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WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON
NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON—(NEA)—Curbstone opinion is pretty general now that you can walk into the stores and buy almost anything you want. You can even have it wrapped and delivered.

There are two notable exceptions, and a big "if." The two exceptions are automobiles and houses. The "if" is, if you can pay the price.

But, aside from autos and houses, there is enough stock on hand to make this a buyers' market. The wartime sellers' market—when you couldn't get nylon hose, new suits, dining-room tables, sheets, radios or other electrical gadgets, toilet tissue, beefsteak, bonded whiskey and the ordinary run of household necessities unless you "knew somebody"—those dear, dim days are pretty well beyond recall.

That being the case, more prices ought to be coming down. That's what the men said, at any rate. "Wait until production catches up. Wait until supply catches up with demand," they said. "Wait until we have a competitive market again. Then you'll see prices falling all over themselves."

BUT here we are with supply now well ahead of demand. In a few spots there may be a slight delay in getting a particular model of a particular make of mechanical refrigerator, or a few items of hardware. The supply of new gadgets like television sets is, however, unlimited. And still prices don't tumble.

The only faint ray of hope came from General Electric's recent announcement of a three-to-ten per cent cut on a long line of consumer appliances.

While this is good news, there may be several invisible factors preventing the move. One is the relationship of competitors' prices. Another is the GE tax, profit and inventory situation, which will be revealed when the company issues its 1947 financial statement. Finally, GE has important wage negotiations coming up in the near future. The price cut may turn out to be a good counter-move in leading off pay increase demands.

Whatever the cause, it is the effect that is most important. Will it lead competitors to follow suit? Will suppliers meet the cut? Will it spread to other lines of merchandise? What are the hopes for general price cuts that will really bring down the cost of living?

Government economists are pretty cautious in trying to give the answers to these questions. The Bureau of Labor Statistics divides the cost of living index of consumer prices into half a dozen categories. Food, clothing, rent, fuel and light, house furnishings and miscellaneous items like taxes, schools and health care, which are lumped together. Take a look at the trend in each field.

NO one can see any indication that the cost of food is coming down. Individual items like citrus fruits and raisins, which are in long supply, have dropped. But they don't make up a big item in the family food budget.

Demand for raw cotton for Europe may prevent cotton goods from coming down, even though the textile situation is not as tight as in wartime. Supplies of clothing are more than adequate.

Rents have been going up one per cent a month under the rent "control" law of last year, which permitted voluntary increases. That law expires Feb. 29. It will probably be renewed, may be strengthened. But the present upward trend, at the rate of 12 per cent a year, is bad news for tenants. For the housing shortage is just as bad as at the end of the war.

There is little chance that new housing construction costs will drop until the supply of shelter comes closer to demand.

While supplies of home furnishings are at prewar levels, the single exception offered by GE is not enough to indicate prices will come down generally. Something besides full production is keeping them up. Too easy credit, perhaps, and a willingness to charge and to pay all that the traffic will bear.

Green Light Or Red, Girls Must Have Their Chat
WICHITA, Kan. (UP)—A policeman halted his car behind one occupied by two women as the light at an intersection turned red.

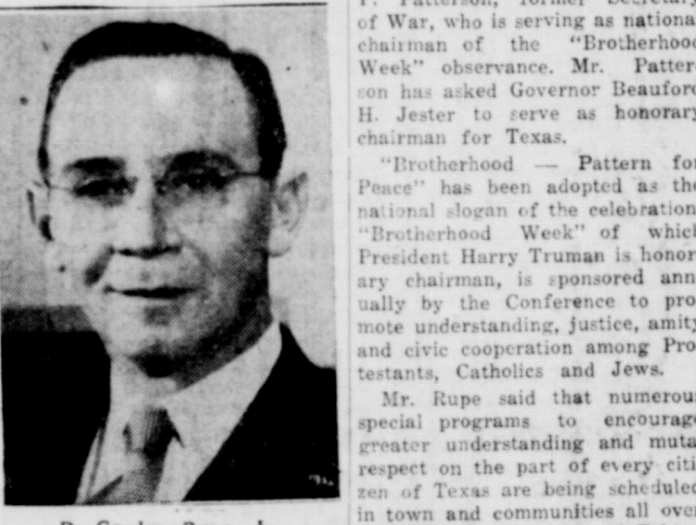
The women chatted while they waited for the signal to change. It turned green. But the driver made no effort to re-start her car.

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Tax Assessor Collector

Shucks, Just As The Race Was Starting



HEADS MOVE IN TEXAS



D. Gordon Rupe, Jr.

Banker Heads Brotherhood Week In Texas

DALLAS, Jan. 24—D. Gordon Rupe, Jr., Dallas investment banker, has been named Texas chairman for the fifteenth annual observance of "American Brotherhood Week" February 22-29 sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

PLANT NOW!!

Jan. and Feb. Planting has many advantages over Spring planting. Drive over and select your own plants and trees. We take pride in showing our many fine fruit trees, shrubs, rose bushes, evergreens, and pecan trees. We grow a complete line of nursery stock. Prices very reasonable.

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MURDER AT MY HOUSE

By Rene Ryerson Mart

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I WAS only guessing—there were gaps, of course, in the pattern as I saw it then. Only the police could check and question and find the whole truth. But I was sure I was right.
I had to be right! If I wasn't, this weapon which I had found would only be one more link in the chain of ghastly evidence linking me to the crimes for it, too, could be traced to me—or one other person—could have turned this harmless thing into the lethal weapon it was. That was the final ironic part of it. If I wasn't right—I was doomed!

evidence against me, ending wildly. "It would only be my word against hers, don't you see? And with all this other evidence against me—the evidence you have..."

"No—no, Bob. Not that way. You have to fight fire with fire, cunning with trickery..." And then I told him of the plan I had worked out, the plan for trapping the real murderer and for clearing myself.
He came close to me then. He put his arms around me and he held me warm and close in his arms until I stopped trembling. But he didn't kiss me.
He released me and he said, "Yes—we'll try it. It won't do any harm—and it may work."
There were a lot of details to be worked out. The plan as I had presented it to Bob was little more than a bare outline. Verification of what I had guessed and invented and surmised had to be made first, and then—if I was right—a lot of people would have to be coached in what they were to do without knowing why they were to do it. And there was the timing of the trap. That had to be worked out to the split second. Otherwise everything would fall flat.

BUSY PEOPLE

By Annie L. Jones

I have dropped in on a certain housewife a number of times, I always found her busy and seemingly happy, and proud of her little home that her husband built mostly by himself.
She always seemed proud of the improvements they had made on their home, in the house, in the yard or on the property which they own.
Mrs. Housewife has hobbies, too, flowers which she grows from cuttings and tiny seeds, her young fruit trees, the vegetable garden, and fruits which they can and preserve, also of the meat they cure themselves. She gets a delight in having all these things done by her and her husband. She has another hobby, saving buttons.

Traffic Safety Campaign Given A New Anole

PHILADELPHIA (UP)

There's a new twist to a safety campaign here. White-smocked members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce are patrolling congested mid-city areas giving personal safety reminders to careless pedestrians and thoughtless motorists. They are wearing white clocks with the numerals "174"—the number of pedestrians killed on Philadelphia streets during the first 11 months of 1947. On spotting a pedestrian who endangers his own life or a motorist whose driving jeopardizes others, the members hand the traffic violator a printed card telling him he has "an appointment with death."

Pennsylvania On Trail Of Gas

PITTSBURGH (UP)

The Peoples Natural Gas Co. reported that 63 drilling operations were conducted in western Pennsylvania in 1947 in an effort to find sorely-needed natural gas sources. The company said 23 storage wells in worked-out gas pools also were drilled to augment regular supplies during the low-temperature days of winter. The combined project cost \$1,400,000. The company added that \$1,000,000 a year since 1940 had been spent in Western Pennsylvania in the continued search for natural gas.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



RED RYDER



ALLEY OOP



BY FRED HARMON



BY V. E. HAMLIN



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Church... Sorority Clubs

The Revelers, On Concert Program, Well Received

The Revelers, world famous male quartet, sponsored by the Eastland County Community Concert Association, sang and played to a full house Thursday night at the High School auditorium.

Methodist Church Circles To Have Luncheon Monday

Mrs. Jack Ammer's Circle and Mrs. John Little's Circle of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church will have a fellowship luncheon at 1:00 p.m. at the Church Monday.

Mrs. Earnest Is Honoree At Friday Morning Coffee

Mrs. M. A. Perry and Mrs. M. D. Fox were hostesses at a coffee, Friday morning at the home of Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Arthur Earnest, who is moving to Ft. Worth, was the honoree.

South Ward P. T. A. To Meet Tuesday P. M. January 27

The South Ward P. T. A. will meet Tuesday, January 27, at 3:00 o'clock in the South Ward school auditorium. The South Ward choral club will give some choral numbers, and Rev. L. M. Chapman will talk to the organization.

Personals

Mrs. Neta (A. S.) Cross and son Arlys and wife, recently moved to Olden where they will make their home. They purchased the Z. B. Morgan home in Olden.

been living in Houston. They lived in Eastland 24 years ago.

Recent week-end guests in the Jack Lusk home on Eastland-Carbon highway were their daughter, Mrs. James Le Fan and little son, Michael, of Baytown. Mr. LeFan was in West Texas conducting a meeting. Also a guest in the Lusk home was Miss Donna Lou Gipson of Abilene Christian College, a niece of Mrs. Lusk.

Mrs. L. C. Murphy and daughters, Miss Ann Murphy and Mrs. Wallie Schlueter of Denver, Colorado, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lusk, Carbon-Eastland highway. Mrs. Murphy is a sister of Mr. Lusk. Mrs. Schlueter will be remembered as the former Miss Jane Murphy who lived here with the Lusks and attended Cisco Junior College in 1942.

Miss Patsy Safley has been absent from school several days on account of illness.

Those from Eastland hearing Judge Sarah T. Hughes, District Judge of Tarrant County, at the Ranger Woman's Clubhouse Saturday at 3:00 p.m. were: Mrs. Harold Durham, Mrs. Prentiss Hughes, Mrs. Hollis Bennett, Judge Hughes talked to the Ranger branch of University Women's Association.

Mrs. J. L. Waller and their sons, Jimmie and Bobby, are ill with colds, Bobby and Jimmie were some better Saturday morning. Mrs. Waller says her father, S. J. Blankenship of Denton, who recently underwent surgery in a Denton hospital, is able to return home.

J. V. Cox, with Western Union, and headquarters in Fort Worth, will spend the week-end with his wife and her mother, Mrs. Ollie Petro, here at their home on West Commerce.

Mrs. Sam Butler, who has been in Denver, Colorado, plans to be in her home here this week-end.

Holy Trinity Episcopal church service at 10:00 a.m. at the Majestic Theatre.

Monday, Baptist church W.M.U. meets in Circles, Blanche Grove Circle meets in the home of Mrs. I. C. Inzer, Hillcrest, Maybell Taylor Circle meets in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boone 1301 South Bassett, for Bible study honoring Mr. Boone, who is an invalid. Lottie Moon Circle meets with Mrs. P. L. Parker West Patterson St. Sunbeams meets at 8:15, Junior G. A. meets at 3:45, and Junior R. A. meets at 4:00 p.m., at the church.

Methodist W.S.C.S. meets in circles at 1:00 p.m. for a covered dish luncheon at the church.

First Christian Church, W. C. Circles meet, No. 1 circle meets in the home of Mrs. T. L. Cooper, No. 2 meets in the home of Geo. Fox, North Walnut Street. No. 3, with Mrs. Ewing Baker, Circles No. 4 and 5 unannounced.

Tuesday at the Baptist Church, Y.W.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. with Barbara Branton, at the home of Mrs. Frank Lovett.

Wednesday, Baptist church, officers and teachers meeting at 6:45 at the church and prayer service at 7:30 p.m. at the church. Choir rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

Methodist church prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal following prayer service.

Church of Christ Bible class meets at 10:00 a.m. at the church.

First Christian Church Choir practice at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Thursday evening at the Methodist Church a County wide banquet will be in the fellowship hall.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE "Truth" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, January 25. The Golden Text is: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God."

PRINCIPLE No. 8

To promote peace and good will on earth

From the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion



None desire peace more than those who have experienced War. Veterans of World Wars I and II joined in The American Legion are committed definitely to the support of a course that will permit our Nation to dwell in an honorably peaceful state.

WAR has come twice to us within the span of our generation. We should individually and as a group encourage every honest effort to promote international good will. Unfairness, greed, hate, and envy are makers of armed strife, so part of our job is to combat those influences in national and international relations. One of the greatest forces for international peace is tolerant international understanding. The Legion's peace efforts will

Central Texas Fertilizer Co. Opens This Week

One of the largest new industries of this section, The Central Texas Fertilizer Company, opened this 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 second to none. 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 without question.

"Topper Brand" The Central Texas Fertilizer Company will put its product on the market under the trade name a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Timothy 2:15).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson - Sermon is the following from the Bible: "For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth" (Psalms 33:4).

The Lesson - Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Man understands spiritual existence in proportion as his treasures of Truth and Love are enlarged" (page 265).

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.

Boys Town Prospers In New England

HUBBARDSTON, Mass. (UP)—A New England "Boy's Town" is prospering under the direction of Very Rev. Edwin J. Van Eetten den of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Boston.

The institute came into existence in 1943 with one cow, six hens and a run-down farmhouse. With 40 boys as a nucleus, the "Town" now has 15 buildings, 18 cows and 4,000 chickens.

More than 30 acres of land have been cleared and expansion plans are underway.

Purpose of the farm is the training of boys "to work, to thrift to honesty, to the attitude of decent self-respect, and efficiency and leadership."

cranked for five years".

Sometimes I would be stuck on some out-of-the-way road and crank and cry and crank, trying to get it started. It always did, sooner or later," she says. After the advent of the self-starting cars, Miss Lizzie became a confirmed automobile driver and still drives her route.

Advise Early Rising To Live Longer

NEW YORK (UP)—Early risers during the winter months probably will live longer, the Greater New York Safety Council believes. Harold K. Kramer, chairman of the council's operating committee, pointed out that winter weather conditions usually slow

Maestic SUNDAY AND MONDAY MY WILD IRISH ROSE with Dennis Morgan Features at—1:23, 3:26, 5:29, 7:32, 9:35 Lurie SUNDAY ONLY Randolph Scott Kay Francis "WHEN THE DALTONS RODE"

the to school or to work. "Hurry is a contributory cause of many serious accidents," he added. "Allow yourself a few extra minutes to get wherever you're going and your chances of getting there alive and sound will improve."

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Attention Veterans! A special meeting of the American Legion will be held at the Legion Club House Monday Night at 7:30 The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a program of Veteran's housing. All veterans are urged to attend



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