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Robert Lee Wins County Championship

In the two-day county meet held last Thursday and Friday at Bronte, Robert Lee won the all-round championship in the high school division of the interscholastic league events with 167 points against Bronte's 152. In the ward division, Bronte led at 143 while Robert Lee fell off to 68½. Silver Peak led the rural schools of the county with 106 points, Green Mountain with 82½, Sanco 70, Lometa 55, Paint Creek 0.

In senior track and field events, Robert Lee won 76 and Bronte 37, while in junior track and field, Robert won 38, Sanco 24, Bronte 23 and Green Mountain 2.

Literary events won by Robert Lee pupils were: Extemporaneous speech: J. D. Coleman, first for boys and Callie Roberson, second for girls.

Debate: Bob Jordan and Tommie Williams, first for boys; Mary Lou McCutchen and Ruth Sparks, first for girls.

Declamation: H. S. Howard Millican, second for boys and Ethel Owen, second for girls. Junior H. S. Bobbie Lee Davis, first for boys and Zelma Slaughter, first for girls. Ward school—Memory Gramling, first for boys and Maxine Slaughter, first for girls.

Ward story telling—Mary Frances Smith, first.

Ready writing: H. S. Geneva Scoggins, first, Ward school, Faye Brown, second.

Spelling: H. S. Mary Lou McCutchen (perfect paper which will be sent to the state for a medal) Ward—Agnes Walker, first.

Other events won were: Tennis—Senior boys, doubles, Robert Lee, second; senior girls, doubles, Robert Lee, third; senior girls, singles, Robert Lee first; junior boys, singles, Robert Lee third; junior girls, singles, Robert Lee, second.

Volley ball—Senior girls, Robert Lee, second; junior girls, Robert Lee, second.

Play ground ball—Junior H. S. boys: Robert Lee, second; girls, second; rural and ward, boys, Robert Lee and Green Mountain tie for third; girls, Robert Lee second.

High school track and field: Robert Lee, first.

Junior boys high school track and field: Robert Lee first.

Junior boys ward and rural track: Robert Lee second.

James Newton beat his record by about four points when he piled up 21 to his own account. Bud Thedford was second in points with 19.

Its a pretty fair guess what these track boys will do at the district meet next week. And then look out for the West Texas Championship!

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Relief Work Combined

Due to reduced Administrative allowance in Texas Relief Commission District 13 it has been necessary to combine the work in Coke County with that of Mitchell County, as well as similar combinations involving Stephens, Eastland, Nolan, Taylor, Kent, Scurry and Jones counties.

This is necessary in order to make as big a saving as possible of the remaining relief funds to assist our unemployable people as long as possible. The Texas Relief Commission is endeavoring to render assistance in the same amount and to as many people as they are now assisting and it is only through savings in administrative and overhead expense that this can be accomplished.

In line with this change, all the case-work in Coke County will be handled by Mrs. Maurine Rees, who formerly had the one county of Mitchell, but beginning April 1, assumed her work in Coke county in addition to her Mitchell county duties. Mrs. Rees will be at the Coke County relief office in Robert Lee on Wednesday of each week for the purpose of interviewing applicants for direct relief and others who may have business at the relief office. Visiting days will be the first Monday and Tuesday of each month.

There is to be another enrollment of boys from this district for CCC camps. Coke county has been allotted a quota of boys between the ages of 17 and 28, who are single, and whose families are on relief, or from families that have been from PWA, or from families that are being assisted by the Coke County Family Welfare Association, of which Mrs. Iva Scoggins is the case-worker. Mrs. Rees will be at the relief office in Robert Lee on Wednesday April 8, at which time she would like to interview about 10 eligible boys. If you know that you are not eligible, please do not apply.

Would-be Robbery

A would-be robbery was staged at the courthouse at some time between 5 p. m. Monday and 1 p. m. Tuesday. The combination on the safe in the treasurer's office was worked and papers scattered but there was no loss to the county. A one-dollar bill, belonging to Mrs. McCutchen, was all that was missing.

The safe in the treasurer's office is only for protection of important papers against fire and storm and all money passing through the treasurer's hands is in the form of checks.

It is thought likely the intended robbery and a car abandoned in Robert Lee may have some connection but nothing definite has been learned. Finger-print men were called by Judge Wylie from San Angelo, said there were no finger marks.

George L. Taylor Elected Superintendent for 1936-37

At a call meeting of the school board last Monday night, G. L. Taylor was elected to the superintendency of the Robert Lee public school system for the year of 1936-37.

Mr. Taylor is well known in the county. Having come to Robert Lee at the age of nineteen, eight years ago, to take a position in the grades he has worked his way up to the superintendency at an age when many young men are still trying to decide what they will do for a living. He stepped, without warning, into a hard place—a place that would try the mettle of a much older man than Mr. Taylor. This is your school and no man can run a school system without the support of the school patrons.

Trustee Election Tomorrow

An election of school trustees of the Robert Lee Independent School District will be held in Robert Lee on Saturday, April 4. J. S. Craddock is president of the board. Other members are J. F. Hamilton, V. V. Wojtek, Jim McCutchen, Lem Cowley, W. F. Fikes and J. C. Snead. Outgoing are W. F. Fikes and J. C. Snead. It is understood that Mr. Snead will not consider reelection. W. J. Cumbie and R. E. Jay are the new names on the ticket.

An election of teachers will be held on Monday night following the election of new board members.

Did you know this is official clean up week? All premises should be cleaned up and kept that way.

His Witnesses

In Russia there will be no Easter hymn,
No song of praises for a risen Lord,
But He who walks on Easter Day abroad

Must keep his features to their wonted grim
Habit, for what should one rejoice about?
There is no God, the Soviet has said;

He is not risen who was never dead,
And only fools are grateful and devout.

But here and there a vagrant violet,
A great white lily's lustrous blossoming,
Will testify that death and dark do pass;

And birds will sing. Even the Soviet
Cannot repress the rising tide of spring
Nor stop the resurrection of the grass.

By Florence B. Jacobs

Texas Old Age Assistance Commission

"Knowing their business yet being courteous, our field workers must understand the viewpoint of the many aged citizens whose homes they enter," said Orville S. Carpenter, executive director of the Old Age Assistance Commission, this week in explaining the setup.

Investigators have been calling at the homes of applicants for three weeks now. Some 140,000 aged have applied, and as there were 300,000 distributed, many more applications are expected to be filed.

"We are sending men from the State Office to the twenty district offices and are holding schools for investigators. Our field investigators must have a thorough understanding of their work.

"All investigators in a district meet with the men from the central office at the headquarters city of that district. Policies of the Commission, the law itself, and technical questions are explained to the assembled field workers.

"We have a humane purpose; we have good workers. The Commission is anxious for the aged of Texas to receive the most good possible from the old assistance law," Mr. Carpenter declared.

"Applicants are cooperating with us and they realize that we are doing everything we can to facilitate these investigations which the law requires," he added.

Employees of the State Office and those of the twenty districts have been working fourteen and fifteen hours a day. As some 140,000 separate investigations must be made (and many more are expected to make application), an enormous task faces the Old Age Assistance Commission.

"Payments will start just as soon as investigators complete their work as required by law.

"We hope to complete all investigations and approve applications before July," the Executive Director said.

"Records of birth dates property owned, cash in bank, residence, and citizenship (if the applicant is a naturalized citizen) should be ready to show the investigators when they call during the next few weeks," Mr. Carpenter advised.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamont Scott visited Tuesday with Mr. Scott's sister, Miss Allie V. Scott, who was going through the clinic at San Angelo. Miss Scott is a primary teacher in McCamey.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Revelle of Sterling City visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cumbie Monday.

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San Angelo-Robert Lee Road Work May Start Soon

County Judge McNeil Wylie received March 31, a copy of a letter addressed to A. P. Mourland, division engineer of the San Angelo department of the highway office which the judge's office interprets as constituting their authority to begin work on the San Angelo-Robert Lee road in Coke county at a date convenient for the WPA office and highway department.

Judge Wylie also stated that he had talked with Doc Price, division engineer regarding work on highway 158 and that Mr. Price had promised his cooperation to put this project through to completion. Judge Wylie feels certain he can have something definite on 158 soon.

Entertains

As hostess at her home Thursday afternoon, Mrs. W. W. McCutchen gave a five-table bridge party in which an attractive springtime theme was carried out entirely with the purple iris. Baskets of iris were used as room decoration and hand printed iris were used on score-pads and tallies. A small round mirror reflecting a single iris in a bud-vase centered each luncheon table and a molded salad of iris purple completed the theme.

Mrs. Cortez Russell, winner of high score was presented with an oil painting of iris and Mrs. P. E. Mahon, drawing high cut, received a potted iris.

Robert Lee guests were, Mesdames Freeman Clark, Lamont Scott, T. S. Wylie, Rex Keeling, W. M. Simpson, Chism Brown, Rial Denman, P. E. Mahon, J. C. Snead, Jr., J. S. Craddock, Cortez Russell, Curtis Rambin, Paul Good, Misses Minnie Weathers and Metta Russell. Out of town guests were, Mesdames Clint Wilkins, O. H. Willoughby, L. T. Youngblood, of Bronte, Mrs. Delbert Walling of Silver, and Miss Ella Arledge of Sanco.

Observer List Growing

The following have renewed their subscriptions to the Observer the past ten days:

Sam Chapman, Delbert Walling, Sam Walker, L. M. Service, John Gunnel's, S. D. Hoots, Dr. J. D. Leonard, Mrs. W. R. Walker, D. P. Key, J. N. Buchanan, H. D. Gruman, Carl Hurley, E. R. Connaly, Sampson Sparks, Ed Fletcher, R. D. Byrd, J. J. Smith, G. E. Davis, Ray Ledbetter, Mrs. Daisy McCutchen, and Buster Pierce.

New ones added: Tom Schooler, R. M. Lackey, Jeff Blair, Luther Sparks, S. J. Fowler, J. C. Russell, S. P. Yanti, Jack Duncan, V. H. Collett, Charley Thompson.

Washington Digest

National Topics Interpreted
by William Bruckart
National Press Building Washington, D. C.

Washington.—The President's latest message to congress, asking more than a billion and a half in new money to spend on relief as he sees fit has caused political thunder to rumble again. It has brought out in the open much of the undercurrent of gossip that has been going on about political racketeering with federal funds and it has brought into sharp relief, just ahead of the spring campaigning, the fact that the federal government has used something like \$8,000,000,000 under the guise of relief since President Roosevelt took office.

Naturally, the situation is immersed in politics. All of the charges that were flung at Mr. Roosevelt during previous sessions of congress when he had requested that he be given, as he was given, blank checks on the treasury, have been revived. In addition, new accusations and disclosures of petty graft and political machinations have been dug up and flaunted in the face of the New Deal leaders. More and more of these are coming to the surface and there is no longer any question that throughout the relief organization there is politics. This is true notwithstanding the strongly worded statement by Mr. Roosevelt that politics was not to figure in the administration of relief in any way.

All of this leads up to the conclusion that whenever the federal government horns in on administrative affairs of states, counties or municipalities, the organization becomes so extensive that it is impossible for those at the top in Washington to know what goes on. It is but another way of saying that the federal government ought to confine itself to federal affairs, matters of national scope instead of attempting to supersede the local governments in any function.

Since we are heading into a campaign in which Mr. Roosevelt is seeking re-election, his opposition is making much of two phases of the spending and relief situations. They are stressing the waste that they charge has permeated every phase of the relief effort in the last three years as well as the waste that has taken place in the countless alphabetical agencies that Mr. Roosevelt has built up in the federal government.

The relief machinery, Roosevelt opponents claim, has been converted into a gigantic political machine, the chief object of which is to re-elect Mr. Roosevelt. They claim as well that there has been created a bureaucracy that makes us as individuals, responsible to a thousand little dictators who act as prosecution, judge and jury over our every coming and going.

All of these are harsh accusations but there is enough evidence available now to make it appear that there is, at least, some truth upon which such charges can be based.

Of course, politicians will magnify all phases of every subject which they discuss. The opposition will make the crimes look heinous and the administration spokesmen will make everything look pure. Neither one is justified in going quite to the extent of the indicated trend. It seems to me that voters ought not be fully convinced by either side but that they ought to examine the picture from the local viewpoint where the evidence is first-hand and where the people who did a good job or who were guilty of fraud or corruption are known to the voters.

There are 3,071 counties in the United States. In nearly every one of them, there are a Republican and a Democratic county chairman. In many of the counties the Democratic county chairmen are trying to use the WPA and its relief setup for political advantage. In an equal number of counties Republican county chairmen are watching for and reporting irregularities. There can be no doubt, therefore, that the charges about relief being used politically will increase in number as the campaign progresses if there is ground for the charges. So, it is made to appear that the local voters will have a complete picture of conditions upon which to base their judgment.

Two recent instances where important individuals have called attention to alleged corruption and political maneuvering under guidance of relief leaders serve to support the contention I have just advanced that the local communities will have complete facts before them. I refer to the

charges by Senator Holt, Democrat, of West Virginia, that the whole relief organization in his state is honey-combed with politics and the bitter attack by Governor Pinchot, Pennsylvania Republican, upon what he called the manhandling of relief administration in the state in which he formerly was the chief executive. Relief Administrator Hopkins, with the aid of politicians, has denied these charges in toto. Senator Holt called the Hopkins' denial a whitewash of his own appointees and Mr. Pinchot turned loose a fresh fire.

This sort of thing probably will develop in every state in the Union.

I referred to the Presidential message asking an additional billion and a half for relief.

And Asks New Taxes This would not have created quite so much of a storm had it not followed closely on the heels of the White House request for new taxes. The combination of taxes and an additional appropriation to be used as previous blank checks have been used by Mr. Roosevelt has enabled those who are opposed to the President and those who, while they may support him for re-election, are not in accord with some of his policies, to make public statements of their positions to a better advantage than was possible before. If they had been able only to oppose relief, administration supporters could have accused them of being opposed to the relief of destitute. To put taxes and a blank check together simply offers additional ammunition and a good many members of congress will use it before the new relief appropriation is voted.

I think there is no doubt that Mr. Roosevelt will get the money but there will be a great deal of accusing and denying, respectively, before the vote is taken. That will be necessary in order to "make a record" upon which senators and representatives can seek re-election.

When Mr. Roosevelt was voted \$4,880,000,000 a year ago, his opponents threw up their hands and said that "you can't beat \$4,880,000,000 for re-election." Now, one hears observations frequently expressed that while "you can't beat \$4,880,000,000 for re-election," it is entirely possible that \$4,880,000,000 plus almost that much more may beat itself. In other words, I have attempted here to present a comprehensive analysis of the pros and cons in order to show that since politics has crept in, has permeated the relief setup, the AAA organization and other New Deal agencies, it is entirely possible for a reaction to develop whereby the vast sum of money would be the cause of defeat rather than the cause of re-election for Mr. Roosevelt.

I am making no election prediction. That would be utterly foolish. What I have sought to do, however, plainly and simply, is to show how local communities are going to rule the roost to a greater extent in the 1936 election than usually is the case.

Much is being made of the President's proposal to tax the surpluses of corporations. I have hitherto reported to you something of the nature of the tax proposals but there have been developments that bring the subject again to the fore. One of these, perhaps the most interesting one, is differences that have arisen between men who are supposed to be the President's closest advisers. Professor Raymond Moley, now a magazine editor, lately criticized the tax plan most vigorously in his publication. At the same time, attention was directed here to the recorded attitude of Prof. Rexford Guy Tugwell. Professor Tugwell published a book called "The Industrial Decline" not so long ago and in that volume he advocated the control of capital by the "driving of corporate surpluses into the open investment market" by taxation. These two views simply cannot be reconciled and yet they came from two individuals who have been very close to Mr. Roosevelt in an advisory way ever since Mr. Roosevelt entered the White House.

Professor Moley takes the position, editorially, that if, during the depression, American industry had been stripped of all surpluses, few of even the greatest corporations could have survived. He regards surpluses as life insurance policies for corporations and holds the conviction that unless a corporation is permitted to retain funds as it sees fit, it cannot protect itself when our economic structure goes into a tailspin such as that through which we have been passing.

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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for April 5

JESUS INVITES ALL PEOPLE

LESSON TEXT—Luke 14:15-24.
GOLDEN TEXT—Come, for all things are now ready.—Luke 14:17.
PRIMARY TOPIC—How Jesus Kept the Sabbath.
JUNIOR TOPIC—A Great Invitation.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Excuses We Make.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Our Response to Christ's Invitation.

In this chapter Luke pictures Jesus freely mingling with his fellowmen in worship and social intercourse. While thus freely mingling with his fellowmen, he was aware of their inner hostility to him and set forth under the parable of the great supper the sinful folly of men who reject his gracious offer of salvation.

I. The Great Supper (v. 16).

This great supper represents God's gracious provision of salvation through the vicarious atonement of Jesus Christ. Christ himself declared that he was the bread of life. As bread is to the physical body, so is Jesus Christ to the soul. It is called a supper because it is the last meal of the day. Jesus Christ's sacrificial death is God's last effort for the salvation of men. The one who misses supper goes hungry through the night; the one who neglects and rejects the gracious offer of salvation in Jesus Christ shall forever perish. It is a great supper because its provision was made in the counsels of the eternal Godhead. It was wrought out by the Son of God and avails for the salvation of all races and kindred and tongues. There is no one whose sinful condition debars him from this precious feast.

II. The Gracious and Urgent Invitation (vv. 16, 17).

These words, "Come; for all things are now ready," reveal the attitude of God toward a sinning race. Truly it is not the will of God that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. His servants have been going up and down the world for thousands of years saying to men dead in trespasses and sins, perishing for want of the bread of life, "Come; for all things are now ready." God is never behind time. There is absolutely nothing lacking in his provision for needy souls. The only thing demanded of the hungry and dying world is that it accept his urgent invitation. Man's responsibility is to receive Jesus Christ. All who accept his invitation are assured of a welcome at his table.

III. Men's Attitude Toward God's Gracious Invitation (vv. 18-20).

"They all with one accord began to make excuse." They feigned a willingness to come, but their excuses showed that they were completely absorbed in selfish interests and, therefore, disregarded the invitation of the divine Host. This is a vivid picture of the reception which men are everywhere giving the gospel.

1. The first one was taken up with the buying of land. On this account he begged to be excused. Supper time is a poor time to go to see a piece of ground. Besides, he had already bought the ground and, therefore, he was under no necessity of going to see it at supper time.

2. The second man desired to be excused in order that he might test a yoke of oxen which he had bought. Supper time is not a proper time to test oxen. Then, too, he had already bought them; therefore, there was no urgency in testing them.

3. The third excuse was perhaps the finest of all. In all probability his wife would have been glad to accompany him. It is to be noted that the excuses made are plausible, as they concern things that are right in themselves. It is right for a man to have land, have oxen, and live with a wife, but when these legitimate interests crowd out God and the things of the Spirit, they are to be ignored.

IV. Guests From the Highways and Hedges (vv. 21-24).

1. The anger of the master of the house (v. 21). It should not be forgotten that God, while great in mercy, is capable of anger toward those who reject his mercy. It is a great mistake to remove anger from the character of God. To reject his mercy exposes to his fierce anger.

2. The Lord's house filled (vv. 21-23). The places of the very ones who were first bidden were filled with other guests, some of them poor and helpless, from the lanes and streets of the city and others the vagrants from the highways.

3. The awful condition of those first bidden (v. 24). The master of the house declares that none of them shall taste of his supper. Since the supper represents the free grace and mercy of Jesus Christ, to refuse him is to be eternally deprived of the high privilege of sitting at the Master's table.

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Talks About

Cutting Down on Water
PRACTICALLY every overweight individual knows that potatoes, bread, and sugar help greatly to form fat in the body and accordingly these three items are usually eaten in very small amounts by those who are faithfully trying to reduce their weight.

Most overweights also know that fat foods—cream, butter, fat meats, nuts, egg yolks—by preventing wear and tear in the tissues prevent loss of body weight.

However it would seem that there are still a great many overweights who do not seem to know that water in the body tissues adds greatly to the weight of the body, makes life uncomfortable, and interferes with the proper action of the organs and tissues just as does fat tissue itself. This fact is known to boxers, wrestlers, jockeys and others whose athletic endeavors call for speed, skill and endurance. The first thought of boxers, for instance, after being weighed in, is not food but water or other liquids, as the "drying out" process has left them terribly thirsty.

And when we remember that every pound of fat tissue can and does often hold over three pounds of water, we can readily realize what it means to the weight of the body if too much liquid is not used, as liquids feed water to the fat tissues of the body.

This is the reason that exercise is such a wonderful weight reducer. The exercise heats up the body, first gets rid of surplus water in the skin, then draws up the surplus water in the fat, and then heats and removes some of the fat itself. And the great point about exercise is that the water and fat are gradually replaced by muscle tissue. This muscle tissue not only strengthens the individual and makes him willing to take more exercise, but muscle tissue does not hold extra water as does fat tissue.

Already Water-Logged.
The thought then for overweights is that while water is necessary to every one, and most of us do not drink enough of it, the overweight is already water-logged and does not need so much water. The overweight should drink some water whenever he feels he must, but a quarter to one-third of the usual amount is all that should be taken. Simply gargling the parched throat may help, between drinks.

Another point that is not remembered by overweights is that eating too much salt will prevent loss of weight, as it has been found that a grain of salt will hold seventy times its weight of water within the tissues. Thus "a person can easily carry one to one and a half gallons of water in his body, kept there by salt, without showing swelling."

Now salt is necessary for health and for life itself. Salt preserves the tissues from disorganization and putrefaction, is needed by the blood to hold certain materials in solution, it regulates the chemical reaction of the blood and various juices of the body.

Lack of salt can cause digestive, nervous, bone, and other disturbances.

Use Small Quantities.
However, in overweights, anxious to rid themselves of water, salt must be taken in small quantities. This is a real hardship because overweights are usually good eaters and like their food well seasoned.

Now how are these overweights who have developed a liking or perhaps a craving for salt going to cut down on salt without too much hardship?

"Meat can be made tasty without the use of salt by browning it quickly and adding only a little water. Natural condiments such as caraway seed, mustard, nutmeg, onions, cheese, butter, and lemon can be used."

"Sweet, cold fruit soups may be served. Leafy vegetables should not be boiled in water. Potatoes should be boiled with their skins on, for then the lack of salt is not so noticeable. Root vegetables should be boiled uncut."

Treating Varicose Veins
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The Town Where I Live—It's My Town

\$13,000 a Minute

According to the declaration of Senator Byrd, Democrat and member of the Senate Finance Committee, the government is "spending \$13,000 a minute day and night, including Sunday, and \$7,000 a minute is being added to the public debt."

In the early days of the World War the annual Federal expenditures amounted to \$827 a person. Twelve years later, in 1927, counting war and post-war spending, they had increased to \$33.05 per capita. The cost of Government in 1932 amounted to \$42.26 per person. But this year will require a staggering sum equal to \$63.14 for every man, woman and child.

Let's not try to fool ourselves into the belief that the "rich" are footing the bill. The so-called rich pay a very small proportion of it. All their possessions, if confiscated by the Government, would satisfy but a surprisingly small proportion of the national debt. The money is coming out of the pockets of the average citizen, whether he is aware of it or not.

Social Security Somewhere Ahead

Few theories of government have received the measure of support that is being accorded the Townsend Old Age Pension plan. The reason that an idea so utopian should receive such generous acceptance is due largely to the fact that it was presented to the country just at the time that it was. There has never been a time in the history of the country when people, especially those nearing the sixty mark, have felt less secure of their future than they do today. Many of them have seen the saving of a life time swept in a brief space of time in spite of everything they can do. This has occurred in many cases where the best judgement approved by years of successful practice was followed. That the plan may not be feasible is not the concern of the average individual. He accepts the statement of its author for this, and lets it go at that. The point is, that it offers the only thing that seems available in the way of old age protection, and he grasps it as a drowning man a straw, and trusts to luck that its details may be soundly worked out by wiser heads. The conviction of most conservative thinkers is that some such plan is inevitable in the not far distant future, but the most liberal of these do not hope for incomes on quite so generous a scale.—Eldorado Success.

1936 Soil Conservation Program Under Way

Friday March 27, the county agent and H. M. Gilbert, Assistant in Cotton Adjustment, were called to San Angelo to attend a conference for the eastern half of Dist. 6. At this conference, Mr. E. C. Martin, Dist. agent for Dist. 6, outlined the tentative plan for the 1936 Soil Conservation Program and instructed those agents present in the system of organizing and electing committeemen to administer the program in their respective counties. The tentative plan for the new program was only in skeleton form, as the Administrative Rulings governing the program have not been approved in every respect by the Secretary of Agriculture.

In following out the instructions received at this conference, the county agent, has called two meetings to be held in the county this week, the first in Robert Lee, Thursday night, April 7, and the other in Bronte, Friday night, April 8. A skeleton outline of the program will be given at each meeting as it was given to the agent.

Watch for full details of the new farm program in this paper next week.

I Wonder

I wonder what God thinks when He sees us fail by the way, Does He always write it down, or does he put it aside, and wait another day?

I want awfully bad to go there where all is joy and rest.

I wonder will he know me, and if I'll stand the test,

My weary feet on forbidden ground many times have trod, I wonder if they have taken me to far away from God.

My mother use to tell me of streets all lined with gold, Where God gathers his chosen one into that heavenly fold.

I wonder if I'll be a black sheep and stay outside and wait For just one more chance to enter into that Pearly Gate.

By Mrs. W. T. Shelton of Wichita Falls, formerly Miss Mamie Ethel Shelton of Abilene, sent in by her grandmother, Mrs. Joe Fields.

The Town Where I Live—
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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are authorized to announce the following Candidates for the office next above their names, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 25, 1936.

All Announcements strictly Cash.

For District Judge, 51st Judicial District.

JOHN F. SUTTON (re-election)

GLENN R. LEWIS

For District Attorney, 51st Judicial District.

O. C. FISHER

CLIFTON H. TUPPER

For Representative 92nd Dist.

HORACE B. SESSIONS (re-election)

COKE COUNTY, TEXAS

For County Judge,

McNEIL WYLIE (re-election)

For County and District Clerk

WILLIS SMITH (re-election)

For Sheriff & Tax Collector,

FRANK PERCIFULL (re-election)

PERCY MYERS

For County Treasurer,

Mrs. DAISY McCUTCHEN (re-election)

IRVAN H. BRUNSON

For Commissioner Prec. No. 1.

H. C. VARNADORE (re-election)

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The undersigned having been duly appointed administrator of the separate estate of John Saul, Deceased, late of Coke County, Texas, by McNeil Wylie, Judge of the County Court of said County on the 16th day of March, A. D. 1936, during a regular term thereof, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to him at his office in Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas, where he receives his mail.

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Agricultural News Noted
By H. E. Smith, county Agent

Sub-Irrigation Demonstrations Started.

Last year Pat and Fern Havins of Valley View community, working under the supervision of E. R. Lawrence, constructed and laid 200 feet of sub-irrigation tile in their garden which they irrigated from a large tank which they constructed the previous year. These men reported that they planted tomatoes over the tile and that it was in this part of the garden that they made an abundant tomato crop.

This year these men are making and laying an additional 200 feet of tile and intend to enlarge their demonstration, including other vegetable crops. Mike Havins has constructed and laid 210 feet of sub-irrigation tile in his garden and plans to plant tomatoes and some other vegetables over the tile. He will receive his water supply from a deep well on his father's place.

Sub-irrigation tile is becoming very popular over Coke county where water is available for sub-irrigation. By previous demonstrations it has been proven that vegetables and flowers do much better when sub-irrigated than when watered on the surface and that less water is required the sub-irrigated system.

LIVESTOCK FEEDING

Marvin Simpson, of Robert Lee put 60 head of last spring calves in the feed lot on February 15. He has been carrying these steers on a full concentrate ration and intends to carry them on this ration until May 1st. On that date Mr Simpson plans to open one of his trench silos and add silage to the ration. He intends to carry these steers until August 1st. He reports that, in previous feeding experience, animals fed in the summer with proper shade and water do much better than those fed in the fall and winter.

Ross Reaves of Blackwell, has

been feeding 34 steers for the commercial gain. These steers have been in the feed lot for about 78 days. They have been receiving ground bundle feed for roughage, ground maize heads, ground oats, and cottonseed meal and bone meal for the concentrate. He plans to carry these steers 30 or 40 days longer. The steers have made a very creditable gain to date. They will now average around 840 pounds. He is in hopes of getting them well over the 900 mark by the end of the feeding period.

Roe Williams of Bronte, has 40 steers in a feed lot. He is conducting a demonstration on these steers and his ration consists entirely of silage. These steers are showing a very creditable gain to date on this ration.

R. E. Hickman weighed up and shipped his lambs which he has been feeding on a demonstration using silage in the ration. These lambs averaged 90 pounds each when weighed out of the feed pen. Mr Hickman warrants that the results of his demonstration feeding on lambs has convinced him that trench silos are the proper method for conserving feed in West Texas. If the feed crop is favorable the coming year, Mr. Hickman plans to put up a thousand tons of silage in order to feed more lambs next year.

In a recent experiment conducted by E. R. Eudaly, Dairy Specialist for Extension Service, it has been proven that milo maize heads and other grain sorghum heads can be successfully stored the trench silo method. Mr. Eudaly put 2 tons of bright milo heads in a silo and left them covered for 110 days. Upon opening the silo he found that these heads were in very good state of preservation. This is the proper way to store your feed more economically and eliminate the loss which occurs each year from weevil infestation.

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Lometa News

Farmers and ranchmen are very busy.

Lometa's ten school pupils brought home twenty-three ribbons from the county meet--5 blue, 17 red, 1 white. Joe Brooks won first in senior boy declamation, Loyce Blaylock won second in senior girls declamation, Etta Estelle Saunders won second in story-telling, Emmogene Brooks and J. W. Fountain won first in junior spelling, Joe and Jeff Brooks won second in senior spelling, Loyce Blaylock third in tennis, Joe Brooks first in rural senior essay, Beatrice Lackey won first in junior essay, Joe Brooks, second in pantomime, Beatrice Lackey and J. W. Fountain won second in arithmetic, and the ten won second in choral singing.

Those on the honor roll for the fifth month were: Emmogene Brooks, Jeff Brooks, Etta Estelle Saunders, Nettie Mae Saunders, J. W. Fountain.

We regretted the loss of Earnest and Raymond Saunders who moved back to Miles just a few days before the county meet. They were preparing to enter several events.

Aubrey Lackey has been having a "good looking" time with the mumps.

DO-YOU-KNOW

THAT Texas' highest mountain has three names, Signal Peak, Guadalupe Mountain and El Capitan. It is 9,500 feet high and is in Culberson county.

THAT "Two Miles To Miles" is a highway sign near Miles, Texas.

THAT the Hog Wallows of Central Texas were not caused by hogs. A seven year drouth cracked up the ground causing the depressions now called "hog wallows."

THAT Horse Head Crossing in West Texas gets its name from skulls of horses that marked the way to the ford of the Pecos river.

THAT clean dry salt can be scooped up from Lake Shafter in Andrews county.

THAT there are 227 mountain peaks in Texas.

Do You Need This Speedometer?

A recent invention called the Oral Speedometer operates with a phonographic attachment in any automobile. It goes like this:

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At 50 miles: "Your responsibility is increasing. Keep your eye on the road."

At 60 miles: "Are your insurance premiums paid to date?"

At 70 miles: "You drive--this detachment will do all the praying."

At 80 miles: "Probably someone will have this car repaired. If so, we thank you for the sale of another speedometer to replace this one which is going to h--- along with you."--Rotarianian.

Edith News

Edith is very proud of the honors won at the county meet. We are also very proud of the record the Robert Lee school is making in track events, for some of the boys from our community are helping to make this record.

Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Brusenh of Santa Anna spent the week-end with Mrs. Brusenh's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Raymer and Mrs. Donald Engle were San Angelo visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. J. D. Holden and Mrs. Sam Powell, teachers of the Green Mountain school, entertained their pupils with an April-fool picnic.

Mr. Horace B. Sessions was electioneering around Edith Monday.

Bob Fields is home from Kansas where he has been shearing with A. C. P. ays.

Mrs. Ed Hickman has been confined to her home with the mumps, but is reported to be getting along very well.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Schooler who were ill with the flu last week, are able to be up and out again.

How many out this way ever have time to stop and close one of bump gates when found open? Don't wait until the horses are in the lane and you run into them. Try to keep them out of the lane by helping to keep the gates closed. I don't think any of us would enjoy the old gates that you have to get out to open, and drive through, then out again to shut it, would we? Well, let's do our part.

Trophy Presented

Assembly at the school auditorium Wednesday was largely a recital of the victories won by the Robert Lee students and future victories hoped for. Coach Keeling presented Supt. Taylor with the trophy won at Bronte last week, the third trophy won by this school within a few weeks. He also stated that he and the track boys will go to Crane this coming Saturday Saturday for what he expects to be the hardest meet they have competed in so far.

Miss Morris will go to San Angelo next Friday and Saturday week with the winners of the literary events. Just how many of those taking first place expect to attend, was not learned.

Mr. Erey gave a devotional based on the subject of Friendship followed by a prayer which he also led.

Mr. Keeling and his grade gave a brief program in keeping with All Fool's Day. Mr. Keeling read an original humorous narrative--very foolish--after which members of the grade presented a farce double wedding. The ceremony was in comical verse and the brides carried bouquets of carrots and celery.

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Current Events in Review

By Edward W. Pickard

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Mussolini Abolishes Chamber of Deputies

BENITO MUSSOLINI evidently expects another European war, and in preparation for it he announced several drastic measures on the seventeenth anniversary of the founding of the Fascist party. He abolished the chamber of deputies, substituting for it a council of guilds; and he also eliminated the country's large industries, leaving the medium and small private industries in existence. This latter move, he told the council of the 22 guilds of the corporative state, was to increase the nation's economic self-sufficiency. "When and how war will come, one does not know," he said, "but the wheel of fate turns fast."

Mussolini asserted the large industries, particularly those working for the defense of the nation, would be formed into organizations called "key industries." These, he said, "will be run directly or indirectly by the government. Some will have mixed organization."

He drew tremendous cheers from the audience, rising in the gorgeous Julius Caesar hall of the capitol building, on Capitoline hill, when he declared that with this reform, the Fascist party reached fulfillment of its purposes.

Russia and Poland Don't Trust Negotiations

EASTERN Europe, especially soviet Russia and Poland, is distrustful of the negotiations among the Locarno powers. Russia, according to Karl Radek, authoritative writer in Moscow, is convinced she must rely for her safety mainly on her own resources for defense, and accordingly will strengthen her armed forces, already numbering 1,300,000 men. He described commitments of the four Locarno powers in regard to future action as "so uncertain that they can be discounted as not existing at all."

Suggestions offered in London for the summoning of an international conference to discuss new agreements Radek found to be "so vague" as to app the world to know we will never capitulate before the resolutions and for for which Hitler has expressed no particular love.

The Polish government was decidedly worried by reports of secret negotiations in London behind the scenes of the conference of the Locarno powers. These reports were forwarded by Col. Josef Beck, the foreign minister, who scented a plot to secure peace in western Europe at the expense of eastern Europe by granting Germany a free hand in the latter region. Beck thought there were possibilities of revision of the Versailles and other treaties.

Hitler Considers Reply to Peace Proposals

REICHSFUHRER HITLER recalled Joachim von Ribbentrop from London, where that diplomat had heard Germany condemned as a treaty violator by the council of the League of Nations, and with him spent several days carefully planning his response to the proposals of the other four Locarno powers. Others of his advisers participated in the conferences, but there was no doubt that Hitler himself would determine the course of the retch, and from the demonstrations in his honor over the week-end it appeared certain the German people would sustain him in his decision. Going to Breslau, still accompanied by Van Ribbentrop, Hitler told a big gathering of citizens: "We will not make a single compromise in internal or external politics. We want the world to know we will never capitulate before the resolutions and formulations of others."

Declaring the world is getting itself entangled in military alliances, Hitler promised: "We Germans will not allow ourselves to be entangled because we have reconquered our sovereignty and intend to keep it."

The Fuehrer answered charges that his peace proposals were merely a smudge by saying: "I make no empty gestures. These were proposals to in-

sure the peace of the world for 25 years. Let other statesmen ask their peoples to express their opinion in votes as to whether they want war or peace. Maybe then the nations will come to agreement. May God show us the right way."

Parts of the peace plan offered by the four Locarno powers that were most objectionable to the Germans were the creation of an international police zone 12 miles wide along the Rhine frontier, and the submission of the Franco-Russian mutual aid treaty to the world court.

Foreign Secretary Eden urged Von Ribbentrop before the latter left London for Berlin to prevail on Hitler to submit counter proposals. Eden emphasized that the four power proposals were not intended to be final.

Isabella Greenway Will Retire From Congress

ISABELLA GREENWAY, the capable lady who has represented Arizona in congress since October, 1933, has announced in Tucson that she will retire from public life at the conclusion of her present term. She was first elected for the term of Lewis Douglas, who resigned to become director of the budget, and was re-elected in 1934.

Mrs. Greenway owns and operates several ranches in Arizona and New Mexico and a hotel in Tucson, and is also interested in some mining companies. Undoubtedly she could go back to congress without opposition, but she says she wants to devote more time to her private activities.

Great Floods Recede and Reconstruction Begins

INTREPID citizens of scores of cities and towns in the eastern and New England states which were devastated by the unprecedented floods were digging out their homes and places of business from the mud and debris as the turbulent waters of many rivers subsided. Reconstruction and refitting began everywhere immediately, and this, as well as the relief of the suffering thousands, was aided by funds totaling more than \$43,000,000 allocated by President Roosevelt before he left Washington for Florida.

Rough estimates were that the total dead in 13 states were 139; the homeless were 221,500, and the total property damage, \$271,500,000. The last figure probably would be tripled if one took into account the losses from interruption to industry and trade and the stoppage of the wages of labor.

Cities along the lower Ohio were threatened as the flood waters raced down to the Mississippi and the Gulf of Mexico, but they had had plenty of warning and were in a measure prepared. Of course many communities were submerged, but the residents had moved to higher land.

Doings of the Senators and Representatives

STILL refusing to appropriate \$12,000,000 for the Florida ship canal, the senate passed the army bill carrying approximately \$611,000,000. More than half the sum goes for the military activities of the War department.

There will be no reduction in the number of CCC camps during most of the coming fiscal year, and the enrollees will be kept up to about the 350,000 mark. This was the decision of President Roosevelt after a threatened revolt of Democratic representatives induced him to change his mind in the matter.

Senator Black, chairman of the senate lobbying committee, has added the Wichita Beacon to the papers whose telegrams he has seized or attempted to seize. The list also includes the Hearst publications, the Cowles papers, and the Times Publishing company of Wichita Falls, Tex. John Henry Kirby, an anti-Roosevelt Democrat of Texas, learned Black had subpoenaed all his telegrams and warned the senator not to exhibit to anyone any family or private business messages.

Three Powers Agree to Limit Battleship Size

GREAT BRITAIN, the United States and France, the only nations remaining in the London naval conference, accepted the final draft of a new treaty limiting the size of battleships to 35,000 tons, retaining 10,000 tons as the maximum for cruisers and providing that none of that size shall be built for six years.

Norman H. Davis, chief of the American delegation, served notice that the United States would consider herself free from the large cruiser limit if Great Britain should build more than 70 cruisers.

Unsuccessful in keeping Japan and Italy pledged to naval limitation, the conferees wrote escape clauses in the treaty which would permit them to disregard the limits if Japan and other nonsigners exceeded them.

Dr. Townsend Comes Out for Senator Borah

SENATOR WILLIAM E. BORAH is campaigning earnestly for the Republican Presidential nomination, and has just received a big boost for his cause in the announcement that Dr. Francis E. Townsend, founder of the old age pension plan that bears his name, will give the Idahoan all his support. Repudiating President Roosevelt and changing his registration at Long Beach, Calif., from Democratic to Republican, Townsend said Borah was the only Republican candidate who "even approached" the standard of the Townsendsites, although the senator has refused to endorse the Townsend pension plan as it stands.

Hitherto the Townsend organization had favored circulation of third party petitions in every state to enlist millions of people as a demonstration of strength.

Plans Announced for Soil Conservation Program

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE WALLACE announced the establishment of five regions for administration of the soil conservation and domestic allotment act, substitute for the invalid AAA. H. R. Tolley, administrator of the new plan, said the department already has begun a field service to administer the program in various states. As under the AAA, the leading part within the states is to be played by the farmers' county and community committees.

Mr. Wallace also directed discontinuance of the four commodity divisions whose work of liquidating AAA production control programs will be taken over by the regional directors. The order leaves intact other administrative units of the AAA.

Billion and a Half Asked for Relief for Year

ONE and one-half billion dollars will be needed to carry the Works Progress administration through the coming fiscal year, according to President Roosevelt's figuring. Therefore he asked congress to appropriate that sum. He thought it would be sufficient to care for the destitute unemployed, together with \$1,000,000,000 in unexpended previous appropriations and the \$600,000,000 carried in the budget for the civilian conservation corps and various public works.

Limitation of federal relief expenditures to this figure, however, is dependent upon re-employment of substantial numbers of the idle by private industry, the President said.

As the President's message was presented, Speaker Joseph W. Byrns revealed that Mr. Roosevelt had advised his leaders that any increase in the appropriation over his estimates must be accompanied by new taxes to provide revenues to cover the added cost.

Effort to Keep Politics Out of WPA Administration

RUSH D. HOLT, the young Democratic senator from West Virginia, gave notice that he would continue to hammer at the Works Progress administration until a senate investigation was ordered. He demanded an inquiry into all relief activities under charge of Administrator Harry L. Hopkins, and other agencies affecting relief, the RFC, CWA, and FERA.

In reply to some of the charges made, Mr. Hopkins issued this bulletin:

"No employee of WPA is required to make any contribution to any political party. No WPA employee's job will be in jeopardy because of failure to make such contribution.

"No employee of the WPA shall at any time solicit contributions for any political party, and evidence of such solicitation will be cause for immediate discharge. The question whether or not to contribute to any political party is a matter entirely for the voluntary decision of employees.

"No person will be employed or discharged on the ground of his support or non-support of any candidate."

BRISBANE THIS WEEK

More Years, More Cares Monkeys and Yellow Fever The King Sees Poverty Ancient Koran Found

The French have a saying, referring to a man's age, "One year more, one care more"—Un an de plus, un soin de plus.

European nations might take for their motto, "One treaty more, one more danger of war."

Italy, Austria, Hungary have a three-power treaty under which Italy guarantees Austrian independence, against any attempt by Germany to absorb Austria, for instance. There is possible cause for war if any cause were lacking.

Sao Paulo, Brazil, worries about reports brought by health officers from the forests of the upper Sorocabana area. In that region, where mosquitoes are thick, explorers frequently saw "monkeys with high fevers" drop out of trees and die, dozens of them, victims of yellow fever.

Fortunately for Brazil cities, the jungle mosquito that bites monkeys and gives them yellow fever keeps away from cities. The fight against disease-bearing mosquitoes and rats would keep men busy, if they were not busy already killing each other in war.

Edward VIII, new king of England, visited the magnificently luxurious ocean steamer Queen Mary in Glasgow, then went from house to house, knocking on doors, visiting some of the worst slum dwellings in all his kingdom.

Later, talking to Lord Melchett, the king put the problem of England, this country and the whole world in these few words:

"How do you reconcile a world that has produced this mighty ship with the slums we have just visited?"

A marvelously illustrated ancient manuscript of the Koran, found in a shop of an antiquity dealer in Cairo, Egypt, was bought for fifty pounds. Heaven knows how many thousands of pounds it is actually worth.

The Koran is said to have been written by a highly educated Jew, who suggested ideas to Mohammed, the latter being unable to write.

It is possible, however, that angels, supposed to have revealed divine truth to Mohammed, also taught him to write.

Good news for tree growers, fruit trees or others. You may get rid of insect pests by hammering the trunks of trees with a riveting machine, such as is used in driving rivets in city skyscrapers.

A California inventor patented the process. This writer proposes to try it in a New Jersey orchard at the earliest possible moment. The riveting is said to loosen insect pests, after which it is easy to wash them off with a strong spray of water, no chemicals needed. To save the tree from injury, it is probably desirable to put several thicknesses of old automobile tires or tubes between the bark and the riveting machine.

Do not give "living toys" to your children for Easter presents. Many parents and friends thoughtlessly give children helpless living creatures, easily hurt—live chicks, or newly hatched ducklings.

The helpless creatures are roughly treated, mutilated, fortunate if they happen to be promptly killed, by children that know no better.

Doctor Townsend promises \$200 a month to everybody past sixty. That would cost twenty-four thousand million dollars a year. Congressmen know it can't be done, but do not dare say so individually.

Townsend clubs have organized millions of votes. The \$200-a-month promise made that easy. Congressmen do not want those votes cast against them as individuals.

The hard-working, intelligent Swiss nation is said to be disturbed by the prospect of another war as by none other.

Every Swiss under fifty is armed, trained and ready. Even in the big war nobody tried to invade Switzerland—too much hard climbing, and the conqueror would not know how to run the hotels, even if he acquired them.

The immediate business of this country is to find some way of controlling flood waters—probably not impossible.

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FLAME IN THE FOREST

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CHAPTER IX—Continued

Before, he had conducted his affairs with confidence; he was sure of both his standing and his abilities. Secrets had rested in his heart, to be sure, but they had rested easily, comfortably.

And then, out of the welter of Dead Bear rapid had come this stranger who upset not only his body but his mind; who had replaced confidence with harrying misgivings, had driven out assurance and supplanted it with doubt and made of those secrets not cherished possessions but rankling growths.

Like the clanging of an ominous tocsin had come Bluejay's sketchy report of Young's talk with Ezra Adams. Why should these two be talking of the Downer case, when that had been considered closed months ago? And there was the disappearance of his pistol on the night he believed his house burning. Explainable, probably; the chances were that its disappearance was, in reality, a simple, casual affair. . . . But he did not know that, and in his state of mind shadows were taking shape. This evening Ezra and Young had had their heads together for long over the doctor's motor . . . but West, watching, had not been fooled. Their talk was not of mechanics, he felt sure.

He walked on home, not daring to enter the store and be seen by others.

Safe within his own walls he went hastily to that cupboard and resumed the drinking which his visit to Nan had interrupted.

And across the way Kerry Young lay in his blankets, that strange numbness persisting. His eyes were open; sleep would not come. In boyhood he had thought he knew suffering, but now he realized he had not even skirted the edges of the fields of human misery.

CHAPTER X

By noon of that Thursday, Kerry had his camp made on an island a quarter-mile offshore in Townline lake.

He had been in a strange mood . . . so strange that Tip sat for long intervals watching him intently, studying his face and, now and then, whining lowly. Sober, his master was, but his mind evidently insisted on straying from the job at hand. He was clumsy, too, and dropped his belt-ax. It struck a stone and a deep nick was knocked from the bit. He held it in his hand and stared at the implement for long.

In the afternoon he and the dog set out for the first hours of cruising. Before sundown he paddled across to the cabin where he might have stayed, went inside and looked idly about and then returned to camp.

They were alone. They had not seen a soul, or heard a man-made sound. . . . Of course, Frank Bluejay, squatting in the alders, made no sound except a surly, impatient grunt. That was when he raised himself to one knee and sought to cover the man in the canoe out there with the worn rifle he carried, and found that the glare of sunlight made the sight-bead show large as an orange. When the canoe was out of the glare, the range was too long for certainty.

And the next morning when Young set out a spanking breeze blew. He kept to shoal water for a mile where the seas were not dangerous so that he could square away and lay a course into the wind, thereby avoiding the chance of swamping. By the time he was out over the Indigo depths again he was far from the 'breed and once more Bluejay dared not shoot. He could have killed his man without half trying once, but the body would have fallen into shallow water then. His father and his father's father had told him that Townline lake never gave up its dead, did they drown in the channels Bluejay wanted no risk of discovery in this doubly motivated undertaking.

So the Indian went surlily back to camp and cursed his squaw and their children for not picking faster, and scumbled over the salt pork. He had hunted for two days, now, and had not found a deer.

"Then you ain't so smart," his woman snapped. "We see lots of deer. If you're so crazy for fresh meat you better come with us."

"I'll get meat!" he growled, and in the morning, set out after it. He carried buckets, saying that he might as well pick berries after he got his deer if he happened to find a good patch.

Thursday and Friday passed with no fresh meat in the Bluejay camp; when the 'breed left on Saturday morning it was easy, at the crack of dawn . . . a splendid time to find deer browsing or making their way to the ridges where they bedded for the day. But

his eyes were not alert for deer. He made speed, threading the timber at a lope when camp was safe behind, covering the miles swiftly. . . .

Kerry Young was up early as well, the next day, stripping and running naked into the biting cold lake, plunging, blowing, splashing great fronds of water at Tip, who had followed him in. The dog liked it; he barked and yelped, and seemed to be trying to say: "That's better, chum! That's the way to act! That's your old self! I belong to a fellow who laughs, not to a man who's as solemn as an empty church!"

Young played roughly with the dog and then, turning shoreward, outswam him to the fringe of reeds.

A spanking little breeze had come again with the sunrise, flattening out the smoke of the small fire, making coffee slow to boil and delaying the frying of bass he had caught last evening.

Wavelets hissed through the rushes. The deep blue of the channel was flecked with small whitecaps. Young looked at the weather and opined that the day would keep clear, though the wind might rise to half a gale.

That is what Frank Bluejay thought too, as breathing heavily, he made his way to the edge of a cedar thicket on the shore and saw the smoke of that breakfast fire. The wind was increasing, and that was good. The sound of a shot would not travel so far on a day when the elements rioted.

He did not fidget nor fuss through the interval of waiting. But when the canoe put out he rose slowly, certain of his good concealment, and stiffened. Young paddled straight toward the ambushed Indian. The light craft pitched and rolled rhythmically under the impulse of his paddle. In the bow Tip balanced nicely, letting his tongue lol.

Closer and closer to the fringe of distant cedars they progressed, within two hundred yards, a hundred and seventy-five, a hundred and fifty; then the seas having subsided, Kerry swung sharply to the left, putting his canoe broadside to the weather.

It was now that Bluejay pulled back the hammer of the worn old rifle. Slowly he pressed his cheek tight against the cool stock. The sight-bead came down, wavering; found its object. The muzzle moved thrice, following the rise and fall of the canoe. Tip's brown hand on the grip squeezed. . . . The 'breed stood there for a long moment, lips loose, watching.

On the shot Young had pitched forward and sideways, across the rail. For an instant the canoe hung so, on its beam's end; then with a quick roll and a little splash, it went bottom up and began to drift with the seas.

Tip, thrown into the waters, head held high, began circling swiftly. Around and around he went, crying out for the master who had disappeared.

With a sharp nod, Bluejay turned. He left the cedars, climbed the bank and pushed on through the hardwood. A little later a yearling doe leaped up before him. He shot quickly, and shot again; then he walked on toward camp, bearing the hindquarters. Unlawful, this . . . but the wardens winked at men of the country living from the country. No one would trouble him; he rather hoped he might be seen. The venison would explain his having the rifle along, and while Townline lake never gave up those who die in its depths . . . well, a man can never be too safe!

Townline lake never gives up its dead. That was the thought which flashed through Kerry's mind as he went overboard. Once down in the channels . . .

But he was not going down in any channel! He was there, under his cap-sized canoe, still holding the shattered paddle in one hand.

The blow of the bullet had all but torn it from his grasp. Just as he was dipping the blade that terrific impact had struck. Perhaps the smooth ash had deflected the missile; perhaps the aim of his assailant had not been good.

But the sound of the rifle, a flat, dull crash, had reached his ears before he could make a move in reaction to amazement. And then his first act was for self-preservation.

Someone had lain in wait to kill him. Someone had shot with reasonable accuracy . . . and to let them believe that a desired end had been achieved was at once smartness and caution.

So he went over the far side, his torso lolling in the water, the move throwing Tip out with a great scrambling. Kerry cautiously twisted his body so he would come up beneath the craft.

In there, he could hear nothing but the slosh of water, the rustle of wind, the sharp, inquiring bark of the dog.

Young wanted to call out, to reassure the retriever that all was well, for Tip was in a great state of excitement and distress. But to do that, he feared, would set the animal diving for him and that, to a watcher, might betray the secret . . . that he was safe and in concealment.

The toss of the canoe grew more pronounced as they drifted into heavier seas. The chill of the water ate into his flesh, into his bones. His teeth commenced to chatter.

With great caution, he shoved himself downward and came up on the leeward side. With a shake of his head he cleared water from his eyes and, opening them, burst into laughter.

The dog had just rounded the bow again. His look was tense, almost agonized, but when he came thus face to face with his master, the ears pricked stiffly and then relaxed, the orange flare left the eyes and a pink tongue showed.

"Okay!" Kerry choked. "All jake, chum! Hi! . . . All right, then!"

And he turned his cheek to the frantic tongue for a moment.

"Listen, Tip," he said, holding the dog beside him with one hand while the other rested on the canoe. "I got to get out of this! Cold? D'you ever feel colder water in summer? Before we'd drift to shore I'd freeze."

He looked about. The waves were high. Straight down wind was his island, reef-fringed, with warm sunshine beating upon it. To one on shore, a swimming dog would scarcely be noticed. . . .

"You, Tip! . . . You get to camp! Savvy?" He reached for a hold on the dog's tail. "Hie on, now! Camp! Hie on!"

Obediently the dog turned down wind. Kerry kept his hold on the tail, let go the canoe. He turned to his side and then to his back, and as his weight came on Tip the retriever slowed and looked backward.

"Camp!" gasped Kerry. "Hie on!" Tip settled down to swim, low in the water, making slow going of it, but nevertheless towing his master steadily. . . . And a watcher, from a distance, had he seen the dog, would never have guessed what dragged behind. . . .

Kerry wormed his way through the reeds, once they were reached, and stretched flat on his belly on the clean sand, letting the sun drive the chill from his bones.

He lay there a long time before he moved. Then he wriggled into the brush, got behind his tent, extricated his binoculars from the pack and for a long interval studied the point from which the bullet must have been fired.

His canoe had followed him ashore but for a long time he made no move to secure it. At length, reassured, he re-embarked; his rifle at hand, Tip again in the bow, he set out for the mainland, following a course that would take him away from the point of ambush. There he cached the canoe in bushes and began circling the shore.

He spent considerable time trying to determine the course of the bullet, and searched the shore for sign. But there was no sign. In a thick clump of cedars he found faint traces of movement; a trampled seedling, a bruised herb. But an animal might have done these. No footprints showed. He went on, to the cabin.

He opened the door, peered in, then stooped, frowning. A fine dusting of dry sand was on the floor. Sand? No, his fingers told him it was powdered clay. It went from the doorway across toward a far corner; just a light dusting of it, a ragged stringer. He wondered what that might mean. Following, he found that it ended at two short sections of flooring. At some time—there was no way of determining when—these had been tampered with. Perhaps broken boards had been replaced. Still, why that dirt on the floor? It had not been here the other day.

"Tip," he said, as he stuffed tobacco into his pipe, "I'm getting good and hot under the collar! Shot at from ambush! Now, who the devil!" He lighted his pipe and stood frowning, debating.

"Let's go to town," he said to the dog, "and see who's surprised to see us!"

That was about noon; he had fourteen miles to go. . . . He could not off five, he remembered, if he took an old road, long disused, which Nan had pointed out to him when they had traveled this way together. Beaver had flooded it years back, she had said. This spring the abandoned dam had gone out. With a little work the cut-off might be made passable.

So he went that way, walking in

teatly, with the space-eating stride of the woodsman, rick in the crook of his arm, seeing but little of what he passed. He did stop once, to watch bees working in fireweed.

CHAPTER XI

Now Nat Bridger, the sheriff, though a man large in stature, was small in heart and soul. There were those in the country who called him a boot-licker.

He was alone in his office when West entered the corridor. Tod glanced around at the barred door to the bullpen straight ahead with a man standing against it, holding one bandaged hand in the other gingerly.

"Hullo, Dick!" West said to the prisoner. "Heard you drank too much of your own hooch! What ails the hand?"

"Blood poison," the man growled. "Most drives me crazy! Doc Adams says it's better, but it don't seem so to me."

The voices had attracted the sheriff who came to the doorway.

"Oh, hullo, Tod!" he cried and went on to remark how well this sight of an old friend pleased him and shook hands and went through a performance of greeting which, to an understanding person, would have explained clearly just why he was considered a boot-licker.

"Lord, what happened to you?" he demanded as West followed him in to where the light was better. "Why, Tod, you're all swell up!"

He was, in truth, badly swollen. His face was lop-sided and even the left eye slightly puffed.

"Dam' horns got me yesterday," he said. "Was fishin' up Big Beaver and kiked 'em out of a stump. They sure are good at their job!"

"I'll say so! But what brings you here?" he asked. "Anything I can do for you, Tod?"

West sat down and crossed his legs and put his hat on one knee.

"Well, not for me, mebbey," he said, "but I heard somethin' the other night that I kind of figure you ought to know. Likely nothin' to it but you never can tell."

"Yeah?"

"Yes." You know Bluejay, don't you? Thought so. Kind of scum, Frank is. He's worked for me off and on 'nd I don't trust him much, but there's things about him . . . For instance, he's always snoopin', always sees things.

"He's been camped out north of us pickin' berries and comes in most every night. Well, night before last he came to me to get a little he had comin', and I got visitin' and he told me something kind of suspicious."

"He says he'd been lookin' for berries north of Townline lake Thursday and long about sundown swung past that Downer cabin on his way back to camp. He says he heard something that sounded like poundin' inside."

"Now, you or me, we'd 've walked right up to the door, but we ain't 'breeds. There's no explainin' 'em and mebbey it's a good thing for Frank and for you and for the county itself that he didn't. . . . Leastwise, if there's anything to his story."

He was leaning forward, now, and nodded seriously.

A little draft through the open transom above fluttered his graying hair and the lone prisoner in the bullpen leaned closer against the bars, straining to listen.

"He peeked through the window and, Nat, he says he saw young Holt Stuart on his knees in a corner takin' money out of a tin box he's got buried under the floor!"

His voice had dropped to a whisper on this last.

He watched the look of amazement spread swiftly over the sheriff's face. "Stuart?" he asked in surprise. "Stuart, takin' money out of a tin box buried under the floor? . . . My God, Tod! . . . Why . . . 'Nd he was in that cabin the night Cash was shot?"

"Of course, Nat, you're not dumb!"

He narrowed his eyes and nodded wisely. "You and I, we'd 've had the young lad in for a talkin' to, anyhow, if it hadn't been for Ezra."

"Ezra was so damned sure that that ankle had been sprained the night Cash was killed and that the kid couldn't 've gotten out . . . Oh, well! The best of us'll make mistakes."

Bridger's face was gray with excitement.

"We won't overlook this bet!" he snapped. "By God, Tod, if I can just clean up this Downer mystery, then I guess these other birds that've been threatenin' to run for this office, come fall, 'll crawl back into their holes!"

"Yes. . . . But if you don't . . . Some

of the boys are gatherin' up a lot of support!"

"Now, let's see. Butch 's away out south, servin' some papers. He'd ought to be back a little after noon. Nobody else knows this?"

"Not a soul, far's I know. I told Bluejay to keep his mouth shut."

Bridger began to pace the floor in agitation.

"It won't do to go alone. Takin' a man as a murder suspect ain't a simple matter. As a matter of duty, I'd ought to have my deputy with me."

"Yes, and then some, maybe."

"Would you go along, Tod?"

"Anything I can do I'd feel it my duty to do." He rose. "Tell you what: I've got to drag along home. I might hear somethin' there. I'll be waitin' when you and Butch show up."

"And that'll be as quick as I can get hold of him. I'll try it by telephone. . . ."

So it was that when Ezra Adams, rusty black lag in his hand, mounted the jail steps to make a call on his patient there, he heard the story the prisoner had heard; and learned that Bridger and his deputy had started north a few moments before and went down the steps in a fine flutter of excitement!

Kerry Young, dog at his heels, swung into the men's shanty behind Nan Downer's headquarters, set his rifle carefully in a corner and immediately went out.

He strolled down through the mill yard, speaking to a man here and there, scrutinizing faces, talked briefly with the foreman, and the pond man and then crossed the trestle toward West's Landing.

A car stood before Tod West's house. The motor was running. A group lounged before the store; a blueberry buyer's truck, half loaded, came to a halt there. Kerry looked long at West's house but saw no one. . . .

Tod West, within, had his back to the sheriff and his deputy. They had not seen Young's passing but West had come for a moment the man felt panic come again into possession of his faculties.

Young, alive and in town? . . . And when he returned from Shoestring at noon Bluejay had been waiting for him with word that Young was forever removed from the Mad Woman! The 'breed had collected his money, too—two twenties and a ten—and gone to wait for the coming of the Landing's most patronized hooch maker.

Tod's first thought was that Bluejay had been mistaken; that his shot had gone wild, that Young had escaped.

The Indian had been so sure; had told Tod West of how Young had gone down into the deep waters of Townline lake; of how his dog had swum round and round the drifting canoe and finally struck out for shore.

A shaking rage gripped him. The Indian had lied, then!

"We'd ought to be gone, Tod!" So Bridger, breaking in on his swift trail of speculation and doubt and suspicion "He might light out. . . ."

"Ready in a minute," he said thickly. . . . But he was still bending over and a man's voice, when he is in such a posture, will often sound so.

Young was out of sight when the sheriff's car, bearing the three whirled around in the street and drove past the store.

Yes, Young was out of Tod West's sight, but in full view of Frank Bluejay, sitting in a chair tilted against the store wall.

Kerry had been in full sight of the man for, perhaps, ten seconds, standing there in the doorway, surveying the dozen people in the establishment. Then his gaze came to rest on the 'breed.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Air at Higher Altitudes

Except for dust and water vapor the composition of the air does not change up to the lower limit of the stratosphere, at about seven miles altitude. The constant mixing resulting from the wind keeps the proportions of the gases constant. Above that altitude these proportions may vary, observes a writer in the Chicago Tribune. The higher we go above that level the larger proportion we expect to find of the lighter gases. Actual measurements made as high as 23 miles bear out this prediction. From mathematical formula we can estimate the composition at higher levels. It is said there is almost no oxygen left at 50 miles and no nitrogen at 75. At 500 miles altitude the air, or what little remains of it, consists chiefly of hydrogen and helium.

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Mrs. J. L. Tubb of Eldorado is here for a few days visit to her son Arthur and family.

Mrs. W. J. Cumbie, Mrs. G. C. Allen, Mrs. Paul Good, Mrs. E. C. Clark and Mrs. Marvin Simpson went to Sweetwater Wednesday to attend a school of instruction for the O. E. S.

Horace B. Sessions, State Representative from the 92nd District, and a candidate for reelection, dropped in Monday for a pleasant chat.

H. E. Smith, agricultural agent, had as dinner guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nixon, Mrs. Misses Griffie Adkins and Effie Bell, and Dick Ayres, all of Hallinger.

On the last count in the sheriff's office 2225 drivers licenses had been issued. Car licenses sold were, passenger cars, 674; commercial trucks, 29; farm trucks, 88.

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" " " " 8 lb "	1.00
CORN FLAKES, R & W, crisp, double thick Large size, packages	19c
MATCHES, B & W, 6 box carton	18c
COFFEE, Bright & Early per lb	19c
FLAV-R-JELL, 6 real fruit flavors 3 regular pkgs.	15c
PICKLES, crisp sour or dill, Qt.	15c
SALAD DRESSING, sun spun Qt.	32c
TOILET TISSUE, Blu-Kross, 3 roll carton	19c
BEANS, Cape Henlopen Green Lima, no 2 can	11c
PEACHES, R & W, halves no 2 1/2 can	15c
NILE SALMON, no 1 tall can	1c
TOMATOES, Standard Quality, no 2 can	2c
GALLON FRUIT, Prunes canned while fresh	27c
PUMPKIN, Kuners, no 2 can	19c
PEAS, Only Brand Early June, 2 no 2 cans	19c
BLACKBERRIES, East Texas, 2 no 2 cans	19c
SPINACH, Johnson Brand, 2 no 2 cans	19c
CORN, Iowa Sweet, 2 no 2 cans	19c
PINEAPPLE, Red & White Sliced or Crushed, 2 no 1 can	19c
MILK, Red & White, 6 small cans	19c
" " " " 3 tall cans	19c
COCOA, Blue & white 2 lb can	19c
PIMENTOS, Spanish Trail 7 oz can	9c
PEARS, Red & White no 2 1/2 can	19c
GRAPEFRUIT JUICE, No 2 can	9c
LETTUCE firm & crisp, 3 heads for	12c
ONIONS, Spanish Sweet, per lb.	4c
LEMONS, 40s Doz	15c
CELERY, size 36, stalk	10c
SWEET POTATOES, per lb	4c
CARROTS, fresh, 2 large bunches	5c
ORNGES, california, size 392's, each	1c
APPLES, size 116, Winesaps, each	1c
CHEESE BITS, 1/2 lb. bag	15c

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Wholesale Prices

We have marked our groceries at wholesale prices in order to close out the stock quickly. Lay in a supply now while you can get them at a big saving. We still have a good stock to select from.

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A large percentage of our thirty-billion national debt must be paid--not by the rich, because they do not have sufficient money if we confiscate it all, but by the rank and file. They will pay it by indirect taxation--upon every loaf of bread, every package of cigarettes, every piece of clothing, every amusement ticket, everything that goes into the process of living.

Selfishness and lack of friendliness and hospitality among people can keep a community or a town from advancing about as quick as anything.

Courtesy costs nothing, yet it is one of the greatest assets that anyone can have.

If you have hatred in your heart for your fellowman it is just as poisonous to your soul and body as the venom of a rattlesnake.

Did you ever stop to think that the lack of cooperation among the citizenship of a town has oftimes kept out important industries?

What is wrong with the churches of today? Or we might say, what is wrong with the people? There is a woeful lack of church attendance, anyway. Some attribute the small congregations that face the pastor each Sunday morning, more especially in small towns, to cars and radios.

Colorado River

Oh! you river, you Colorado river,
I love you, then I hate you,
I trust you, then I fear you,
I walk upon your sand bars,
And watch little children play there,
Building sand hills, digging sand holes,
Bathing in your cool waters,
Then I love you, Colorado river.
But you change, mad, moaning, and wild,
Then I fear you, then I hate you.
Oh! your wild black waters,
Rushing by, lapping and nagging,
Carrying your sand bars far away,
Oh then I fear you, old river.
You haunt me, you taunt me,
You've carried my dreams far away,
You've caused me worry night and day.
Then I wish I'd never saw you,
Or heard your moaning cry.
Colorado river, I don't know why,
But I don't like your black waters
When they go rumbling and moaning by.

By Christine Walker.

During the severe winter that was experienced in some of the northern states, some farmers in Illinois decided to kill hogs on one of the cold days. They had trouble in keeping the scalding water hot. As the hogs were pulled out of the scalding barrel, water froze on the carcass and the men had to break it off with hammers, and they didn't need to scrape them, as the hair came off with the ice. One hog was left on the table and it froze solid while the men went to the house to get a drink. It fell off and broke into hundreds of pieces, so they didn't have to cut it up when they started to salt it.

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