,308,000                                 | 1940 |

Nearly all of America's 1,429 federal savings and loan associations will hold their annual shareholders' meeting on January 15. Sketch shows increase in assets since 1933.



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"Oh pity on that hour when  
Hope first turned and fled,  
And left these acres barren  
In the pathway of the dead."

The poet did not have in mind the barren acres that are showing up around McLean due to improper cultivation methods, but the words apply just as well. Some of the lighter soils have been broken out and allowed to blow away within a ten-year period. There is little excuse for such practices now, that the federal government is anxious to cooperate with farmers in placing shelterbelts that will eventually control blowing soils in addition to conserving moisture and making the farm more attractive in many ways. Terracing, contouring and tree planting are the salvation of loose soils, and the sooner everyone is brought to a realization of this fact, the sooner we may expect our community to prosper.

The passing of the chamber of commerce reminds one of the passing of time. It seems only a short time ago when the body was organized with plenty of enthusiasm and high hopes to be of service to the community. For years the word "community" was part of the organization's name. Then came years when boomers got into it and some people objected to even the name chamber of commerce. A change in name was tried, but it was found that there were still objectors.

In spite of difficulties, the body has many years of usefulness behind it, comparing favorably with many other towns, many of them much larger than McLean. For one thing, it was strictly democratic—anyone, whether member or not, was listened to patiently on any subject he wanted to discuss, and as long as he wanted to discuss it. Then the annual banquets were gala affairs that helped to keep McLean on the Panhandle map.

The new organization bids fair to be more closely knit and may be of more service to the business men, who after all, pay the bills. Our hats are off to the new board of directors; may they be able to take the new organization over the rocks to financial success for all of us.

And if they succeed in doing as much good as the old organization, without its mistakes, their work should be satisfactory to all concerned.

Mrs. Alva Alexander and daughter, Miss Sally Jo, have returned to their home at Kermit after attending the funeral of their mother and grandmother, Mrs. T. W. Henry.

Miss Mary Louise Brawley of Shamrock visited home folks here over the week end.

Alvin Phillips of Memphis visited in the B. L. Anderson home Sunday.

James Stubblefield of Groom was in McLean this week on business.

Roy Barker made a business trip to Pampa Monday.

**Library News**

By Mrs. Lady Bryant

The man who succeeds is the man who reads. Lincoln walked twenty miles to get a book.

Homer D. House's book on "Wild Flowers" contains 364 illustrations of native flowers in natural size and life-like coloring—flowers that are scattered over the length and breadth of the United States. These color photographs are the first ones ever made of American wild flowers.

"A Pioneer Speaks," by E. B. Featherstone, tells its story in both words and pictures, and reflects the philosophy of a true pioneer who has helped develop four Texas frontiers.

In the Saturday Evening Post, Oct. 5th to Nov. 30th, in eight series, Mrs. Will Rogers tells Will's life story.

"Swamp Water" by Vereen Bell is an excellent story for boys. The setting is near the Okefenokee swamps.

Watch for the date of the book review, "The Family," coming soon.

**News from Skillet**

Billie Bob Davis visited Sonny Polley Sunday.

Born Thursday, Jan. 2, to Mr. and Mrs. George Baker, a 9 1/4 pound girl. She has been named Velma Pearl.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Hunt and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Ladd Gibson and Joe Gibson, all of Alanreed, visited Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Preston Sunday.

Louise Preston visited Karen Christie Sunday.

Mrs. Polley of Turkey is visiting her daughters, Mrs. C. F. Weaver of this community, and Mrs. Louie Kalka of Watkins, and their families.

Mrs. Buck Glass and children and Miss Dotson visited Mr. Glass at the Rowe Ranch headquarters Friday night.

Mrs. George Preston and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Preston Sunday.

Miss Dotson visited the bedside of Kenneth Preston Tuesday night. Kenneth fell and cut one of his legs badly, Monday afternoon after school.

Bonnie and Joe Preston visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Christie.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunt visited in Alanreed Friday.

Mrs. W. T. Burr, little Zona Maye Baker and Jim Glass visited the Skillet school Friday afternoon.

Mr. Howard Burr and Miss Inis Burch were married Wednesday. The citizens of the community extend congratulations and best wishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hunter were in Pampa Tuesday and Wednesday, the lady receiving medical treatment.

Mrs. C. F. Weaver and children, Charles and Syble; Mrs. Polley of Turkey, and Miss Dotson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Louie Kalka and family of Watkins.

Otto Reimer spent Tuesday night with Ray Hunt.

Lottie Pearl and Vernelle Christie visited Kenneth Preston Wednesday after school.

**INCREASING DANGER OF RABBIT FEVER**

Opening of the hunting season brings forth new danger from the disease tularaemia, or rabbit fever, warns C. E. Sanborn, professor emeritus of entomology at Oklahoma A. and M. College.

This disease has been increasing year by year among animals and Sanborn says the added contact with them during the hunting season this winter will probably bring an increase in human cases.

Called rabbit fever because wild rabbits and hares have caused over 90% of human cases in the United States, this disease is carried by many animals as squirrels, quail, coyotes, dogs and chickens.

It is more often contracted during handling and dressing of the animal, the specialist says. A second, usually more serious, way of contracting tularaemia is through eating meat of game that is not thoroughly cooked.

**Germ Enters Body Easily**

During the dressing of a diseased animal, the germs may enter through a skin wound, inflicted at the time of or shortly after the germs get on the skin. Or, the germs may enter through the tender skin under the finger nails. The habit of rubbing the eyes or face with infected fingers may also provide a means for the disease to get in the blood stream, Sanborn explains.

Even blood that dries on the skin may be dangerous, believes Professor Sanborn. So, after dressing any game one should wash and disinfect hands thoroughly, especially under the finger nails. The best plan is to wear rubber gloves.

The final precaution is in handling of the dressed animal in the kitchen and more especially in seeing that it is well-cooked. Just as in pork, disease from rabbits and other wild game may be side-stepped by thorough cooking, Sanborn says.

In detecting a diseased animal, the hunter might first notice the actions of the rabbits in the fields or woods. A diseased rabbit will often sit as if in a daze, refusing to be flushed. During cleaning, if the liver is found

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to be abnormally colored or spotted, the animal is likely to be a tularaemia carrier.

But, Sanborn warned, in discarding these infected animals, one should burn them. They should not be thrown just anywhere, as dogs or chickens may eat them and contract the disease and then become possible carriers to the human beings about them.

The man preparing the pelts of all kinds of wild animals should also exercise care, for he has the same danger of getting tularaemia.

**Disease Seldom Fatal**

The disease in man appears a few days after the exposure, with headache, chilliness, fever, aching pains all over the body. The place where the germ entered usually develops into ulcer and the nearby lymph glands become enlarged. Illness and fever last for about three weeks, but weakness and disability may continue for two or three months. It is fatal in about 5% of the cases.

There is no specific cure, Sanborn says, but care of the body while it builds up the blood again. One attack of the disease confers immunity.

If a person thinks that he has been infected with the disease, a physician should be called immediately, the entomologist cautioned.

Tom Clark of Pampa was in McLean Thursday.

W. L. Haynes of Weatherford, Okla. was in McLean Tuesday.

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**THE HENRY FAMILY.**

Mrs. Horace Bullock and little son have come home from a Pampa hospital.

Winfred Massay visited his grandfather, D. N. Massay, at an Amarillo hospital Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. B. I. Carpenter, New Mexico are visiting the mother, Mrs. E. L. Minix.

Mrs. T. A. Landers was in Amarillo Tuesday.

Miss Dorothy Siler has returned to Stephens College at Columbia, Mo.

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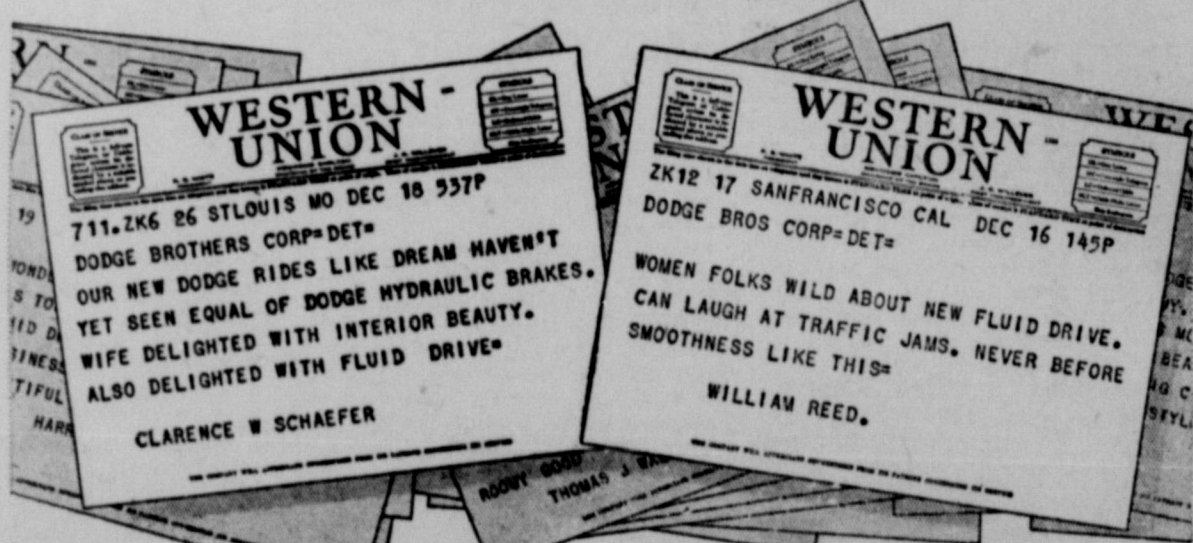
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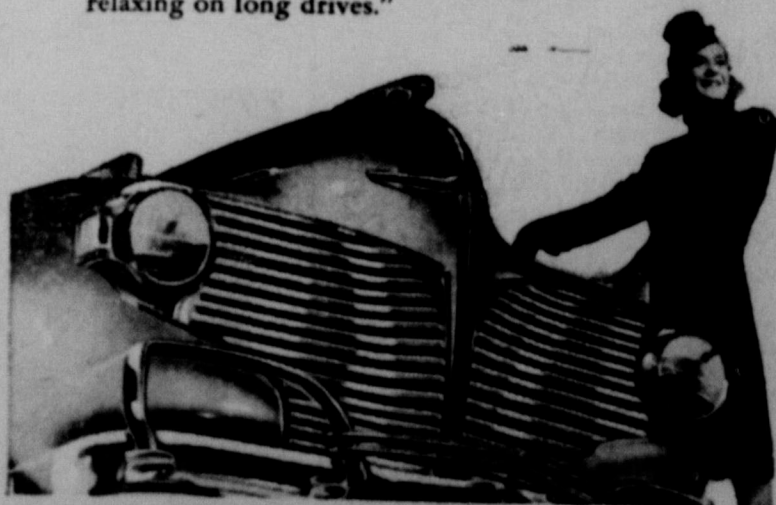
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# Hidden Ways

By FREDERIC F. VAN DE WATER

## CHAPTER X—Continued

"Maybe not," Cochrane answered dreamily, "but he changed his name to Ferriter, during the war."  
"King George—Gawd bless 'im—changed his too," I jeered.  
The innocent face before me beamed.  
"He changed it to Ferriter," my caller droned. "It used to be Horstman."  
I stared. Cochrane's expression was as guileless as a pan of milk.  
"I give up," I said at last. "I'm not good at riddles. What's the answer?"  
"I don't know," the reporter told me gently. "I hoped that, maybe, we could find one together. And now I'm all muddled up. If it's any of my business, what was your date with the pure young man?"  
"Are you completely goofy?" I asked. "What man?"  
"The guy with the sneeze expression and the cologne," Cochrane went on. "He said he was waiting to see you."  
I looked at him hard.  
"Waiting? Where?"  
My astonishment seemed to comfort Cochrane. He beamed.  
"In here," he said. "It must have been Everett, though I've never had a closeup of him before. He blew a minute after I came. Seemed pretty anxious to go, too."  
"Who let him in?" I began and then remembered I had told Mrs. Shaw to admit any man who called. Again in my mind, the swarm of half-uttered questions stung and flew.  
"Search me," Cochrane answered, "but he let himself out before I could learn who he was. You weren't expecting a call from Mr. Ferriter-Horstman?"  
"I was not," I snapped and turning opened the bureau drawer. I didn't hear the question Cochrane asked. My face must have been strange for his own changed when I looked at him again.  
"He came here," I said slowly, "to search this room. He's been through the bureau."  
"Did he get what he was after?" Cochrane asked.  
"I don't," I answered, "even know what he was looking for."

## CHAPTER XI

Cochrane said gently:  
"You might check if he's taken anything."  
By the mess in the bureau drawer, my visitor had not been a cool and careful seeker, or perhaps the reporter had come in before he could reorder the jumble of handkerchiefs, neckties and the like.  
"He's left me my razor," I told Cochrane, "and that's what I need most right now. If there's any more confusion you want to spread, you can trot along to the bathroom with me."  
In his cherubic face, his eyes were bright.  
"You don't let business interfere with your pleasure, laddie?"  
"Not this time," I snapped, and he grinned.  
"Go ahead," he waved at the door. "I'll just sit here and think."  
He was staring as though the opposite wall were not there when I returned.  
"Why should he want to rob you?" he asked.  
"Why?" I threw back at him, "should his brother want to kill me? and while I dressed, I told him of my duel with Lyon. Cochrane lit a cigarette and watched the smoke he blew. He did not speak, until I bent before the mirror to tie my tie. Then he said in mild complaint: "I wish crime could be a little more orderly. We pick up bits here and scraps there and, put them all together, they spell nothing."  
I was pulled two ways. I wanted to stay and sift the day's events with Jerry in the hope of finding coherence in their madness. I wondered, as I fidgeted and looked at my watch, if anything but the promise of this evening could possibly make me willing to leave.  
"Why," Cochrane asked, narrowed-eyed, "should one of the Horstman-Ferriter boys try to kill you and the other toss your room so inexpertly?"  
"You tell me," I said. "I've got ten minutes more, at most."  
"Then," he answered, getting up, "we better spend it elsewhere. Let's go, laddie."  
"Go where?"  
"We'll call on your friend Everett. Anyone in such beautiful evening clothes ought to be able to get me into the Morello. So far, the outside lobby has been my farthest north. Yoicks, my son."  
"Wait a minute. We go to see Everett. I tell him I think he robbed me. He says he didn't. And that'll be that. How far does it get us?"  
"Just about as far as you'd get by charging Lyon with felonious assault. But if the jittery gent is home alone and we can get to him—well, I think he'll break down. He looks like the sort that can't take it. And laddie, when I'm crowded, I can deal it."  
"He had another nervous collapse or whatever, this noon," I told my companion as we pulled on our coats. "He's not built for a murderer."  
"Those that aren't built for it suffer worst when they do it," Cochrane replied with an angelic smile and led the way downstairs.

We hailed a taxi and drove toward the Morello. Beside me, Cochrane smoked in silence for some minutes before he asked with the sleepy air he used when things were most important:  
"I don't suppose you've had time, during your toilet, to give a thought to the fact that Everett used to be Horstman?"  
"This nightmare," I told him, "moves too fast for me to think much of any one thing. What are you brooding on now?"  
"Well," he said, "Horstman could be a German name, eh?"  
I nodded.  
He went on, softly:  
"And it was a German voice you heard, over the phone, just before Blackbeard was killed?"  
He saw that he had pricked me and beamed.  
"You don't think," I asked angrily, "that I don't know Everett's name?"



"You aren't just a spectator."

voice? You really can't think that he has the guts to—"  
"If you knew," Cochrane broke in, "the number and variety of the things I can think, you'd be dismayed and grieved. Anyway, you might chew on that a little, during your wooing of the lovely heiress."  
"Listen," I began and glared at him.  
He smiled sweetly.  
"I don't want to hear a word," he answered. "Here we are at the scene of the crime."  
Walters, the night doorman, was in attendance on a shiny town car when our cab drew up at the Morello and Cochrane followed me into the foyer, unchallenged. Fineman was on the switchboard. He seemed too dazzled at sight of me in formal clothes to notice the reporter and, at my request, telephoned the Ferriter apartment.  
"Nobody home," he said, flicking down the switch. "The old boy, him that was pinched after the killing, went out twenty minutes ago."  
"I wanted to see his brother."  
Everett's absence cheered me. Apparently, the furies had found another job and my way upstairs to the Paget apartment was clear, at last.  
"Him?" asked Fineman. "He hasn't shown since I came on. I'll tell him, if he comes."  
"Do that," I answered and turned back to Cochrane.  
He grinned at my news.  
"Well," he said, "we tried anyway. Good night to you, Prince Charming. Have a nice opera. I think I'll nose around a bit. Not in here, where I pollute the patrician atmosphere and run a chance of getting heaved out on my neck, but outside. I'll be seeing you, laddie."  
"I feel like a pup, walking out on you now," I said.  
"I certainly hope you do," Cochrane answered cheerfully.  
Miss Agatha and Allegra were in the living room. There was coffee on the table beside them and its fragrance for an instant made me aware that I had missed another meal. Then Allegra smiled and I forgot prosaic food. She was very fair in her black evening dress with the frosty coronet in her hair; so lovely of body and face, that I looked quickly away and endured the old lady's humorous glare.  
"David," Miss Agatha asked, "do you always appear everywhere exactly on time with the look of one who has run the last hundred yards?"  
"I always run at least the last hundred when I'm going to see you," I told her.  
Allegra giggled. Miss Agatha retorted:  
"My dear boy, I've been a whetstone on which many men have sharpened their gallantry for use on others. You don't impress me. Go on to your opera. It's Wagner and it serves you both right."  
I held the glittering, fur-collared coat in which Allegra wrapped herself. The fragrance of her hair made me slightly dizzy. She went to her aunt and, bending, kissed her. I saw the old hands catch one of hers and hold it tightly, passionately, for an instant. There was pathos in that. There was none in Miss Agatha's brisk voice.  
"Allegra, will you remember that

David Mallory starts his work again in just thirteen hours? What havoc you make of other men's nights is between you and your God. David is my employee. He's got to do a second chapter tomorrow as good as the first. Don't keep him out till dawn."  
The girl laughed.  
"Agatha," she promised, "you'll be surprised."  
"I've lived with you young hellions too long for that," said the old lady. The tenderness in her eyes did not reach her voice until we turned to leave the room.  
"Take good care of her, David," she called after us.

## CHAPTER XII

Most of the first act of "Die Walkuere" went over my head, which, perhaps, left me even with most of the audience. I was stirred more by the girl beside me than by the fat persons on the stage. She watched their posturings and, whenever I dared, I watched her.  
"Didn't it get you at all?"  
"She was flushed and her eyes were bright. I rose to let our seat neighbors pass into the aisle."  
"It got too much of me," I told her. "Shall we get out?"  
"If you had an opera hat," she said, "I'd know you were itching to wear it in the lobby with the rest of the show-offs. Me, I'd rather sit still. It takes time for me to get my breath after Ring music. Let's just talk."  
I said: "I'd rather, too. Will you pick up where we were interrupted? Why hasn't Everett an alibi?"  
"Aren't you," she asked, "the most persistent person?" Her smile faded and her face grew troubled. She frowned and picked her words: "Measured by time, he hasn't. If you can stretch your imagination to believe him a murderer, he might have done it."  
"Then why—" I began, but she took away my question.  
"Why did I clear him? Because it was idiotic to dream—it's still crazy to think—that Everett was the killer. When Captain Shannon began checking up, Agatha said I had been with Everett and I let it go at that. I had been, too, but only for less than five minutes before you came in. How long he had been in our apartment before that, I don't know. He usually spends most of the afternoon in the workroom. He has a latchkey."  
Her eyes were dark with worry. I said, trying for lightness:  
"There are too many latchkeys."  
"I knew from the way she caught her breath that the jest had hurt. She sat for a moment, pleading her program with nervous fingers and I felt she was trying to control her voice. It was quiet when she said at last:  
"Grove is with Lone tonight."  
"I could find no answer for a moment. She went on, as though she were afraid of silence:  
"They probably are out together right now. They always are, when he has one of these 'business engagements' that keeps him from coming home."  
She turned and faced me, like a child who is sorry for a fault.  
"Maybe that's not fair. Maybe she loves him. It's just that—well, I'm jealous, I suppose. Grove and I have been very close since we were little children and now—we're not. That's not all. This murder seems to have turned everyone's world—but Agatha's—upside down. I'm frightened for Grove. He's walking deep into something. And I'm afraid."  
"Sure," I said, "I know how you feel."  
The thick voice I had heard over the telephone; the still unexplained disappearance of the murderer; Grove turning on the light in the Ferriter apartment; my struggle in the dark basement hallway; Everett's furtive raid on my room; my duel with his brother—these were blown about by the strong wind of music. Siegmund and his rival were fighting with swords on the stage. When the clumsy contest ended I found my palms clammy and my breath scabbed. I might at this moment be lying like the slain Hunding. I looked at Allegra. She had made life important. I was sweating as the curtain fell.  
Allegra, too, had felt the music's spell. She watched me mop my face and, I think, read there something more than the effect of an operatic tragedy. When our neighbors had gone again into the lobby, she asked:  
"Just what is your—your interest in this mess?"  
I could tell from her eyes and the sound of her words that she had kept that question a long while. I tried to gain time.  
"I don't quite know what you mean."  
She brushed that away with a quick movement of her hands.  
"Mister," she said with hollow gaiety, "you wouldn't trifle with a poor girl, would you? You aren't just a spectator. You're in this up to your neck. I can feel it. Why?"  
I said slowly:  
"That's a hard one. Because if I told you the truth; if I said that my interest in a murderer and a murderer was chiefly—almost entirely—the hope that I might help you, you wouldn't believe me."  
(TO BE CONTINUED)

# IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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## Lesson for January 12

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### CHRIST'S VALUATION OF PERSONALITY

LESSON TEXT—Luke 14:1-14.  
GOLDEN TEXT—Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?—Matthew 6:25.

People, people, and more people! Have you ever said, "I'm just so tired of people. I wish I could get away from everybody"? Most of us have felt that way some time and have possibly needed and deserved a rest. We must not permit that feeling to so color our thinking, however, that we lose our interest in men and women, boys and girls.

Jesus had His times of prayer and quiet communion with the Father, but for the most part we find Him out among people. He loved them and consequently dealt faithfully with them, showing tenderness to those who needed it, and often being severely plain and direct in dealing with those who were hypocrites. He valued human personality highly, hence He gave Himself in sacrificial devotion to winning, guiding, controlling and, above all, saving men.

The lesson presents some interesting contrasts.

#### I. How and How Not to Use the Sabbath (vv. 1-6).

Jesus was at a formal gathering with invited guests (v. 7) in one of the chief houses of the community, on the Sabbath Day. That such a gathering was held on that day was a sign of the degeneracy of the age. "The same thing is being done on Sunday by Christian people today. They go to church (if convenient) in the morning and devote the afternoon and evening to recreation and social" occasions. We agree with Dr. Morgan that "the whole thing is a sign of spiritual decadence." That's how not to spend the day of rest and worship.

Another wrong thing was that they used the occasion to try to entrap Jesus. He was at the feast, not to "have a good time," but to minister to their spiritual needs. They brought the sick man in to tempt Jesus to heal on the Sabbath Day. He used their trickery to condemn them and to silence them (vv. 4, 6).

Declaring God's truth and His love for man by worship and by work for Him—that is the right way to use the Lord's Day. Let's get back to its proper observance.

#### II. What and What Not to Do for Advancement (vv. 7-11).

Getting ahead, even at the expense of others, seems to have been quite the thing in our Lord's time, as it is today. Looking at that smug, self-satisfied crowd of "grabbers," Jesus made good use of His presence at the feast to expose their folly and selfishness. Again we agree with Dr. Morgan that one should not "try for the chief seat. Why not? Because the place of honor is for the honorable man; and a man who struggles to sit in the place of honor proves thereby that he is not an honorable man." Think it over!

The way up in spiritual things is always down. Humility, which is so despised by the world, is precious in the sight of God, and will be rewarded by Him. The principle stated in verse 11 is and always will be true. The young man or woman who really wants to get ahead will do well to let it control both thought and deed. It is a far better rule for the New Year than any resolution you may have made—and probably forgotten by now.

#### III. Who and Who Not to Invite for Dinner (vv. 12-14).

Is the Lord interested in such a matter as that? Indeed He is! Everything about life concerns Him, and, as a matter of fact, this is a very important point. Here an attitude toward life is revealed which is vital and fundamental.

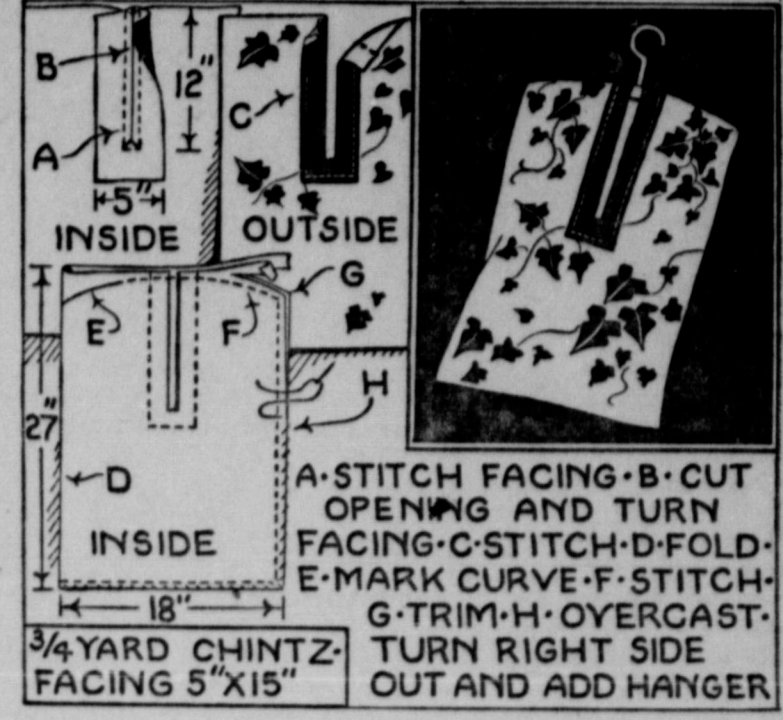
Hospitality is a virtue highly regarded by the Bible (see such passages as Rom. 12:13; I Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8; I Pet. 4:9). To debate it by asking only those whom we expect will ask us in return, is really to destroy it. It is not hospitality at all to limit our invitations to those who invite us. Obviously we are not to cut them off simply because they do ask us. That is not the point. We are not to let that be the controlling factor.

Ask those who cannot pay you back, if you really want to get a blessing out of it. There is so much need in the world that we who follow Christ have little time to spend merely entertaining those who have no need. God will recompense. Dr. J. W. Bradbury in *The Gist of the Lesson* well says, "There is a good reason not to seek recompense here; there are more enduring and valuable recompenses hereafter (Matt. 6:1-6, 16-18). When we get no recompense here for the good we do, we ought rather to rejoice than be sad. It assures better recompense hereafter."

He goes on to say, "The professing church has often followed the world's method rather than Christ's (James 2:1-6). Sad—but true. What shall we do about it?"

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by Ruth Wyeth Spears



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**THOMAS**

(Continued from first page)  
 basis.  
 the early summer the mill-  
 came very much alarmed due  
 prevalence of wheat with poor  
 qualities in certain parts of  
 Panhandle. They asked the as-  
 sistance of the Extension Service in  
 meeting this problem. In Gray county  
 a meeting was held in August, which  
 was attended by sixty farmers, when  
 E. D. Miller, Extension Agronomist,  
 Frederic T. Dimes, director of the  
 Texas Wheat Improvement Associa-  
 tion, and representatives of the mill-  
 ing industry brought facts and figures  
 before the group showing that variet-  
 leties such as Chief Kan. Super-hard  
 Blackhull had proven to be practically  
 worthless as bread wheat. It was  
 also brought out in this meeting  
 that the mills had discontinued buy-  
 ing wheat at stations where wheat  
 with poor baking qualities was prev-  
 alent. It developed that Gray county  
 was growing quite an acreage of  
 wheat with poor baking qualities and  
 the campaign was continued through-  
 out August and September through  
 circular letters, the radio and the  
 press. Six farmers purchased 120  
 bushels of Texas certified wheat seed  
 from Hansford County Pure Seed  
 Association and 640 bushels of Okla-  
 homa and Kansas certified seed was  
 shipped in by a local elevator. This  
 certified seed should produce enough  
 seed to seed half the acreage in Gray  
 county in 1942.

The grasshopper bait station was  
 opened June 17th. Two WPA workers  
 were assigned to the project and the  
 station stayed open until August 5th  
 under the supervision of the county  
 warehouseman, Charlie Mullen. Dur-  
 ing this time 37,824 pounds of bait  
 was mixed, of this amount only 25-  
 368 pounds went to farmers and on  
 county roads. 10,461 pounds were used  
 by residents of the city of Pampa  
 and in oil camps for the protection  
 of yards and gardens. The city of  
 Pampa distributed 4,005 pounds on  
 parks and vacant lots. About the  
 middle of October the northerners  
 brought in numerous grasshoppers  
 from Kansas that began destroying  
 the young wheat, and during the  
 period October 21st to November 6th,  
 61,119 pounds of bait was mixed. This  
 bait was mixed by the farmers them-  
 selves under the supervision of Mr.  
 Mullen. It was distributed on ap-  
 proximately 4,000 acres of cropland  
 which was estimated to protect an  
 additional 14,000 acres. It is esti-  
 mated that probably \$35,000 was saved  
 by the farmers in distributing this  
 bait in protecting their wheat.

It was brought out in the report  
 relative to the cooperation of various  
 agencies during the year. The Triple  
 A cooperated with the Extension  
 Service in assisting in carrying out  
 farm practices recommended by the  
 Extension Service, while the county  
 agent assisted in the administration  
 and education work of the Triple A.  
 The Land Use Planning Committee  
 worked with the Forest Service in  
 selecting land suitable for the plant-  
 ing of trees. Two demonstration  
 shelter belts were put on the plains  
 area in addition to the one estab-  
 lished in 1939 in cooperation with  
 the Extension Service. Farm Security  
 Administration and the Extension  
 Service cooperated in assisting farm  
 families. The Bureau of Entomology  
 and Plant Quarantine furnished ma-  
 terials and technical service in the  
 grasshopper control campaign, while  
 the WPA furnished labor for mixing  
 the poison bait materials.

Farm Credit Administration encour-  
 aged practices and advised at all  
 times with the Extension Service re-  
 lative to the practices that should be  
 instituted on the farms where credit  
 was extended. Vocational agriculture  
 teachers at McLean and Pampa work-  
 ed with the county agent in the  
 junior livestock shows held at these  
 two towns. The Pampa chamber of  
 commerce sponsored the junior live-  
 stock show at Pampa and furnished  
 certified grain sorghum seed to 28  
 4-H Club boys. \$25.00 was allowed  
 for expenses of three 4-H Club boys  
 and the county agent to the educa-  
 tional encampment at Dallas, by the  
 Pampa chamber of commerce. One-  
 half of the expenses of five 4-H Club  
 boys to the district encampment at  
 Lake Marvin was paid by the Pampa  
 chamber of commerce. The super-  
 intendent and teachers of Alanreed,  
 Grandview and Lefors schools assist-  
 ed in every way possible in securing  
 enrollments and encouraging 4-H  
 Club work. The McLean chamber of  
 commerce assisted in the junior live-  
 stock show at McLean.

Copies of this report were filed  
 with the Commissioners' Court, the  
 State Extension Headquarters, and  
 the U. S. Department of Agriculture,  
 Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Marshall Mitchell and her  
 daughter of Plainview are visiting  
 their parents and grandparents, Mr.  
 and Mrs. S. L. Appling.

**Local and Personal**

Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Taylor of  
 Clinton, Ill. attended prayer meeting  
 services at the First Baptist Church  
 Wednesday evening. Rev. Taylor is  
 Baptist pastor at Clinton, and they  
 enroute home from a vacation trip  
 to California.

Rev. Charles R. Gates, pastor of  
 the Kellerville Methodist Church,  
 purchased a model 5 Remington port-  
 able typewriter from The News this  
 week.

Little Miss Barbara Gail Bodine  
 has returned to her home at Borger  
 after a visit with her grandparents,  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bodine.

Little Miss Peggy Tinnin has re-  
 turned to her home at Pampa after  
 a visit with her grandparents, Mr.  
 and Mrs. L. S. Tinnin.

Mrs. Lee Wilson and daughters  
 have returned to their home at  
 Tucuman, N. M., after a visit with  
 relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Carpenter went  
 to Amarillo Wednesday, the lady re-  
 ceiving medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sherrod and  
 little daughter of Alanreed were in  
 McLean Thursday.

Mrs. Carl Pettit and baby have re-  
 turned from a visit with relatives at  
 Fort Worth.

Mrs. N. A. Barker is visiting her  
 parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Kinard,  
 at Lubbock this week.

Mrs. L. E. Cunningham returned  
 Friday from a visit at Los Angeles,  
 Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Glass of  
 Alanreed were here Saturday for the  
 funeral of Mrs. Henry.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Sitter have  
 returned to Amarillo after spending  
 the holidays with home folks here.

Mrs. Dwight Stubblefield, Mrs. Creed  
 Bogan and daughter were in Amarillo  
 Friday.

Born Jan. 2 to Mr. and Mrs.  
 George Baker, a 9½ pound girl named  
 Velma Pearl.

Quite a few local people attended  
 the Pentecostal Holmes quarterly  
 conference at Lefors last week end.

Mrs. Vester Smith went to Lubbock  
 Thursday to take her son back to  
 school.

Walter Cash, former McLean resi-  
 dent, and brother of C. A. Cash, was  
 buried Sunday at Wichita, Kansas.

Misses Ruth Hart and Eloise Lane  
 visited home folks at Pampa over  
 the week end.

Miss Agnes Abbott has returned to  
 Oklahoma City after a visit with her  
 mother, Mrs. D. L. Abbott.

W. C. Shull went to Pampa Sunday  
 to bring home L. E. Carter, who had  
 been in a hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Windom of  
 Alanreed were here Saturday for  
 Mrs. Henry's funeral.

Woodie Agee of Alanreed was in  
 town Saturday.

Dr. H. W. Finley made a trip to  
 Pampa Sunday.

Mrs. Marvin Hall of Alanreed was  
 in McLean Friday.

Mrs. Belle Henderson renews for  
 the home paper this week.

Dennis C. Bryant from Fort Bliss  
 is visiting home folks here this week.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Maxwell and  
 baby have been visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Wood and son  
 were in Pampa the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Gibson of  
 Alanreed were in McLean Friday.

E. J. Windom, Jr. and John Bond  
 were Dallas visitors last week.

Abe Hunt of Amarillo was in Mc-  
 Lean Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Carpenter were  
 in Pampa Saturday.

Bill Porter of Shamrock was in  
 McLean Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Eldridge made  
 a business trip to Groom Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clifton of Alan-  
 reed were in McLean Monday.

**TEXAS SHELTERBELTS IN ANOTHER GOOD SEASON**

"Survival figures on 250 miles of  
 shelterbelts planted last year in  
 Northwest Texas is well over 75%,"  
 reported State Director W. E. Webb  
 of the Prairie States Forestry Pro-  
 ject at Wichita Falls, recently. "Al-  
 though the final figures are not in,  
 encouraging reports from the field  
 men indicate that those green pro-  
 tective belts of trees have put in their  
 best year to date."

Mr. Webb further stated that not  
 only he but his field foresters were  
 pleasantly surprised at the results  
 as they feared that the early sum-  
 mer drought may have caused more  
 than normal losses. "However," he  
 said, "we should have known that  
 having successfully passed through  
 six droughty years that the trees  
 could take it."

All the trees are picked for shelter-  
 belt plantings because of their hardi-  
 ness. Some are even more hardy  
 than others. Honeylocust, bois d'arc,  
 hackberry, flowering willow and many  
 others have survived under the most  
 extreme conditions of soil and lack  
 of water.

The South High Plains counties  
 again led all other counties in sur-  
 vival with 83.7%. Last year this  
 area led nearly 200 counties in six  
 states. The survival in other coun-  
 ties of Texas jumped several points  
 for 1940 plantings, all of which is  
 very encouraging to those interested  
 in the shelterbelt program.

"Considerable credit for the high  
 survival should be given to the hard  
 working farm operators," Mr. Webb  
 stated. "Trees, unlike Topsy, don't  
 just grow. They need several good  
 cultivations annually and a better  
 job was done this year than has ever  
 been done before." M. Webb believes  
 that this was due to the fact that  
 the value of the shelterbelts is be-  
 ginning to show up more as the  
 increasing height of the trees and  
 their dense branches extend their  
 protection farther out into nearby  
 fields.

There is but one road to lead us  
 to God—humility; all other ways  
 would only lead astray, even were  
 they fenced in with all virtues.—  
 Boileau.

**CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING**

RATES—One insertion, 2c per  
 word.  
 Two insertions, 3c per word, or  
 1c per word each week after first  
 insertion.  
 Lines of white space will be  
 charged for at same rate as read-  
 ing matter. Black-face type at  
 double rate. Initials and numerals  
 count as words.  
 No advertisement accepted for  
 less than 25c per week.  
 All ads cash with order, unless  
 you have a running account with  
 The News.

**FOR RENT**

FURNISHED apartments for rent,  
 Across street south, high school. S. A.  
 Cobb. 1p

FOR RENT—Unfurnished modern  
 apartment. See H. C. Rippy. 1p

**FOR SALE**

FEED for sale.—1600 bundles kaffir  
 and hegari, 2 tons kaffir heads,  
 R. M. Gibson. 2-2p

ADDING MACHINE paper and  
 ribbons at News office.

TYPEWRITER RIBBONS 60c each,  
 portables 40c. News office.

CASH REGISTER ROLLS at News  
 office.

MERCHANT SALES PADS 5c each  
 at News office.

INVENTORY SHEETS at News  
 office.

**LOST AND FOUND**

LOST—Ruby-set ear ring pennant,  
 Christmas Eve, down-town. Reward,  
 Mrs. J. T. Hicks. 1c

**SHE DUSTED HIM OFF**

You say this woman shot her hus-  
 band at close range with this pistol?"  
 asked the coroner of the eye witness  
 to the colored tragedy.

"Yassuh."  
 "Are there powder marks on his  
 body?"  
 "Yassuh, dass why she shot him."

Mrs. MacTavish (looking out the  
 window)—Dear, here comes the Jones  
 family for supper.

Mr. MacTavish—Quick, everybody!  
 Run out on the porch with a tooth-  
 pick in your mouth!

T. A. Landers was taken to an  
 Amarillo hospital Wednesday for a  
 kidney stone operation.

Mrs. Willie Bayett has renewed for  
 the home paper another year.

Master Bobby Decker of Skellytown  
 is visiting relatives here this week.

**FLOWERS for Every Occasion**

We grow our own flowers and  
 deliver them fresh to you.  
 Give us a trial the next  
 time you need flowers.

**Shamrock Floral Co.**  
 Shamrock, Texas

**Statement of Condition of American National Bank in McLean at the close of business, December 31, 1940**

| RESOURCES                              |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Loans and Discounts                    | \$121,005.71        |
| Banking House and Fixtures             | 7,500.00            |
| Stock in Federal Reserve Bank          | 1,750.00            |
| Municipal Bonds and Warrants           | 49,026.90           |
| United States Bonds                    | \$ 63,202.99        |
| C C C Cotton Notes                     | 29,511.69           |
| Cash and Exchange                      | 144,091.63—237      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                           | <b>\$416,088.92</b> |
| LIABILITIES                            |                     |
| <b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT:</b>                |                     |
| Common Stock                           | \$45,000.00         |
| Preferred Stock                        | 5,000.00            |
| Surplus                                | 10,000.00           |
| Reserve for Retirement Preferred Stock | 5,000.00            |
| Undivided Profits and Other Reserves   | 3,591.92            |
| <b>TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT</b>           | <b>\$ 68,591.92</b> |
| Deposits                               | 348,097.00          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                           | <b>\$416,688.92</b> |

The Above Statement Is Correct. **CLIFFORD ALLISON, Cashier**

**DEPOSITS INSURED BY The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation WASHINGTON, D. C. \$5000 MAXIMUM INSURANCE FOR EACH DEPOSITOR \$5000**

**Let's Keep Our Standards up!**

In spite of continued depression, the people of the United States are blessed with the highest living standard that civilization has ever known.

We use two-thirds of the world's automobiles, half of its telephones and 40% of its railways. We consume a third of the world's coffee, sugar and electric energy, better than half of its rubber and silk.

The mechanical labor saving devices in the homes of American workers are the envy of even the wealthy people abroad. Our personal standards are up. We shave and bathe once a day instead of once a week or month. We have learned to loathe the unclean teeth and unwholesome breath.

All this had to be sold to us. We did not just happen to gravitate upward. People don't do that. It would be untrue to say that advertising did all this for the people of the United States. But it is entirely true that advertising inspired and stimulated it.

It is the job of advertising to quicken the exchange of goods in the nation's market places. To fulfill its mission, advertising not only tells you about these goods but tries to excite your desire for them. It pictures them as a means toward lightening your burdens, increasing your leisure, enhancing your attractiveness, building your health, protecting your home and family, putting more satisfaction into your life.

Advertising should be encouraged to go on its cheerful, constructive way, helping to build the nation to greater economic strength, maintaining our living standard through whatever may come to us in a troubled world.

**The More Folks You Tell The More Goods You Sell ADVERTISE HERE**