

# SANTA ANNA NEWS

"He Profits Most Who Serves Best"

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## This Week in Our Town

E. T. WILEY, MANAGER OF the Turkey Breeders Association, tells us that shipments of turkey eggs will begin the last week in January or the first week in February. Producers have all obtained laying hens and are having them blood tested by Griffins Hatchery here and R. C. Strawn at Rockwood.

TALK ABOUT CO-OPERATION among people and towns! Last Thursday night we were the only member of the editorial family on his or her feet, and with half our folders absent on various excuses, we were on the spot. Wozy with flu since the previous evening, it was only by the help of the Bangs Gazette force that we got out on time—and that without proof-reading! Now when they get flu we are ready to get out the Gazette for them and let them enjoy their flu in peace.

THAT'S NOT ALL THE STORY. Brinson, the Santana baker, was enjoying a round or two with the flu, and evidently others of his force were as happily engaged, for he had to yell for his old crew over at Bangs to come to his rescue. So Bangs has to her credit two Good Deeds this holiday season.

SCHOOLS WILL NOT OPEN IN Santa Anna until next Monday. Too much influenza had its effect on the school board and the teachers as well as the students of the two schools. So many red noses, weepy ones, and coughing owners have not been seen since last epidemic.

DOLLAR DAY LAST MONTH was not held on account of the holiday trade. This month it should be taken up again—not by just a few who feel they are helping the paper, but by all of our business firms in a sincere, energetic spirit for the benefit of the TOWN and the sellers and buyers. Letting such events die after making a good start thru one or two who are making all the money they want dropping out each month if not the best thing to do. It hurts a city to voluntarily fail to put over things they start. People get to thinking about it.

WE SELDOM FIND BUSINESS men who quit advertising regularly because they have too much business. We have not here, but we have found three curious attitudes: one too busy and rushed to death to do any advertising, another who gets so much business he doesn't have to advertise at all, and a third finds business so satisfactory at present that advertising has no selling appeal. Last year we found the prize-winner: man with so much business he didn't need to advertise cussing people for buying goods advertised and sold in another town. Since he got all the business he wanted—a bare living—what did he care!

SANTA ANNA IS IN NEED OF two Scout Masters to head the troop now existing and one to be organized. There are available boys for two good troops, and men, money and a second troop should not be long making their appearance. It means a whole of a lot to your boy's future, this having available or not available Scouting privileges. Having them available may mean the making of him. Scouting is often the one big influence for good in a growing boy's life.

THE NEWS FORCE IS STILL groggy from the flu. We have coughed enough to power a big airplane in a transcontinental flight. But with so much commotion in town, it may not seem worth to lament about the big headache that has followed the cure.

THIS MAY ACCOUNT FOR IT! Sam Collier said Wednesday he was just becoming INFLUENCED. Arthur Clarke was under the influence all week. We noted a couple of other birds whom we bumped from their indirect prodding down the street, to be also under the influence of some thing quite different. For a dry town we see almost as many sniffles as you do in Eden or in the Plains. Sam and Wilbur

## Abbey and Eubanks on Co. A. C. A.

G. E. Abbey is the new chairman of the Coleman County Agricultural Conservation Association, having been elected at a meeting of community committeemen. He was also re-elected to the county committee at the same time.

Ozro Eubanks of Santa Anna, former member of the committee, was elected to the position again following a year's absence. George Pauley of Valera is the third member of the committee and Ray Jameson of Coleman is the alternate.

Community committeemen, elected at meetings held in the county's five precincts include: Community A, T. J. Allen, Nolan Bamore and W. F. Fowler, with S. E. McDonald first alternate. Community B, W. E. Ragsdale, J. H. Martin and W. J. Currie, and William Brown, alternate; Community C, Carl Williams, Ed Featherston and Herman Gilbreath and C. H. Wise, alternate; Community D, Albert Vickers, P. W. Downey and H. T. Crenshaw and Horace Pitts alternate; and Community E, Raymond McElrath, S. T. Burkett and A. E. Dodson and T. C. Hall alternate.

## Fish Film At Queen Mon. Night

"Let's Go Fishing", a new two reel sound motion picture, starring Tony Accetta, U. S. professional all-around bait- and fly-casting champion, will be shown as an added feature at the Queen Theatre next Monday night.

This was announced today by J. E. (Doc) Brand, secretary of the Santa Anna Sportsmen's Club, who secured the film for the showing from the Detroit headquarters of the Fisher Body Division of General Motors, the firm that produced and is distributing the picture. The local club is sponsoring the showing at the local theatre.

Described as an important contribution to fishing lore by conservation authorities and others who have seen it, "Let's Go Fishing" presents a comprehensive lesson in the art of fishing and casting, encouraging participation in the sport and emphasizing the basic rules every fisherman is willing to observe in the interest of its preservation, according to Brand, who states that the film is completely devoid of advertising except for the credit titles.

Ted Husing does the announcing, the reels running about 16 minutes.

## LIBRARY NOTES

Reading interest has doubled since the holiday rush is over and the flu epidemic has set in. Fifteen books have been moved from the rental shelf to the reading library.

Several magazines have been donated to the library recently. The library board will sponsor a picture show soon. The public is urged to respond with its support.

had no connection with the bottled influence, however.

ARTHUR TURNER AND E. C. Overby, according to the local military experts will soon be at work with the Parachute Corps being organized at Fort Sam Houston. According to the same m. e., Sam Freesty is busy organizing the corps and John Payne and Archie Hunter Sr. finally got their applications in and were accepted, the latter to use lead-soled shoes on duty aloft. Considering the sources of these reports, we guarantee them as 1/10 of 1% correct.

GUESS BILL MULROY IS BACK home: saw Evangeline (or is it Angeline?) on the sidewalk last Wednesday afternoon. Bill was bumped from their indirect prodding down the street, to be also under the influence of some thing quite different. For a dry town we see almost as many sniffles as you do in Eden or in the Plains. Sam and Wilbur

## Deaths

JOHN NICHOLAS OVERBY

John Nicholas Overby, son of J. T. and Texana Overby, was born at Delias, Grimes County, Texas, December 15, 1886 and died at Santa Anna, Texas, January 1, 1941.

Most of his life has been spent here where he has many friends. His father passed away in 1913. Since that time he has devoted his life to his aged mother. He was always genial kind and unselfish with everyone.

He is survived by his mother, three sisters, Mrs. G. W. Teagle, Mrs. Jim Scott of Santa Anna, and Mrs. Anna Smith of Junction, two brothers, Ernest of Santa Anna and Mitchell of Junction.

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It seems such a little way to me, Across that county—The Beyond.

For it has grown to be The home of those of whom I'm fond,

And so for me there is no death It is but crossing with abated breath,

A little strip of sea, To find one's loved ones waiting on the shore,

More beautiful, more precious than before."

SAMUEL L. CANNON

Funeral services were held Wednesday January 1, at the First Baptist Church for Samuel Lee Cannon with the Rev. C. L. Carroll of Watts Creek officiating, assisted by O. B. Yency and the Rev. S. R. Smith.

Mr. Cannon was born December 4, 1873 and died December 31, 1940. He was converted at the age of 38 when he joined the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church.

Mr. Cannon married Miss Alma Flaherty, in 1897. To this union were born three children, Mrs. Edna Henderson of Santa Anna, Cecil Cannon of Monahans and Eunice Cannon, who preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, two children, one brother, one sister and three grandchildren. Pallbearers were Ray West, Markham Henderson, Walter Ferguson, John Brown, Walter Newman and Neely Evans.

Flowers were cared for by Mrs. Richard Traylor, Roy West, Welton Holt, Virgil Newman, Hilburn Henderson, Jim Daniels, Bill Price and Buster Woodard.

Interment was made in the Santa Anna Cemetery with Hosch Brothers in charge of the arrangements.

MARY F. ORMAN SMITH

Funeral services were held from the First Baptist Church here Friday, December 27, for Mrs. Fannie Kimble Lancaster, who died Thursday, December 26. The Rev. S. R. Smith officiated. Interment was in the Santa Anna Cemetery.

Mrs. Smith was born in Mississippi in 1880 and came to Texas with her parents when a small child. In 1899 she was married to Felix Smith. She had lived in Santa Anna since 1905.

She is survived by her husband, three sons, Richard, Wiley and James R., all of Santa Anna, two daughters, Mrs. Alma Summers of Austin, Texas and Mrs. Jessie Pennington of Santa Anna; one brother, James Orman of Jewett.

Pallbearers were Vernon Buse, Ulmer Brannon, John Evans, Ed Cothran, Green Harris and Jess Griffin.

Austin-Morris of Brownwood were in charge of funeral arrangements.

JO ELNA SHAMBLIN

Jo Elna Shamblin, 17, died in the Coleman hospital, Tuesday evening, December 24.

Funeral services were held Wednesday from the Baptist

## Coleman Co. News Briefs

Out of school students in the Mozelle area will have the opportunity to study such subjects as auto mechanics and metal working beginning January 1, according to an announcement made by Supt. O. C. Cook of Mozelle.

Coleman County's quota of draftees for the first call in January—expected at around January 22—has been raised 11 to a total of 31 men, according to Edwin Fowler, secretary of the draft board.

Plans and specifications for a physical training building on Coleman High School campus which would cost in the neighborhood of \$87,000 were to be submitted last week to the district WPA offices at San Angelo.

Wm. T. Isaac, Jr., of Coleman, has been recommended for and transferred to the Government Signal Corps Radio School at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

Coleman County State Bank declared its second semi-annual dividend of six per cent for the stock holders, according to Walter Taylor, executive vice-president and cashier of the institution. A Christmas bonus six per cent on the annual salary of each employee has been presented those employees.

Congressman and Mrs. Chas. L. South and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Melton of Coleman attended a reunion, the 21st, of the C. E. South family at Clyde last week.

Robert Jolly, Coleman model airplane enthusiast, broke his own record recently when his rubber band powered Korda flew for a distance of more than a mile. The plane is a year and a half old.

New office holders, for Coleman County starting January 1, are L. M. Crump, who succeeds W. B. Baker as county attorney, and Russell Allen, of Leaday, who succeeds Monroe Forehand as county commissioner from precinct three.

District Attorney A. O. Newman of 35th Judicial District will take the oath of office as district judge of the 36th judicial district, and succeeds Judge E. J. Miller of Brownwood.

Church at Shields with Rev. Marion Row officiating. Jo Elna was born at Shields, July 6, 1923.

Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shamblin, two sisters, Wanda Lee and Arnela; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Shamblin, Mr. and Mrs. A. Royster.

Pallbearers were J. W. Shamblin, Edward Shamblin, Garland McCarroll, Robert Wheatlev, Junior Dale, Bertie Dunn. Flower girls were, Doreen Tucker, Emma Ruth Tatum, Charlene Shamblin, Geraldine Shamblin.

Mrs. Fannie Kimble Lancaster. Funeral services were held from the Trickham Baptist Church, Friday, December 27, for Mrs. Fannie Kimble Lancaster, who died Thursday, December 26. The Rev. S. R. Smith officiating, assisted by the Rev. E. H. Wylie and Rev. Hiram Martin of Trickham.

Mrs. Lancaster was born on March 6, 1866 in Ellis County. She married Thomas J. Lancaster, July 20, 1884. To this union were born five children, four of whom survive. They are, Joe K. of Sonora, Thomas Ernest of Coleman, Elijah Robert and Neta Kay of Santa Anna. Seven grandchildren also survive.

Mrs. Lancaster joined the Baptist Church in 1888. She had been a resident of Santa Anna since 1929.

Pallbearers were Seth, DeWitt Odean, Robert Earl and Virgil Lancaster and Leon Featherston. Flower ladies were Misses Lucille Lancaster, Georgia King, Tve Featherston, Ruth Henderson, Frances Jo Lancaster and Mrs. DeWitt Lancaster.

Interment was made in the Trickham cemetery with Hosch Brothers in charge of the funeral arrangements.

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## Current News

It is obvious that the purpose eliminate Italy as a major belligerent in the war. That thought unquestionably underlay the recent British invasion of the Adriatic sea—a body of water which, on the basis of fighting ships and manpower, Italy should be able to control with ease. England is rapidly liquidating the Italian military influence in Africa.

There seems to be little doubt that Mussolini is on the down grade and that the magnificent Fascist empire he envisioned has small chance of being realized. Il Duce has but two alternatives—both of them unpleasant from his point of view—he must either surrender to England, or ask Hitler to save him. The first alternative is extremely unlikely.

Germany could not permit it without risking a tremendous loss of prestige; the second alternative means German domination of Italy. The Italian people, going by the judgment of the best observers, will not like that, but there is little they can do about it. Unconfirmed reports say that Gestapo agents are already in Rome, and it is known that the German air force is conveying troops to Albania. It looks like from now on Mussolini will be just a stooge for Hitler.

If England does succeed in eliminating or greatly reducing Italian military and naval power, it will be a major victory. At the same time, it will bring with it increased danger of a German attempt at invading England. The British blockade is extremely effective, and the part of Europe the Fuhrer controls is running short of essential supplies. So, when Churchill said the other day in Commons that he expected an all-out German attack within the next two months, he was not talking through his hat. It is the logical move for Hitler to make. And the fact that the German air force has substantially reduced the intensity of its raids over Britain also leads to the belief that Germany is preparing for a decisive blow against England.

England is superbly prepared to resist invasion, even though she is yet inadequately prepared to carry the war to Germany on the Continent. Expert opinion generally holds that Hitler's great opportunity was directly after the evacuation of Dunkirk—that England could not have successfully resisted a determined invasion then. At the present time, they think, Britain has all she needs to keep an aggressor from her shores.

Washington is more encouraged concerning British chances of eventually winning the war. Our future policy will probably be to give England almost anything she wants. There is little doubt that the laws prohibiting loans to England will be repealed when England's cash supply runs out. The suggestion, recently made by a British cabinet member, that the U. S. turn over to England the German and Italian ships which are tied up in our harbors, has caused a good deal of excitement in Berlin. Nazi officials say that would be act of war, and would be regarded as such. So far our government has made no official comment on the proposal.

England's greatest danger at present lies in the destruction of her merchant shipping. The British Isles are consumers, not producers. Without their ocean transport, they could sustain themselves for only a limited period of time. The German submarine and surface raider attack has been dangerously effective. It is likely that England soon will be telling us that she needs freighters even more than she needs planes, guns and other impements of war.

Judge Howell E. Cobb of Brady succeeds Mr. Newman as district attorney. Judge Newman will preside over his first court term at Brady, which opens on Monday, January 6.

Santa Anna Merchants who advertise here help give you a good paper. Patronize them. Note the date after your name on your paper. It tells when your paper is paid up to. Read the advertisements.

## Merchants Should Join Lions Club

Santa Anna Lions Club met at the Methodist Church, Parlor Tuesday noon for the regular weekly luncheon meeting with a short attendance on account of the influenza epidemic.

One of the after dinner orators bore down on the way the "Business Men of Santa Anna" get credit for what the Lions' Club does, referring to the banquet given the football sections of the Santa Anna and Rockwood schools recently. It is true that credit for the banquet was given to the business men AND Lions by word spoken and written, when as a matter of fact the business men of Santa Anna had nothing to do with it except insofar as they individually happened to be Lion Club members. The business concerns of the city not represented in the Lions Club are about as numerous as those that are. The non-members do not care to support the activities of the club, although the activities of the club are for the betterment of the non-member as well as the member.

Every business house in Santa Anna should be represented in the club if at all possible. The banquet referred to was hugely enjoyed by all attending and it has gone a long way to create better relations between the two communities.

The N. Y. A. girls, under the supervision of Mrs. Roger George have been busy for two weeks making and repairing toys for the children of low-fund families in Santa Anna. During this time fifty animal toys and fifteen rag dolls were made from material donated by the Fire Department and individuals. Eleven dolls were dressed and several toys were repaired.

The girls assisted the Good-fellows of Santa Anna in filling baskets which were distributed among the needy.

This week the girls have been improving the interior of the Ex-Ranger building. They are also making childrens garments which are to be turned over to the community headquarters. The subject for their course of study is, "Problems of Better Homemaking."

The members of the NYA group enjoyed having the Needlecraft Club and the Home Demonstration Clubs meet at the Ex-Rangers home for their Christmas parties.

The Coleman County Baptist Workers Conference will meet with the Valera Baptist Church next Thursday, January 9 at 10 a. m. This is the regular monthly meeting with a good program. The Executive Board will meet at 115 for any business that may need attention. The local church will serve lunch at the noon hour. We trust every church may be represented.

S. R. Smith, program Chairman.

Rockwood M. E. Church Society

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Rockwood Methodist Church met Monday afternoon, December 30th at the church. Mrs. W. G. Williams, president, presided. Rev. F. H. Ingram, pastor discussed the subject, "Deepening the Spiritual Life," and led in prayer. Due to the flu epidemic only a few were present. The next meeting will be held Monday afternoon, January 6 at 2 o'clock. All members and friends are urged to be present.

Low income families who have not made application for their mattress may do so if they report to the Agriculture Building in Coleman.

Patronize News advertisers.

## Heart o' Texas News Briefs

The Heart o' Texas News, a Brady weekly, has been sold to E. C. Olds of Healdton, Okla., according to an announcement by W. J. Harpole, publisher, and J. C. Rothwell, editor.

Several hundred Brownwood people were made happy with Christmas baskets distributed by the Junior Service League. The kiddies were not forgotten.

Of the nine students enrolled in the Civil Aeronautics Authority program at Daniel Baker College, Brownwood, seven have passed their ground school examinations.

Brady has granted a franchise to Maj. W. F. Long to operate an air training school at Curtis Field for a period of five years and with the privilege of using Airport 1 in conjunction.

Brownwood is second in Texas cities of ten to twenty-five thousand people for low motor vehicle traffic fatalities for the first 11 months of 1940. Only one fatality was listed in the period.

Bob Norris, in charge of fire department workers, played Old Kris Kringle to some 150 families, local churches, organizations an individuals supplying the gifts.

John H. Reese, a former Texas ranger and ex-sheriff of Comanche county, has been appointed chief of police at the Abilene cantonment.

Several companies and a medical detachment of the 11th Engineers, totaling 26 officers and 595 men, joined the 36th Division headquarters Saturday.

The Southwestern Poultry association, a farmers' cooperative at Brownwood, estimated that nearly a quarter of a million dollars was paid to turkey growers in that region.

O. O. Franklin, San Angelo, a lawyer and a court reporter for the past ten years, has been offered the position of court reporter for the 35th Judicial District Court, District Judge-elect A. O. Newman said Saturday.

Offices of the Southwestern Ice Manufacturers Association are being transferred to Brownwood from Dallas with the coming of Brigadier-General Preston A. Weathered, commanding the 72nd Infantry Brigade, 36th Division.

SANTA ANNA NOW HAS A COMPLETE BUS SCHEDULE

Santa Anna is blessed with a lot of bus transportation facilities now. Kerrville and Bowen lines have about covered the clock, at least for the holidays season. The following is the schedule: Kerrville Bus Co.—To Abilene 12:10 PM, 7:10 PM, 11:10 PM. To Brady, Austin, San Antonio and Houston 8:30 AM, 2:11 PM, 6:25 PM. Bowen Bus Line to Fort Worth 8:30 AM, 12:18 PM, 4:05 PM, 5:33 PM, 7:31 PM. To San Angelo at 4:40 AM, 12:10 PM, 6:05 PM, 9:55 PM. To Coleman only, 2:07 PM. Added to this service the two California Specials on the Santa Fe, and the two local passengers, one hardly needs to tune up the old bus to go places.

Trickham 4-H Club News

The Trickham 4-H Club had their Christmas party December 12 at the home of their sponsor, Mrs. Whitley.

Mrs. Whitley gave us a demonstration on making candy. Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Baugh, Mrs. Goodgoin and Mrs. Wagner were guests. The girls' present were, Betty Ruth Douglas, Billie Joyce Cozart, Francis James, Minola Martin, Edith Goodgoin, Viola Downs, Ruby Goodgoin, Olene Boatright, Zona Douglas, Reba Goodgoin, Oleta Boatrights, Vivian Tucker, Joyce Baugh, and Mildred Wagner.

NOTICE

The Cemetery Association is ready to hire a full time man for the care of the cemetery. Anyone interested please see Sam Collier.

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## Editorial

### Happy New Year

REV. BOWMAN MADE A MIGHTY FINE TALK AT THE Lions Club meeting Tuesday on constructive criticism. We, the editorial we, highly approve the gentleman's views, but following the plan is far from easy. The editorial we is well aware of the value of constructive as averse to destructive criticism, but we have found it necessary at time to resort to constructive condemnation in order to get results. A banquet speaker: It seems there was once a young guy so imbued with his own importance that when he got a job he did his duties when and as he wished. Because the young fellow was the boss's nephew, the foreman used constructive criticism on him. But one day he got mad at the lack of results, booted the young fellow out of the office with the admonition "get that done in ten minutes or I'll knock your damned ears down!" and got perfect results ever after. The editorial we on this and every other paper knows that if we stand up for any principal there will be some to disagree and knife or boycott. The public is too prone to be blind to the fact that if the community fails to prosper, the merchants can't prosper and the newspaperman goes on the WPA. So when a newspaper editor opposes or favors any project of importance to the community, how many enquire the reason for being on the opposite side of the question? Far too few. If he supports something you consider of doubtful value, do you seek his reasons, or stop your subscription and quit advertising? Maybe he is right. If so, his frankly and as openly expressed opinion may save your people thousands of dollars. If he is wrong, why not show your hand and get him working for instead of against? If you hold back and try to ruin the paper, you, instead of he, will hurt your community thousands of dollars. Beside that, your failure to be as straightforward for your espoused cause makes everyone suspect something shade attached to it—else why be so scared to bring it out in the open? And the public is right in viewing such situations in that light. The foregoing is "generally speaking." The following is specific and pertinent to Our Town—Santa Anna. The present lessor, editor, publisher and manager of The News came here to enter the publishing business with for just a few reasons, principally, however, to live in a good town among good people and be a good citizen and, secondly, to make a good living by rendering good service. We told our business men we would work for Santa Anna. We've done so. Ever now and then some view we expressed differed from those of one or a dozen citizens and we were said to be "hurting th town". Common sense should tell ANY critic that in a town the size of this, where making a WPA living out of the business was nearer the usual than the exception, that the publisher would not, could not, risk either taking stands that would cause his advertising support to be cut, or stand for anything that in his opinion might harm the town and hurt his advertisers first—and him worse. Your local newspaperman is NOT against the interests of your town—he just can't afford to be unless he is a millionaire. This editor is not one. Another matter that will help all of us: use your newspaper for something else than an object of scorching criticism every time some thing YOU, and not the editor, knew about that didn't appear in the news, or the editorial views didn't suit you. We have lined up the Turkey Breeders Association for weekly

news letters, and hope to have the Chamber of Commerce passing out news one of these days. The ladies, God bless 'em!, know the value of the newspaper. Let 'em get a copy of the paper and they'll read it from kiver to kiver before they'll put it down. If your ad happened to be in it, it would be read, too. Of course those who have nothing to sell should never advertise. Scores of our readers have complimented us on giving them a "mighty good" or a "much better" newspaper. Folks, our conception of that kind of a paper is not what we have given you. It takes more support and co-operation than the town has been able to afford so far. If you want a "good" paper, co-operate a little stronger. Don't take hurt only the editor and the paper. Answering the query grudges and animosities for others out on the paper—it will that has been put to us several times here of late: The undersigned, paying a monthly lease, is sole directing agent of this great religious weekly. We take orders from no man on the conduct of this sheet. Several "understand" that we are on salary as a "front" We would like for every doubting Thomas to come in and let us prove it and get this straight. Had we been the double-crossing type we could have had our slice of Hidalgo County graft money years ago. We didn't get it. This is a fine little town in a fine section of a fine state. We're always working for it—not against it—even if some consider we "hurt the town" when we talk out of turn on what should be done for the benefit of the masses of us. So we come again to that grand old, friendly, American greeting: HAPPY NEW YEAR! And may it be not only a happy one, but a prosperous and healthy one in every way. R. A. JEFFREYS, Editor.  
Lessor, Publisher and Responsible Party on  
THE SANTA ANNA NEWS.

CHRISTMAS 1918 found the writer stationed at Lieser and der Mozel, Kreis Bernkastel, in the German Rhineland, and as Regimental Postmaster, making daily trips to Bernkastel to Army Post Office 770 with the mails. While in Bernkastel or Cuest, on the west bank of the Mozel, we took the opportunity to visit the German toy stores. One recalls the great variety of German made toys that have been sold on the American market during past decades. Well, there was a bigger assortment of typical German toys on display. The war had impoverished the nation and the everyday laborer had little to spend. Between interest in the toys and watching German hausfrauen buying small and often very cheap gifts for their children, there was no lack of human nature to study. Thousands of small children found that Kris Kringel had left only one or two small, cheap toys for them. When one thinks of children and their heartbreaks, there is no comparison with the disappointments and heartaches of adults: there is no similarity. This year a like war condition will force heartbreaks upon thousands of children whose parents suffered the same thing twenty-two years ago. One can grieve over the self-imposed or accepted sufferings of adults, but regardless of race, color, creed or tongue, a child's disappointment hurts all who know of or see it, and usually the misguided ambitions of some self-centered egoist is at the bottom of child tragedies. Even here in our own land there are thousands of children each year who are overlooked, forgotten or insufficiently provided for at the Christmas-tide. Even here in Santa Anna, because we were too self-satisfied or occupied, we began too late a movement designed to make amends to children for the inabilities of parents to provide, and some few may have been passed by. If one refuses to consider the tragedy in being overlooked, it will mean, but little; but many will come forward with a resolve that another year will find the story different. One recalls the parable of the ninety and nine and applies it to the little ones. The heart that can't be touched by childish woes is worse than fit-for strategems and spoils—it's owner will never get by St. Peter.

## Church Societies

### GLAD HAND CLASS NEWS

Mrs. Roy Richardson and Mrs. W. B. Griffin entertained members of the Glad Hand Sunday School Class of the Methodist Church at the home of Mrs. Richardson, Friday evening, December 20.

Christmas decorations were used throughout the attractive home. Tall red tapers and minia ture yule-logs tied with perky bows of red cellophane, decorated the mantle.

Several games and contests in keeping with the holiday season and in which guests were allowed individually proved merry entertainment.

Gifts were exchanged from the attractively decorated tree. Mrs. Chap Eeds and Mrs. Basil Gilmore, teacher and class president respectively, were presented special remembrances from class members.

Refreshments of coffee and pecan pie topped with whipped cream was served. Plate favors were candied Christmas novelties.

Present to enjoy the evening were Miss Evangeline Mulroy and Mesdames W. R. Mulroy, Dick Bass, Chap Eeds, Gene Hensley, Basil Gilmore, Arlie Welch, Harry Caton, C. A. Crump and hostesses.



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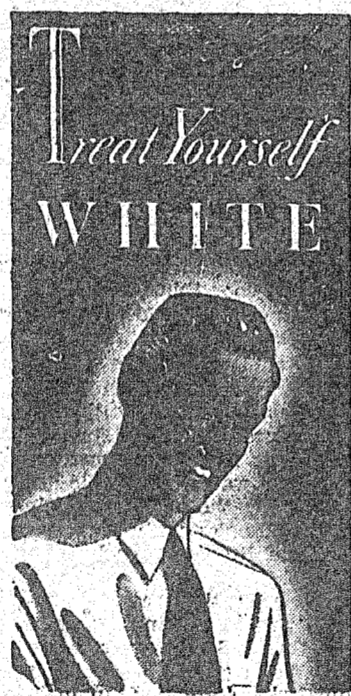
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We wish to express our thanks and gratitude to our friends and neighbors for their kindness and words of sympathy during our bereavement, the loss of our companion and father, S. L. Cannon. We fail to find words adequate to express our appreciation, but in our hearts we thank you all, and may God's richest blessings be with you.  
MRS. S. L. CANNON and Family.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to our friends, who came to us in the sad hour in which our mother passed away, with words of sympathy and kind deeds.  
May God bless and keep you in our prayer.  
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**CARD OF THANKS**  
We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the aid given us and the many kind deeds done and for

the kind words spoken during the illness and death of my daughter and sister, Jo Shambaugh.  
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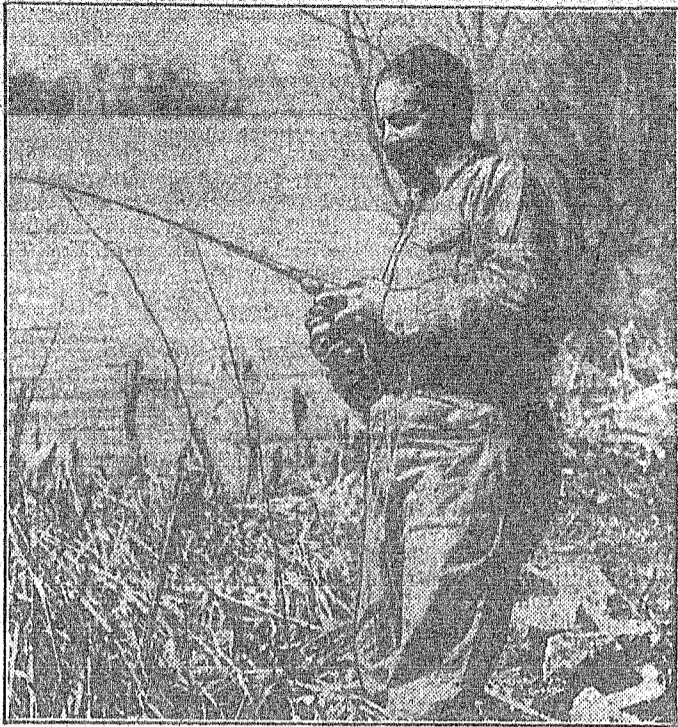
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Leedy News

By Dorothy McClure
Leedy School will not open this week as previously planned because of the flu epidemic.
Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Williams and David visited last Tuesday and Wednesday with Mrs. Williams' mother, Mrs. Greer at Madena, Texas.

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LOOK AT THAT SMILE! There is nothing Tony Accetta would rather do than fish, unless it is eating a plate of honest-to-goodness spaghetti cooked in the inimitable Old Country style.

The bride wore an ensemble of dusty rose with matching turban and navy accessories. Her corsage was of sweetheart roses.
The couple was attended by Miss June Ward and Sam Bills. Mrs. Blacklock is the daughter of Mrs. G. W. Teagle of Santa Anna, and was graduate of the local high school in 1935.

opposing. The following counties fell short of two-thirds but all except one showed a larger percentage of their vote favoring quotas: Throckmorton, 49 percent in 1939, 62 percent in 1940; Fayette, 49 and 53; Lavaca, 35 and 49; Willacy, 62 and 66; Kendall, 50 and 50.
Counties which last year failed to give a two-thirds majority but which did so this year were, Floyd, 63 percent in 1939, 67 percent in 1940; Shackelford, 51 and 76; Runnels, 61 and 73; Eastland, 82 and 75; Brown, 65 and 84; Comanche, 60 and 84; Erath, 63 and 74; Hamilton, 65 and 71; Van Zandt, 66 and 86; Colorado, 64 and 73; Maverick, 36 and 91; Sutton 50 and 100.

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NO. 236--IN EQUITY (Clements)
IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, WACO DIVISION
J. M. HUBBERT vs. TEMPLE TRUST COMPANY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has filed his application with the Clerk of the United States District Court in and for the Western District of Texas, Waco Division, for an order authorizing him to sell and convey to Floyd Clements and wife, Bertha May Clements, a lot having dimensions 62 1/2 x 125 feet out of Block No. Seven (7), of Clow's Second Addition to the Town of Coleman, Coleman County, Texas, together with all improvements thereon situated, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at the N W Corner of a tract of land out of said Block 7, sold and conveyed by Anna L. Nowlin and husband, R. W. Nowlin, to Ethel A. Switzer, as shown by deed recorded in Vol. 151, at Page 175, of the Deed Records of Coleman County, Texas; THENCE S 125 feet to corner; THENCE E 62 1/2 feet to corner; THENCE N 125 feet to point in north line of Block 7 for corner.

and for a consideration of \$1000.00, and of which amount, the sum of \$368.30 has been paid in cash, the balance, \$631.70, to be evidenced by one note in said sum, to be executed by said purchasers, payable to the order of the undersigned at his office in the City of Temple, Bell County, Texas, and the principal and interest to accrue on said note to become due and payable in monthly instalments of \$12.50 each, the first instalment to become due and payable on February 1, 1941, and a similar instalment on the first day of each succeeding month, until said note has been paid in full, both principal and accrued interest, to bear interest from January 1, 1941, at the rate of seven per cent per annum, the interest to become due and payable monthly, and each payment, when made, to be applied first to the accrued interest on said note and the balance to the principal and all past due principal and interest to bear interest from maturity at the rate of ten per cent per annum, and to provide that failure to pay any monthly instalment of principal or interest on said note when due, shall, at the option of the holder, mature said note; to stipulate for ten per cent additional as attorney's fees, and said note to be secured by a vendor's lien and deed of trust lien on the property and premises, above described.

Said application will be heard by the Honorable Charles A. Boynton, Judge of said Court, after this notice shall have been published for a period of ten days, and any person interested in said Receivership Estate may contest this application.
WITNESS my hand at Temple, Texas, this 19th day of December, A. D. 1940
H. C. GLENN, AS RECEIVER FOR TEMPLE TRUST COMPANY, Temple, Texas (Pub January 3 10 1941)

IN EQUITY--NO. 236 (Pope)
IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, WACO DIVISION
J. M. Hubbert vs. Temple Trust Company

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BAPTIST CHURCH
S. R. Smith, Pastor.
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Preaching services 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Training Union 6 p. m.
Prayer meeting and teachers meeting, Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for their help and words of sympathy during our bereavement, the illness and death of our wife, mother and grandmother.

Felix Smith, Sr., and Family.

COTTON QUOTAS ASKED BY TEXAS COTTON GROWERS

Texas counties which last year failed to return a two-thirds majority favoring cotton marketing quotas went over the line with majorities ranging from 67 to 100 percent in the South-wide referendum, December 9.
On the basis of unofficial returns from 229 counties in which cotton producers voted, Frank B. Seale, state AAA committeeman and Robertson county cotton farmer, analyzed trends as indicated by the vote and found that only three counties which last year gave quotas a two-thirds majority in five do so this year. They were Gillespie, 88 percent in 1939, 65 percent in 1940; Lee, 74 and 63; Cochran, 86 and 52.

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O. L. CHEANEY, Cashier.

IN EQUITY--NO. 236 (Stokes)
IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, WACO DIVISION
J. M. Hubbert vs. Temple Trust Company

lot of fifty (50) by one hundred (100) feet, facing 50 feet on Third Street, and being the West 50 feet of the South 100 feet of the East one-half of Block Seven (7) of Hassard's Subdivision of Blocks 2 and 3 of Clow's Second Addition to the Town of Coleman, Coleman County, Texas, together with all improvements thereon situated, and which property is more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows.

BEGINNING 75 feet West of the S. E. corner of said Block 7.

THENCE 7 North parallel with the East line of said Block 100 feet to the N. E. corner of this tract;

THENCE West 50 feet to the N. W. corner of the lot;

THENCE South 100 feet to the S. W. corner of said lot;

THENCE East 50 feet to the place of beginning;

and for a consideration of \$875.00, and of which amount the sum of \$203.42 has been paid in cash, and the balance, \$671.58, to be evidenced by one note in said sum, to be executed by said purchasers, payable to the order of the undersigned, at his office in the City of Temple, Bell County, Texas, and the principal and interest to accrue on said note to become due and payable in monthly instalments of \$10.00 each, the first instalment to become due and payable on January 1, 1941, and a similar instalment on the first day of each succeeding month until said note has been paid in full, both principal and accrued interest, to bear interest from December 1, 1940, at the rate of seven per cent per annum, the interest to become due and payable monthly, and each payment, when made, to be applied first to the accrued interest on said note and the balance to the principal and all past due principal and interest to bear interest from maturity at the rate of ten per cent per annum, and to provide that failure to pay any monthly instalment of principal or interest on said note when due, shall, at the option of the holder, mature said note; to stipulate for ten per cent additional as attorney's fees, and said note to be secured by a vendor's lien and deed of trust lien on the property and premises, above described.

Said application will be heard by the Honorable Charles A. Boynton, Judge of said Court, after this notice shall have been published for a period of ten days, and any person interested in said Receivership Estate may contest this application.
WITNESS my hand at Temple, Texas, this 9th day of December, A. D. 1940.

H. C. GLENN, AS RECEIVER FOR TEMPLE TRUST COMPANY, Temple, Texas (Published Jan 2 9 1941)

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## Social Notes

### MERRY WIVES HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Emphasizing the Yuletide theme in decorations and appointments, Mrs. Jack Woodward was hostess to the Merry Wives at their annual Christmas party Friday, December 20.

Mrs. E. D. McDonald won the traveling prize in games of forty-two. Gifts were exchanged among the members.

Those present besides the hostess were: Meses. Frank Crum, Burgess Weaver, Roger Hunter, Teddy Stewardson, Ross Kelley, Archie Hunter, Ed Bartlett, Lee Hunter, Hardy Stewardson, B. T. Vinson, Rex Golston, O. A. Ethredge, Sam Collier, D. R. Hill, Leman Brown, Ford Barnes, and McDonald and Miss Mary Lela Woodward.

### Mrs. A. G. Weaver Complimented

Mrs. Burgess Weaver, assisted by her sister, Miss Pearl Wilbourn and Mrs. Lee Hunter entertained Wednesday afternoon with a forty-two party complimenting her daughter-in-law, Mrs. A. G. Weaver of New Orleans.

The home was decorated in accord with the holiday season. Mrs. Leman Brown won the traveling prize.

Refreshments were served to Meses. Lamar Woods, Charles Mathews, Leman Brown and Misses Mattie Ella McCreary, Maurice Kirkpatrick, Jo May Payne and Marilyn Baxter, the hostess, her assistants and the honoree.

### A. G. Weavers Honored At Christmas Tea

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Barnes held open house from 7 to 10 Christmas night, honoring Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Weaver of New Orleans, who spent the holidays in Santa Anna. The house was gay with Christmas decorations.

The dining room was decorated in red and silver. Snow-covered holly and berries formed the centerpiece for the table where red tapers burned in silver candelabra.

Receiving the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver, Mrs. Burgess Weaver, Wilbourn Weaver, Jake Barnes and Miss Beth Barnes.

Miss Pearl Wilbourn poured tea. She was assisted by Meses. Roy Richardson, Jewell Hill and Brownlee Hunter.

Approximately one hundred guests called during the hours reserved.

### Mrs. Arthur Turner Presents Piano Pupils in Recital

Mrs. Arthur Turner presented her piano pupils in a recital at her home Tuesday evening, December 31, honoring the parents and invited guests.

Those on the program were, Betty Ann McCaughan, Novelle McClellan, Bonnie Jean Balke, Rodney Balke, Pat Gilmore, Colta Griffin, Alice Anna Guthrie, Nancy Ann Flores and Rosemary Duggins.

Additional numbers on the program were a piano solo by Talmadge Turner and a trumpet solo by Doris Belle Turner.

Following the recital gifts were exchanged by the children. Punch and cakes were served to the guests, parents and pupils.

## Personals

Emma John Blake, teacher in the Hamlin schools visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Blake during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Box and baby of McCamey visited her parents, Mr and Mrs. A. B. Dodgen Christmas Day.

Mr and Mrs J. S. Yarborough and daughter of Corpus Christi are guests in Ben Yarborough home.

Mr. and Mrs J. E. Densman and daughters, Corrine and Jean spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Trice of Abilene.

Edna McMasters of Florence was a holiday guest in the Stafford Baxter home from Saturday to Tuesday.

Lieut. and Mrs. W. T. Black-

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lock of Brownwood visited her parents last week Mrs. Blacklock is the former Ernestine Thames.

Wallace Woodruff, Texas Tech student of Lubbock, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Judge Woodruff during the holidays.

Mrs. S. H. McCain had as her guests for the holidays, her son-in-law, daughter and grandchildren, Master Sergeant and Mrs. H. H. Mooney, Monte Ruth and John Henry of Denver, Colorado where Sergeant Mooney is chief weather forecaster at the Air Corps Technical School at Lowry Field.

Lieut. and Mrs. Gene Hensley were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sellers of Del Rio.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Talley and family spent Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week in Nixon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cummers of Brownwood and Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Duggins of Coleman visited in the T. P. Sumner home last week.

Kathryn Williamson is visiting in San Angelo this week.

Mrs. D. J. Johnson returned Wednesday of last week from Fort Worth.

Dr. and Mrs. E. D. McDonald and son visited in Dallas with relatives during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. McMeans of Leaday visited in the Arthur Talley home this week.

Travis Harris of San Antonio visited relatives in Santa Anna during the holidays.

Mrs. S. P. Jones of Dallas returned to her home Sunday after being at the bedside of her mother for two weeks and a half.

S. P. Jones and children, Robert, Jimmie and Allene of Dallas spent Christmas day in Santa Anna.

Mrs. A. L. Oder returned from San Antonio Monday where she spent the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. Robert Flores of Delano, Calif., left Saturday for her home after spending Christmas with her mother, Mrs. C. A. Killmer.

Mr and Mrs. W. T. Moore of Henderson, have been visiting in the Don Ewing home.

Visitors in the W. R. Kelley home Christmas week were, Dr. and Mrs. V. A. Kelley and Virgil Knight Kelley of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Champion of Brownwood and Mrs. Charles Griffin of Brenard.

Mrs. Jesse Love of Lubbock has been visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Ewing. Morris Myrick of Fort Worth is spending the weekend in Santa Anna.

Mrs. Alton Blevins and sons of Texon are visiting friends and relatives in Santa Anna this week.

Mr. and Ms. Joe Karm of Castroville and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Strickland and son, Louis Niell, of Christine spent the week-end with Mrs. Oh Niell.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Smith of Brownwood visited his parents, Rev. and Mrs. S. R. Smith during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lacy of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Ford of Honey Grove and Mary Lee Ford of Dallas were guests in the J. E. Ford home last week.

Wyndell Sparkman, employed as a geological surveyor in Oklahoma City, and John Bob Sparkman, student at Texas Tech in Lubbock, visited here through the holidays.

J. C. Haynes of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones of San An-

gelo visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Haynes during the holidays. Leon Ward returned to McCamey this week after a holiday visit with friends and relatives in Santa Anna.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Lackey of Big Springs and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Woodward of Lamesa visited relatives in Santa Anna last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Gober and daughters, Mrs. Arthur Brandon and children, Mrs. W. A. Brandon and Mr. and Mrs. Elton McDonald and daughter, of Santa Anna, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jones and family of Blanket, Sunday.

J. A. Manley Jr., who joined the CCC Camp in October was home during Christmas for a week's vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Manley of Santa Anna.

Mrs. G. L. Evans, and son, Kenneth Wayne, returned home Tuesday from Odessa where they visited Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Lightfoot and children they also visited Mr and Mrs. A. L. Evans in Big Springs. Mrs. A. L. Evans returned with them for a visit with friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wojtek of Robert Lee visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Turner Oakes last week-end.

Lee Land of Marshal spent the weekend with his father, E. F. Land.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Byrne, Hal and Sonny returned from Dobbin this week after spending their Christmas vacation with relatives.

Mickie Parker and J. V. Browning of Abilene visited Mickie's parents Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Farham of Eddy, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde James of Waco and Sue Farham, student at Southwest Teachers college at San Marcos visited Mr. and Mrs. John Greenhaw Sun-

day. Miss Farham remained until Thursday.

Mrs. J. F. Williams and Arnold spent Christmas Day in Sweet water with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Pippin.

The Junior Culture Club will meet with Eunice Wheeler Tuesday, January 14 at 7:30 p. m. Marie Blewett will conduct the program.

Jim Williams, superintendent of the Sweetwater public schools Eugene Williams of Brady and Mrs. Earl Childers of Mason visited last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams who recently returned to Santa Anna to live.

Charlie Konze, University of Texas senior, of Alice was a guest in the Turner Oakes home last week.

Sixty soldiers attended services at the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Miller spent Christmas Day in Big Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Marion of Allen spent Christmas holidays with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Monroe. Mr. and Mrs. Monroe and Mr. and Mrs. Marion visited Verda Mae Marks who is in training at Sanatorium.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Justice and Pat of Coleman spent Sunday with Mr. Justice's mother, Mrs. S. C. Justice and his sister, Mrs. H. B. Monroe.

N. R. Beene of Allen visited Mr. and Mrs. Newt Gray and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Monroe this week. Miss Lynette Berry of Fort Worth visited her aunt, Mrs. H. W. Kingsbery two days last week.

Mr. Andrew Rollins of Dallas, a member of the Engineer Corps, stationed at Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, visited Miss Beth

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Billie Stapleton of Lubbock visited in Santa Anna and Wednesday. Mrs. Bessie Britton of Austin visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Evans last week.

Clodah Pettit of Pettit was at home for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Lunsford of Coleman visited in Santa Anna Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Steward and three daughters, Billie B. Neva Jo, Winnie Jean, of Eldorado visited in the T. T. Perry home last week.

Clovie Fletcher spent Christmas with relatives and friends in Santa Anna.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett and family of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Albright of Baton Rouge, La. and Leon Bartlett of Odessa visited Mr. and Mrs. Edd Bartlett through the holidays.


Mr. and Mrs. Carol Thames and children of Richland Springs visited the R. M. Rainey family last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lowe visited his parents and Mrs. R. M. Lowe during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Sheffield and family of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Casey of Fairburn were guests in the Kit Casey home during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bond, Carl Webb, Mrs. Julia Magi left Sunday morning for their home in Los Angeles after a holiday visit with Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Perry.

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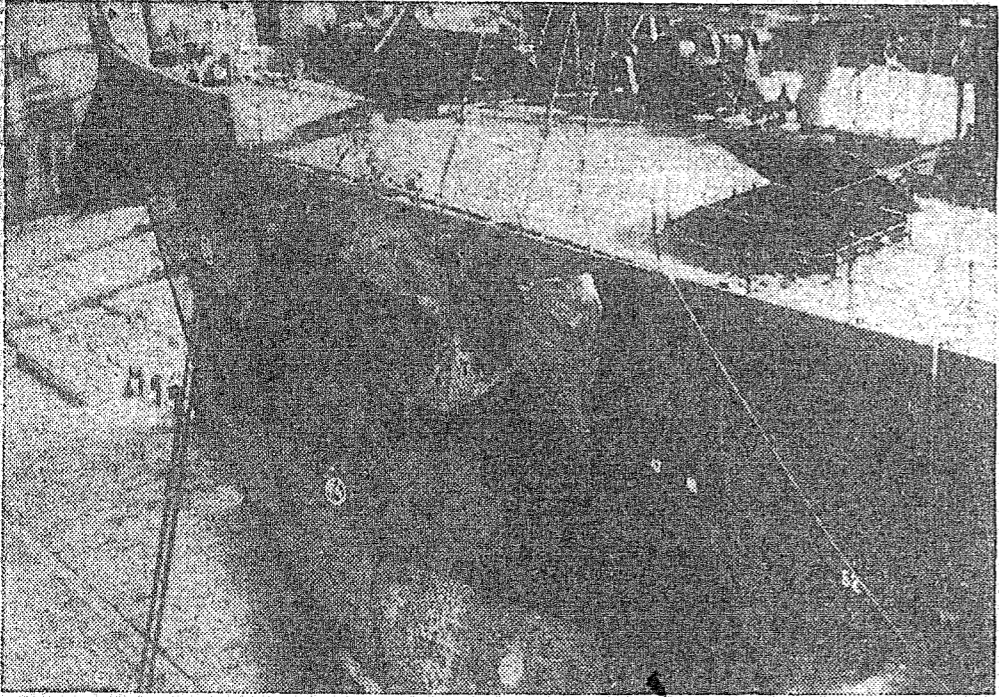
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## NOTABLE NEWS EVENTS IN PICTURES



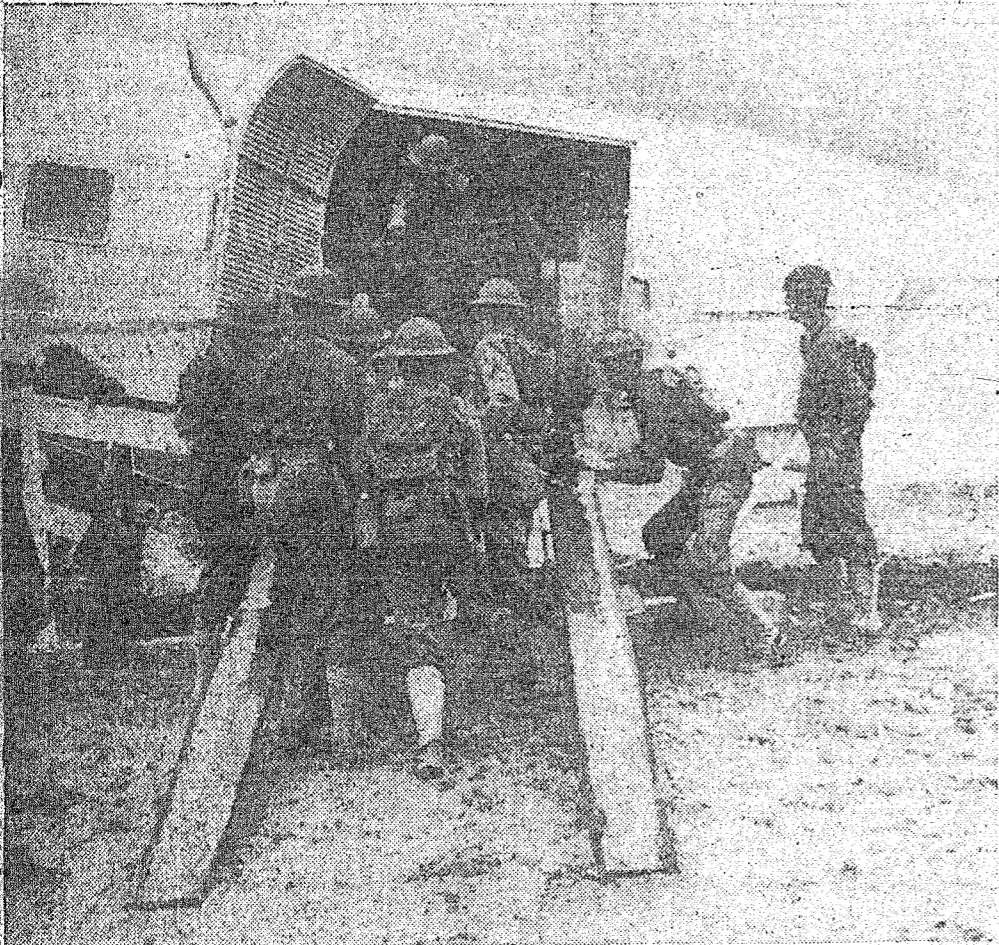
**TORPEDOED, MAKES PORT**—Huge hole torn in the side of the Dutch oil tanker *Hermes* didn't prevent crew from bringing her into port at Lisbon, Portugal. Ship was attacked by Italian submarine in Atlantic, but heroic efforts of crew and captain resulted in safe transit to port.



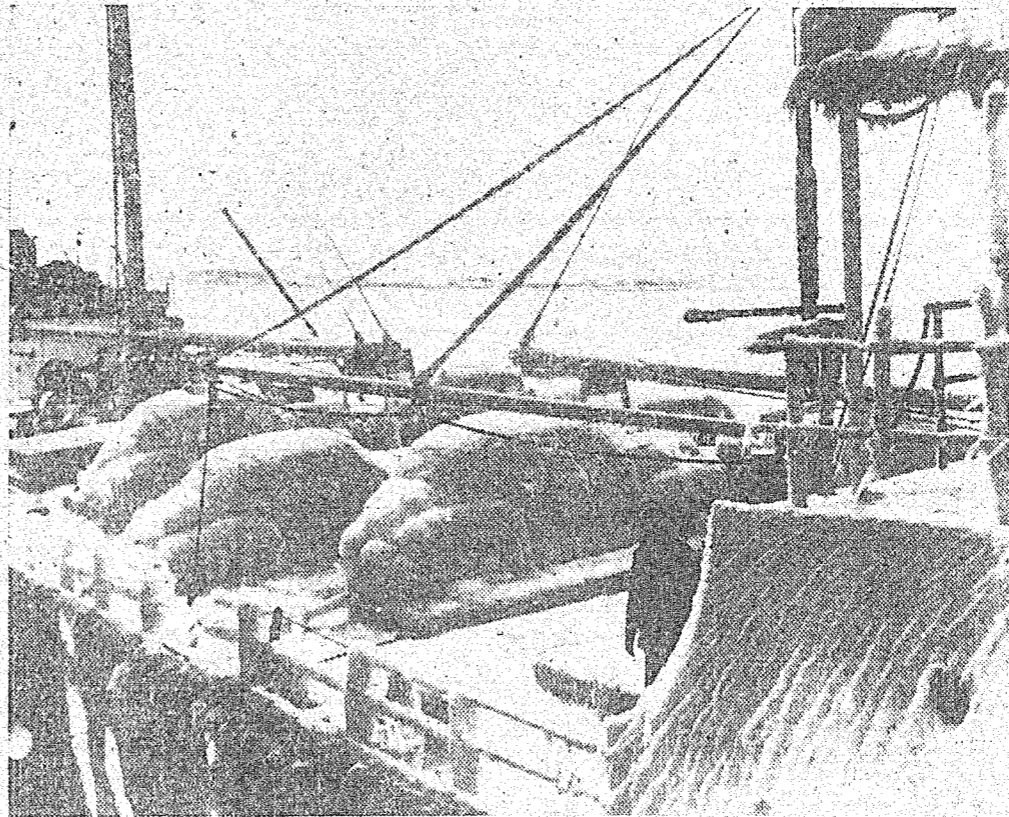
**RIISING WATERS** in Texas force a flood victim up onto the shoulders of his friend, when he found his legs wouldn't stand up against the stiff current of a river swollen by heavy rains.



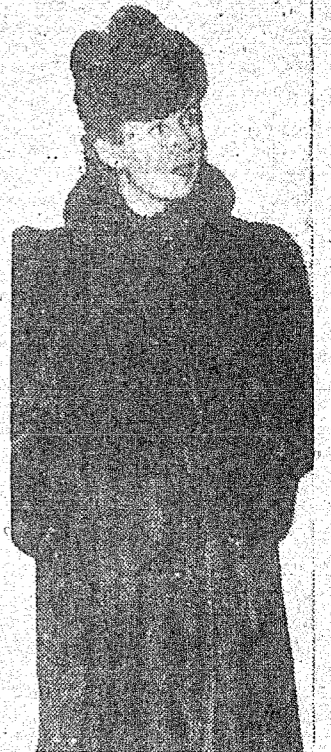
**JOBS YOU CAN HAVE**—Death lurks within the walls of each of these sea mines, but R. M. S. (Rendering Mines Safe) squad carry on undaunted by danger as they remove explosives from mines washed up on British coast. Many such mines found offshore come in for their attention.



**U. S. "SUICIDE SQUAD"**—Infantrymen at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, members of newly-formed "suicide squad," load 37-mm. anti-tank gun into a dummy freight transport plane during demonstration of aerial transport. These troops back up gains made by 'chute troops in enemy territory.



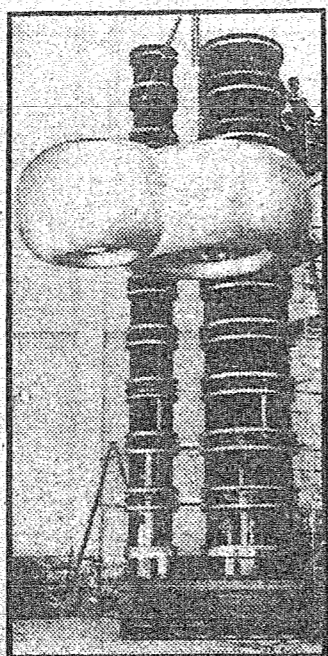
**SLEET SCULPTURE**—Wintry waves on Lake Erie, with Jack Frost as the sculptor, were responsible for ice coat adorning these autos on the frozen deck of the freighter "*Fernie*," as she arrived in Detroit, Mich., after trans-lake voyage from Sandwich, Ontario, in icy gale.



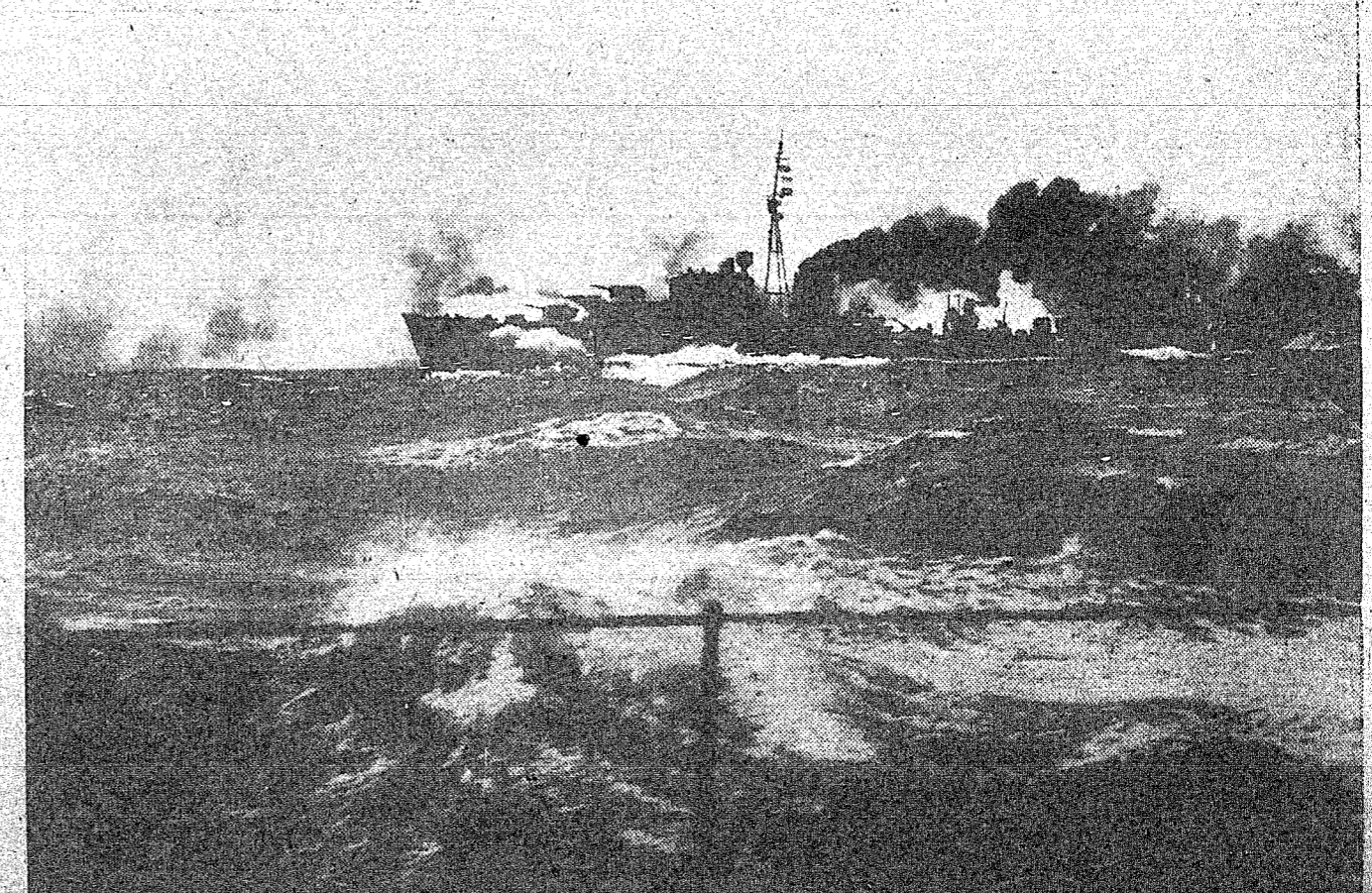
**MODE IN MINK**—For daytime or evening wear, this natural Eastern-Canadian mink coat features padded collar, framing the face, and full sleeves.



**AWIC MEETS HIS MASTER**—It was just another case of Italy and Greece, when a hawk invaded an Atlanta henhouse bossed by "Dommy" (rear), rooster who showed hawk how to scrap.



**THE GOVERNMENT** doesn't intend to use it that way, but the huge X-ray machine above in the U. S. Bureau of Standards, Washington, is big enough to X-ray a regiment at one time. The world's largest, it is capable of generating rays to a power of 1,500,000 volts, or equal the strength of \$50,000,000 worth of radium.



**WRATHFUL WARRIOR**—Ready for action, this grim greyhound of British destroyer fleet chases the waters of the Atlantic, off the English coast on submarine patrol, eager to contact the vultures of the deep that have been preying on British shipping.

# This Native Son's Father Fought at San Jacinto

By AVIS PLATTER  
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**G**EORGE W. DOUTHIT, who lives a few miles south of Canton, (Van Zandt county), Texas, is called "Grandpa" Douthit by his many friends. He will be 90 years old on his next birthday. He was born in 1851 near Palestine, (Anderson county), Texas, and moved to Van Zandt county in 1872, settling on land granted by the State of Texas to his father who fought under Sam Houston in the Battle of San Jacinto.

Douthit lives with his youngest daughter on this original land grant which has never been transferred outside the Douthit family. His farm house sets in a lovely grove of large native trees just off Highway 64.

Until recently Mr. Douthit did much of his farm work, but a few months ago he fell and fractured a hip bone. Since then he has not been so active; however, his general health is good.

When asked about his early day life in Texas he said:

"When I was a boy of school age there were hardly any schools in Texas. What few we had were broken up by the War Between the States. So I didn't get much education. I learned to read and write fairly well, but missed arithmetic. I did manage to pick up enough arithmetic to figure my way through."

"Most all of the first Douthit family died young. Father died at 52. There were eight in the family and I am the sole survivor. Why I have lived so

long I don't know. My longevity may have come from my grandmother who lived to be 105 years old.

## Principal Bread-Winner

"After father died I was the principal bread-winner for the family, though I was just 12 years old. I worked long hours on the farm and raised corn, peas, potatoes, cotton. One year I made four bales of cotton on eight acres of land. I was paid 19 cents a pound for this cotton, all in gold. It was during the War Between the States when Confederate paper money had little value. People hoarded gold—if they had any—and used it to buy necessities. But all necessities were high and sometimes gold even could not buy them because they were not to be had at any price. That was a time when the land kept us from starving. We had to raise our own food or go without it. We also had to make our own clothes at home on the spinning wheel. I can now card, spin and weave. At night mother would place a little pile of wool down on the floor beside each of us children and we had to finish picking it before going to bed. Picking meant to get all the trash and foreign substance out of it.

"War times were hard times. The Northern and Southern armies fought four long years, and the last two years were the hardest. We ran out of flour and were lucky to have biscuits once a month. No coffee, no sugar. Sorghum syrup was our substitute for sugar and meal-bran, okra, rye and potatoes—

parched—were our substitutes for coffee.

## Steady Diet of Cornbread

We had plenty of meat and cornbread. But a steady diet of cornbread three times a day for a month gets mighty monotonous. Meat was a simple problem. You could raise a few pigs, chickens, and there was an abundance of wild game that could be easily killed with firearms. I always loved to hunt. I would eat supper, trim my old fire-cap rifle and walk a mile or two, then kill a deer. I have killed as many as three deer in one night. The way we killed deer at night was to 'shine their eyes' with a lantern or a lighted pine knot. Deer are curious and will often stand and gaze at a light. While they gazed, I would aim my rifle between their eyes and pulled the trigger. There's no better meat than fat venison if cooked right. We pioneers cooked it in Dutch ovens, which cook food more appetizing than any stove. I never ate a meal cooked on a stove until I was 17 years old.

"Wolves, wildcats, panthers and a

too poor to buy a mould. We had to borrow one from a neighbor. There was no class distinction in pioneer times. A poor family had the same social rating as a rich family.

"When I came to this county in 1872 it was a wilderness. I built a log cabin for a home, cleared land, then split rails to fence the land. My nearest neighbor, another trail-blazer, lived two miles from me.

## Building Log Cabin Without Nails

"We had no nails. In building a log cabin we notched the ends of the logs and dove-tailed them together. Shingles for roofs were split from oak logs and the shingles pegged on to the boards. The boards were pegged on to rafters, rafters pegged on to logs. First nails brought into East Texas were square. Some carpenters doubted that they would ever come into general use.

"Oxen were the main draft animals. They pulled our wagons and our plows. The first cotton gins were powered by oxen. Hitched to a lever that turned a big wheel, they went around and around

"The horse was the most popular method of transportation. Everybody rode horseback. You could depend on the horse getting you over the worst roads. He would swim across a river with you sitting on his back. Many times we had to swim swollen streams because there were no bridges and few ferries.

"Soap was all home-made. There was no laundry soap in the stores. I learned to make it, a simple process. You use hog fat mixed with ash drip lye and bring it to a boiling point. There were two kinds of soft home-made soap—'jelly' and 'mush' soap.

"Pioneers had to be handy at making many things. I have known men to kill beef yearlings, tan the leather and make their own shoes. Deer hides would be tanned and made into vests, pants and leggings. Coon hides made into caps and gloves.

## The Pioneer Had No Choice

"I have woven saddle-girths and bridles from the hairy end of cowtails. They will outwear the leather kind sold in harness shops. Pioneer blacksmiths made the nails that they used in shoeing horses. You can learn to do a lot of things when you have to do them. And the pioneer had no choice—it was either make it himself or do without.

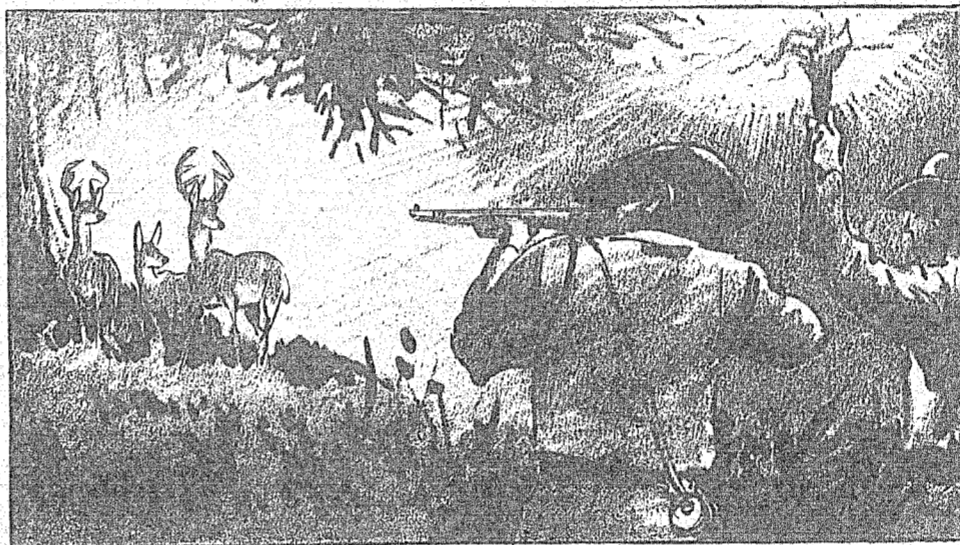
"Rail-splitting and log-rolling contests were popular. I have split 400 rails in one day. The only kind of fencing in East Texas before the coming of barbed wire was either a rail or a picket fence. On my farm is still part of an old rail fence—so old I can't remember the day it was built.

"Hard work and plenty of it from sun up to sun down was the lot of pioneers. We didn't mind it. We became toughened and seasoned to it. People who work are far happier than people who loaf. The trouble with our times—at least much of the trouble—is because there is too much loafing, too many who want to make an easy living. God doesn't prosper a sluggard."

Grandpa Douthit is the father of two daughters and two sons. He has grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is looking forward to his 90th birthday on September 11, 1941, when he hopes to have a family reunion at the old home place near Canton where he settled down in 1872.



GEORGE W. DOUTHIT  
Canton, Texas.



"While they gazed, I would aim my rifle between their eyes and pull the trigger."

few bear roamed the woods of East Texas at this time. I owned some hounds and it was great fun to go wolf-chasing. There were big timber wolves that would put up a terrible fight when cornered by hounds. A panther brought to bay is a dangerous animal. His long sharp fangs and claws will cut a dog to pieces. Better to shoot him dead before the dogs tackle him.

## Going to Mill

"Going to mill was a two-day job. Grist mills were situated on streams and their power for grinding came from a big 'waterwheel,' over which flowed water diverted from the main stream. The nearest mill to our home was 17 miles. I rode horseback to mill, with a sack of corn on the back of the horse. The miller would grind the corn, then I would tie the sack of meal on the back of my horse and start home. One time I traded a miller out of 200 pounds of flour and when I arrived home with it the entire family hugged me. They thought it was the smartest trade I had ever made in all my life.

"We now talk glibly about 50-candle, 100 and 200-candle-power electric lights. I can remember when no Texas home had any kind of light except tallow-candle light. We saved our tallow and made it into candles from a regular candle-moulder which moulded half a dozen candles, at one pouring. These moulds were scarce and expensive. Some families, including our own, were

fraught with difficulties and complications as it is.

What is worrying Hitler most is probably the danger of collapse of Italy which would lead Mussolini, or his successor, to seek some sort of peace. Such a development would open the way to the possibility of Italy's becoming a landing place for a German expeditionary force which might move northward. It is this danger which has given rise to reports that in the event of an Italian collapse Hitler might occupy the whole of Italy. That indeed would be an undertaking of no small caliber; it would call for possibly half a million men and perhaps more. And it is difficult to see that any prestige would be left to Mussolini should his big partner decide to take such a step.

In any event since the day when Mussolini jumped on defeated France in the belief he was getting away with something on a cheap and easy basis, he has had no luck. He did not get the French Littoral and a slice of French Northern Africa when France was helpless and before the British had built up their strength in the Mediterranean. Now he has only reverse.

Reichsfuehrer Hitler, when he spoke amid gleaming cannon barrels in the Borsig munition plant in Berlin, made no reference to Italy's war role. He rehearsed the Nazi version of the war's origin, pictured it as a struggle between dispossessed peoples, a "damned plutocracy" and proclaimed unshaken confidence in German victory; but he did not discuss current or future diplomatic or military developments.

# British Victory In Desert Fighting

By EDWIN L. JAMES  
Military Staff Editor, New York Times

**T**HE recent British defeat of the Italian army in Egypt stacks up as perhaps the most important development in the war since the Germans beat the French. Its possible repercussions may be enormous. After the Greeks threw back the Italian aggression against their country with such disastrous results for the invaders, the crushing of the Italian advance into Egypt, which had been intended to cross the country and seize the Suez Canal, puts Mussolini in a precarious position both at home and in his relations to his Axis partner, Adolf Hitler.

Of course, the Italian forces may be able to stop the Greeks short of Valona, in Albania, and thus retain the only port

These rumblings have represented dissatisfaction with the Fascist regime and especially discontent over the war. Not only is the war not popular in Italy but it has added to the hardships of the population; life was none too easy and plentiful in Italy before Rome entered the conflict. There is no love in Italy for the Germans, as there is no love for the Italians in Germany. Of all that Mussolini has promised from the Axis co-operation nothing has come to his lap. Even what he could have taken from France after her defeat by the Germans was denied him. He went into the war to satisfy his aspirations; he is still aspiring.

The food position of Italy is not good. The British blockade has cut off 80 per cent of Italian imports and there seems



These Australians played a part in helping the British drive against the Italians in Egypt.

at which men and material could be landed for a new offensive and, of course, Graziana, the Italian general who has had a lot of experience in desert fighting, may be able to re-form his forces and stop the British at the Libyan frontier, but even at that Mussolini, who only a fortnight ago was telling the world that nothing could stop him, will have taken a trimming the effect of which cannot even be guessed at this time.

There is for him today not only the sting of two major defeats but also a patent denial of his claims to dominate the Mediterranean sea navally. For it stands to reason that if he could use his fleet successfully against British naval forces in his neighborhood the days when the British ships were shelling Marshall Graziana's forces he would have done so.

## Mussolini's Home Position

It is no secret that there have been recently political rumblings in Italy.

small chance now of Mussolini's being able to force the lifting of that blockade. The country has no oil, no coal, no iron. It can get them now only from Germany. And thus, at the best, Italy is only a tail to the German kite.

The truth of the matter is that Italy is now absolutely dependent on Germany for materials to carry on the war. Mussolini is in theory and in fact the prisoner of Hitler. It was figured by experts that when he entered the war he had oil enough for six months. The six months is ending. Italy is getting no oil except her allowance from Germany, it being no secret that part of the supply from Rumania is being shipped to Italy.

## Axis Difficulties

The collapse of Italy militarily would be a heavy blow to the Axis.

It might be a good guess that Hitler will not undertake to save Mussolini's face in Africa but might turn his attention to Greece. That is the logical step,

# CAA Pilot Training Program

By EDWARD T. FOLLIARD  
(War Correspondent, Washington Post)

**T**HE civilian pilot training program, started by the Civil Aeronautics Authority in the spring of 1939 as a nonmilitary endeavor, is beginning to pay dividends from a national defense standpoint.

College boys who have taken the CAA course are going into the Army and Navy air services, where they will be developed from fledglings into hard-flying warbirds.

A recent check-up showed that 2,600 young CAA trainees actually were undergoing training in Army and Navy air schools, or were awaiting orders to report. The Army had 1,935 of the fledglings and the Navy 701.

If this figure doesn't seem exactly startling in these days of "50,000 airplanes," it should be remembered that in the past the Army has been turning out pilots at the rate of less than 500 a year.

So much is happening today in the

ground courses in their classrooms and sending students to nearby air fields to learn to fly—a huge reserve of private pilots is being formed in the United States.

Up to last September 15, a total of 22,596 young people were taught to fly under the CAA program. Right now another 17,230 are being taught to fly. Under the CAA program for this fiscal year, 45,000 students are being trained, not counting some 9,000 students who are taking a secondary course to better fit them for the Army and Navy air services.

## Feeder for Army and Navy

These figures might be better understood if it be pointed out that by next July the CAA will have given flight training to more individuals than previously had been trained in this country since the Wright brothers invented the airplane.

The CAA program must be regarded, first, from the standpoint of its value



Cadets at Randolph Field, near San Antonio, all ready to take off on their daily training program. Some of these cadets first took the CAA training course.

drive to make America strong that the CAA pilot training program is somewhat overshadowed. The day may come, however, when the country will look upon it as one of the finest achievements in its history; yes, and as one of the most valuable from a national defense standpoint, too.

## Huge Reserve of Private Pilots

What is happening in this: With more than 700 colleges and universities taking part in the program—giving

as a feeder to the Army and Navy, and second, from the standpoint of its value to America's post-war economy.

It has been related how the CAA fledglings now are flowing into the armed services. The number surely will increase as time goes on. Not all of them will win their wings; washouts in the two services are fairly high. But even less than 40 per cent of those who offer their services make the grade, it will be a justification of the program.

# CURRENT COMMENT

By A STAFF EDITOR

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## A Measure of Courage

HERE'S a certain measure of courage that a nation finds it needs among its men during trying times to carry through to success and victory.

The farmer must have it when rain floods his fields, or drouth sears his crops; he must suffer loss and plant anew. The business man calls on this measure of courage when he enters into a bold enterprise in the face of depression. The soldier needs it when he goes out to battle an enemy, in an unknown territory, against overwhelming odds.

Perhaps no soldier needs it more than the parachute trooper. Now that the U. S. is forming a corps of these modern warriors, there will be need for this extra courage among the men who defend America.

The dangers encountered by the parachutist have been demonstrated in Europe, where hundreds of Russians and Germans died dropping from the sky to attack. This method of warfare can be used for defense as well, for men dropped behind the enemy lines could learn of attack plans and hinder operations.

In attack or defense, the risk is the same. In the daytime, the parachutist is a helpless target in the sky. At night, unseen wires or trees menace him, and the danger of capture after a safe landing is always present.

The job calls for men of courage, but the U. S. will find them in her ranks.

## Decline of Male Population

The excess of males over females in the United States is being reduced, according to the Census Bureau, at the rate of nearly 100,000 a year.

In about fifteen years, according to the census table, the United States should join the majority of nations in showing a female majority. The excess of female population in Germany in 1937 was nearly 1,800,000, in France about 1,500,000 and in England nearly 1,700,000.

The United States, along with other new lands like Canada and Australia, has consistently had a male majority. In 1920, the excess of males was 2,090,242. In 1930 it had fallen to 1,499,114. Preponderantly male immigration contributed to retain the male majority status but, during the last decade, immigration has ceased to be an important factor.

The peak of male excess population over female in the United States was

reached in 1910, when it was 2,692,288. The excess had consistently increased with every decade except that between 1860 and 1870, when Civil War losses reduced the male excess from 727,087 to 428,789.

Although 105 to 106 males are born to every 100 female births, the higher death rate among males is offsetting this fact. The trend toward a female majority is being materially aided by the fact that women now live three years longer than men.

Heart disease takes 47,073 more males than females annually; automobile accidents take 19,732 more males; influenza and pneumonia, 17,168; suicides, 10,172 (14,529 males to 4,357 female); tuberculosis, 9,694; congenital malformations and diseases of infancy, 9,488, and nephritis, 7,427. The common killers in which the deaths of females exceed those of males, with average annual excess, are cancer and tumor, 10,818; and diabetes, 6,862. Maternal deaths average 12,000 annually. The one common killers which seem to show no sex favoritism is cerebral hemorrhage, embolism and thrombosis, which annually takes approximately 110,000, with only 300 more females than males.

## Army Recruiting Homing Pigeons

Under defense plans the Army Signal Corps will add hundreds of homing pigeons to the 2,000 now in the service. Close to a half million served the opposing armed forces during the first World War.

The pigeons, capable of flying up to 600 miles a day at an average speed of thirty-five miles per hour, are used to carry to headquarters messages from combat and observation aircraft, tanks and units cut off from ordinary channels of communication. The messages are placed in a capsule attached to a band on the bird's leg.

Among the 20,000 pigeons in the United States Army during the last war were many whose deeds of valor equaled those of any soldier.

## Only 38 Per Cent of People Voted in Presidential Election

Almost thirty-eight of every 100 persons in the country voted in the Presidential election November 5. There were 49,808,624 voters out of the 131,669,275 persons in the continental United States.

Voters for Franklin D. Roosevelt totaled 27,241,939, or slightly more than twenty from every 100 of the popula-

tion. Wendell L. Willkie received 22,327,226 votes, or almost seventeen from every 100 of the population.

The Census Bureau estimated that there were 80,528,000 potential voters; that is, native persons and naturalized foreign born 21 years old and over. About sixty-two in every 100 of these potential voters cast ballots.

The number of persons who registered or who otherwise qualified to vote was 60,576,979. Of that number about eight-two in every 100 exercised the right of franchise.

In four States more than half the population voted. They were Illinois, 53.4 per cent; Nevada, 53.0; Indiana, 52.0, and Delaware, 51.1. The States in which the smallest percentage of the population voted were: South Carolina, 5.2 per cent; Mississippi, 8.0; Georgia, 10.0, and Alabama, 10.4.

Texas cast more than a million votes for President for the first time. Its total vote was 1,041,168, or 16.2 per cent.

## U-Boat Threat to England

The threat of the German U-boat to the commerce by which Britain lives is sharply defined by the figures compiled by neutral sources which put average weekly British, Allied and neutral shipping losses at 84,000 tons for the last 14 weeks compared to an average of 43,000 tons a year ago.

The reasons for this increase, according to neutral naval sources, are the new German bases in French ports plus the operations of bombing and scouting aircraft between 600 and 700 miles west of Ireland.

There is no doubt the British navy, especially the destroyer force, is doing its utmost to combat the threat, but more long-range aircraft and more destroyers appear to be needed by the dozens and scores, not by ones and twos.

Not only have the Germans more bases from which to wage war on British shipping, but the British are now deprived of the Irish ports which they used in the first World War to combat the U-boats. Ireland insists on remaining neutral.

Prime Minister Churchill caused an uproar in the House of Commons recently when he talked of Ireland's refusal to allow the British to use her ports. Churchill said:

"The fact that we cannot use the south and west coast of Ireland to refuel our flotillas and aircraft and thus protect the trade by which Ireland as well as British lives—that fact is a most heavy and grievous burden and one which never should have been placed on

with the banker. Here's wishing them luck and gillions of wisdom to guide their deliberations.

A certain wife says she has an ideal husband. This wife should keep it a profound secret, because if it gets in the newspapers some other wives might want to swap husbands with her. I never knew but two ideal husbands and they died young. All girls think they will marry ideal husbands and it is well for them to think so; it makes for romance and who would want to live in a world without romance. Howsoever, when the shock comes after marriage, when wife's idol lies shattered at her feet, it's best she take it as a joke, not take it seriously.

People complain about hard times. But times are not as hard as they used to be. Seldom is a youngster seen going around wearing clothes his mother made out of dad's old coat, vest or pants. Big families were the rule in earlier times. I remember one family that had 12 children, 8 boys and 4 girls. The mother of this family cut down her husband's britches for the oldest boy who wore them until he outgrew them, then she cut them down for the second oldest boy, the third oldest and so on until they were shreds and patches. Nor were all patches the same, a patch might be brown or blue or gray. I recall one boy in particular who came to school wearing cut down britches of many-colored patches. His name was Christopher Cox. His playmates nicknamed him "Crazy Quilt Cox."

A man is to be pitied who goes through life continually scared. I know a man who has been scared peerless for 25 years. He is scared of the rain, afraid it will rain too much or too little. He is scared of poverty though financially well-to-do. He is scared of starving to death and never eats enough. He is scared of his health and expects to die any minute. He is scared of in-laws and believes they are plotting to murder him. He is scared of automobiles and never rides in one. He is scared of storms and spends most of his time in a storm cellar. He is scared of mules and has a presentiment that a mule will some day kick him to death. He is scared of burglars and padlocks doors and windows at night. He even talks of hiring a body guard to go places with him and protect his precious life.

our shoulders, broad though they may be."

## Predict Great Business Activity

The impetus that the vast defense program has given American industry leads editors and economists of trade publications throughout the country to predict tremendous business activity in 1941. Some of them believe, with reservation, that the national income will increase from this year's total of about \$74,000,000,000 to \$80,000,000,000. Others, more optimistic, expect it to reach \$100,000,000,000.

Several industries, according to the editors, will be busier in 1941 than at any time since the World War. Yet the continuance of this activity, with its resultant plant expansion and increased employment, depends, some commentators say, on the fortunes of war: If Great Britain loses, business expansion will be checked; if she keeps on fighting, then continued industrial expansion is assured.

## Simple Rules to Avoid Influenza

Prevention of influenza, according to Dr. Harold Williams, Acting Health Chief of the City of Fort Worth, Texas, depends mainly on the individual and his observance of some of the practical laws of hygiene. The disease is spread by secretions from the nose and throat of flu patients.

Dr. Williams enumerated 11 rules of hygiene, as laid down by the U. S. health authorities:

1. Avoid needless crowding.
2. Take advantage of as much open air and sunshine as you can.
3. Sleep with the windows open and be sure your home is well ventilated.
4. Avoid people who are coughing, sneezing or sniffing, and do not cough or sneeze yourself without using your handkerchief.
5. Wash your hands immediately before eating, and do not put your fingers to your mouth or nose—in shaking hands or handling objects touched by others you may infect yourself by carrying germs on your hands to the mouth or nose.
6. Do not use a napkin, towel, spoon, fork, knife, glass, dish, or cup which has been used by another person unless such articles have been washed or sterilized. Avoid the common drinking cup.
7. Keep up your general health; first, by using plenty of clean water, inside and outside your body; second, by eating clean, wholesome food; third, by sleeping at least seven hours out of each 24; and fourth, by keeping the system regulated.
8. Keep away from houses where there are cases of influenza.
9. Avoid chilling.
10. Avoid overheated rooms.
11. In case the disease develops, go to bed immediately and remain there until recovery. A physician should be called at once.

## U. S. Families Smaller

The size of the American family has declined steadily during the last fifty years, and the average family today has 1.1 fewer persons than in 1890. This statistical comparison is true for Texas and for the nation.

Cause of the decline, Director William Lane Austin of the Census Bureau said, is primarily the increased movement of families from rural to city life and the decrease in birth rate that always accompanies such movement.

The average population per family in the United States in 1940 was 3.8, compared with an average of 4.1 persons in 1930. Texas had an average per family in 1930 of 4.2 persons.

The size of the average family is larger in the South than in the industrial states of the North and East.

## Cantonment

America is building an Army—the skeleton of four armies, ten corps, twenty-three divisions in the field today; a filled-out force of thirty divisions, of more than a million men by next summer.

The cantonment construction program is one of the biggest in our history. The Army housing program is to cost many millions; there are to be about thirty-nine cantonments, sixteen camps, expansion of facilities at some ninety stations, establishment of Army air stations at thirty civilian fields.

It is the same everywhere; the scenery changes and the climate and the men, but in Texas and Oklahoma, Georgia, Florida, California, from the Arctic Seas to the muddy delta of the Mississippi the two-story wooden barracks for sixty men; the mess halls for 190 men, the recreation halls, the tent cities, are much the same.

America is building an army.

## Nazis Resentful

The Nazis now are getting officially resentful over American aid to Britain. For many months it had been the position of Berlin that United States aid to Britain did not amount to much, that we were slow in getting into production and that Britain would be well beaten by the Germans before our aid would become efficacious and that, after all, there was a great difference between American products made here and American products in Britain because the German blockade was going to block their route. After maintaining that position for many months, the Berlin spokesman now decides that we are unfair and issues threats which indicate that if Hitler could, he would do something about it.

It is not a great surprise that Berlin is irritated. The year is finishing without the crushing of Britain, as promised by Hitler. His partner, Mussolini, has run into all sorts of bad luck and the threat of Italian collapse has become so great that the project of aiding Italy is now seriously being weighed in Berlin. It looks as if the war is going to last some time. The longer it lasts the more aid Britain will get from the United States. It is that prospect which now irritates the Germans.

## Deaths in Accidents Rise

Statisticians of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company estimated the number of deaths by injuries in the country in 1940 at 98,000, or nearly 5,500 more than in 1939. The statement declared this year's estimated total reversed the downward trend in accident fatalities prevalent since 1937, and added that the record was "especially disappointing in view of the conservation of manpower now needed for national defense."

"Each of the major classes of accidents has shared in the general increase. The greatest proportionate increase was shown in occupational accidents. Deaths resulting from automobile accidents will reach about 34,500 or 2,000 more than last year, but 5,000 fewer than in 1937."

## Flying in the Sub-Stratosphere

The trend at the very outset of the new decade, the "Flying Forties" is toward much larger super-charged four-engine aircraft with pressurized cabins for flying at 16,000 to 20,000 feet, conditioned to feel like the ideal flying height of 8,000 to 12,000 altitude range.

From an operating angle this "upper level" flying escapes 95 per cent of the bad weather at lower levels, including the very troublesome ice formation on wings, is ideal for radio reception, and because of lowered air resistance makes for greatly increased speeds with the same power.

From the standpoint of the airlines these are advantages of considerable weight. On the other hand from the passenger point of view overweather flying gives (1) a new thrill in a markedly expanded range of vision, literally a new world of limitless space and breath-taking cloud and light effects, (2) increased comfort through elimination of air "bumps," (3) added safety, in accordance with the aeronautical principle, "the higher, the better," and (4) faster travel, cutting off two hours from the coast to coast flights.

## Texas' Most Traveled Highway

The most traveled highway in Texas is the 32-mile stretch between Fort Worth and Dallas. A recent count shows 11,100 automobiles traverse the route each ordinary day.

Widening of the highway and enforcement of the State's traffic laws has reduced the death toll from thirty-four in 1937 to four in 1940.

## The Great American Home



"Granpap, if ya don't go and do some weedin', afore long we'll have to move out."

# Grass Root Reveries

By JOE GANDY  
Wimberly, Texas.

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STILL wonder about Christmas—wonder how mysterious it came and how mysterious it vanished. Seems like a happy dream. I have tied a blue ribbon around all my Christmas cards and put them away. I keep every Christmas card from year to year. This year they were prettier than ever. One friend sent me a check instead of a Christmas card which read: "THE BANK OF GOOD CHEER. Pay to Joe Gandy 365 Days of Happiness." That was a magnificent gesture. What could be richer than 365 happy days. Believe I would be ready to leave this "vale of tears" if I could experience 365 happy days.



"If politics make strange bed-fellows, then—"

Another New Year comes into the lives of men—comes whether they want it or not. Time, no respecter of persons, marches on straight ahead without any detours. In fact Time, if you get in its way and stand still, can knock you down and flatten you out. That's why we must keep on our feet and keep moving. Surely 1941 is one year when we gotta keep moving, especially with our defense program. So let's be busy as beavers building a dam. Make this our motto: "All for one and one for all; united we stand, divided we fall."

In spite of all that has been said and done, last year was not a bad year. True, we failed to make it with some things, but with other things we came out tops. Crops, for instance, were pretty good all around. There's still corn in the crib and bacon in the smokehouse. The Lord would bless people more if they would quit bellyaching. We Americans think we are thankful, but are we truly and sincerely thankful for all our many blessings? I doubt it. I know one old skinflint who says a blessing three times a day at the

table before he eats, but is always squawking about something, is never satisfied or glad that he's alive, although he has good health, good food and good clothing.

The changing world, it seems, has affected country sausage. At least, some folks say country sausage is not as good as it used to be. The world will be sadder and poorer if country sausage ever loses its savor. What aroma can compare with country sausage, just taken from the smokehouse, and spluttering in the pan? If country sausage isn't as good as it used to be, it's because we have streamlined the hog too much, got away from nature too much with fancy breeding and fancy culling. The best sausage I have ever eaten in my life came from a razorback hog, home-cured and hickory smoked.

The estimated cost of killing a man in modern war is \$50,000. Back in Alexander's time the cost of killing a man in war was about six-bits. If Alex could come back on Earth and see how the cost of war has gone up he would weep again because he didn't do more fighting while fighting was like a 5 and 10 bargain counter.

The eyes of Texas will be upon the next Texas Legislature which meets in January. Great problems of State will be up for solution. No one can predict the outcome or who or what will save the State from utter ruin and devastation. We shudder to think what will happen to left-over legislation. Left-over legislation is like left-over food—no one cares a dern about it. Newly-elected members will strut their stuff—some from the forks of the creek and some from the big wicked cities. If politics make strange bed-fellows then this session of the Legislature will be strange indeed, for the farmer will lie down with the lawyer and the newspaper man will lie down

# BRIEF TEXAS NEWS---from Over the State

## LIVED IN SAME HOUSE 78 YEARS

Mrs. Mary Abigail Browder, who lived on a farm near Dallas, died there recently in the same house in which she was born and had lived 78 years.

## REUNITED AFTER 42 YEARS

Dusty and Bert Rhoads, Texas cowboy brothers who drifted apart, recently met at Clarendon by accident and were reunited after 42 years.

## SCALPED BY WIND CHARGER

Mrs. W. C. Herndon, age 46, was badly scalped when struck on the head by the blade of a windcharger she was trying to stop at her home in the Gray-back community of Wilbarger county.

## CROOKED LAND PROMOTION

El Paso county records recently revealed a crooked land deal made in 1921. A man bought "right city lots" from a real estate promoter. He developed his land was on about Franklin, a rugged, inaccessible mass of stone and cactus three miles north of El Paso.

## HOUSE RUNS INTO AUTOMOBILE

Clarksville Times: "A rush squad of officers answering a call in Houston found an astonish scene. A house, the usual order, a house had run into a car. The house, moved up and piled on rollers, was found at the end of a street when it broke through a car and into a parked automobile."

## BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU PLAY BRIDGE

Texas bridge and whist players who play in places other than their own homes or homes of friends, hardly look upon themselves as criminals, but a recent investigation by the Attorney General's department found that playing cards anywhere but in a private residence occupied by a family is unlawful.

## "WRONG NUMBER"

Dallas Journal: "The man who has a two-piece silk underwear" a lady's voice over the telephone asked M. J. Patterson, Dallas city banker.

"Patterson started to answer, but she cut him off with:

"Well, do you have any one-piece underwear?"

"No," Patterson replied.

"What kind of a place are you running down there?" she asked.

"Lady, I'm running the city jail," Patterson answered.

"She hung up."

## BUSINESS GAINS

Texas Business Review: "Further business gains in Texas during coming months are definitely indicated. In addition to prospective increases in income from ordinary sources—agriculture, minerals, and non-agricultural payrolls—Federal expenditures in Texas incident to the national defense program are assuming significant proportions. While the initial impacts of national defense contracts are limited to the localities immediately involved, the influence of these expenditures will tend to broaden out over the State."

## EVIDENCE OF REMOTE HUMAN HABITATION

From carved stone images unearthed at a gravel pit in East Texas, Dr. E. H. Sellards, University of Texas geologist, told members of the American Geological Society, meeting in Austin, that he estimated men were living in Texas 100,000 years ago. "Discovery of the carved stone images, a basis for Sellards' assertion, is the oldest evidence of sculpture in the Western Hemisphere. "We have substantial proof that the images were hand-carved in the pleistocene age—approximately 100,000 years ago," said Sellards.

## MYSTERIOUS CADDO LAKE

McKinney Examiner: "Caddo Lake in East Texas, the largest natural lake in Texas, is said to be the most mysterious body of water in the State. The lake proper is 20 miles long and 16 miles wide. More than 400 oil derricks dot the surface of the lake with a network of pipelines underlying its surface. The greater part of Caddo Lake lies in Marion county, Texas, with the remainder in Harrison county, Texas, and Caddo Parish, La. When the first settlers came to this locality, the Indians told them that the lake was formed overnight in 1812 by some kind of volcanic eruption. Many Indians were said to have lost their lives in the upheaval."

## TRAFFIC ENEMY NO. 1

"Drivers who operate their automobiles at speed which are too fast for prevailing conditions are traffic enemy Number One," according to Homer Garrison, Jr., Director of the State Department of Public Safety. "This wanton slaughter of Texans must stop and I urge each and every driver to reduce the speeds of vehicles operated on our public highways," said Col. Garrison.

## MAD SQUIRREL ATTACKS MAN

A mad squirrel attacked E. B. Downing, of Roswell, N. M., on the streets of Abilene, and bit him so severely that he had to be taken by an ambulance to a hospital for treatment.

## FIVE GRANDSONS IN U. S. ARMY

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Ward, age 82 and 83, respectively, pioneer Italy, (Ellis county), couple are well represented in Uncle Sam's army by their five grandsons who were inducted into service November 23, 1940.

## BOOK RETURNED 40 YEARS OVERDUE

A book was returned to the University of Texas Library, Austin, that had been 40 years overdue. It was issued November 29, 1900, for two weeks use.

## SOME MIDDLE NAME

Dallas officers stopped a negro girl for routine questioning. She said her name was Thelma Moss. "Haven't you got a middle name?" they asked her. "Yes, Thelma Helen Lois Mary Frances Moss," she replied. They let her go.

## HERO-MEDAL LATE

San Antonio Light: "A little late—22 years, to be exact—but still welcome was a medal received by John H. 'Bob' Roberts, acting constable of Precinct No. 5, San Antonio, for gallantry in action in the Champagne, France, sector in July, 1918. The medal surprised Roberts, who said, 'I don't know why they gave it to me. I don't know what I did. There was a lot going on around about that time.'"

## PAYS DOCTOR IN PENNIES

Black Goose, of Wells Point, (Van Zandt county), paid his doctor bill in pennies. He handed Dr. H. T. Fry, a fruit jar containing 16 pounds of pennies for delivery of a brand new son that weighed 8 pounds.

## PIONEER EDUCATOR DIES

San Angelo Standard: "Mrs. Mary Wrye, age 102, pioneer Texas educator, who taught school until she was 79 years old, died at her home near Mobeetie, Wheeler county."

## MOLLIE PRESENTS SCROLL

Miss Mollie O'Daniel, daughter of Texas' Governor, presented Foreign Minister Ezequiel Padilla a scroll from her father, extending good wishes to Mexico's new President, Manuel Avila Camacho.

## TEXAS TECH HEAD

M. West, Houston millionaire, was named chairman of the board of directors for the Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Tech, with 3,500 students and 175 faculty members, is surpassed in size only by the University of Texas and Texas A. & M. College.

## RANKS SIXTH IN BIG GAME

Texas is the sixth leading State in big game, a report from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service reveals. The grand total of big game animals in Texas, says the survey, is 501,822, but this does not include antelope. The Lone Star State has a total of 238,565 white-tailed deer and 17,763 mule or black-tailed deer.

## TEXAS CITIES LEAD

Texas has the nation's largest number of cities served by regular air transport, a study of the latest airline map by Braniff Airways officials reveal. Texas, with 16 cities directly served, leads the runner-up, Florida, which has 13, and California with 11. In addition to Braniff, American, Delta, Pan-American, T. W. A. and Eastern Air Lines serve Texas.

## NEW HOT CHECK ALIBI

Longview News: "A Longview negro was jailed on a charge of writing a hot check, filed by H. J. Shadwich, a grocer. The negro, Shadwich claimed, gave him a \$9.60 check for groceries. When questioned about the matter, the negro told deputies under Sheriff Will Hayes: 'Dat ain't my fault, boss. I put de money in de bank and told 'em to tell me when it run out.'"

## POSTMAN WALKS 90,000 MILES

B. H. Moss, Fort Worth letter carrier, retired after 20 years of service. He estimates he has walked on his carrier route 90,000 miles in 20 years and delivered 175 tons of mail.

## CUTS OFF OWN HAND

A 24-year-old mother of three children, near San Antonio, cut off her hand at the wrist with an ax. "I had to do it," was all the explanation she offered. Emergency treatment by a neighbor saved her life.

## ALBINO OPOSSUM

Hamilton News: "Eldor Schrank was in town recently exhibiting a very rare albino or white o'possum which he had caught on a road near his home. Scientists say that a solid white animal like an o'possum will occur only once out of several thousand births."

## SALARY OF AVERAGE WORKER

The average worker in a Texas business establishment works 49.51 hours per week for which he receives a salary of \$18.67, according to statistics compiled by the State Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## WOMAN BRONCO BUSTER NOW FLIER

Lucyle Richards, star bronco performer, has given up bronco busting and trick riding to become the Southwest's only woman CAA flight instructor. Miss Richards, of Houston, Texas, will teach flying at Lon Morris College, Jacksonville, Texas. She attended a special CAA school at Fort Worth preparatory to taking over her initial class of 10 students.



SNEEZING STOPPED—Kathryn Adams, whose ten-day attack of sneezing ended when doctors cauterized sensitive portions of her nostrils, smiled happily when released from a Temple, Texas, hospital.

## LEFT FALSE TEETH BEHIND

A Dallas hotel manager received a letter from a St. Louis resident requesting that his false teeth, which he left in a room in the hotel, be forwarded to him at once.

## STOLE SHROUDS

A Fort Worth burglar can be sure of wearing a shroud when he dies. He stole a lot of one-piece shrouds from the automobile of R. M. Walker, salesman for a casket company.

## LARGEST TREES

Nordheim View: "The largest tree in Southwest Texas is an old cypress near Cypress Mill, Burnet county. It has a circumference of 29 feet. Largest live oak as to circumference is on Lamar Peninsula (27 feet), but the Hauschild oak, seven miles north of Victoria, (Victoria county), is the most nearly perfect tree of all. It is 21 3/4 feet in circumference, 70 feet high, and has a branch spread of 124 feet."

## WHEN CELLS BEGIN TO WEAR OUT

Dr. E. W. Bertner, a Houston family physician, told the Houston Public Health Institute that the problem of medical science was not to give human beings a few extra years of survival. "What we hope to do," he said, "is to give the average man an increasing number of healthful years of living in which he can enjoy the utmost of happiness and contentment. A man 70 years old has spent 20 years growing, 25 maturing and 25 degenerating. At 45 the cells of the body begin to wear out," Dr. Bertner said.

## HIGHWAY SINKS

Slipping by inches at widely spaced intervals, a section of U. S. Highway 80, between Tyler and Jacksonville, had sunk eight feet as a result of heavy rains in late November and early December.

## VALUABLE PAINTING STOLEN

Raphael's "Madonna and Child," one of the celebrated paintings in the S. H. Kresa collection, was stolen from the University of Texas College of Mines Museum in El Paso. Officials said the painting was insured.

## ZOO MONKEYS CATCH FLU

Walton Carlton, Dallas zoo superintendent, reports that the 150 zoo monkeys are subject to catching cold and flu just like humans. "The diseases of monkeys and humans are so similar that we often call on practicing physicians to aid us in saving the lives of our zoo creatures," he said. "Some of the best known physicians in Dallas have saved monkeys from pneumonia."

## HANDS AND NAILS MUST BE CLEAN

San Antonio News: "If troops of the Thirty-Sixth Division, Texas National Guard, want to get a fair shot at 'chow' with the rest of the men, they had better have clean hands and fingernails. Maj. Gen. Claude V. Birkhead, commander of the division, has ordered all officers to inspect the hands of their men before each meal. Gen Birkhead added: 'Death and disease follow imperfect sanitation. Anything less than perfect hygiene and sanitation is a failure.'"

## SUSPENSION BRIDGE CRASHES

A \$75,000 suspension toll-bridge, 12 miles north of Clarksville, (Red River county), "pulled" its cable anchor loose and plunged into Red river. No one was on the structure when it fell.

## FALSE ALARM

A charter issued in Austin to "Bomb Shelter Co., Inc.," turned out to be—not a permit for manufacturing bomb-proof shelters—but for a Dallas night club that will redecorate its basement to represent the interior of an air-raid shelter.

## NEWSPAPER PRINTED IN 1800

Chillicothe News: "Framed and owned by Mrs. R. H. Stuckey, of Chillicothe, is a newspaper printed in 1800 which tells of the death of George Washington and relates other incidents of that time."

## FREAKISH LIGHTNING

Lightning struck the home of M. P. Jefferson, of Orange, (Orange county), tore a hole in the roof, traveled downward into the front part of the house, broke window panes, then went on outside and dug a big hole in the concrete sidewalk. None of the family was injured beyond a severe shock.

## FARM CASH INCOME

Cash income from agriculture in Texas during November as computed by the Bureau of Business Research, Austin, totalled \$42,748,000 compared with \$33,650,000 during November, 1939, an increase of twenty-seven per cent. For the first eleven months of 1940 aggregate farm cash income in Texas was \$398,921,000, representing a gain of nearly six per cent over the \$377,083,000 during the corresponding period last year.

## SAFETY RECORD SET BY WOMAN

A safety record has been established by Mrs. W. Pugh, 2112 McCarty street, Houston, who has been driving a school bus for the Houston public school system for 17 years without an accident and getting the children to school on time each morning. Mrs. Pugh has worn out three buses. She drives over 55 miles each day under a contract with the school board. "None of the children riding with me has ever been injured but children are careless and sometimes run in front of the bus after leaving it," said Mrs. Pugh.

## AD VALOREM TAXES GAIN

Total valuations of property in Texas for 1940 amounted to \$4,213,395,437 for ad valorem tax reports, according to Comptroller George Sheppard. 254 counties showed a net increase of \$59,926,182 over 1939.

## HOME BUILDING UP

The F. W. Dodge Corporation reported that 6,000 families in Texas spent \$32,000,000 for new residences in 1940. In 1939 new homes built were 5,886; in 1938 new homes were 5,154, and in 1937 new homes were 3,799.

## VALUABLE PURSE LOST IN SEWER RECOVERED

A purse, lost in the city sewer system of Corpus Christi for four days, was recovered by workers and restored to the owner, Miss Jackie Blas. It contained a diamond brooch valued at \$1,500 and \$27 in cash.

## ESTIMATE OF WHITEWINGS KILLED

State Game Warden Charles G. Jones, of Weslaco, (Hidalgo county), estimated that a total of at least 1,000,000 whitewing doves had been killed by 4,000 hunters during the 44-day 1940 season in the lower Rio Grande Valley counties.

## BABY'S CRIES SAVE FAMILY

Six-month-old Henry Atchison, son of L. N. Atchison, merchant, saved six persons, including his parents, from asphyxiation at Pampa, (Gray county). When the child awoke at 3 a. m. crying lustily it was discovered that furnace vent pipes were out of order and the wind was blowing gas fumes back into the house.

## FLU EPIDEMIC FEARED

Influenza is approaching the epidemic stage in Texas, Dr. George W. Cox, State health officer, declared. "We can only warn people to stay away from crowds, to see that they keep physically fit, keep their feet warm and do everything possible to prevent colds," he said.

## \$570,000,000 LOANED BY BANKS

Twenty-one per cent of the commercial banks in Texas made more than 424,000 loans totaling \$570,000,000 to business firms and individuals throughout the State during the first six months of 1940, according to the semi-annual survey of bank lending activity made by the American Bankers Association.

## PERFECT SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Dallas Times-Herald: "Mrs. H. R. Peters, of 2112 Bennett street, and her son, Harry D. Peters, 2130 North Carroll Avenue, Dallas, recently completed their sixteenth year of perfect Sunday School attendance. 'Sometimes it's pretty hard to get up on Sunday morning to go to Sunday School,' Mrs. Peters said, 'but trying to keep our record going gives us a great incentive.'"

## BIRTH AND DEATH RATE

Texas' birth rate in 1939 was 19 per 1,000 of population, compared with the national average of 17.3, the Census Bureau reported. This was a slight decline from the rate of 19.2 for the State in 1938, but a substantial gain over the rate of 18.6 for 1937.

Texas' death rate in 1939 was 9.4 per 1,000 population, compared with the national average of 10.6. This was slightly lower than the 1938 rate of 9.5 but well below the 1937 rate of 10.5 per 1,000.

In Texas there were 121,049 births in 1939 and 60,218 deaths.

## ALIEN REGISTRATION REPRESENT 59 FOREIGN COUNTRIES

The 5,399 aliens that registered in Dallas represented 59 foreign countries. Mexico led with 2,940, Great Britain second with 500, Germany third with 355, Italy fourth with 353, Russia fifth with 275, Poland sixth with 133, Austria seventh with 100, Greece eighth with 90, Ireland ninth with 73, Czechoslovakia tenth with 70, Switzerland eleventh with 47 and France twelfth with 43.

Registration revealed that some of Dallas' oldest residents had never tried to become American citizens.

## MAC



## Preparedness



## By Boughton





# A LITTLE FUN Jokes to Make You Laugh

**Perplexing**  
"Well, little miss," said the grocer, "what can I do for you?"  
"Please, sir, mother wants a bottle of good-natured alcohol."

**True Enough**  
What is the difference between capital and labor?  
Well, son, the money you lend represents capital—and getting it back represents labor.

**Wouldn't Hold Still**  
A policeman, seeing a man fumbling at the keyhole of his house at 2 a. m., came to the rescue.  
"Can I help you find the keyhole, sir?" the officer asked.  
"Thash all right, old man," replied the unsteady one cheerily, "you just hold this housh still a minute and I'll find the keyhole."

**Versatile Cows**  
Roadside sign: By order of the District Board, cows grazing by the roadside or riding bicycles on the sidewalk is hereby forbidden in this area.

**Easy to Answer**  
Prosecuting Attorney—"Now don't quibble. Do you understand a simple problem, or don't you?"  
Witness (a farmer)—"I do."  
Prosecuting Attorney—"All right. Fifteen men plowed a field in five hours. Now tell the court how long it will take thirty men to plow the same field."  
Witness—"They couldn't do it."  
Prosecuting Attorney—"Why not?"  
Witness—"Because fifteen men have already plowed it."

**Colored Minister's Bible Story**  
An old colored minister treated his flock one Sunday to the following story from the Bible: "Jeezabel been up on a wall, an' Ahab come 'long an' say to his men, 'Trow her down.' An' dey t'rowed her down. He say, 'Trow her down seven times.' An' dey t'rowed her down seven times. 'Trow her down seven times seven.' An' dey done it. Ob de fragments dey gaddered up twelve baskets full. Now, my bredderen, whose wife she gwine to be in de Resurrection?"

**James' Version**  
"James," asked his mother as she was getting him ready for Sunday school, "have you forgotten that verse I taught you yesterday?"  
James, who had just turned 6, had a memory like his father (and that was a very bad one). His mother had picked out next to the shortest verse in the Bible—"It is I; be not afraid!"—and had attempted to teach it to James, who was to repeat it when his teacher should call the class roll.  
"Now, James darling, let me hear your verse," coaxed his mother.  
James studied very hard for a second, brightened perceptibly and then said: "It's me—don't git skeered!"

**Foreign Tongue**  
Doctor (examining patient's throat)—"Now open your mouth wide and say 'Ah.'"  
Tony—"Excuse me, Doc, no spika da English."

**Fine Distinction**  
Son—"What's the difference between a statesman and a politician, Pop?"  
Pop—"Well, son, a statesman wants to do something for his country and a politician wants the country to do something for him."

**Expert Appraiser**  
Prosecuting Attorney—"Do you recall whether the defendant was expensively garbed?"  
Mose Jackson (witness)—"He shov' was, Mistah Lawyah, an' Ah knows 'pensive garbage when Ah sees it."

**One on the Doc**  
Doctor—"Had you been to see anyone else before you came to me?"  
Patient—"Yes, I went to a druggist."  
Doctor—"And what idiotic advice did this druggist give you?"  
Patient—"He told me to come to see you."

**Co-operation**  
Henry had a mitten,  
And William had a ball,  
And Robbie had a bat stick,  
But they had no fun at all.  
Till they put them all together,  
And played a game of ball,  
And then they had so much fun,  
They wouldn't stop at all.

**An Imagination**  
The teacher had recited "The Landing of the Pilgrims." Then she requested each pupil to draw from his or her imagination a picture of Plymouth Rock.  
Most of them went to work at once, but one little fellow hesitated, and at length raised his hand.  
"Well, Willie, what is it?"  
"Please, ma'am do you want us to draw a hen or a rooster?"

**Success Evaluated**  
Albert Edward Wiggan told this story about success: "One thing that fools people about success is that it seems so often to be due to luck or accident. For example, I was often told in the early days out at Cripple Creek, Colorado, that the Independence mine, which later sold for ten million dollars in actual cash, was "discovered by accident."  
The story was that an old mountaineer, Mr. Stratton, was wandering about on the Fourth of July with some companions when he remarked, "I am going to throw my pick down the mountain side, and wherever it lights, I'm going to dig for gold." I asked Mr. Stratton about this story before his death, and he said with a smile, "Yes, in a way that was true, but I had been searching for forty years for the place to throw that pick."

## DINOSAURS FOUGHT GREATEST BATTLES

"Weren't the greatest battles in the United States fought 90,000,000 years ago when dinosaurs held the land?" Charles W. Gilmore, the National Museum's dinosaur specialist, was asked, and he nodded yes, according to Science Service.  
"Tyrannosaurus Rex—literally tyrant king among dinosaurs—undoubtedly was the dictator of the world's prehistoric reptile age," said Mr. Gilmore.

"Swamps and meadows of this country must have seen many a violent battle, with these tyrants rearing and lashing their tails and snapping five-foot-long jaws at foes.  
"Why, these Tyrannosaurs were armed with rows of sharp teeth, some six inches long!"

The most impressive fossil he has ever encountered is Mr. Gilmore's rating of the long-defunct dinosaur dictator breed. The reptile stretched forty-two feet long, measured from snout to tip of tail.  
Balancing on tail and hind legs, and holding up its tiny, shrunken forelegs, the tyrant towered to about eighteen feet—three times the height of a sizable man.

Dictators by sheer fighting power, the tyrant kings clashed mainly with other dinosaurs, Mr. Gilmore suspects. Such big jaws and teeth as they had would fit them for attacking big enemies.

## STINGLESS BEES

A placid bee which seldom stings and "just won't fight back" has been developed by Dr. Lloyd R. Watson, chemistry professor at Alfred University, New York, after 23 years of experimenting with controlled mating of queen bees.

"I don't see why a farmer should not be able to go as safely into his bee yard as he is able to go into the hen yard to get eggs," Watson said in discussing the non-stinging bee. "However, it is too early to tell what hereditary factor has produced the gentle bee. It may be dominant, recessive or even environmental."

The gentle bee appears to be fully civilized. It has a sting but is considerate in its use, Watson tells you. In a demonstration, he pounded a hive, knocked the frame and brushed the insects off a honeycomb without being socked by a single sting.

## FOGS

Fogs, by and large, fall into definite categories. They range in the official British weather specifications established in 1921 from "very dense," when objects are invisible by day at twenty-seven yards, through "dense," "thick," "rather thick," plain "fog," and "moderate" down to "mist or thick haze" and "slight mist or haze," when objects are invisible at a distance of seven and a half miles.

Sea fogs result when warm, moist air blowing over a cold surface is cooled and must squeeze out water vapor. Although conditions vary from year to year, many meteorologists consider June the foggiest month over the English Channel, and November the clearest.

Land fogs form in valleys through lowering of the air temperature. From moisture-laden winds blown in over the Atlantic come London's famous pea-soup fogs, in which the moisture particles settle on bits of dust and smoke that are ever present. These pea-soup fogs last for long periods, since the moisture drops become coated with oily substances, present in the air because of the excessive amounts of smoke and soot, and do not readily evaporate.

## THE VERSATILE SOY-BEAN

From the versatile soybean, chemists have been able to extract everything from sex hormones to plastics for automobile parts. Latest yield: substitute egg white. Two University of California scientists report that their egg substitute, made from the soybean, is a pale yellow powder which foams to 14 times its own volume when mixed with water, not only tastes as good in cakes and candies, but is not subject to spoilage.—Pathfinder.

## THE WHITE HOUSE

The White House was the first public building to be erected when the site was laid out for the new nation's capital. It was called the "President's Palace" at first. Then it was called the "Executive Mansion," a name that is still applied to it. When it was partly destroyed by the British in 1814, Dolly Madison directed that it be covered with a coat of white paint to hide the blemishes and fire marks. Since then it has been known as the White House.—New York Herald Tribune.

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## Poultry News Broiler Show Crossbreeding

**Broiler Show**  
One of the interesting features of the Gonzales County (Texas) Fair, last fall, was the broiler show. Gonzales County is the leading broiler-producing section of Texas, for cotton is no longer a dependable crop, and poultry offers a splendid way to make up this deficiency.

The winning classes were dressed and placed on display. An expert broiler man explained the various requirements of a desirable broiler, using his ideas as a basis for his explanation. For instance, it was brought out by the experts that quality and finish are the determining factors in winning broilers at shows.

Farmers in southwest Texas carry on broiler production along with their regular farming business, some having made it a large part of their entire agricultural endeavor.  
A local packing company takes the entire output of the farms, which solves one of the main problems of any sort of poultry raising program—that of finding a suitable market. Having the market right at their door makes broiler raising a profitable prospect for these farmers.—American Poultry Journal.

**Keep Layers Comfortable**  
The important thing in keeping the hens in winter egg production is to keep them comfortable. If they have to roost in a draft all night, or huddle together on account of the cold, or live in damp, dirty pens, it is not very likely that they will continue egg-laying for very long.

**Crossbreeding Turkeys**  
The older turkey industry gets, the more people there are who feel that crossbreeding answers the purpose of maintaining fast growth and early maturity. Growers wishing to try crossbreeding the coming season must be sure to buy good gobblers. Bronze males on Bourbon females is a good cross; Bourbon males on White Holland females is another good cross. Crossbreds cannot be bred from. Poor quality birds will

not make successful crosses. As breeders, they must be picked as much for quality as in straight breeding.

**Informative Items**  
Artificial incubation of eggs in numbers as large as 50,000 at a time was practiced centuries before the birth of Christ by the ancient Egyptians and Chinese.

Fibro is the woody part of the feed which has served to form the cell walls in plant tissues. Most of the common seeds and grains contain very little fibro, while those containing large amounts of fibro are high in protein. Poultry feeds high in fibro should be avoided as chickens are unable to handle large amounts of this indigestible material efficiently.

A survey of 11,443 households in Chicago, Ill., and suburbs, one-third had no preference as to shell color; however, 15% of the "shell" owners in Chicago, poultry showed a preference for white.

It has been estimated that there are about 8,000 feathers on a chicken.

The biggest item of cost in the production of eggs is food. Nearly 60% of the total cost of raising a flocking about 20% of the total.

Flock mating simply consists of allowing a number of males to run with the flock hens. Good fertilizing is secured if 6 males are mated to 100 females.

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# A DEER HUNT IN THE DAVIS MOUNTAINS

By L. A. WILKIE  
(In the Southern Sportsman)

**HARL MAXON** and I arrived at the Pete Kennedy ranch, in the Davis mountains of West Texas, long after dark on the night of the deer opening season. It had started to rain a little, as Pete guided us up a box canyon, some two miles west of the ranch house. There he already had our tent up and horses in the corral.  
The next morning it was still raining, unusual weather for opening day in Western Texas. Also there was a dense fog. We hung around the camp for a couple of hours, and then decided to venture out in the car, to drive over some of the pasture in hopes of seeing something in the foothills.  
The pasture was full of doe and fawn, but no bucks could be seen.

By noon it had quit raining and we found ourselves on high ground at the head of the canyon in which our camp was located. It was a drop of only a few hundred feet by foot, but ten miles back around the road we had come. We decided to walk down where the Mexican camp boy had a good meal waiting. We could almost smell the coffee and beans from where we stood on the ledge, looking down at the camp fire smoke curling up into the wet tree branches above it.

### A Real Ranch Lunch

So down we walked, leaving the car at the top of the hill to retrieve later. What a lunch it was! Pete had hung one side of a freshly killed yearling from the branches of a big oak, under the cool protecting ledge of a rock wall. From this a Mexican chuck wagon cook had sliced thick steaks and cooked them in a Dutch oven. Together with sourdough bread, frijole beans and coffee, it was a meal hard to beat.

But around the luncheon table we talked of horseback hunting and Maxon insisted that was what he wanted. Since I already had my share of horse-

back hunting in New Mexico at the opening of the deer season there, two weeks before, I decided I would climb back up hill to the car with the Mexican boy who claimed to know where a little herd of deer would be found. Maxon was to take another Mexican and head out for the rim rock country.

Back in the car again, my Mexican boy guided me across the pasture to a dry creek bed lined with oak motts and cedars. We had to follow cowtrails, and in some instances, even drive up the creek bed, because the grass was too deep to drive with safety.

"I see fifteen deer in one bunch, with four buck there yesterday," the boy kept saying in broken English. You know how those boys get sometimes. Their memory of big bunches of deer is either very good, or they like to play their imagination on the hunter.

### Plenty Deer Sign

We worked out the draw, seeing a few does and fawns, but never the sight of a buck. There was plenty sign, however, and I knew that deer must be in the country somewhere. Occasionally I could hear the distant boom of a gun on other ranches many miles away. We had already killed a couple of hours and I was beginning to wonder what had happened to all those big bucks. Then as we rounded a clump of trees I saw a little hill sitting out in mid-prairie, shaped almost like a loaf of bread in the center of a table. The hill rose abruptly from the tableland, its sides rugged, with small oaks growing almost straight and the top covered with brush and small cedars.

Immediately I had a hunch that was where the bucks would be found—on top the loaf-shaped hill where they had taken refuge from hunters on the prairie. I suggested this to my Mexican guide. He smiled and grew enthusiastic.  
"You hunt deer before," he laughed. "You go on top on this end, I take car to other end and you get deer."

It was no easy task to climb the "hump." On the way up I wondered if I had been right—could a deer get to the top of that hill? Being somewhat hefty I panted plenty climbing to the top—probably as high as a three-story building. Before I could get up there, the Mexican boy had already reached his destination.

### Herd of Two Dozen

Once on top I stopped for a breath and to look around. It was ideal, almost level, with brush growing here and there and the grass deep. Pocks in the huge boulders were filled with water from the morning rain. I got a deep drink of fresh rain water. Then I look-



L. A. Wilkie and his 10-point buck.

ed around. I don't think I've ever seen so much deer sign in my life. I knew from the size of the droppings that there must be some big bucks on this hill and felt better, much better.

Then I began to look for deer. I had gone but a hundred yards, when looking down at the far end of the little hill, where there was a slight rise in eleva-

tion, I saw them. There was a herd of more than two dozen, and from where I had been standing, they all looked like bucks. I knew I had taken the wrong end of the hill, and that my Mexican guide had frightened them when he gained the top of the hill.

He later told me that he had walked up to within fifteen feet of two bucks and watched them fight playfully.

This hill was scarcely a hundred yards across and I knew that, whichever side the deer went down, I would be sure to get a shot. I stood there watching them for a minute. It looked like they were going down the opposite side. Accordingly, I started to run over there, because I knew they would have to either come by me on the side of the hill or take to the open country below me, where I could shoot until I got my buck, or emptied my gun.

### Great Big Buck

I had already slipped the safety off my Springfield and was running—as hard as a fat man can! When within about ten yards of the side I tried to look downhill. Suddenly out of the corner of my eye to the left I caught a movement. At first it flashed through my mind that it was the Mexican, and I was still watching for those deer down below. Then it dawned on me that the movement might have been a deer. I turned my head, and there not fifty yards away coming at a slow trot was a great big buck.

Without even stopping my gait I threw the Springfield to my shoulder and fired. It was a clear miss, but it caused the buck to stop. It also caused me to stop.

I had overexerted myself, however, and my next shot at that standing buck, not fifty yards away, might as well have been a miss. It burned his leg only a little, just enough to make him move again.

Below I could hear the rattle of rocks and I knew the herd was going down the hill. I chanced one glance. There

they were in single file, leaping over rocks and brush. It would have been very difficult shooting.

I seemed to take all that time while standing there, just throwing another cartridge into the air. I wasn't the least nervous, although I realize that I was standing in the midst of more bucks than I had ever seen before in the brush and didn't seem to know just which one to shoot at.

### The Third Shot Kills

That buck on top of the hill was still standing there. I could see him rubbing the burned place on his leg with one of his feet. A short distance in front of me was a big boulder, the size of an ordinary flat-top desk. It partially hid me, and I plunged for it. My exertion from the run was such that I knew I couldn't hold that rifle still and I had already missed two shots. I leveled my rifle across the top of that rock. I had been shaking, but it was surprising how quickly the gun quit wobbling. I lined the front bead through the peep right behind the buck's shoulder and pulled the trigger.

I just held my gun there as that bullet smacked against the buck. I didn't even make an effort to reload it, because I knew he was my buck. He didn't jump or plunge, or even roll over. He just fell, like a wet sack had been dropped there. I watched him through the peep and if that deer ever moved I couldn't tell it.

Below me I could still hear the rattle of rocks as the deer left for the open country. Without looking at my gun, I blew smoke from the barrel and watched those big bucks trotting along level ground toward the foot of the hill where I was standing.

Another little hill stood there, shaped somewhat like a Parker House roll. Single file they went up the side of it. I felt like I could have killed any one or all of them, but I already had my limit under the Texas law.

# TEXAS FARM NEWS REPORTS

Two San Antonio, (Bexar county), boys, Val and Wayne Hoey, gathered 371 tomatoes from one plant on their backyard vine.

Eastland county farmers who have a surplus of peanut hay are using it profitably in feeding lambs, according to E. V. Cook, county agent.

A. L. Ross, of the Seymour community, (Hopkins county), knows his hog as he well proved when he brought in a head that weighed one-half pound—a lot of feed on one head.

A freak calf was born on the farm of Della Knight, near Lanier, (Cass county), which was half cow and half hog. The head and quarters resembled the hog, while the weathers were like the cow.

A 9-month-old White Leghorn rooster, that has a horn growing from each side of its head is reported by its owner, L. L. Scarborough who farms near Tyler, (Smith county). Scarborough says the rooster is normal in most other respects except that it also has no spurs on its lower limbs.

L. B. Little, of Houston, (Harris county), reports the death of 12 baby chicks which were stung by sandy-colored ants in their pen. Mr. Little said this was the first time in his poultry-raising career that ants had attacked his chickens.

Use of wild tobacco as a quick-growing background plant for landscaping on the South Plains is being suggested by the plant industry department of Texas Technological College. The whitish-blue plant with large clusters of yellow flowers, grows as tall and makes as good vegetative growth as do castor beans.

There are about 2,000,000 tons of readily accessible longleaf pine stumps in the piney woods of East Texas—sufficient to supply a stumpwood distillation industry 78,000 tons yearly for 25 years. Pine stumps are a source of pine oil, rosin, turpentine, cellulose, lignin, sugar, tannin, acetone, camphor and charcoal and as such should make a profitable enterprise, according to report.

"Trees and livestock on the same ground will not mix," states W. E. Webb, State director of the Texas Prairie States Forestry Project. Browsing of the green leaves and the packing of the soil by trampling hooves of livestock seriously set back the growth of the trees. Overgrazing in groves of trees is usually noticeable by the tops of the trees dying first and finally the whole tree. Fencing trees from livestock is recommended by Webb to assure long livelihood and good growth.

A hen at the barnyard of Mrs. Joan Mullen in the Lower Valley laid one egg shaped like a gourd and another with the imprint of a sunflower on the side. An odd fact about the Leghorn hen that laid the eggs is that it has blue eyes instead of the usual brown.

Texas cotton farmers will quadruple their output of mattresses made from surplus cotton this year, R. T. Price, of the State Agricultural Adjustment Administration, predicts. Last year more than 400,000 mattresses were manufactured in farmers' home workshops, according to Price.

Steps are being taken by all educational agencies in the State to avert the probability of a decline in the Texas reputation for growing good baking varieties of wheat. Growers are being encouraged to plant adopted high quality varieties of wheat for the purpose of maintaining the present high standard, such as Kanred, Tenmarque and Turkey.

The Texas bighorn sheep is doomed to extinction within the next decade or so unless the people take immediate steps to set aside a sanctuary for the surviving animals, warns the Texas Game Commission. The present herd totals only about 140 to 175 sheep left, and are concentrated in Culberson and Hudspeth counties.

Texas fruits and vegetables are going to New York by the full shipload. The first load went out in November, and the ship will make regular monthly trips between New York and the Valley carrying Texas fruits and vegetables east, and bringing potatoes and other foodstuffs to Texas.

S. R. Curtis, who lives near Detroit, (Red River county), reports a new chicken thief. During the night his chickens would disappear from their fence roost. One night he heard a fluttering, flashed on his light and saw one of his mules standing by the fence nudge a chicken which then climbed up on the mule's back. Curtis followed the mule and found his missing chickens about a mile away—some of them too wild to catch.

What is believed to be the oldest living mare still bearing colts is a 40-year-old animal owned by H. E. Adams, breeder of registered Albino saddle horses near Randolph Field, (Bexar county). Molly gave birth to her 19th colt in September. Of her 19 colts 17 have been fillies. It is believed that Molly's grandsire was Blanco, the pacing wild Albino stallion of the Plains. The mare was first bred when 18 years old. Adams reports she is still in good condition.

Italian rye grass makes an excellent green crop for poultry, according to report.

The leaf fat of the hog makes the best lard; back fat, second best and the intestinal fat the poorest lard renderers say.

The "wolves" or grubs in the backs of cattle have long been a problem to cattlemen. L. M. Crowley, and other cattlemen of Stephens county have tried out a new treatment for the pest. It is simply sprinkling a rotonone wash on the affected portion of the back and then rubbing it in with a brush.

The making of good home rendered lard is not, as is sometimes thought, a lost art on the farm. Hundreds of Texas families still make superlative lard. Roy W. Snyder, supervisor of specialists' work with the A. & M. Extension Service, reports.

It's spinach-picking time in Maverick county. Already 1770 cars have been shipped from a crop growing on 10,500 acres. Texas' 40,000 acres of spinach, worth \$1,500,000 annually, places this State at the top in the crop. Nine-tenths of the movement goes to out-of-State points—roughly 4,000,000 bushels.

alfalfa in whole, and built a special pump to sprinkle the alfalfa as it was distributed in the silo. The labor cost amounted to approximately 50 cents per ton, which was much less than last year when the alfalfa was chopped.

"Pasture fire hazards are great at this time of year and need to be guarded against as much as possible," states the State Department of Agriculture. "Fire not only lays the land open to wind and water erosion, but destroys valuable feed, leaves and protection of wild life. The abundant growth of grass this year has made the hazard of fire on farm lands much greater, than usual," the department reports.

For milk production, the value of a pound of dry matter in good grass silage is at least as valuable as a pound of dry matter in corn or hay and under average conditions is stored for less money, says Professor C. B. Bender, New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. Cows fed grass silage over the level of 45 pounds per day will increase the color of milk because of the added carotene content. This milk will also be of higher quality as far as flavor is concerned. The time may not be far distant when more farmers will be interested in feeding "pasture" the year round.

The Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show will offer livestock prizes of \$31,760 for the 45th annual exposition in Fort Worth next March 7-16. John B. Davis, secretary-manager, announced as premium lists were mailed to 4,000 prospective exhibitors and others throughout the nation. The livestock premiums represent an increase of \$6,625 over the prizes at the 1940 show last March, largest increase being in the department for Herefords and for horses, jacks and mules. The total outlay in cash prizes for all departments of the 1941 show will approximate \$60,000, including premiums for livestock, poultry, rodeo and horse show, and prizes and mileage for the students' livestock judging contests. Premium lists other than for livestock have not been prepared. There has been a revision in weights for the carloads of fat steers and a class has been added for carloads of fat heifers, 800 pounds or less. Classes for quarter horses have been added to the list to replace stock horses, which were shown last year. The premium increase for Herefords was from \$6,000 to \$8,500. Additional prizes of \$1,790 will be awarded to exhibitors in the department for horses, jacks and mules. The Shorthorn department will offer increased prizes of \$885.



Winning of the biggest prize at the 11st annual International Livestock Exposition in Chicago, the grand champion steer award, Evelyn Asay, 18-year-old Mount Carroll, Ill., farm girl is congratulated on her achievement by Sydney G. McAlistier, president of the International Harvester Company. Evelyn, a freshman at Frances Shimer Junior College at Mount Carroll, plans to use the money from the sale of her champion to help her father, Donald Asay, buy a farm, since the family now lives on a rented farm.

Evelyn picked her prize steer, Sargo, from a carload of calves a year ago, rose each morning at 6 o'clock to feed the animal. Evelyn's father, proud of her outstanding achievement, said: "Evelyn makes fun of everything she does, and doesn't think of it as work."

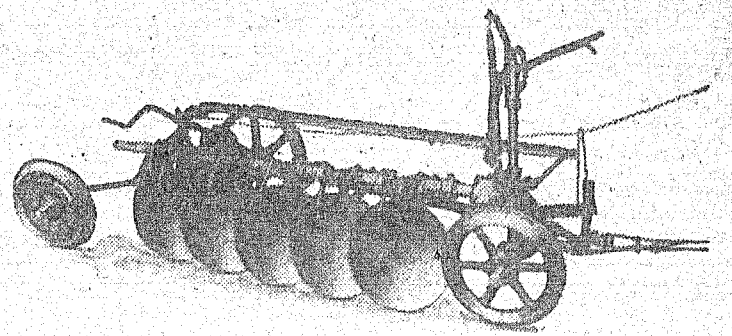
Texas of all States has the largest number of rural people without libraries, according to the People's Library Movement of Texas.

H. W. Wilson, of Subhur Bluff, (Hopkins county), exhibited two stalks of okra that were 14 feet tall, and loaded down with well-developed pods of okra. At the ground the stalks were nearly 8 inches around.

Changing from ground to unground millet resulted in a decrease of two gallons of milk per day on a herd of twelve cows on test in McLennan County Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

A trench silo furnishes W. G. Henderson, of Tornillo, (El Paso county), with a means of marketing alfalfa hay that is full of grass burs. Last year he built a large adobe wall silo, and made about 40 tons of alfalfa molasses silage which was fed to beef cattle. He liked the results so well that he has put up 300 tons this year. Most of it is grass bur hay that could not be sold and could not be fed without grinding. The silage keeps the burrs soft, so it can be fed without injury to livestock. Last season Mr. Henderson chopped all of his hay, and added molasses at the cutter. This year he put the

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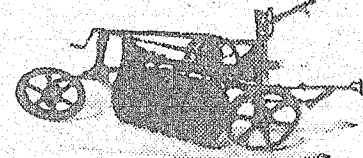


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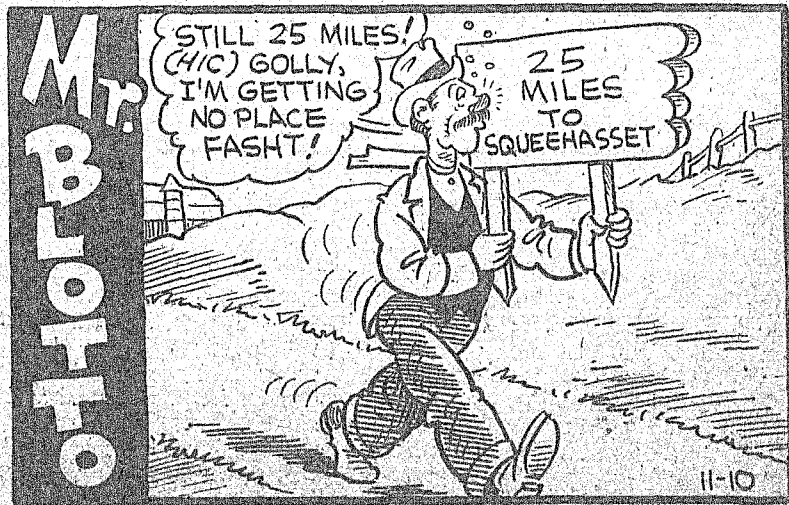
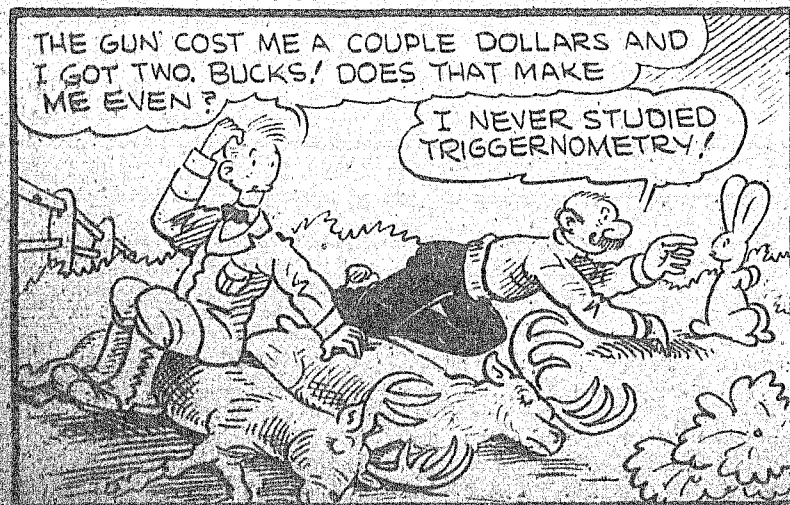
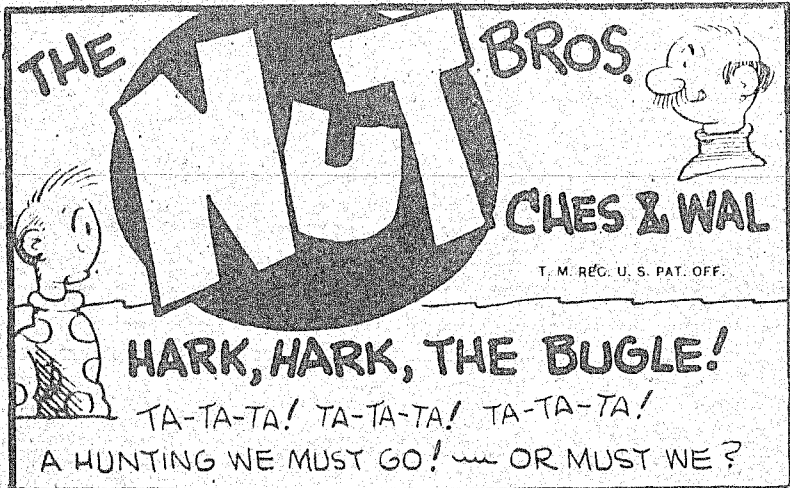
The outlook for grazing from winter weeds and grass was much improved in Texas on December 1, according to reports to the Agricultural Marketing Service. Prospects are now favorable for grazing from grain fields in the northwest district, and some grain fields in the northwest central portion are being utilized now.

Deer, buffalo and Guernsey cattle graze side by side and drink out of the same water tank on the Reynolds Brothers' ranch near Fort Davis, (Jeff Davis county). The Guernsey cattle were secured years ago, deer are plentiful in the area and about 27 buffalo roam about the ranch. Authorities say this is one of the few places in the world where wild and tame animals graze side by side.

Estimating there will be an increase of about 500,000 tractors on American farms within the next 10 years, a committee of the U. S. Department of Agriculture that has been studying farm technology says that this would replace approximately 1,500,000 horses and mules. Too few colts were being raised in 1940, says the committee, to sustain even the number of work stock that would be needed after the estimated 1,500,000 head had been replaced by tractors.

J. N. Marshall, a student pilot and goat rancher, has found a way to combine pleasure with business. Recently Marshall lost his herd of goats in the rugged mountains of Palo Pinto county. He rode horseback all over his ranch, but couldn't find the goats. He then thought of his airplane, took off for a search and located the herd from the air.

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### WEATHER MEN

Autumn always brings a crop of amateur weather prognosticators who base their predictions for the coming winter on natural signs. Take the thickness of fur on rabbits, for instance. If the fur is thick, it will be a hard winter; if thin, a mild winter.

The goose-bone school figures largely in winter weather forecasts by the rural weather men. If the breast bone of a roast goose is thick, then prepare for a tough winter; if it's thin, no need to worry about winter and rough weather.

The industrious beaver is investigated each autumn in order to ascertain whether or not he has laid up an abundance of food for the winter. The industry, or lack of it, on the part of the squirrels in laying up winter food is also investigated. Plentiful food, of course, means a hard winter; just a normal supply, a mild winter. The weather sleuths of the woodlands watch the birds closely to see whether or not they start south early. If the birds do leave early, we are in for an old-fashioned, rip-snot in winter, say the sportsmen.

Scientists, as a rule, put little or no faith in the rural sages. A naturalist, the late Charles C. Abbott, kept a record of the years in which muskrats constructed winter houses in the vicinity of his home in New Jersey. Such activity on the part of muskrats is traditionally a reliable sign of a hard winter. Dr. Abbott also kept tab on the relative amounts of food laid up each autumn by gray squirrels. However, he was unable to find any relationship between the activities of the animals and the subsequent weather.

### FLIES ANTAGONISTIC TO BLUE

The belief prevalent in many countries that flies are unhappy in the presence of blue seems to be well-founded. Most of the hospitals and clinics in France are painted light blue, and interiors of factories and abattoirs in Denmark are bright blue. And an English architect has found that a kitchen with walls and ceiling painted a powder blue does not attract flies. In some South American countries and in parts of the West Indies fly screens are not considered necessary when blue is used as a decoration.—Improvement Era.

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### GREETINGS

HOWDY, FOLKS:

This is just a friendly little chat with you, dear reader, at the start of the New Year. First, I should like to know what you prefer to read the kind of stories, articles, etc., that appeal to you mostly. To know this will enable me to write about things that may be more interesting to you.

What plans, if any, have you for 1941? I feel sure you have in mind some fine things. You will probably want to make more friends, improve your personality, be more popular. These are the aspirations of every normal person.

Desire for better things come from within and the answer is there also. Sometime ago I read a story from the pen of a great writer. Among other things he wrote: "I recently read a letter from a woman in the drouth belt in which she said that they, unlike most of their neighbors, had an abundant supply of water and good crops. 'When my husband plows a field,' she wrote me, 'I ask God to bless each furrow; each seed that goes into the seed or is blessed. Our neighbors marvel at the crops.' Then she closed with this thought, 'Few realize the power of blessing and praise!'"

Reminds me of that lovely little poem by Mitchell Thornton: "I searched for God, and He was hard to find! But when I sought the good in all mankind, I learned that I had nothing else to do: For I, in finding one, had found the two."

It would be excellent to make this poem the theme of our endeavors during the New Year. It is our wish to have a more active club. We have many new plans, some of which I will tell you in this month's Club News. All of you will be pleased to know that we now have more than 850 club members.

Feel free to write me any time and express your opinions on any subject. A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all club members is the sincere wish of (Signed) AUNT MARY.

### FRIENDLY HOBBY CLUB

**WANTED:** Two hundred Charter Friendly Hobby Clubs in the Southwest. These clubs have fun—they build friendship. Apply: Aunt Mary, 1809 Ashland-street, Fort Worth, Texas. Note the Membership Coupon printed on this page.

I hope all young people not members of the Hobby Club will join this month and learn how to organize Charter Clubs. If you are not a member, send in the desired number of names and secure your charter. To be at the head of an active young peoples group is a great experience and well worth your time and effort.

### CLUB CONTEST

You Tell the Answer

Here is a new department for the New Year. If you like the idea and want more things like it, enter the contest today BEFORE you forget.

**RULES:** Each month we will submit a question that can have either a negative or a positive side, to be answered by our readers. Prizes will be given. First, for the best questions sent in and then, for the best answers to those questions.

For the best answer (according to rules below) we will give \$2 in cash. For the second best answer we will give a year's subscription to the newspaper that publishes this Boys' and Girls' page.

Here is the question: "Do you think young people should be permitted to drive a car at 14 years of age?"

**Rules**  
1. Send your answer of NOT MORE than 100 words to: Question Box, 1809 Ashland street, Fort Worth, Texas. Judging will be on logic and originality of expression; contestant may take either the negative or positive side. More than 100 words disqualifies contestant.

2. Answer must be in Fort Worth NOT LATER than January 20, 1941. No entry will be returned. Duplicate prizes will be awarded in case of a tie.

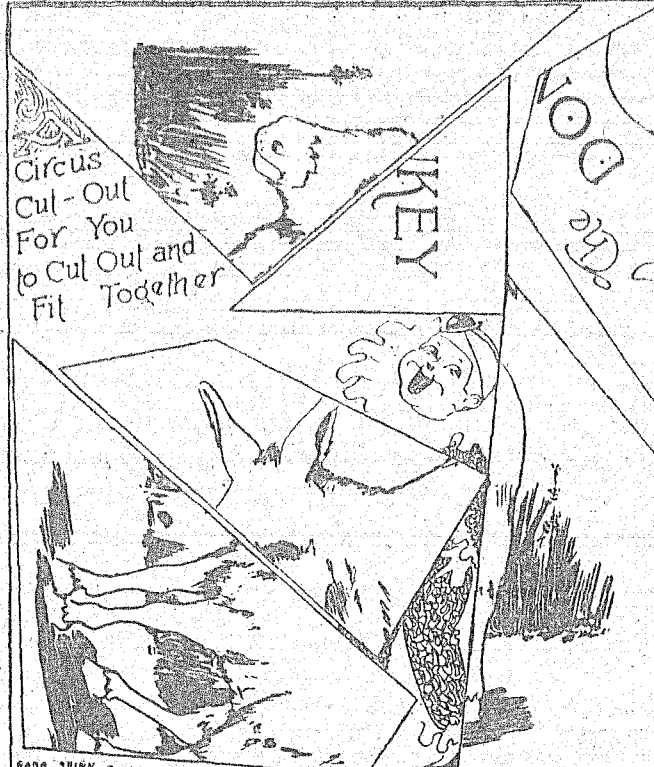
3. Write on one side of paper only. Be sure and give your name, address, number of words and name of newspaper in which you saw this Boys' and Girls' page. Only club members may enter the contest. Be sure to give your club number.

4. Contest closes January 20, 1941. There will be a new contest each month on this Boys' and Girls' page and your questions may be submitted as often as desired.

5. If you are not a club member, send in membership before next month so as to be in line for the next contest.

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### Kiddies-Can-Do-It



**NO!** I am not going to tell you what animal is on the cut-out. You will have to make your little fingers get busy, cut out the pieces and place them together. Of course, it would be fun if you would try and guess; then when you have the pieces together you will see if you were correct.

### Join Club Now

Here are the rules for becoming a member of the Hobby Club. You will please note one change, that is, you may join only ONE department.

1. There are no fees or dues now or at any time.
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3. You will receive your membership card, list of instructions and secret code as soon as we get your coupon.
4. You may join only one department—but NO MORE. The departments are as follows: (A) Friendly Correspondence, (B) Sunshine for Others, (C) Stamp Exchange, (D) View Cards, (E) Miscellaneous, (1) Coins, (2) Curios, (3) Souvenirs, (4) Butterflies, (5) Clippings, (6) Books, (7) Postmarks and (8) Magazines.

### Membership Coupon

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### STORIES THAT LIVE

#### THE TRAVEL OF TWO FROGS

Long, long ago, in the good old days before the hairy-faced and pale-cheeked men from over the Seat of Great Peace came to Japan; before the coal smoke and snorting iron horse scared the white heron from the rice fields; before black crows and fighting sparrows, which fear not men, perched on telegraph wires, or even a railway was thought of, there lived two frogs—one in a well in Kiota, the other in a lotus pond in Osaka, forty miles away.

Now it is common proverb in the Land of the Gods that "the frog in the well knows not of the great ocean," and the Kiota frog had so often heard this scornful sneer from the maids who came to draw out water with their bamboo-handled buckets, that he resolved to travel abroad and see the world, and especially the great ocean.

"I'll see for myself," said Mr. Frog, as he packed his wallet and wiped his spectacles, "what this great ocean is that they talk so much about. I'll wager it isn't half as deep or wide as my well, where I can see the stars even at daylight."

Now the truth was, a recent earthquake had greatly reduced the depth of the well and the water was getting very shallow. Mr. Frog informed the family of his intentions. Mrs. Frog wept a great deal, but drying her eyes with a paper handkerchief, she declared she would count the hours on her fingers till he came back, and at every evening and morning meal would set out his table with food on it, just as if he were at home. She tied up a little lacquered box full of boiled rice and snails for his extra clothes in a bundle, and swung it on his back. Tying it over his neck, he seized his staff and was ready to go.

"Sayonara," cried he, as, with a tear in his eye, he walked away, for that is the Japanese word for "good-bye."

"Sayonara," creaked Mrs. Frog and the whole family of young frogs in a chorus. Two of the tiniest froggies were still babies, (Continued top next column)

### SPANKING

"Shall I spank my child?" Experts of one school of thought say, "No, never!" and those of another say, "Well, hardly ever," and those of another say, "Yes, if he or she needs spanking." It all depends on the particular child, the particular situation and on you.

Miss Evelyn Beyer, director of the nursery school at Sarah Lawrence College, reporting on children's behavior and parental methods observed during an 8,000-mile tour of the South and Southwest, said recently that she saw a lot of "direct action" and good results from it. Spanking, or its equivalent, came under this heading, Miss Beyer said in an interview.

In Tennessee, if a backwoods child "cussed," he was "whipped" — and promptly children didn't seem to resent it. Miss Beyer noticed, or to hear hard feelings, and was indeed, horrified when a nursery school teacher applied the code. "Johnny cussed and you didn't whap him," they reproved her.

Similarly, if one of those children interrupted his elders he was told to "hesitate." And he, hesitated. The code was clearly defined, and Miss Beyer thinks this fact accounted largely for the success of it. To her, the two impressive features of the parent-child relation were "love and clarity," to wit, warm affection existed and the children knew exactly where they were. Tennessee youngsters were usually well adjusted and outgoing as any you'd wish to see.

She began to feel, Miss Beyer said, that if a slap on a child's wrist, or on his rear, is a parent's way of expressing disapproval, it doesn't matter much so long as the child knows that he's loved and cherished. She also feels that this procedure makes for a healthier atmosphere all around than does the bottling-up of displeasure, or taking it out in roundabout ways, or not taking it out at all except in general uncertainty which, she thinks, is "deeply puzzling to a child."

In fact, Miss Beyer believes that if you're so mad at Johnny you let him know how you should let him know how you feel—even if you don't slap him. He'll be less bewildered than if he doesn't know where you stand about the situation, or where he stands.

In other words, dear parents, make up your minds.

### GRANDMA'S DAY

In grandma's day it was thought bad to drink water with meals for fear it would dilute the gastric juices too much. Although this seems reasonable enough, dietary and gastric research shows that it doesn't make much difference. Most of us don't drink enough water, and it would probably be a good thing if we drank more at meals.—Your Life.

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# HOUSEHOLD HELPS

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## BUSY WOMEN'S WORKBASKET

### Scotty Kitchen Trio

Three pitch-black Scotties dress up in red bows and apply for a job in your kitchen. Their specialty is burn prevention, and you'll find them so very useful when you've hot pans or lids to handle. Yes, they're panholders, and most attractive ones, too. White outlining stitches accent their forms, and it takes hardly any time at all to make the set.



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### A NEW BEGINNING

A New Year, like each new day, brings added responsibilities to us oldsters. This year, in particular, we must be wise and courageous if we are to meet the challenge of the times—more true for housewives than any other group. Most men folk are living under high pressure with increased living costs and demands of families. Women can do much to relieve this pressure.

"A pleasant disposition maketh a charming woman," is a true saying. It is a fact that the atmosphere of a home is largely determined by the mother and the wife.

Many wives are now helping to meet family expense by earning their own money. Any work that adds to the family income, and does not cause a woman to neglect her household, should be welcomed by all the family. It is not wise, however, for wives to overtax strength for the sake of a few dollars. There are many ways in which wives can earn money if they keep their poise and plan ahead. Thank God each day for a New Beginning, and resolve to live it to the fullest.

### FASHIONS OF THE HOUR

No modern matron would be without at least one trim "shirtwaister." They are designed to make you look younger and inches slimmer. They have splendid bodice roundness, with the shoulder trim and darts just below the front yoke to hold fullness right over the bustline. The notches collar has a carefree young air and pointed pockets are optional but smart. Front buttoning makes them speedy for dressing and you may have your choice between short or long sleeves.

Smoothness is an art and technique that distinguishes the well dressed woman from the rest of the crowd. If you would be that "smoothie" then look at yourself in the mirror—just as you are now. Do you like the reflection you see? Well—consider your family.

Ask yourself these questions before you present yourself before even your own family: Is my hair shining and does it smell nice? Is my face free from blackheads and pimples? Does my skirt hang right and are my stockings seams straight? Most important, do my clothes seem to belong together?

The easiest way to think of how you'd rather look is to remember the most attractive woman you have ever met. Compare this vision with the woman you are looking at now. Of course you may have facial features that you would like to change but that is not the most important thing in real good looks. Everyone remembers clean teeth, clear skin and bright hair long after the color of the dress is forgotten.

Clean is a word that belongs with smoothness. Pick apart any person you admire and it will be cleanliness plus simplicity that makes them attractive. Good grooming boils down to this: a dewy fresh scrubbed look, plus

clothes that have a way of being attractive. The clean part costs only a fraction of a cent; the simplicity is mostly a matter of subtraction.

Veils of all types still rule the world of hats. Some women can be thankful for this, as they hide any unattractive features. The average veil will give a very feminine appearance to most women. Be careful in the selection of the type. It should be according to your size.

Scarves are being worn with almost any type of outfit today. They are very practical as they keep the throat and chest warm and at the same time protect the collars of dresses and coats. You will find shimmering rayon crepes or satin jacquard scarves well made and in attractive styles. Initials in press-on letters on self-fringing scarves or with tied silk fringe are in great favor with the younger set.

There is exciting news in the fashion columns for those who love the "comforts of home" with style and distinction. Matching scarves for mother and daughter, monogrammed with two initials are the answer to this desire. They are most desirable for "about the house wear" while dressing or in early mornings. Mostly in corduroy or chenille they come in lovely colors.

There is a happy blending of the old and new in the modern pajamas for men. Authentic 1860 prints on modern 1941 materials make it possible for "him" to adorn his manly frame with something he has always admired. These pajamas are the most striking article of men's wearing apparel in the stores today. They are moderately priced and give even the most "timid soul rhapsodies of delight."

### TIPS TO THE HOUSEWIFE

Here are a few tips that may help brighten the home. Send your ideas to this page and share your good fortune with others.

Why not add 1 1/2 teaspoons of grated orange with the 2 tablespoons of sugar (and omit the other flavoring). You can achieve a lovely change in your angel food cake.

Cutting through the batter with a knife or spatula will help distribute the batter evenly in the pan and rid your cakes of those ugly air holes.

Try sifting confectioners' sugar before adding to frosting you will hasten its smooth blending with liquid.

### WE DINE

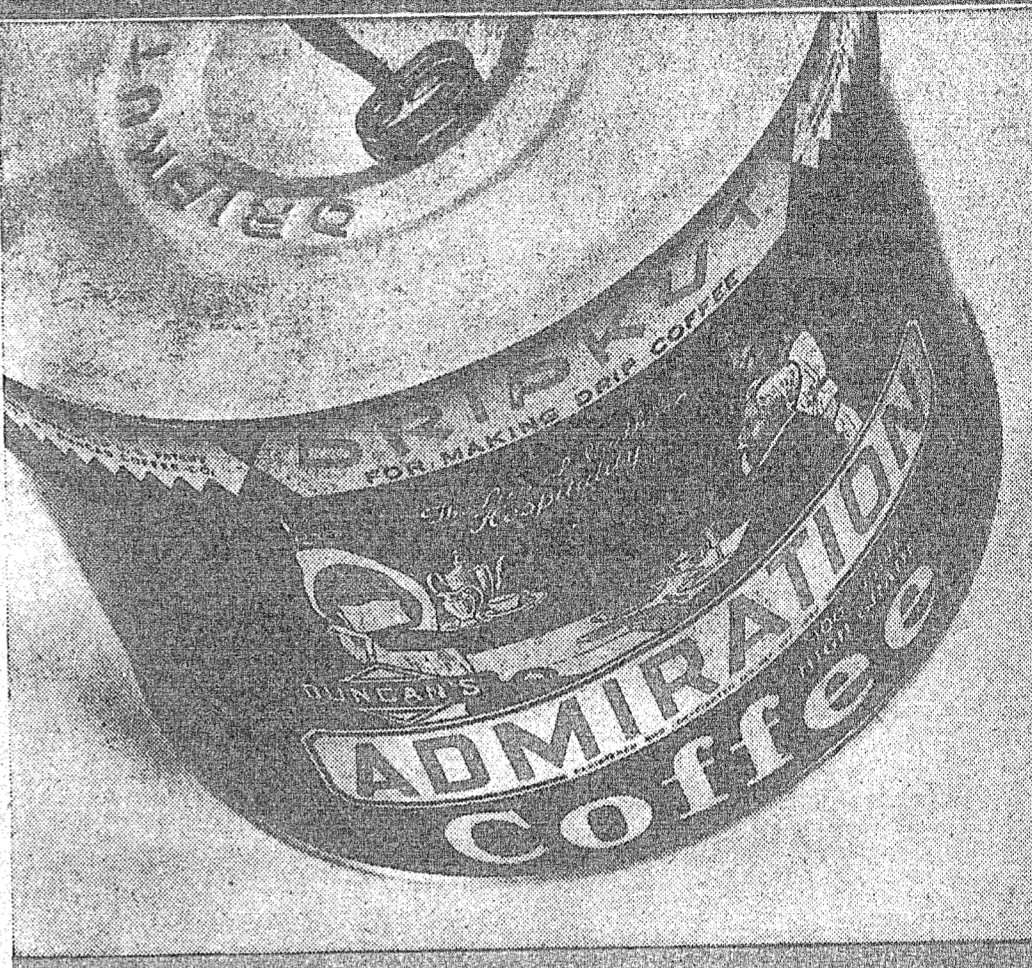
Here are some new tempting dishes that should whet the appetite when served:

**Chili Con Carne**  
2 pounds of beef, cut in cubes  
3 tablespoons flour  
4 dried chili peppers, ground  
1 large onion, chopped  
2 cloves of garlic, chopped  
2 tablespoons chopped suet  
2 tablespoons shortening  
1 tablespoon salt  
1 teaspoon caminos seed  
1 cup cooked tomatoes  
5 cups water  
2 cups cooked, dried red beans.

Mix meat, garlic, onion, chili peppers and flour. Melt fat and suet in a large deep vessel and cook meat mixture 15 minutes over simmer burner and back of stove. Add seasoning, tomatoes and water and bring to the boiling point over hot fire, reduce to simmering speed and cook 1 hour. Add cooked beans and heat thoroughly before serving. Serves 8 or 10 generously. Note: Beans may be omitted.

**Double Mocha Chocolate Cake**  
2 cups sifted cake flour  
3/4 teaspoon salt  
(Continued top next column)

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2 cups sugar  
3/4 cup sour milk or buttermilk  
2 teaspoons vanilla  
2 eggs, unbeaten.

To make coffee syrup, bring 1 1/3 cups water and 3 tablespoons sugar to a boil; add 3/4 cup ground Vita-fresh coffee. Remove from fire, cover, and let stand in warm place 5 minutes. Strain in warm grounds through double thickness of cheesecloth. Measure 1/2 cup coffee syrup for cake.

Sift flour once, measure, add salt and soda, and sift together three times. Combine chocolate, butter, and 1/2 cup coffee syrup in top of double boiler; place over boiling water and cook until chocolate is melted stirring constantly. Cool and add sugar. Add half of flour, then half of milk, stirring only until blended; repeat. Add vanilla and eggs and beat 2 minutes. Bake in two greased 9-inch layer pans in moderate oven (350° F.) 30 to 35 minutes. Spread Coffee Butter Frosting, made with remaining coffee syrup, between layers and on top and sides of cake. Decorate with border of chopped pecans.

**Coffee Butter Frosting**  
2/3 cup butter  
5 cups sifted confectioners' sugar  
5 tablespoons coffee syrup (about)

Cream butter. Add part of sugar gradually, blending after each addition. Add remaining sugar, alternately with coffee syrup, until of right consistency to spread. Beat after each addition until smooth. Makes enough frosting to cover tops and sides of two 9-inch layers.

### METAL VALUE OF COINS

British coins contain more pure metal than those of the United States. Their silver coins are made of "sterling" which is 92.5% silver, 7.5% copper. All U. S. silver coins contain 90% silver, 10% copper. British gold coins contain 91.67% pure gold, 8.33% copper. In the United States, the proportions are 90% pure gold, 10% other metals, mainly copper.

### SLEEPING SICKNESS BUG

The assassin bug, which has sometimes been called the "kissing bug" because of its peculiar call, may give a horse a "kiss of death" in the form of sleeping sickness, according to research work announced by the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Investigators have found that the assassin bug may carry sleeping sickness virus, which has caused the loss of many horses in the Midwest in recent years. Although effective preventive measures have been developed, scientists previously have had no clues on how the disease was spread.

When they observed that cases ceased abruptly after the first killing frost, Dr. C. H. Kitzelman of the Division of Veterinary Medicine, Kansas State College, and Dr. Roger C. Smith of the college's Department of Entomology suspected that some blood-sucking insect carried the cause of sickness.

Dr. Kitzelman and A. W. Grundmann, research graduate assistant in the Department of Entomology, found that the assassin bug, a voracious blood-sucker which feeds on animals by night and hides by day, gave positive findings. Half of a collection of assassin bugs taken from a pasture where horses had become infected with sleeping sickness were found to be carriers of the virus.

### DANGEROUS AGE

Eighteen to thirty-four—those are the dangerous years for men in Texas, says a dispatch from Washington, because men of those ages make up the majority of those jailed for serious crimes, a Census Bureau report showed recently.

Of male prisoners convicted of felonies received by State and Federal prisons from the courts of the State, the largest number were in the age group 25 to 29.

There were 3001 men in this category last year, and they were divided in age groups as follows:

Under 18 years, 48.  
18 to 20 years, 526.  
21 to 24 years, 576.  
25 to 34 years, 478.  
35 to 39 years, 287.  
40 to 44 years, 154.  
45 to 49 years, 122.  
50 years and over, 148.

The median age of men convicted of felonies was 27.6, the Bureau reported.

Federal and State prisons in Texas received last year

3,084 men and women convicted of felonies and misdemeanors, and of this number 81 were women.

The 3,001 men convicted of felonies went to prison in the following numbers for these offenses:

Murder, 209; robbery, 266; aggravated assault, 94; burglary, 993; larceny, etc., 742; forgery, 388; rape, 78; other sex offenses, 11; and other offenses, 220.

### CAMELS

Camels can "cruise" swiftly across the sands at thirty-two miles an hour or can walk in absolute silence, being so well trained not to whine that camel troops can pass within twenty yards of an enemy encampment without being detected. The one-humped camel, or dromedary, is most used in colonial armies, for the two-humped breed is too slow for military purposes.

If necessary, troops can drink the camel's milk, use the hair for making cloth and even eat the flesh. Under the worst conditions of thirst they can kill the beast, empty its stomach and drink the green water he has stored there for long voyages—an average camel can travel about 250 miles between drinks.

The new method of desert fighting involves the use of armored cars and even tanks in the camel corps. While machines can usually keep up with a camel party, the problem of keeping open the desert supply lines, maintained by camel and car caravans and sometimes even by plane, becomes a vital one when mechanized units are used.

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