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PAUL ZIMMERMAN SAYS—

Hello, Neighbor

Governor W. Lee O'Daniel has appointed Judge Posey Cunningham (along with the other county judges of Texas) to see after the collection of old aluminum articles in this county to help in the production of bombers. Congratulations, Judge! One more job won't wear you down much more, will it? And that is a distinctive honor.

George Ira Clingingsmith was in mighty high spirits the morning of July 4 and very few knew what it was all about. But when it was over you couldn't stay around him long and not know about it—because he would tell you if you didn't know. He "married the sweetest girl in the world." Yes, it's the old, old story but mighty new to the happy participants. Ira, you better dig up one more cigar, for we haven't hit you up yet.

It seems as though Walter Griffith thinks that it is not impossible for a shortage of foods to exist in the United States of America. Yes, and he may know whereof he speaks. There has been a drought in the East and Northeast, and too much rain in this section. With selling to England, the surplus may slip through our fingers before we know it, Walter thinks. Especially is this so about wheat. While granting that is possible, it is our desire to look at the bright side of the thing too.

Speaking of droughts, Dan Boothe over at Dimmitt Elevator Co. returned recently from a several day business trip to Kansas City, and states that it is mighty dry up in that direction. He said he wanted to stay and have a good time, but was afraid the sun would take advantage of his absence and shine his face on the wheat and grain in this area.

It came to our attention that Sheffy and Stalego got in a load of 16 small combines and 15 were sold before they arrived and the other one before it was unloaded. These big combines just can't keep from bogging down in this damp weather, and many who had big combines bought smaller ones to gather the grain. It takes lots of funny circumstances to make business good.

W. E. Kirkpatrick decided that ferrying days are over for a while and was fixing his bumper at the Phillips 66 Station Tuesday which had been bent while going on and off the ferry. We had to dig mud out of our exhaust pipe.

There has been many local business men who have expressed their belief this week that a regular dollar day event in Dimmitt would bring the people in this trade territory to Dimmitt to buy. Something must be done here. Almost every city has some method of enticing and soliciting business from its trade territory. Good bargains advertised each month will bring them here in a more legitimate way than nearly any other scheme—but the dollar day listings must be well worth the money to get the proper results.

It's really getting down to business about getting hot here the last few days. The soda fountain and cold drink business will pick up. Even the ice man will get up a big sweat carrying that clear, sparkling ice to those who want iced drinks, ice cream and ice packs at home.

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County Agents Placed on State "Ag" Program

Out of the 400 some odd county agents and home demonstration agents in the state of Texas, two from this county—M. U. May and Miss Mary C. Couch—were chosen to present a summary of their program on Food and Feed at the State meeting—the annual Short Course affair.

District Agent J. A. Scofield wrote this to the two local agents: "We note in your recent monthly report that you have outlined one of the best food and feed programs which it has been our privilege to study. We are asking that each of you take about two minutes to summarize your plans and accomplishments in connection with this program. Please mention your 'tailor made packages of fall garden seeds."

"This will be in connection with the Food and Feed Program which is to be held at our annual agents' meeting on July 16 from 9:30 to 10:30 a. m."

The two Castro County agents are leaving the latter part of this week for College Station to participate in the annual Short Course and Agents' Meeting.

THIS WEEK IN DEFENSE

President Roosevelt told his press conference he still hopes the U. S. can stay out of the world conflict. His statement was made in answer to a reporter's question if changing international situations had caused the President to alter his belief, stated in 1939, that the U. S. could and would stay out of the war.

Navy Secretary Knox told his press conference reports that Navy vessels were engaged in convoy duty were "absolutely untrue," and said reports that the Navy had lost lives, material and equipment or had been involved in any encounter with belligerent craft, were "most decidedly" not true.

OPM Director Knudsen issued a statement urging greater defense efforts and said "nothing could be further from the truth" than that Russia's entry into the war had averted danger to this country. Mr. Knudsen said, "we are in somewhat better shape than we were last Summer but we need the spark of enthusiasm—yes, of patriotism—to carry the program forward faster."

Aid To Russia, France, China Acting Secretary of State Welles announced recently that official Russian requests to buy strategic materials had been received and brought to the attention of the proper Government officials. Welles also said the U. S. has under consideration a plan to relax export restrictions on Russian commerce to permit the flow of war materials to that country. He also announced U. S. and North African French officials have arranged a plan calling for continuous movement of two ships carrying tea, sugar and other food to Africa, and two carrying strategic materials to the U. S.

President Roosevelt suspended duties on British Burma vessels reaching the U. S., to aid the flow of supplies to China over the Burma Road. Treasury Secretary Morgenthau extended China's \$50,000,000 credit here for another year. **See—This Week in Defense—page 4**

LEGIONNAIRES TO MEET

The American Legion monthly meeting of the 18th District will be held in Clarendon July 16. Legion and Auxiliary of Clarendon will be hosts. Feed will be at 7:30 p. m. and a short business session and dance will follow.

Miss Emily McLean, George Ira Clingingsmith Wed in Las Vegas July 4

Recent Bride



Mrs. George Ira Clingingsmith, the former Miss Emily McLean, shown above, gave her friends and her husband's friends a surprise Saturday when she announced that they were married the day before Independence day in Las Vegas, New Mexico. She was employed at the First State Bank.

Miss Thelma Holly Weds Mr. Fred Axe

The marriage of Miss Thelma Holly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Holly of Happy, to Fred Axe, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Axe of Hereford, was solemnized at the Baptist parsonage in Happy Saturday, June 28, with Rev. Ed L. Hawthorne officiating. The bride wore a black and white cabinet dress with black and white accessories.

Those accompanying the couple were Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Axe of Hereford and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Devin of Des Moines, N. M.

Mrs. Axe was graduated from Panhandle High School and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from West Texas State College, and for the past five years has been a member of the Happy School faculty.

Mr. Axe is a graduate of Hereford High School and is a prominent farmer in Castro County.

After a trip through New Mexico the couple are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Axe after harvest when they will build a home on their farm.

DEFENSE BOND QUIZ

Q.—What is the price of a Defense Savings Bond?

A.—For the smallest Bond, you pay \$18.75. The Bond will increase in value in 10 years to \$25. For \$75 you get a Bond which will increase to \$100; other Bonds are in proportion.

Q.—What will the Government do with the money I pay for my Bond?

A.—Your money will be put to work at once in the National Defense Program to protect the freedom and safety of the United States, and of all its people everywhere.

CONFINED TO BED

Mrs. Ursel Umberson has been confined to her bed recently with a heart ailment, is not expected to have to stay in bed much longer, Mr. Umberson reports.

Takes Up New Interests

Almost everyone in Castro County know "Unk" Ramey is interested in tractor, wheat, cattle, rain and politics, but not every one knows his latest interests.

It happened like this: Unk went with "Mc" (E. A. McCollum) to the ranch of his brother, Bill McCollum, near Junction last Friday. The trip was supposed to be a business trip, but to those who know Unk it will be understood that anything of interest would be taken in.

"Unk got out to open a gate for me," Mc told the Raveling Reporter, "and I kept waiting for him to come back to the car, but I could neither see nor hear him. I finally stuck my head out and yelled to see what was the matter."

"Oh, I'm just watching that wild turkey hen to see where her nest is," came Unk's reply.

Well, Mc didn't know he was interested in turkey hens!

They tell us that in Junction you can make a U-turn on any corner. Perhaps that is the reason that Unk could talk to Mc of nothing but sheep and ewes on the return trip.

It Happened Long Ago, but—It's True Today

The story about to be told happened several years ago, but due to the fact that it came to our attention during the midst of the News Subscription Campaign, it is given herewith for the moral it represents:

"In soliciting subscriptions for the Castro County News, it is repeatedly called to my attention that many of the people in this part of Castro County object to subscribing for the news for the simple reason that Dimmitt merchants do not advertise items and prices. Country folks do most of their buying by newspaper advertising. It is consequently a disappointment not to know what prices they are asking. For that reason many of our people subscribe for the Hereford paper and do their shopping in Hereford because they know what is being offered for sale and what price they will have to pay.

"Dimmitt merchants do not offer us the opportunity and naturally our people go to Hereford and other points. They do this when they had much rather go to Dimmitt."

"If Dimmitt merchants wish to have Castro County people do their trading in Dimmitt, it is self evident fact that they should invite that trade by advertising that merchandise and prices of same in the Castro County News."

Yes, what our former correspondent says is true today. But Dimmitt merchants are not going to let this continue. Already the News has received several commitments from local merchants that they are going to increase their advertising in the near future. More advertising and more subscriptions will undoubtedly mean a better business in the community, a growing community and a better newspaper to boost the town and the business men.

Moral—Subscribe and advertise and everyone will benefit.

Equilibrium is destroyed when the bank roll becomes heavier than the brain.

COUNTY JUDGE SELECTED HEAD CAMPAIGN FOR ALUMINUMWARE

Flagg Revival To Begin Friday

The Methodist revival will start at Flagg Friday Night, July 18. Rev. C. W. Williams, pastor, will do the preaching, while local talent will be used to direct the singing.

It is planned that there will be prayer groups each evening preceding the preaching services. The revival will start at about 8:00 o'clock each evening. It is not yet known, Rev. Williams says, whether morning services will be held, but it will be announced on the first night of the meeting.

Everyone is invited to attend, and Rev. Williams expressed his hopes that all will come and take advantage of a time of spiritual revival and refreshing.

Dates for revivals on other points on the Dimmitt Circuit served by Rev. Williams are: Junction, Friday night, August 1; Easter, Monday morning, August 12.

The Bethel meeting was postponed and the date will be announced later.

SEVERAL "VETS" ARE IN HOSPITAL

Carlos Reynolds is in the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo, where he is undergoing a thorough examination. His family reports he will probably need an operation.

C. C. Hunter, Fred Lusk, John J. Hastings, and C. B. Shellabarger are others in the Veterans Hospital beside Carlos Reynolds. Mr. Shellabarger is having quite a time, his sister, Mrs. D. G. Axell reports. He has had the bone in a thumb cut off three times, but is reported finally to be mastering the situation. No report has been received on the condition of the others.

"Better Buddies"

By CARLOS REYNOLDS

Editor's Note—Buddies, the writer of this column is in the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo, so you Buddies may now be assured your letters to him will be appreciated more than ever now. He probably will undergo an operation this week.

Here is a letter that came air mail special delivery and still took 9 days to get here.

Elmendorf Field, Anchorage, Alaska, June 20:

Hello Buddie: I received your copy of the Castro County News today. It sure makes a fellow feel at home when he stretches out on his bunk to read, even if he is thousands of miles away.

Well, I have been in the Army almost a year now and I can't say I have regretted a day of it. I have found it very educational and interesting.

I enlisted August 2, 1940, at Lubbock. From there I was sent to Lowery Field at Denver, Colorado, where I joined the 36th Bombardment Squadron (heavy). While I was at Lowery Field I was lucky enough to go through the Air Corps technical school there.

The squadron was there eight months training Bombardiers. We were then sent to Alaska.

I like Alaska very much and I don't think you can beat it when it comes to scenery. We have the most beautiful snow-covered mountains in the world here. Although we do get our days and

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An appeal to rural people to contribute aluminum, in a drive announced recently by the Office of Civilian Defense, has been made by Director H. H. Williamson of the Texas Extension Service. Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel has called upon county judges to assume leadership of the campaign.

County Extension agents have been asked to assist with this work as it relates to rural areas. Gathering of the aluminum is to begin the week of July 21, and according to the plan, local committees of 4-H Club members, home demonstration clubs, land use planning committees and other groups will call on farm homes in the community to collect the aluminum scrap.

Anything which is made of aluminum will do. Among the items suggested for donation are pots and pans, radio parts, toys, shavers, screening, old washing machine parts, picture frames, book ends, ice trays, measuring cups, camera equipment, kettles and double boilers, bottle and jar caps, refrigerator plates and electric appliances of all sorts.

Earlier the Office of Production Management had asked the citizens to defer collecting scrap aluminum until the week of July 14 and warned against "sharpsters" posing as legitimate government purchasers buying up scrap. It is estimated that the campaign to collect secondary aluminum will result in obtaining 20 million pounds throughout the nation. This would result in the release of 20 million pounds of first-class metal for use in 2,000 fighter planes.

The metal collected will be sold to smelters at a special uniform price. Entire net proceeds will be available to the Office of Civilian Defense for expenditures required in the proper defense of the civilian population.

WEST TEXAS CC START TO WORK

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce, under the direction of the new president, Dean J. Thomas Davis, has launched its new year's program. It has made its declarations, both current and the accumulative, over-all, long-range policies; its organizational setup with personnel of the major commissions for carrying on the work has been completed; and President J. Thomas Davis' letter of transmittal calling attention to directors and committeemen to their assignments have been mailed.

In district No. 2 P. B. Ralls of Ralls is district director and Pete Whitlow is the director from Dimmitt.

At the convention recently held in Mineral Wells the WTCC expressed that it was for convoys and complete defense, for stimulating purchases of defense bonds, against strikes in defense emergency, for additional West Texas Defense Projects, for curtailing non-defense expenditures for action on freight rate equality, for agricultural parity, for Big Bend Park and for Trinity River project.

WORKING AT BANK

Mrs. Bob McLean is working at the First State Bank in the absence of the former Miss Emily McLean, who was married July 4 to Commissioner George Clingingsmith.

Back seat drivers license ought to be required.

