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Personals

Lt. Jackson of Camp Bowie visited his mother, Mrs. Agnes Jackson, over the week-end.

Patricia Hooker spent the week-end in Stephenville with Mrs. Maude Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Gray had in their home over the week-end their children, Lewis Gray of Nacona; Ruth Gray, of San Angelo; Mrs. Clyde Southworth and Denny of Sweetwater and Rena Gray, who has returned from school at Texas Tech at Lubbock. Denny Southworth remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake Denman of Briggs, Texas arrived Friday to visit Mrs. Denman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Williams. Sunday they went to Lubbock, taking Mrs. Williams to attend graduation exercises of Texas Tech, where R. L. was graduated Monday night.

E. A. Boaz spent Sunday in Temple where he went to be with Mrs. Boaz and her father, who is recovering there from a major operation.

Mrs. Ed Sutton visited Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Crawley of Ranger Sunday, Neill attending the golf finals there.

Mr. Ed Stephens of Iredale was a visitor here Sunday.

Rena Gray returned Sunday to San Angelo with Ruth where she will be employed also through the summer months.

Mrs. Mack Underwood and Billie Mack were in Cross Plains Monday, Billie Mack remaining for a few days visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks of Ilex were here Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bennett, Mrs. Bennett and Barbara returning with them Sunday afternoon for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hooker and daughters, Mrs. L. Y. Morris and Mrs. Maud Martin spent Sunday in Electra and Lawton, Oklahoma.

Denman Stanfield, whose parents live near the Indian Mountain community, returned from Fort Worth last week where he underwent a bone operation. He is reported to be recovering satisfactorily.

Sara Jo Stewart, Virginia Pullig, Bob Kirk and Neill Sutton returned from Stephenville where they completed their first year's work in John Tarleton College.

Florence Love of Abilene spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Love.

Mrs. E. W. Underwood and children of Eastland spent the week-end here with relatives.

Mrs. Whitfield, Mrs. Bernard Blair and daughter, Joyce, were visitors in Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cody Love and children were visitors in Ranger Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rushing of Desdemona were visitors here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gilbert and children of Carbon were here Monday night visiting Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Underwood and other relatives.

Hadley Graham of Houston came home Tuesday for a visit with his parents.

Ed Smith of Brownwood was here on business Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Smith were visitors in Stephenville Sunday.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

At the regular meeting of the K of P. Lodge Monday night the rank of Esquire was conferred on Rev. Levi Price.

The Round-up Club will meet here next Monday night. Refreshments will be served. Rank of Knight will be conferred.

All Knights are urged to attend.

New Hope News

Mrs. J. W. Mounce, Mrs. T. A. Eison, Mrs. Will Williams, Mrs. Albert Grice and Mabel Clement were guests of Mrs. Addie Brooks Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Files and daughters visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Smith, Sr., Sunday. Jim Nunley of Eastland spent the week-end with his son, Floyd, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wood and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hendricks of Lone Cedar community Sunday.

Arlon Pirtle left Tuesday for a week's visit in Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nunley and daughter of Eastland were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nunley.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Whichorn, and Mrs. Flemming of Palo Pinto visited Mrs. Ruth Craighead Thursday night.

Mrs. Winnie Pittman of San Antonio spent the week-end with her brother, R. C. Smith, Sr., and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mounce and Mabel Clement attended the birthday dinner, honoring Mr. Judd Laster, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Underwood of the Indian Mountain community Sunday.

La Rue Wood had the misfortune of breaking her arm Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pirtle visited Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bennett Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Cook and son, and Mrs. Ruth Craighead were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs.

Dick Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Dorsett and son visited his grandmother, Mrs. R. Y. Dorsett, Sunday.

It is preferable to live on black bread and water as a free man than to have a full larder in chains.

When liberty perishes from the earth, the world is ripe for the harvest of doom.

He who is entrusted with power has to face the temptation never to relinquish it.

Church of Christ

All are invited to the services each week of the Church of Christ. Sunday School begins at 10 o'clock followed by worship at 10:45. Young peoples' service Sunday evening begins at 7 o'clock followed by preaching at 8:00. The mid-week prayer service begins at 8:30 and Ladies Bible Class Friday afternoon at 3:00.

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Bro. Hamill of Abilene is the new pastor and extends a cordial welcome to the public to attend any or all of the services.

Misses Ramona and Margie Westmoreland of the Grandview community left Saturday to accompany their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Greer of Breckenridge, on a vacation trip to points in New and Old Mexico, and plan to return this week-end.

Want Ads

FOR GAS or Kerosene Electrolux see G. E. Norris at the Service Appliance Store.

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FOR SALE—One saddle horse; two work mares - reprinted to sell at once. See Mrs. Jack Chaney, Carbon, Texas. 8tp

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A weapon that is stronger than all the implements of war is the spirit of liberty in the hearts of an oppressed people.

Error is a perversion of a truth effected by a compromise.

It takes courage to blaze a new trail through virgin territory.

Happy is he who can fight his battles without sword or armored mask.

Brave is he who follows truth without fear of consequences.

Billy Tate of De Leon was a visitor here Friday.

Ernest Bennett left Tuesday for an extended visit in El Paso.

Specials for Saturday Only

- Kiddies SUN SUITS, age 2 to 6, each 19c
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 - 1-2 pt. 15c
 - pt. 25c
 - qt. 45c
- SARDINES, ea. can** .. 5c
- lb. Can PORK & BEANS** ... 5c
- Big 4** 34c
- Babo per can** 13c
- Beautiful Holder** 25c
- BOTH** 38c
- Winesap APPLES, doz.** 19c
- Sour PICKLES, qt.** 12c
- C. W. Soap 7 Bars** 25c
- P. O. Toilet Soap 4 Bars** 21c
- Large Package Super Suds** 21c
- 2 lbs. BOLOGNA** 25c
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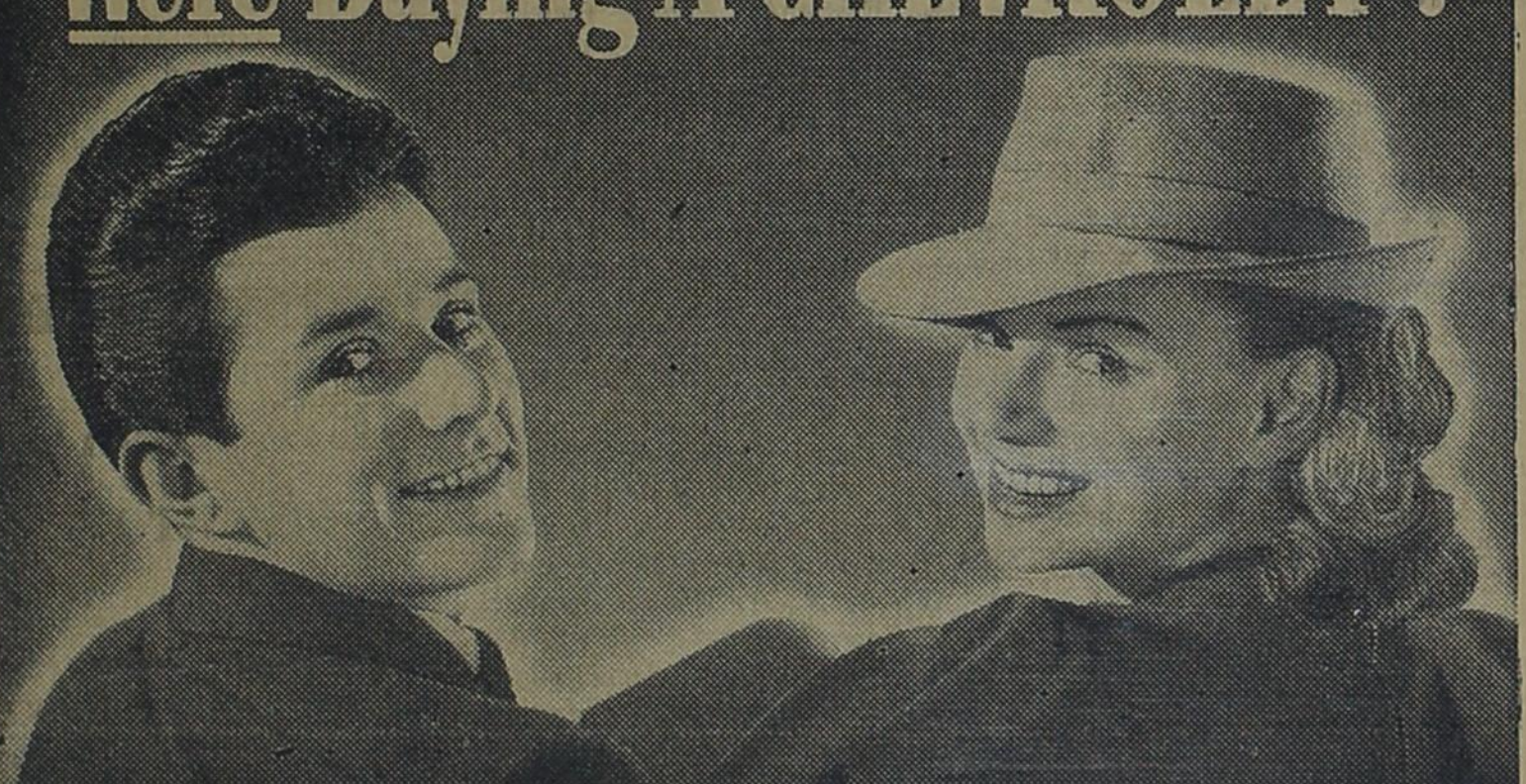
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UNITIZED KNEE-ACTION	YES NO NO	NO
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ORIGINAL FISHER NO DRAFT VENTILATION	YES NO NO	NO
TIPTOE-MATIC CLUTCH	YES NO NO	NO

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Gorman Texas

News of Carbon

By Mrs. Claude Stubblefield

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Greer were in Lubbock last Saturday for their daughter, Joydene, who had been attending Texas Tech.

Misses Bobbie Sue Burns and Wynogene Medford returned to their homes at Okla last week after having completed the required work of John Tarleton College.

Bob Stubblefield of Gorman visited relatives here Tuesday.

Jack Jordan who is an airplane mechanic at Duncan Field, San Antonio spent Memorial Day and the week-end at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Jordan and family.

W. R. Ussery accompanied by Christine Gilbert attended the graduation exercises at Alameda last Thursday night. Miss La Rue Ussery returned home with them.

Mrs. C. G. Stubblefield attended the Spring luncheon in Eastland

last Wednesday given by Mrs. Guy Parker and Mrs. Ed F. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Gilbert were in Denton over the week-end visiting their daughter, Marion, who left Monday for a two week's trip through Oklahoma and Kansas.

Neil Eaves and George Gilbert who spent the college year studying in John Tarleton returned home last Friday.

Mrs. R. L. Williams went to Lubbock last week-end to attend the graduation exercises of her son, R. L., Jr., at Texas Tech. R. L. will go immediately to Louisiana where a position awaits him.

Mrs. J. S. Davis was a visitor for several days of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tate, in Abilene last week.

Mrs. J. V. Baird and daughter, Barbara, have returned home after spending a week with her mother in Waxahachie.

Truly Carter was a business visitor in Gorman Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall and Abe and Mr. and Mrs. Athal M. Claborn were in Ranger Sunday night and Monday night where they attended the baccalaureate sermon and graduation exercises of their son and brother, Harry C. Hall, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Boswell of Vernon spent the week-end visiting relatives here and at De Leon.

Miss Rae June Stubblefield, who studied in John Tarleton this year, returned to her home with her parents, who drove to Stephenville for her Saturday.

W. R. Ussery and Miss La Rue attended the graduation exercises of their son and brother, Roy, at A. & M. College last Friday evening. They were accompanied by John Edward Trimble who went to A. & M. on business. Roy returned home with them for a short visit before going to Virginia where he will be stationed in the U. S. Army.

Miss Bess Thurman, who taught this year in Spur, returned to Carbon Friday afternoon. Miss Thurman will go to Austin soon to enter the University.

Miss Blanche Yarbrough who has been teaching school in Clovis, New Mexico, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Yarbrough.

CHEVROLET FIVE-PASSENGER COUPE SECOND IN BODY STYLES

The increasing demand on the part of Chevrolet buyers has prompted the five-passenger coupe into second position among all body styles, usurping the place held by the four-door sedan throughout most of the past decade, figures recently released by the division's Market Analysis department reveal.

Traditionally the leader, two-door sedans are still the No. 1 choice of the Chevrolet buying public, the figures show, with the always-popular four-door sedans now in third place. Fourth and fifth, respectively, are the business coupe and the cabriolet.

During the first quarter of 1941, two-door sedans accounted for 44.8 per cent of all passenger car sales, the Chevrolet business picture shows. Five-passenger coupes were 24 per cent of all sales; four-door sedans 22.9 per cent; business coupes 6.5 per cent, and cabriolets 1.6 per cent.

In the same period last year, two-door sedan sales amounted to 54.4 per cent of the total; four-doors, 24.3 per cent; business coupes, 11.2; five-passenger coupes, 8.3, and cabriolets 1.5.

A decade ago, in 1930, the figures ran like this: two-doors, 46.3 per cent; four-doors, 24.6; four-passenger coupes, 17; business coupes 7; phaetons, 3, and sport roadsters, 4.8 per cent.

J. D. LASATER CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

J. D. (Uncle Judd) Lasater celebrated his eight-first birthday last Sunday, June 1, at the home of his son, E. L., who lives in the Indian Mountain community.

Thirty-six enjoyed the bountiful spread and the day of visiting. Two children were present; a daughter, Mrs. Julius N. Underwood, and the son, E. L. Mrs. Lottie McBride, another daughter, of San Angelo, Texas, was unable to attend. Six grand-children and nine great-grand-children enjoyed the day with him. He makes his home in San Angelo, Texas and is here for a visit.

All joined in wishing him twenty more birthdays, celebrated like the one last Sunday.

—Contributed.

Eastland Theatres

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Friday - Saturday

ONE CONTINUOUS LAUGH!



DOUBLE HORROR
MID-NITE SHOW
SATURDAY - 11:30

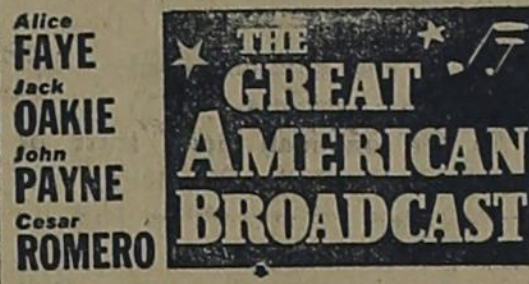
No. 1

"THE MAD DOCTOR"

No. 2

"MONSTER AND GIRL"

Sunday - Monday



Tues. - Wed.



Thursday
BARGAIN DAY

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Fri. - Sat. - 10c - 15c

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Max Terhune

"RANGE BUSTERS"

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THRILLS! — THRILLS!
"SON OF KONG"

The LETTER BOX

Following is a letter received this week from Frank Scofield, State Administrator Defense Savings Staff of Texas:

Dear Mr. News Editor:

Following the President's talk on Tuesday, I have come to the conclusion that it is my duty to call on the citizens of Texas to double their efforts to aid America, and we must have an all-out purchase of defense bonds and savings stamps.

We are going to have a big bill to pay in order to protect this land we love so well—and it will be worth every cent it costs to know that our country and those we love are safe. And when I stop and think that our Government thought far enough ahead to make plans to borrow money from

us that it could pay back with interest, I swell with pride. The United States Government could have just imposed higher and higher taxes on us—money to be paid in nothing received in return but protection. Protection would have been a lot, but instead we are lending our money and will get it back with interest. When you buy one of these bonds, you are buying confidence in your country, your family, your neighbor and yourself. You are making money for yourself, and by lending it to the Government, you are making it work for your country.

I could think of no more fitting memorial to those who gave their lives in the last war than to

ask that all Texans do their bit now toward preparing defenses which we hope will protect us and save the lives of our native sons.

Sincerely yours,
FRANK SCOFIELD.

SINGING AT DESDEMONA

There will be singing Sunday afternoon at the Desdemona Methodist Church at 2:30. Every one come and bring your song book.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Allen attended the graduation exercises of Ranger Junior College Tuesday night.

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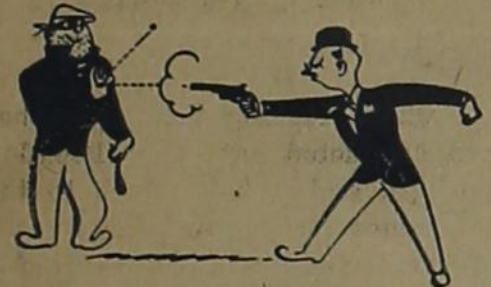
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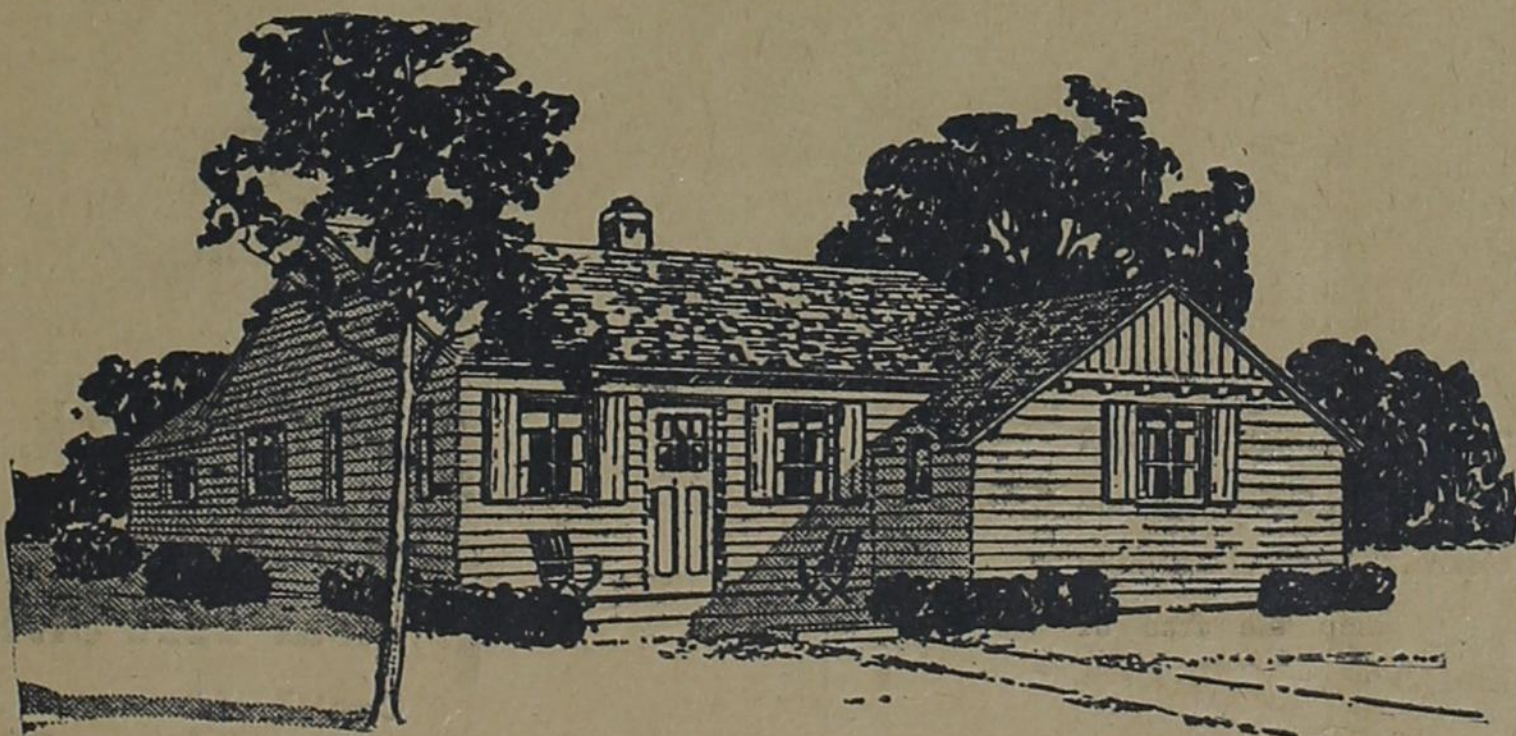
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Old Man Texas is today looking ahead and planning. Beside the great farming and ranching country which Texans have built, he sees a new industrial empire here.

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But this is only a beginning. Texas has many other raw materials, unexceeded by any other State. Texas has in oil and gas the cheap and dependable fuel supply essential to industry. Texas is the gateway to Latin America, our new foreign market.

Each new industry means more jobs. It makes added tax values for our State and local governments, bigger payrolls for our workers, and greater prosperity for you and every other Texan.

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My Week

By Eleanor Roosevelt



Ladies of the Senate

Lunching with the ladies of the senate the other day was very pleasant. I particularly enjoyed having in front of me a most beautiful centerpiece of magnolia blossoms, white against their dark green leaves. At the ends of the table were vases with white Easter lilies and snapdragons, but it seemed particularly beautiful to me to look into those cup-like magnolia blossoms.

The District of Columbia librarians came that same day to look at the books which the American Book-sellers have presented to the White House library. Then they joined my garden party on the lawn. It was the first garden party we have had this year and an almost perfect day. Now and then the wind would take a lovely lady's hat and she would have to clutch it, but otherwise it was neither too warm nor too cold.

The Marine band played delightfully and, in listening to them, I forgot to be tired. The grass was particularly lovely, and so I appreciated the desire of the gardener to keep me moving just a little so the long line of guests would not wear a path across the lawn.

Later I received the Hungarian minister and his wife for the first time since their arrival. Then I

had guests from California, Dr. and Mrs. Remsen Bradford, who came to spend the night. We had a very pleasant dinner and were much interested in seeing some photographs which Mr. Thomas Campbell brought back from his stay in England.

I am trying to catch up on what seems like an almost unending amount of mail. There are also a good many things which must be read. The President sounded quite cheerful and very busy this morning, and I think everything is progressing well with him.

PICNIC LUNCHEON

The next day the cabinet ladies and I gave our annual picnic luncheon for the ladies of the senate and were fortunate in having a beautiful day. We recalled last year that several showers disturbed our lunch, but this year the only thing which disturbed us was speculation as to what was the real explanation of Mr. Rudolf Hess.

I surmise that there are few people in this country who have not speculated on that subject during the last few days. The writers of mystery stories must agree that reality has outdistanced almost any plot in fiction.

A number of people came to tea and in the evening I went to hear All-American Youth orchestra. The program was beautiful and one could not have wanted a more finished performance. Everyone with me enjoyed every minute of the evening.

After coping for some time now with almost perfectly straight

hair, for I wanted to wait as long as possible before having a permanent wave again, I went in the morning and spent three hours and a half at the hairdresser. I always feels as though it is a terrible waste of time, but this morning I accomplished much reading, which otherwise would have remained undone on the bench beside my desk. Incidentally, my hair will be easier to deal with for some time to come.

Somewhat late and somewhat breathless, I arrived at the luncheon given by the ladies of the Seventy-sixth congress. They were so kind about my delay that I recovered very quickly from the apologetic state of mind in which I arrived. I enjoyed not only my neighbors, but the lovely table decorations and the Marine band's music.

Afterwards, I went to see the exhibition of water colors at the National Gallery of Art. From 10,000 water colors sent in from the United States, Hawaii and the District of Columbia, 300 were picked out for a federal hospital in Louisiana. The variety of subjects is entertaining, and I think the water colors will add immeasurably in color and interest to all the rooms in the hospital.

It is interesting to find that most of the painters exhibiting are under 30 years of age and come from 27 states, Hawaii and the District of Columbia. There are 51 women and 103 men represented. I think everyone will find this exhibition enjoyable.

FRIENDS FROM ARGENTINE

One afternoon I had the pleasure of having Madame Ruiz-Guinazu, wife of the Argentine minister of foreign affairs, her two daughters, and Madame Espil, wife of the Argentine ambassador, to tea with me.

Madame Ruiz-Guinazu was fairly exhausted by the amount of sight-seeing which they had done, but everything was of great interest to her. She spoke with enthusiasm of the National gallery and of the beauty of our capitol city. Then she told me at length of her interest in the Congressional Library, particularly the collection of books

in braille. Her son is in charge of this work in the Argentine. Having become blind himself at the age of 17, he evidently determined to lead a busy, useful and, therefore, happy life.

I Give You Texas

By Boyce House

When I was a boy I lived in Texas until my father's death and then, when I came back after growing up and becoming a newspaper reporter, it was with the determination to write something about the great romance of oil. I'll never forget the thrill of seeing, south of San Antonio, my first derrick, though the view was from a train window and at a distance.

While doing some temporary work for Doc Sellers' Brady Sentinel, I received two offers, one from Coleman and the other from Eastland. Sellers (now publisher of the Rising Star Record) knew of my desire to be in the oil fields and so he recommended that I go to Eastland, capital of the county that had witnessed the development of the famous Ranger and Desdemona districts.

As the one-man news staff of the Eastland Daily Oil Belt News, the slender, young editor had no time for anything else; but all through the crowded weeks that lengthened into months that glided into years (including editorships in Cisco and Ranger) I was storing up information, much of it subconsciously—in short, was absorbing atmosphere, color, incidents, characters.

A few days ago, the first copy of "Oil Boom" arrived from the nationally-known publishers, the Claxton Printers of Caldwell, Idaho—and the long-cherished ambition to write a book about the romance of oil had been achieved.

To tell you of the trips crisscrossing the State to get thousands of facts—to keep your story from being slow and dull, you discard ten facts for each one you use but you have to know the other ten so as to know for sure which should be chosen; of how

C. I. J. K. Hugues of Mexia said, "I'm giving you information that I have refused to a dozen interviewers, and I don't know why I'm giving it to you"—but he did: of digging up photographs of booms 25 or even 40 years ago; of listening throughout a Sunday afternoon while Walter Cline, with hardly a question necessary, fluently and vividly told of Burkburnett; of a chance meeting with Garland Adair in Austin who had traveled with Col. Humphreys, "king of the wildcatters;" of discovering an elderly man in San Antonio who is entitled to be called the "father of Spindletop," which was the birthplace of the present-day Texas oil industry; of innumerable conversations with old drillers, teamsters and shoe-string operators; and then finding time, mainly at night, to write—anyhow, enough has been said to show that a book is no slight venture.

At least, "Oil Boom" wasn't—for me, anyhow. And if you're interested (and I hope you are) "Oil Boom" is a portrait gallery of famous oil rushes, all but one in Texas; Spindletop, Burkburnett, Mexia, Desdemona, Ranger and Smackover, the last-named being in Arkansas.

City Visitor—"Which is correct, a hen is sitting or a hen is setting?"

Farmer—"I don't know and I don't care. All I want to know when she cackles, is she laying or is she lying?"

God and the doctor

We alike adore,
At the brink of danger
And not before.

The danger past
And all things righted,
God is forgotten,
The doctor slighted.
(Author unknown)

Around Texas: The Jacksonville cafe where, at breakfast, instead of a little pat of butter, they set a half pound in front of you. . . The big highway sign, "Welcome to Milam County," which is signed (of all persons!) by the District Attorney, Bill Morrison. . . Rockdale, on one side of the main

street a sign: "17 miles to Cameron," and on the other side of the street another sign: "16 miles to Cameron." Boy, we really made that mile in a hurry!

LOCALS

Billy Parker, son of Dawson Parker of Comanche, and grandson of Judge and Mrs. Joe Parker here, is spending a few days with them. He is home from A. & M. where he completed his second year's work there.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Thompson spent two days as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Rose in San Antonio. Mrs. Rose and Deanna accompanied them to Gorman for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben R. Townley and little son, Ed, of Buena Vista were visitors here from Friday until Monday, guests of Grandma Alsabrook and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Stout and other relatives.

Mrs. Charley Smith of Abilene spent Friday and Saturday visiting in the home of her aunt, Mrs. J. E. Foster.

Mrs. Ardith Pittman, of Buffalo, N. Y., is here for a two-week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown.

Mrs. V. L. Perry and son, Robert Frank, of Fort Worth are spending this week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Moseley.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ponder and Claudine spent the week-end visiting relatives in Big Spring. Mr. Ponder's mother accompanied them home.

Mrs. Jane Eppler accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Odell Thompson to Austin last week and remained there for an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. B. M. Collic, and her son, Finis, who is now on a ranch near Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ormsby and Mr. and Mrs. Autha Dale Eaker were Breckenridge visitors Wednesday night.

Mrs. Tom Bennett is being confined to her bed as the result of high blood pressure. Her friends are hoping to see her out soon fully recovered.

Jake Webb left for Borger Monday morning where he will work for an oil company there for the next month or more.

Robbie Gene Moseley and Nathan Mehaffey were visitors in Dubin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Speck Clark and Doyle Lynn and Mr. John Clark and Edward went to Sundown Monday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Craddock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brewer and son, Billy, of Midland, were week-end visitors in the J. C. Brewer home; also Billie, who has returned to Austin. He completed his second year's work at State University last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Prewitt and daughter, Patsy Rae of Hobbs, New Mexico, are spending the week in the home of her sister, Mrs. T. C. Wylie.

Rev. and Mrs. M. H. Major and son of Lakeman, Florida, were guests of Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Ramsey Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brewer and little granddaughter, Barbara, were Wednesday visitors in the homes of Mrs. J. C. Brewer and Mrs. Frank Dean.

Boone Russell of Randolph Field is here on a furlough visiting his mother, Mrs. W. O. Russell, and other relatives.

Dale Hatcher of College Station was the week-end guest of Dorothy Parker.

Mrs. Dona Moorman spent the week-end in Graham with Mr. and Mrs. Dean Moorman.

Waller Collic is reported to be improving following a major operation in Dallas last week.

Sam Richey is home from Tarleton but expects to return for summer school work.

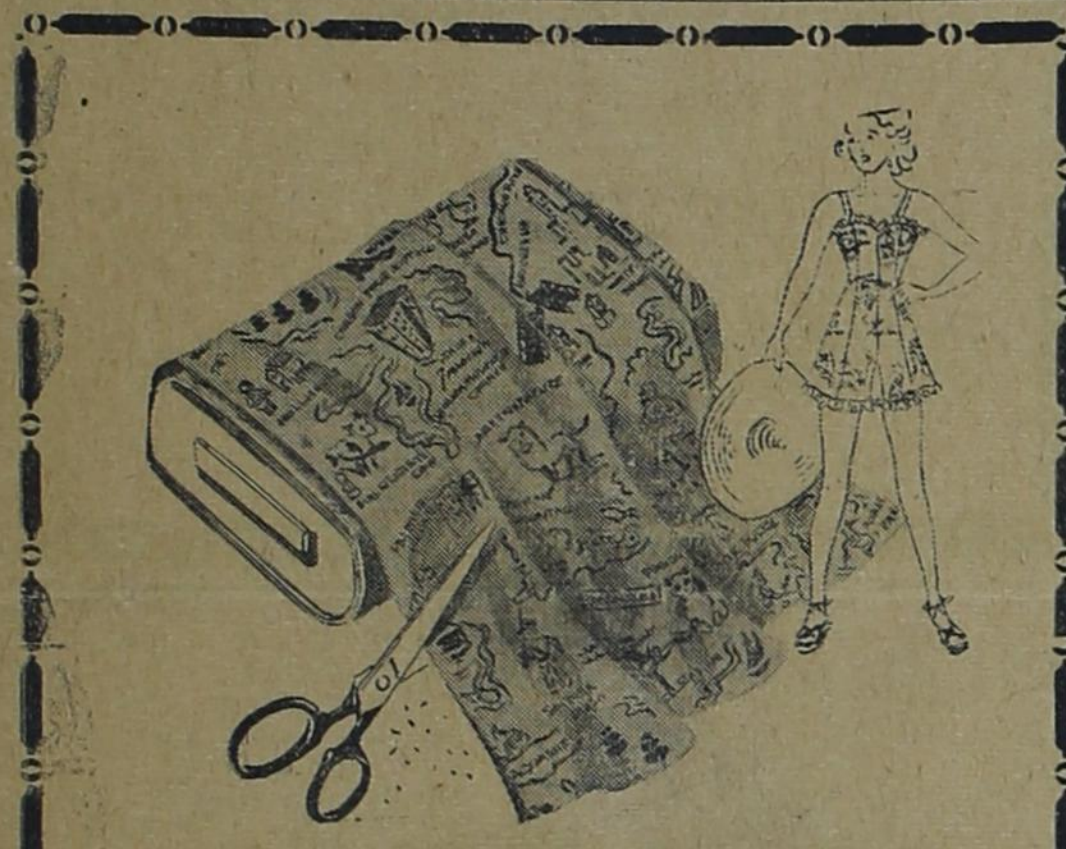
Junior Stone has returned from Howard Payne, completing his first year's work there.

Nathan Mhaffey left Tuesday night for Barksdale, La., where he will receive advanced training, following graduation in the class in San Angelo. He expects to be there ten weeks.

Work of rocking the garage has been completed at the Brogdon residence and it adds much to the appearance of the already attractive home.

Mrs. Donna David and Miss Elva Shell were in Denton Monday to attend the commencement exercises of T. S. C. W. where Mrs. David's niece, Mickey Joe Macon, received her B. S. degree.

Mrs. Amos Eaker and Mrs. Autha Dale Eaker were visitors in Eastland Monday.



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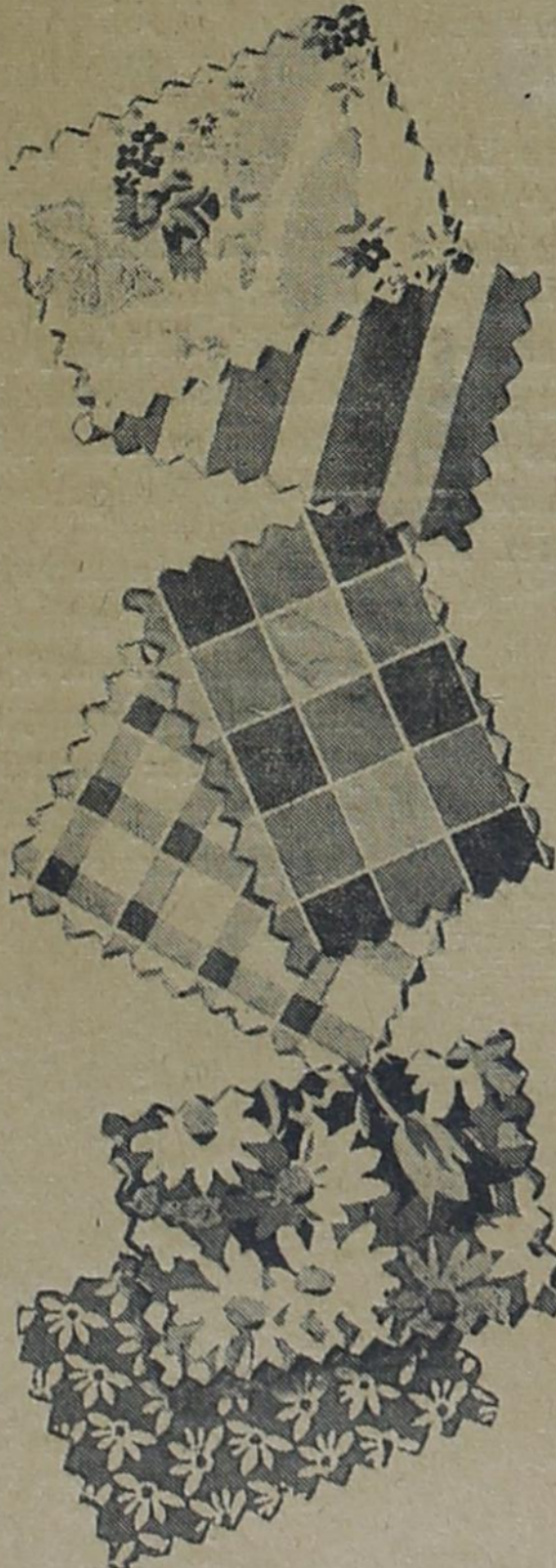
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