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Cities, towns, villages and neighborhoods have planned political rallies during the next three weeks and speakers will take the stump to proclaim the virtues of their candidates.



Medical Care Statistics Studied

Little more than one-third of the \$125 which the average American family of five pays yearly for all kinds of medical care, including drugs, the dentist, nursing, etc., goes to the doctor, according to Dr. Donald B. Armstrong, vice-president of a life insurance company.

The statement is based on a study covering the period from October, 1930, to October, 1931. Dr. Armstrong explained that the returns tabulated to date in this study cover the medical expenditures of 8,677 families and 33,976 individuals.

The average family included in the study consisted of 3.9 persons and this group spent \$98.46 per annum. This amount was divided as follows: \$39.19 went to the family physician; \$15.59 to the dentist; \$12.71 to the druggist; \$4.48 to the nurse; 72 cents to chiropractors, and 51 cents to osteopaths.

In analyzing these figures, Dr. Armstrong said it appeared that the doctor received more than two and one-half times the amount paid the dentist and many times the payments to other types of practitioners; while the druggist received nearly three times the amount expended on nursing care.

Dr. Armstrong said that while the physician received an average of \$39 a year from all families reporting the cost of medical care in the United States and Canada, an average of \$25 a year was paid in Canada; \$38, in New England; and nearly \$45 on the Pacific Coast.

While the less well-off groups spend less in actual amounts, yet they also devote a greater percentage of income to medical care. For families with incomes of \$2,000 or less, he said, the average expenditure for all kinds of medical service is only \$63 a year.

Among the group of more than 33,000 persons, only \$3,185 was recorded as spent during the entire year for preventive medical service, such as smallpox vaccination, diphtheria immunization, administration of preventive serums, health examinations, Schick tests, etc.

Three Traders Find Cash Not Necessary... MARION, N. C., Aug. 8.—Money may be scarce here, but business is going on. A three-way barter enabled an insurance man, a farmer and a livestock raiser to fill their needs without exchange of cash.

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MOVIES

Victor McLaglen Plays New Type in 'While Paris Sleeps'

Victor McLaglen, filmdom's towering leading man and hero of countless screen battles, portrays a sympathetic role in "While Paris Sleeps," Fox action-drama of the Parisian underworld to be shown at the Palace Theatre Friday and Saturday of this week.

The drama begins in French Guiana, where McLaglen is serving life imprisonment for a crime committed shortly after his decoration as a war hero. Learning of his wife's death, which means his only daughter will be cast alone on the streets of Paris, McLaglen escapes from prison to return to his daughter's side.

Helen Mack, Fox Films' youngest actress and a debutante star of the current season, is seen in the appealing role of McLaglen's daughter. Led to believe her father died a hero's death in the war, her memory of him is retained by honoring the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Because of his years as a convict, and the prisoner's death he evaded only by escaping, McLaglen is forced to keep his identity a secret after he discovers his daughter in Paris.

How he watches over her, however, and prevents her from falling prey to a cunning, treacherous band of apaches, constitutes the dramatic conflict of the story interwoven with a romantic love.

William Bakewell enacts the romantic lead opposite Miss Mack, while the supporting cast includes such players as Jack LaRue, Rita LaRoy, Maurice Black, W. A. Richter, of Abernathy, Texas, is shown proving that record crops of plums can be grown on the South Plains.

West Texas Plums... W. A. Richter, of Abernathy, Texas, is shown proving that record crops of plums can be grown on the South Plains. He holds three heavy clusters of Opatas. His trees bore over 100 gallons each this year. On one limb alone there were 74 plums.

Dot Farley, Lucille LaVerne and Paul Porcasi... TRUSTY LOCKS JAIL AND GOES FOR RIDE... Clem Burleson, known locally as "Little Burly," a trusty at the county jail while serving a sentence for driving a car while intoxicated, created some excitement at noon Monday when he locked the front door of the county jail, commanded Sheriff Frank Mills' Buick automobile and went for a joy ride that was of short duration.

Burleson was arrested at the Hub Delleney Texaco filling station at the corner of Concho Street and College Avenue by Chief of Police Carroll Land and taken to the city hall. At the city hall he made a break for his rendezvous at and around the

county jail and the court house across the vacant lot that intervenes and a lively chase ensued. The fleeing prisoner was overtaken in the street near the court house and returned to the city bastille.

After the arrest a complaint charging Burleson with driving a car while intoxicated was filed against him by Constable J. E. Brand, of Santa Anna, who happened to be in Coleman at the time.

Sheriff Mills was in Wichita Falls on official business and Deputy Sheriff H. T. O'Bar was in Callahan county assisting officers on a case with local bloodhounds.—Coleman Democrat-Voice.

WAGER WILL PROVIDE FUN FOR COLEMAN SPECTATORS... The first political wager of the season should provide amusement for Coleman people. Bill Simmons and E. P. Scarborough are the principals—Bill betting that Ma Ferguson will carry the state in the run-off primary and Scarborough betting on Ross Sterling.

The loser is to give the winner a buggy ride from the court house to the Coleman Hotel and back in a wheelbarrow to be furnished by Thurman Allen and which is to be well greased. The vehicle Mr. Allen proposes to furnish is a late 1931 model all metal, streamline body, painted a brilliant red, guaranteed not to backfire. R. P. Haun expects to furnish the loser with a pair of canvas gloves.

We understand both the participants are Sterling supporters. The event will take place at 2:30 p. m. Monday, August 29. Please be on time.—Coleman Democrat-Voice.

H. Giesecke and Arthur Giesecke left Sunday for a visit with home folks at San Antonio. Preserving pears at Sam Behringer's at \$1.10 bushel.

RECALLS "OLDEST MAN" AS MERE BABE IN ARMS

BITLIS, Turkey, Aug. 8.—Everybody knows Zaro Agha's claim to be 156 and the oldest man in the world, but now comes one who says he rocked Zaro Agha to sleep in the latter's babyhood.

Timur Agha, native of a nearby village, says he is 165 years old and that exactly 120 years ago, Zaro's family came to his village with their 5-year-old son. Old Timur thus concedes 125 years to his better known rival.

"Zaro was such a pretty baby," Timur says, "that I used to love to dandle him on my knee. He liked me a lot, too."

The village in which Timur lives in made up of 30 houses, populated entirely by his own descendants.

Rev. Matthew Lynn, of Coleman, was the guest of relatives here Friday and Saturday. Rev. Lynn is pastor of the Coleman Presbyterian Church.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS (Subject to action of the Democratic Primary, August 27) For State Representative, 92nd District: H. O. JONES, G. Y. LEE

For District Attorney: EUGENE F. (Gene) MATHIS For County Judge: PAUL TRIMMIER, J. N. KEY For Sheriff: W. A. HOLT For County Attorney: ROY L. HILL For Tax Collector: W. A. FORGEY For Tax Assessor: MIKE C. BOYD For County Clerk: MRS. LYNNIE HARRIS, W. W. (Bill) CHASTAIN For District Clerk: JOHN THOMASSON For County Treasurer: MRS. W. A. FRANCIS For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1: B. W. PILCHER For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1: CLYDE CHAPMAN, T. J. PARRISH For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 1: PAT TILLERY, T. M. MARSH For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3: H. B. POE For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4: R. A. PERRY, HENRY GOETZ

TEXACO FIRE-CHIEF GASOLINE Greenwood Service Station

HOW'S your HEALTH... RECTAL INJURIES... In recent times a good deal of study has been devoted to the various disease conditions developing at the lower end of the gastro-intestinal tract.

These studies reveal that certain foods and foreign substances, when swallowed, may be the cause of injuries in the rectal and anal regions. At first it may seem odd that persons should swallow objects hard enough to injure the inner coverings of the digestive tract.

One should think that in chewing, such objects might be discovered and rejected. Usually they are, but sometimes either because of dental plates which make the mouth sensitive or because of other conditions, chewing is painful and hence is done hastily and incompletely, hard objects being swallowed without notice.

The upper portion of the food tube is insensitive, and the lower two-thirds cannot be controlled at will. Such seed-containing foods as the fruit berries, and vegetables such as tomato and cucumber, can be eaten with impunity.

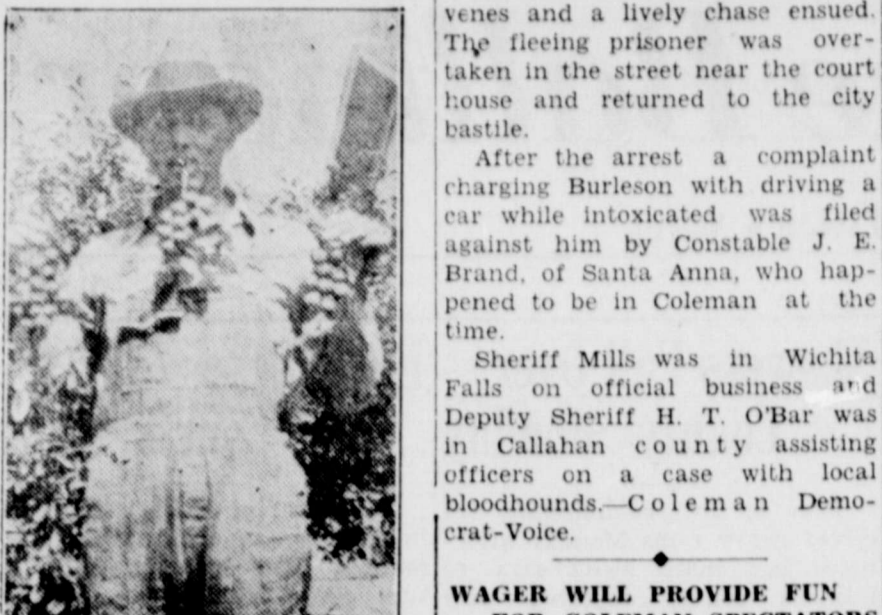
This is not the case, however, with apple cores, nor with over-ripe corn on the cob, among other things. The fruit stones of the olive, cherry and plum are less likely to cause injury, but they may form centers of hard fecal masses.

Many foreign substances ordinarily not associated with foods may be swallowed accidentally and cause injury. Dr. Descum McKenney, in a recent article in the Journal of the American Medical Association, reported having removed from injured sections of the lower rectum or the anal canal such objects as pieces of apple core, fish bones, bone splinters, splinters of wood, pieces of wooden tooth picks, fish scales and many other similar bodies.

The food of children must be made as free from rough particles, bones, etc., as is possible. Fire Chief Frank Williams of Winters, passed through Ballinger early Sunday morning en route to College Station to attend the firemen's short course. He was joined here by Chief Chester Cherry and Assistant Chief C. L. Armstrong.



A Thousand Dead Coyotes in One Pile



Here is perhaps the largest assembly of coyotes in existence. They were assembled, probably, in fact undoubtedly, against their will by one Samson Christy, government trapper, who spends most of his time getting coyotes near Garden City, Texas. Mr. Christy does this so sheep and cattle of West Texas can buy life insurance at lower rates.

CONOCO advertisement featuring a car and the slogan 'THE CONOCO TRIANGLE SYMBOL OF SERVICE'.

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Women are especially pleased with the spotless, plainly marked Conoco rest-rooms which are available for them. Women who are traveling by car find Conoco service invaluable.

All of these services are free, of course; not only free, but rendered with a spirit that leaves no doubt that the Conoco man is eager to be helpful.

By Charles McManus

