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QUOTES FROM AN AMATEUR PUBLISHER-EDITOR - Gene

With ice and snow covering Texas, Gorman woke up Wednesday morning with a four inch blanket of snow covering the town and country side. Old man Sun did its best to thwart the approaching freeze Tuesday afternoon but finally gave up and took cover beyond the western horizon (where else could he hide).

Freddie Lee, who calls himself the Assistant Editor and Chief of the Gorman Progress said, "People might take the paper now to know what is going on in town because they don't want to get out in weather like this."

Can't remember where I heard this, "People know everything that happens in a small town but take the paper to see if the editor gets it printed right."

Our subscription campaign is doing very nicely in spite of the bad weather - to date we have added 126 new members to our Progress Family. However, it has kept the candidates from working like they want to, especially those in the rural territory - so, to give each of them a better opportunity we are extending the campaign for one week - the campaign will close Saturday night, March Sixth.

A number of people have told different candidates that they are getting the Progress free so they see no need in paying for it.

It is true that I have left a number of subscribers on the mailing list because I thought they would eventually come in and pay up but now that I know they won't all names will be removed from the mailing list that are not paid up or have asked me to carry them for a while longer. Putting out a paper is an expensive, hard job and if anyone doesn't think its worth a \$1.50 or \$2.00 a year then I don't want them to be bothered with it.

To those who are getting the paper for the first time I want to invite you in to visit us and also if you like to read make use of the Progress Library. This Library is yours - there is no charge or obligation to use it - nothing to sign - you come in and get a book just like you would in your own library at home. Some of the books are old and some of them are new but they are all good, clean reading. This library is a hobby with me and the more you use it the better.

Mr. Bibby has placed a small box by the door in his store. A sign above the box reads, "Write your criticism and help us correct our faults - you need not sign your name."

This is a sincere request on the part of Mr. Bibby to improve his service to you. Too often a customer gets mad at a merchant over some minor detail that the merchant would be glad to straighten out if he knew what the trouble was - and I believe this applies to every merchant in Gorman.

Lou Evans and his wife went to Mineral Wells last Friday and on the way over had a wreck. Neither was hurt, but the bad weather tied them up and they have not been able to get back home which leaves us shorthanded at the office this week and I am having to set all the type and I was enjoying my executive job so much.

When one of our fellow citizens receive a commendation it always makes me feel proud.

Mr. B. F. Pendarvis has received a Meritorious Service Award from the Missouri-Kansas and Texas Ry. for having a perfect safety record during the year 1947.

In the 43 years that Pendarvis has worked for the Katy he has only received two demerits which were minor ones.

BABY GIRL BORN TO

MR. AND MRS. B. CORNWELL

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Cornwell are proud to announce the arrival of their baby girl Brenda Alese, who arrived at the Blackwell Hospital January 17th at 6:30 P.M.

She weighed seven pounds and 1 ounce. Both mother and baby are doing nicely.

Ft. Worth Stock Show Top Rodeo Performers to Compete

Between 275 and 300 Rodeo Cowboy Association members will compete for \$800 per performance plus entry fees in the 1948 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show rodeo, January 30 - February 8.

Todd Whatley of Bethel, Oklahoma, recently named 1947's best all-round cowboy, and Toots Mansfield of Big Spring, RCA president and expert calf roper, will be among the outstanding cowboys in the competition.

The rodeo was approved for RCA members' participation after a misunderstanding on the part of the RCA officials concerning the non-profit nature of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show was cleared up. The RCA had previously denied approval, asking higher premiums per event.

Finishing touches are being applied to the six new livestock buildings on the show grounds, readying them for the opening of the show, January 30. Housed in the \$1,500,000 structures and the newly-remodeled horse barns will be nearly 5,000 entries from 22 states including 722 horses, a record entry total for the horse show. Horses entered are 290 quarter horses, 186 show horses, 94 walking horses and 105 Palominos.

Fifteen states have one or more teams entered in the junior and senior college livestock judging contests, revived after a five-year wartime discontinuance. States entered are Michigan, South Dakota, Pennsylvania, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Nebraska, Missouri, Mississippi, Louisiana, Kansas, Colorado, Arkansas, Arizona and Texas.

John Brown Enters Name For Road Commissioner

John Brown announced today that he would be a candidate for Road Commissioner of Precinct No. Five.

Mr. Brown has been a resident of Eastland County for the past 40 years. He will make a formal announcement later.

Oil News

The icy weather has slowed activity in the oil field.

Kirk and McKissick are down 150 feet on the Bob Westmoreland well.

The Roy Parker well was spudded in Monday and is being drilled by collins and others.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank everyone for the many nice cards, letters and gifts, I have received during my recent illness.

Mrs. Homer Wood

Illness Fatal To Infant Son Of Mr. and Mrs. Newman Jones

The two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Newman Jones died of Membranous Croup at the Blackwell Sanitarium Sunday.

Funeral services and burial was held at Sipe Springs Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Temple Lee of Post Texas visited in Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Glassons home.

Miss Mary Louise Huddleston of De Leon is now living with her sister, Mrs. George Brogdon. Louise is employed by Higginbotham Motor Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Dean are spending the mid term holidays with their parents, Mrs. A. A. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vaught and children and Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Reeves and baby of Comanche were Gorman visitors Monday.

March of Dimes

The women of America was urged in a special appeal by Cornelia Otis Skinner, National March of Dimes chairman of women's activities, to give their wholehearted support to the 1948 March of Dimes, annual fund-raising drive of the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis, which ends January 30th.

In her message Mrs. Skinner pointed to the growing incident of polio in recent years as another vital reason for increased support of the March of Dimes, which provides for medical aid and treatment of polio patients and underwrites the National Foundation's programs of research, education and epidemic aid.

Miss Skinner's message read: "Crippled children, victims of infantile paralysis, are counting upon us to insure the success of the 1948 March of Dimes. More than ever, it is important that success crown the annual fund-raising campaign of the National Foundation.

"The increased number of polio cases in recent years makes it more necessary than ever that Americans rally to this battle.

"As American mothers we women are aware of the sufferings of children, and thus have a special stake in the war on infantile paralysis. From our ranks come most of the nurses and physical therapists who care for the stricken and train them to be active again. We are in a strategic position to mobilize American families for this war of dimes and dollars.

"Polioyeltis again in 1947 took a heavy toll. And the last five years have seen a record total of polio cases for any previous similar period.

"Let us rally, women of America to make this tenth anniversary of the National Foundation one of the greatest March of Dimes ever. Remember your stake in fighting infantile paralysis, and your part to make the battle end in victory."

Texas Chairman Appointed For Brotherhood Week

D. Gordon Rupe, Jr., Dallas Investment Banker, has been named Texas chairman for the fifteenth annual observance of "American Brotherhood Week" observance. Mr. Patterson has asked Governor Beauford H. Jester to serve as honorary chairman for Texas.

"Brotherhood-Pattern for Peace has been adopted as the national slogan of the celebration. "Brotherhood Week" of which President Harry Truman's honorary national chairman, is sponsored annually by the Conference to promote understanding, justice, amity and civic cooperation among Protestants, Catholics and Jews.

Mr. Rupe said that numerous special programs to encourage greater understanding and mutual respect on the part of every citizen of Texas are being scheduled in town and communities all over the state for the week of February 22-29.

"The National Conference of Christians and Jews was formed 20 years ago by Charles Evans Hughes and other American leaders to combat the rising tide of prejudices which sprung up after World War I," Mr. Rupe said. In the past two decades the conference has carried on an active campaign in the field of education for brotherhood among all American citizens.

Thomas E. Braniff of Dallas, president of Braniff Airways, Charles E. Wilson, president of General Electric Corporation, and Roger W. Straus, chairman of the Board of American Ref. and Smelting Corp., are national co-chairmen of the Conference. The Conference main-

Trash Collection Dates Scheduled For February

The trash wagon will pick up trash on the following days in February.

February 2nd and 3rd, in the north end of town - Desdemona Hiway across railroad.

February 4th and 5th in the east part of town - Desdemona Hiway to De Leon Hiway across the tracks.

February 6th and seventh on the west side of town.

February 9th and 10th on the south side of town.

Have your trash in containers in a convenient place and the men will be glad to pick it up. Help keep our town clean.

If you have an extra large amount of trash before the trash wagon comes around call the City Office and arrangements will be made to pick it up.

Date Set For Eastland County Orchard Field Day

Plans are complete for the Annual Eastland County Orchard Field Day to be held at the J. B. Elder orchard in the Pleasant Hill Community on Friday, February 6, according to J. M. Cooper, County Agricultural Agent.

The all day programs of talks and demonstrations on orchards and orchard management will begin promptly at 10 o'clock that morning and will last until 3:30 PM with time out for a picnic lunch at noon, Cooper said.

Topics to be discussed and demonstrated include orchard soils, cover crops, apple varieties, culture and management, peach varieties, importance of fruit in the diet, spraying, fertilization, pruning, diseases and insect pests and their control.

Those on the program include, R. F. Reeves, Soil Conservation Service, Rising Star; J. D. Inabnet Orchardist, Pioneer; T. E. Denman, Agriculture Experiment Station, Stephenville; George I. Lane, FFA Eastland; C. A. King, Associate Entomologist, Extension Service, A & M College; Doss Alexander, Orchardist, Pioneer and J. W. Foster, Jr., Texas Fruit Growers Supply Co., of Weatherford.

The event is open to any and all home or commercial orchard owner and those interested are urged to attend, it was said.

Group Hospital Insurance Available To County Farm Bureau Members

Members of the Eastland County Farm Bureau are entitled to become members of a group hospital service according to Mrs. John Love of the Alameda Community, secretary-treasurer of the County Farm Bureau organization.

Mrs. Love believes that no farm family should fail to have such protection against the expense of hospital care when needed.

Ordinarily the privilege of protection by hospitalization insurance is available only to employees of commercial or industrial firms. Through the efforts of the directors of the Texas Farm Bureau, however, any member of the Farm Bureau in any county having such an organization is eligible for this needed service.

The cost is negligible says Mrs. Love. It may be serviced for one member or for the entire family and is available when needed.

The insurance sponsored by this farm organization covers all illnesses but is limited to only ten days service for maternity cases.

Interested farm and ranch families desiring to join the organization should write or contact Mrs. Love in the Alameda Community to be done immediately as quarterly reports are due in the office by December 15.

Southwestern divisional headquarters in Dallas under the supervision of Hastings Harrison, vice president and SW director.

New Fertilizer Plant Opened In Comanche

One of the largest new industries of this section, The Central Texas Fertilizer Company, opened last week in Comanche. It was built at a cost of approximately \$100,000 and is housed in a building 315 feet long and 60 feet wide. The structure ranges in height from 1 to 4 stories -- and has ample storage facilities for large tonnage production.

All machinery is completely new, and of the most modern type--capable of producing one ton of fertilizer every two minutes, or a total run of 30 tons per hour. It is operated and serviced by expert and experienced mechanics.

The Central Texas Fertilizer Company is equipped with the machinery and staffed with the personnel to make a quality product. Company officials explain that their product will be put on the market under an iron-clad guarantee for correct analysis, and good physical conditions, which means that any and all of its fertilizer which might tend to cake or harden in the bag, may be returned to the company or to the dealers with out question.

The Central Texas Fertilizer Company will put its product on the market under the trade name of "Topper Brand", with each bag carrying the picture of a large top hat.

This new fertilizer industry is incorporated for \$100,000, which is all paid in. The owners and operators of the new company are: W. M. Durham, Jr., Floyd W. Prather, and Pat Cagle, who are also owners and operators of Durham Pecan and Peanut Company of Comanche, which has been specializing in Topper Brand Peanut Seed for many years.

The Central Texas Fertilizer Company is now in production at maximum capacity, and it is hoped that the location of this new industry will tend to relieve the critical fertilizer needs in this highly diversified area.

A formal opening of Comanche's newest enterprise is being planned for March or April.

Veterans Aided In Getting Prewar Jobs Back

Hollis Bennett, Manager of the Eastland office of the Texas Employment Commission, today said that his office would cooperate with Haywood Cabaness to Cisco, H. J. Tanner of Eastland, and Lee Dockery of Ranger, the newly appointed Veterans Reemployment Rights Committeemen for this county.

VRR committeemen will act as volunteer arbitrators between employers and veterans, and the Employment Commission's office here will serve as an information center on reemployment matters.

Bennett said he had no knowledge of the number of Eastland county veterans who would be seeking to return to their old jobs. However, throughout the state an estimated 2,000 or 3,000 veterans are being discharged each month from the armed services, and many of them probably have job rights from as far back as 1940.

As a result of the change-over from the draft boards to the newly appointed VRR committeemen, there has been a time lag of a number of months.

Bennett said he did not know particularly with reference to the how this would affect the picture, provision that a veteran after reclaiming his old job may not be discharged without cause for a year.

Under the law a veteran may obtain his former job that he had before leaving to join the services providing he applies for it within 90 days after discharge. This provision of the Selective Service Act was extended by the 80th Congress after the March 31st expiration date of the Act. Administration was placed with the Veterans Reemployment Rights Division of

Comanche Trail Basketball Tournament Begins Today

The annual Comanche Trail Invitation Basketball Tournament begins tonight 6 P M at the Gorman High Gymnasium..

6 P M - GIRLS
De Leon vs Desdemona
7 P M - BOYS
De Leon vs Desdemona
8 P M - GIRLS
Gorman vs Carbon
9 P M - BOYS
Eastland vs Ranger

THURSDAY EVENING
FRIDAY AFTERNOON

2 P M - GIRLS
Morton Valley vs Winner of Carbon and Gorman
3 P M - BOYS
Gorman vs Carbon
4 P M - GIRLS
Rising Star vs Gordon
FRIDAY EVENING

6 P M - BOYS
Gordon vs Zephyr
7 P M - GIRLS
Cross Plains vs Zephyr
8 P M - BOYS

Cross Plains vs Winner of De Leon and Desdemona
SATURDAY MORNING

10 AM - BOYS
Dublin vs Winner of Eastland and Ranger

11 AM - BOYS
Stephenville vs Winner of Gordon and Zephyr

SATURDAY AFTERNOON
1 P M Semi Finals I GIRLS
2 P M Semi Finals I BOYS
3 P M Semi Finals II GIRLS
4 P M Semi Finals II BOYS

SATURDAY EVENING
7:30 P M Finals GIRLS
8:30 P M Finals BOYS
ADMISSION -- 15c & 25c

B. M. Bennett To Be In Race For Road Commissioner

Mr. B. M. Bennett announced today that he would be a candidate for Road Commissioner of Precinct No. Five.

B. M. States that he was born and reared in Eastland County and knows all the trails and roads in this vicinity.

He is an ex-service man, having served three years and eight months overseas. A formal announcement will be made at a later date.

Army Authorizes Enlistments For Continental U. S.

The US Army and US Air Force Recruiting Service is now authorized to accept enlistment applications for full duty in the Continental United States, it was announced today by Sgt. James Hendrick of the Eastland Recruiting Station.

Men with prior overseas service may enlist for a three year assignment to one of the following units in the Zone of Interior: 2nd Infantry, Ft. Lewis, Washington; 2nd Armored, Camp Hood, Texas; 82nd Airborne, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina; 2nd Engineers Special Brigade, Ft. Warden, Washington; 3rd Armored, Ft. Knox, Kentucky; 4th Infantry, Ft. Ord, California; 5th Infantry, Ft. Jackson, South Carolina; and the 9th Infantry, Ft. Dix, New Jersey.

Enlistees are guaranteed a minimum of three years in the unit of their choice and will be sent directly from the place of enlistment to the unit without further processing or training.

Anyone with prior service with the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard who is interested in this assignment is advised to contact the Eastland Recruiting Station as soon as possible for full information on enlistment policy.

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The U. S. Department of Labor. E. R. Speer, VRRD field representative for Texas and Louisiana, has offices in Dallas.

George Broom Killed In Car Accident

Mr. J. G. Broom received a telegram Wednesday afternoon stating that his son, George was killed in a car wreck at Elgin Field, Florida Wednesday morning.

George was a graduate of Carbon High School and very active in sports. He enlisted in the army about one year ago and was stationed at Elgin Field preparing to go overseas. Cause of the accident was not known.

The body will be returned to Gorman for burial.

Information Regarding Army Re-Enlistments Of Wounded Vets

The expiration of two Army enlistment programs on December 31, 1947, was announced today by Sgt. James Hendrick of the Eastland Recruiting Station.

Applications of Combat Wounded Veterans of World War II must be submitted on or before Dec. 31, and former members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard who desire immediate assignment to the European Command must have their enlistment accomplished on or before that date.

Combat Wounded enlistment men will be enlisted in the grade held on discharge. Former officers, warrant and flight officers will be enlisted in the first pay grade. These combat wounded may remain in the Army until retirement service is reached, but in the event they elect to return to civil life before that time, they are entitled to receive the disability they were receiving prior to re-enlistment.

Men desiring assignment to the European Command will be enlisted in grades up to and including staff sergeant, depending on past training and experience. They will go to Ft. Jackson, S. Carolina for initial processing and forwarded to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey for movement to Europe.

Anyone interested in either of the above programs are advised to contact the Eastland Recruiting Station as soon as possible for full information.

KING THEATRE

Thursday and Friday
Laraine Day - Robert Mitchum
In
The Locket
also
Comedy - Pete Smith

Saturday
Chief Tonto Thunder Cloud
In
"KING OF THE STALLIONS"
And
Charlie Chan
In
"THE TRAP"
Also
"Son of Zorro" Number Four

Sunday and Monday
Ronald Colman - Peggy Cummins
In
"THE LATE GEORGE APLEY"
Also
All Star Comedy

Tuesday and Wednesday
Roy Rogers - Dale Evans
In
"BELLS OF SAN ANGELO"
Also
2 Comedies - Rose Bowl Football

Thursday and Friday
Dennis O'Keefe
Marguerite Chapman
In
"MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY"
Also
"Jingle Jangle Jingle"

Court House News -:

INSTRUMENTS FILED

The following instruments were filed for record in the County Clerk's office last week:

Addie Adams to John Earl Hatton, release of vendor's lien.

W I Agnew to Clemon Agnew, MD.

American Natl. Ins. Co. to Edward Lee, warranty deed.

Sam Lee Barrett to J E Merooney, quit claim deed.

Mrs. O B Burns to Melvin Tra-

vis, warranty deed.

Manalynn Bates to Sadie Brizendine, warranty deed.

T J Bettes Co. to Southern Life and Health Ins. Co., transfer of deed of trust lien.

Neta Cross to Z B Morgan, deed of trust.

J N Childers to J F Robertson, warranty deed.

C M Caldwell to F R King, correction warranty deed.

George Campbell to A. W. Braz-

da, quit claim deed.

E P Crawford to Sutton Croft, release of vendor's lien.

T Wayne Caton to R L Perkins, MML.

J E Collins to T L Barton, warranty deed.

C P Chastain to Sam M Russell, power of attorney.

W L Darr to B F Thomas, warranty deed.

W L Darr to B F Thomas, bill of sale.

J W Dennison to L H McCrea, MD.

H S Drumwright, Sr. to Elire Folmar, warranty deed.

T L Ellis to R J Seale, warranty deed.

First National Bank, Gorman to T F Cunningham, rel. of lien.

First State Bank, Rising Star to J E Bynum, writ of attachment.

George P Fee to Woodley Petroleum Co., oil and gas leases.

Federal Land Bank of Houston to Estate of E L Flippen, release.

First National Bank, Cisco to McElroy Ranch Co., sub. agreement.

J W Gressett to B E Gressett, bill of sale.

W F R Hittson to Cities Service Oil Co., royalty deed.

Ben E Hamner to W H Upchurch, rel. of vendor's lien.

J B House to Bruce Erwin, release of vendor's lien.

O C Holcomb to J L Thornton, warranty deed.

R V Hall to B M Campbell, warranty deed.

Fannie Lee Hall to R V Hall, quit claim deed.

A A Hyatt to C A Hyatt, warranty deed.

Mrs. Callie Lee High to C B O'Brien, warranty deed.

Mark E Huff to W P Watkins, warranty deed.

Mark E Huff to W P Watkins, quit claim deed.

A A Hanson to Floyd H Miller, MD.

E M Howard to W D Smith, release of oil and gas lease.

James Guy Hendrick to Mrs. Ruby Lucille Hendrick, power of attorney.

C S Harvey to W S Rone, warranty deed.

C L Jackson to Calvin W Harris, warranty deed.

Beulah Ladd Johnson to Verna

Fay Johnson, MD.

C L Jackson to W P Watkins, warranty deed.

Marie Johnson to William Cranfill, quit claim deed.

F R King to Ted Bott, warranty deed.

Knox Machine and Supply Co. to The Public, assumed name.

F M Kinsey to Leonard E Hageman, warranty deed.

R W Kindel to The Public, proof of heirship.

J D Lauderdale to C A Waters, warranty deed.

W H Lay to George Hallmark, warranty deed.

Ace Lucas to H, H Tompkins, warranty deed.

Edward Lee to W L Moody III, deed of trust.

Dan McCrary to Charles S Sandler, transfer and assignment.

Flossie Mae Nealy to Stella May Shaw, cc judgment.

B J Osborn to Ray S Kinard, warranty deed.

W D R Owen to Josephine B Strickland, suit claim deed.

Mrs. Addie Overstreet to L B Pierce, warranty deed.

W G Peel to Mrs Millie Peel, power of attorney.

J E Putnam to Anson Little, warranty deed.

Albert Phelps to Henry Cobb, assignment of oil and gas lease.

Mrs. Willie Poplin to Mrs. Ota L Mason, warranty deed.

Frank S Ryals to Dan McCrary, deed of trust.

Emma Reid to Oscar M Gage, warranty deed.

Guy Steen to Gne Griffith, royalty contract.

State of Texas to Moses S Williams, patent.

John D Seale to Great Southern Life Ins. Co., transfer assignment.

Cordelia Shipman to W G Kirk, deed of trust.

SUITS FILED

The following suits were filed for record in the 91st District Court last week.

Rable Stedum et al v Nancy Alice Langley, et al, trespass to try title.

George Fields v Eloise Hunter Fields, divorce.

Jessie Mae Copeland v Mack Fur-

man Copeland, divorce.

ORDERS AND JUDGMENTS

The following orders and judgments were rendered from the 91st District Court last week:

Mary Rust Morrow v B D Morrow, judgment.

State of Texas v J B Houghton, et al, judgment.

Helen Christine Buchanan v Robert Dayton Buchanan, judgment.

Ed Lee v Virgie Lee, judgment.

Elaine Jean Johnson, v Charlie J Johnson, judgment.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following couples were licensed to wed last week:

Weldon E Walker to Mrs. Maggie Lou Walker, Lubbock.

Neal F Langford to Patsy Horton, Ranger.

Junior A. Montgomery to Nelda Mae Reeve, Gorman.

Samuel L. Moore to Dorothy Ethel Strickler, Rising Star.

Paul Amos Lowry to Mrs. Jet-Faye Hill, Eastland.

Lee E Wheat to Mrs. Zora Lee Hughes.

-Read The Classified Ads-

PERSONALS-

Roscoe Reeves is in Gulfport, Mississippi at the bedside of his brother, Clay, who suffered a heart attack recently and is in a very serious condition. Their mother, Mrs. Reeves of Eastland, and a sister, Mrs. Muirhead also of Eastland accompanied Roscoe to Gulfport. A telephone call to him Tuesday evening revealed that Clay was still alive but critically ill.

Mrs. Elsie Gates reports a very

enjoyable time when she attended the fashion showings of the Dallas Wholesale Market at Dallas and the National Fashion Exhibitors in Ft. Worth last week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Brummett and Sylvia went to Monohans Sunday and returned home Tuesday night.

Mrs. J. M. Henson had the misfortune of falling on the slippery ice Wednesday morning and breaking her arm.

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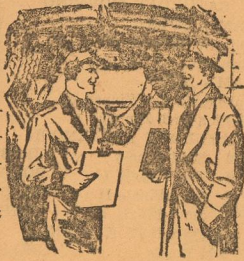
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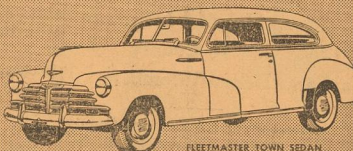
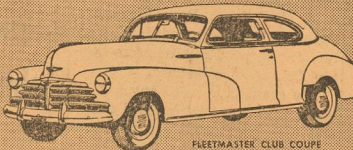
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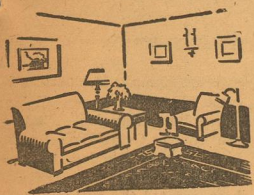
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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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FOR COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

(Unexpired term)
H. C. (Carl) Elliott

WANT ADS

FOR SALE — 120 acre farm 20 acres for cultivation, rest pasture, plenty water, close to river. Nine miles SW of Gorman. J. W. Sutton, R. One, Carbon. For quick sale Cash. 3tp

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WANTED — Will pay cash for slightly used or new one-saw tractor. L. L. Green, De Leon, Tex. 1tp

FOR SALE — 1 Battery Radio Radio with Wind Charger and one new Battery Radio. S. T. May. 1tp

FOR SALE—Bedroom suit with mattress and springs, table top gas stove, Cabinet model 8 tube radio, and other pieces. See them at the Ethel Ramsay house. Mrs. L. Alldredge. 1tp

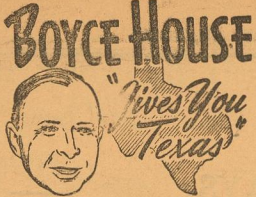
FOR SALE — Brown Hay. See Travis Smith.

FOR SALE—Six-foot Gas Refrigerator and new gas cook stove. H. T. Rawls. 25p

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Saw City Detective Howerton the other day—he has solved some big murder mysteries in Ft. Worth and I've known him since the days when I was police reporter for the Star-Telegram.

"We ought to write a book of crimes", I suggested. "Not much exciting happening," he said, "it'll have to be old cases." "Oh", was the reply, "that's the only kind to write about. Everybody is familiar with the new cases but they've forgotten the old ones, so a fellow can lie like Hades about 'em!"

What a narrow margin often separates the man who achieves success and the man who fails! Back in that golden era of sport, the fabulous '20's, the name of Charlie Paddock was synonymous with speed. He "burned up" the cinder paths of the nation. At the 100 and 220, he was the world's fastest human. Yet many of his races were won only by a step or two; the other man was right on his heels. But all the acclaim went to Paddock and none to the runner who finished hardly more than the batting of an eye behind him.

One of the tallest buildings in Dallas belongs to an oil company whose emblem is the flying red horse. Surmounting the sky scraper are two flying red horses. A citizen explained that Dallas folks insisted that two be put up, so Ft. Worth folks couldn't call Dallas a "one-horse town."

Health Notes

Austin, Texas—This is the season of the year when influenza or "flu" is most prevalent, according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer. Colds, gripe, influenza or whatever we may call them, are believed to be spread from person to person through discharges from the nose and throat. To protect yourself and others from such diseases here are some of the things to remember:

Influenza is highly infectious. Practically everybody is susceptible to it. No matter how many times you have had the disease you may contract it again. Therefore, keep away from people who are coughing, sneezing, or who are actively ill with colds, influenza, or pneumonia. Keep away from crowded places. Have your own towel; always wash your hands before eating; and sneeze or cough into your handkerchief.

Keep fit by drinking plenty of water, eating simple nourishing food, and taking some exercise each day out of doors. Dress according to the weather; get plenty of sleep in a well-ventilated room; and keep the bowels regulated.

Disastrous results may ensue from this disease if influenza cases are allowed to get about too soon. Persons convalescing from this disease are particularly susceptible to other infections; so, if you are just getting over some illness, return to your normal routine of life gradually.

Mrs. Berenice Jeffs, Mrs. John Kirk, Mrs. Dona Moorman, Mrs. Sam Ormsby, Mrs. Ellen Oldham, Mrs. John Kimble, Mrs. Frank Dean, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Brummett and Sylvia, Miss Lorena Clark, Miss Louise Louise Huddleston, and Othel Clark.

Mrs. Al Jennings of Los Angeles California spent Friday with Mrs. Mollie Dean. Mrs. Jennings will be remembered as the former Neoma Barron.

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-KOKOMO NEWS-

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan shopped in Eastland Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Timmons spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Dub Brown of West Gorman.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lewallen have returned after visiting relatives of San Angelo and Brady.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jordan entertained with a forty-two party Monday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Vern Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Guy, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wood, Truman Bryant, Oscar Treadway and Miss Joleen Treadway, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wood spent Friday in Ranger.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hendricks and Sylvia spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hendricks of Eastland.

Miss Alice Snider who is employed at Ranger Hospital, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Snider over the week-end.

Mrs. Carra Sessum and son Bob, have returned after an extended visit with her son Bueran Sessum and family of Hobbs, New Mex.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Parker of Gorman and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Crawley were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Johnson Wednesday evening.

Everyone is invited to come to Kokomo Community Singing, Sunday evening at 6:30.

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Locals

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Munn and Mrs. E. E. Todd and Tina spent Sunday in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cooper enroute to Borger where Harry has accepted a position with the Phillips Petroleum Co. had the misfortune Saturday afternoon to have a wreck near Vernon, in which their car was badly damaged but they were not injured.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Rankin and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Briton of Lubbock are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Rankin and other relatives.

Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS

WHEN his son came back from college, a California capitalist started to worry. The young man had been learning all about forward passes, but he hadn't passed forward very much anyhow. He could talk fast, and never had to stop to think of anything to say. If he stopped to think maybe he wouldn't be said any of the things he said.



So the dad advised the boy to read the Bible every day. He offered him a new sport model car if he'd read the New Testament through. So the boy spent a half day at the job.

"Ain't that a great book?" says his dad to him that night.

"Well, maybe you think so. After you've been to college like I have you don't think it's so hot. Why, the guy that wrote it had no originality at all. The thing is pretty near made up of quotations and famous sayings."

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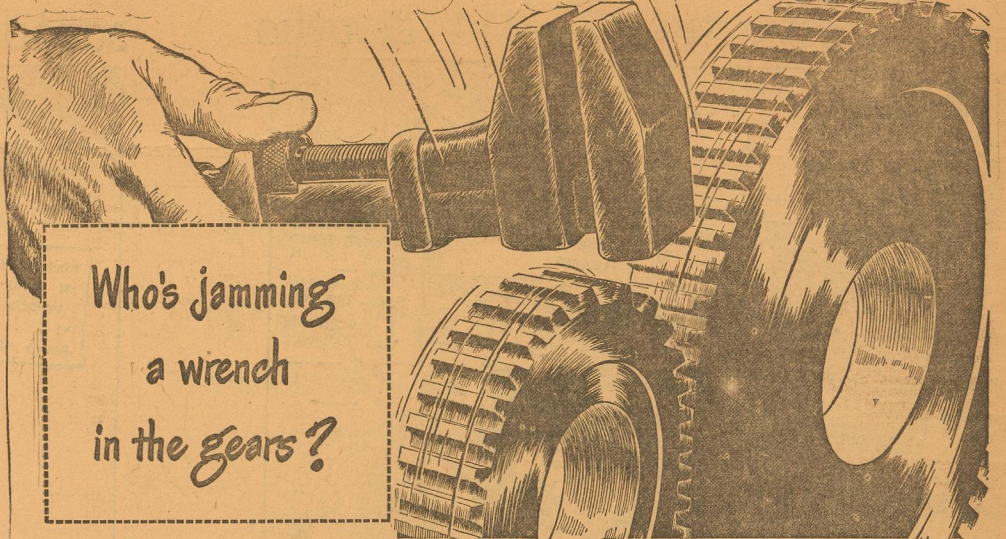
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Who's jamming a wrench in the gears?

3 Unions Block Labor Peace—Refuse Wage Boost Already Accepted by 19 Other Railroad Unions!

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen and the Switchmen's Union of North America, representing 125,000 railroad employees, have refused to accept the offer of the Railroads of a wage increase of 15 1/2 cents an hour.

This is the same increase awarded 1,000,000 non-operating employees by an arbitration board in September, 1947.

This is the same increase accepted by 175,000 conductors, trainmen and switchmen by agreement on November 14, 1947. Agreements have been made with 1,175,000 employees, represented by nineteen unions. But these three unions, representing only 125,000 men, are trying to get more. They are demanding also many new working rules not embraced in the settlement with the conductors and trainmen.

Incidentally, the Switchmen's Union of North America represents only about 7% or all railroad switchmen, the other 93% being represented by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and covered by the settlement with that union.

Strike Threat

The leaders of these three unions spread a strike ballot while negotiations were still in progress. This is not a secret vote but is taken by union leaders and votes are signed by the employees in the presence of union representatives.

When direct negotiations failed, the leaders of these three unions refused to join the railroads in asking the National Mediation Board to attempt to settle the dispute, but the Board took jurisdiction at the request of the carriers and has been earnestly attempting since November 24, 1947, to bring about a settlement. The Board on January 15, 1948, announced its inability to reach a mediation settlement. The leaders of the unions rejected the request of the Mediation Board to arbitrate. The railroads accepted.

What Now?

The Unions having refused to arbitrate, the Railway Labor Act provides for the appointment of a fact-finding board by the President.

The railroads feel it is due shippers, passengers, employees, stockholders, and the general public to know that through-out these negotiations and in mediation, they have not only exerted every effort to reach a fair and reasonable settlement, but they have also met every requirement of the Railway Labor Act respecting the negotiation, mediation, and arbitration of labor disputes.

It seems unthinkable that these three unions, representing less than 10 per cent of railroad

employees, and those among the highest paid, can successfully maintain the threat of a paralyzing strike against the interest of the entire country—and against 90 per cent of their fellow employees.

The threat of a strike cannot justify granting more favorable conditions to 125,000 employees than have already been put in effect for 1,175,000, nor will it alter the opposition of the railroads to unwarranted wage increases or to changes in working rules which are not justified.

A glance at the box shows what employees represented by the Engineers and Firemen make. They are among the highest paid in the ranks of labor in the United States, if not the highest.

Compare these wages with what you make!

Type of Employee	1947 Average Annual Earnings		1947 Average Annual Costs with 15 1/2 Cents per Hour Added
	1947 Average Annual Earnings	1947 Average Annual Earnings	
ENGINEERS			
Road Freight (Local and Way)	\$5,966	\$5,126	\$6,757
Road Passenger (Local and Way)	3,532	5,398	6,025
Road Freight (Through)	3,147	4,684	5,169
Yard	2,749	4,081	4,539
FIREMEN			
Road Freight (Local and Way)	2,738	4,858	5,265
Road Passenger (Local and Way)	2,732	4,544	5,165
Road Freight (Through)	2,069	3,460	3,891
Yard	1,962	3,136	3,553

Railroad wages computed from Interstate Commerce Commission Statement M-300. Full year 1947 estimated on basis of actual figures for first eight months.

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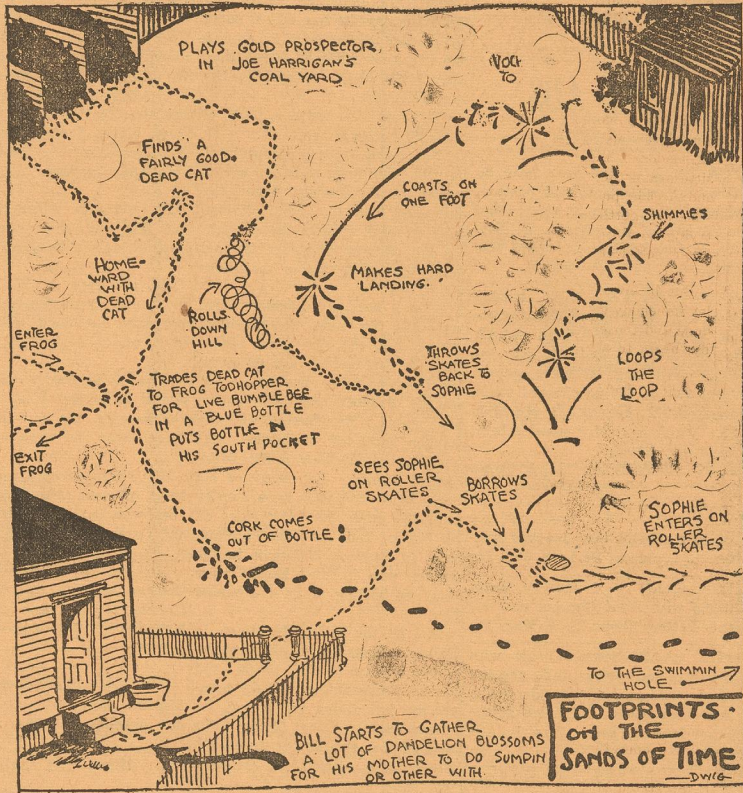
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GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS PEANUT SHELLING

Many mills began shelling peanuts under Commodity Credit Corporation contracts this week in both the southeastern and southwestern peanut growing states. Milling is done on fee basis, under FO-41 contracts.

Buyers showed little interest in shelled peanuts for the trade either in the Southeast or Southwest, the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Production and Marketing Administration reports. Occasional sales brought mostly 16-34 cents per lb. for prompt shipment in both areas.

Peanut oil weakened in the Southeast but held steady in the Southwest at 27 to 28 cents per lb. for prime crude with five per cent refining loss. Southeastern meal markets weakened too, while the Southwest held firm at \$98 to \$100 per ton.

Limited sales of farmers' stock peanuts moved at CCC support prices in all sections, except that the better qualities brought a slight premium in the Virginia and Carolina region. Much of limited remaining supplies are of ordinary to poor quality.

ARMY NEWS ON ENLISTMENT

S/Sgt. James Hendrick of the local U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force Recruiting Main Station in the County Court House in Eastland, announced today that the local Army Recruiting Office has been granted the authority to process ex-service personnel with skilled or semi-skilled MOS numbers for direct assignment to Goodfellow Field in San Angelo. S/Sgt. Hendrick further stated that vacancies exist in numerous fields such as airplane mechanics, cooks, medical technicians, supply clerks, and many others.

One with the necessary prerequisites will be sent directly to Goodfellow Field in order to determine whether or not a vacancy exists in his specialty. In the event a vacancy does exist in his MOS, he will then be forwarded to Lackland Field for final processing.

Anyone desiring the details of this program may obtain them by inquiring at the Recruiting Station in Eastland located at Eastland County Court House.

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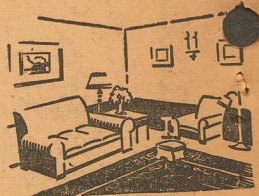
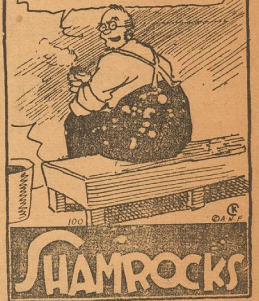


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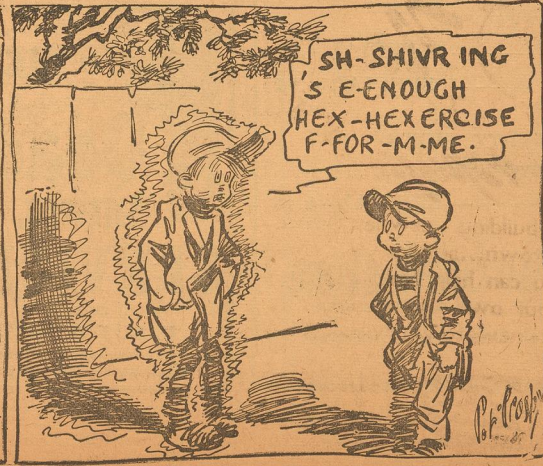
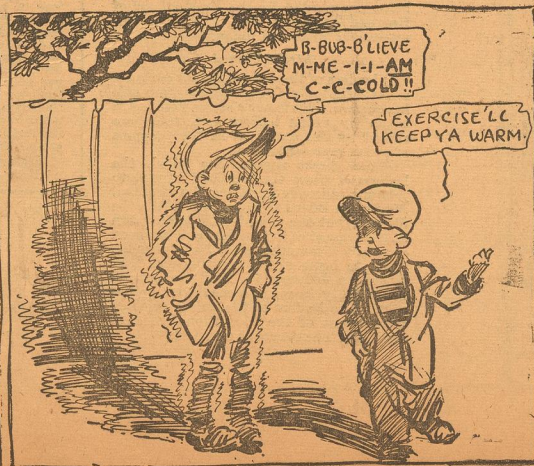
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THE CLANCY KIDS

Why Go to a Gym.

By PERCY L. CROSBY



—Read The Classified Ads—

Name Of Candidates Enrolled in The Gorman Progress "Good Will" Subscription Campaign

A. P. E. Continued —

I'm glad we don't have folks like the following in Gorman or do we?

Ranger Times—You know sum-pin, there's just nothing that makes us madder than for the sidewalk sitters and thumb twiddlers, to up and accuse public minded citizens who are getting the job done, of trying to run the town and of other self-seeking qualities.

But it invariably happens. Just let somebody get up and get things done and those that are sitting idly by, begin to sling slander.

And it takes a person with courage to keep on trying to get things done when that's the type of appreciation that they meet. The natural reaction is, "Well, why batter my brains out and kill myself, when I'm thus accused."

If it weren't for a few capable people that never give up, there would be little accomplished in this old world. If knockers would only put their shoulders to the wheel instead of pulling on the reins, how much greater the progress could be.

Any community is built on cooperation and jealous knockers aint cooperation.

So stated Mrs. Ruth Ducker, editor of the Ranger Times.

WATCH FOR THE BIG VOTE STANDING NEXT WEEK

Following are the names of the Candidates who have enrolled and are working on the Gorman Progress' "Good Will" Campaign, and are asking for your help and cooperation. With only a few days work the standings have not been tabulated, but no contestant has a large lead. Names are listed in alphabetical order:

- MRS. J. A. BAZE, GORMAN
- VEIMA COLLINS, CARBON
- MRS. VIRGIE DENNIS, GORMAN
- MRS. NELL DOLIBERRY, GOR.
- MISS ELLEN DUPUY, GORMAN
- MRS. ESSIE ROBERTS, DESDE.
- MRS. BILL TUCKER, RANGER

The Gorman Progress subscription campaign contest opened Wednesday with a representative group of Eastland County people working for the fine awards being offered for only a few weeks effort.

The contest is only beginning and no one has a lead that cannot be overcome with a few hours of diligent work.

The Progress has offered these interested people an opportunity and they are giving all their energy to making more money in the next few weeks than many people make in six months.

If one doesn't work hard enough to win a prize they are paid 20% commission on every dollar they turn in. So it can truly be said that "there are no losers."

The Progress expects to distribute at least \$1200.00 in prizes and commission at the end of the contest on March 6th. There are four cash prizes, headed by \$500.00 cash prize for first place, other prizes are \$250.00 for second place; and \$100.00 for third place and the 4th place cash award is \$50.00.



Gorman Progress

Time Out for Tours in Korea for U. S. Troops



Off-duty facilities for education and recreation are many for U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force Regulars in Korea. This view shows a group of soldiers combining both in an informative sightseeing tour of Korea's royal tombs, where are buried important kings dating back to 1392 when the Li dynasty was established.

Veterans News

Veterans interested in course as a machinist or armature winder and repairman, or electric motor repairman should get in touch with the Eastland County Vocational School. The course will be 12 and one-half hours per week for two years.

If sufficient interest and enrollment is made to justify such course equipment will be purchased to teach these courses as a combination unit. Mr. C. A. Timmons of Eastland would be the instructor.

MR. AND MRS. DEANE CRAWLEY ANNOUNCE THE ARRIVAL OF DOUGLAS DEAN

Word was received in Gorman Thursday morning of the arrival of Douglas Deane Crawley. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dean Crawley; the grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Henry and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Crawley, all of Ranger.

Douglas Deane is doing fine but the plight of Granpa Crawley is unknown.



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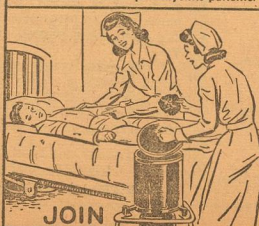
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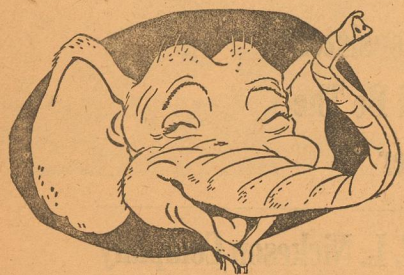
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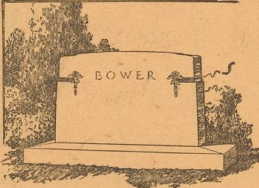
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SOPH SUDS
(Miriam Simon)

Roy has been having a lot of headaches. How do we know? Well, Jo has been taking a lot of B C (Billy Check.)

We are right proud of Jerry. He finally got a date with Janette.

Speaking of Janette!!!? Since she broke up with J. L. she has lived up to what she said about playing the field. At least the break did her some good. She started playing better basketball. The result a basketball from both tournaments the girls have entered Parille may get a big rush from Rucker again. Who knows???

Miriam (our reporter) is no stay at home girl. Which is it Hogtown or De Leon?

Adele is still in the spotlight. You make a very nice couple.

Louise try "Anchorage", the perfume, maybe that will stop J and J from stealing your men.

Who was that running around with Bill Smith Sturdy nite?

Dear old Mid-term test is gone but believe me not forgotten. Roy and Lucille let us down but Janette didn't. Congratulations Janette for making the all exemption list. We are deeply sorry we all didn't make it.

Did you ever see the Comanche Trail? Tournament that is. If you haven't come next week-end and see the games.

We promise you some good games.

Bon Voyage

CHEANEY CHATTER
(Mrs. Bill Tucker)

The newly-weds of last Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore, returned to their home in Rising Star following the week-end visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strickler.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Box are the proud parents of a son, William Richard, born Thursday, January 22nd at the Blackwell hospital. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tucker and Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Box of Eastland.

Jerry Yancey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Yancey, suffered a badly burned foot Saturday, when he accidentally stepped in a pan of hot ashes, while playing with his dad near the heating stove. First aid treatment was given immediately but found it unnecessary to carry him to a doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Green of Albany, Texas were visitors Thursday in the Luther Moody home. Mrs. Green had just been dismissed from the Blackwell hospital and they were enroute to their home. The Greens and Moodys were former neighbors at Moran, Texas, last year. Mr. Green is a chevrolet mechanic at Albany now.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Melton and children were callers in the Bill Tucker home Monday evening, and enjoyed games of "42."


Mr. and Mrs. Joe Butler were recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Revels.

Mrs. John Love is home recuperating from virus pneumonia. She was ill for several days in the home of her sister, Mrs. Fred Maxey in Eastland.

—Read The Classified Ads—

Will Rogers' Humorous Story
By WILL ROGERS

STORIES about things to eat and people that eat them are all supposed to be funny, so I reckon this'll be awful funny. There was a fellow that was eating in a restaurant where he was right well acquainted, and he ordered fish and soup and a lot of other things. The waiter brought the soup in, and then he stood around and finally he says, "Say, Mister, if you don't mind, would you just as leave have the fish before the soup?"



The customer says, "Why, no, I wouldn't just as leave. I want the soup first, of course. Unless there's some good, strong reason for having the meal served some other way."

"Well, sir," says the waiter, "I think there's a pretty strong reason. If you don't mind, I think that there fish just naturally has gone as long as it ought to without eating."

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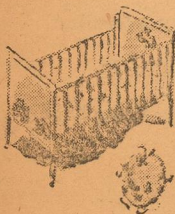
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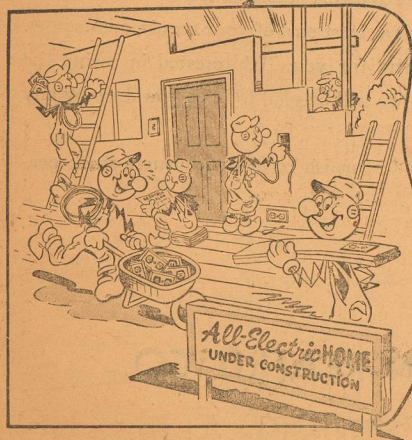
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SHORT STORY

Uncle Joe Rules The Roost

By M. J. COLLINS

BY GOL, woman, why don't you put that book down and come to bed?" Uncle Joe had just gone into the bedroom off the kitchen.

Aunt Martha was comfortably seated in a rocking chair by the large old-fashioned stove, feet on the oven door, reading a love story.

He slid cautiously under the sheets. "Ouch! It's cold!" he exclaimed. "My feet are like ice."

Aunt Martha ignored his moaning and groaning for a few seconds. "Don't tell me you want the old lady to warm up your feet!" she said tartly. "At this time of the year, spring, too."

"I don't care if it's the hundred and second day of spring. The way the weather is acting up now you'd think it was the middle of winter, the ground-hog must have

seen about four shadows this year! Errr! I'm freezing."

"Oh, all right," Aunt Martha said resignedly, putting her book on the kitchen table and getting up.

"What's that!" she exclaimed suddenly, cocking her head to one side.

"Someone's stealing our chickens!" Aunt Martha cried excitedly. "I read about a gang that's doing it all over the county. Do something, Joe!"

"Get the shotgun!" Uncle Joe bellowed alighting out of bed. "I'll show them!"

AUNT MARTHA dashed upstairs to the bedroom they used in the summer and got his shotgun out of the closet. When she returned Uncle Joe was out in the kitchen, still in his night shirt. He had laced his boots on and had an old toque of Aunt Martha's pulled down over his ears.

"Where's that flashlight?" "I don't know, you had it last."

"Get the lantern then."

"You're not goin' out there without your pants," Aunt Martha cried, aghast at his get-up.

"Stand aside, woman, this is a man's job," he ordered imperiously. "Ain't no time to fool around." He dashed straight for the chicken house, his night shirt flying. Aunt Martha, wrapped in an old coat, was close at his heels.

"There's nothin' in here," he told Aunt Martha a few seconds later. He peered around intently. "Not a thing," he muttered. "Good gravy! Seat you! Seat!" he yelled suddenly. There was a crash and the dim light of the lantern went out. Aunt Martha gasped at all the racket.

"Joe! Joe! Are you all right?"

There was no answer. Then Uncle Joe cried hoarsely, "Get the flashlight, Martha, there's three of them wandering around in here. Hurry!"

AUNT MARTHA opened the door cautiously. A very strong odor assailed her nostrils. She swung the beam of the light all over the place. Most of the hens were standing or sitting all over the straw-covered



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floor, the lantern and shotgun were there also. "Joe, where are you?" she called.

"I'm up here."

Aunt Martha swung the beam upward. Uncle Joe was perched on the topmost roost, hanging on to a rafter, in the company of about 20 distraught hens. It was hard to say who looked the most alarmed, Uncle Joe or the hens. Aunt Martha laughed loudly.

"All right, laugh," he said sourly as he climbed stiffly down from his precarious perch. "What else could I do? At least I frightened them away."

"I don't doubt that," Aunt Martha said, dryly.

"Say, I don't feel any too warm out here," Uncle Joe shivered.

"You better git back to the house this minute, Joe Quinn, or you'll catch your death of cold," Aunt Martha took over the situation.

Uncle Joe permitted himself to be hustled into bed. As he sat up sipping the hot lemonade Aunt Martha had made him, he said, "I'm cold all over."

A short time later she brought in two old-fashioned hot water bottles wrapped in towels. She tucked in one at his feet and put the other at his back.

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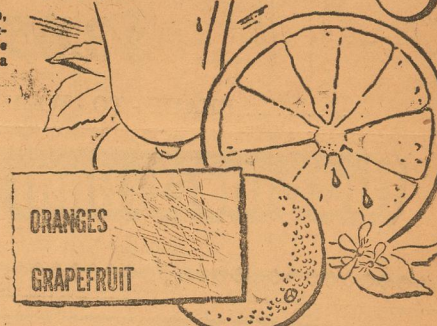
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SHORT STORY Thief In the Night

By
N. G. ADLINGTON

THE old caretaker was not surprised when confronted by the man with the gun. He had been expecting something of the sort ever since the publicity in the paper. He was swiftly but thoroughly searched.

"Where is it?" demanded the gunman.

"In the table drawer," said the old caretaker. "I never carry it with me. I'm afraid of it."

The old man dared to relax. "Thanks," he said, "I was getting kinda tired holding 'em up. Do you mind if I sit down?"

"Yes," he said, with a sigh. "I told Mister John it was foolishness, putting all that stuff in the paper, no good would come of it."

"How right you were," grinned the man with the gun. "According to this spread, he's closed the joint up while he and his wife spend the summer on the coast."

Must be nice to have dough. "The old man shrugged. "That's the story the paper got."

"What do you mean," asked the gunman sharply. "Aren't you alone here?"

"Sure I'm alone," said the caretaker hastily. "I meant there was more to 'em closing the house up than the paper was told. Mister John's wife didn't like it here."

"Most dames could stand living in a shack like this."

"They've only been married three months. She liked it here at first, then she said it got on her nerves. Claimed the place was spooky. It's a pretty old place, you know."

"Enough of this spook talk," the gunman said roughly. "Here's what I'm interested in." He scored a few lines on the paper with his thumbnail, then tossed the paper to the old man.

SLOWLY the caretaker read aloud from the society page blurb. "Among the many treasures gathered under the roof of the historic old house is an early Van Gogh . . ."

"I was going to tie you up first," said the gunman, with another quick glance at the dark passage, "but on second thought I'll let you show me where it is. Let's go."

They were half way through the passage, the caretaker leading, when the gunman stopped and gripped him by the arm.

"What was that?"

"I didn't hear anything."

They crossed a couple of rooms that must have been enormous, judging by the time it took to traverse them, before the caretaker halted again, this time of his own accord.

"This is the music room," he said. "The painting's on the far wall."

The man with the gun gave a grunt of satisfaction. With the piano as a bearing, it was easy to locate the Van Gogh. He let the light play

on it, making audible noises of satisfaction. "You can help me—" he began, but the sentence was never finished.

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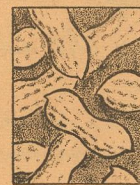
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