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"Where The Old Western Spirit Lingers"

# Borden County Round-Up

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## Cost Of Living Is Taking A Climb

Cost of living continued up in November, rising a fractional part of 1 per cent.

And, in October food prices as recorded by the official index of the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, were almost two and one-half times higher than in 1939.

Clothing costs were slightly more than double their 1939 level. Rents, on the other hand, were up about 50 per cent. The figures are based on the buying habits of "moderate-income" city families.

Translated into purchasing power, the figures mean that the average city family's \$1 bill today will buy about 50 cents worth of what it would buy in 1939. It will buy 41 cents worth of food and 49 cents worth in clothing. Because of the slower rise in rents, the \$1 paid in rent in 1939 is worth 65 cents today. *The Sharpest Rises*

The sharpest rises in the cost of living generally and in food and clothing costs in particular took place during the World War II and the postwar years. In the 11 years from 1939 to 1950, the cost of living rose 73 per cent, food prices 115 per cent, clothing prices 87 per cent.

In the same period, the purchasing power of your consumer dollar dropped to 58 cents in terms of 1939 prices, the food dollar to 47 cents and the clothing dollar to 54 cents.

## UNCLE SNORT'S SAYSO

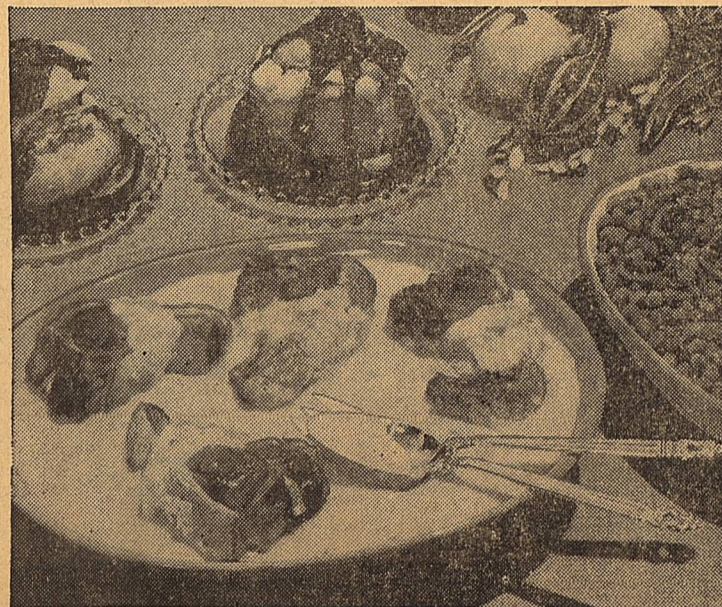


She may leave you holding the sack bud. But she'll keep the things that came in it.

Yep, some bozos just gab to git rid of gas. Others just belch.

An optimist is a guy who thinks he can put the excess tooth paste back into the tube.

## Having a VIP Dinner?



**F**ESTIVE days are here again . . . so stock the larder well.

For that important dinner for the boss, your toniest friends or favorite relatives, serve stuffed baked lamb chops done to a turn in a sauce they'll never believe comes straight out of a can . . . smooth, well seasoned condensed celery soup. These elegant chops are no trouble at all. Prepare them in an eye-catching baking dish that can go right to the table. Serve with peas garnished with sauteed mushrooms. Potatoes, prepared in your favorite way, complete the main course.

For a dramatic finale, serve cream puffs filled with ice cream and dripping with chocolate sauce.

### Baked Stuffed Lamb Chops, Celery Sauce

- 4 lamb chops, 3/4-inch thick
  - 1 can (1 1/4 cups) condensed cream of celery soup
  - 1 cup soft bread cubes
  - 1 tablespoon chopped onion
  - 1/4 teaspoon salt
  - Dash black pepper
  - 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
  - 1/4 cup milk
- Cut a slit in chops from side to

bone or have butcher cut a pocket in them. Lightly mix 1/2 cup soup with bread cubes, onion, salt and pepper; stuff mixture into chops and fasten with skewers. Brown chops on both sides in butter; place in shallow baking pan. Combine remaining soup with milk; pour over chops. Bake in a moderately hot oven (350°F.) about 45 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

**Note:** A simple method: Brown chops. Place over spoonful of dressing in baking pan. Proceed as above.

### SATURDAY NIGHT'S SPECIAL

These beans are "party-minded", almost no work and so easy on the budget. In a 1 1/2-quart casserole blend 2 one-pound cans (3 1/2 cups) of pork and beans with tomato sauce and 2 tablespoons of honey. Peel and slice one orange. Arrange slices on top of beans. Bake in a hot oven (400°F.) about 30 minutes. Makes 6 servings. Something good with it, brown-sugar-glazed smoked boneless butt and tossed green salad with tomato wedges. **EN'**

Christmas would leave us a much happier lot, if we got what we gave and gave what we got.

The golden age of parenthood comes when the kids are too old for the babysitters and too young to borrow the family car.

Breathing through your nose is a wonderful thing. It helps you to keep your mouth shut when you should.

One good way to keep from losing your shirt is to keep your sleeves rolled up.

## Half Of The Jobs Are Now Predicted

More than half the job openings in the United States are closed to people over 45, and in some cities the proportion goes as high as 79%, according to the editors of Changing Times, The Kiplinger Magazine.

Clerical, sales and unskilled jobs are the ones most frequently closed to older workers, but a surprisingly high proportion of skilled and professional jobs are restricted, too.

Age prejudice turns up most often in these industries: Durable goods manufacture, insurance, real estate and wholesale and retail trades. Older job seekers get better breaks in service industries and in the construction business. One big employer that hires without much age prejudice is the federal government.

People over 45 who are job hunting should bear these tips in mind.

Examine your outlook. Tough as things may seem, industry needs people, and undoubtedly you possess abilities that can be used.

Pin down your assets. List the things you've always been good at.

Set your aims. What kind of job do you want this time?

Don't worry about slowing down. You may be over emphasizing the problem out of fear.

Face the possibility that you may have to change your occupation, take less pay, move to another location or work odd hours.

Learn how to look for a job. When you go out to sell yourself to an employer don't apologize for your age; be matter of fact. Above all, hang on to your self-confidence. Somewhere there's an employer who needs your experience and abilities.

A West Texas man is suing his wife for a divorce. His petition charges that she threw away his false teeth, poured sorghum molasses in his boots, busted his spectacles, tore up his rodeo shirt, and bob-tailed his roping hoss.

What would be appreciated hereabouts is a 4 inch ground soaking chunk-floating gully washer.

Patricia McCormick, noted lady bull fighter, spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McCormick in Big Spring.

Maj. and Mrs. J. R. Rutledge of Phoenix, Arizona, were Christmas guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Roman at Knott.

Chas. Morrow, 60, sustained painful injuries from being struck by a car in Snyder Dec. 26th.

Lamesa's Junior Chamber of Commerce remembered the needy of that city with Christmas boxes of fruit, food and toys.

Aunt Fret says that wedlock is a mutual partnership, in which the husband is usually the mute.

The correct definition of the word pedestrian: The quick and the dead.

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## Central States News Views

**BONNY LASS**—An American coed in Iowa City, Drum Major Jonne Shiley is field marshal of university's Scottish Highlanders, world's largest bagpipe band.



**HERO WORSHIP**—Jack Mayer, 10, beams adulation for his coach in this rare batting lesson from "Big Klu," Ted Kluszewski, Cincinnati Redlegs slugger.



**AVALANCHE** of wheat—nearly million bushels every 24 hours—descends on Chicago in harvest "wheat run." Tall storage bins of this giant Cargill elevator—one of world's largest—receive wheat simultaneously from "long grain line" of trucks and from river barges (at left), taking it in on high-speed conveyors and dump chutes.

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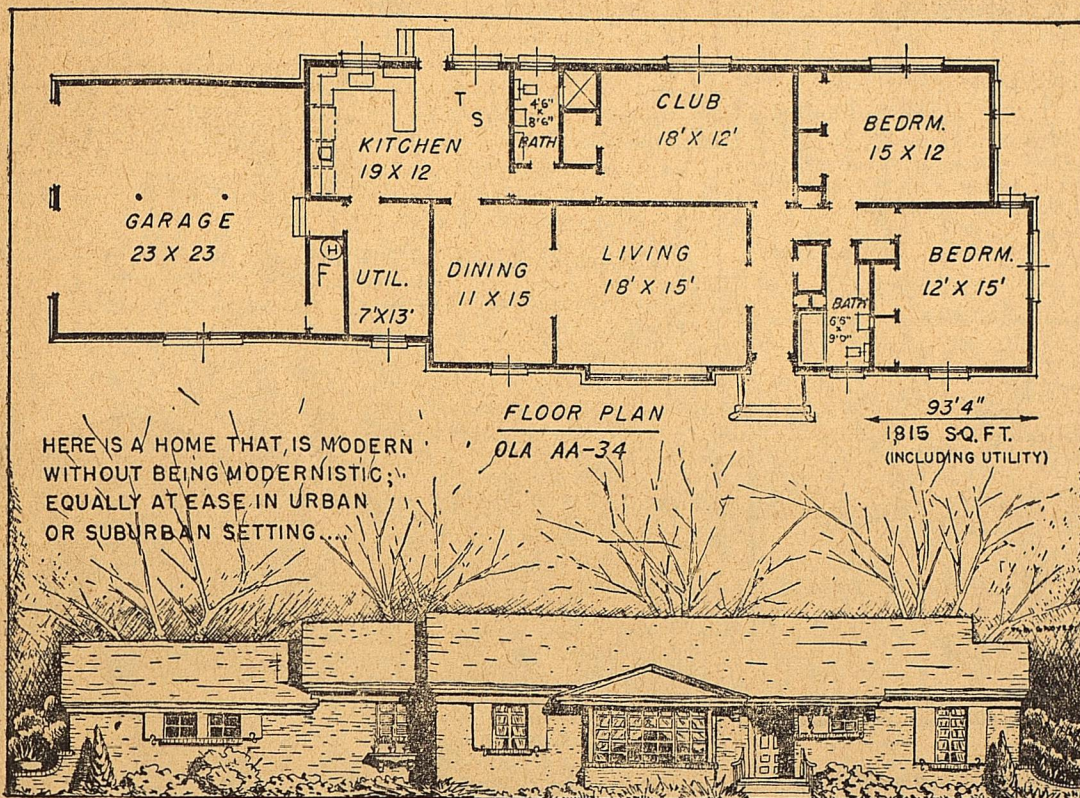
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THE CASE FOR the hometown newspaper is ably presented by Ralph Keller of Minneapolis, manager of the Minnesota Editorial association, with this analysis:

"The spoken word hits the ear, and is gone. The television image strikes the eye, and is gone. The printed picture and the printed name linger on.

"Numerous authentic surveys throughout the United States indicate that an average of 3.5 persons read every weekly newspaper that enters every home as an invited guest. The average length of time each copy is kept around the house is two weeks. Each copy is picked up and looked over by each reader an average of three times. The average length of time each reader spends with each copy of his hometown newspaper is fifty minutes.

"The newspaper is subscribed for, paid for, eagerly looked forward to from issue to issue, and read thoroughly with unquestioning confidence. It doesn't depend on the weather, is not subject to static or interference, is not a "now or never" messenger—if the newspaper can't be read this evening it will be in the morning, or tomorrow evening. When radio and television impulses have petered out in heedless space the hometown newspaper is still there, to be read and re-read and referred back to again and again."

If Christmas packages fail to arrive, say postal authorities, the sender should file "tracer" form 1510 at his post office. It's better than writing to Washington. Chances are, the package is being held either in the post office where mailed or at the addressee's post office. (It doesn't go to one of the 13 dead-parcel offices for 60 days.) Even if identification was torn off en route, an accurate description in your tracer will probably snag it. At least 60% of all lost parcels are recovered.

National Safety Council researchers give the following tip for ice driving: The nearer the melting point, the more dangerous is glare ice. Assuming you're not using chains or snow treads, a car going 20 m.p.h. needs 235 feet to

make a safe stop at 30 degrees, but only 114 feet at zero. Another tip: reinforced chains (those with projecting teeth or cleats) do substantially better on glare ice than standard-type chains.

You can deduct carrying charges on installment purchases as 6% interest for tax purposes, says a little-understood Internal Revenue Service ruling, even if the seller doesn't reveal the actual interest rate. Procedure on a 6-month, \$300 purchase would be to add together each month's unpaid balance (\$300 the first month, \$250 the second, etc.), divide by 12 (that's required "annualizing") and then multiply what you get (\$87.50) by 6%. That would give you \$5.25 in deductible interest.

If you're under 35, get Salk vaccine as soon as possible, warns the National Polio Foundation. For polio is increasing among young adults and some 70% of all respiratory polio (the most serious kind) occurs in this age group. The Polio Foundation considers the vaccine 90% effective, and there's now plenty for all, so ask your family doctor about it.

A giant \$45 billion road construction program will roll into high gear during Ike's second term. The 41,000 miles of new super-highways, 90% financed by the U. S. and 10% by states, will bring many new roadside businesses, new jobs—and higher gasoline taxes. Farming areas will benefit through new farm-to-market roads and thousands of part-time and off-season construction jobs for farmers.

From reports all over the nation, those who are in position to know, are prophesying that next year prosperity will mantle the nation, and the goose will hang higher than ever.

we have every indication of a prosperous 1957. With money in the bank, a fine season in the ground as a result of recent rains, and everybody in a good humor, there's a roseate hue adorning future months.

## Teacher Shortage Laid to Lack Of Facilities

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.—The current teacher shortage is due primarily to the dearth of facilities in teacher training institutions rather than to lack of prospective education students.

This is the opinion of Dr. R. H. Amalong, in charge of teacher placement at the Pennsylvania State University, who claims that hundreds of young men and women who want to become teachers cannot get into the teacher training institutions because of overcrowded conditions.

"I believe we could solve the problem of teacher shortages in the next ten years if we expanded teacher training facilities immediately," Dr. Amalong says.

While higher salaries will do much to attract more persons to the teaching profession and to retain those already employed, they are not the only answer, he claims, citing the lack of adequate teacher training facilities and staff as the crux of the problem.

Penn State, itself, has been forced to turn down a number of applicants to its College of Education because of lack of space, he points out.

The teacher shortage probably will worsen as the demand already is far outstripping the available supply, Dr. Amalong predicts. His office, which serves not only Pennsylvania, but the entire country, is receiving far more calls for teacher candidates this year than ever before.

Because they were the first to feel the pressure of the current population boom, the elementary schools in certain geographic areas are at present the most acute sufferers from the teacher shortage.

### IT'S IN THE BIBLE

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One can not doubt it. And that there is an American Santa Claus we do verily believe.

Again this Christmastime the children in every home will delight in armfuls of new toys and joys. Generous groups will make it part of their holiday pleasure to see that children in orphanages and hospitals are well-remembered. The grown-up folks, too, will be recipients.

How does it come that Christmas giving can be so lavish? And how is it that through all the year Americans can have so much — so much that few of human-kind outside our country can enjoy?

Here we are only 6% of the world's population. Yet we produce two-thirds of the world's manufactured goods. We drive two-thirds of the world's motor vehicles.

We have jobs, good paying jobs, for nearly every able person who wants to work. We carry more insurance than anybody; fewer people each year need to look forward to a destitute or dependent old age.

With fewer hours of work than anywhere else we can buy the necessities which make us better fed, better clad and better housed. Our homes are enriched with unprecedented conveniences and comforts, and we have more free time in which to enjoy them.

Thanks to the American Santa Claus we can spare what it takes to produce the world's most powerful military defense. We have been able to give away fifty or sixty billions to help allies and friends and to assist the less fortunate nations.

Nowhere on earth do so many of the people give so freely of their money, time and personal effort in organized or individual endeavor to help others and their communities. We support vast works of research to reduce disease and suffering. We have the money and energy to im-

prove the present and to build the future.

Yes, there is an American Santa Claus, a very special Santa Claus from where these bounties flow. But not a mysterious Santa Claus. He is written into the American Constitution.

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Because of this personal freedom, Americans produce more, and have more to enjoy for themselves and with which to help others.

The ideals of Christianity, and the idea of the soul itself, link to the dignity of the individual person. Without liberty of choice, man becomes a subject of compulsion and is deprived of his full natural dignity.

Our American Santa Claus has thus grown out of those same basic concepts of man's moral worth that were expressed by the Christ whose birth Christmas celebrates. They are basic, too, in the season's eternal message: "Peace on Earth, Good-will toward Men." —Town Journal Magazine.

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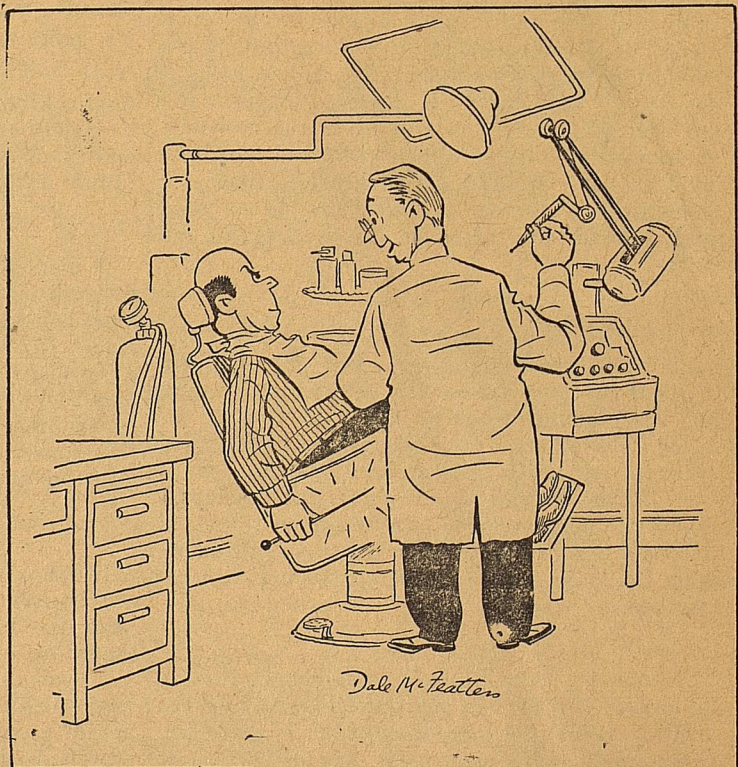
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