ON NEWS

By Vivian Vance

atfield, extension spec- landscape gardening for A and M college says that are several odd jobs that can be done during Jan. that will make your landscaping work easier the rest of the year. For instance, she says, look your yard over with an eye toward saving steps and improving design. Often the removal of curbing, trellises or old stumps will add to the beauty of the yard. Get rid of loose sticks and stones. Of course the biggest job during the winter months is transplanting or setting out trees and shrubs. Crowded shrubbery can be thinned out, and extra plants set around the garage and out buildings. Rose gardens and bulb beds are other winter activities that will pay dividends in the spring and summer. If your rose bushes are scattered over the yard put them all in one bed. A beautiful yard is the result of year round work

Some housewives, hearing of the "Cull the poultry flock to save grain" campaign may wonder about the cull chickens that will be on the market as result. In fact, a lot of us may not exactly understand the word 'cull' and the meaning of it when used in connection with poultry. But if you look the word up in the dictionary you'll find it means about the same as choose or select. If a hen is a good layer, with plenty of eggs to her credit she is likely to be thin fleshed because she turns most of her feed into eggs. On the other hand the loafer in the laying flock turns most of her feed into meat it makes her nice and plump for the dinner table, but no good in the flock. The good poultryman knows exactly which ones to send to market as giving the least return for the grain they eat, and marketable plumpness is one of the good guides.

As a matter of fact, the poultry husbandmen say, culling the poultry flock has been a good management practice for years.

So don't worry if you get a good "cull" hen for the table... she probable ate too much for her own good, but makes good eating for you.

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For sale: 1947 two and one half ton Dodge Truck. Thirty two foot American Semi-trailer bought Nov. 1946. Stock Racks and grain sides all good. Telephone 55, Box 212 — 5-2t-P

FOUND, pair of horn rimmed glasses, on street. See at Reporter office.

TREES, buy now or place your order for trees, shrubs, evergreens. See J. H. Nichols. 5-5tc

FOR RENT: Bed room for rent, to man only. See Mrs. Smith at Womble Hardware. No 5 C

FOR SALE, building and good used building material: 20 x 30 to 20 x 50 surplus army barracks, from Dalhart AAF, delivered intact. Also demension lumber; sheathing; excellent oak flooring; asphalt shingles; steam booster pumps; new gas and warm morning coal stoves; large coal furnace. See Walt Habiger, during day at Dalhart AAF; at night, DeSoto hotel, 5-2tc

FOR SALE, New cold storage plant for sale to be moved or dismantled. Suitable for locker plant. See Walter Habiger during day at Dalhart AAF or nights at Desoto Hotel. 5-2tc

Mrs W. J. Miller, Mrs J. H. Buchanan, Helen and Zack B. Fisher were New Years dinner guests in the home of Mr and Mrs Wilson Buchanan.

Membership Drive For VFW

Comander Curtis Jones of the Hansford VFW announces a membership drive this week that certainly will prove attractive and profitable to at least four members of the organization.

Jones and officials of the VFW organization are anxious to get a complete membership of all eligible ex service men in this area. The VFW is offering a first prize of $50.00 for the member who brings in the most renewal and new members to the organization. A second prize of $25.00 is offered to the member placing second in the drive. Third place will receive a prize of $15.00 and fourth place will gain a prize of $10.00

Contestants must turn in 3 or more old members or new members in order to qualify for the contest. As soon as dues are paid it enables a member to begin soliciting membership in the 1948 drive.

Contest starts January 1 and will close the night of February 10th at the regular meeting of the VFW.

For any further information get in touch with Comander Curtis Jones or Service officer John Lee.

FUL-O-PEP CHICKS, Quaker Oats cubes for failing wheat pasture. We have a car on track containing Egg Mash pellets, starting mash, treated Ful-O-pep litter and that famous Ful-O-pep Fine Chick Scratch. Let us have your order now for Ful-O-Pep chicks. See display ad in this same issue.
R. L. Porter Grain and Seed Co.

NOTICE FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Trustees of the First Baptist Church, Spearman, will accept sealed bids for the sale of lots One (1) and Two (2) Block Fifty-one (51) Original Town, Spearman, Texas, and appurtenances, EXCEPTING however the two room frame building now located on said property:

All bids will be received at the County Clerks office until 12 o'clock noon February 2, 1948. The right to receive or reject any or all bids is reserved to the owners.

First Baptist Church, Spearman Texas.

CLASSIFIED ADDS

Notice, classified display advertising and news columns close at noon every Tuesday. Please arrange for advertising early, also bring in your news items promptly.

Sale

1764 acres on Sherman and Dallam county line, 10 miles N. W. of Etter, all in one block. 1280 in wheat, balance in row crop. Some improvements. In a proven gas area. All under oil and gas lease. Seven eighths of Minerals. $47.50 per acre. Frank Painter, Sunray, Texas. 2t- C - No. 5

FOR SALE: Comparatively new modern four room residence on pavement. Priced very reasonable. See Noel Womble at the Womble Hardware Company.

MARTIN BALKS TAX CUT. . . . All hope for passage of an income tax reduction bill during the special session of congress died when Rep. Harold Knutson (Rep., Minn.), left, conceded defeat after Speaker of the House Joseph W. Martin (Rep., Mass.) opposed presenting the bill at this time.

INCOME TAX SERVICE

I am in a position to take on a limited number of clients for preparing records and making income tax returns for 1947. I feel that I have made a careful study of the rules and regulations governing income taxes, and can give competent service to those who employ me. My experience of a lifetime has been in the accounting department, and I feel that I can give the same service as certified accountants.

E. N. Richardson

At Spearman National Farm Loan Office

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Careful and experienced moving. Special care given your furniture. Plenty of storage space.
BRUCE AND SON, Transfer and Storage, 227 N. Harvey, Pampa, Texas, Phone 192 No. 21 rtn

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We are in a position to provide the best in memorial stone and coping, and grave covers.
J. H. NICHOLS

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The Joseph W. Jones Ranch is posted. Absolutely no fishing, no hunting, no trespassing.
Gwenfred Lackey. 2-rnt

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"World Varieties" Smash Hit in 1947

Atom, U. N., Flying Disks, 'Hamlet' Fill Passing Year

By BAUKHAGE
News Analyst and Commentator.

FLORIDA, 1947-1948.—The last pink blush of the setting sun has faded from the Indian river. The palm fronds are quiet and only the plaintive peep of the last wakeful bird can be heard over the whisper of the waters.

A year has begun, but only the baby owlets realize that something is different. Life has begun for their generation as it begins each winter almost precisely at this day and hour.

I'm looking through my diary.

New Year's Day — Little news, but down the street the church bells ring and for some reason I go to the bookcase and pick up "Pilgrim's Progress." Weave a long quotation into my broadcast and very glad I did—so many people liked it. Back through heavy snow to dinner.

January 6 — Here is a red card with the seal of the United States on it: "House of Representatives, admit bearer to Radio Gallery." A new, Republican - dominated congress, the first in 14 years. The new "ins" riding high. The "outs" pretty gloomy. The Gallup poll showed Truman at his low point. (The crowd to hear the President's message is no bigger than the one which jammed the senate to see Senator Bilbo barred.) Cowboy Glen Taylor of Idaho, however, stole the Republican show. A difficult broadcast. It looks strange, indeed, to see Joe Martin and Senator Vandenberg sitting there presiding with Truman below them at the speaker's desk.

Baukhage

January 7 — Had a birthday but didn't record anything. It couldn't have been important.

January 16 — Press conference at the Polish embassy. (What a change since I broadcast from the drawing room in the days when Hitler began to show his claws.) Now the Soviets have what Hitler took. Nobody believed a word of what the charge d'affaire said as he insisted on the purity of the government's pre-election activities.

Invited to tea for Otto (Hapsburg) of Austria. Couldn't make it. (How are the mighty fallen.)

January 30 — Broadcast from Roosevelt's bedroom at Hyde Park. Just as he left it. Bedroom slippers, dressing gown, the last magazines that he looked at before he left for Warm Springs, Fala's dog biscuit.

January 31 — Broadcast from Poughkeepsie. It's centenary of Smith Brothers' cough drops — all the employees wearing beards.

February 7—Palestine is boiling.

February 15 — Took Elizabeth (godchild) through White House.

February 19 — Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Palmer (pastor of my parents' church, First Presbyterian of Lockport, N. Y.) called.

February 20 — Heaviest snowfall of year begins. Attlee announces India to be freed.

February 27 — Baby senators' dinner. Commentators as "pitchers" grill freshmen senators "up to bat" at Press club. I had Flanders of Vermont, McCarthy of Wisconsin and Robertson of Virginia.

March 12—Broadcast from house radio gallery again. President's message on aid for Greece and Turkey. Announces "Truman doctrine." Presidential party departs in Sacred Cow. Nat (Nathaniel Peffer, professor of foreign affairs, Columbia university) addresses forum: "Get out of China—Chiang is a crook."

Late in March—A southern journey. Daytona Beach, Pensacola, filled with vague memories of my grandmother's stories of her pre-Civil war days here. Lunch aboard the carrier Saipan. Birmingham, Anniston — southern hospitality and sympathetic audiences.

April 9 — Back in Washington. Saw Maurice Evans in "Hamlet." Very modern. Gravediggers' scene omitted, Ophelia finds her flowers pressed in a book. However, I liked it.

April 28 — Farmers don't hate daylight savings time any more than I do. Washington on regular time, we get up an hour earlier. As hard for me as it is for a cow to change habits.

April 29 — Poor Richard club of Philadelphia gives me their "citation of merit." Had a very jolly luncheon. Wally sits next to me (Wallgren, cartoonist of the Stars and Stripes). Later the United Businessmen's association gave me a public service shield.

May Day — Mexico's President Aleman addresses joint session of congress. Later we meet him for cocktails and an interview at the decorous Blair house, state department's guest residence for VIPs. Terrific crowd, heat, the poor President nearly pushed into the garden. "Viva Mexico, viva Estado Unidos!"

May 16 — Called on Dr. Loudon, Netherlands ambassador. He tells me he is leaving. It's not often you establish pleasant friendships with officials whom you may know very well professionally and socially. Dr. Loudon was an exception. Hate to see him go.

May 20—Boys back from foreign ministers' conference in Moscow. Baltimore Sun's Paul Ward and Washington Post's Ferdinand Kuhn addressed the overseas writers off-the-record. What they said confirmed other off-the-record conferences with high officials. Not much hope for Russian-American amity.

Couldn't Get Maple Sugar

May 21 — Hear violent argument "Vermont maple sugar is better than Ohio maple sugar. . . ." Affirmative: Presidential Secretary William Hassett of Vermont. Negative: Dr. Louis Tuckerman, bureau of standards, nuclear physicist of Ohio. Later broadcast my willingness to judge if given samples.

June 5 — Secretary of State Marshall, at Harvard, outlines ideas on European recovery.

June 11 — Dinner and forum. Dr. Chisholm, Canadian minister of health, gave a splendid talk. He believes it will take a lot of education to change human beings from "the kind of people who go to war every 25 years." Still no samples.

July 8 — The air is full of flying saucers. So are the airwaves and the newspapers. Typical mass illusion.

July 25 — Off for a week in New York state and Vermont. Showed my wife scenes of my hiking days. Climbed Mount Mansfield again (on a ski lift). (Maple syrup, $10 a gallon.)

August 2 — Back to tropical Washington. Re-stocked office aquarium with guppies, black mollies, zebras, angel-fish and jumbo snails.

August 11—Preview of film "The Roosevelt Story." Good historical documentary, but commentary quite out of tune, for those who lived through most of it.

August 19 — Tragedy — angel-fish succumbs and is eaten almost alive by the predatory, if sanitary, snails.

August 20 — Bill Benton, director of state department's "Voice of America" program, calls us in for criticism. He has a rather impressive factual report on its effectiveness.

September 16 — Back in the ABC broadcasting booth at the United Nations in Flushing, N. Y., to watch the general assembly re-convene. Too busy to make any diary entries from now on.

September 27 — Returning to Washington. Progress at the assembly seems to be caught in the "njets," but there is a will to peace there which will hold the organization together to the last ditch.

October 14 — Interview with Stassen.

In huddle with state department's second-level experts. Marshall plan by no means ready. Paid for my own lunch.

October 28 — Folks in Upper Darby, Pa., seem less interested in the '48 presidential campaign than in the international situation.

November 10 — Folks in Oak Park, Ill., seem more interested in the '48 presidential campaign than in the international situation.

November 16—MC'd "Decade of Destiny" program on Richmond News Leader's WRNL station for their 10th anniversary. Smithfield ham and more Virginia hospitality.

November 17 — Extra session of congress opens. President's European aid and domestic anti-inflation message received with polite but restrained enthusiasm by the majority party.

Delivered a learned discourse: "Journalism: Its Cause and Cure."

December 7 — Television interview with Senator Flanders of Vermont and Senator Lucas of Illinois on inflation. We didn't do much to bring down prices, but our temperatures rose slightly under the kliegs.

December 12—Off to Florida.

BOTTLE BABIES . . . Porkey and Jacob Werner of Baltimore, Md., must drink 17 gallons of water a day between them in order to go on living. They are victims of a rare kidney ailment that brings about body dehydration. Seventeen gallons of water weighs about 142 pounds; combined weight of the children is 54 pounds.

NEWS REVIEW

Panama Bases Denied; List Grain Speculators

Unanimous rejection by Panama's national assembly of a treaty which would have given the U. S. the right to lease and man 14 military and airfield sites to defend the Panama canal not only precipitated a diplomatic disaster but also left this nation in the position of a fighter without a left hand to guard his jaw.

The action, strongly opposed by Panama's President Jiminez, left the U. S. with just one alternative—to pull out—since commitments had been given that no American troops would remain in Panamanian territory without sanction of an authorized treaty.

Military officials later announced that the withdrawal of some 2,000 U. S. soldiers from the 14 bases surrounding the canal would be begun immediately. That meant, probably, that the troops would be pulled into the canal zone proper, which the U. S. leases from Panama.

This was, by all odds, the most crucial issue to arise in U. S.-Panama relations since this country purchased the canal from France in 1904. And it was aggravated by the fact that the inability to man defense bases around the canal left this most vital point in American military security dangerously exposed.

Rep. Albert Engel (Rep., Mich.), chairman of the house appropriations subcommittee on defense, stated his belief that the national assembly's 51 to 0 vote against the treaty was influenced at least in part by the Communist movement in Panama; and he suggested that the U. S. build a new Atlantic-Pacific canal outside Panama if that nation continued to refuse use of bases.

There did not appear to be much chance of further negotiations, however; the assembly's rejection of the pact probably closed the door on that course. Some officials were speculating on whether the problem might not wind up in the lap of the United Nations for solution.

SERIAL: *Grain Opera*

Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson, at the behest of the senate appropriations committee investigating commodity speculation on the part of government officials, came through with the first installment of the "names" he had promised to name.

There were 711 of them — big traders in grain and other commodities. But except for the name of the man who precipitated the investigation, Edwin W. Pauley, presidential advisor and special assistant

ANDERSON'S LIST

to Army Secretary Kenneth Royall, there were no spectacular disclosures on the list.

While there is no law against speculation, the current investigations ordered by congress stem from reports that government officials have profited from "inside" information on government commodity buying plans.

Anderson's 711-name list was the first installment in a series which the agriculture secretary will forward to the senate appropriations committee, simultaneously making each list public. An estimated 14,000 names are available for such listing.

Meanwhile the senate appropriations committee, as well as a house committee, were ready to start sifting the rolls for possible irregularities and especially for leaks of inside information.

WARNING: *On Prices*

The President's council of economic advisers, an astute group that sometimes functions as Mr Truman's conscience, has warned that the U. S. must return to "real price competition" if the present boom period is not to collapse into a shapeless economic mess.

In its annual report the council sharply criticized "monopolistic practices" and declared also that:

"Many industrial prices must come down at least in relation to other prices and many rates of profit must subside while reasonable profitability is established in other areas."

The report surmised that the present era of prosperity was "abnormal" because of such factors as heavy exports, short crops and great military expenditures. To remedy the situation the council offered these recommendations:

1. Elimination of deliberate curtailment of output as practiced by some labor organizations.

2. Discontinuance of the practice of big business of hampering the development of new, small businesses.

3. Development of natural resources and increase in the industrial facilities of the nation.

Search for Researchers

One of the adverse factors developing to hamper the nation's post war program of scientific progress is a critical scarcity of scientists in certain branches of military research, government officials have revealed.

They discount, however, statements that an aversion on the part of scientists to working on death-dealing weapons is the primary cause of the shortage.

Economic factors and a scholar's normal desire for complete freedom in study, rather than any anti-military philosophy, keep many of them away from government work, officials of the military and the atomic energy commission observed.

Greatest shortage is in certain key personnel, it was disclosed. The need was stressed for scientist-administrators who are capable of organizing and directing large research projects of the type the government is sponsoring. Long-range planning is being directed at correcting the situation.

WHAT CAR DO YOU LIKE?

'48 Auto Is Child of Evolution

That sleek, snake-hipped automotive beauty that you probably are on a waiting list for is a shiny example of the "survival of the fittest" principle operating in the industrial world.

It is the evolutionary descendant of 2,200 different makes of cars which have appeared on the market in this country alone during the 55 years since the first gasoline-powered automobile drilled down the pike.

Of those 2,200 different manufacturers who introduced their products into the American scene, only 21 today continue in actual production of passenger cars in the U. S. Nevertheless, this year's models owe much to these enterprising manufacturers who failed to survive. Many of them, in the true evolutionary spirit, added something new that was incorporated into the cars we drive today.

High on the list of major engineering contributions by companies no longer in production, according to the Automobile Manufacturers association's data, is the steering column control introduced by Pierce in 1904.

Brush brought out a car in 1907 with coil springs, and in 1909 Hupmobile caught automotive engineers by surprise with its single unit power plant — engine, clutch and transmission.

The center gear shift control by King in 1910 caused a sensation unequalled in the motoring public's eye until Pierce-Arrow put headlights in the fenders in 1914. And the Dusenberg's four-wheel hydraulic brakes of 1920 were little short of revolutionary.

When Eddie Rickenbacker brought out the Rickenbacker car in 1922 he added the aircleaner to automotive equipment. The Franklin contributed the covered running board to the automobilist with the "Pirate Phaeton" in 1933.

Although all of these companies have disappeared from the field, the engineering discoveries they sponsored live on after them, and some of the refinements offered today are based upon improvements which were displayed in bold type in catalogues published around the turn of the century.

BARBS . . . by Baukhage

President Truman has sounded a little hoarse at his recent news conferences. Probably from saying, "Good evening, Mr. Whosis," some 2,000 times an evening on state reception nights [illegible] White House.

There ar[illegible] shallow wits wit[illegible] who [illegible] turtle to [illegible]

In the diplomatic world, as with our feathered friends, the female of the species is far outshone by the gold encrusted, scarlet-besashed, plume-bedecked male.

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If Romania's King Mihai marries his Princess Anne, they'll be (if they last) the first king and queen of a Communist kingdom (God save the king).

SPEED: *Supersonic*

An American rocket-powered plane has travelled 700 miles an hour to exceed the speed of sound for the first time in history of aviation.

According to an article in the magazine Aviation Week the plane, designated the XS-1, was flown at supersonic speeds five times last November at the Muroc, Calif. flight test base.

Champion Digger

British mine officials have announced that 27-year-old William "Slogger" Williams established a new world record by digging 188 long tons (421,120 pounds) of coal by hand in five shifts of seven and a half hours during a single work week.

Colliery officials at Treharris, Wales, estimated that Williams earned about seven pounds ($28) for each industrious shift.

THE HOME TOWN REPORTER IN WASHINGTON
WALTER SHEAD, WNU Correspondent

Old Guard Rebels

DAPPER, smiling and wavy-haired Charles Halleck of Indiana, Republican majority leader in the house of representatives, suffered two major defeats as some of the faithful in the ranks of the Old Guard rebelled at his leadership in closing days of the special session.

Halleck first led an onslaught to slash some 100 million dollars from the emergency aid to Europe bill when that measure was up for consideration, and was defeated. Then he sought to ram through, under suspension of the rules, a fiddle-faddle inflation control bill which was so ostensibly a political and not an economic measure that his own party turned him down and he again was defeated.

Halleck

The 26 Republican votes which with a solid Democratic vote defeated the measure, came almost unanimously from the farm bloc led by Congressman Clifford Hope of Kansas, chairman of the house agricultural committee.

From a political standpoint the two rebellions at his leadership are all the more significant since Congressman Halleck is chairman of the Republican congressional campaign committee and also served in that capacity during the 1946 campaign.

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The fish and wildlife service of the department of interior, with one eye to its own aggrandizement and the other on the high price of meat, is conducting a campaign urging folks to eat fish instead. Trouble is, except for the less desirable varieties, fish costs as much as meat if bought at the retail markets.

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Cruise 'Em Gentle

Democrats guffawed and Republicans snickered when laconic Congressman Harold D. Cooley of North Carolina, in a burst of humor, made satire of a dinner in New York attended by the "foremost 50" leading business men, who were addressed by Gov. Tom Dewey as fellow victims of the New Deal."

After painting a vivid picture of the sufferings" of the "foremost 50," Congressman Cooley quoted their salary figures, which ran to $3,840,000 a year.

"I figured that would buy a lot of medicine to ease the pain of being a victim of the New Deal," Congressman Cooley said, "and, in fact, if I were all cruised up from being a so-called victim of the New Deal, I could think of no better cure than massaging my cruises with 100,000 nice crisp new $1 bills every year."

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High on the agenda for the second session of the 80th congress, which convened January 6, will be several national health bills involving appropriations estimated as high as 300 million dollars per year. The nation's health is involved in the solution of production and labor problems. Health officials estimate six times more man hours are lost through sickness than through strikes or lockouts.

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Reasons for Alarm

There is little question but that the politicians in both parties are frightened over the continued upward climb of living costs. While some of the more enlightened are afraid because of the effect it will have on living standards of the people, a great many are more interested in the effect it will have on votes in the 1948 elections.

There is everything to indicate that both prices and wages will continue to rise, yet nothing basic has been done by congress to head off the inevitable result.

If big business would not listen to pleas from President Truman to voluntarily allocate materials and reduce prices, there is no reason to believe it will listen to congress. Hence thinking here is that mandatory controls eventually will be necessary.

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Big Question Mark

General Eisenhower can't "hole-up" much longer. He, as the saying goes, must fish or cut bait — and say whether he'll run or not. One woman politician questioned whether or not the five-star general would maintain his glamour once he doffed his uniform and brass and started to answer questions about political and economic questions of the day. At any rate, he is now the big question mark in the national political arena.

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Miscellaneous Memos

Shortest speech on record in the house of representatives was made recently by Rep. Frank A. Matthews Jr. (Rep., N. J.). Matthews asked for and received permission to address the house for 30 seconds. He said: "What this world needs is fewer plans and better principles."

Rumor around the Pentagon is that Gen. Carl Spaatz may retire as chief of army air forces in February. Lt. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg is slated as his successor.

As Pegler Sees It

By Westbrook Pegler
Released by WNU Features.

The Causes of Inflation

WASHINGTON. — Some of our union heads like to recall a terrible time when a bloke worked six days for $12 and maybe less. That was a low-down living, but as good as many a man can buy his family on his take-home pay today.

A suit of clothes for a man or a grown boy cost $15 and $2.50 was the average price for shoes. Every neighborhood had a cobbler; half-soles, 50 cents.

In winter, only the rich had green vegetables, and they were hot-house stuff because Florida was a wilderness. The diet of the little people, as Mrs. Roosevelt still calls us of the inferior orders, must have been very bad from the standpoint of a modern case - worker. But the $12 boys turned out a robust lot and we had no rickets in our neighborhood either. Bread and butter, beef, milk, bacon and eggs and the cellar vegetables saw us through the winters. Rent was proportionate.

The old man brought home his pay, if the loan shark didn't catch him or he didn't fall in with evil companions, and the wife and mother nickeled it out and kept up the installments on the sewing machine.

We fear inflations with awe, as we fear the great pranks of nature. The bearded elders rumble and we fling our arms around their shanks and try to get reassured. In our country, down to now, our money always has come back, but we who respected the 20-cent franc and later got francs for two or three cents know there is nothing in nature to forbid that here.

CURE IS IMPOSSIBLE

Sometimes in life it is possible to cure a situation by undoing the acts that caused it.

Our inflation was caused by Roosevelt's ignorance and his brash flippancy, and we can't undo that.

His only idea was to print money and put it in the people's pockets. He poured it out and the debt went up and up and still the people had little more than they had had before, and that little, counterfeit.

Tom Dewey said, over and over, in 1944 that Roosevelt couldn't get the people back to work until, in reality, the government hired them to work for private contractors in the war effort.

"In heaven's name," Dewey used to holler, "do we have to have a war to get jobs for our people?"

He kept insisting that Roosevelt's only solution was to send the boys out to die and to pay the people at home blood-money to manufacture their weapons.

ASTRONOMICAL SPENDING.

In all those years, the great Mountebank had done nothing but putter and trifle and now we were going over the falls in a barrel. We were going to spend so much that no arithmetician, economist or even astrologer could pretend to foresee any redemption.

A thousand billion dollars! A thousand, thousand, thousand, thousand dollars of debt. That is a hopeless figure. We never will return to the kind of financial system that we had when we got Roosevelt.

Inflation only means that the dollar isn't worth a dollar. It is worth about a quarter, according to my goose-bone psychological and economic tests. Meanwhile, if we retire any debt, we are retiring it in two-bit dollars.

There is nothing that we can undo there.

INEXCUSABLE SPENDING.

Then, with the war-boom coming, Roosevelt refused to rescind the 40-hour week. This decision cost us billions absolutely without excuse. It was a favor to the union bosses of his own political machine. It was a terrible thing to do. It meant that millions of war-workers got premium pay of 50 per cent, 100 per cent or even more, not for overtime worked as boss-driven slaves, but as sheer graft. They got an outright gift of $25 a week, or more, or a little less sometimes, from the government through the medium of war contracts, through a dozen thieving tricks worked out by union bosses in connivance with the war labor board and contractors.

The contractors didn't mind. Mind? They loved it. It ran up their profits, based on a percentage of the costs. The more the workers were allowed to graft, the more the contractors made.

Hundreds of thousands refused to work Mondays or Tuesdays unless they were guaranteed work for Saturdays and Sundays. The work done on overtime days and on overtime hours at night was worth no more than any other work. It was a raw racket and the people who squandered this ill-gotten loot on brass jewelry will deserve any hardship that is put upon them by the inflation.

That can't be undone.

LOSS OF PRODUCTION

Then Philip Murray's steel-workers struck for a month in the winter of 1946 and we lost production in hundreds of things that never will be made up as long as we live. It was lost at a terribly critical time.

That called for other raises for people who had to pay the higher price of steel products.

All this was inflation, due to shortage, due to non-production, due to union stupidity. And all those people lost all those millions in wages and used up their war bonds to live

None of this can ever be undone.

Gems of Thought

SOME people are always grumbling because roses have thorns. I am thankful that thorns have roses.—Alphonse Karr.

You are pretty—we know it; and young—it's true; and rich—who can deny it? But when you praise yourself extravagantly, Fabula, you appear neither rich, nor pretty, nor young.—Martial.

THE FICTION CORNER

'Biff' Tells a Love Story

By Gene Brockhaven

PICKING his way slowly through the massed humanity crowding toward the exits, Matt Walsh, sports writer, pondered the sensational ending of the ring battle he had just witnessed. He was blase about quick knockouts; he had seen many of them and undoubtedly would see many more. But he still thrilled to the brilliant — if boxing skill could be called that — and masterful job turned in by Spot Mathers.

Well, here was a new champion and Walsh felt he should know more about the boy. Something of his personal life.

It was after midnight when he reached the hotel at which the new champion and his entourage were stopping. At the door of the Mathers' suite he was halted by a blast of noise—the victory celebration. The big living room was a bedlam. Walsh glanced about the room but saw no sign of Mathers. He sought out the boy's manager, Pete Miley, busy in the role of lavish host.

"Mathers? Just went down the hall to room 1117," Miley answered his question. "Go on down and see him."

Walsh did. The door was slightly ajar. He tapped lightly, waited, then tapped again. When there was no response he opened the door and peered in. He stepped back, closing the door softly. Mmm-m, that tableau was something unexpected and unusual on victory night in the fight racket. Young Mathers, his arm around a dark-haired girl — a sleeping baby tucked in carefully between pillows at the head of the bed. This was no time to break in for an interview, so Walsh returned to the other room. He managed there to corral Biff Jones, old-timer in the ring business and Mathers' trainer.

"Biff," said Walsh, "how about no one[illegible] on the new champion? the tree about that gal and baby forward to[illegible]? Let's go some place prove a lot [illegible] talk." gram. It would[illegible]'s slowing down if we kept the s[illegible] mas alive[illegible] throughhe hotel grill And certainly it wo[illegible]he corner of thing, if that cou[illegible] throughout the world. [illegible] Mathers.

" 'So, you're a fighter, eh?' Pete says.

" 'Yeah, and good one,' says the kid. . . ."

"Come on, Biff, get on with it," interrupted Walsh impatiently.

"As I was sayin'," Biff continued, "the kid says, 'I gotta get a fight right away. We gotta eat.'

"Pete says, 'We, who's we?'

" 'Me and Sally,' the kid says, and goes on talkin' about him and his wife comin' up to New York to pick up some of the big fightin' sugar they been readin' about. They come up in a old jalopy, the kid says, and now the dough's run out. Pete says to the kid what's his full name and the kid says, without battin' a eye, 'Spottingham T. Mathers,' and looks at the both of us like darin' us to laugh. Pete kinda grins but he aint laughin' out loud. I could see Pete's takin' a likin' to the kid and soon he hands him a finif.

"Pete tells the kid to go out and buy him and Sally a big steak and to come around tomorrow with his fightin' togs and he'll see what the kid's got. I go to the gym with them next day and Pete sticks the kid in there with a old warhorse named Batalia. The kid, considerin' he ain't been eatin' so good, does okay and Pete holds him.

"We get our first peek at Sally when Pete moves her and the kid over to Pete's hotel. Pete tells the kid to go to the gym a few days and for me to work with him.

"Well, as I says, we get our first peek at Sally, and boy, she's some-[illegible]. She ain't got only looks but for [illegible]got somethin' else I don't write [illegible]t. Anyways, I go for Sally schauffer[illegible] get me wrong, mister, Mr and Mr[illegible]s is long gone — Billy. Billy [illegible] Well, them two and was sufferi[illegible]gain with Pete from an abcess. It [illegible] coupla hot to take him to the [illegible] the sun. [illegible] treatment. They had [illegible] a four- and he was resting com[illegible] quick and would be there only a [illegible]er a time. We also heard that M[illegible] it. G Garrett was there, but [illegible] failed to see her, and we don[illegible] know how she got there.

Big Jim Cator had a birthday last Sunday, January 11th. Mrs. Cator baked him a big birthday cake. We have no report on it, but we expect that the natives who lived down on the creek, helped him eat it. We know his wife did, because she had a special reason for looking forward to this celebration.

Basket-ball is still news over here. Borger invaded Gruer last week. You already have read the figures. But figures alone do not tell the tale. We took a licking, and I mean a licking. The "B" team did not have a look in. The final score was Gruver 23 and Borger 63. They beat us by a mere 40 points. Bobby Fletcher was the hero of the game, but it was too much even for him. Then the "A" boys started in. For a time it looked as though we had a chance, we actually got five points ahead, then the steam roller began to roll, and we wound up 8 points behind. Not too bad at that. But the girls saved our vanity. They played a return game with the Texhoma girls. Gruer began to roll until they were 28 points ahead at the half. Mr Spivey could have left his first string in and rolled up a great score, but our coaches don't do that. We sometimes wish they would. But the 2nd string went in, and they held their own with a final win of 49 to 25. Last Thursday our boys went down to Cloude as the defending champions. Unfortunately the line up was a little different from last year. We lost out to Panhandle the first game. Then went on to win two consilation games, and then met Dimmitt and down to defeat we went. Even though Dimmitt had to be content with consolation, many of those at the games thought that Dimmitt was the best team there.

There are two monthly meetings held in Gruver of interest to men that are of great value to the community. The men's fellowship of the Methodist Church, and the Men's Brotherhood of the Baptist Church. Both groups want it made known that all men are more welcome to these meetings. Last Monday the Methodist held their meeting with Dr. Peinan of the Borger Lutheran Church as guest speaker, and Lloyd Frier as their special guest Dick Goodall was chief cook. The Baptist Men's Brotherhood will meet next Monday with Gay Fletcher and others in charge of the program.

Next Sunday night at the Gruver Batpist Church Dr. A J Quinn who is the Baptist Dist. Missionary for District 10 will be the speaker. Dr. Quinn was formerly pastor at Dalhart. He is a fine preacher, and one you will enjoy hearing. Make your plans now to att nd the Baptist church next Sunday nite at 8:00 P M.

We are not quite thro[illegible] turkey dinners yet. Tuesd[illegible]e some thirty or more stockh[illegible]rs of the Gruver State Bank [illegible]et for the Annual Stockhol[illegible]rs Banquet. The WSCS of [illegible]e Gruver Methodist Church under the leadership of the president Mrs Arthur Evans prepared and served the meal. A big turkey was the center of interest, surrounded by all traditional trimmings. The following guests were present. Mr and Mrs Coy Holt, Mr and Mrs Gay Fletcher, Mr and Mrs A R Bort, Mr and Mrs P H Westerfield, Mr and Mrs A R Henderson, Mr and Mrs W D F Etling, Mr and Mrs J C Harris, Mr and Mrs D G Cluck, Mr and Mrs S R Cluck, Mr and Mrs Gordon Stedge, Mr and Mrs James Stedge, Mr and Mrs C H Winder Mr and Mrs A L Thoreson, Mr and Mrs Guy Cooper, Mrs Gertrude Ogle, Mr R L Thom, L H Gruver, and J H Gruver. One of the following gentlemen served as toastmaster; Gay Fletcher, A R Bort or J C Harris. We understand that all three were competeing for the job.

This is election year. We trust that everyone will secure their Poll Tax Receipt, and then give some very serious thought as to whom they vote for. Tremendous issues are involved in this years election. The United States is very definitely in the middle of world affairs. Whatever happens in the rest of the world will profoundly affect everyone of us right here in Hansford County.

When we finish writing one of these columns we always wonder if we will find anything for the next week. A little cooperation on the part of the readers would help the writer.

We want to congratulate Ted McClellan on the swell job of cleaning up his part of town. It is spick and span. We were pleased to see that Leland Weber late of Gruver, also removed that old burned barn. We still have too many trucks cluttering up the scenery, but we guess that cannot be helped much. But we do have a nice little city, why not make it, and keep it beautiful?

There has been quite a lot of sickness in this part of the county. Most of it not so serious, but rather seasonal in its nature. But there are one or two serious cases. Mrs J H Cooper is very ill with pneumonia in the Shattuck Hospital. She had been ill several days. Last Saturday she was taken to Shattuck in an ambulance. Much of the time she has been under an oxygen tent. We understand that she is showing some improvement.

The youngest child of Mr and Mrs Ned Turner is also ill. Some time ago he had an attack of Strep Throat, but seemingly he made a good recovery, then he was stricken again. He was kept in an Amarillo Hospital, and for some time the doctors seemingly were not sure of the nature of his trouble. He was kept under an oxygen tent constantly at first. We understand that he is beginning to get better. He can spend most of his time out of the tent now. We trust that both Mrs Cooper and the Turner child will soon be completely well. Sickness is hard not only on the patient, but on the loved ones of those sick.

Mrs Ted McClellan, and her two children accompanied by Miss Gloria Hughes spent last

Young Mathers, his arm around a dark-haired girl—a sleeping baby tucked in carefully between pillows at the head of the bed.

little while sick and you're good as new again. But that Sally can take it, she's no plater, and she keeps smilin'."

Biff reached for his glass.

"Well," he resumed, "the kid starts going around with a show gal. I talk to him.

" 'Listen, knob-ears,' he says, 'you're keepin' outta this.' He tells me a lot more about him and this show gal gettin' married after he wins the title and gives Sally the air.

"NEXT day I tell Pete all and we head over for the gym where Spot's workin' out. Pete quizzes him and all he gets for his trouble is abuse.

"I go around to see Sally next day to see if she knows anythin' about this marriage business. I poke around kinda subtle like and then quiz her if she's heard anything about Spot and this show gal. Well, she starts cryin' and I feel like a four-star dope. I don't know what to do and just stand there sayin', 'there, there,' like I heard a mother once with a cryin' baby. It don't do much good. Sally keeps cryin' soft like. That kinda cryin' don't need no sound effects, it goes deep. Pretty soon she says she's goin' back home. And she does, leavin' a note for the punk.

"He goes around a coupla days sour-pussed. I don't hear a word from Sally for weeks and I don't think the punk has neither, but Pete [illegible] goin' around with a wise look and [illegible]et a hunch he knows somethin'. [illegible] kid has changed some. He ain't [illegible]rocky no more and he seldom ext[illegible] out at night. One night, just great, we're leavin' for the trainin' strengthere the kid's gonna get [illegible] the final 'limination bout, [illegible] room helpin' him pack.

Drive[illegible] long and the phone first com[illegible] kid's near it and picks trucks. A[illegible] vides livi[illegible] says, 'I ain't here,' and more sp[illegible] Pretty soon comes a

The new [illegible] and dummy me seven inches gr[illegible] there. I figure also more headr[illegible] and I'm right. has been moved f[illegible] kid. 'Honey,' vide better clearanc[illegible]en me lateing and entering. We[illegible]kin'. Then ing has been improv[illegible]see her no hardware is heavier.

A one-piece windshield [illegible] That es increased visibility. The [illegible] and window has been enlarged. O[illegible]es cab improvements include n[illegible] coach - type seats with improved cushions, ash tray, dispatch box, sun visor and a three - way air controlled system.

Scout Leader's Training Course

The Boy Scout Leaders of Gruver, Perryton, and Spearman are to meet in Spearman Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Jan. 15, 16, and 17, 1948 to take part in the Scout Leaders Training Course.

The Scouters will meet at the Hansford County Court House at 7:00 P M and the first nights course will consist of discussions and lectures, and the second night, a film on the Patrol Method, and the third, a film and discussion on program planning.

The training course will be conducted as though the Scouters were Scouts in their own Troop meeting. The Troop will be divided into Patrols and the Patrol Leaders will be Mr. Ralph Headlee of Perryton and Mr A G Grooms of Gruver. The Scoutmaster (instructor) will be Mr. James H. Armstrong, Field Executive, of Perryton.

If any adults not registered in the Scouting program and interested, they are invited to attend.

The Scouters of Spearman are Zack Jaggers, Freeman Barkley, William M Miller, P A Lyon Jr., J E Gunn, Norris Meek

The Scouters of Gruver are: Lawrence Brotherton, Gay Fletcher, A W Evans, Herbert D. Hughes Y K Garrett, A G Groom.

Lucky Farm Boys

School terms average only 168 days in rural areas compared with 182 days in town

Size of Italy

Italy and New Mexico are about the same size.

WITH THE COLUMNISTS

WESTBROOK PEGLER

The People Hold the Power

THE Hollywood Communists and those glamorous ignoramuses who went into that second-act climax on their behalf cannot be blamed for underestimating the powers of a committee of congress to rebuke contempt for the congressional authority.

It has been our custom and our mental habit for so long to ridicule congress that actually the members themselves of the Thomas committee on un-American activities were not sure of their rights and powers. But they are sure now. Their lawyers looked things up and they are on safe ground.

The people of the United States really have unlimited power. Some essayists think the Constitution limits the powers of the people, but they are wrong. The people limit the powers of the Constitution. They made it. They can widen or warp it, as they please.

At present we deny ourselves the protection of a law providing punishment, even up to the death penalty, for membership in the Communist party or collaboration with Communists by non-Communists toward the destruction of our government by force.

There is a superstition that because thus far we have passed no such law, we can't. That is just a superstition. Congress could fix it up tomorrow

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H. I. PHILLIPS

A Matter of Viewpoint

"Other countries suffered. It was quite different in the case of the United States which is not subjected to occupation and, what is more, enriched itself during the war."—Molotov.

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All those G.I.s who suffered, bled and died to draw Hitler from the Russian Bear's throat were just trying to get into the millionaire class, of course.

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WINTER DOMESTICITY
The fireplace test
Of a marriage nice:
She carries the logs,
He gives advice.

An airplane has made the trip from Newark airport to Miami in 2 hours and 56 minutes. You can soon fly up from Miami, have your racing program marked and get back in time for the next race.

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CAN YOU REMEMBER—

When saloons gave away hard-boiled eggs?

When tenants played pinochle with the landlords?

When soapcakes cost less than strawberry shortcakes?

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The situation in Europe is that we have got to give until it hurts because it will hurt more if we do not.

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WALTER SHEAD

Voluntary Control Fails

HERE'S how voluntary agreements on controls work with the patriotic industrialists and business men of the nation. The citizens food committee along with the secretary of agriculture worked out a voluntary plan with distillers to save about four million bushels of grain a month by the simple expedient of not distilling whiskey. Most all whiskey distillers agreed. But one manufacturer of neutral spirits was not covered in the agreement.

So what happened? Whiskey distillers use neutral spirits in blending their whiskies, so this manufacturer of neutral spirits quadrupled his production, doubled his price of neutral spirits and used eight million bushels of grain a month during the entire period of the agreement.

Hence the government lost about four million bushels of grain a month instead of saving it, distillers were forced to pay double the price for neutral spirits and this fellow reaped a harvest at the expense of those who agreed with the government to do the patriotic thing and save grain for starving people in Europe.

When consumer credit controls went off November 1, mail order houses attempted to make a voluntary agreement among themselves to limit credit. All agreed but one. Result — all of them now are competing with one another in offering the lowest credit terms.

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WALTER WINCHELL

Off the Washington Ticker

Insiders tell you another reason the White House can't handle the increasing threat of inflation is that Mr. Truman's right-handers "keep everybody away from him." Which, they add, is why the President doesn't know "what's going on!" Has Barney Baruch ever been "sent for"???

Figure this out yourself: **Under unification the army and AAF will have separate adjutant generals' offices.** Previously **they had one "unified" A.G.O. between 'em.**

The American Labor party, some gazettes think, will split its right and left wings for the '48 campaign. This outfit swings New York state elections. Insiders tell you that the ALP will not split, but will stick together to beat Mr. Truman. They want "a more liberal Democrat." . . . The one person John Edgar Hoover would like to meet and know is his favorite comedian, James Durante.

Newspapers should read page 244 of an opinion by Judge W. Leach, presiding justice of the court of common pleas of Lackawanna county, Scranton, Pa. It is the first instance of a court taking judicial notice of the fact "that the Soviet power is an enemy of the U. S. and those who adhere to it give aid and comfort to the enemy of the U. S."

A huge chunk of the St. Louis Cardinals' purchase coin allegedly was minted in the grain market, too. . . . Sec'y of State Marshall tells intimates that if Eisenhower runs for the presidency, he will "take the stump against him."

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DREW PEARSON

Uncle Sam as a Banker

MOVIE magnates and publishing houses have hatched a new plan which may make Uncle Sam even more of a banker than he is today.

At present, Europeans buy foreign-language editions of magazines and translations of American books. They also are flocking to theaters to see Hollywood movies.

But because they have little to export to this country in return for [illegible] S. food and goods, they do not have the dollars to pay the movie [illegible]oducers and the magazine publishers.

Result: Millions of dollars in foreign currencies are accumulat-[illegible]g in the capitals of Europe to the credit of these American busi-[illegible]ss firms. Some day they may be converted into dollars, but [illegible]body knows when.

HA[illegible]e companies long have depended upon their foreign sales to keep [illegible]m out of the red, thus are in serious difficulties with revenue [illegible]gn sales frozen abroad.

[illegible]ore, movie czar Eric Johnston now proposes that employes of [illegible]formation service abroad be paid in currency of the foreign na-[illegible]culating to the account of publishers and movie companies. In [illegible] U. S. treasury would pay off the home offices in good green [illegible]

[illegible] of congress who have been approached generally approve [illegible] also see a possibility of extending it to use blocked funds [illegible]penses of government personnel abroad, who administer th[illegible]

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[illegible] PATTERSON

[illegible]eed Holiday Celebration

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[illegible] you will begin rec-[illegible]ing this regional daily paper [illegible] once.

LYRIC TH[illegible]
Spearman, T[illegible]

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GRASSROOTS by WRIGHT A. PATTERSON

Released by WNU Features.

No Distribution of Wealth

Theorists sent to Japan by Washington have been attempting to distribute the wealth of that subjugated country. Their purpose has been to take from the "haves" and give to the "have nots." Such efforts have made it impossible for Japan to again become a self-supporting and producing nation, and the American taxpayers are paying and will continue to pay the bill.

England and other European countries are attempting similar programs, and we must feed them or they starve. The same thing is being agitated by the socialistic theorists of our own country, without, I believe, much real consideration of results.

Dollars represent but a small percentage of the wealth of the nation.

The value of United States Steel company is not represented by dollars in its vaults or the bank, but by buildings, furnaces, machines, boats, mines, materials and many other things. Those things are owned today by hundreds of thousands of American people, the stockholders, who have put their dollars together to build and maintain an industry. If a socialistic government were in control, it might confiscate that industry for the purpose of dividing its wealth among the "have nots," or the hundreds of thousands of employees.

It is wealth, not just dollars, that would be divided. To one might go a piece of a machine, to another a few bricks from a building, another might get the rudder of a ship. No one would have anything which, in any way, could be put to productive use. The government would have taken from the "haves" and given to the "have nots," who had not frugally saved that they might "have," and given nothing of value to the "have nots."

We would have destroyed an industry; would have deprived hundreds of thousands of jobs, an opportunity to provide for themselves and their families, and deprived the nation of a necessary commodity.

DOLLARS MUST WORK.

But suppose it was money that was being divided. Suppose 200,000 workers each received $200. Such a sum would be valueless except for what it would buy, and would be gone within three to four weeks. Those workers must at once invest their money in the tools they had been working with. If they did we again would have a United States Steel; we again would have stockholders; we again would have "haves" and "have nots." If they did not, a source of production would have been destroyed; there would be no jobs, and we would have but multiplied the number of "have nots." Such is the logical conclusion of the socialistic theory.

Dollars must be congregated if they are to work. When they are congregated and invested in buildings, tools, materials and the many things that go to make an industry, they cease to be mere dollars, but have become productive industry from which those who provided the dollars, those working at the jobs those dollars created, and those who utilize the products of industry, the consumer, all profit.

For a nation to attempt an equal distribution of wealth seems utterly silly. Under our economic system the wealth of America is much more equitably distributed than would be possible under any brand of socialism or communism. Our industrial and distribution wealth is owned by close to 60 million shareholders. That industrial and distribution wealth today is providing wages and salaries to better than 60 million workers. As a going concern that wealth provides commodities for each and every one of us. It is the system of operation that creates and maintains the high standard of living we enjoy.

The un-American system of socialism our theorists from Washington attempted to foist upon Japan is worse even than the monopolistic system the Japanese people have known for generations. That, at least, provided jobs of a sort.

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Many workers in the building trades are paid as high as $25 a day as wages. Of that they pay in direct or indirect government taxes about one-third. It may be an exorbitant wage, but it is certainly an exorbitant tax.

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One of the reasons urged by the administration for the consolidation of the armed services was the administrative economies it would make possible. Congress passed the needed legislation. Within the first month following the consolidation the army and the air force added more than 10,000 names to the civilian employees payroll of those two departments. Senator Byrd of Virginia insists on knowing the reason for such an increase. Possibly he is unaware of the fact that a national election is approaching.

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During the war the navy took over, for use as a temporary office and club building, one of the largest San Francisco hotels. The war is long since over, but the navy still holds that hotel, with all the elaborate fixings that were installed. At the same time battleships are being laid up for lack of funds.

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Russia is willing to send troops to settle the row in Palestine. Whe[illegible] she does, the tro[illegible]ome of [illegible]

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Farm Topics

Internal Parasites Cut Yield of Wool

Year-Round Control Program Advocated

Most of the emphasis on parasite control in sheep has been tied up with faster gains, better lamb carcasses and prevention of damage to the intestinal walls of the animal.

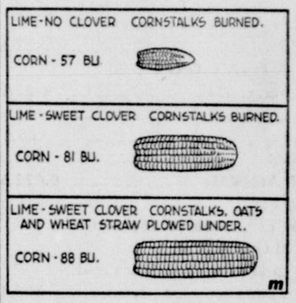
Attention of sheepmen now is being directed to the effect of internal

Producers must be insect free.

parasites on the yield of wool. Michigan State college is urging flock owners in that state to treat animals with phenothiazine to keep them in good condition and to get a heavier growth of wool. Phenothiazine is administered as a drench or in pellets, or mixed with salt and kept before the flock all the time. A dependable year-round program calls for individual treatment of all animals in fall and spring, and use of the phenothiazine-salt mixture throughout the pasture season. This is the program being followed by progressive sheepmen to keep parasites in check.

Soil Needs Nitrogen

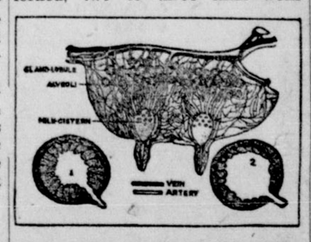
How lime, clover and crop residues increase the soil's nitrogen and organic matter supply and thus boost crop yields, is shown by the chart below. This drawing summarizes results of tests at the Dixon soil experiment field by University of Illinois agronomists. All three plots in the tests were limed and the crop rotation on each included corn, oats and wheat. One plot had no clover. The small grain straw was removed and the cornstalks were burned. This plot produced a four-year average of 57 bushels per acre. The second plot had the same



treatment, except that sweet clover was seeded in the wheat and plowed under as a green manure crop for corn. The increased nitrogen and organic matter from the clover boosted the corn yield 24 bushels. On the third plot, sweet clover was grown and in addition the cornstalks, oats straw and wheat straw were returned to the soil. The extra organic matter, nitrogen and other plant foods thus saved and returned in the crop residues gave the soil "what it takes" to yield 88 bushels of corn per acre.

High Milk Producers Required for Profit

The size of the milk wells is a true measure of the size of the milk veins. This diagram of the udder structure by Clemson Agricultural college shows the udder structure in detail. If the end of the vein is forked, two or three milk wells



often may be found on either side.

A good mammary system is indicated by a large udder, which gets its capacity in length and width rather than excessive depth, extending well up behind and forward.

New Seed Disinfectant Suggested for Cotton

Ceresan M seed disinfectant is being recommended for use against numerous seed-borne and soil-borne crop diseases, including seed-borne anthracnose, angular leafspot, seed decay and seedling damping-off of cotton. The active ingredient of this new material is ethyl mercury p-toluene sulfonanilide, which has been successfully tested by colleges over a period of years under the designation of No. 1452-F.

Seed Corn Preserved With Airtight Storage

Seed corn was not injured when stored in airtight containers, in tests at Ohio State college. The advantage of airtight containers was to prevent the seed from fluctuating in m[illegible] content with changes in had to[illegible] and temperature. By derburg[illegible]nt moisture content ly $4,000[illegible] airtight container, membership[illegible] carried over a would be enc[illegible]or it the successful hospital. The p[illegible] clear hat if the e[illegible] [illegible] the organiza[illegible] the fut[illegible]

Wood and Mrs [illegible] glas of Shamrock visit[illegible] home of their sister and sister-in-law, Mrs J [illegible] Wom[illegible] ble this week end.

Ain't It So?

A psychologist said that to enjoy life one must lose himself. Most of us know someone who we'd enjoy seeing start to enjoy life.

A certain young man we know is extremely cautious. He always begins his letters, "Darling and Gentlemen of Jury."

EWS

worship service in the eran church Sunday :00 a. m.. Services at n.

practice Thursday eve- 30.

Mrs Henry Dahl and lys, and Marilyn from k, South Dakota spent istmas vacation with Oscar and Jim Dahl

nny Dahl and Eugene Mexico spent a few

d Mrs Billy Johnson kating party Sunday Dec. 28 and it was en- everyone.

Mrs Frank Liermann eir vacation in the west to be gone all winter.

Mrs Emil Knutson and re dinner guests in the ristofferson home on December 28.

Mrs Jodie Knutson and ssell spent their Christ- tion in Cranfield Gap.

Mrs Jack Christoffer- visitors in Rev and Mrs home Tuesday evening.

Johnson spent Satur- t in the Emil Knutson

M. Johnson, from Tex- ent Sunday afternoon in the Clarence Johnson home.

Amy Knutson, Amelia Johnson, Alma, Pauline, Marlys, Marilyn Dahl were callers in the Gus Olsen home Sunday afternoon December 28.

The Luther league had a watch party Dec. 31 in the Emil Knutson home because it was too cold in the church. After the program and lunch, resolutions were made fo rthe coming year. Then the Leaguers went to church and rang out the Old year and rang in the New Year. The evening was enjoyed by everyone.

The college students left Sunday to start their studying Mon. Among them were Amy Knutson, who attends school in Lindsburg Kansas, and her friend Mr Leon Peterson. Leona, Louise Knutson and Alma Dahl who attends school in Canyon, Texas. Harold Stavlo who attends school at Denton, Texas, left Thursday Dec. 30.

We were glad to have the college students home.

Grady Reilback, Bruce Hoff, Buster Bronstad went home for Christmas at Clifton, Texas.

Don and Turk Hudson left on Wednesday for Missouri to be with their mother who is under going major surgery.

District No. 11 — State No. 1107

Report Of Condition Of

THE FIRST STATE BANK OF Spearman, Texas

close of business December 31, 1947, a State banking insti- organized and operating under the banking laws of this nd a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in nce with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

ASSETS

balances with other banks, including reserve e, and cash items in process of collection	1,601,944.98
States Government obligations, direct and nteed	2,916,725.41
tions of State and political subdivisions	38,150.00
bonds, notes and debentures	251,095.45
rate stocks (including 3,750.00 stock of Federserve bank)	3,750.00
and discounts (including 1,696.07 overdrafts	1,205,733.33
premises owned 2,500.00, furniture and fixtur- 00.00	5,500.00
nk premises owned are subject to none liens assumed by bank)	
L ASSETS	6,022,899.17

LIABILITIES

nd deposits of individuals, partnerships, and rations	5,572,888.82
deposits of individuals, partnerships, and cor- ions	2,247.18
sits of United States Government (including l savings)	43,420.49
sits of States and political subdivisions	184,802.79
r deposits (certified and officers' checks etc.)	35,178.89
AL DEPOSITS 5,838,538.17	
AL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated ations shown below)	5,838,538.17

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

pital	25,000.00
rplus	100,000.00
vided profits	59,361.00
AL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	184,361.00
Liabilities and Capital Accounts	6,022,899.17

s bank's capital consists of:

Common stock with total par value of 25,000.00

MEMORANDA

ts pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and other purposes	102,165.00

Clois C. Overton, Cashier, of the above - named bank, hereby fy that the above statement is true to the best of my know- e and belief.

Clois C. Over

ECT — ATTEST:

J. R. Collard, C. A. Gibner, Hazel Lowe Gibner, Directors

ate of Texas, County of Hansford ss:

orn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of January, 1948

Russell Townsend, Notary P

Morse News

MORSE - PRINGLE NEWS

Well, being ill has its compensations. My parents are here now from Campo, Colorado, and enroute to Hot Springs, New Mexico where they may remain for an indefinite time to take baths.

We're awfully slow in hearing all the Christmas vacations and trips. Next time we'll catch up. Recently Mr and Mrs. Robert Ownbey and family spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs Stephenson of Campo, Colorado. The day was quite an occasion of celebration. They had the family Christmas tree, and also celebrated three birthdays: Nancy Lena's, Mrs Ownbey's and Mrs. Stephenson's. Oddly enough, the next series of birthdays comes in a group too, when both grandparents celebrate birthdays in February: Jim Ownbey, Feb. 19, and W H Stephenson Feb. 17.

Of much interest to this community was Laura V. Hamner's radio program "Light and Hitch. Last Sunday she told the history of Stinnett, and the previous Sunday had included the history of Arthur Womble and his well-drilling machine. Arthur has lived here for many years and his son, Bruce, is married to O E Vaughn's daughter, and they now live north of Dalhart. During the program. Mrs Hammner told of biscuit-making, and the Walter Harris she mentioned, is our W F Harris, Morse postmaster, and pioneer-citizen. The radio program is heard over Amarillo KGNC at 8:30 each Sunday morning.

The Pringle grade school girls have lovely new basketball suits in scarlet and royal blue. That should help them win some games.

Mrs E Rush Rector was ill and unable to teach school at Pringle Friday.

Pringle has a new Chevrolet school bus which they recently obtained from the Davis Chevrolet Company of Borger.

Principal and Mrs W C Harter attended the teachers meeting at San Antonio and also spent the remainder of the Thanksgiving Holidays there. During Xmas they also had quite a nice trip. From Amarillo to Canyon visiting both sets of parents, the Harters and Andrews, they went to Trinidad and La Junta, Colo. to visit their grandparents.

Mrs Hud Pritchard and Anne and Janice of Austin are visiting her brother, W C Harter, this week. As soon as the semester ends at the University of Texas, Mrs Pritchard and her husband will move to Roswell, New M.

Pringle has announced that a Pie and Box supper will be held Monday, January 19th at 7:30 P M in the gymnasium. Free Coffee will be served. Ladies are asked to bring boxes and the men to come prepared to bid them high. Cards and other games will also be a diversion of the evening

Mrs Sid Board has gone to Oklahoma to visit relatives this week.

Walter F Harris, Morse postmaster was involved in a minor wreck in Spearman one day this week when his pick-up and a truck collided. There was only slight damage, and no one was injured seriously.

Mr and Mrs Ray Reynolds, Sr. of Follett were injured when their 1936 Chevrolet Sedan turned over 6 and one half miles west of Morse at Moody Wombles corner, about 4:30 P M last Saturday afternoon. Faulty brakes were blamed for the wreck. Passers by took the injured couple to Dumas where they were taken by an ambulance to an Amarillo Hospital. Mr Reyuolds suffered a broken back, and Mrs Reynolds injuries are still undetermined at this writing. They have a son and daughter, Ray Jr. and Edna, who live in Sunray Ray Jr worrks at a carbon black plant near there. Highway Patrolman Johnson of Dalhart and Moore county Sheriff Fuqua Younger investigated the wreck. The car was damaged only slightly, having turned over on its left side, but Mr Reynolds was thrown out and pinned under it. Other passersby were able to set the car up before wrecker service arrived from Sunray.

Buddy Hall of near Capps spent the Christmas Holidays with his parents Mr and Mrs H. Hall of near Fort Worth. They recently sold their home and farm to Buryl Shaw at Capps.

Invitations have been mailed for a bridal shower honoring Mrs Willard McCloy who was the former Beatrice Ferguson of Hart. Hostesses will be Mesdames Charles Thompson, W A Gillispie and A E Henderson, and the shower will be at 2:00 P M Thursday, January 8th at the home of Mrs A E Henderson.

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Senior Girl Scout News

The senior girl scouts held their regular meeting in the home of Mrs Helen Fisher Monday Jan 5. Election of officers was held and those elected are as follows: Pres, Margarette Wilbanks, Vice pres, Martha Cayton. Secty, Donna Crawford, Treas, Reba Sloan and Reporter, Tynell Sansing. Installation will be held at the next meeting.

A dsicussion of personalities was held an served to Mi Betty Lou Wal ton, Margarette Dillow and Donna

Tepe Services Hel Tuesday Afternoon

Funeral services for Fred Tepe 55, former lumber dealer and native of Canadian, Texas, were conducted Tuesday afternoon. Mr Tepe died of a heart attack late Saturday night.

The services were held at the First Methodist church in Canadian. Besides the widow and brother, Mr Tepe is survived by five daughters, three sons and two sisters.

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Dr and Mrs Huston Pearson and little son were visiting relatives and friends and attending the tournament here Saturday.

School News

SNOOPER

Bobbie Jean, did you have a good time Saturday night? Too bad, Spearman doesn't have a college, isn't it?

Norma Jean is sporting a new dinner ring. Could it have been a present from Glen?

Jo Ann are you glad to see him back from California? Can't say as we blame you.

Who were you with Sunday night, Bradford? Do you make a habit of going with your neighbors?

Who was that Laura Ruth and Carolyn were with Thursday nite At least you could have introduced us.

Gwendolyn Shirley, you had better watch your boy-friend. We hear someone else has their eye on him.

Everyone seemed to have liked the Borger Ball players. Especially the senior girls.

The seniors had charge of the selling of food at the tournament and made about $400.00. This money will be put into the fund for the senior trip. We wish to take this opportunity to thank the public for their splendid cooperation during this time.

Mr and Mrs R. W. Morton left for a 2 months rest in Hot Springs, NM Wednesday of this week.

Reserve District No. 11 — State 1763

Report Of Condition Of

GRUVER STATE BANK of Gruver, Texas

at the close of business December 31, 1947, a State banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this state and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

ASSETS

Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	381,827.38
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	743,082.08
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	7,750.00
Corporation stocks (including 1,950.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	1,950.00
Loans and discounts (including 377.33 overdrafts)	349,413.91
Bank premises owned 800.00, furniture and fixtures 1,400.00	2,200.00
TOTAL ASSETS	1,486,223.37

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	1,336,411.99
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	2,412.25
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	61,694.80
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks tec.)	3,618.70
TOTAL DEPOSITS 1,404,137.74	
TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)	1,404,137.74

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Capital*	50,000.00
Surplus	15,000.00
Undivided profits	17,485.63
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	82[illegible]
Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	1,48[illegible]

*This bank's capital consists of:

Common stock with total par value of $50,000.00

I R. L. Thom, Cashier, of the above- named bank, her that the above statement is true to the best of my kn belief.

R. L

CORRECT — ATTEST:

A. R. Bort, J. C. Harris, A. R. Henderson, Dire

State of Texas, County of Hansford ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day

L. K. Garret,

officials have an- 21-year-old William iams established a cord by digging 188 1,120 pounds) of coal ive shifts of seven and s during a single work

officials at Treharris, estimated that Williams about seven pounds ($28) for industrious shift.

question but that both parties are the continued up- living costs. While more enlightened are of the effect it will ing standards of the peo- t many are more inter- the effect it will have on the 1948 elections.

re is everything to indi- that both prices and wages continue to rise, yet nothing ic has been done by con- ress to head off the inevitable result.

If big business would not listen to leas from President Truman to vol- tarily allocate materials and re- uce prices, there is no reason to believe it will listen to congress. ience thinking here is that manda- ory controls eventually will be nec- essary.

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Big Question Mark

General Eisenhower can't "hole-up" much longer. He, as the saying goes, must fish or cut bait — and say whether he'll run or not. One woman politican questioned whether or not the five-star general would maintain his glamour once he doffed his uniform and brass and started to answer questions about political and economic questions of the day. At any rate, he is now the big question mark in the national political arena.

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Miscellaneous Memos

Shortest speech on record in the house of representatives was made recently by Rep. Frank A. Matthews Jr. (Rep., N. J.) Matthews asked for and received permission to address the house for 30 seconds. He said: "What this world needs is fewer plans and better principles."

Rumor around the Pentagon is that Gen. Carl Spaatz may retire as chief of army air forces in February. Lt. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg is slated as his successor.

years, great had done nothing but trifle and now we were the falls in a barrel. We to spend so much that metician, economist or rologer could pretend to any redemption.

A thousand billion dollars! A thousand, thousand, thousand, thousand dollars of debt. That is a hopeless figure. We never will return to the kind of financial system that we had when we got Roosevelt.

Inflation only means that the dollar isn't worth a dollar. It is worth about a quarter, according to my goose-bone psychological and economic tests. Meanwhile, if we retire any debt, we are retiring it in two-bit dollars.

There is nothing that we can undo there.

INEXCUSABLE SPENDING.

Then, with the war-boom coming, Roosevelt refused to rescind the 40-hour week. This decision cost us billions absolutely without excuse. It was a favor to the union bosses of his own political machine. It was a terrible thing to do. It meant that millions of war-workers got premium pay of 50 per cent, 100 per cent or even more, not for overtime worked as boss-driven slaves, but as sheer graft. They got an outright gift of $25 a week, or more, or a little less sometimes, from the government through the medium of war contracts, through a dozen thieving tricks worked out by union bosses in connivance with the war labor board and contractors.

The contractors didn't mind. Mind? They loved it. It ran up their profits, based on a percentage of the costs. The more the workers were allowed to graft, the more the contractors made.

Hundreds of thousands refused to work Mondays or Tuesdays unless they were guaranteed work for Saturdays and Sundays. The work done on overtime days and on overtime hours at night was worth no more than any other work. It was a raw racket and the people who squandered this ill-gotten loot on brass jewelry will deserve any hardship that is put upon them by the inflation.

That can't be undone.

LOSS OF PRODUCTION

Then Philip Murray's steel-workers struck for a month in the winter of 1946 and we lost production in hundreds of things that never will be made up as long as we live. It was lost at a terribly critical time.

That called for other raises for people who had to pay the higher price of steel products.

All this was inflation, due to shortage, due to non-production, due to union stupidity. And all those people lost all those millions in wages and used up their war bonds to live

None of this can ever be undone.