



Thanks to Tom Grimm for the masterpiece that has been on display in the Progress office for the past two weeks. Tom said he had been taking an art course on the side at night and this was a product of his work.

In the near future we will have a cut made of this drawing. We are hoping the merchants will use it on their envelopes and in their ads.

Tom Grimm is one young man who came to Gorman and made friends with everybody. While his vocation was watch-repairing in Gorman his avocations are almost too numerous to name.

Perhaps someday Tom and his family will be able to move back to Gorman. We hope so.

Come what may, the Progress Teen Age Club now has a bank account of \$19.50. The Ft. Worth Star Telegram seemed to think some information I gave them was worth \$5 so they sent me a check. This plus the \$12.50 from the Abilene Reporter plus two more dollars which turned up from an unexpected source made the \$19.50. Maybe by the time the Fire Hall gets fixed to where we can use it, US Teen-Agers can throw a real blow-out for the opening of our club.

The above calls to mind that a number of citizens are interested in seeing a public building constructed in Gorman. However no one seems to want to take the lead in pushing this project - so, the time has come for a public meeting or open forum to see what you the citizen and taxpayer wants. After checking club dates and talking with a few folks I find that Thursday night April 8th is an open date. If this is not a good night to hold a meeting please advise. Otherwise a definite time and the place will be announced in next Thursday's Progress. If you are one of those who says that nothing is ever accomplished in a small town, plan now to attend this meeting and speak your piece.

Lots of good things come to people who live in rural areas if they will only take advantage of them. Since I have lived in this area I can recall a number of programs and speakers that have drawn thousands in larger towns and yet gave of their talents to only a few in Gorman. One I recall vividly because he guided the destiny of millions in India, - he had an audience of less than fifty in this area.

Friday night, 26th, Stephan A. Haboush, a former shepherd from the hills of Galilee will entertain the people with stories and pictures of the land where Christ walked and taught in his day.

Junior-Senior Class Present Best Play Credit To School

The cast of LITTLE MISS SOMEBODY did a splendid job of acting on Friday evening in a manner that attendants declared was "the best". Everyone felt they had received more than the price of admission.

A part of the credit the cast of ten are glad to share with directors, Mrs. M. F. Allen and Mrs. Mack Underwood.

A Fashion Show displayed the fine work being done under the supervision of Miss Virgie Shaw. Delighting the audience with Hillbilly numbers was Teddy Driscoll, a visitor from May, who was introduced by Bill Michael.

Working To Save Our Soil



(l. to r.) — W. A. Morgan, Work Unit Conservationist, De Leon; O. F. Armstrong, Field Planning Engineer, State Conservation Board, Abilene, Texas; W. R. Heizer, Work Unit Conservationist, Dublin; Floyd Armstrong, Clerk of Upper Leon Soil Conservation District Board. These men vitally interested in saving our soil, attended a meeting of the Gorman Business Mens Club, Monday evening March 15, 1954.

GORMAN, TEXAS - (spl.) — Ed. Note: Due to other commitments I left the meeting after taking the above picture. Tuesday several of the business men commented on the fine talk Mr. O. F. Armstrong made. However, no one had taken any notes so I contacted Mr. Armstrong and he said most of his talks were sort of extemporaneous but he took time to send me the following:

"Conservation of our renewable resources is vital to the conservation of our communities, counties, state, and nation.

Farming and ranching is the greatest business of our great state.

Farming and ranching is responsible for raw materials that support thousands of industries in Texas making jobs available for tens of thousands of people.

For example Texas has 48 textile mills employing 8,000 factory workers, turning out \$29 million dollars worth of finished products. 361 apparel factories, with \$71 million in finished products, employing 12,000 factory workers. There are some 2,036 food processing plants in the state employing thousands of people, and many more industrial plants and factories that time does not permit to mention.

In order for farmers to carry on their business they consume great supplies of materials from other industries -

7 million tons of steel
16 1-3 billion gallons petroleum
320 pounds of raw rubber.
15 billion kilowatt hours electricity

Fifty percent of the tonnage that roll the rails and trucks of the highways is a product of the farms and ranches.

BUT, something is happening to this great business.

In 1920 with pioneer type of equipment, seed, insecticides, our farms produced almost twice as much per acre as the acre produce

of 1950 with our highly improved equipment, seed, etc.

Where is the trouble?
Soil Depleting Crops Are Ruining Land

In growing peanuts, if we grow 1500 pounds of nuts per acre, we remove from the soil 375 pounds nitrogen, 51 pounds phosphate, 37 pounds potash and burn 1 1/2 tons of organic matter from the soil.

Crop after crop of soil depleting crops and never growing any soil building crops, we have depleted our soil of much of its fertility and have destroyed the soil of its power of water absorption.

God gave the plant the ability to produce and it will if it has food materials and good soil conditions to aid it. Plants are factories and can only produce to the extent of its limits of raw materials and freedom of damaging insects.

So we see that when we ship peanuts, small grain, livestock, from our farm we are selling a part of our farm. Year after year of this and fertility level is low and soil condition is poor.

We must work toward raising our acreage yield and with proper conservation measures production cost can be lowered and the net will increase.

For example: A farmer on depleted soil grows 20 bushels of peanuts per acre at \$3 per bushel - income \$60 per acre. If by improving his land and soil conditions yields can be raised to 55 bushels per acre - \$55 x 3 equals \$165 or a gross of \$105 payment for conservation.

Came To Texas 64 Years Ago

Mr. L. A. (Loss) Bennett, speaking from his bed at the home of his daughter, Mrs. B. F. Grice, said that he came to Texas from Tennessee on February 7, 1890 at the age of thirteen. Folks back in the hills of Tennessee had heard of the wide area of the great State of Texas where cotton grew head high, where the range in many parts was still wide-open and free. People were coming by the train loads. Some with families, others who were single, came with high hopes of making a fortune.

Landing in Navarro County Mr. Bennett said he farmed there for five years and then came to Gorman. His Eastland County home was a farm near New Hope. It was on this place that he reared a large family. Clearing land of shinnery and post oak in those days was a far cry from sawing the brush off with high-powered machinery.

Many Eastland County folk bear the name Bennett, and quoting Doc Foster, "In those days, if you wuzn't a Bennett you wuzn't in it."

After 63 years Mr. Bennett, in 1953 returned to his native state to find quite a few changes had been made within the six and one half decades of his absence.

Sarah Layton Bennett, wife of Mr. Bennett, passed away in 1939. A son, Arthur Bennett, died in 1945.

During Mr. Bennett's current illness his children, Purna Faye Grice, Jessie Lee Eison, and Gale Bennett, have given him constant care. Since suffering a stroke about two weeks ago it has been necessary to give him oxygen. Since Tuesday of this week, however, he has been able to go for some length of time without the gas. He does not have the use of his left arm and leg but has been able to sit up in his bed. He does enjoy people. Now that he is apparently improved, friends will want to drop in for a few moments.

Brother Cullen Rodgers made an inspiring talk at the opening of the Sunday School.

New Hope Baptist Church News

March 14, 1954

Brother Arlin Clement brought the morning sermon but was called later in the day to Sundown where he found he had become grandfather.

New Hope was well represented at the 2nd Sunday Singing at Midway where a large crowd gathered to hear a number of good singers and to enjoy singing them selves.

Our church invites all who enjoy good gospel singing to be present at New Hope on the 4th Sunday afternoon, the 28th, from 2 until 4 p. m.

Rev. Ellis Hilliard brought the evening message from the 4th chapter of St. John "Jesus Meets the Samaritan Woman."

The Spring Revival begins on April 11th.

Reporter, L. E. Capers

First Baptist Church

The film, "Reading from Heaven", will be shown at the Gorman Baptist Church Sunday evening at 6:30. This is a stimulating, evangelistic, Christ-centered film, carrying a vital message for all.

Everyone who has at one time or another had difficulty in speaking about Christ to others, in making the Gospel known, in confessing his faith, will be impressed with the compelling manner in which this film presents personal evangelism in action.

This picture shows how God uses ordinary people to accomplish His purpose in the lives of others.

All are invited to see this film.

NOTE - to the High School Seniors: This same film is to be shown at the banquet Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Warren of Levelland and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Smith and family of Sundown are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wright.

Welch-Whitlock Wedding Vows Read Saturday

Miss Yvonne Welch and Mr. Billy Gere Whitlock were married Saturday evening, March 20 at 7 o'clock in the First Baptist Church. Rev. Tom Small read the ceremony.

The young couple took their vows in the presence of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Welch and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Whitlock, his grandmother, Mrs. W. V. Whitlock, and other relatives and friends attending the wedding were Freddie Welch, Robert Welch, Betty Welch, Leroy Kent, Billy McDainels, Doyle Lynn Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skiles of Kermit, and Mrs. Tom Small.

The bride has been a sophomore at Gorman High. Mr. Whitlock, a 1953 graduate of Gorman High, is employed at the Gorman Peanut Company.

They are at home to their friends in the Florence Butler apartment.

Church of God

The little church with a Big Welcome, where Salvation makes you a member.

Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Preaching at 11 a. m. Sermon, "Listening to the Voice of God,"

Prayer meeting Thursday night at 7:30. Film on Tour of Palestine. A religious film will be shown each Thursday night.

The film for Thursday night, April 1st, The Boyhood of Jesus, will be especially interesting to children.

An invitation is extended to all. Attend some church every Sunday.

Mrs. May Frazee, Pastor

METHODIST NOTES

Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Rev. Leslie W. Seymour, Cisco District Superintendent, will preach at the 11 o'clock hour.

MYF meeting at 6:30 p. m.
Worship at 7:30 p. m. Sermon subject: "Six Steps to Salvation."

Our Church Attendance Crusade continues. Give God A Chance by being in the worship services and the teaching service of your church every Sunday.

Remember the Bible Study each Wednesday evening at 7:30. Bring someone with you.

Mesdames Don Bolt, D. J. Jobe, Floyd W. Thrash, Pastor

Carbon Seniors To Present "The Jackpot"

The Senior Class of Carbon Hill is presenting their annual play, "The Jackpot", Friday night, 8 p. m., March 26th.

The cast is as follows:
Julie Carson, private secretary -
Voncia Campbell -
Rita Ranson, advertising director -
Janice Richardson -
George Bobbitt, President of Bobbitt's Conn Poppitts -
Danny Donaldson -
Connie, the switchboard operator -
Patsy Norris -
Eddie Britton, sales manager -
Harold Hendricks -
Honey Chile, a model -
Reba Campbell -
Budford S. Jackson, a Southern gentleman -
Jimmy Hendricks -
Rick Chile, Honeys' brother -
James Parten -
Mr. Riffin, from Radio Station -
Fred Rayburn -
Tom Harmon, an office boy -
J. L. Maynard

Funeral services were held at Kokomo Church Monday afternoon at three o'clock with Rev. Willie Skaggs, assisted by Rev. Lee Fields, officiating. Burial was made in the Simpson Cemetery.

Mrs. Donaldson was born in Mississippi, Hattie Gregory, on August 23, 1897. She had lived with her family on Route 1, Gorman for about twenty years. She was married to Mr. Donaldson on September 5, 1923.

Besides her husband she is survived by three sons and two daughters, J. C. Donaldson, Jr. of Midkiff, Danny of Gorman, and Glen Donaldson of Fullerton, Mrs. Phyllis Jo Sessum of Eastland and Mrs. Wanda Bryant of Route 1, Gorman. There are four grandchildren and also two sisters and three brothers: Mrs. D. P. Holliday of Gorman, Mrs. Elwood Williams of Breckenridge, Rev. Edgar Gregory of Oklahoma City, Rev. Herman Gregory of Odessa, and Ellis Gregory of Ranger.

The Excelsior Club met on Monday evening in the Check Smith home.

Following the theme "Science has made us one" Mrs. M. F. Allen presented Konrad Adenauer as the "Big Man in Europe". She gave something of his background and pointed out how he is apparently mastering situations which have arisen in the proposed European Defense Community.

Mrs. M. H. Fairbetter conducted a panel discussion on World Affairs, drawing from the group names of leaders in the European and Asiatic area which the United States might count as friends.

Edgar Snow's article "The Communist Hatchet Man" appearing in the current issue of THE POST was given consideration.

Pros and cons of McCarthy's tactics, the value or futility of continued H Bomb explosions and necessity for control were among other questions discussed.

The club voted to assist with the making of monies for the Red Cross at the Benefit Ball Game.

Mrs. Check Smith was hostess of the evening and during the social hour served a sandwich plate each having a St. Patrick's favor.

KING THEATRE

Thursday - Friday
Neville Brand - Frank Faylen
In
RIOT IN CELL BLOCK 11
Also
"Log Jam"

Saturday
Gene Autry - Smiley Burnette
In
LAST OF THE PONY RIDERS
and
Roy Acuff - Adele Mara
In
NIGHT TRAIN TO MEMPHIS
Also
Color Cartoon

Sunday - Monday
Robert Mitchum - Jean Simmons
In
SHE COULDN'T SAY NO
Also
Color Cartoon

Tuesday - Wednesday
Rock Hudson - Barbara Rush
In
TAZA, SON OF COCHISE
Also
Color Cartoon

Thursday and Friday
Henry Fonda - Linda Darnell
In
MY DARLING CLEMENTINE
Also
Color Comedy

Announcements

The Progressive Study Club will meet April 1st, Thursday, with Mrs. Travis Smith. The meeting scheduled for March 18th was omitted because of the illness of Mr. Loss Bennett, father of one of the members, Mrs. Burnet Eison.

Don't forget the Quarterback Club meets and eats Thursday (tonight) at the Fire Hall.

The IOOF Lodge No. 413 meets on Friday night at 7:30.

Visitors are always welcome.
Leland Warren, W. M.
Roy D. Blair, Secretary

Bake Sale at Jay's Grocery on Saturday morning, 27th. Sponsored by the Senior Class.

Rev. Roy Hill, formerly of De Leon, now attending Howard Payne College will preach at the Midway Baptist Church, Sunday night, March 28. Services start at 8 p. m. Training Union, 7 o'clock. Visitors always welcome.

Buell Bryan, Pastor

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pierce and Max visited in Fort Worth on Sunday.

Illness In Gorman

Gorman folks listed as patients at Blackwells on Tuesday at noon were Mrs. George Bell, Mr. Charlie Goodwin, and Mrs. G. O. Gowen.

Desdemona folks listed were Mrs. W. A. Clark and J. G. Cassell.

Friends of Mrs. Julius Underwood will want to visit her since she continues to be confined to her bed with a rheumatic ailment.

BIRTHS

Kathleen Kaylene Smith born to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith of Proctor on March 20 weighed 6 pounds and 13 ounces.

Johnny Dale Chancellor born to Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Chancellor of Cisco on March 21 weighed 10 pounds.

Kerry Wayne Owens born to Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Owens of Cisco on March 21 weighed 6 pounds and 3 ounces.

ATTEND FUNERAL, ABILENE

Mr. and Mrs. Burnet Eison attended the funeral of Mrs. John Hudson in Abilene Wednesday. Mrs. Hudson was an aunt to Mr. Eison.

Bankers And Farmers Discuss Trends At Business Men's Meeting



(l. to r.) - Edwin A. Smith, newly elected Vice President and W. Glyn Kirk, President of the First National Bank of Gorman talking with J. M. Sparks and J. H. Tidwell of Desdemona.

The regular monthly meeting of the Business Men's Club has as one of its aims, the promoting of better business, but the meeting also furnishes opportunity for a social gathering of farmers, professional and business men.

At a recent meeting in the Fire Hall those attending casually fell into groups here and there.

A candid camera shot of one group above indicates that the two farmers, J. H. Tidwell and J. M. Sparks on the right, are physically relaxed while their faces show studied consideration.

The reverse is true of the bankers on the right. Mr. Smith at attention, smiles and Mr. Kirk, a bit more at ease, is pleasantly amused.

Mr. Edwin A. Smith is the newly elected vice-president of the

First National Bank. The meeting was an opportunity for him to make the acquaintance of his fellowtownsmen.

Mr. W. G. Kirk, if not the youngest bank president in Texas who has worked up from office boy, is among the very few young men who have achieved this success.

Mr. Sparks, a dairy-farmer, places emphasis on dairying. His herd of some twenty-five Holstein produces a satisfactory volume which is marketed by transport to Dallas. Sparks is the husband of Dorothy Sparks, who has been with the local bank for about 8 years.

Mr. Tidwell has become widely known because of his success in growing turkeys. He is the owner of the Tidwell Turkey Farms north of Desdemona.

SPORTS FLASHES

from
The Sporting News by J. G. Taylor Spink

Henrich Expects Yankee Plumage To Help Byrd Sing

"I don't know this Harry Byrd personally," mused Tommy Henrich, who gained fame as the Yanks' Old Reliable outfielder, "but I believe he's a cinch to become a better player when he puts on that Yankee uniform this year."

Few players of our generation were better analysis of the science of baseball and the patterns of human behavior, so Henrich was the logical expert for The Sporting News, the national baseball weekly, to seek out to explain the "magic" inherent in the Yankee uniform.

"The first thing Byrd will learn when he joins the Yanks," Henrich predicted, "is to hustle. Not just for one play or one inning,

but all the time. If he doesn't the other players will crack down on him. They'll give him the 'freeze' treatment. Their one idea is to win the pennant, and if anybody stands in the way, he's sure to be ostracized.

"Don't forget, too," added Henrich in The Sporting News, "that the Yankees have a pretty good policing system from General Mgr. George Weissdown. When a player doesn't do his job, they warn him, warm him . . . then sell him!"

So the secret behind the Yankee dynasty is nothing more than the hackneyed word "hustle?" Isn't it a stock phrase for every club to boast of its hustle?

"Don't kid yourself," smiled Henrich. "Other fellows who come to the Yankees from different clubs have told me that their former teams didn't operate the

same way. On the Yanks, there is always one idea - to win the game. Anyone who doesn't pull his share of the load get the quick treatment from the other fellows, to let him know they won't stand for it."

Henrich closed his interview with The Sporting News reporter with: "Yes, other teams think they know how to win. Their players may know how to win for themselves. It's different, thinking in terms of 'team' all the time."

Rookie Rudy Blazes At Bat For Indians

The hottest thing in the torrid desert area of Tucson, Ariz., is a 23-year-old rookie named Rudy Regalado, says The Sporting News. Regalado's bat has gained more headline ink than all other Cleveland Indian stars combined.

In the first few exhibition games, Rudy hit four home runs. After his spree the Cubs came to Tucson for an exhibition. When such sluggers as Ralph Kiner, Hank Sauer, Al Rosen and Larry Doby came to bat they received only slight applause. In contrast, when Rookie Regalado's name was announced he received a rousing ovation.

The young infielder from California has the Big Time label all over him. The experts agree he isn't one of those flowers who bloom only in the spring, tra-la-la, reports The Sporting News.

\$10 Season Passes May Prove Lifesaver

The most interesting plan for the sale of tickets in minor league baseball is being attempted both in Norfolk, formerly owned by the Yankees, and in Binghamton, still a Yankee subsidiary, which may well revolutionize the gate problem in the lower classification minors, reports The Sporting News. Possibly in all minors.

It is very simple. Both these clubs are selling season tickets they call them season passes - for \$10. This permits people to use them for general admission at any game in the season (except opening day).

Now, what happens? More people come to the park, more people buy concessions. More people become interested in local baseball. Suppose 30,000 people show up on a given day? Well, something must be put on the tickets so that the buyer knows his ticket is good only when there are sufficient general admission or bleacher seats available. They do not expect that problem.

DESEMONA NEWS

Reporter, Mrs. Eithe Keith

A number of folks in this community are suffering from colds and "Flu".

Mrs. Juanita Lorman Pilgrim has been absent from her work at the Blackwell Hospital suffering from Flu.

The Hubert Rainey children are all home again. The Rainey children have been recent patients in Blackwell Hospital.

Mrs. Joe Quinn is home again after spending almost two months in the Temple Hospital. She is quite improved.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Abernathy visited in Stephenville Sunday afternoon with their son Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Abernathy and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Keith of Monohans were week end visitors here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Williams and Mrs. Newt Crawley motored to Arlington Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pool and baby of Eastland were visitors recently with his mother, Mrs. Maggie Pool.

Mrs. Bob Miers, Mrs. Burl Scott and son Mark are visiting with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Joiner.

Mr. and Mrs. Crley West of De Leon were in Desedmona Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Albert Clark is a hospital patient in Gorman.

The Spring Revival at the First Baptist Church closed Sunday night. 83 were present for Sunday School Sunday morning and a larger number attended church.

It is not known, what goals have been set, but fans in both cities are going for the deal. It is, says The Sporting News, obviously, the greatest bargain in baseball.

"From One Hitter To Another"

A correspondent of The Sporting News was telling Ted Williams about an interview on the Groucho Marx TV show. Nelson Gary, Jr., a one-armed 12-year-old Little League player, was being interviewed by Groucho. Marx asked the lad how much he hit and the boy replied, "387 last season but 435 the year before."

Marx then remarked, "Why, Ted Williams doesn't hit that much." To which the Little League user retorted, "Yeah, but Williams faces tougher pitching." Ted got a big bang out of the story and asked The Sporting News correspondent to get the boy's name and address.

"I'd like to send him an autographed picture," Ted declared, "and I'll sign it, 'From one hitter to another.'"

June Frank Eldridge of Texas Tech at Lubbock was a visitor this week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Eldridge.

Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Mitchell visited her sister Mrs. Clara Hensley at Grandbury one day last week.

Little Johnnie Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Marine of Strawn is spending this week end with Granny Northcutt and Eva. Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Belyeu visited in De Leon Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Belyeu.

It is reported that Mrs. Belyeu mother of B. E. Belyeu, who fell and broke her hip sometime ago, is now at home with her daughter, Mrs. Doss Whatley in Gorman and is doing nicely.

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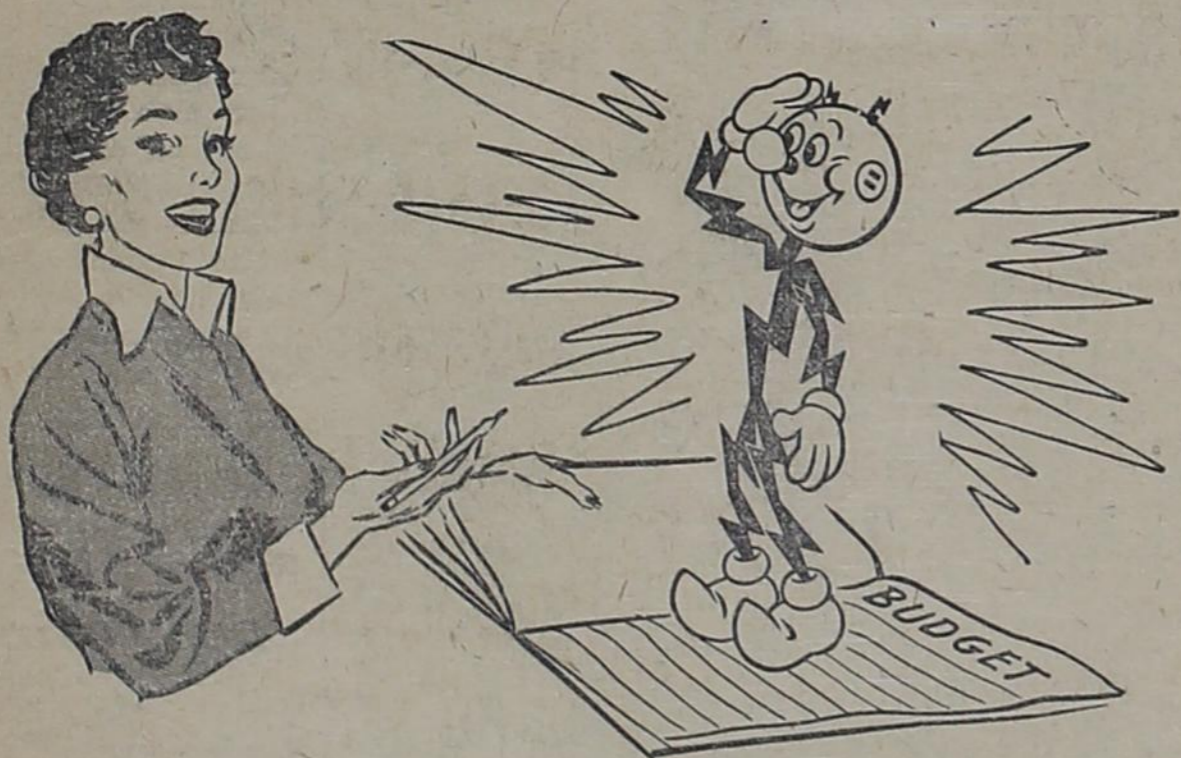
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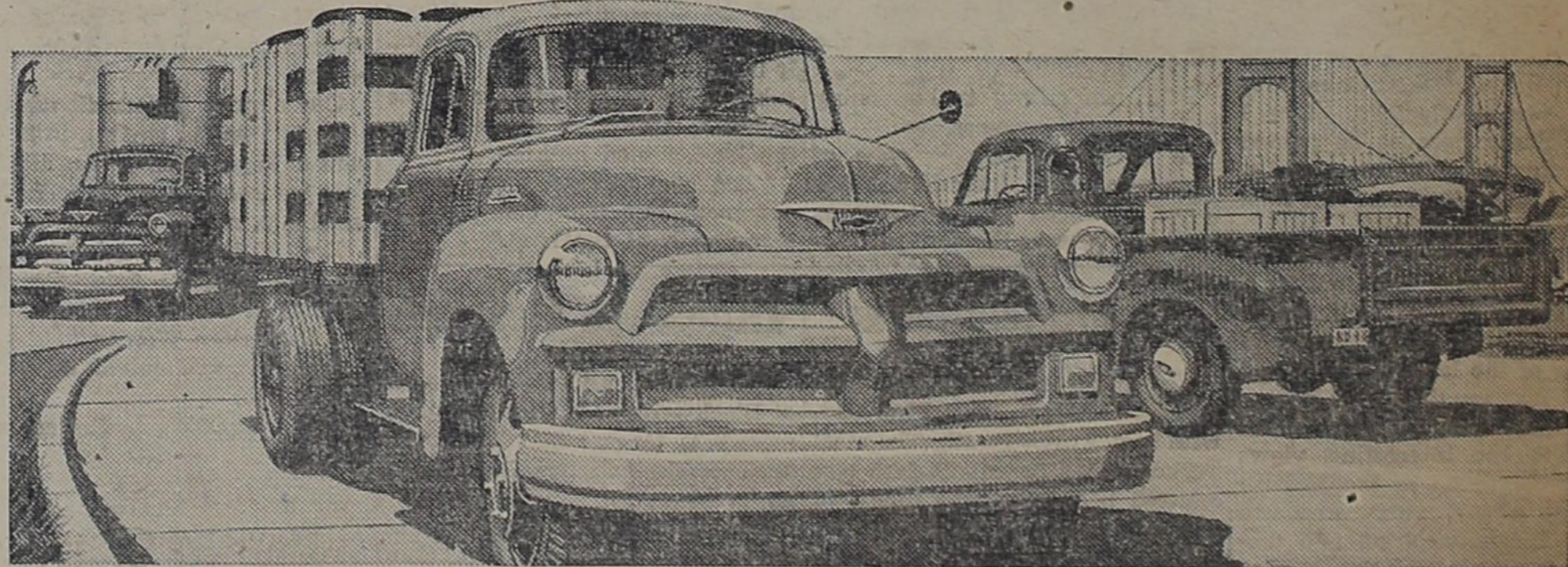
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Radio-TV dead - See Kay Radio Television, Phone 4905, De Leon written guarantee on every job.

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CHEANEY NEWS

Reporter, Mrs. Bill Tucker

Wedding bells rang last week for Charles Neger of Alameda and Wanda Morehead of Snyder, Texas, pleasantly surprising all their friends.

Wanda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Morehead of Snyder and a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Underwood of Alameda. Charles, just recently re-

turned from Germany, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Neger of Alameda.

The young couple spent several days in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rayfield in Spring town, Texas, and plans for their future is not available just now. Congratulations to each of you from all of us.

Little Jimmy Blackwell suffered three badly mangled fingers when accidentally getting mixed up in the electric mixer last Tuesday while his mother, Mrs. Jack Blackwell, was doing some baking. Jimmy was carried to Ranger for first aid treatment and several stitches taken in his small fingers.

J. B. Blackwell, who has been ill for several months, will enter the Veterans Hospital at Dallas Monday. After treatments of various kinds and from several different doctors, for a serious head trouble, which still continues, J. B. will possibly undergo surgery as a means of relief, while in the hospital. Mrs. Blackwell accompanied him, but will return home.

Mrs. Ann Love was ill for several days the past week. Mrs. Richard Tucker went to the doctor Friday with a serious eye infection, which is apparently caused by the late dust storms. Doctors say others in this area have been troubled.

The Alameda youth group hosted a weiner roast and fun session, on Saturday night, inviting the teenagers from Cheaney and surrounding communities. Several from Desdemona also attended. Dressed for fun and games, and chaperoned by their elder sponsors, the group reported a wonderful evening. About 40 attended.

Mrs. Jack Blackwell hosted a cosmetic forum on Friday of last week. Those attending were Mesdames T. Hale, Thelbert Jones, Virgie Avinger, Herman Neger, Polly Blackwell, Bill Tucker and the Forum counselor, Louella Trice.

Lloyd Ash brought two co-students, Milton Padgett and George McCormick, both from Abilene Christian College with him when he came for his regular preaching appointment Sunday at the Cheaney Church of Christ. The three were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Butler, following their stay Saturday night in the John Love home.

desdemona hi-news

Skating will be sponsored by the Seniors in the Desdemona Gym on Friday, March 26, at 7 o'clock. You are invited to come skate for only 25c an hour.

Mrs. Davis, homemaking teacher of Desdemona High School was honored by the seniors with a surprise birthday party March 17. Ice cream, cake and punch were served.

Mrs. Davis and seven girls of the homemaking classes went to the area F. H. A. meet in Stephenville March 13.

Tuesday night, March 16, the Desdemona married women played the De Leon married women. De Leon won by 2 points.

Thursday, March 18, Gorman met Desdemona School at Desdemona in four games of volleyball. Gorman won all four games.

The old study hall at Desdemona High has been converted into a movie room. A movie was enjoyed by the high school and elementary school last Thursday.

Desdemona High played a hard fought ballgame at Lingleville on Tuesday, March 17, and came home the winner of their first game of the season.

We are glad to have our English teacher, Mrs. Christie, and our mathematics teacher, Mr. Jordan, back after a week's absence due to illness.

He Desdemona P. T. A. sponsored a barbecue supper at Desdemona February 26. Everyone enjoyed a program consisting of the Campbell quartet, Weatherford, Desdemona String Band and the high school talent.

The Junior Class sponsored a "Sock Party" Tuesday February 23. Admission to the party was calculated by the length of the foot. Games were played and refreshments were served.

The teachers of Desdemona attended the Teachers Oilbelt District Association in Abilene on Friday.

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Woman's Study Club Enjoy Barbecue And Theater Party

Members of the Woman's Study Club enjoyed dinner out and a theatre party on Monday evening. The event is an annual custom with the Club.

Going to Whit's Barbecue they had their choice of the various meats with the trimmings. Afterwards the members divided into two groups, one of which went to the Dublin theater while the other attended the show at Stephenville.

Members agreed to contribute cash for the Red Cross Tuesday night benefit. They also voted to provide a girl of the Mexia Children's Home with pin money.

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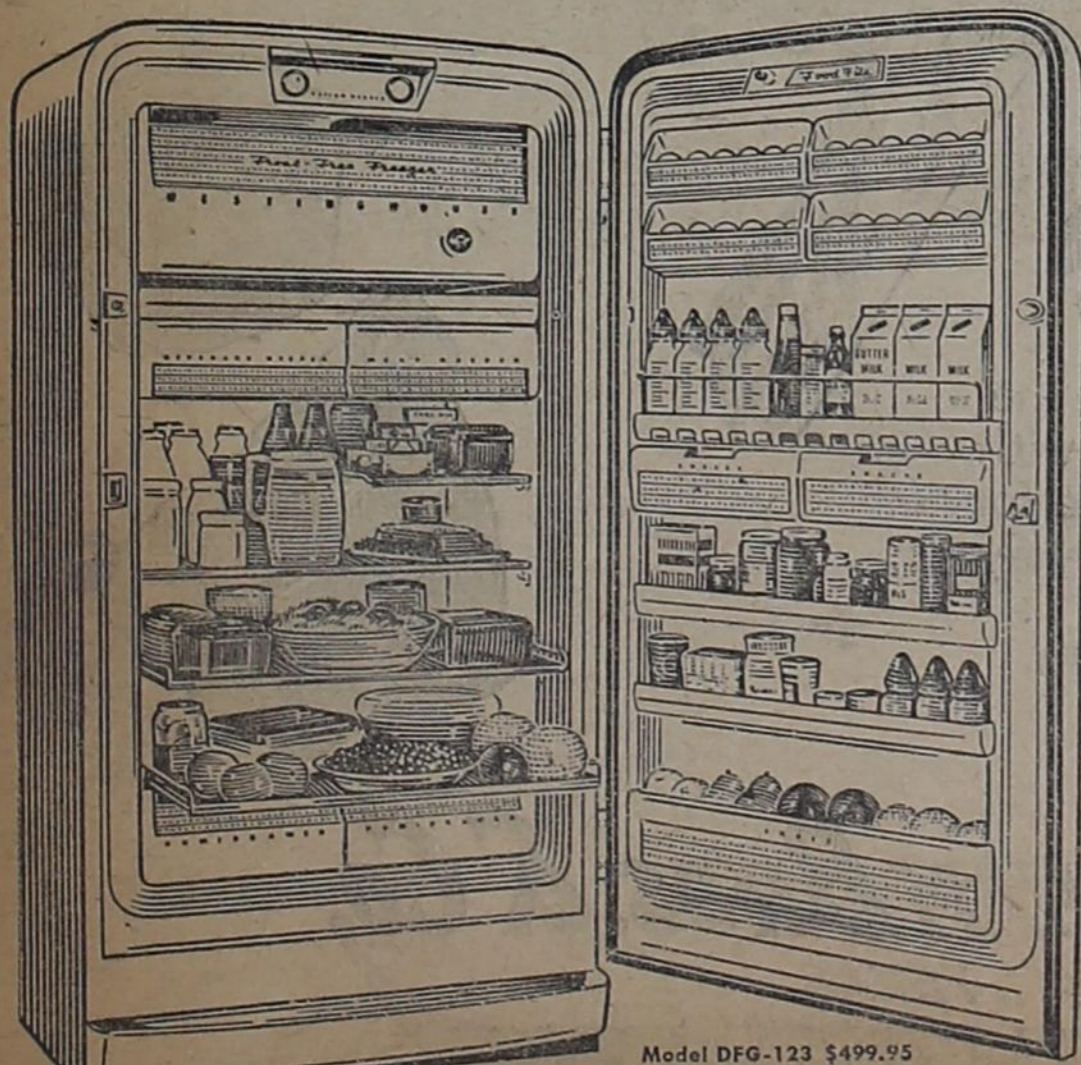
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SCHOOL NEWS

Second Grade
In the story telling elimination, Terry Clark won first place from our room. We are very happy to have two new pupils, Barbara Smith from Memphis and Kenneth Hancock from Lubbock. Both are such nice pupils.

Fourth Grade
We are all looking forward to the Easter holidays, and they are just around the corner.

Edna Watson went to Fort Worth Sunday and while there visited the Forest Park Zoo.

We got a letter from Larry Dize at Solomons, Md. He wants some pictures and history of Texas. We have drawn pictures and written stories to him about our great state. We are also sending him some of our products. This was part of our unit of Texas.

Fifth Grade
The winners in the picture Memory Contest from our room are: Bess Underwood, Carolyn Kanady, Tomasine Whitt, Russell Fuller, Winston Wallace.

Bess Underwood won 2nd place in grade school Peanut Essay Contest.

Birthdays this week are Barbara Overstreet and Norman Woodall - Friday.

In art we are making chalk shaded drawings of plants. We are starting soap carving and jig saw puzzles.

Fifth Grade (Miss Grimshaw)
The advanced art class is doing soap carving and jig saw puzzles. The Beginner art class did colored chalk drawings on the blackboard. We haven't gotten all the chalk off yet.

In Social Studies we are studying the West Indies. We have just finished Central America. It really had some hard names but we managed.

We are really enjoying our new pupil, Rebecca Hancock. She is a very nice girl and seems to be good at everything. We hope she likes us as we like her.

Sixth Grade
One, two, three, four! We all are counting the days and weeks until school is out and we can go swimming. I guess the teachers will be just as glad.

We are still working with plastic in art, and we are getting ready for spelling in the University Interscholastic League. Pat-sy Rawls and Margaret Steele are to be the Spellers.

We hope you all saw the play the Seniors and Juniors put on. It was good and the actors did an excellent job.

We are going to get a whole day off in April; we still have a picnic in the morning and go to the track meet in the afternoon.

Fifth Grade
The girls and boys volleyball teams defeated Desdemona teams Monday night. Both our teams are entered in a tournament next Saturday at Eastland. We hope to win a trophy.

Everyone is counting the days until school is out. I guess we will miss grade school though.

After the elimination in spelling for the seventh and eighth grade spelling contest, the winners were Annys Kate Blair and Marjorie Cozart.

4-H Clubbers Get Their Coon

One coon and one possum was the score on the coon hunt of the Gorman 4-H Club last Saturday night, says J. M. Cooper and Bob Williams, County Extension Agents. Fourteen boys and 5 dads were present for the outing at the home of 4-H Clubber Jerry Anderson. The boys enjoyed a good fight between a coon and three very good hunting dogs owned by Stub Poynor, whose boys, Larry and Gary, are local 4-H members. The dogs treed a coon in a farm tank. After Mr. Poynor scared the coon out of the tree, it took about 10 minutes for the dogs to take the fight out of it. Club member Freddie Burns took home the tail. The boys had a marshmallow and weiner roast to add to the fun of the hunt.

Club members attending were Jerry Anderson, Harold Hilley, Gary and Larry Poynor, Jackie Don Simpson, Jerry Warren, Kenneth Welch, George David West, Freddie Burns, Clyde Kinser, Terry Shell, and Joe Harrison. Adults present were Melvin Shell, Stub Poynor, Ed Harrison, Boyd Hilley, Bill Simpson, Bob Williams, and J. M. Cooper.

The members of the Cheaney H. D. Club met Thursday, March 18, in the home of Mrs. John Love and quilted a quilt, which will be given to some lucky person holding the lucky number in the

DUSTER ROCK BLUFF NEWS

All churches had regular attendance Sunday.

Sympathy that is to deep for any words to say goes out from tender hearts to be with the loved ones and friends of Mr. William Henry Skaggs. May you still find it true that God is close beside you, watching over you to protect comfort, cheerish and bless you with every happiness today and through the years.

Mrs. Lon Winkles and Billie accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Bob Scott to Leuders Thursday to the funeral of Mr. Jasper Winkles.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Heathington had all their children with them over the week end; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Heathington and son of El Dorado, Kansas, Joe Frances, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Heathington and son of Rotan, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Heathington and son of Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. George Scott also had their children and families with them: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Barnes of Ft Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Berl Scott of Andrews, and Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Brewer of San Angelo.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lay were their son, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Burleson of Iraan and her mother of De Leon, Mrs. W. N. Huddleston.

Mr. Jack Harrison of Jayton visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Haynes.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fisher and Miss Katherine Dunlap of Eastland visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Gray Thursday night.

The Pink and Blue shower for Mrs. Audie Whitehurst at the home of Mrs. Gertie Pounds Friday evening was enjoyed by a very large attendance and many nice and beautiful gifts displayed.

Mr. Rodney Cadenhead of Brownwood and Mr. C. L. Gott of Lubbock visited Mr. and Mrs. Seal Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Quinn of Ft Worth visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skaggs, Sunday.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abb Coan Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Berl Scott of Andrews, Mrs. Raymond Joiner of Desdemona, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mearns of Oil Center, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Gray and Mr. Leland Warren enjoyed singing in Eastland Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Wade Coan and children of Eastland visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rye Coan, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Johnson visited with Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Hazzard and children and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Norton and La Vena Lightfoot Sunday.

Mrs. Buck Halbrook visited her brothers, Floyd and C. M. Medford, and families in Houston recently.

The quilt is an applied Dahlia design in strikingly bright colors and will be the pride and joy of the lucky winner. The club members are taking this means of financing their club treasury and are offering chances at twenty-five cents each. If you are interested in our project contact any of the club members or leave your name at the Progress office.

A covered dish luncheon at noon was enjoyed by Mesdames Gene Ferrell, R. W. Gordon, Richard Tucker, Theibert Jones, Bill Tucker, Miss Betty Tucker, Mrs. Ann Love and the hostess and her husband, John Love. By the way, Mr. Love could not be persuaded to don a thimble and help out.



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Mr. and Mrs. John Browning had as their last week visitors, Mrs. Huppe Morris and Pamela of Brownfield, and Joe Bob Browning and family of Gruver, Joe Bob took a new Chevrolet home with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Eppler of Fort Worth visited with relatives here on Sunday.

Mr. O. T. Shell of Hamilton visited Sunday with his children, M. E. Shell, W. T. Shell, Mrs. W. G. Kirk and families.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Holliday and son of Ropesville were recent visitors of the L. D. Holliday and Mrs. D. P. Holliday.

Mrs. Holliday is high school principal at Ropesville.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Stone II, Randy and Lee of Sherman visited with the H. H. Pulligs during the week end.

Dr. and Mrs. T. G. Jackson left last Friday for Port Aransas. They expect to spend several weeks.

Miss Della Pullig, Mrs. Lou McKnight and Don C. McKnight of Breckenridge visited in Gorman on Sunday.

Miss Dora Baskin accompanied her brother, Roy Baskin and family of Odessa to Seguin during the week end where they visited with a niece Mrs. Fred Yonkers.

Coast Guardsman Kenneth Holliday of Ropesville, while on leave, is visiting with his grandmother, Mrs. D. P. Holliday and Uncle, L. D. Holliday. He will leave Tuesday for New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shelley of Lubbock were week end visitors of the T. O. Shelleys.

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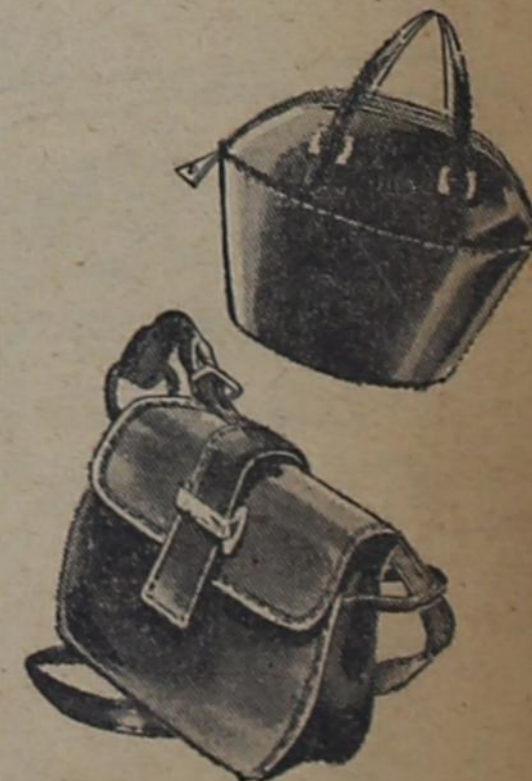
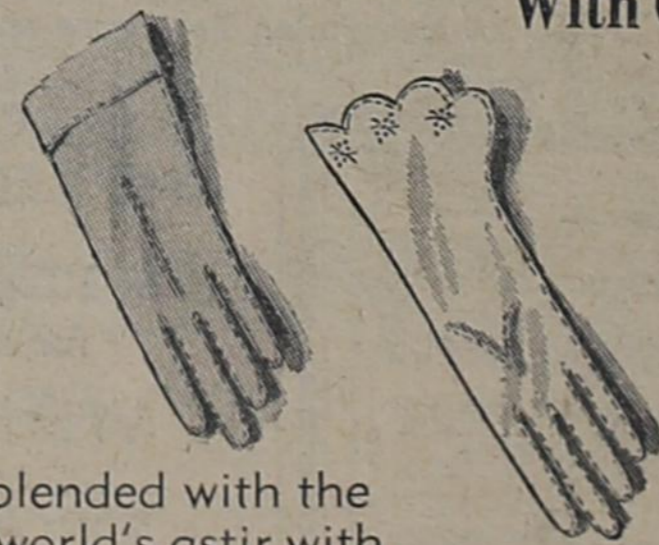
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