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LIONS CLUB

J. T. Davis, Roland Lowe and Fred Hodges were named as executive committee for the 4-H Club Boys Livestock Show that will be held here in February. This committee was named when the Lions Club met for the regular luncheon Wednesday at the community center building.

Bryon W. Frierson, County Agent was named secretary of the show, and a finance committee was named, composed of Joe Emery, George Blackburn and E. D. Lovelace.

The Club voted to take a full page in the high school annual at a cost of \$20. A committee, to work out the problem of housing the fire trucks was named and included R. P. Brown, Joe Emery and Worth B. Durham.

ROGERS HEFLEY REPORTED BETTER

Rogers Hefley, who was seriously injured when his car overturned on the highway just west of Sterling City on the night of December 29, was reported in somewhat better condition the latter part of this week. He had been reported dangerously low the first part of the week.

Hefley is the Ford dealer here.

NOTICE TO VETERANS

Your Veteran's Administration Contact Representative will be at the Court House, Sterling City, on the 4th Thursday afternoon in January 1948, and on the 1st and 3rd Thursday afternoons in February, 1948. The VA representative is in Sterling City for the purpose of assisting veterans of ALL wars, their dependents and beneficiaries in all benefits administered by the Veterans Administration. Veterans of World War I are reminded that U. S. Gov't. Life Insurance is still available to those veterans who can pass the required medical examination. If you have some question relating to Veteran's benefits, see your VA representative.

Mrs. Fred Allen underwent an operation in a San Angelo hospital Tuesday. She is expected to return home Sunday.

NOTICE— If you will become 21 at any time between January 1, 1947 and January 1, 1949, and wish to get your poll tax exemption, you must call for it at the tax-assessor -- collector's office this month.

R. H. EMERY.

WIMODAUISIS CLUB

The Wimodausis Club met Wednesday afternoon, January 8, in the home of Mrs. C. N. Crawford. Sixteen members responded to roll call with current news.

Mrs. Harvey Glass, federation counselor, reported highlights from the Club Woman magazine.

It was reported that the club bought a \$5 tuberculosis bond.

Miss Ethel Foster with Mrs. Sterling Foster and Mrs. W. E. Allen, who served on Christmas Cheer basket distribution, reported 23 small baskets of fruit and candy, 12 large baskets of fruit and food, 2 men's shirts, in all \$81.00 was spent to bring cheer to Sterling shut-ins.

Mrs. Sterling Foster, public library chairman, reported that Miss Rita Fae Reed was appointed librarian. The library will be open on Saturdays from 3 to 5 o'clock. The library organization has a flower agency with the Friendly Flower Shop in San Angelo. The funds made will be used to pay a librarian and buy new books.

Mrs. Jack Douthit was welcomed as a new member.

The following program was rendered: "Take Care of Your Three Selves" was discussed by Mrs. T. F. Foster. "Religious Influence" was given by Mrs. R. H. Emery.

Members present were Mrs. Lee Reed, Mrs. O. T. Jones, Mrs. Sterling Foster, Mrs. Lester Foster, Mrs. D. Hall, Mrs. H. H. Everitt, Mrs. Jack Douthit, Mrs. Bill Reed, Mrs. T. F. Foster, Mrs. Harvey Glass, Mrs. Henton Emery, Mrs. C. D. McEntire, Mrs. Ray Lane, Mrs. John Reed, Mrs. C. N. Crawford, Miss Ethel Foster. Mrs. J. R. Lane of Lampasas was a guest.

BANK DIRECTORS REELECTED

With a fair attendance of the stockholders of the First National Bank here Tuesday, all the directors were reelected. They are W.L. Foster, J. T. Davis, Rufus Foster, J. S. Cole, and Claude Collins.

Mr. Foster is president; J. T. Davis is vice-president, and J. S. Cole is executive vice-president. H. M. Knight is cashier.

Mrs. Loyd Baker was returned to her home Tuesday from a San Angelo hospital where she had undergone two operations.

Winston Churchill and his roommate, Clint Formby at Texas Tech, spent last week-end here at Winston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Churchill.

OUR WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER

By Congressman O. C. Fisher

Tax reform, foreign aid, military training, high prices, agriculture and reclamation, were among the subjects covered in President Truman's annual State of the Union message last week.

The President appeared in person, as is his custom, and looked hale and hearty as he read his message to the joint session. For the first time in history the proceeding was recorded by television.

The press picked the tax reform recommendation as the featured highlight of the message. The President proposed that every taxpayer, regardless of income, be given a credit of \$40 on his tax bill this year, and an additional \$40 for each dependent. This would amount to \$3,200,000,000, and would, according to the proposal, be made up by an increase of corporate taxes in a similar amount. Eight million would be removed from the tax rolls.

But the Republicans are in control now, with majorities in both the House and Senate, and will likely bring out a bill fashioned after the one that was vetoed last year. Their latest proposal would reduce income taxes by 30% at the bottom to about 10% at the top, and raise the present exemption by \$100. This would remove about 6 million from the rolls, in the lowest income group.

It seems apparent that any relief from the high wartime taxes will depend on reducing government expenditures. Conversely, it may be that the government expenditures will not be reduced very much unless there is a tax reduction. If the money comes in, pressing need is usually found for it. Expenditures were cut by Congress nearly \$4 billion this year from budget requests, and the Treasury now estimates that there will be a \$6 billion surplus on July 1st. That should make it possible to make a substantial payment on the huge public debt. So if government expenses can be held down and further reduced, as should be, and if foreign aid is limited, some tax relief seems possible.

Because of the increase in living costs, the low-income group and those with fixed incomes, are in particular need of tax relief at this time. At the same time, it is argued that some relief in the upper brackets would encourage "venture capital" to invest and provide more production, and thereby provide more income from which taxes are drawn. The cost of replacement of obsolete material and installation of new production facilities following the war is considerable. In whatever approach is followed, it is certainly important that industrial expansion be encouraged. In that way more jobs are created and more production—the only real answer to inflation—may result.

It is of interest to note that, according to the Department of Commerce, the distributive share of business income going to profits now is "currently the same as in 1929" (that is, 12.9%). In other words, the Department reports that nearly 90% of business income today is going back into the business for replacements, expansion, etc.

The degree of incentive for venture capital is a subject of much talk these days. Looking at individual income taxes, President Truman's salary is a good example. He gets \$75,000 a year, and \$43,092 of that goes back to the government in taxes. A man who makes \$100,000 a year today pays the Treasury \$63,128. If he makes \$500,000, the federal tax bill is \$407,464, according to the Department of Internal Revenue. And, if he makes a million a year, Uncle Sam takes \$839,715! And if the income is from corporate investments the corporation pays in income tax and then the individual stockholder pays on his dividends from the corporate profits. So, on the same income the corporation first pays and then the individual investor pays on the part that is distributed as profits.

But corporate incomes have been high in recent years, and those who suffer most under the existing high costs of living are low-income groups and white collar workers with fixed incomes. Perhaps compromises can result and moderate tax relief and needed adjustments can be agreed upon this year.

Commissioners Appoint Ritter to Replace Garlington

H. G. Garlington, who has been serving as County Commissioner from the Divide precinct for the past two years, resigned Monday at the regular meeting of the Commissioners Court, and was replaced by the court appointing Dan Ritter to serve in his unexpired term. Garlington has sold his stock farm and home on the Divide to the Copeland boys and Ralph Bynum. Bynum got the home place. The Garlingtons have moved to San Angelo.

Farm-to-Market Road

It was reported that all but three signatures required for the right-of-way on the new Farm-to-market road number 387, had been secured. This is the new pavement from Sterling City to the Coke County line.

Ex-officio Salaries Raised

The court raised the ex-officio salaries of the following county officials and employees to the following figures:

County Judge	\$2510.00 year
Sheriff, Assessor, etc	\$1410.00 year
Clerk	\$2235.00 year
Treasurer	\$500 year
County Agent	\$1300.00 year
Road Supervisor	\$175 month
Building Custodian	\$145 month.

W. O. W. HOST TO LOG ROLLERS GROUP

The Sterling Woodmen of the World Camp was host to the District Log Rollers Convention at the Community Center building on Thursday evening of last week.

The local camp served members and guests a real barbecue supper. Visitors were present from Littlefield, Mertzon, San Angelo, and Eden, said E. D. Troxell, the Consul Commander of the Sterling Camp.

Sov. Charley Houghton of Littlefield acted as installing officer as the local officers were installed.

March of Dimes

The tenth March of Dimes campaign will get underway here soon with boxes for contributions placed in the business houses, said Chesley McDonald, chairman, this week.

The drive will reach a climax on Friday night, January 30, with a double-header basketball game in the high school gym. The two games will feature—first, a game between the Sterling Independents and Gem Jewelers of San Angelo; and second, a game between the Ellis Parts and Yellow Cab teams of San Angelo. The proceeds from the game going entirely to the "March of Dimes. The players of the teams will be fed and feted following the games.

STERLING RAIL SHIPMENTS

D. Hall, Santa Fe agent here, gives us the following report on rail shipments here for the past 2 years—

In 1946 there was shipped by rail from Sterling City 218 cars of cattle and 296 cars of sheep, a total of 514 cars.

In 1947 the rail shipments amounted to 100 cars of cattle and 120 cars of sheep, a total of 220 cars. A decrease of 294 cars as compared with 1946. The decrease in amount of revenue being about the same in proportion to the number of cars.

Henton Emery Out For Reelection

In announcing my candidacy for re-election to the office of Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector of Sterling County, I wish to express my appreciation to the people of the entire county for the opportunity of serving you in this office, and assure you that it has been a pleasure to work in this capacity. I am grateful for the support given me in the past and the cooperation extended by all.

I have tried to discharge the duties of the office in an efficient and capable manner. If re-elected, I shall continue to give my best efforts in the interests of Sterling County.

R. H. EMERY.

Oil Field Developments

Plymouth No. 1 Mrs. Willie Mae Foster, Sterling County wildcat showed no oil, gas or water before or after washing the Ellenburger from 8,316-27 feet in open hole with a small amount of acid. It drilled to 8,334 feet and was drillstem testing the middle of the week.

Five and one-half inch casing was cemented last week at 8,316 feet after two unsuccessful attempts to drillstem test to 8,327 feet. The Ellenburger was topped at 8,316 feet, 5,751 feet below sea level, one foot lower than in Plymouth No. 1 Mrs. Georgia Frost, 2,951 feet to the northeast. No. 1 Frost at last reports was pumping 20 to 25 barrels of oil daily with about the same amount of water, with plugged back depth of 8,365 feet.

Plymouth No. 1 Foster was preparing to deepen and acidize following the test that yielded no show of oil or gas.

No. 1 Foster is in the C NW NW 56-2-H&TC, about 12 miles north-northwest of Sterling City.

Anderson-Prichard No. 1 Marvin Frances Foster, slated Ellenburger wildcat, seven miles south of Sterling City, C SW SW 2-15-H&TC was drilling with rotary below the bottom of 13% casing cemented at 329 feet in shale and lime.

BASKETBALL NEWS

EAGLES DEFEAT WESTBROOK

The Sterling Eagles started strong Friday night and easily defeated the Westbrook five by the score of 27-18. The Eagles enjoyed a 15-8 lead at half-time and a 23-9 lead after three quarters. When the Eagles built their lead to 27-11, Coach Tillerson took his first string to the bench and the B team played the remainder of the game.

Tweedle was high point man for Sterling with 11 points. Mitchell and Hudson were outstanding on defense.

STERLING GIRLS LOSE TO WESTBROOK

The Sterling girls were slow to get started Friday night and were behind 20-2. They came back strong in the final half and outscored the Westbrook girls in the last stanza 17-16 to make the final score 36-19.

INDEPENDENTS TAKE THE GEM JEWELERS

The Sterling Independents began the season just where they left off last season by defeating the Gem Jewelers. The game Saturday night was a repeat from last year here except Sterling won.

The game was tied at the half 25-25. Third quarter found the Sterling five ahead by 4 points. The game was tied in the fourth quarter and then Sterling would manage to pull ahead. When the final whistle blew Sterling was ahead 53-52 in what was one of the best games seen here in several seasons. Larimer was high point for Sterling with 14 and Templeton was high point for Gem with 22.

The Independents will go to For-san Tuesday night and to Big Spring Wednesday night and meet the American Legion team there.

O. M. Cole for Treasurer

As a candidate for re-election to the office of Sterling County Treasurer, I would like to express my appreciation to the voters for their past support. I need the job and will continue to do my best in the office to render efficient and honest service.

I shall at all times try to merit the confidence shown in me, by continuing to render satisfactory service in the office.

O. M. COLE.

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OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

"Freedom exists only where the people take care of the Government."

—WOODROW WILSON



THIS YEAR, AS IN EVERY FOURTH YEAR OF OUR HISTORY, WE AMERICANS WILL BE CALLED UPON TO ELECT A PRESIDENT. THIS IS OUR PRIVILEGE AS A FREE PEOPLE—A GREAT AND SOLEMN RESPONSIBILITY.



LET US BEGIN NOW, WITHOUT PREJUDICE OR PERSONAL BIAS, TO ACQUAINT OURSELVES WITH THE ISSUES, TO CONSIDER CANDIDATES AND WHAT THEY STAND FOR, TO PREPARE OURSELVES FULLY, SO THAT WHEN WE MAKE OUR CHOICE IT WILL REPRESENT AN INFORMED DECISION IN THE INTEREST OF OUR DEMOCRACY.

Churches

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST
A. A. Berryman, Pastor
 Bible School 10:00 a. m.
 Sermon 11:00 a. m.
 Lord's Supper 11:45 a. m.
 Young People's Class 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:00 p. m.
 Wednesday Night Services 7:30.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
B. B. Hestir, Pastor
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Evening Worship 7:00 p. m.
 Auxiliary: Each 2nd and 4th Mondays at the church.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
ED. H. LOVELACE, Pastor
 Church School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Evening Service 7:00 p. m.

BAPTIST CHURCH
C. D. McEntire, Pastor
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 B. T. U. 6:00 p. m.
 Evening Worship 7:00 p. m.

ETERNAL SALVATION
By C. D. McEntire
 "In Him we live and move and have our being." (Acts 17:28)

While a ministerial student in Hardin-Simmons University, I pastored two half-time churches. All week while burdened with academic care, I looked forward with anxious anticipation to the hour when I could escape my role as student and live among the people who had called me as their pastor.

As I think back I thank God up-rememberance of them in their patience and kindness to me in the adolescent stage of my ministry.

Especially do I remember one elderly lady who lived in the bounds of one of my pastorates. She was of another faith, yet because she liked me and was unable to attend services anywhere, she adopted me as her pastor. One afternoon after feeding upon the Word of God together and a pray-

er, I arose to go. She held my hand with tears in her eyes (eyes that had faded with the glare of the snows of 90 winters). She said, "Oh! I do so hope and pray that I will not fall and be lost when I am so near that great hour."

According to her testimony she was a saved person that knew she was a child of God. But because of the teaching she had received as a child, she had lived in constant dread and fear all of her life that she might be lost again. She had lived such a life of dread and fear that she had hardly enjoyed one moment of freedom that a child of God should experience. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

Again He said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they shall follow me; and I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand. (Notice—we, as His sheep are in His hand) My father which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man (No creed, no culture, no religion, no doctrine, no ecclesiastical figurehead) is able to pluck them

OUT OF MY FATHER'S HAND." (John 10:27-28.)

Not only are we in the hand of Jesus, the Son of God, but as this scripture teaches His hand is in the Hand of God.

The Apostle Paul said, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us."

"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor death, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord. (Rom. 8:35-39.)

The same God who made and set the pillars of the earth in their sockets and hung the world on

nothing (Job 26:7) will keep that which you have committed unto Him against that day.

The same God who made and drew across the windows of Heaven the blue curtains of night and pinned them together with silver stars said you have eternal life if you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.

The same God who sent the first ray of light across the uncharted darkness, like some flaming archangel with garments afire "so love the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Jno. 3:16.

So I write these words, not as a presumptuous "know-it-all", but with the hope and prayer that some child of God who lives in constant dread and fear that they might even yet do something in a moment of weakness that would cause their soul to be lost

forever—I write that you may be able to realize that "in Him we live and move and have our being." (Acts 17:28) and that Jesus is able to save them that come unto God by Him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. (Heb. 7:25.)

The First Baptist Church welcomes all to come and worship with us this Sunday. Sunday School at 10:00, worship service at 11:00, Training Union at 6:00 p.m. and preaching at 7:00. May the Lord bless you.

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Actually, the average price of a kilowatt hour of electric service to residential users is about one-sixth LESS than in 1937.

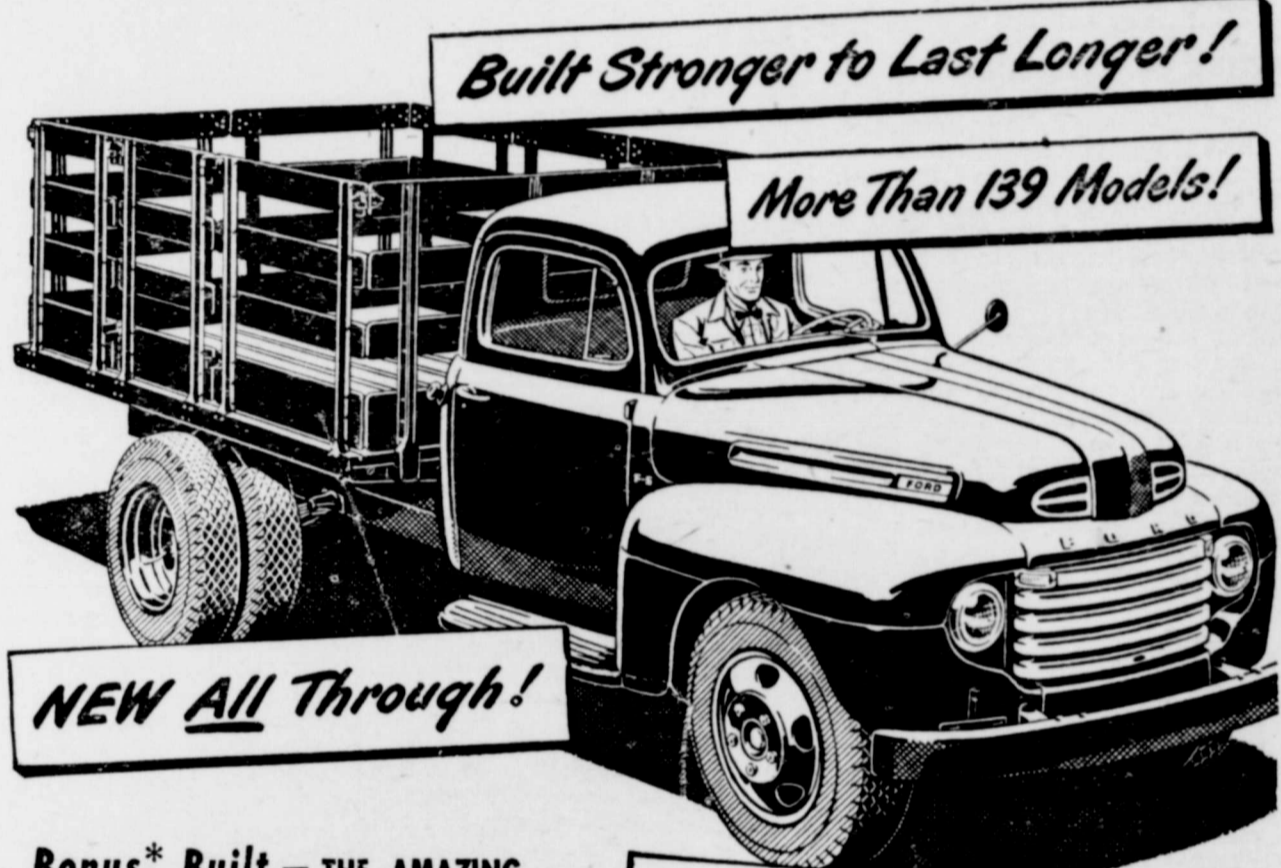
And it's less despite the fact that taxes, wages, the cost of materials and equipment are up—away up—to us, which necessitates increased efficiencies in all operations and finance.

Every effort is being made to keep the cost of electric service low so that you can continue to enjoy more of its comforts and conveniences.

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Built Stronger to Last Longer!

More Than 139 Models!

NEW All Through!

Bonus* Built — THE AMAZING RESULT OF AN ENGINEERING PRINCIPLE THAT ASSURES WIDER USE, LONGER LIFE . . . and ONLY Ford Trucks Have It!

EVERY single one of the great new Ford Trucks for '48 is **Bonus Built** . . . designed and built with *extra strength* in every vital part! But that's only part of this vital truck engineering principle . . .

This *extra strength* provides WORK RESERVES that pay off for truck operators in two important ways:

● **FIRST**, these WORK RESERVES give Ford Trucks a greater range of use by permitting them to handle loads beyond the normal call of duty. Ford Trucks are not limited to doing one single, specific job!

● **SECOND**, those same WORK RESERVES permit Ford Trucks to relax on the job . . . to do their jobs easier, with less strain and less wear. Thus, Ford Trucks last longer because they work easier!

Yes, Ford Trucks for '48 are **Bonus Built** . . . built stronger to last longer! That's why they give their owners wider use and longer life! That's why life insurance experts can certify proof that Ford Trucks last up to 19.6%

Only the New Ford **Bonus Built** Trucks Give You All These Big Advancements!

NEW! 3 New Engines . . . up to 145 h.p.! Brand new Six . . . 2 brand new V-8's! Packed with advancements that give you real performance! Proved Ford reliability and thrift!

NEW! 2 New Big Jobs . . . Biggest Ford Trucks in history! Gross vehicle weight rating up to 21,500 pounds! 145 h.p. engine! 5-speed transmission! They're rugged; they're something!

NEW! Million Dollar Cab . . . Living Room Comfort! New coach-type seat. More headroom, legroom, elbowroom! Picture-window visibility. New exclusive Level Action cab suspension.

NEW! New frames, axles, brakes, steering! Built stronger to give your Ford Trucks even longer life! These new Ford Trucks for '48 are really new all through!

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Boyce House "GIVES YOU TEXAS"

Fate does queer things. I knew three brothers. Two of them engaged in running industries. The other had "stretched" his age in order to volunteer in the Spanish-American War and the adventurous military life appealed to him, so he made a career of it. He served in the Marine Corps for 30 years, in China, the Philippines, in putting down revolutions in Central America and fought in the first World War, attaining the rank of major general.

All three of the brothers are dead. Two died violent deaths; one died peacefully in bed. He was the warrior.

There was the time that I missed the entire Republic of Mexico. Brady got up a motorcade to publicize its July Jubilee and I went along as staff correspondent for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. They did me the honor to assign me to the front seat of the lead car.

Well, we arrived in Del Rio, checked in at the hotel soon after dark, then got back into our autos to visit Mexico. Our car led the way and we were chatting merrily along (you can guess who was doing most of the talking) and after a few minutes, I interrupted myself to say:

"Isn't that our hotel?"

It was. We had driven a "U" and were right back where we had started from. We had missed the entire Mexican nation. (Actually, there was a small light at a sign indicating the turn for the international bridge, and we had overlooked the sign.)

So when I misplace something around the house, such as a knife or a pair of pliers, I just recall the time I couldn't find Mexico. (This happened going over, too; if we had been coming back, confusion might have been more understandable.)

An orchid to the press agent who got a soft drink advertisement, in the form of hundreds of brass discs, embedded in the pavement of Congress Avenue in "your friendly Capital City"—and a bunch of wilted onions to city officials of Austin for permitting such commercialism.

The world would be a happier place if humans would just be human.

Congress ought to raise the exemption on their income tax. A man can't live on \$500 a year—yet if he makes \$501, he has to pay a tax.

Also some encouragement ought to be given for home ownership—an exemption, up to a certain amount, for expenditures to keep your home repaired and to improve it and the grounds. The man who owns his home is a great asset and when he spends his money to improve that home, he is helping the whole neighborhood, making it a prettier and more pleasant place in which to live. He deserves encouragement.

Then the man who tries to provide for his old age so that he can be self-supporting should be encouraged. If he economizes and pays each year on an annuity, why shouldn't he be given credit on his income tax payment for that, up to

a certain per cent, of course? The world is crying for wheat. We are being asked to save a slice of bread a day. And yet there are some farmers with a large amount of wheat on hand. They will not market it until after a certain time because it would run their income tax into a higher bracket.

We have got to fix it so that a man will have an incentive to work and produce.

Those who are drawing salaries up in Washington to make the laws ought to know the answers—and do something. If they can't, they ought to be like that rabbit. Uncle Rastus was passing a cemetery at midnight and he thought he saw a ghost. He began running. He was really picking 'em and laying 'em down. The path was narrow and he overtook a rabbit. He said, "Git outta the way, rabbit, an' let somebuddy run what can run."

Banquet For Turkeys



NEW YORK, N. Y. — Turkeys comprise the banquet fare at parties but no one ever thought of giving turkeys a banquet of their own except lovely Joan Murray who was selected as "Miss Stardust" in the well-known beauty contest held each year for that coveted title. She played hostess at a novel turkey banquet at the Hotel Sheraton assisted by Fraser Morris, overseas shipper of gift parcels and clothing.

For typewriter ribbons, adding machine paper, and stationery supplies, see the News-Record.

FRIDAY SUGGESTION CREAMED SALT CODFISH IN POTATO RING

- 3 tablespoons fat
 - 3 tablespoons flour
 - Dash of pepper
 - 2 cups milk
 - 2 1/4 cups shredded salt codfish (10 ounces)
 - 2 shelled hard-cooked eggs, sliced
 - 3 cups hot mashed potatoes
- Melt fat in saucepan, stir in flour and pepper. (No salt is needed because of the salt fish used.) Add milk gradually, while stirring, and cook until smooth and thickened, stirring constantly.
- Shred codfish by pulling it apart with two forks or cutting it with scissors. Freshen it following manufacturer's directions. Drain, cover with cold water, and simmer 15-20 minutes or until tender. Drain. Add to white sauce with sliced eggs. Arrange hot mashed potatoes in a ring on a platter with creamed fish in center. Sprinkle mashed potato with paprika or finely chopped parsley if desired. Serves 4.
- Menu Suggestions**
With Creamed Salt Codfish in Potato Ring, serve lemoned green beans (cooked or canned beans seasoned with lemon juice, butter or margarine, salt, and pepper); also sliced pickled beets. For dessert, have crisp molasses cookies and spiced applesauce made by adding 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon and 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg to 2 cups applesauce. And remember in following any recipe to use level measurements.



An Echo Testifies

By GEORGE S. BENSON
President of Harding College
Searcy, Arkansas



PRESIDENT TRUMAN recently suggested that price controls might have to be used to meet the present emergency. Here is a bit of history. It is an echo from government managed economy that keeps on testifying to the ill effects of government managed economy. During the war the government kept prices of crude oil at an abnormal low. This column called attention to that fact then, indicating there would be a future shortage of oil.

Wild-cat operators and small companies find most of the new pools and sell much of the crude oil. But prices during the war kept wild-catters from buying adequate equipment. It didn't pay. Machinery and wages kept going up, but the price of oil was held low. Instead of buying new rigs for new wells, oil men removed old rigs from low producing wells that would have been kept in production if the price of oil had been favorable.

Hindrance To Industry THERE WAS less searching for new fields, because oil prices were so out of line with cost of labor and machinery. The risk was too often a losing proposition. This unwise control continued so long that a grave shortage developed in oil field equipment, in oil well pipe lines, and even in refineries. Now we are reaping the harvest. Many will go cold this winter. Gasoline may be short in some areas, and industrial fuel scarce.

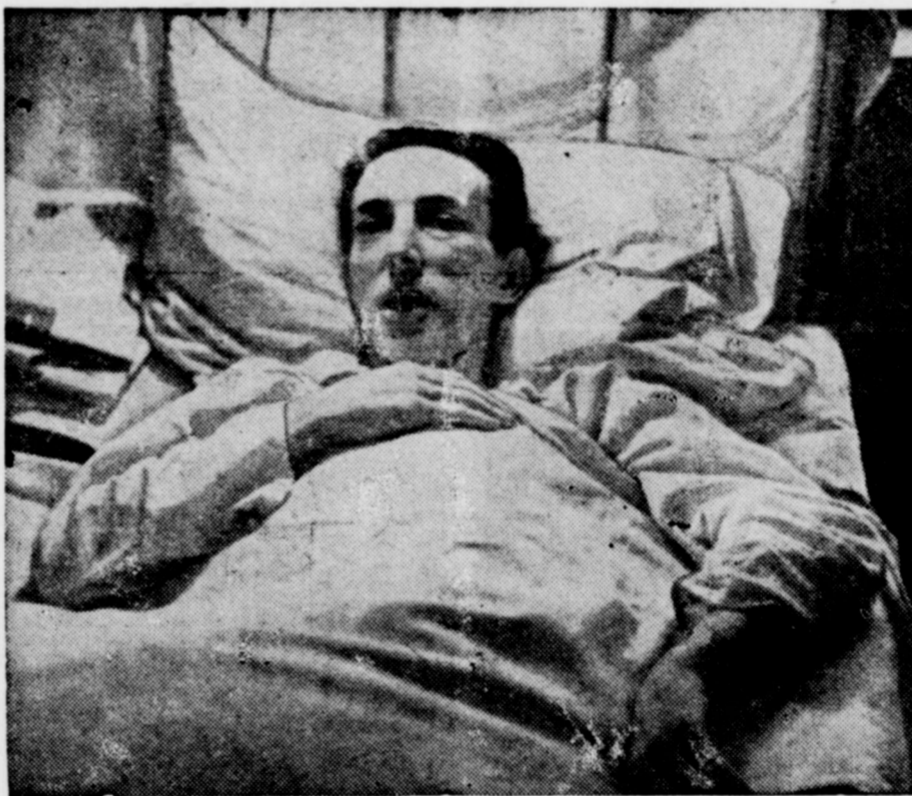
One big operator said to me during that period: "To help win a war I am operating present equipment at full capacity. But I am making only about 1/4 of 1 per cent profit on my investment. Consequently, I am not spending new money for expansion of my

business. A man can't risk his capital when there is only a chance of 1/4 of 1 per cent profit, even if the venture proves entirely successful, and 100 per cent loss if it fails, as many of them do in the oil business."

Dark Future ON NOVEMBER 12th Oscar L. Chapman, Under-secretary of Interior, told the American Petroleum Institute in Chicago: "We face critical times, critical for all of us, and for the competitive freedom of the petroleum industry. This winter for the first time in its peacetime history, the oil industry will be unable to meet the full needs of the American people."

The oil people may come through with another miracle as they did during the war. They may actually meet the demand, even though this well-informed government official thinks they cannot. I am awfully slow to put a limit on what free men in a free country can do. But it must be said that the present threat of fuel shortage results from the abnormally low price that the government maintained on crude oil during the war and thereafter.

This should underscore the danger of giving the government power to set prices. Even now, such power can be misused. It could happen that price control now might well obstruct the building of homes, hospitals, and factories — five years from now. Free markets and free prices are the only sane controls. These have given America higher wages for workers, better income for farmers, and better living conditions than any other system. Let us have the courage of good citizenship to keep freedom and do what we know we should do.



KEEP HIM SMILING! This typical GI hospital patient, whose wounds will never heal, presents a brave front for the cameraman. Nevertheless his picture is a grim reminder of America's eternal debt to those permanently scarred by war. The Hospitalized Veterans Foundation is an agency through which YOU can pay a little on this debt whenever you're able.

O. C. Fisher Announces For Reelection

21st Congressional District

Now serving his fifth year in Congress, Representative O. C. Fisher announced this week that he would be a candidate for reelection as representative of the 21st Congressional District. Well known in Sterling County for his Congressional efforts, he is also known for having served as district attorney here for several years. His announcement meets with widespread approval over the district.

Fisher beat Congressman Chas. South in 1942, and has not had an opponent since in his races for the office.

A graduate of Baylor Law College, Fisher has served as Tom Green County Attorney, member of the Texas Legislature, and District Attorney of this district. He is a favorite of the people and does a good job for his country and district in the national lawmaking body.

With a high standing in that body, Fisher is now reaching the point in seniority where he can be more of a power for his people in national matters. His familiarity with national problems will fit him well for another term.

FRIEND OF AGRICULTURE

In Congress, Fisher has been a staunch friend of producers, whether it be peanuts, cotton, mohair or wool. Himself a producer and operator of a stock farm in Kimble County, he is often referred to as an expert on those subjects. Last year he took a leading role in pushing through Congress the wool bill, except for which wool would be selling for at least five cents a pound less than it is, according to Jesse Gilmer, Chief of Agriculture's Production and Marketing Administration which handles wool.

In other allied fields, Fisher has been a leading exponent of rural electrification and of soil conservation measures.

During the war the Congressman was a consistent and militant supporter of war measures, and since the war has been a strong promoter of the air force and of all national security measures. He believes in strength and preparedness as being essential at this time for the future peace.

AROUSES IRE OF JOHN L. LEWIS

As a member of the important House Committee on Education and Labor, Fisher has courageously supported strike-control legislation. He puts the public interest first above power-drunk ambitions of labor bosses or over-ambitious management. A number of labor leaders have announced they will spend money this year to bring about Fisher's defeat.

The Congressman has also taken a leading part in opposing a breakdown of our immigration laws to allow 400,000 displaced persons to enter this country, irrespective of immigration quotas under existing laws. A year ago he led the fight against the proposed permanent Fair Employment Practices Commission (FEPC). That proposal, described by Fisher as a "monstrosity", would have set up a bureau in Washington to tell the farmers and merchants in America whom they can hire, whom they can fire, and whom they can promote. He has been heard many times over national hook-ups in support of his stand on these subjects.

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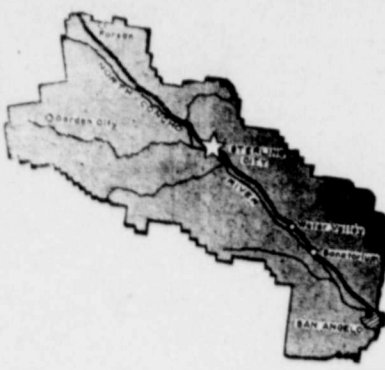


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George O'Barr, district cooperator, is going to buy a large farm tractor with bulldozer, tumbler, and possibly shovel attachments. This equipment will be used to build diversions, road blocks, and small dams for prevention of soil erosion and better distribution of runoff water. These conservation practices are a part of his complete soil conservation program approved by the Supervisors of the North Concho River Soil Conservation District in December. O'Barr, with the assistance of Soil Conservationists made a reconnaissance survey of his ranch prior to the preparation of his plan. A more detailed survey will precede the establishment of the practices on the ground.

Claude Collins has started the construction of a 6000 yard tank on his Hackberry Ranch. This tank will serve as a reservoir for livestock water and divert excess runoff water onto gently sloping range land for increased grass production. Lee Reed, district supervisor, quoting from Dr. Hugh H. Bennett's article in the recent issue of "Sheep & Goat Raiser", says that Clayton Puckett, Fort Stockton rancher, produced 10 per cent more mutton by reducing the number of his breeding ewes 25 per cent. "This is an example of increased production by reduction of livestock numbers to balance with feed production by range grasses", stated Reed.

Marshall Cook is building a 5 acre foot reservoir for storage of water to use in the irrigation of an hundred acres of tame pasture grasses. Cook now has 63 acres of grasses growing.

Foster S. Price has made the location for drilling a test hole for irrigation water on his Bob's Creek ranch. If sufficient water is found, an irrigation pasture will be planted.

A conservation plan on 160 acres operated by Harold McCabe was approved by the supervisors in regular meeting Monday.

Claude Collins, Jr. is distributing superphosphate on experimental plots on his ranch east of Sterling City this week. Rates from 50 to 150 pounds per acre are being put out.

Political Announcements

Subject to action of the Democratic Primary in July.
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From where I sit . . . by Joe Marsh



Who Are We, Anyway?

Subject came up at Bill Webster's, the other day, as we were chatting over beer and pretzels. Just who are the folks who make up our town? Where'd they come from?

Well, Doc Hollister's Scotch-English ancestry; Will Dudley's folks were mining stock from Pennsylvania; Skip Powell's family were brewers back in Holland.

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And from where I sit, that's what makes our towns and cities—our America—so strong, progressive, tolerant. Our championship of individual liberties has brought us people from all faiths, all lands—to prove that respect for one another's rights is the greatest bond humanity can know!

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SWING OF SOUTHWEST FARM MARKETS

By United States Department of Agriculture

(USDA)—Egg prices dropped, and livestock showed mixed trends last week, and other southwest farm

products remained generally steady to strong, according to the Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Generally good demand and light offerings raised all grain prices. Wheat advanced about five cents to bring \$3.11½ to \$3.12½ per bushel in bulk carlots at Texas common points. Corn gained seven to ten cents and oats seven cents. No. 2 milo sold from \$4.23 to \$4.28 after a rise of ten cents a hundred.

Rice maintained a firm tone during the past week. Hay prices remained about unchanged, as feed and peanuts showed some strength.

Spot cotton markets increased activity. Harvesting made good progress and neared completion except in the high plains. Prices declined \$1 to \$2 a bale.

Lower Rio Grande Valley vegetables found good demand during the week, but citrus remained slow at weaker prices despite very light track holdings at terminal markets. Heavy cabbage and carrot loadings moved well at better prices, and lettuce gained volume. Colorado onions sold better, as potatoes slacked off. New Orleans, St. Louis and Kansas City reported lettuce tomatoes and onions in light supply at mostly higher prices, with

cabbage and cauliflower moderate and generally lower.

Eggs weakened further at principal southwest markets, as poultry sold steady to slightly stronger. Current receipt eggs moved mostly around 40 cents a dozen at Dallas and Denver, 45 to 47 at Ft. Worth and 48 at New Orleans. Heavy hens rarer generally from 23 to 26 cent a pound, but New Orleans paid 35 to 38.

Wool activity fell off following the first flush of new year buying, but some average staple Texas 12-months grease wools sold. Spring clip contracting remained slow. One average staple fine wool clip was contracted at Roswell, New Mexico at 43 cents a grease pound, estimated to shrink 63 per cent at shearing time.

Most sheep sold strong to \$1 higher for the week, but lambs dropped 50 cents to \$1 at Wichita and Denver. Wichita bought good and choice at \$24 to \$24.50, as Denver paid \$24.75 to \$25.25, Oklahoma City \$24.50 to \$25, and Fort Worth \$24 to \$25. San Antonio took medium and good grades at \$19 to \$20.

Hogs scored net gains at Oklahoma City and Wichita, but lost ground at other southwest terminals. San Antonio reached a high

point for the week of \$27, Fort Worth \$28, Oklahoma City and Denver \$28.75, and Wichita \$28.25. Most sows sold from \$23.50 to \$25 and stocker and feeder pigs from \$15 to \$23.

Cattle moved generally at strong to \$1 or more higher prices the past week, although slaughter steers and yearlings sold lower at Houston, Fort Worth and Oklahoma

City. Houston bought common and medium grades at \$16 to \$22, and Fort Worth took medium and good lots from \$22 to \$30. Oklahoma City paid a top of \$34 for fed steers, and San Antonio set a new high of \$29 on commercially fed kinds. Medium and good steers brought \$25 to \$29.50 at Wichita, and choice \$32.50 at Denver.

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Take time to save time

Have you ever mapped—with pins and thread, or with pencil on paper—the daily "chore route" of your farm or ranch? Have you figured how much back-tracking you do, how many unnecessary extra steps you walk in a day? Have you taken time to save time, and steps, and labor?

A number of agricultural colleges and experiment stations have made practical work studies on farms and ranches, with some astounding results. For example, one dairy farmer (who thought himself pretty efficient) adopted improved machine milking techniques, rearranged his barn to save steps and time in feeding and watering. He saved himself two miles of walking per day, cut his daily chore time by two hours and five minutes. That's 730 miles of walking and 760 hours of work in a year. In making the changes, he spent less than \$50.

Indiana tells of farmers who, by planning their work, are raising hogs with one quarter their former hours of labor. . . There's a report of men making hay in 90 man-minutes per ton; while others using similar equipment—but older, harder ways of working—spend twice that time. . . There are scores of other examples.

Perhaps you cannot make such great savings in your operations. Maybe you can make more. It's certainly worth looking into, for even little savings are important. Five steps saved a day makes a mile in a year. Five minutes a day gives you three extra days a year.

There's no master plan to fit every farm and ranch, because no two are exactly the same. You have to work out your own plan of improvement. But the time it takes may well be the most profitable time you've ever spent.

A four-step scheme is suggested. First, consider each job or chore separately. Break it down into its parts. Check each part with a watch or tape measure and see if steps or time can be saved. Second, compare your work methods with those of your neighbors. Third, examine and check the details of your work methods. Fourth, develop and apply the new method. In a nutshell, "Plan your work and work your plan."

Time studies and job analysis have helped Swift & Company increase efficiency and make important savings. That's why we so confidently suggest similar studies in your operations. One excellent bulletin on the subject is Number 307, published by Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. It's interesting reading and well worth writing for. Your county agent or state agricultural college can tell of other bulletins on the same subject.



Soda Bill Sez: . . . the man with a dull hoe is wasting nobody's time but his own.

Martha Logan's Recipe for HAM LOAF

- ¾ pound ground ham
- 1 ¼ pound ground fresh pork
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup dry bread crumbs
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup milk
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon dry mustard
- 2 tablespoons vinegar

Beat eggs. Combine meats, eggs, crumbs, salt, pepper, and milk. Mix thoroughly. Form into loaf in 8 ¼ x 4 ¼ x 2 ¾ inch loaf pan. Combine sugar, mustard, and vinegar. Spread over meat. Bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) 1 hour, or until meat has reached an internal temperature of 165° F. (Yield: One 8 ¼ x 4 ¼ x 2 ¾ inch loaf)

OUR CITY COUSIN



City Cousin cannot see Why "you" is spelled E-W-E... Neither can we!

Farmer's Choice—When I was in high school, I spent a summer vacation on my grandfather's farm in Indiana. From my city-bred standpoint, his seemed a particularly dull and unrewarding life. Rising before dawn and working till after dusk, with little or no opportunity for urban pleasures, he was an object of pity to my adolescent eye. Why didn't he sell his farm and move to town? How did he ever get into this rut in the first place? "Grandpa," I asked one evening at milking time, "Why did you become a farmer, anyway?"

He paused a moment, leaned back on his stool and looked slowly around the barn—at the livestock, at the huge haymow in the east corner, at the farm tools, at the broad beams that supported the roof. What he saw seemed to reassure him, and I shan't forget his answer: "Just lucky, I guess."

—Contributed by George H. Chalmers
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Controlling Roundworm in Sheep

by Walter Armer
University of Arizona



The control of roundworm on sheep ranches has been successfully tested by Dr. W. J. Pistor, University of Arizona Animal Pathologist. It consists of feeding a mixture of 1 part phenothiazine with 9 parts of ordinary granular salt. Roundworm, a serious plague, especially to sheep grazed on irrigated pastures, can be checked by phenothiazine and salt. Of course, it is not a cure-all. Badly infected sheep may still have to be drenched. But feeding the mixture throughout the pasture period will prevent the worm population from reaching the dangerous level in the majority of cases.

Phenothiazine, alone, is but one of a number of drugs known to aid in controlling roundworm in livestock. But during World War II, animal husbandmen discovered its effectiveness was greatly heightened when used with salt and fed throughout the pasture season.

Experiments begun in 1943 with sheep grazing on irrigated pastures in Arizona proved the remarkable value of the new mixture. It resulted in cutting down loss of sheep and in marketing lambs in better condition. Today a high percentage of sheep on Arizona farm lands receive the 1-9 phenothiazine and salt mixture.

This new treatment is economical as well as effective. It practically eliminates the necessity of drenching each animal individually to control roundworms—a costly and possibly dangerous practice.

Track Down the Facts

A great family "man" is *Fiber Zibethicus*, better known to American farmers as the muskrat. He raises his many offspring in marshes, and about streams, lakes and ponds. Muskrat tracks are easily recognized by the drag of his knife-like tail, which shows up well in soft mud.

The muskrat-trapper works hard to make a living out of muskrat skins, and generally his efforts are rewarded. But there is one fact about his business that he tracked down long ago. He knows the price he can get for muskrat skins depends on the popular demand for finished pelts.

In the business of processing livestock into meat for people's use, we at Swift & Company have to keep track of the demand for meat everywhere in the nation. We must know, too, the weights and grades of cuts preferred by housewives. Experience has taught us that the price the producers receive for their livestock is governed by what the meat packers can get for the meat and by-products.



The American Way

In the livestock-meat industry, as in all American business, profit provides the basic incentive for work, enterprise and action. Profit makes the mare go for livestock producers, meat packers and retailers. Too little profit by one section creates an unbalance in the industry. If one part of the livestock-meat industry suffers continued loss, all of us are hurt in the long run.

However, a margin of profit fair to one section of the livestock-meat industry might be quite unfair to another. For instance, we at Swift & Company know perfectly well that both livestock producers and retailers require a higher margin of profit, because of their relatively small volume. On the other hand, nationwide meat packers must build up a tremendous volume of sales to make up for a very small margin of profit per unit—a margin that has been consistently lower than that earned by any other manufacturing industry in America.

Over a period of years, Swift & Company has earned, on the average, less than two cents on each dollar of sales (a fraction of a cent per pound of product handled). Over the same period, the average amount returned to producers for agricultural raw materials, including livestock, wool and hides, has been 75 cents out of each dollar we received. This is not a profit. Out of this 75 cents producers must pay the cost of production.

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HIROSHIMA, JAPAN — (Soundphoto) — For the first time since the Atomic Bomb fell on Japan, Emperor Hirohito visited the scene of the holocaust recently when he came to Hiroshima to pay his respects to officials of the Prefecture and to inspect the rehabilitation work being done there. This general view shows the throng which lined the street as the Imperial procession made its way to the City Hall, where the Emperor was received. Note partially rebuilt city in background.

THE **BIBLE SPEAKS**
 International Uniform Sunday School Lessons
 By LOUIE D. NEWTON, D. D.

SCRIPTURE: John 4:5-26; Romans 8:12-17, 31-39
 DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalm 103.

Our Relationship to God
 Lesson for January 18, 1948

THE Scripture lesson for Sunday is John 4:5-26 and Romans 8:12-17 and 31-39, with the 103rd Psalm as the devotional reading.



The passage in John presents the dramatic story of Jesus meeting with the woman from Sychar at Jacob's well, and of her discovery of the Water of Life. There is no more convincing evidence anywhere in the Bible of Jesus as the one and only approach to God. He is the Door through which one must pass into the Kingdom, whether bond or free, rich or poor, ignorant or learned, high or low. "I am the truth and the life and the way."

Jesus Teaches About God

IN THIS great story we see Jesus, wearied from the day's arduous tasks, sitting on the curb of Jacob's well, resting. The disciples had gone across the valley to the village to buy food. The woman comes to draw water from the historic well. She did not notice Jesus until he spoke to her. He is never too busy, never too weary, to seek to bring all men to a knowledge of God's love.

He asked for a drink of water. That was his way of making contact with her. She drew back, wondering why a Jew would speak to a woman in public. But Jesus got past the immediate wall which she threw up between herself and him, and soon was teaching her the way of everlasting life, to which she responded with gratitude.

How We Worship God

READ John 4:5-26 and see how Jesus led the woman of Sychar to understand true worship. Strangely enough, she knew a good deal about Jewish rites and ceremonies, but she had never known the basic truth that "God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

Included in the record of how Jesus taught the woman to worship was the necessity of confessing her sin, having five husbands, and living at the moment with still another man. We cannot worship God if there is unconfessed sin in our hearts.

We often miss the joy of true worship because we fail to confess our sins. God looketh upon the heart. If there is sin in our hearts, it must be forgiven.

Our Need of God

"IF YE live after the flesh, ye shall die," Romans 8:13. Here is a solemn truth that many seem to forget — apart from God we are dead. The young person who undertakes to live with eating food will soon discover that his body is wasting away and his mind is broken and dissipated. Just so with the spirit of man. We are spiritual creatures, made in the image of God. If we live by the flesh, we die spiritually.

In the preceding chapters in Romans, Paul has shown how sin worketh death. He sets forth the penalties that result from carnal thinking and behavior. But in the 16th verse he comes on to say:

"It is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are the sons of God, or children of God," Romans 8:16.

Strong in the Lord

OUR age has made much of might — might that expresses itself in speed. We think in terms of atomic power. This lesson would help us to understand that we may be strong in the Lord. All power is with him. "All power hath been given me in heaven and on earth," said Jesus.

And this leads us to the climax of Sunday's lesson, when Paul declares:

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord," Romans 8:38, 39.

Satan had the woman of Sychar completely in his power until the grace of God lifted her feet upon the Rock of Ages. She could then stand in the midst of the people of Sychar and declare that she had met One who had released her from the bondage of sin. That is what will happen in every heart that comes to God through Jesus Christ.

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