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## Barnhart News

By MRS. ALMA TARVIN

Barnhart got a good rain over the past week end. It was estimated at from 2 inches up, parts of the country got more than that.

Rev. V. M. Laller preached to a small, but appreciative congregation at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday morning. Due to the rain, many people were kept indoors that day.

Rev. Roy Shilling was a caller in Barnhart Monday, attending to business of the church before conference meets.

Messrs T. E. Strother, Floyd Burks, E. C. Tarvin and John Stewart attended lodge meeting at Mertzton Friday night.

The Barnhart P-TA met Thursday night of last week, and after the business meeting, presided over by Mrs. Ted Atkins, the following program was given under direction of Miss Margaret Mullins. Three numbers, "Turkey In The Straw," "Shoemakers' Dance" and "Arkansas Traveler" was rendered by the Rhythm Band. "A Hallowe'en Meeting" by James Parry, "A Dreadful Ghost," Billy Collins; "Just Right," Margie Atkins. A poem by the primary boys, Tom Owens, Billy Collins, LeFoy Burleson, Ray Turner, Teddie Carson. At the close of the P-TA program, a cake walk was held, at which time \$44.35 was added to the P-TA funds for the year's project. James Lee Parry won the prize cake.

Mrs. Howard Westfall and small daughter from Sheffield were visitors in Barnhart Thursday.

Cpl. B. Kilpatrick writes from Randolph Field, San Antonio, that he is being sent to Scott Field in Illinois to take a radio course. He applied for this course during the war, but was unable to get it then, but is now ready to begin the 10 weeks' course, after which he hopes to be shipped overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Owens and sons, Bode Jr. and Tommie Clint, spent the week end in Fort Worth with their daughter, June, and attended the football game.

The Star received a letter this week from Mrs. H. B. Hunter of Gravette, Ark., a former resident of Mertzton, who wrote that she is always glad to receive the Star each week and read about her friends in Mertzton. She sent greetings to her friends here and wrote that although Arkansas is a fair state, nothing compares with Texas.

**FOR SALE** - Large, nice, two burner Oil Heater, for residence. Rarely need to use more than one burner. See it at Church of Christ Preacher's Home.

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Commissioners' Court of Irion County, Texas will receive bids up until 10 o'clock A. M. on the 14th day of October, 1946, at the Court House in Mertzton, Texas on the following described road machinery: Two Diesel Powered Heavy Duty Maintainers, and the following described used road machinery to be taken as part payment: Two 101 Galion Maintainers, and at the same time and place said Court will proceed to let a contract, if any bid be accepted. Certified check in the amount of five per cent of the amount bid required, and the Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

If any contract is made the Court intends to issue interest bearing time warrants in an amount not to exceed \$12,500.00, said warrants to bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum and the full amount of said warrants to mature at a date not later than July 15th, 1957.

W. W. Adams,  
County Judge,  
Irion County, Texas.

## LOIS JONES IS PROUD POSSESSOR OF AUTOETTE

Miss Lois Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Jones, is the proud possessor of a new electric motor Autoette which was delivered Tuesday and purchased with money contributed by interested citizens of Mertzton.

Miss Jones, who has been crippled with arthritis since the age of ten and has been restricted to her bed or a wheel chair, will now be able to have more freedom and activities without being wholly dependent on the help of her family because of the thoughtfulness and generosity of friends and citizens who sponsored and donated money for this Autoette.

This vehicle has three rubber tired wheels which are smaller than the regular car wheels, and seats two passengers. It is equipped with lights, a bell for a horn and a battery charger which can be plugged into any electric socket for charging. One charging will last approximately 30 miles.

A list of the donors has been posted in the First National Bank.

## LEGION MEETS MONDAY NIGHT

The Burns-Harper American Legion Post 630 met Monday night for a regular monthly meeting.

In the business session a veterans' housing committee was appointed to investigate the sales of barracks erected and used at Camp Barkley in Abilene. These barracks are now for sale to veterans to be used to alleviate the housing situation in various communities.

This committee includes Jim Harkney, Bud Bradford, E. L. Keegan and Floyd Burks.

Ice cream was served to the 33 members present.

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETS

Twenty-five of our young people motored over to Miles last Sunday afternoon. It was the occasion of the district meet of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. A splendid program was presented by the Bethel Methodist Church of San Angelo, after which recreation and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

The first Sunday in December the meeting will be held in Mertzton. Watch for further announcements regarding this meeting.

**FOR SALE**-Trela automatic record player (made by R.C.A.). Phone 139 or see Bud Bradford.

## HOBBS-CARR VOWS READ IN HOME CEREMONY

In a ceremony performed at four p. m. on Sunday, October 6, Miss Alta Marie Carr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Carr of Sherwood, became the bride of David Hobbs of Mertzton, son of Mrs. A. G. Hobbs of San Angelo. R. H. Stanley, minister of the Santa Rita Church of Christ, read the double ring ceremony at the home of the bride's parents.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a street length dress of white wool crepe with an orchid corsage. She was attended by her sister, Frances, who wore aqua wool with a corsage of pink carnations.

The groom was attended by his cousin, Forest McCleery, as best man.

The Carr home was decorated with baskets of white gladioli and pink asters before the fireplace, and a low arrangement of the same blossoms before the mirror on the mantle.

Doris Tankersley, as pianist, played the Lohengrin wedding march and accompanied Barbara Bishop of Chandler, Arizona, who sang, "O Promise Me" and "I'll Walk Beside You."

A reception followed the ceremony with music furnished by Misses Lou

## Uncle Sam Says



All of us are familiar with quizzes about this and that. Let's take this question: What is the strongest, economic family asset in America? Millions of you could win the jackpot prize for the correct answer. U. S. Savings Bonds, of course. Ownership of U. S. Savings Bonds is now part and parcel of our American way of life because Americans know that Savings Bonds help to build a better, firmer future. Americans know that they yield a good profit at no risk at all to the principal.

U. S. Treasury Department

## USO DRIVE TO START MONDAY

USO chairman of Irion County A. H. Bird announces the opening Monday of the USO's final drive for funds to carry on its good work.

Anyone who wishes to contribute to this worthy organization should contact Jaye Hargrave, treasurer of the drive, or Francis Shelton, Wayne Pickett or Mrs. Jack Moon in Mertzton and Clyde Parry of Barnhart.

## R. B. "Boob" Smith Rites Here Today

R. B. (Boob) Smith, 59, former Irion County resident, died in El Paso Wednesday noon.

Funeral services will be held today at 2:30 p. m. here at the Baptist Church with Rev. L. T. Lemon officiating. Burial will be in the Sherwood Cemetery.

Mr. Smith was born in Sherwood Oct. 28, 1887. He is survived by one daughter; his mother, Mrs. Mary Ann Smith, Sheffield; one sister, Mrs. Lula Stubblefield; three brothers, Will, Alf, and Ed.

Ann Deal, Barbara Bishop, and Doris Tankersley.

Miss Lois McCleery, cousin of the bridegroom, presided at the three-tiered cake, topped with a miniature bridal couple, and Miss Vivian Earl Stratton presided at the crystal punch



MRS. DAVID HOBBS

bowl. The white leather bride's book which was embossed with bells, was presided over by Mrs. E. V. Steger, aunt of the bride.

The couple left immediately for a short wedding trip and for traveling

## P-TA WILL MEET MONDAY AFTERNOON

The regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association will be held Monday, Oct. 14, at 3:30 p. m. in the Mertzton school cafeteria.

The P-TA has been well organized this year and has mapped out a fine program for each month. The theme for the year is Character Building. Their motto is "In essentials unity; in non-essentials liberty; in all things charity."

Officers for this year are: president, Mrs. E. V. Steger; vice-president, Mrs. Joe Shaw; secretary, Mrs. C. W. Trainer; treasurer, Mrs. Henry Cravens.

Committee chairmen are: Program, Mrs. Otis Deal; Budget and Finance, Mrs. M. L. Van Court; Hospitality, Mrs. Street Whitley; Publicity, Mrs. Lois Tankersley; Room Mothers, Mrs. Wesley Evans; Goals, Mrs. J. L. Werst, Jr.; Parliamentarian, Miss Mabelle Eubanks.

The program for this meeting is as follows:

Hallowe'en program—Miss Urban's room; piano solo—Jayne Rose Hargrave; piano duet—Yvonne Van Court and Jean Evans; business meeting; subject: "The Home Influence"—Mrs. Elmo Medlock; social hour, hostesses, Mrs. T. P. Lawdermilk, Mrs. Boyce Tankersley, Mrs. C. W. Allen, Mrs. A. P. Smithwick.

## FELLOWSHIP SUPPER SCHEDULED TONIGHT

The regular monthly meeting of the Fellowship Supper Club for the men of Mertzton and surrounding communities will be held tonight at 7:30 p. m. at the high school cafeteria.

Program chairman Roy B. Shilling has arranged for several musical selections and possibly a men's quartet to be included in the program.

**FOR SALE**—Three outbuildings on school ground at Sherwood and old Mexican school building in Mertzton. Sealed bids will be accepted and should be turned in to M. L. Van Court, Mertzton, before 6 p. m., October 26. Bids will be opened the same night at the regular meeting of the school board. Right reserved to reject any or all bids.

M. L. Van Court,  
Secretary of school board.

Mrs. J. P. Crews accompanied her mother, Mrs. D. E. Hughes of San Angelo, to Dallas today to attend the State Fair of Texas.

the bride wore a brown gabardine suit with pink and brown accessories.

Both bride and groom are graduates of Mertzton High School. Mrs. Hobbs attended Abilene Christian College last year and Mr. Hobbs was recently discharged after 32 months in the Air Corps. He is employed with the South Texas Lumber Company in Mertzton where the couple will live.

Only relatives and a few close friends attended the wedding and reception.

Mrs. E. V. Steger and Mrs. W. J. D. Carr entertained with a rehearsal dinner for the Hobbs-Carr wedding party Saturday night in the Steger home.

The tables were decorated with small vases of fall flowers and places were marked by place cards with wedding bells and tiny bags of rice tied with white satin ribbons.

Mrs. Steger was assisted in serving by Mrs. N. C. Packer and Mrs. Otis Deal.

A chicken dinner was served to the following guests: Miss Marie Carr and David Hobbs, Miss Lois McCleery and Floyd Ferguson, Miss Barbara Bishop and Forest McCleery, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Carr, Mrs. A. G. Hobbs, George Hobbs, Misses Doris Tankersley, Frances Carr, Vivian Earl Stratton, and Lou Ann Deal.

## HORNETS TO PLAY GARDEN CITY

The Mertzton High School Hornets will play the Garden City Bearcats tomorrow night, Oct. 12, at 8 p. m. in Fort Stockton in a six man football game.

This night game is a non-conference exhibition game sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of Fort Stockton.

Last Friday Coahoma defeated the Hornets here by a score of 38 to 6.

## MERTZON BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

The revival at the Baptist Church closed last Sunday night. The services were well attended throughout the week. Even on rainy Saturday night a good crowd was present. Many people were very faithful in attendance at both morning and evening services. This faithfulness was a source of strength and encouragement to the pastor.

Members of the Baptist Church are deeply grateful to Bro. Davis and the First Christian Church for dismissing their Sunday evening service and attending the closing service of the revival. Their presence added much to the service and this favor will be remembered with gratitude.

A total of 13 new members were added to the church during the revival. Six of these are by baptism. We plan to have a baptismal service next Sunday evening.

Mrs. Cecil Turner did an excellent job of directing the music during the revival. She has been elected music director of the church for the year so we will be looking forward to a bigger and better music program under her fine leadership.

Sunday school attendance was 95 last Sunday. Sunday school officers for the new associational year were installed. One new class was formed. A good year in Sunday school work is anticipated. It was noticed in the Sunday school report for the past year that the average attendance was 67. We hope to raise that figure to 100 this year.

The past year's report shows that the church gave a little more than \$500 to outside mission and benevolent causes. This figure is less than the amount given the previous year. This fact should be a challenge to us during the coming year.

L. T. Lemon, pastor.

## THE METHODIST CHURCH

Last Sunday our attendance was the best yet, as we observed the Holy Communion. Interest and enthusiasm in the work of the church is certainly on the increase, and never before have I seen such a good spirit of co-operation and so many people wanting to do something for the church as we have at the present time. Surely we are starting the new year off right as we join with the whole army of Methodist Churches all over the nation in stressing the third phase of our Crusade For Christ, that of STEWARD-SHIP.

For we are his stewards. All these blessings that we enjoy are given to us that we may be used of him in bringing the Kingdom of God into the hearts and lives of men everywhere. We cannot be used of him as channels of blessings if our life is bound up with selfishness, greed, hatred and petty lusts.

The pastor will speak Sunday morning on the subject of, "The Task of The Church." All are welcome to worship with us.

Roy B. Shilling, pastor.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

All are invited to attend our services. Bible study Sunday 10 a. m., preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The morning sermon subject will be, "The things that produce and develop Christianity." The evening subject will be, "What must I do to be lost?" Bible study Wednesday 7:30 p. m., and Bible class for ladies Thursday 2:30 p. m.

Welcome to all our services.  
W. A. Record, minister.



WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

No Tax Reduction in Sight as U. S. Uses Funds to Cut Debt; Foreign Relief to Continue

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 (EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.)



As country seethes with civil strife, servants prepare palace for return of King George II. At left, workmen carry portrait of monarch up staircase to reception room. At right, chambermaid tidies coverlet embroidered with crown on King's bed.

GREECE: Civil Strife

King George II of Greece faced no happy return to his homeland as open civil war raged in the mountainous northwestern border regions and the Red-dominated Albanian and Yugoslav governments were charged with actively aiding the rebels.

Premier Constantin Tsaldaris bluntly attributed the strife to Russian efforts to tighten their grip on the Near East. Said he: "It is as clear as noon-day that this is . . . for the benefit of those who aim to take advantage of our troubles with a view of securing an outlet to the Aegean sea."

As a last resort, 40,000 British troops encamped in Greece were being readied for intervention in the dispute if the government forces failed to check the left-wing uprising. With the country occupying a strategic position near the Dardanelles and Suez canal, Britain and Russia have been waging a bitter diplomatic war for control—the British to protect their lifeline to the East, the Russians to weaken their rivals and to extend their own dominance over the rich area.

NATIONAL DEBT: Being Cut

With reduction of the huge national debt one of the administration's primary goals, the U. S. can expect no immediate slash in taxes, Secretary of the Treasury Snyder told the American Bankers association meeting in Chicago. It was agreed that the debt should be paid during prosperous times when people are able to pay higher taxes, he asserted.

In the matter of debt reduction, Snyder could present a proud administration record. Between Feb. 28 and Sept. 1, the government had retired 14 billion dollars of its obligations.

Next to debt reduction, Snyder declared the administration's second primary fiscal objective was a balanced budget. With the present level of taxes, the government actually will have a cash surplus of almost three billion dollars for the present fiscal year, but the accrediting of terminal leave bonds and other items payable in the future to the current budget will produce a paper deficit of two billion dollars.

FOREIGN RELIEF: To Continue

End of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation administration does not portend termination of American relief to war-ravaged European countries, President Truman told congress in a report on operations of UNRRA for the second quarter of 1946.

Declaring that devastated countries would need further assistance after UNRRA wound up its work early next year, Mr. Truman said that U. S. agencies were formulating plans for continuation of necessary aid. Poland, Byelorussia, the Ukraine and China were singled out as nations especially hit by the war and requiring further help.

UNRRA aid to Poland has been pointed toward redevelopment of the agricultural economy of the country, the President said. Shipments

have included 25,000 draft animals, 10,000 dairy cattle, 16,632 tons of seed, 74,918 tons of fertilizer, 5,000 tractors and numerous plows, harrows, binders and hand tools.

MEAT: Dems Differ

Heightening of the meat crisis found Democratic leaders at odds over the retention of controls, with President Truman calling for continuation of regulations and other party heads favoring a relaxation, if necessary.

Declaring there was a shortage but no famine in meat, Mr. Truman locked to a fall run of grass-fed cattle to relieve the nationwide scarcity. Attributing the current shortage to heavy livestock marketings during the recent suspension of OPA, the President asserted that removal of controls now would add to difficulties later.

Mr. Truman spoke shortly after the Democratic national executive committee took cognizance of the meat situation and instructed Chairman Hannegan to discuss higher prices, decontrol or other remedial measures with government authorities. The committee's action came close upon Democratic House Leader McCormack's plea for a 60 day suspension of meat control.

Farm Prices

Warning farmers that agricultural prices bear an important relationship to the overall price structure, Secretary of Agriculture Anderson declared that present ceilings appeared adequate for large-scale production and few readjustments are in the offing.

"Increasing food and fiber prices mean increased wage demands and increasing price demands for manufactured goods," Anderson said. "Agricultural prices are basic in inflation trends."

Referring to higher livestock ceilings, Anderson stated that readjustments were made to encourage farmers to feed animals and thus increase the total supply of meat. While marketings in the immediate future may remain low, he said, use of the record supply of feed crops in the coming months will assure adequate numbers of fattened livestock in 1947.

SHIPBUILDERS: Probe War Profits

Figures, figures and more figures featured the house merchant marine committee's investigation of wartime shipbuilding profits, with these prominent facts emerging after the mathematical smoke had cleared away:

1. Because of applying shipbuilding profits against losses of its Fontana steel mill, Kaiser company showed a deficit of 13 million dollars on its wartime operations. Another Kaiser-controlled company used shipbuilding profits to pay off a 26 million dollar magnesium plant in full.

2. The government's general accounting office's charge that California Shipbuilding corporation had realized a 44 million dollar profit failed to take into account funds recaptured by the U. S. through negotiation and taxes. After these reductions, the firm showed a five-year profit of \$8,762,863.

3. Failure of the accounting office to include renegotiation and taxes resulted in its estimate that New England Shipbuilding corporation had made a 11½ million dollar profit instead of approximately 1½ million.

Washington Digest  
 Friendly Russian Element Holds Out Hope for Peace

By BAUKHAGE  
 News Analyst and Commentator.

WNU Service, 1616 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—"America has no foreign policy!"

That is one of the bromides which has always been popular among critics of government. I don't know on what the remark is based. If we haven't any foreign policy today, then many hundreds of thousands of words have been expended in comment on nothing.

While the recent Byrnes-Wallace controversy was raging I spent many hours trying to find out what our foreign policy toward Russia was supposed to be, and if so, why. I shall report as nearly as I can what I have heard. The report will not be in the formal language of diplomacy, in which, we have been told, words are used to conceal thoughts. I report it, compressed, of course, but as nearly as possible in the phraseology used by gentlemen who ought to know what they are talking about.

We start with the not-too-startling revelation that American negotiations with Russia are complicated and difficult.

They are complicated because it appears the approach must be made along two separate paths, each leading to a separate Russian group. They are difficult because there are unusual obstacles put in the way of the diplomat, especially our representatives in Moscow; obstacles which, I am assured, must be encountered at close quarters to be appreciated.

The two groups, since neither is homogeneous nor closely identifiable, might better be referred to as two elements. One comprises that great indelible and inarticulate body, roughly classified as "the Russian people." Americans who have spent some time in Russia and who have enjoyed such contact as is permitted with the Russian people, say they are devoted to their country with a Spartan loyalty, sensitive to its shortcomings, proud of its achievements.

Many in this group, especially those who have met Americans, like us. All want to know more about us. For example, they devour the big propaganda, picture magazine "Amerika" printed in their language and distributed by our embassy. Formerly we distributed 35,000 copies. Later we were permitted to increase the printing to 50,000 copies. It is estimated that a hundred Russians read each copy of Amerika; it is black-marketed at a high price and read to tatters.

This group admires and respects mechanical know-how, our industries, our technical skills. Officially there has been no propaganda to cry down American achievement in the production fields, but rather exhortations to emulate and surpass us.

Soviet Officials Hate America

The other Russian element which we have to consider and with which we deal directly is composed of the leaders, the party bureaucrats, the secret police. They hate America with an almost incredible hatred. Their attitude is so extreme that it does not seem real; it appears to be prompted by a policy, rather than a normal, human, emotional reaction.

If either of these two elements existed alone it would be simpler to establish a line of procedure. But, my informant points out, each element requires a separate and different approach, since the two contradict each other.

Because the only visible hope for an understanding with Russia depends on the semi-friendly group, nothing must be said or done in our relations with the other (now in power), which would make it seem that we are building a wall against Russia. That impression would alienate any potential sympathy the semi-friendly ones might feel for us.

This dual approach was exemplified by the Byrnes speech calling for the unification of Germany, under a single government, with all four occupying countries acting together as co-directors of the whole. Byrnes made the proposal inclusive.

Russia would participate equally with the rest. The intention of the United States was firmly stated. There would be union of British and Americans, presumably the French, and the Russians too, if they consented. If the Russians refused, the United States would go ahead with the plan but it would not slam the door on Russia.

We are to be friendly but we must be firm. That is what makes negotiations so difficult. To convince the "haters" we mean what we say, the United States must state its decisions firmly and emphatically, outline exactly what we will do and will not do; what we will permit Russia to do and not do. Our firmness has to depend on our words. We cannot use force, because we have not the force available to use.

This, however, does not mean we cannot succeed, because I am optimistically assured the Russians are weaker than we are. Although their military forces on the continent of Europe are stronger than those of the Allies, it is believed that the Russians lack the economic, physical or moral strength to engage in a major war and they know that in the long run the rest of the world can develop a greater power.

Politically they have not the influence, either, to risk withdrawal from the United Nations. They know they could not take a sufficient number of other nations out with them and thus, withdrawal would mean ostracism and threats from the rest of the world. This the Russians know as well as we do.

Leave Door Open For Co-Operation

Is there hope? My informants answer yes, but it will be a long haul. This is why: Russia cannot fight a major war for five or ten years. She might seize all of Europe temporarily, but she realizes she could not hold it, that she would be defeated in the end.

It would take five to ten years for Russia to build a force strong enough to risk a war. Meanwhile, America hopes and believes that if the door of co-operation is left open, and if by example, the haters see that co-operation will benefit Russia, not hurt her, internally and externally, then either the haters will change their policy, or the other friendlier element will force them to do so.

This does not mean there will be a revolution in Russia. The loyalty to the present system or the power to enforce loyalty is too great. But it means that American statesmen feel they can hold back the non-co-operators without risk of war until Russia is convinced that she can benefit more through co-operative methods than by force of arms.

Mechanical Typewriter Latest Invention

If there had been a word-counting device on my typewriter, I would not be writing this end-piece now. But it is just as well authors haven't adopted these wordometers or they might find their thoughts being regimented.

The typewriter has already advanced far in its evolution. There is now a typewriter for the Chinese with their 5,400 (believe-it-or-not) characters. It is a product of the miracle working International Business Machines corporation. But it is no miracle for IBM which built a gadget used at the Nuernberg trials whose dial we could twist to produce with equal fluency, English, French, Russian or German, regardless of what language was being spoken. Of course human beings—lightning translators—are cogs in its works. The Nuernberg trials lasted too long as it was—but they would have lasted four times as long, if it hadn't been for IBM.

I understand a typewriter is being perfected into which you talk an which obligingly types the words you speak with no manual effort on your part. How, I wonder, would this recording typewriter spell: If you spell the word "house" on the ordinary keyboard it comes out that way, h-o-u-s-e. But if the machine operated by sound, "house", depending on where the speaker was born, might come out "ha-ows"; "idea" might appear as "idear";

For my part I should be very happy if a gadget were invented which would spell better than my typewriter can or even if the gadget would produce a synonym now and then after I had repeated the same shopworn word three times.



Baukhage

Vaudeville Had a Brief Life Span of 72 Years

Vaudeville was introduced in this country about 1860 and died unofficially in 1932 when its stronghold, New York's Palace theater, discontinued it and became a movie house, says Collier's. The brevity of its existence resulted chiefly from the policy, maintained for decades by a few influential managers, of refusing to allow successful acts to be changed. Consequently, for 50 years McIntyre and Heath played their familiar "Georgia Minstrels" sketch and for 30 years Victor Moore played the part of a ham vaudeville actor in a sketch which, ironically, was called "Change Your Act," or "Back to the Woods."

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**STATE FAIR OF TEXAS  
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An expanded list of medical displays, including new exhibits received from Mayo Foundation Museum of Health and Hygiene; Cleveland Health Museum; and the Scott and White Hospital, Temple, will headline the program of the Dallas Health Museum during the State Fair of Texas, Oct. 5-20, officials of the Dallas Academy of Medicine have announced.

A complete story of the raw silk industry in Texas, a new and poten-

tially great statewide economic venture, will be presented at the Agricultural Show of the State Fair of Texas by a group of Mineral Wells business men instrumental in pioneering this field, the Texas Silk Industries Association, W. H. Hitzelberger, vice president and general manager of the Fair, has announced.

Texas Baptists have contributed \$650,000 to World Emergency Relief and Rehabilitation since July 1st. Of this amount the Concho Valley Baptist Association gave \$6,212.70. This aid will be mainly dispensed by missionaries of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board who are already in residence in needy areas of the world.

**TO RANCHMEN:**—I have purchased a new string of windmill tools and am prepared to do your windmill repair jobs. I have had a number of years experience in windmill work and believe I can handle the job.  
Felix Ramsel, Mertzon.

**MRS. HAHN HOSTESS  
TO BRIDGE CLUB**

Mrs. Harry Hahn was hostess to her bridge club last Friday. Mrs. Mark Lackey of Big Lake won high score prize and Mrs. Reginald Atkinson won second high prize.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. Weir Hall, Preston Dudley, Mark Lackey, Reginald Atkinson, D. J. Wilson, Henry Cravens and Jack Moon. Mrs. Mike Wagner was a tea guest.

**POLLYANNA SEWING CLUB  
MEETS WITH MRS. PACKER**

Mrs. N. C. Packer was hostess to the Pollyanna Sewing Club last Wednesday at her home.

Punch and cookies were served to the following members: Mmes. Henry Lindley, Oral Thorp, H. B. Kerbow, Street Whitley, Lake Tankersley, Earl Steger, Loyd Davis, M. H. Wagner, and Otis Deal.

Maine was named after an ancient province in France.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We want to take this means of sincerely thanking everyone who helped look for Harold when he wandered from home Wednesday evening, Oct. 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Smith  
and Mrs. Jake Lindley.

**CARD OF THANKS**

I want to express my thanks and appreciation to all my friends who sent me such beautiful flowers, gifts, and also their visits during my recent illness. May God bless each of you.

Mrs. Lonnie L. McFall.

Mr. and Mrs. Mans Hoggett are attending a stock show in Des Moines, Iowa.

**NOTICE TO PUBLIC:**

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- Spaghetti & Meat Balls** Plantation Style No. 2 can..... 25c
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SPECIALS**



# FROM THE MOUNTAINS New Hampshire TO THE SEA!

By EDWARD EMERINE  
WNU Features

When other rocks have cooled, it is granite that holds the heat of the sun after nightfall. When other sections go off on political or philosophical tangents, it is New England that retains the basic Puritan characteristics—thrift, the will to work, and individuality.

The first settlers in New Hampshire carried with them a King James Bible and a Puritan conscience. Fundamentally, through every vicissitude of progress New Hampshire has remained unchanged. The old influences still prevail. From the very beginning, however, New Hampshire folks were the merriest of the Puritans. They have held to the gospel of work, but the gospel of laughter has not been forgotten. They are genial, love a good story, have a quip or wise saw, and delight in antic ways. The infusion of French-Canadian blood as well as that of those recently come from Europe has not materially changed the values of life in New Hampshire.

### Puritan Standards Prevail.

Matters of morals and taste and government are still decided with Puritan standards. The appearance of the country, in its cleared land, is as the early settlers left it. From the top of its mountains down to the sea, New Hampshire is a varied land, but changeless and inspiring.

No state is greater than its people. Men like Daniel Webster, Pres. Franklin Pierce, Salmon P. Chase and Thomas Bailey Aldrich are not mere accidents. They, and many other famous men, came from the breeding and environment of New Hampshire and were molded by the traditions and influence of that state.

Two years before the Revolutionary war, John Sullivan, a young Dunham lawyer, and John Langdon, a wealthy merchant, were active patriots. In December, 1774, they seized Fort William and Mary at New Castle (present site of Fort Constitution) and removed from it 100 barrels of powder, besides cannon and small arms. These munitions of war later were used against the British at the battle of Bunker Hill!

It is notable that three-fifths of the men who fought with the Colonial army at Bunker Hill were from New Hampshire, and men from that state were in every campaign of the war. Stark and his New Hampshire troops checked Burgoyne and paved the way for Gates' triumph over that ambitious British general at Saratoga. Three weeks before the Continental congress agreed to the Declaration of Independence, the New Hampshire assembly adopted one of its own, thus making the first authoritative statement of purpose to cast off allegiance to the British crown.

New Hampshire was first settled in 1623, at Dover and Portsmouth.

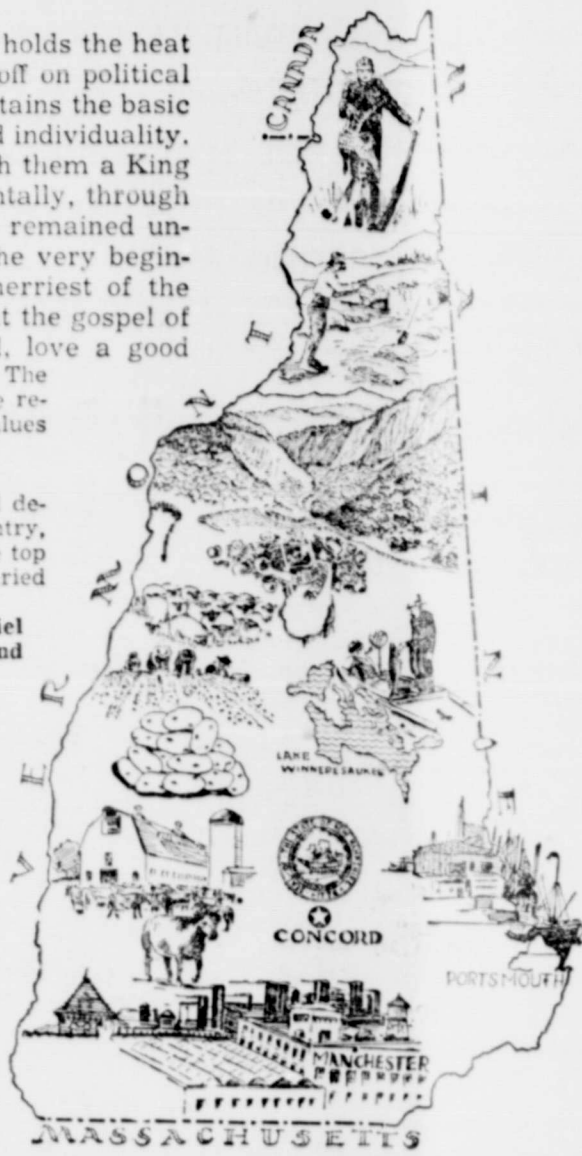


GOVERNOR . . . When Charles M. Dale, native of Minnesota, was installed as New Hampshire's governor on January 4, 1945, he became the first Westerner to become chief executive of a New England state.

mouth—just three years after the landing of the Pilgrims and seven years before Boston was founded. The first settlers were fishermen, farmers and traders.



PRETTY AS A PICTURE . . . The beauty of Mt. Choocorna has made this New Hampshire peak the most photographed mountain in America.



Agriculture and industry spread rapidly. Millions of years ago, Nature provided New Hampshire with an abundance of gravel, sand and granite. Under the surface were more than 95 different minerals. Many large rivers had their sources in New Hampshire, and could be harnessed for power. There was plenty of timber and wild game. There was excellent soil, particularly in the valleys of the Connecticut and Merrimack rivers. Grass was plentiful for livestock. Fruit trees were easily grown. The climate was healthful. The New Hampshire of today was built upon these resources.

### Unique Industrialization.

Even the industry of New Hampshire has its unique side. "Our craftsmen know what it is to live in a good place," is the state's boast. Laboring men never know the crowded living conditions which so often attend industrialization.

New Hampshire plants, mills and factories manufacture chemical products, electrical equipment, leather goods, machinery, tools and scores of miscellaneous articles and products. "Made in New Hampshire" may mean anything from a sewing needle to a steam engine or the heaviest foundry casting. Its wood products are without number. Its paper and paper products are used throughout the world.

The dairy industry is the most important agricultural enterprise in New Hampshire. Milk, cream, butterfat, cattle and calves return a cash income of about ten million dollars a year. The apple is the chief commercial fruit, and New

Hampshire orchards range from a few trees to more than 100 acres. A million and a half bushels of potatoes are grown in the state each year, making them the most important field crop.

### Complete Farm Units.

Most New Hampshire farms are



TOWN HALL . . . A classic example of New England architecture is the town hall and church at Hancock, N. H.

units so complete it seems nothing is lacking.

New Hampshire farmers do not "put all their eggs in one basket," or hold to one principal source of income. They hold to a combination of products and services calculated to return the largest income, considering the family skills, the soils and market opportunities. They look toward a year-around income—not to a single cash crop.

Lakes, mountains, seashore and a splendid climate have made New Hampshire famous for vacations and tours.

White Mountain national forest, with its roads, trails, lakes and streams, lures thousands of people from every part of the United States each year. From bathing on the ocean beach to skiing through mountain snows, New Hampshire offers opportunity for recreation and sports.

From colonial buildings at Portsmouth, Dartmouth college at Hanover, and Daniel Webster's birthplace near Franklin, to the Old Man of the Mountains, Lost River at Kinsman Notch and the cog railway at Mount Washington, New Hampshire offers everything for those who seek historical, recreational or inspirational travel.

"Every road that leads you out  
Makes you long to turn about,  
In New Hampshire."

## AROUND THE HOUSE

If a door sags, just a wee bit, throwing the bolt out of line with the striker plate, you can correct the difficulty quickly by filing the striker plate.

Save the material from the children's worn out cloth-covered rain coats. These can be made into serviceable aprons or handy capes to wear when applying make-up.

Wash worn-out sweaters and socks and unravel the wool from the good parts. Wind wool into a ball for future mending.

Wrap a strip of adhesive tape around picture frame wire exactly at the center. This will keep the wire from slipping and always hold the picture in place.

Pack left-over mashed potatoes in ordinary water glasses. To re-heat, remove the potatoes from the glass and the mold thus formed is ready to be sliced into potato cakes.

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# THE HORNET'S HUM

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## Hornets Prepare For Return Bout With Bear Kats

On October 12, the Mertzon Hornets will meet the Garden City Bear Kats at Fort Stockton for their return game with them this year. The game will start at approximately 8:00 p. m.

Last week on October 4, the Hornets bowed to the Coahoma Bull Dogs with a score of 39 to 6.

In the first quarter of the game Fayette Tankersley, who was playing left half-back, recovered a fumble and ran 50 yards for Mertzon's only touchdown.

Acting as captains were Roy Shilling and Fayette Tankersley.

## Student Council Meeting

The Student Council met for the first time since school began on Monday, September 1. At the meeting the school holidays were discussed. They were agreed upon by the members and will appear on the school calendar.

## Assembly

October 11th, Brother Lemons, pastor of the Baptist Church, spoke to us during assembly. October 4th, Brother Record, pastor of the Church of Christ, spoke to us. After each talk the band played and the cheer leaders led the school in a few yells and songs.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend each of our Friday morning assemblies. They are from 8:54 to 9:15.

## Band Teacher Marries

Miss Julia Wright, band teacher and senior sponsor, is to be married today to Mr. Carl Carr in Hillsboro. She left last Tuesday and will return to Mertzon Monday.

## Band Notes

Friday, Oct. 4, the M.H.S. Band played in assembly. The visitors, who were in the audience, praised the progress that the band has made and predicted a promising future for it.

Orchids to Miss Wright for producing so much—from so little—in so short a time! Luck to the Hornet Band!

Friday afternoon the band played at the football game and performed with the pep-squad at the half.

## H. E. Girls Cook

The girls of H. E. III cooked a simple lunch Wednesday afternoon. The menu included meat loaf, candied carrots, peas, lettuce and tomato salad, rolls, butter, tea, and custard. Family style service was used. The center piece was a bowl of pink and blue lark spurs. Acting as host and hostess were Frances Teague and Betty Bradford.

## ??Guess Who??

You will find this pretty blonde marching and yelling her head off at any game. Maybe she's partial to a certain boy on the team. Why shouldn't she be?

This green-eyed teen-ager is a definite credit to Mertzon High School. She is an above average student and a whizz-bang when it comes to volley ball!!

She can find coconut pie anywhere and can eat as much as she can find. Her dream man is a combination of Cornel Wilde and John Hodiak. She likes 'em tall and curly headed.

Answer to last week's "Guess Who"—Yimmij Regets

## Fashions

Our students become more fashion wise every day. This past week the girls looked exceptionally chic.

Doris Tankersley was wearing a red woolen skirt topped by a neat sophisticated white blouse. The blouse was very sheer with three quarter length sleeves and a Peter Pan collar.

Miss Brown was very careful in chemistry class. Why?—because of a rose wool dress, expertly tailored, and set off by a wide belt trimmed in silver nail heads.

Virginia Burleson looked very pretty in a red gabardine bolero suit trimmed in dark stripes. It was set off to the very "n'th" degree by a sheer white blouse with a ruffled jabot.

Friday, all the girls exchanged their bright cottons, sweaters, skirts, and saddle shoes, for the purple and white of M.H.S. The pep-squad resembled goddesses in their white uniforms and white oxfords. The color added was furnished by the purple and gold braid of the band uniforms.

## Freshmen

This week the freshmen have gotten personal. Every class member was asked, "What would it take to please you?" Here are the answers:

Joan C.—A maroon convertible with chrome dashboard and steering wheel, white leather seat covers and a white top.

Hubert—A good grade in Spanish.

Joan T.—For Boots to come to Mertzon.

E. L.—For Mertzon to win the game Saturday.

Vivian—You'll never know if you don't know now.

Dale—The Spanish teacher to furnish paper for me to write my words on.

Mary—Gee, I'm happy!

Betty M.—To be able to take the initiation without a word.

Kay—More bangles.

## Stinger

The two quarts and a pint which Annette, Roy, "Blue", Fayette, Jean E., and Gene drank on the way home from Miles didn't seem to have much effect on them—milk never does!!

Doesn't everyone think Margaret Ann's hair looks pretty?

Are Kay and Betty really friends? Well, I guess!!

Why were "Punk" and Margie hurrying down the hall Tuesday? Wasn't that Jack's fault?

Harvey, you didn't know you called about six people Saturday night, did you?

How does everyone like Jay's new car? Even thought it does belong to his mother and dad!

Betty Ruth was very anxious for a lemon at the game Friday. And she said she didn't want to eat it.

Ask the freshmen girls what was so funny in Spanish class Friday. Vivian can't figure it out—she didn't say anything.

Elizabeth, what's this we hear about you and Gene Hegwood Monday?

Betty, you did volunteer to carry the big drum, didn't you?

## Buzzin' Around

Joan Cathey spent the past week end in town with Margaret Ann.

Vivian and Doris and Lou Ann Deal attended the wedding of Marie Carr and David Hobbs in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Carr Sunday afternoon.

Popping corn and playing games at Jean Evans' house after church Friday night were Jean, Harvey, Betty, Roy, Maxine, Jack, Margaret, Steward, Doris, Gene Hegwood, "Blue", Buzzy, E. L., Elizabeth, Buck, Dale, Annette, Mary Lou, Jay, and Sue.

Bobby spent the week end in Denton visiting Leona Wagner, who is attending T.S.C.W. there.

Seen at church Sunday night were Gene and Betty, Jack and Maxine, Roy and Annette, Elizabeth, Buck and Buzzy.

Janette McFarland and Minnie Jo Evans, who graduated from M.H.S. last spring, spent the week end in Mertzon.

Seen at the show Saturday night were Jean, "Blue", Maxine, Jack, Fayette, Gene, E. L., and Dale.

Virginia Burleson and Oscar James were dating at the show.

Harvey spent the week end in San Angelo visiting his sister.

Miss Sidona Urban spent the week end in San Angelo visiting a friend.

Miss Mozell Taylor spent the week end in Ozona with her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner had a guest, Charles Archer, from Ozona High School.

## To the Freshmen (Anon.)

Freshman, freshman, have no fear. This is the last initiation of the year. You'll have your chance to pass it on. Then you shall hear the other fellow groan!!

## The Upper Classmen

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## 5th Grade Class We Wonder?

What happened to Frank's face and hand?

What Norma Raye and Estelle did Saturday?

Why La Von was mad Monday?

Where Norma Raye got the bracelet?

Why Allen never smiles?

If Mary Jo really likes to chew gum?

If Buster likes to speak Spanish?

If Joyce really likes Spanish?

This week the eighth grade are having song dedications.

"Give Me Five Minutes More," Norma Raye; "Sentimental Journey," La Von Lane; "I'm A Big Girl Now," Lou Ann; "Temptation," Joyce; "Stardust," Louise; "Laughing on the Outside," Virginia; "Did You Ever Get That Feeling in the Moonlight," Frank; "Guitar Polka," Mary Jo; "Roly Poly," Darrel; "Smiling Through," Allen; "I'm a Little on the Lonely Side," Dennis; "How Deep is the Ocean," Loneta; "Honey," Estelle; "Sioux City Sue," Sue; "Seems Like Old Times," Buster; "It's the Talk of the Town," Marion; "Cynthia's in Love," Warren.

## 4th Grade

The fourth grade is working very hard to win the prize in the P.-T. A. contest. If you are not a member of this organization, become a member by giving your dues (fifty cents) to any member of the fourth grade. Then, come to the meeting Monday, October 14, 3:30 o'clock.

## Hornet's Hum Staff

Editor.....Yvonne Van Court  
Feature Writers — Jay Lindley, Jean Evans, Margie Pate, Margaret Maccomb, Jimmy Record  
Sports Editor.....Gene Hegwood  
Society Editor.....Frances Teague  
Typist.....Doris Tankersley  
Sponsor.....Miss Cox

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lee and family of San Angelo moved into the R. E. Key home Tuesday of last week. They have three children who transferred to the Mertzon school. Mr. Lee is connected with the Westland Gas Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Franks are moving to Victoria this week end.

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**USO CONTINUES CAMPAIGN PLANNING**

Louis R. Hall of San Angelo has accepted the appointment of Gov. Coke R. Stevenson, General Chairman for the next and final Texas USO drive, to lead Irion, Reagan, Runnels, Concho, Coke, Tom Green, Sutton, Ster-

ling and Schleicher counties in the coming campaign, it was announced recently.

Texas, with a quota of \$800,000 in the "See-It-Through" campaign which will continue USO activities through 1947, has been divided into six regions and 66 districts. C. E. Paxton of Sweet-

water is chairman of the West Texas region, who will work with Mr. Hall and the county chairmen in this district.

A. H. Bird was recently appointed chairman of the drive in Irion County. Details in this county's drive will be announced soon.

Liars sometimes figure—but figures don't lie—and the figures say the first few steps are the worst: 3/4 of all casualties occur on the near side of the street. The Texas Safety Association reminds you to look left for the traffic nearest you, right for approaching traffic, left again to check. It takes only a second—and it may add years to your life!

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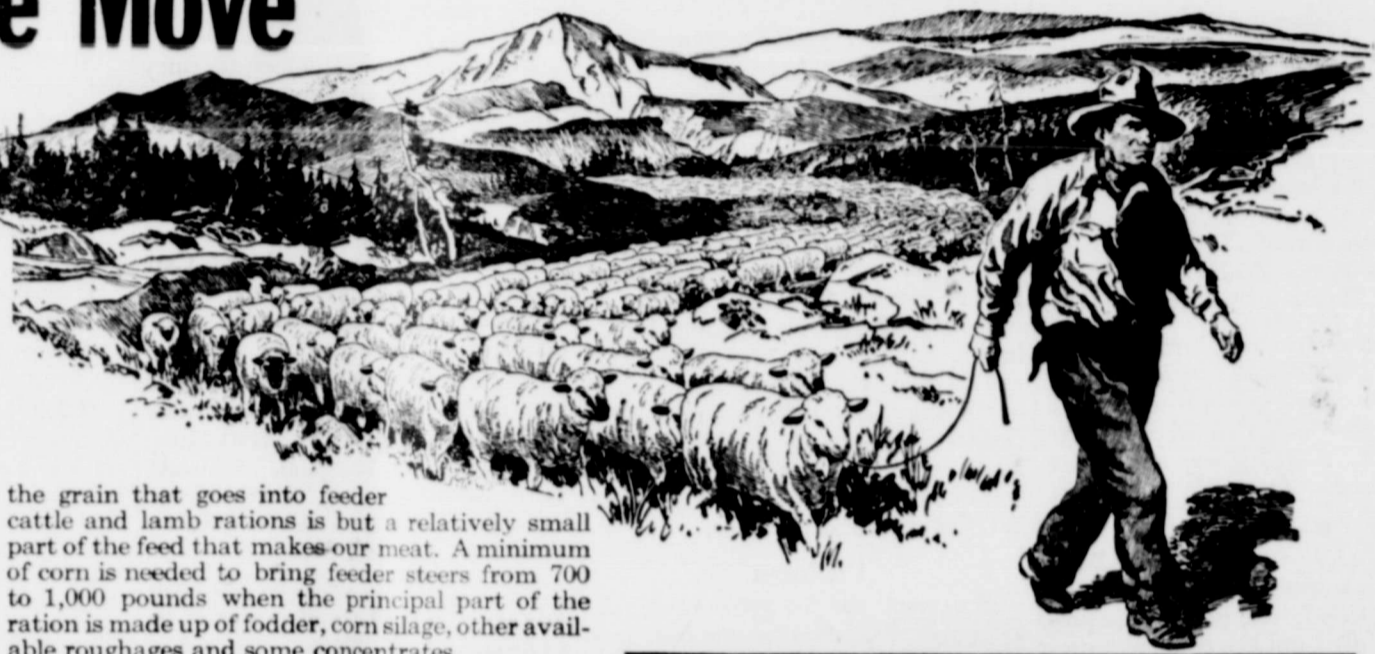
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**Grass is on the Move**

Out of the sandhills of Nebraska, up from the Chama country of New Mexico . . . all the way from the state of Washington to Texas, there's a flood of livestock on the move. Feeder cattle and lambs raised in the great grass-growing regions of the United States are flowing into the feed lots of the nation. This movement reaches its peak each October, and its significance is of great economic importance to all of us in the livestock-meat industry.

These millions of head of feeder cattle and lambs are nothing more than grass turned into meat. True, these feeders will require a certain amount of grain to finish them as satisfactory meat animals. That's why they go into the feed lots. But were it not for these grazing animals, 779,000,000 acres of the land area of the United States would produce little, if any, human food. In other words, 41% of the total land of our nation consists of grass land which cannot be used for producing other feeds and foods. Also taking into consideration the plowable land used to produce pasture, hay and other forage crops, approximately half of our land would produce no food of human value, were it not for livestock.

Of the total feeds consumed by beef cattle, 78.7% is grass, hay and dry roughages. With lambs, it is 95.6%. These are official figures of the United States Department of Agriculture. Thus,



the grain that goes into feeder cattle and lamb rations is but a relatively small part of the feed that makes our meat. A minimum of corn is needed to bring feeder steers from 700 to 1,000 pounds when the principal part of the ration is made up of fodder, corn silage, other available roughages and some concentrates.

In addition to utilizing grass which otherwise would be wasted, the production of livestock furnishes the nation with its finest nutritional food—meat. In the great movement of meat from the Western range to the kitchen range, the stop-over in the feed lots increases the amount of meat. It also levels out the fall flood of livestock into a more even year-round marketing. Thus seasonal price fluctuations are not so marked. In the production of livestock, the majority of America's 6,000,000 farmers and ranchers find the chief means of marketing their grass and other home-grown feeds.

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Every three minutes there is a farm or ranch accident. Unless something is done, 19,500 people may be killed in such accidents this year. Another 1,800,000 may be injured. We at Swift & Company want to help cut down this accident toll. That's why we print the pictures and the questions which follow. Little chances not taken, little repairs made, can prevent big accidents. Do you take the chances shown below? Check yourself.



Do you have a strongly built bull pen? Do you lead the bull around on a rope because you do not have a bull-staff? Do you approach horses from behind without speaking and patting their rumps to warn them? Then watch yourself . . . one out of four fatal farm accidents occurs in handling livestock.

I never handle animals carelessly

I approach animals without warning



Do you leave safety shields off power shafts, gears and chains? Wear loose-fitting clothing that may catch in machinery? Operate the tractor on dangerous inclines or banks? Mishandled machinery and equipment are involved in nearly one out of three fatal farm accidents.

I am never careless around machinery

I sometimes take chances with machinery



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**Soda Bill Sez:**

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**Martha Logan's Recipe for DEEP DISH MEAT PIE**

Yield: 6 Servings

- 2 cups diced cooked meat (beef and pork)
- 2 medium sized onions
- Salt, Pepper
- 1 cup cooked diced potatoes
- 1 cup cooked peas
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 cup diced carrots
- 2 tablespoons lard

**BISCUIT TOPPING**

- 1/4 cup lard
- 2 cups sifted flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup milk (about)

Season meat. Dredge in flour. Add minced onion and brown in hot lard. Add vegetables and hot water to cover. Pour into a deep, wide casserole or baking dish. Heat. Make drop biscuits by cutting fat into flour sifted with baking powder and salt. Add enough milk to make a very soft dough. Drop by tablespoons on top of the meat mixture. Bake in a hot oven (425°F.) about 20 minutes or until the biscuits are well browned.

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**TEAMWORK**



While we were preparing the "Grass is on the Move" article for this page, a cattleman friend from one of the western range states called to see me. I told him about the article. "It points out," I said, "that lots of food for humans is produced from areas that otherwise would be waste land if it were not for meat animals." He said, "That's good! There are always misguided people who complain that it's a waste to feed corn and other grains to livestock. They say people ought to eat the grain, instead of turning it into meat. They forget that most of that meat is made of grass, hay and other roughage that people can't eat."

"Another thing too many people forget," he went on, "is the important job you meat packers do in getting meat to the people who want it. I understand that meat travels an average of more than 1,000 miles from producers to consumers. That must be so because we fellows west of the Mississippi raise two-thirds of the livestock. But two-thirds of the meat is eaten east of the Mississippi, where most of the people live. In a way, we who raise and finish the animals are like manufacturers. And you are our sales and distributing departments. Believe me, we need an organization that covers the nation to get our product into every market in this big country. It seems to me that you and we are in this business together, and neither could get along without the other."

It seems to me that he's right! **F.M. Simpson,** Agricultural Research Department

**Cattle grubs** collect a heavy toll from livestock producers each year. Paul Gregg, entomologist with Texas A. and M. College, estimates that grubs cause approximately five million dollars' loss in Texas alone. Cattle grubs are an expensive pest throughout the Gulf Coast states, all the range country and everywhere cattle are produced. They can be controlled. Gregg advocates rotenone and sulphur, applied either as a dust or spray. Consult your county agent about the best time for treating your animals.

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# Murder in Plain Sight

by GERALD BROWN

W.N.U. FEATURES



Duke McCale, private detective, is investigating the murder of Curt Vallaincourt, who was about to marry Veronica Bigelow, heiress to thirty million dollars. McCale extracts some damaging admissions from Shari Lynn, singer and former wife of Vallaincourt. Later Victoria, Veronica's sister, calls at his office and asks his help in recovering some letters from Vallaincourt's apartment. McCale tells her that the letters are not in the apartment, but hints that Shari Lynn may have them. Because of circumstantial evidence, the police believe that Veronica is the murderer. McCale does not think so, but has not yet formed a conclusion. There are many contradictory clues.

## CHAPTER XI

The telephone was ringing insistently.

"McCale speaking," he growled.

"Rocky, boss."

"Where are you?"

"Corner of Aspinwall, opposite the Vallaincourt den. Didn't you tell me to keep a lookout?"

"Oh, yeah. All quiet?"

"All quiet now. Listen, boss, long about five this morning—"

"All right. What happened at five o'clock?"

Sleep still hugged him tightly and there was an unreasonable barb in his voice.

"Okay, okay. Around five, a girl showed up with a key to the Vallaincourt ron-day-voov."

"Who was it?"

"Hold on to your hat, now. It was Victoria Bigelow."

"Victoria Bigelow?" Surprise jerked him wide awake.

"Uh uh. She was after some letters of hers, she said."

"Well, well." Victoria had certainly had a busy night, he thought.

At eight forty-five he called Ann Marriot on the telephone.

To her cool "hello," he said, "Good morning. This is your boss."

"Oh, good morning, dar—boss. Anything important? I'm on my way in about five minutes."

"No hurry. In fact, this is just to say you might shop for an hour if you want to and then do an errand for me. I want you to drop in on Shari Lynn, Suite 802."

"... And pray what shall I use as an excuse for dropping in, as you say? Don't tell me you're sending me along to smooth the way for you—a more subtle approach, so to speak?"

"No—and that's comedy enough for now, my girl." He grew serious.

"I saw her myself late last night, for that matter."

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"Why?" Donlevy's interest was immediate.

"I would. That's all."

"Now, Duke, you must have a reason. Why be mysterious?"

"I'll drop in to see you later in the day. Okay?"

"By all means."

McCale dropped the receiver onto its cradle. An emotion of concern crowded his mind and he signed a sigh of sheer desperation. His brain seemed dulled, inactive, depressed. There was something there, something that would make it clear.

The police commissioner had come and asked a few pertinent questions, stayed barely an hour, and departed. At eight o'clock the district attorney had attempted to bully the police in charge as well as the suspects. He had left at eleven in a huff.

The body had been removed to the morgue and laboratory for fuller examination. Lieutenant Donlevy and his squad had finished with the preliminaries.

Then, at nine this morning, a plainclothes man had interrupted breakfast with an urgent request for Veronica. He was politely insistent that she must come at once to the office of Lieutenant Donlevy for further questioning. She was

not to be alarmed. It was a matter of routine. But—

**Miss Adelaide Agrees To McCale's Plan**

The library was dim and still and only the sound of a piano being played in the drawing room upstairs came through the oppressive quiet as Adelaide Bigelow finished her recital of events, and looked at McCale sadly. McCale did not speak for a minute. The weight of his senses closed down on him like a stone. He wondered idly whether it was the gloom or the helplessness in the old lady's voice that caused this feeling of futility. He wondered why Karen Bigelow was playing the Liszt Preludes so passionately—those romantic things so richly interlaced with religious mysticism. A strange woman, Karen, but merely more obviously strange than the others. Only the woman before him, resigned, determined, with great courage, seemed to belong in that house. Her voice brought him awake again with a start.

"What are we going to do?" she asked.

"I think," he answered, "that I may be able to see a little further, get a little more than the police were able to. That is, if I can gain their confidence. If you will ask them to come in—he rose as she got up, smiled and added—"one by one, if you please. It might be easier that way."

"To trap them, I suppose," she murmured, surprisingly.

"Why, of course." He bowed, the smile leaving his lips.

He felt the subtle antagonism leap between them. Then she came over to him, impulsively putting a thin patrician hand on his sleeve.

"Forgive me," she whispered. "It's only that I am so upset. I know how things must be from now on. I see a whole way of life disappearing before my eyes, an empire slipping away. I know—"

"That below the surface, things have not been what they seemed for a long, long time," he interjected, keeping the pity carefully from his tone of voice, for he knew that this she would not have.

"Yes—yes. You won't need me again?" She spoke as if that would be abhorrent to her.

"No. It is better that I do my—dirty work alone." He smiled once more, as he watched her leave the room.

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#### PAUL MAKES A NEW START

LESSON TEXT—Acts 26:9-18; I Corinthians 15:8-10.

MEMORY SELECTION—This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.—I Timothy 1:15.

All that a man has by nature is not enough. We saw last week the preparation by heredity, education and environment which Paul had for a place of leadership. But it was not enough. The capable, well-born, well-trained young Jewish aristocrat had to be born again spiritually before he could do God's work.

Careful Bible students regard the conversion of Paul and the resurrection of Christ as the two outstanding events of the New Testament.

We find him in three relationships.

**I. By Nature—Contrary to Christ (Acts 26:9-12).**

He was sincere, but he was anti-Christian. By nature man is at enmity with God. No good thing dwells in the flesh apart from the redeeming grace of God (Rom. 8:7; James 4:4; Rom. 7:18).

Stirred, probably by the faithful testimony of Stephen, to even greater zeal against the followers of Christ, Paul had to find new worlds to conquer, so he set out "breathing out threatenings and slaughter to destroy the church in Damascus" as he had sought to do in Jerusalem.

He was a bold persecutor, doing all he could "contrary to the name of Jesus" (v. 9), until he met the Lord himself on the Damascus road. Ah, that meeting made him a different man and he became

**II. By Faith—Converted to Christ (Acts 26:13-18).**

Stricken down by a brilliant heavenly light, he found himself talking to the Lord Jesus. He heard from his holy lips the solemn indictment of those who persecute God's people—"Why persecutest thou me?" He who lays unkind hands upon, or brings untrue accusation against, God's children had better beware, for so closely is our Lord identified with his people that when they suffer, it is he who bears the hurt.

In a single sentence the Lord disposed of the persecuting zeal and the sinful skepticism of this proud young Pharisee, and Saul entered into Damascus not as the haughty persecutor, but as a man trembling and astonished. He spent three days shut in with his own soul and God; not seeing, not caring to eat, but entering into communion with God. By God's grace the old life was pulled up by the roots as it was displaced by the new life in Christ Jesus.

God had a great commission awaiting Paul as soon as he was ready for it (vv. 16-18). He was to be the apostle to the Gentiles, and that includes so many of us. The gospel which had come first to the Jews, was now to go out into all the world and to all people.

The change in Paul was a drastic one. He was as one who was alive from the dead. It was not a case of adjusting or refurbishing the old persecutor Saul—here was a new creature in Christ, ordained to good works (Eph. 2:8-10).

**III. By Grace—Confessing Christ (I Cor. 15:8-10).**

Twenty years had passed since Paul's conversion. He had been out serving Christ, in season and out of season. He had known persecution, suffering and opposition. Now he was writing, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, about the resurrection, telling of those who had seen the risen Christ. He included himself as one born out of his time.

It is a personal vision of the living Saviour which vitalizes the spirit of a witness and makes his testimony ring true. Paul saw Christ. We too may see Him with the eye of faith, and by His grace become witnesses.



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### MRS. CREWS HOSTESS TO BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. J. P. Crews entertained her bridge club Thursday of last week with a chuck wagon dinner at the Log Cabin on Spring Creek. The guests enjoyed boating and walking over the spacious grounds before dinner.

Four tables of players enjoyed bridge in the afternoon with Mrs. M. L. Van Court winning high score prize for club members, Mrs. Loil Tankersley high prize for guests and traveling prize and Mrs. Reginald Atkinson bingo prize.

Club members present were Meses. P. F. Case, W. W. Adams, Mae Sheen, Lum Trainer, M. L. Van Court, R. S. Williams, Bonnie Wilson, J. L. Werst, Jr., Hal Noelke, H. B. Kerbow, O. J. Estes of San Angelo and guests, Meses. Reginald Atkinson, T. P. Lawdennilk, Loil Tankersley, J. T. Davis, D. E. Hughes of San Angelo, and Miss Lexie Carter.

We take orders for rubber stamps. Mertzon Star.

Mrs. R. B. Carroll of Jefferson City, Missouri, was a guest last Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thorp. Mrs. Carroll is a sister of Mr. Thorp.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Farris recently sold their home to David Hobbs, employee of South Texas Lumber Company and are moving to Victoria this week end.

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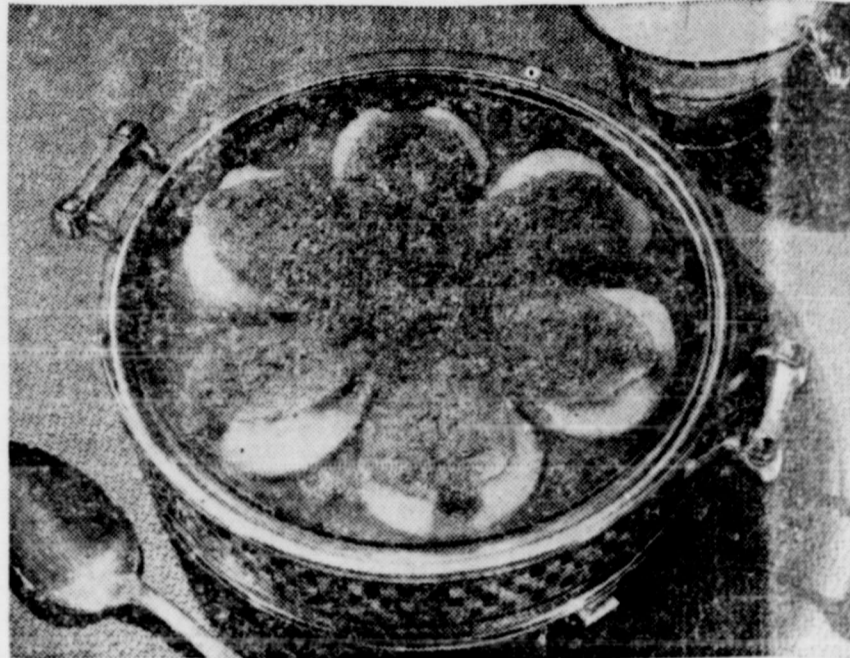
WE CAN well afford to be cheerful in apparent defeat for we have not lost irreparably while we still have the spirit to cheer.

In order to have any success in life, or any worthy success, you must resolve to carry into your work a fullness of knowledge—not merely a sufficiency, but more than a sufficiency.—James A. Garfield.

Admonish your friends privately, but praise them openly.—Publius Syrus.

Better an earth-lined cave from which the stars are visible than a golden pagoda roofed over with iniquity.—Racial Proverbs.

**HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers**



**Fruit Puddings Are in Tune With the Times**  
(See Recipes Below)

**Puddings and Sauces**

As the weather grows cooler, there's nothing more delectable for dessert than a steaming hot pudding served with a mouth-watering sauce. And as for economy, the base of the pudding is frequently such an inexpensive item as bread crumbs or cereal.

What's more, puddings are usually chock-full of eggs and milk, dried fruits or such that make them healthful eating. If you're preparing an oven dinner and want to save heat, cook your pudding right along with the rest of the dinner.

Pudding use less sugar than most other desserts like cakes and ice cream, and this, too, makes them ideal for menu purposes. If you have spent more than your share of sugar on canning, try some of these suggestions for real economy.

**Marmalade Pudding.**

- (Serves 6)
- 1 cup soft bread crumbs
  - 1 cup flour
  - 3 teaspoons baking powder
  - 1 cup ground suet
  - 1/2 cup sugar
  - 1 cup orange marmalade
  - 3 eggs, well beaten
  - 3/4 teaspoon salt
  - 1 cup milk

Sift flour, measure and add baking powder and salt. Combine crumbs, suet, sugar, eggs, marmalade and milk. Add dry ingredients. Mix thoroughly and fill well oiled pudding molds 2/3 full. Cover and steam for 3 hours. Serve hot with any desired sauce.

**\*Crusty Raisin Pudding.**

- (Serves 6 to 8)
- 1 1/2 cups seedless raisins
  - 6 cups slightly toasted bread cubes
  - 3 cups chopped cooking apples
  - 1 cup chopped walnut meats
  - 1 cup granulated sugar
  - 1/4 teaspoon salt
  - 1 tablespoon cornstarch
  - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
  - 2 cups boiling water
  - 1/4 cup butter
  - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Rinse and drain raisins. Arrange a layer of bread cubes in bottom of buttered baking dish. Add a layer of raisins, a layer of apples and a sprinkling of nutmeats. Add another layer of bread cubes and alternating layers of other ingredients until dish is full. Combine sugar, salt, cornstarch, cinnamon, boiling water and butter and cook 3 to 4 minutes, stirring constantly until mixture is slightly thickened. Remove from heat, add vanilla and pour mixture over the pudding. Cover and bake in a moderate (350-degree) oven for 1 1/4 hours, depending upon



**LYNN SAYS:**

**Temper Preservatives:** To prevent milk from scorching when heating, rinse saucepan in hot water first.

To keep eggs from cracking when boiling them, dip first in cold water, then add them to hot water. Let dry in cooking water.

To keep candles from dripping, let them stand in refrigerator 24 hours before using.

To keep marshmallows fresh, keep them in the bread box.

To keep cheese from drying out, rub with butter then wrap in a lightly moistened cloth and keep refrigerated.

Keep lemons fresh by placing them in a mason jar that has a cover.

depth of baking dish. Remove cover from dish during last 15 minutes of baking. Serve with \*Ice Cream Sauce if desired:

- 2 eggs, separated
- 2/3 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3/4 cup cream, whipped

Separate eggs. Beat yolks until thick and lemon-colored. Add one-half of sugar gradually, beating well until thoroughly blended. Add salt and vanilla. Beat egg whites until stiff and fold in remaining sugar. Combine two egg mixtures and fold in stiffly beaten whipped cream. Serve very cold. If sauce is allowed to stand, beat again before serving.

**Caramel Pudding.**

- (Serves 6)
- 4 cups scalded milk
  - 1 teaspoon butter
  - 2 eggs
  - 3/4 cup sugar
  - 2 cups soft bread crumbs
  - 1 cup caramelized sugar

Make caramelized sugar by allowing 1 cup sugar to melt slowly in heavy skillet, turning constantly. Add bread crumbs to caramelized sugar, milk, butter and beaten eggs and let stand for 1 hour. Add sugar and pour mixture into buttered custard cups and bake in a pan of hot water in a moderate (350-degree) oven for 25 to 30 minutes or until firm.

Sauces enhance puddings and take but a little time to prepare. Here's a sauce for every type of pudding:

**Foamy Sauce.**

- 6 tablespoons butter or substitute
- 2 tablespoons boiling water
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 eggs

Cream butter, add sugar slowly, beating constantly. Beat egg yolks until thick and add to first mixture. Add water and salt and stiffly beaten whites. Cook over hot water, stirring constantly for 5 minutes. Add flavoring and serve at once.

**Orange or Vanilla Sauce.**

- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 orange, rind and juice
- 2 cups boiling water
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

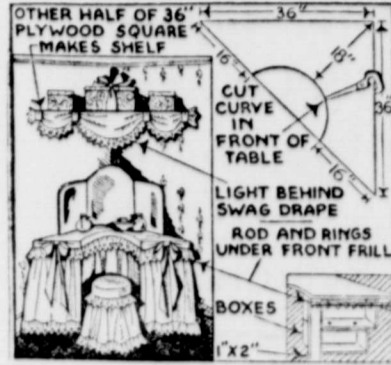
Combine sugar, salt and flour. Add water slowly, stirring constantly. Cook in double boiler, stirring frequently, for 8 minutes. Add orange juice, rind and butter. Stir until blended. For vanilla sauce, use 1 teaspoon vanilla in place of orange juice and rind. This is good for fruit puddings.

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  - Beverage
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  - \*Ice Cream Sauce
- \*Recipe given.

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Q.—I am a veteran of World War I. Am I eligible for a loan under the "G. I. Bill"?

A.—No. The act's benefits are for World War II veterans only.

Q.—If I take out a government guaranteed loan for farming purposes must I live on the farm?

A.—No, but the act requires that

you actually conduct the farming operations.

Q.—May a loan to buy an automobile or truck be guaranteed or insured under the G. I. loan setup?

A.—Yes, but only if the automobile or truck is necessary to conduct the veterans own business or farming operations, or conditions of his employment require that he have such a vehicle to carry out his work. He may not obtain a guaranteed loan if the vehicle is merely for transportation.

Q.—What will happen if I fail to make the payments on my government guaranteed loan?

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ASSETS	
Loans and discounts, including \$15,208.28 overdrafts	\$324,964.62
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	320,000.00
Corporate stocks, including \$3,750.00 stock of Federal Reserve Bank	3,750.00
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	3,093,210.71
Bank premises owned \$1.00 furniture and fixtures \$1,886.30	1,887.30
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$3,743,312.63</b>
Liabilities	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$3,553,623.98
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	34,992.73
Total Deposits	3,588,616.71
Total Liabilities	\$3,588,616.71
Capital Accounts	
Capital stock, [c] Common Stock, total par \$25,000.00	25,000.00
Surplus	100,000.00
Undivided Profits	29,695.92
Total Capital Accounts	154,695.92
Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	\$3,743,312.63

STATE of Texas)  
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<b>Wieners</b> Nice and Fresh	lb. 33c
<b>Round Steak</b> Fore Quarter AA Grade	lb. 38c

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