

# The Devil's River News

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## THE SUTTON COUNTY ROUND-UP

### LIVESTOCK--RANCH DEALS

One recent estimate placed the remaining short wool in the state at 8 1-2 million pounds. Other estimates went as high as 9 1-2 to 10 million pounds. It is the only fleece in the state remaining in sizeable quantity—for mohair has dwindled to a mere half million pounds or less.

On Bill Allison's ranch between Sonora and Ozona, 238 two-year-old steers are on a fattening ration and are reported to be gaining nicely by Dick Morrison, foreman, who was in town yesterday. The steers are eating 19 pounds of concentrates daily—five pounds of which is cottonseed meal and the remainder ground corn. The roughage consists of ground bundled feed. Morrison said that the steers would be finished around the first of March.—San Angelo Times.

Willie Miers has sold 350 solid muck ewes to Reed Simkins of Nickerson, Kansas, at \$4.25 per head. These ewes were sold by Mark Akers, San Angelo commission dealer.—San Angelo Times.

Asa Tomlinson, Kerrville ranchman, has sold two loads of mixed calves to northern buyers at 8 and 9 cents through Clyde Dozier, Menard commission dealer. The calves weighed 330 pounds. The dealer also sold 390 lambs to Hartgrove & Becton of Menard for Ben Delkert of that city and 100 lambs for Tomlinson to Pedro Lloyd of Menard.

Delivery was completed shortly before the end of the year on 1,043 cows and calves from a ranch near Van Horn to California. Some 27 cars were necessary to transport the cattle, which sold at a reported price of \$65 a round. Those making the sale were C. G. Durrell of El Paso and his sisters, Mrs. Pansy Hall of Van Horn and Mrs. Eulah Espy of Hot Wells.

## State Landscape Engineer Visits In Sonora

Mrs. Roy Aldwell, chairman of the Sutton County Highway Beautification committee, had as guest of the committee, J. A. C. Goebells, State Landscape Engineer, of Austin, whose duties consist in making periodic and rare inspection trips over the state for the purpose of giving his stamp of approval on the beautification work being done in the various counties in the way of roadside and park beautification. Mr. Goebells, a very efficient and capable engineer was well pleased with the progress being made in Sutton county beautification and roadside park, and he was also delighted with the progress of the highway work being done in the county.

The County Highway Beautification committee, of which Mrs. Aldwell is chairman, is working in co-operation with city and county units, the local offices of the highway department and the Sonora Lions Club in bringing about a greater achievement of highway and roadside park development, and to date the progress which has been made, and the plans for future improvement, are very gratifying to those who have been laboring so faithfully and consistently toward giving Sutton the best system in the state of highway and roadside park beautification.

## TO BOSTON ON BUSINESS

W. J. Fields, Jr. left Thursday for Boston, Mass., where he will spend some thirty days transacting business connected with his wool-buying and mohair activities during recent months. "Bill" has become one of the most active buyers in the area during the past few seasons, and has been instrumental in securing prices for the wool and mohair producers of Texas comparable to those paid by the other leaders in the buying end of the industry.

## Business Census Is Vital Concern Of Citizens

Active work is under way at the present time in taking a business census throughout the United States. In Sonora, the work has already been started, and will continue until every business establishment in the city has been canvassed.

Machinery for taking the business census is elaborate, but very complete. It began working Tuesday morning, January 2, and will run at full speed until completion of the business census some time in March, with the population census of the nation being scheduled to begin April 1.

Dividing the state into Congressional Districts, a supervisor has been named for each district, with enumerators selected for each city, town and community in the district. Headquarters for the district which includes Sonora has been located at Kerrville, with G. R. Starkey of that city named as supervisor for the district. In Sonora, Mrs. George H. Neill has been selected as enumerator for Sutton county, and she has already entered into the work.

Directors of the business census have stressed the fact that this part of the census is a very vital one, and the enumerators have been instructed to cover their communities completely in order to give the best possible returns on the business and industrial standing of the nation. Accordingly, Mrs. Neill requests the whole-hearted co-operation of the business men generally in answering the vital questions connected with the census, believing that a complete and full return on the census will be advantageous to all this county and West Texas generally. It is likewise stressed that the enumerators, far from being inquisitive, are co-operative agents gathering facts for a true picture of the nation's business resources, and for that reason should have full co-operation.

In taking this business census, co-operation with the enumerator is asked, but a penalty is provided for those business men and others involved who willfully distort facts or refuse to answer. However, the whole business is confidential, even other government agencies not being permitted to secure the facts as divulged by the census.

Enumerators were warned, on the other hand, that failure to keep their information confidential are subject to fine or imprisonment. The whole thing revolves around the idea that the government wants a true picture of national business resources, and is not interested in prying into private affairs.

With this explanation regarding the census, and the reasons for it, citizens of Sutton county are urged to give full and complete information to Mrs. Neill as she makes her round of the business establishments of the town and county.

## Refund On Meter Deposits Here Expected

The West Texas Utilities Company, serving a vast area in West and Northwest Texas, is making preparations to refund meter deposits to all their customers who for the past three years have not allowed their electric accounts to become delinquent. The refund is to be made in Sonora, one of the leading towns in the West Texas Utilities Company network, as well as other cities in the circuit.

While no estimate has been made of the number of meter deposits to be refunded in Sonora, it is likely that the per centage in this city will be as large as in any other in the area, and will constitute a nice gift to the patrons in Sonora. It is thought that the refund will be made within a short time, as the local office has been checking their records recently to determine those who have not allowed their accounts to become delinquent during the previous three years.

R. J. Cooke of Ozona was a visitor in Sonora for a short time last Monday.

## Column For Candidates Is Opened

With the announcement of County Judge J. B. Randolph as a candidate for the office of District Judge of the 112th Judicial District of Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries, the opening gun of the political campaign in Sutton county has been fired. From now on until the last vote is counted, there will be a continuous boiling of the political pot.

The News, as has been its custom in years past, will not take part in the campaign as a partisan for any candidate against another. Neither will it publish stories nor otherwise assist one candidate over another. The extent of the co-operation to be expected from the News will be publication of the announcement story; printing the candidate's name in the announcement column, and refraining from saying or doing anything that will give one candidate an undue advantage over another. This in the way of news stories. Paid political advertising, signed and carrying the name of the persons or person authorizing the advertisements, will be accepted subject to usual advertising rates.

In other words, while serving as a medium for each candidate to place his candidacy before the voters of this county, the News expects to be strictly neutral, and this neutrality will extend to every candidate, in every situation. Motto of the News, as in the past, will be "May the best Man Win," with every candidate having an equal opportunity so far as the News is concerned.

A uniform charge will be made to all candidates for their political announcement, and no deviation can be expected. All announcements will be on a strictly cash basis, and no other arrangements may be made. Cash must accompany all announcement, from the greatest to the least.

On the above basis, we will accept political announcements, no party or person barred.

Schedule of announcement costs is as follows:

District and State Offices	\$15.00
County Offices	10.00
Precinct Offices	5.00

In order to boost our own business just a little, we wish to announce in connection with this political announcement business, that the News is prepared to handle any sort of political printing, including pictures of candidates, candidate cards, advertising, or whatever a candidate may need to further his candidacy, all of which can be obtained on short notice, and at reasonable prices. We have made no custom of holding a candidate up just because he entered the political wars, nor is it our intention now to begin doing so. We will appreciate whatever may be given us in the way of political patronage in its restricted sense, and will in return give prompt, courteous service so that candidates may leave our office feeling that they have received a square deal and their money's worth in whatever transaction that may have carried on in the way of business with us.

## HOLC House Sales Reach New Record

The sale of 4,765 properties by the Home Owners' Loan Corporation in September, 1939, set an all-time monthly record and climaxed a six months' period in which sales exceeded acquisition of properties by nearly 40 per cent, officials of the Corporation reported.

The September sales, amounting to more than \$16,133,000, left the Corporation with \$3,330 owned properties, 6,806 less than were on its books last March.

The consistent volume of HOLC sales, all of which are made through private real estate brokers and which have attracted the attention of the entire real estate industry, was attributed by officials to the Corporation's broad merchandising program.

## Three Visitors Attend Lions Meeting

Three visitors from Ozona were present at the regular meeting of the Sonora Lions Club last Tuesday, the first to be held since the beginning of the Christmas holidays. The visitors were T. A. Kincaid, former president of the Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association of Texas; Richard Flowers and Bee Friend. The visitors enjoyed the meeting thoroughly.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to stage a membership and attendance contest with the Eldorado Lions Club, the contest to run through the month of January. A committee composed of H. V. Stokes, Rev. R. C. Brinkley and John Eaton was named to go to Eldorado Wednesday to meet with the Lions Club there and serve official warning concerning the contest. Lions of Sonora will no doubt hear more of this contest as the month progresses.

It was also voted to enter the national membership drive during the month of January, and to participate in the celebration honoring the birthday of Melvin Jones, founder of Lions International. Alvis Jonson was named head of one of two groups into which the local club has been divided for membership enrollment, with the name Growlers appended to the group, while Joe Berger wills a similar position as head of the other division, the Roarers. J. L. Nisbet was named as general head of both groups to supervise the work as a whole.

Boyd Caffey, as head of the Welfare Committee of the Lions Club, reported that in carrying out their welfare work, baskets containing Christmas cheer were distributed to 20 families of Sonora.

The club will resume its weekly luncheons. The Tuesday meeting was held in the Baptist church building.

## Boy Scouts Of Concho Valley Reach Goals

Roy E. Aldwell of Sonora, the Chairman for the Ranch District of the Concho Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America, has been selected as chairman of the special awards committee for the annual meeting of the Concho Valley Council, to be held in San Angelo Friday, February 2. Other committee members to serve with Mr. Aldwell are Robert G. Carr, C. B. Coulter, E. K. Fawcett, B. L. Hughes and Houston Harte.

In addition to the special award committee, Emmett D. Cox, Council President, has named others, as follows:

Nominations Committee, H. H. Batjer, Edwin Mayer, Geo. Stengel, Sam Walk, Doug Corley, J. A. Schnable and John Eaton.

Program Committee, H. C. Grafa, Dr. George Morgan, Rev. Rodney Gibson, Dr. W. H. Elkins, Jim Netts and Fred Horner, Sr.

Invitation Committee, H. C. Ragsdale, A. C. Bledsoe and C. B. Calahan, Jr.

Decorations Committee, Harold Broome, chairman, and others.

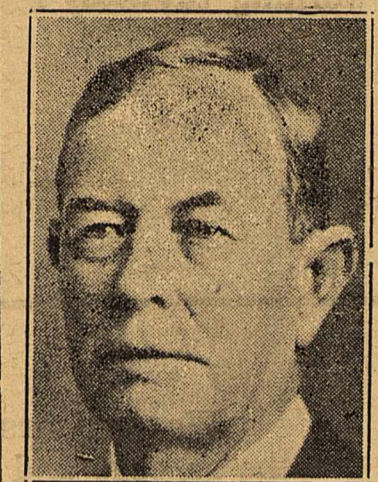
The Concho Valley Council has reached a new high point in the membership, according to R. L. Baldwin, chairman of the Organization-Extension Committee, with one hundred and three units organized, representing a total registered membership of more than 3,300 Scouts, Cubs and Leaders during the year just closed.

Appreciation for the splendid services of the Scouters of the Concho Valley Council was expressed in a New Year's greeting by C. H. Janeway, Scout Executive. The Scout Council reached objectives in the camping and hiking program, the advancement of Scouts to higher rank, and in the practice of good citizenship daily by the Scouts and their leaders. Some of the high points of the year, in addition to reaching the membership goal, were the two lives saved by Scouts, the improvement of the reading program by means of the Scout magazine, The

## Kimble Judge In Race For District Job

To the Voters of Sutton County:

Judge J. B. Randolph of Kimble county authorizes the Devil's River News to announce his candidacy for election as District Judge of the 112th Judicial District of Texas, composed of Crockett, Kimble, Pecos, Sutton and Upton counties, subject to the action of the Demo-



cratic Primary, July 27th, 1940.

Judge Randolph served in the Texas Legislature one term, County Attorney of Kimble two terms, and 15 years as County Judge of Kimble, and has resided in the 112th Judicial District for 45 years and is thoroughly acquainted with conditions in this section.

Admitted to the bar in Junction in 1900, Judge Randolph has had 20 years experience as a practicing attorney before the courts of this state, exclusive of his tenure in public office.

While a member of the Texas Legislature, he wrote and secured the passage of the first law designed to eradicate predatory animals from West Texas ranch territory.

His record as a public official in his home county has always reflected a spirit of progressiveness and fair dealing. He has been particularly active in promoting public highways and in furthering the cause of education.

During his long and varied experience as presiding judge of the county and Commissioners' Court of Kimble county, together with his practice in all other courts of the state, Judge Randolph has acquired a reputation for fairly and equitably administering the laws of this state, in all matters before him for attention. His judicial experience and first hand knowledge of the business of the people of the district, obtained from a residence among them, as a native Texan, eminently qualifies him for the position of District Judge of the 112th Judicial District.

For all of the aforesaid reasons, Judge Randolph respectfully submits his candidacy for such office to the electorate of this Judicial District. It will be his purpose and desire to meet as many of the voters personally as conditions will permit, to make new friends, to visit many whom he has known over the years, and to express his gratitude for assistance already accorded him and that to follow throughout the campaign.

## NEW BUSINESS HOME

Finishing touches are being made on the new building adjoining the La Vista Theatre, construction work on which has been hampered by inclement weather the past few weeks. However, the building is almost ready for occupancy by the new style shop business which it is rumored will be established there. At the same time, the front of the theatre has received a new dress, making the building much more attractive to the general public.

Mrs. Edith Bond returned here today from Sanderson where she had been the guest of her nephews.

Boys' Life, and in the time devoted to training by the leaders. Appreciation was expressed to the 800 Scoutmasters, Troop Committees and District and Council officials devoting their time to Scouting. To them the success of the year's work is due.

## MOHAIR INDUSTRY ENTERS YEAR IN FINE CONDITION

MANY SALES DURING CLOSING WEEKS HELPS RANCHER

One of the bright spots of the ranch industry during the closing weeks of the past year was the unusually strong position taken by mohair, the numerous sales which were made having a tendency to strengthen the positions held by every other livestock product, and that of the various classes of livestock themselves. While wool was in a dormant condition, mohair suddenly came to life after several weeks of inactivity, and its stirrings brought about a considerable revival all along the livestock front and at the close of the year umblings of an erupting wool market were heard.

Numerous sales were made during the month of December. It is useless to enumerate all of them, but to list a few of the outstanding sales, giving the quantities sold, the prices paid, and the purchasers, might prove of interest to mohair producers, and at the same time convince wool growers that the wool market is due for an early awakening, with price offerings which will prove attractive.

In the pre-Christmas trading, nearly a million pounds of mohair were moved at prices ranging from 48 to 55 cents for adult hair, and 73 to 91 cents for kid hair, with yearling hair bringing prices between these extremes. E. G. Wentworth, representing R. P. Collins & Co., Inc., paid 52 1-4 cents for 180,000 pounds of grown hair and 80 cents a pound for 30,000 pounds of kid hair, the purchase being made from the Producers Wool & Mohair Company at Del Rio.

Fred Horner of Uvalde, operating one of the larger warehouses in that city, sold 225,000 pounds of the fleece at 51 and 90 cents to G. C. Burton of Fort, Dupree & Sawyer of Boston, thus disposing of his entire accumulation of mohair.

The Sonora Wool and Mohair Company sold 215,000 pounds of mohair to Jackson Hughes of Emory & Conant at 55 cents and 75 cents per pound for adult and kid hair respectively. Later, the same company disposed of their entire remaining accumulation of the fleece to Tom Richey of A. W. Hilliard & Son at prices of 55 cents for adult hair, 60 cents for yearling hair and 80 cents for kid hair, the prices received representing the equal of any sale made in the state during the year.

Jackson Hughes earlier in the month bought 30,000 pounds of No. 2 adult hair from the Sabinal Wool & Mohair Company at 50 cents per pound, and 80,000 pounds of adult hair from the Menard Wool & Mohair Commission Company and the A. T. Murchison Warehouse of Menard at 50 cents per pound. Mr. Hughes also purchased 100,000 pounds of adult hair from L. Schwartz Company of Uvalde at 50 cents. Schwartz accumulation of kid hair, about 23,000 pounds, also was sold, going to R. P. Collins & Co. at 88 cents.

The Menard Wool & Mohair Commission Company cleaned out its entire accumulation of mohair last Friday when it sold to A. W. Hilliard & Son through Bill Fields of Sonora 20,000 pounds at 55 cents for adult hair, 60 cents for yearling hair, and 80 cents for kid, while another lot of 10,000 pounds of adult hair brought 52 cents.

Charley Evans, buyer for Crowder Bros. of Fort Worth, bought 30,000 pounds from the Sanderson Wool Commission Company at a price of 48 cents for adult hair and 73 cents for the kid hair.

At Ozona, on the edge of the mohair producing area of the state, Tom Richey purchased for A. W. Hilliard & Son a carload of mohair, paying 50 and 75 cents for the lot.

One of the last sales of the year was made Saturday when Frank Montague of Bandera sold to R. P. Collins & Company 150,000 (Continued on page 8)



# Let's Get Down to Business!

The HOLIDAYS are over; it is time for all of us to resume our work. With the coming of the New Year, it is time for us to forget the gaiety and frivolity which we enjoyed at the year-end. We must take inventory, as a community, not so much for the purpose of finding out what we have in the way of superior advantages, as to discover what we need as a civic center. Having listed such needs, we must make plans to stock up, giving preference to the most pressing needs, and working tirelessly as a united body to provide every thing we need in Sonora and Sutton County . . .

We need first of all, complete co-operation between the business element, the schools, and all other institutions, private citizenship and city and county governing groups. Such co-operation is essential, the foundation of all progress, the one element which provides the power for progressive moves.

We need untiring industry, working ceaselessly for the desirable things needed to make Sonora the town it ought to be, and the community it can be if every citizen does his part freely and promptly.

We need organization, that needed improvements may be pointed out and brought to the attention of the community as a whole. The Lions Club as a service group, any business organization, will serve gladly if given co-operation and support.

We need financial support as well as moral support. Rome was not built in a day, but neither was it built without expenditure of time, money and effort on the part of loyal citizens. Money must be spent freely in a good cause if it to materialize.

Sonora citizens have every qualification. Let's get together and start working for a bigger and better town.

Our business is to boost — THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS has never failed to support whole-heartedly each and every civic program intended to make a bigger and better town — to improve the social and material welfare of the citizens, or to bring about a civic improvement calculated to help the business men of Sonora or their patrons. We are ready and anxious as ever to get to work — to point out and assist in realizing the needs of the community and to help bring about the accomplishment of such a program. Read your hometown newspaper. You'll find our columns filled with things you want to know — Help us to help Sonora by continuing in 1940 the support accorded us in past years.

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Charter No. 5466 Reserve District No. 11  
**REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE**  
**FIRST NATIONAL BANK**  
 OF SONORA

In the State of Texas, at the close of business on December 30, 1939,  
 Published in response to call made by the Comptroller of Currency  
 under Section 5211, United States Revised Statutes

ASSETS	
1. Loans and discounts (including \$1,580.78 overdrafts) \$	400,586.02
2. United States Government obligations	82,800.00
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	295,505.77
4. Corporate stocks, including stock of Federal Reserve	6,001.00
5. Cash, balances with banks, reserve balance, cash items	481,398.61
6. Bank premises \$17,250.00, furn. and fix. \$4,500.00	21,750.00
7. Real estate owned other than bank premises	1.00
8. Investments indirectly representing bank premises	15,000.00
9. Other assets	10,052.16
<b>12. Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,318,094.56</b>
LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, corp. \$	938,170.60
14. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corp.	50,737.58
15. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	50,015.99
16. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	58,932.40
<b>19. Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$1,097,856.57</b>
<b>24. Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$1,097,856.57</b>
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
25. Capital Stock:	
(c) Common stock, total par \$100,000.00	100,000.00
26. Surplus	100,000.00
27. Undivided profits	20,237.99
29. Total Capital Accounts	220,237.99
<b>30. Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts</b>	<b>\$1,318,094.56</b>
MEMORANDA	
31. Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):	
(b) Other assets pledged to secure deposits	27,000.00
32. Secured liabilities:	
(a) Deposits secured by pledged assets	23,797.22

**STATE OF TEXAS**  
 County of Sutton—ss:  
 I, Geo. H. Neill, cashier of above-named bank, solemnly swear the  
 above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
**GEO. H. NEILL, Cashier.**  
 CORRECT—Attest: Roy E. Aldwell, E. F. Vander Stucken, S. H.  
 Allison, directors.  
 Sworn to and subscribed before me this third of day January, 1940.  
 (SEAL) **C. H. ALLEN, Notary Public.**

**REPORT OF AN AFFILIATE OF A NATIONAL BANK**  
 Published in accordance with Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes  
 Report as of December 30, 1939, of  
**FIRST LOAN COMPANY**  
 SONORA, TEXAS

which is affiliated with First National Bank, Sonora, Texas, Charter  
 No. 5466, Federal Reserve District No. 11.

Kind of Business:  
**MORTGAGE COMPANY**  
 Manner in which above-named organization is affiliated with national  
 bank, and degree of control:  
 Stock owned by stockholders of First National Bank. Has same  
 directors and officers as First National Bank.  
 Financial relations with bank:  
 Stock of affiliated bank owned NONE  
 Loans to affiliated bank NONE  
 Borrowings from affiliated bank \$1,000.00  
 Stock of affiliate registered in name of bank or known  
 to be owned by bank directly or indirectly NONE  
 Other obligations to, or known to be held by, affiliated  
 bank NONE  
 Other information necessary to disclose fully relations with banks:  
 NONE

I, Geo. H. Neill, treasurer of First Loan Co., Sonora, Texas,  
 do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of  
 my knowledge and belief.  
**GEO. H. NEILL**  
 Sworn to and subscribed before me this third of day January, 1940  
 (SEAL) **C. H. ALLEN, Notary Public**

**REPORT OF AN AFFILIATE OF A NATIONAL BANK**  
 Published in accordance with Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes  
 Report as of December 30, 1939, of  
**SONORA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**  
 SONORA, TEXAS

which is affiliated with First National Bank, Sonora, Texas, Charter  
 No. 5466, Federal Reserve District No. 11.

Kind of Business:  
**CONSTRUCTION OF BANK BUILDING**  
 Manner in which above-named organization is affiliated with national  
 bank, and degree of control:  
 Stock held by First Loan Company, Trustee, for stockholders  
 of First Loan Company, an affiliate of the First National Bank  
 of Sonora, Texas.  
 Financial relations with bank:  
 Stock of affiliated bank owned NONE  
 Loans to affiliated bank NONE  
 Borrowings from affiliated bank NONE  
 Stock of affiliate registered in name of bank or known  
 to be owned by bank directly or indirectly NONE  
 Other obligations to, or known to be held by, affiliated  
 bank—bonds \$15,000.00  
 Other information necessary to disclose fully relations with banks:  
 NONE

I, Geo. H. Neill, treasurer of Sonora Construction Company,  
 do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of  
 my knowledge and belief.  
**GEO. H. NEILL**  
 Sworn to and subscribed before me this third of day January, 1940  
 (SEAL) **C. H. ALLEN, Notary Public**

**Personals**

Expression class will open —  
 see Mrs. Albert Murray.  
 Mrs. J. T. Penick and Mrs. T. L.  
 Harrison were in San Angelo  
 Tuesday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pfeister of  
 Iraan, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Guthals  
 and children, Laurence and Genelle,  
 of San Angelo, were the guests of  
 Mrs. W. R. Barnes, Mrs. George  
 D. Chalk, Mrs. Thelma Briscoe and  
 Mrs. Buella Pfeister.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trainer of  
 Augusta, Kansas, arrived Tuesday  
 for a few days visit with Mr.  
 Trainer's mother, Mrs. Rena  
 Trainer.

Mrs. Edith Peters, who has been  
 visiting her mother, Mrs. Rena  
 Trainer, for the past two months,  
 left today for a visit with her  
 brothers in Goose Creek and Beau-  
 mont.  
 Mrs. George Trainer, Sr., and  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Trainer were  
 in Mertzon Sunday where Mrs.  
 George Trainer visited Mr. and  
 Mrs. C. W. Trainer and Mr. and  
 Trainer visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam  
 Thomas.  
 Mrs. Andrew Moore and Martha  
 Jo returned here from Austin  
 Sunday.  
 Mrs. Stokes Williams of Mertzon  
 and Mrs. A. H. Nathan of San  
 Antonio were the guests of Mrs.  
 Clyde Gardner, Mrs. Stella Stanley,  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morrow and Mr.  
 and Mrs. Johnny Hamby.

**HOW TO BE YOUR  
 OWN DECORATOR**

By  
*Helen Koues*  
 Director, Good Housekeeping Studio

Happily, today, there is an increasing appreciation of color and  
 knowledge of how to use it. A few years ago our houses were in mono-  
 tones of white or cream-colored paint. This was a natural reaction from  
 the abuse rather than the correct use of wallpaper. Today we are using  
 plain-colored wallpapers as well as charmingly patterned papers, paint,  
 wall coverings, and wall textures of all sorts unknown ten years ago.

A question asked constantly about backgrounds is: "Shall I paint  
 or paper all the rooms in my house cream color?" In the modern house,  
 which is of no particular type, and which happens to be small, by making  
 the background of one color an air or spaciousness is created. If a num-  
 ber of small rooms are finished in different colors, it has a tendency to  
 make the house seem cut up. On the other hand, it is a great pity not  
 to give variety to the rooms. Therefore, my suggestion is to keep the  
 rooms of a similar color value, but of different colors. Color, however,  
 applies to everything in the room, the background—including walls,  
 floors and ceiling—the hangings, the rugs, furniture, and last of all the  
 accent or the ornaments.



**HELEN KOUES**  
 Director of  
 Good Housekeeping  
 Studio

There are a few very simple principles to lay down:  
 If the walls are in a plain color, the room will be  
 colorless unless there is pattern elsewhere in the room  
 —"colorless" in the sense that it looks void of color  
 values. Therefore, chintz with gay color in it may  
 be used for hangings, for a chair or two, while a  
 large piece of furniture and a larger area of space,  
 such as a rug, may be darker and plain.

Most successful color schemes make use of three  
 or more colors—some of them neutral. Fortunately  
 for us all, the day of "the brown room" or "the pink  
 room" is past and women are beginning to realize  
 that they may take a bit of chintz or a piece of wall-  
 paper or a favorite picture, and from the colors in  
 them work out the color scheme for room or house.  
 There is no better way to work out a color scheme  
 than this. Study the colors which go into it and the areas which they  
 occupy in that picture or pattern, and apply them in somewhat similar  
 relations to a room. For instance, it would be a mistake to cover the  
 walls of a room with the vivid red or orange, which in small quantity  
 was used as an accent in a design. Today, modern decorators do use  
 strong colors, especially in small rooms, but as a rule it is wise to choose  
 the soft colors or the softer tones of wood paneling for wall surfaces,  
 and put vivid color into draperies, sofa pillows and lamp shades. Even  
 if you make a few mistakes, it is worth while to be bold in the use of  
 color.

**THE RELATIONSHIP OF PATTERN AND COLOR**

With plain walls use pattern in the curtains. With a patterned wall,  
 plain draperies are the wiser choice. A chair or two may show pattern,  
 but a number of chairs should be in plain fabric. It is also true that if  
 a lamp shade happens to be placed near figured draperies, that lamp  
 shade should be made of plain silk, parchment or paper. The reverse  
 is also true. Against a plain curtain or wall, a patterned shade is charm-  
 ing. Again, as to color values, it is necessary to be very careful to have  
 the density of the color or the lightness of the color in the lamp shade a  
 contrast to its background. For instance, there is lack of charm in putting  
 a tan-colored shade against a tan-colored wall. There is no color con-  
 trast. Whereas a parchment shade tinted with red, with a colorful print  
 set in it, gives color and contrast against a plain tan wall.

Technically much could be said about analogous color, which is the  
 uses of various tones of the same color, and complementary color, which  
 is the use of contrasting colors. But unless familiar with a color chart,  
 it is somewhat involved. A far simpler way for the woman who is her  
 own decorator, is to follow the colors already grouped by an artist in  
 the design of wallpaper or chintz. Of course, in the selection of the latter,  
 care must be taken as there are many chintzes and wallpapers on the  
 market that are hard and garish.

**Political  
 Announcements**

The News has been authorized  
 to announce the candidacy of the  
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**MRS. ALBERT A. MURRAY** will  
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 western University, Evanston, Ill.  
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 Junior High, Denton, Texas and  
 Fabens High School, Fabens, Tex-  
 as. Also coached declamation in  
 both schools. 12-1tp

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Dalton and  
 two children have moved here from  
 Bartlett. Mr. Dalton is manager of  
 the Wm. Cameron Lumber Co.  
 here.

Mrs. Earl Duncan was a Del Rio  
 visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Randolph of  
 Junction were here Tuesday.

Mrs. Clara Murphy visited Miss  
 Florence Collins in Austin a few  
 days this week.

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Wool Users Have Busy Season At Year-End

Following is given the year-end condition of the domestic wool market as compiled by the First National Bank of Boston in its weekly letter. The general tone is optimistic, and presages good conditions from the standpoint of the Southwestern wool producer:

Wool goods manufacturers have completed one of their busiest years. While spinning operations have passed the peak on light-weight fabrics, there are sufficient orders on hand to keep the looms busy for several more weeks. Combing and carding for the heavy-weight season is well under way and wool consumption recently has run close to record high levels.

Sales of heavyweight fabrics for next winter have been slow to get under way. This is providing a period for distributors to gauge the future requirements of the public. While retail apparel sales are running well ahead of last year and consumer purchasing power ultimately may expand further in reflection of sustained industrial activity in the durable goods centers, there is no apparent incentive for cutters to make early commitments for next season's wool goods even though their inventories in some cases are low. A period of quiet business may therefore be in prospect with the duration of the heavyweight season depending upon general business conditions, domestic rearmament plans and export orders between now and next spring.

The tight statistical position of raw wool has been eased by the moderate imports from South Africa and South America whose wools are reported to have proved satisfactory for blending purposes. Furthermore, uncertainty regarding supplies between early February and the time of our domestic clip moves to market, has been clarified by the British government's announcement that the Australian wools will be released to this country at prices approximately in line with the current market.

World supplies of raw wool are nearly normal. Relatively poor range conditions in this country are about counter-balanced by the larger sheep numbers so that our next clip may be of average size. While domestic prices recently have shown a firming tendency and will probably remain above import parity until our subnormal stocks have been replenished, a prolonged continuation of the current upward trend will depend upon more urgent mill demands than is now in evidence.

Another phase of the ranching industry is reflected in the hide market, where prices have risen moderately above the November low point with the advance more marked in Buenos Aires than in Chicago. Much of the buying, however, has been by traders whose holdings will reappear on the market when futures prices are lower in terms of spot quotations. Hides in the hands of packers are low but the tight supply position of the domestic industry as a whole has been eased somewhat by increased imports.

Mrs. Lee Patrick spent last Saturday in Eldorado with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nixon.

Mrs. H. L. Blackwell and two children of El Paso spent a part of the Christmas holidays in Sonora with Mrs. Birdie Rutledge. Mrs. Blackwell is the former Miss Blanche Rutledge.

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Antelope Increase Noted During Round-Up

The first white men to tramp the plains of Texas found antelope in larger numbers than the famed and fabled buffalo and the pronghorns continued to prosper until the advent of the barbed wire fence, the high-powered rifle and the motor car.

Tens of thousands of antelope tore themselves to pieces on the barbed fences before they learned to crawl under them. Then the hunter, fortified with his heavy rifles and transported rapidly long distances by automobile, carried on the work of destruction.

Antelope decreased so rapidly that a dozen years ago William T. Hornaday, noted naturalist, viewed with alarm the passing of the fleet-footed mammals. He believed there were approximately 10,000 antelope left in the United States. Stern steps were taken by many states to give the pronghorn a maximum of protection. So successful were their efforts that in some localities gratifying increases in the ranks of the animals took place. It was not many years before Wyoming had so restored the antelope that an open season was possible. Later New Mexico provided an open season under a system which permits the killing of a few of the animals each year. Now, through trapping and transferring antelope to new areas by use of a method devised under the direction of Mr. Elliot Barker, chief of the New Mexico Game Department, Texas may have a controlled open season on pronghorns within a few years.

Mr. Barker, finding that antelope are inclined to over-populate a given range without a natural spread to surrounding areas, was the first to devise a successful plan of trapping and transporting antelope to new and suitable range.

The recent effort of the Texas Commission, which has trapped nearly 300 pronghorns on the Brennan Ranch near Stearling City in a drive recently completed, further proved the success of the method. It is believed other states that have a surplus in some localities will follow this method and that the antelope will again become one of the important game mammals of the western states.

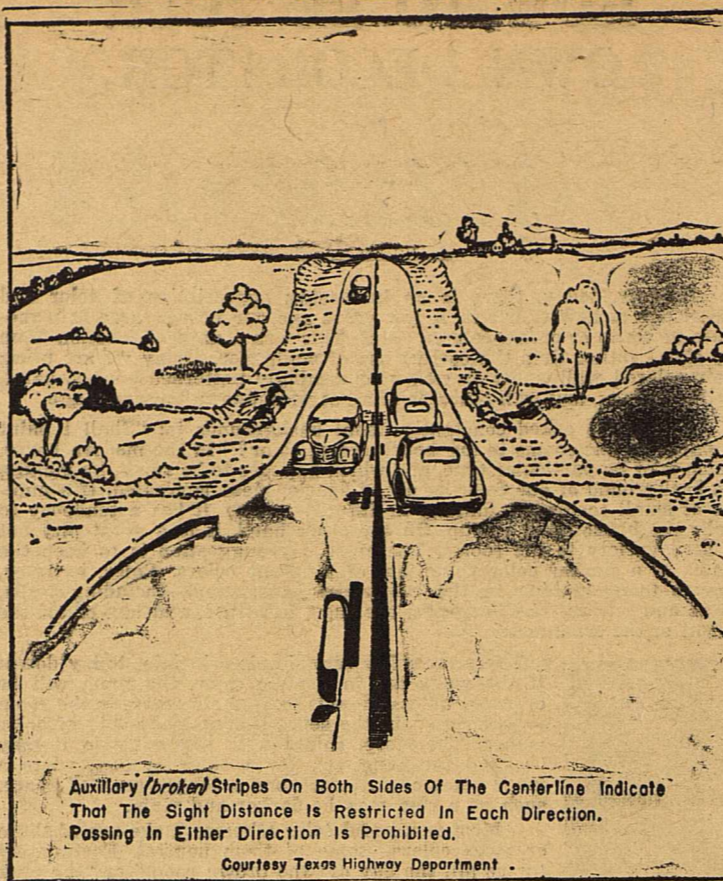
So near to virtual extinction had the antelope appeared that when in the summer of 1938 Mr. Barker reported at a meeting of game officials in Asheville, N. C. that New Mexico's game Department had perfected a device for trapping live antelope in large numbers most game officials were surprised that such a method was necessary.

Learning from Mr. Barker of the success trapping of pronghorns, Will J. Tucker, executive secretary of the Texas Commission, conferred with the New Mexico chief at the Asheville meeting and immediately detailed Game Manager Lee Fisher and Tom Redford, a game warden, to Roswell, N. M., where trapping operations were under way. They were given rapid instructions by Mr. Paul Russel of the New Mexico department and plans and specifications for the trapping device. With slight modifications of the methods used by New Mexico, the Texas Department was able to trap efficiently. The most recent round-up of antelope on the Brennan Ranch resulted in a catch of 237 with a loss of but six animals due to injuries.

Should the pronghorns prosper and propagate as rapidly as it is believed they will in the plains country, the only territory suitable for them, Texas may join New Mexico in holding controlled open seasons. Latest reports from New Mexico indicate that the state has continued its restocking program and that the Game Department recently trapped a considerable number of antelope without any loss.

Although successful methods for trapping the pronghorn were developed later than for other large game mammals it is revealed that the pronghorn, although the fastest animal on the North American continent, can be trapped with more facility and less expense than probably any other large game mammal. Although Texas' initial efforts to trap pronghorns has just been completed, these animals were trapped and transferred to more suitable range at a cost of less than \$10 each. It being a Pittman-Robertson project, the federal government, through the Bureau of Biological Survey, provided funds covering

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three-fourths of the cost. It proved surprising to game managers that nearly 300 antelope could be trapped from nine sections of Brennan Ranch land upon which cattle and sheep also grazed. The animals were used to stock more than twenty more suitable areas, none of them smaller than nine sections and which totaled nearly 200 sections.

The next trapping operations for antelope that will be conducted by the Texas Game Department will be in the Trans-Pecos region. There are thousands of acres of land apparently suitable for antelope west of the Pecos which, at the present time, are not occupied, whereas some range is overcrowded with the approximately 4,000 antelope which range that section of the state.

526 Lose Lives As America Celebrates

Traffic Fatalities Lead List With 353

The Christmas holiday week-end brought violent death to at least 526 persons in the United States. The death toll included 353 victims of traffic accidents, a grim record indicating that it was safer Monday in the trenches of Western Europe than on this country's streets and highways.

While reports from war zones carried little or no news of war casualties, reports from 46 states and the District of Columbia told a story of Christmas violence.

New Year's week-end violent deaths soared last Monday night far above the comparable Christmas week-end.

Death reports from 39 states and the District of Columbia totaled 160, compared with 122 for the same period of the previous week-end.

Traffic, as usual, was the most common cause of fatalities, but suicides and homicides were high among the agents of death.

California Active As Feeder State For Livestock

California this year is feeding a larger number than usual of livestock of various sorts, it is reported by Cattle Clatter in the San Antonio Express. The animals on feed now will be finished and marketed next spring. It is believed that the number of livestock on feed in that state constitutes an all-time record, December estimates placing the number of cattle on feed at 191,000 compared to 126,000 last season, and an average of 122,100 for the 1933-38 period. For lambs the estimate is 183,000 this season compared to 163,000 last season and the 1933-1938 average of 170,000.

A large per cent of the animals on feed are being given sugar beet pulp, citrus peel and pulp and other ingredients, but large numbers are being fed a grain ration. The Imperial Valley raises large quantities of feed on a crop rotation basis, making livestock fattening a profitable venture. Available land and abundant water for intensive irrigation purposes have been made during the past few years.

Index Cards and Cabinets at The News. tf

Carbon Monoxide Is Menace To Motorists

To minimize the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning during winter weather, motorists are urged by Dr. George W. Cox, the State Health Officer, to check up now on the exhaust systems of their automobiles for defective connections and leaks.

Cold weather, which necessitates driving in closed cars, is the time of year when carbon monoxide finds most of its victims. The poison seeps inside the car from leaky connections and overwhelms occupants of the car.

Carbon monoxide is colorless, odorless, and tasteless; when in the air, it gives no sign of its presence and is taken into the blood instead of oxygen. Suffering or collapse results from lack of oxygen.

Dr. Cox pointed out that warming up a car in a closed garage is a frequent cause of carbon monoxide deaths. It follows that if one plans to run the automobile engine for any purpose inside the garage, the door should be thrown wide open immediately, and this irrespective of outside temperature.

Leaks from manifold connections, cracked manifolds, defective mufflers, leaks from loose muffler connections and leaks from hot air heater connections are potential sources for release of carbon monoxide and should be checked. Pay particular attention to these items and remember that proper carburetor adjustment causes minimum production of carbon monoxide, and that the highest proportion of the gas is produced by an idling motor.

Dr. Cox pointed out that headaches which occur during long drives may indicate that carbon monoxide has been leaking into the car. Sleeplessness, dizziness, fatigue and extreme cases of paralysis are other symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning. "Truck drivers making long drives in cars with defective systems are particularly vulnerable," Dr. Cox said.

Carbon monoxide poisoning is also attributable to worn-out hose or faulty connections on gas heaters. When using the hose type of connection, persons should make certain that no leakages due to wear and tear exist. A thorough investigation of such appliances each autumn to check the leakages and replace worn parts of gas appliances is indicated.

In short, carelessness is the effective weapon against carbon monoxide poisoning. Carelessness and indifference alone make it a killer.

NEWS OPERATOR RETURNED

Jimmy Morgan, linotype operator for the News, returned Tuesday morning from his home at Dallas, where he spent the Christmas and New Year holidays with his parents and other relatives. Incidentally, Jimmy saw Lubbock defeat Woodrow Wilson of Dallas in the semi-finals and Waco in the state finals of the football race for the championship of Texas high schools, the score being 20-14 in favor of the Lubbock West-erners.

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WINGS OVER TEXAS

By LOIS CAMERON CHESLEY

My notes on the roadrunner are scattered and few. In none of them is there a hint of the respect and regard that I feel for him. For when this two-foot long bird of the harsh plumage and peculiar call streaks along the ground, I see not just a member of the Cuckoo family going about his daily business. Rather, I see the embodiment of a rich page from Texas folklore, and a concrete reminder of the fascination of the Southwest.

For like the Southwest, the roadrunner is unique. Few birds possess to such a degree the qualities of the country that produced them. He is a bird of unending variety. No matter how often you have watched him, I challenge you to keep him in view for fifteen seconds without learning something new about him or his mannerisms.

One day while we were driving slowly along a sandy lane, one appeared in front of us to lope ahead. We speeded; so did he. Suddenly he cocked his tail abruptly and turned to disappear in the mesquite and cactus beyond a wire fence, still running at top speed. That was my first close view of the Chaparral cock. Since then each glimpse of him has brought a flash of mounting interest.

He is not a beautiful bird. Sometimes he is downright homely. One of his more ungainly moments comes when he darts across the road, half sailing over the ditch, and upon landing throws up his tail as a break, while skidding to a stop. With shaggy crest, cocked head and twitching tail he watches shyly, curiously, then dodges into a thicket.

J. Frank Dobie has gathered together much interesting information about the roadrunner in the 1939 Texas Folk-Lore Society publication, "In the Shadow of History." The excerpt is titled "The Roadrunner In Fact and Folk-Lore," and is a reprint for the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission.

The bird is known by over a dozen names. But the soft-tongued Mexicans of Texas and northern Mexico have cannily given him the best: paisano. It is pronounced pie-sah'-no, and means "fellow-countryman," "compatriot," "native."

The crawling and creeping life of the mesquite and cactus country comes in for a good deal of attention from the roadrunner. He takes lizards, snails, grasshoppers, other insects and occasionally small

birds. Eggs of all kinds form only 2 per cent of his diet. No proof has been found in the many stomachs examined that the bird is a persistent or habitual predator on quail or their eggs. Besides that, it has been proved repeatedly that the carrying capacity of the land and not the presence or absence of predators determines the number of quail which survive on any given area.

But if it were necessary to choose between the negligible number of quail that an occasional roadrunner may take, and the welfare of our rapidly disappearing paisano, I would choose the latter every time.

And I believe that everyone who has the Southwest in his blood would do the same. The Texas scene has a heritage of traditions, folklore and history that is unequalled, and of it the roadrunner is an integral part. We are sorry stewards if we let this bird personality be swapped for a mess of imaginary quail pottage.

The tales of rattlesnake-roadrunner combats undoubtedly have basis in fact. Dobie has interviewed witnesses whose reliability is beyond question. These stories are not only convincing, but is one or two cases there are pictures of the roadrunner attacking the rattlesnake.

Some of the roadrunner's striking peculiarities have to do with his feeding. The lizards fed the young birds in the nest are thrust into the mouths head downward. The tail dangles from the mouth until the head is digested, and then the rest of the reptile is swallowed.

When a roadrunner finds a snail, he breaks it on a rock sometimes before eating the meat. In Southwest Texas Dobie has observed that he chooses a particular rock for use as a "meat block." He will bring snails to this rock, passing dozens of other rocks on the way. As much as a cupful of broken snail shells may be picked up at these places. One other bird, the English Thrush, has this habit. The breaking rock is called a "thrush latar." Dobie queries, "Should the paisano have an altar, a chuck wagon, or a mesa?"

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Wyatt and Mrs. John Fields spent last weekend in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. John Patrick of Ozona were visitors in Sonora for a short time last Saturday.

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# SOCIETY NOTES

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Mrs. J. W. Taylor, Society Editor

## WITH THE CHURCHES

### Methodist Church

9:30 a. m.—The Brotherhood Bible Class will meet in the basement of the church. We hope to have a full attendance Sunday.

9:45 a. m.—The general departments of the Sunday school will meet in their respective rooms.

10:50 a. m.—The morning sermon and sacrament. The choir will sing.

7:00 p. m.—The evening sermon subject: "Capitalizing Calamity."

This will be a mighty good time to do what you have already promised to do. So we are asking you to promise. Start the New Year right; go to Sunday school and preaching Sunday. It will do you good and all who see you there. Aren't you glad that you live in a country where you can go to church and no one hinder you. Better make use of the opportunity or some day you may not have it. You are always welcome at the Methodist Church.

R. F. Davis, Pastor

### Brotherhood Men's Bible Class

The Brotherhood Men's Bible Class cordially invites the men of our community or other visitors to attend their class which meets Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock in the basement of the Methodist Church. Whether you are prone to make resolutions or not, resolve to attend some Bible Class regularly during the year. You will enjoy fellowship with one another and your presence will be an incentive to strive to even better the good work being fostered by such an organization. The hand of fellowship earnestly awaits your presence Sunday and each Sunday. A program is planned for your enjoyment. Will you be there?  
Preston C. Lightfoot, president

### Baptist Church

With holiday festivities behind us, with all the memories of past successes and failures, let us now face this new year with a new zest and firm determination to succeed in every thing, and to do that we must face our responsibilities to the Lord and His church. May we see you in all the services of the day next Sunday, and will you help us build all departments of church life this year?  
Sunday school for all . . . 10:00 a. m.  
Morning service, subject: "Looking at Jesus in 1940." . . . 11:00 a. m.  
Training Service . . . 6:00 p. m.  
Evening service, with the ordinance of Baptism administered, 7 p. m.  
Come, a welcome awaits you.  
R. C. Brinkley, Pastor

### Business Mens' Bible Class

With the old year now past history, and the new year yet before us, we are expecting you to cooperate with, and help us build a greater Down-Town Class for the betterment of the entire community. If you are not attending a Bible Class elsewhere, why not come out and be with us next Sunday? The fellowship is fine, and the programs will be excellent, so come.  
W. W. Gibson, President

### TO GIVE CONCERT

Miss Elizabeth Caldwell and Miss Marie Watkins left today at noon to give a concert at Southwestern University. They were invited by the Piano Club there. The concert is to be tonight, and they were accompanied by Miss Thelma Rees. From Georgetown they will go to San Antonio to spend the week-end.

### TO DENTAL CLINIC

Dr. Tom White will leave Sunday for Dallas where he will attend the Dallas Mid-Winter Dental Clinic. While there he will take a course in Child Dentistry which will be taught by Dr. John C. Brouer of Iowa City, Iowa, and a course on the impression for full denture construction taught by Dr. G. E. Tilton of Wichita, Kansas. Dr. White will return here Thursday.

Expression class will open — see Mrs. Albert Murray.

## Parent-Teacher Group Meets Tuesday

To open the Parent-Teacher Association meeting Tuesday afternoon, in the elementary school auditorium, the group sang "America," followed by repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. J. F. Howell presided, Miss Leeta Mae Garrett read the State President's message and was program leader. "Preparation to Earn and a Job," the subject for the afternoon was discussed by the leader, bringing out several worthwhile points. Miss Garrett stated that we do not have to have big jobs for success, but that we are judged by what we are rather than what we have or own; secondly, she mentioned that we must have wants, know how to harmonize them with each other and with what we have. Thirdly, we have the power to make decisions, instead of being guided by first one and then another individual until we do not have the power to decide what we want.

Miss Garrett stated that the vision to see is important. "Don't be short sighted but live rich, that is, enjoy the things about us, such as nature and good books." Each individual must develop the ability to do; make yourself fit life, instead of trying to make life fit you. Don't expect something for nothing, profit by criticism and use it to advantage, be a finisher and learn to co-operate," were other points brought out by the leader.

F. T. Jones, superintendent of Sonora Public Schools System, gave a talk on "What Constitutes a Normal Person," speaking largely on economic matters, and how we may train our youth to earn a living. He said first of all youth must be trained to earn, that is he should be taught some trade; then a job must be provided.

Mr. Jones stated that some of our best thinkers say that some of our work is not as strong as in our forefathers, this being due to the lack of training. More industrial schools should be provided. Dr. Rainey, president of the University of Texas, has said he foresaw a return to the old industrial arts. Mr. Jones expressed the idea that the children of today should be taught the value of money and perseverance; if a job is not found today, then try again tomorrow. Mr. Jones expressed the thought that there are enough jobs today if the individuals is willing to work and wants to find one.

Following the program a business meeting was held. Mrs. M. O. Britt gave the treasurer's report; Mrs. Nisbet gave a report of the Girl Scouts, and J. H. Flathers announced the contest which is to be sponsored by the Lions Clubs of this zone. Any boy or girl who wishes may write his own speech, the title to be "Americanism" and enter the contest. Elimination contests will be held here, the winner being eligible to enter the zone contest to be held in San Angelo. It was announced that the P. T. A. Study Club will meet the third Tuesday of this month in the home of Mrs. Ben Cusenbary.

### MEXICANS GIVE DANCE

The Mexican Colony of Sonora ushered in the New Year last Sunday evening with a big dance given in the Penick building. The dance was an invitation affair, and was well attended. Music was furnished by the Valdez Orchestra of Del Rio.

Mrs. Muckleroy of San Angelo, sister-in-law of Mrs. Birdie Rutledge, spent a part of the Christmas season in Sonora visiting her relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Ballard of Mineral Wells is visiting in the home of Mrs. Otis Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bray of Longview are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hull.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Ward, Jr., spent the holidays in Abilene. Returning with them were Lucy Beth and Bobbie Haynie. Wednesday their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Haynie, who had been in Houston came here and accompanied them home.



HELEN HAYES, one of America's foremost actresses, posed for this poster to aid the Finnish Relief drive headed by former president Herbert Hoover.

## Girls Bridge Club Entertained By Mrs. Hunt

Bouquets of mixed flowers and Christmas decorations were used Saturday afternoon by Mrs. Bryan Hunt when she was hostess to members and guests of the Girls Bridge Club.

Bridge played at three tables provided the entertainment for the afternoon and after several games it was found that Mrs. Louie Stuart of Eldorado held high score for club members and was awarded a prize; Mrs. R. C. Vicars received second high award and Mrs. R. A. Halbert was given high guest prize.

A Christmas plate was the refreshment served by the hostess. Club members attending were Mesdames W. P. McConnell, Jr., R. C. Vicars, Henry Decker, Lloyd Earwood, Louie Stuart, Eldorado, Sam Karnes, Johnny Hamby and John A. Ward, Jr.

The guests included Mrs. Stella Keene, Mrs. R. A. Halbert, Mrs. F. J. Howell and Mrs. Ben Cusenbary.

## SHORT NOTICE

### MRS. BAKER ILL

Mrs. Berry Baker is ill at her home here.

### ROSEMARY WHITEHEAD ILL

Rosemary Whitehead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie B. Whitehead is ill at her home.

Margaret Russell of Ozona has returned to her home after spending a part of the school vacation period in Sonora with her grandmother, Mrs. Birdie Rutledge.

Mrs. J. W. Taylor was ill the past week-end, but has recovered.

J. L. Nisbet made a business visit to Fort Stockton last Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hall returned Tuesday from Dallas and New Orleans. Mr. Hall transacted business in Dallas, and from there he and Mrs. Hall went to New Orleans to see Texas A. & M. College win from Tulane University in the Sugar Bowl football classic. Score of the game, incidentally, was 14-13 in favor of the Texas team.

Marjory Reba Nisbet returned here Monday from San Antonio where she had been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Williams.

## New Year Should Mark Greatest Progress

Business leaders over the nation are generally agreed that the year 1940 will offer greater opportunities for progress along business lines than has been experienced during the past ten years, and the outlook for business improvement in Sonora is likewise the brightest since the beginning of the Doleful Thirties. Previous to this year, business men of Sonora experienced some fear in making any drastic or unusual advancement in their business practice, never knowing when they would be brought up sharply by some unforeseen circumstance. While the same condition is still in existence, it is felt that the danger is not so great at the present time, and it is no doubt likely that Sonora and Sutton county will make greater strides along all lines of progress with less fear of loss than has been the case in the past.

Sonora enjoyed a wonderful holiday business. Many of the business men report sales during the Christmas holiday buying far in excess of any that had been made during the past decade, and some of them report the greatest volume in the history of their business. The post-office reports a hugely increased business over any period in the history of the town.

Some men thought that the Christmas buying be only a nominal surge upward. But it went so far, and the momentum was so great, that it is felt now that continued prosperity can be expected. With that idea in mind, Sonora business men are looking forward to a wonderful twelve months just ahead, and are making plans accordingly.

Recently, we stated that Sonora, during the ten years of the depression, had made strides almost unbelievably great considering the circumstances, and was one of the best towns in the state from the standpoint of progress and improvement. Well, in the words of the colored boy, "You ain't seen nothin' yet."

We predict for Sonora the most prosperous twelve months in the history of the town, with private enterprise, public improvements and other factors reaching so far forward into the realms of progress that people will wonder how it was done. To that we can only say that with Sonora's progressiveness, the initiative and independence of its business men and citizens generally, the heights reached by the town are not to be wondered at, as it is only what might be expected. Let's get off to a good year, and show West Texas that Sonora belongs in the forefront of progressive growing towns. Business enterprise, a loose purse string when the welfare of the community is concerned, and consistent and persistent advertising of our advantages, will get the job done.

Here's to a prosperous New Year, and up and coming town.

## Wynn-McKague Rites Read Monday In Austin

A ceremony, read Monday in Austin at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom C. Wynn by the Rev. E. D. Heinsohn, united in marriage Miss Minerva Wynn and Bruce McKague of Midland.

Mrs. McKague was attired in a brown wool suit trimmed with a fox collar. She wore brown accessories, and her corsage was of Talisman roses.

Her maid of honor was Miss Mary Louise Hagelstein of San Angelo, and she was dressed in a dusty rose suit with a plaid top coat. J. Nalle Gregory of Midland and San Angelo served Mr. McKague as the best man.

The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wynn and a sister of Tom C. Wynn of Austin and George Wynn of this city. She was born and reared in San Angelo and attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas after graduating from San Angelo High School. She was pledged by Pi Beta Phi sorority. Mrs. McKague was connected with the Central National Bank for several years.

Mr. McKague is the son of H. S. McKague of Altoona, Pennsylvania, and is an independent oil operator in West Texas; he attended Virginia Military Institute and was graduated from Leland Stanford University. A member of Kapa Alpha fraternity, he majored in geology.

The couples will be home in Midland after January 10.

## Dinner-Dance Honors College Students Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones of Ozona honored Miss Margaret Schweining of T. S. T. C. W. and Alfred Schweining, Jr., of Shreiner Institute, Kerrville, with a dinner-dance at their ranch near Ozona.

All college students of both Ozona and Sonora were present. They included Betty Coats, Howard Lemmons, Tommy Kirby, Philip Schneemann, Crystelle Carson, James Childress, Toots Smith, Loraine Townsend, Joe Williams, Ora Louise Cox, Jim Black, Big Lake, Catherine Childress, Curt Allison, Jr., Mary Louise Harvick, Marvin Rape, Gene Drake, Joe Rape, Beecher Montgomery, Genevieve Ramsey, Eldorado, Robert Allen Simmons, Katha Lea Keene, Jim Taylor, Wanda B. Rape, Webb Elliott, Nettie Adair Reiley, A. W. Awalt, Jr., Kathryn Brown, Robert Kelley, Joan Marion, Harold Turney Espy, Mankin Stokes, Joseph Logan, Mary Sue Blanton, Jo Nell Miers, Lem Eriel Johnson, Margaret Faye Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schweining, George, Kathleen, and the honorees.

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## Baptist W. M. S. Meets At Brinkley Home

Members of the Baptist Missionary Society met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. C. Brinkley. Mrs. O. C. Ogden presided. The theme song, "How Firm a Foundation," opened the meeting. The Rev. R. C. Brinkley gave a review of the seventh chapter of Revelations. The minutes were read and the financial report was given. The group voted to pay \$100.00 on the church debt.

Plans were made for the Workers' Conference which will be held January 17. Mrs. Ogden talked on the Watch Word for the year. Mrs. Brinkley led the dismissal prayer.

Eight ladies attended.

### MRS. MORRIS BETTER

Mrs. G. W. Morris, who has been ill at her home for several days, is reported to be improving.

Miss Serena Trainer of Austin spent New Year with her mother, Mrs. Rena Trainer.



### Number Of Quail Yearly Doubled Past Year

Reports continue to come into the office of the State Game Department showing increases in the quail population as the result of the Department's method of providing food and cover for the birds.

A 1,200-acre game preserve was set up some months ago near Seguin. Fenced areas were installed, thus providing the birds protected places to nest and eat. Last spring a census of the area by a game manager showed a population of one bird to every ten acres. This fall there was a population of approximately one bird to six acres, showing the quail crop, through protection and the providing of food and cover has nearly doubled.

However, the game manager is not yet recommending open shooting on this preserve. Lack of moisture in that area has cut the food and cover, but it is believed that with better conditions and additional protection the Bobwhite crop there can be brought up to one bird for every two acres.

### Weather Hurt Hunting In Past Season

Texas sportsmen got a bad break from the weather during the season just closed. In very few sections of Texas did it rain sufficiently to make for good quail hunting and sportsmen are hoping for a better break during the few days of Bobwhite hunting that remains. Dogs could not work so faint was the bird scent on the ground and grass. Burrs bothered the pointers and setters considerably in many sections.

Deer hunters fared little better, the lack of cold spells playing havoc with big game hunting in almost every district in which there are deer. Due to the hot weather the deer remained back in the brush during the days. Deer probably were running less in South and Southwest Texas than in any season for a decade, experts declare. Surveys showed there were more deer and quail in 1939 than in ten years, but sportsmen didn't get the breaks the game did. As a result, Texas may have considerable more game in 1940.

### TURTLES GOOD HOG FOOD

Turtle-fed hogs recently brought top price on the San Antonio market!

J. M. Allen, caretaker of Cassine Lake, seven miles south of San Antonio carried on an experiment last summer and fall which proved highly successful. He trapped turtles in four traps made to specifications furnished by the Texas Game Department. Being the possessor of twenty pigs he decided to feed them on the turtles he trapped as the corn crop in that section was a failure due to lack of rain.

Mr. Allen daily chopped up and cooked a large number of turtles. At the same time he fed 200 chickens on turtle meat. After feeding the hogs nearly five months on turtle meat he finished them off on corn for two weeks and then placed them on the San Antonio market as No. 1 mature hogs. They brought top price.

Mr. Allen fed over 1,000 turtles a month to the hogs and chickens, the turtles averaging 6 pounds. The result was 30,000 pounds of turtles destroyed and at the same time 6,000 pounds of pork was produced.

## In The WEEK'S NEWS

**AIRPORT CHARGES VISITORS**—A fee of ten cents a person is charged at the observation deck of La Guardia Field, the new New York City airport at North Beach. Authorities also inaugurated a 25-cent charge for parking.

**STREET SCENE**—A delivery truck covered by falling building blocks during the recent Russian air raids on Helsinki. This photo shows clearly why citizens run to air raid shelters when the warning sounds.

**SAVED FROM SCUTTLED SHIP**—Some of the 577 sailors from the scuttled German liner "Columbus" enjoy a government meal at Ellis Island. The rescued sailors expressed amazement at the "wonderful coffee and butter" Americans enjoy.

**IMPORTANCE OF ENDURING PAINT** on the nation's farms was emphasized by F. E. Wormser, white lead paint expert in address before American Society of Agricultural Engineers in Chicago.

**FOUR-HORNED NAVAJO SHEEP**—"Confucius," a four-horned Navajo sheep was born recently on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Arizona. The sheep is owned by Lorin Bell, an Arizona trader.

**THE GINZA**, Broadway of Tokyo, which is now being readied to play its part in the 1940 celebration of the 2600th anniversary of Japan. Preparations are especially designed to entertain American tourists.

### NEW POLLUTION DRIVE

Cities in the Rio Grande Valley have new methods available for preventing pollution of the streams in that section by refuse from citrus fruit plants as a result of research done by the State Health Department and a strict campaign of enforcement of the anti-pollution laws is being planned by the State Game Department. Pollution of streams and lakes in Texas by re-

fuse, sewage and salt water from oil wells kills hundreds of thousands of fish annually and it is the unceasing task of the Game Department to prevent pollution.

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## Wings Over Texas

(NOTE: Today's column deals with folklore, not facts. Thanks are due J. Frank Dobie for his permission to use as a source his essay "The Roadrunner in Fact and Folk-lore.")

The widest known bit of lore about the roadrunner tells of his tactics in battling the rattlesnake. We feel in these stories the breath of the Southwest: the corral, the cactus country, and the stalwart fight for survival that takes place there.

According to these stories, when the rattlesnake is sleeping in the sun the roadrunner quietly, swiftly gathers joints of the cholla cactus and builds a corral around the snake several feet in diameter and three or four inches high. When the circle is completed the bird drops a cactus joint on top of the snake. The rattler awakes, moves and the spines of the cactus pierce his body. This rouses him so that he thrashes about, whipping into the corral of thorns. He gets more frantic, the spines make him more defenseless until the roadrunner kills him easily by attacking him on the head.

There are interesting variations to this version. Perhaps the churella, as some Indians and Mexicans call the roadrunner, does not build a corral, but merely drops the spiny cactus on a sleeping snake. Or two birds may work at a corral. Sometimes they watch the snake torture himself to death with the thorns. In other tales we see the churella dancing around the rattler with a cactus leaf in his mouth, riling the rattler again and again to strike. Gradually the snake's resistance is worn down until he cannot be aroused, at which the bird disappears into the sage brush. Or again, the roadrunner upon coming across a rattler, seizes a bunch of cactus thorns, runs with lightning speed and drives it into the jaws of the snake, on occasion pecking out its eyes.

One version of the corralled rattler has it that the snake, in rage and desperation, sinks his fangs into himself and bites until he dies of his own venom. According to medical authorities, this is not as impossible as it might seem.

The roadrunner has a distinct place in Indian customs and beliefs. The Pueblo Indians of New Mexico duplicate its four-toed track, two pointing forward two backward, on the ground about the tent of their dead. This is "to mislead evil spirits seeking course taken by the de-

parted soul. Again, an Indian mother will tie the bright feathers of a roadrunner on the cradleboard so as to confuse evil spirits that would trouble her child's mind. Here the feathers signify the track, which not only points two ways but is four-directioned like the cross."

Other Indian tribes used the feathers similarly. Dobie suggests that it is likely certain southwestern Indians got one idea for camouflage from the roadrunner when they put "long fringes on their moccasins and leggings as a protection against snakebite, the fringes suggesting feathers to the snakes."

Some Indians consider the flesh of the roadrunner as wholesome. It is thought to give speed and endurance. Other people regard it as a blood purifier. It will cure boils if it is fried, but it is really better to boil it. If the meat is roasted over coals it will cure the itch.

But the roadrunner plays more varied roles alive than dead: protector, guide on the trails through Mexican mountains, a good travelling omen, and devout Christian, bowing to pray at noon—he is all of these to many of his fellow-countrymen. He even takes the place of the stork among Mexicans on the Texas-Mexican border. On and on the rich vein of legend goes.

Even the story telling us that his name "paisano," meaning fellow-countryman, was given him in mockery, is told with a tolerant affection. Long ago the roadrunner considered himself a royal pheasant, as good as the best. "He had proud ways, as he still has at times, walking in the evening time with crest erected, long till switching from side to side, lifting one foot deliberately before the other, and often raising himself to a stately height." He ignored the humble, modest birds and spoke only to the bright nobility, addressing even the king of birds, the eagle with "cousinly familiarity."

But one day he stalked without announcement into a grave conference King Eagle was having with his lords, and said, "How fares my countryman? And, my paisanos all, how are you?" Enraged, the King ordered him away and doomed him to the ground.

"The poor bird tried to fly from the courtroom, but could not. His wings had lost their strength. He had to run out of the room like a chicken. He has belonged to the ground ever since."

He hasn't much presumption nowadays. It may be that when he feeds with the chickens in Texas barnyards and climbs to our back porches to peer curiously into our homes, as he does in some places, he is only trying to recapture the old confidence of his royal pheasant days.

## Foreclosures Reach New Low For 12 Years

Non-farm real estate foreclosures have reached a 12-year low, with American home owners setting a higher standard in meeting payments on their mortgage than was true even in the prosperous years of 1927 to 1930, officials of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board declared.

The 7,374 foreclosures in October were below the figure for the average month for any one of the last 12 years. This was a decrease of 953 from September and 1,227 from October last year, according to the Board's division of research and statistics. An estimated 85 per cent of the foreclosures are on homes, the rest on commercial properties.

The 89,727 foreclosures in the first ten months of the past year were 10.5 per cent under the same period of 1938 and established a new low January-October for the last nine years. The Board's figures cover foreclosures by all the types of home-mortgage institutions.

The increased improvement is attributed to increased employment, as well as lower interest rate and long-term amortized loans popularized by the HOLC, the FHA, and the Home Loan Bank system.

### "KILLED" BIRD TWICE

P. G. Morgan of Fort Worth will be certain in the future that only dead birds go into the game bag. Mr. Morgan recently flushed a covey of birds and killed one and crippled another. His dog retrieved both birds and Mr. Morgan placed them in the pocket of his hunting coat. After hunting a while he decided to change the birds to another pocket. The supposedly dead bird startled him when it flew from his hand. However, he made a quick shot and this time made certain the bird was dead.

### MEETS LAW REQUIREMENTS

Senate Bill No. 190 passed by the Forty-sixth Legislature set out the requirement that preference should be given ex-service men by all state departments and required each department to have a minimum of 10 per cent of its personnel composed of former service men. A complete check of the State Game Department reveals that 19.45 per cent of the employees of the Department served in the Army, Navy, or Marines, the executive secretary of the Department has announced.

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## Reducing Livestock Is Range Cure

Grass is the panacea for holding the range soil.

Where ranges are depleted, the only route left for the ranchman is to take the livestock off the land and reseed, according to Howard Kingsberry, state range committee man for the AAA, and Fred Remels, with the AAA range program.

Forty per cent of the total range allowance under the federal subsidy can be earned by deferred grazing on 25 per cent of the ranch unit. The ranchman must defer during reseeding time—150 days—which varies from April 15 or June 1 to October 15 or November 1.

In 1938, \$5,882,072 could have been earned in Texas under the schedule of the AAA, while \$5,503,960 actually was earned—as a result of compliance. The figures show that ranchmen took advantage of the plan almost "to the hilt." In 1938, 4,814,249 acres were deferred in Texas. Artificial reseeding took place on 66,635 acres and 533,439 pounds of seed were used.

The two AAA men revealed that 1,419,424 acres of prickly pear and cactus were eradicated in Texas in 1938, and that 141,716 acres of mesquite, and 585,174 acres of cedar were ridged.

There were 73,945,160 acres in the range program in Texas last year, and about a like amount in 1938. The grass land in the program last year totalled 111,000,000 acres, and this supports annually about \$333,000,000 worth of livestock, bringing in proceeds totaling \$80,000,000.

## Texas Hatcheries Produce Many Fish

Fish production in the ten hatcheries maintained by the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission increased nearly 2,000,000 (million) in 1939 over the 1938 crop of fingerlings, final reports of production from hatchery superintendents to the executive secretary of the Game Department show. The total production for 1939 was 5,212,288 (million) as compared with 3,306,996 (million) the previous year. That is an increase of 1,905,292.

The Heart O' The Hills Hatchery near Natalia led in the distribution of fish in 1939 with a total of 795,817. The Dundee Hatchery was second with 679,776. The Tyler

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Hatchery was third highest in production with a total of 642,210. Other reports: Lake Dallas, 621,185; Cisco, 549,290; Huntsville, 540,083; Jasper, 513,325; San Angelo, 480,400; Olmito, 198,545 and Medina, 191,657. The new Medina Hatchery, in production for the first time, had only four ponds which were ready for use.

Twelve species of fish were raised in the state hatcheries in 1939. They are channel cat, largemouth black bass, smallmouth bass, spotted or Kentucky bass, red-ear bream, warmouth bass, rock bass, green sunfish bluegills, long-eared bream, white crappie and black crappie.

Less than 15 per cent of the total number of fish raised by the state hatcheries went into private lakes and streams in 1939, the executive secretary announced.

Hatchery superintendents and helpers are now draining their ponds, cleaning and fertilizing them and refilling them in preparation for raising another crop of fish this year.

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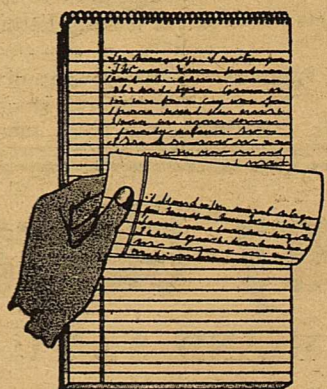
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**Federal Aid Program In State Is Large For Year**

Austin, December 28.—The regular 1940-41 Federal Aid Program which was approved by the Texas Highway Commission several days ago, includes 103 projects totalling 757 miles of improvement, as follows:  
Grading and small structures, 22 projects totalling 169.5 miles.  
Grading, small structures and surfacing, 43 projects totalling 308.6 miles.  
Surfacing, 29 projects totalling 278.4 miles.  
Large Bridges and approaches, 9 projects.  
Total, 103 projects, totalling

756.5 miles.  
The total of this program, including State highway planning and roadside development, is \$14,247,000. The program as a whole will be submitted to the Public Roads Administration for approval, after which plans and specifications for individual projects must be submitted and approved before construction contract can be let.  
Projects on this program must be on Federal Aid highways, and since the allotted Federal funds do not become available until July 1, 1940, projects will be contracted subsequent to that date in a series of monthly lettings.  
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**Municipal Ownerships Rejected By Voters In Year-End Ballots**

The value of taxes paid by investor-owned light companies and their ability to render a superior modern-day service due to experienced personnels and the absence of political influence apparently had been widely recognized by American voters as the year 1939 ended, according to a rational survey of November elections which were the quietest in recent years on the question of municipal ownership of electric utilities.

Results of the survey, received here by W. R. Parsons, local manager of the West Texas Utilities, through the Public Service Magazine, announced that "the question was before the people on only a handful of ballots"—and only one in Texas which was defeated by a majority of almost 5 to 1.

In elections held throughout the country, it was learned, municipal ownership "was defeated in all but one instance, and, on the whole, defeated so resoundingly as to squelch promoters in cahoots with machine interests in the respective cities and communities for some time to come."

An overwhelming defeat of municipal ownership was dealt by the voters of Arlington County, Virginia, when they defeated a proposed \$1,475,000 bond issue by a ballot of 6,139 to 1,080—more than 5 to 1 against the proposal.

"The fact that Arlington County is adjacent to the nation's capital and many of its citizens are federal employees working in the city of Washington gave significance to the outcome of this election," the survey comments.

For the third time in 14 months Ogden, Utah, voters defeated a plan which called for a \$3,500,000 bond issue by a ballot of 9,507 to 5,780. In Montrose, Colorado, voters also turned down a municipal electric system for the third time this year. By a vote of 4,575 to 1,482, the people of Ventura, California, defeated a proposed \$1,200,000 municipal ownership bond issue and also defeated a revenue bond charter amendment.

The single Texas ballot was at Texarkana, where "the people rejected a municipal electric plant scheme by a majority of almost 5 to 1" the survey states. Details of the election disclose that the plan was sponsored by the city's mayor whose closing arguments on the eve of the balloting "are reported to have been so heated that he was cut off the air for a short time by the local broadcasting station." Despite the fact that the federal government had offered a \$245,000 grant and a \$350,000 loan at low interest, the Texarkana vote was 1,190 against to only 245 for the plan.

The sole municipal ownership election to carry was in Provo, Utah, where voters refused to reverse a 1936 vote authorizing an \$850,000 revenue bond plan for a generating plant now under construction, and for which the city received a PWA gift of a substantial portion of the total cost.

The only other municipal election was at Puyallup, Washington where voters defeated by a small margin a \$350,000 bond proposal for the city to acquire the investor owned light system. "Ten years ago," the survey points out, "a 7 to 1 majority favored the plan but the city was unable to market the bonds."

"The support given investor-owned utilities in these elections," says the survey, "indicates that the public realizes that when tax subsidized municipal electric projects take over investor owned utilities, tremendous sums of taxes are lost to the community, county, state and nation. These taxes must be made up by increases in the levies on the remaining taxpayers. Apparently the people are aware that the matter of tax losses is much more important than any promises made of slightly lower electric rates which a municipally owned plant could never effect except through tax exemptions and devious bookkeeping practices whereby expenses are transferred to other departments."

**HOLIDAYS IN DEL RIO**

Mr. and Mrs. Hy Eastland spent Christmas in Del Rio with their daughter, Mrs. Byron Newby, Mr. Newby, and their son, Hy Eastland Newby. The grandson returned to Sonora with his grandparents to spend a portion of the school vacation period.

**Mohair Industry—**  
(Continued from page 1)

pounds of mohair from an accumulation of 350,000 pounds in storage at Houston, price paid being 55 cents f. o. b. Comfort. The sale represented the largest purchase of straight adult mohair in the state, and the price was equal to the top price of the year for mohair of that classification.

Buyers' inquiries for fall wool, of which there remained some 8 1-2 million pounds in the state at the end of the year, indicated that some activity could be expected in that commodity shortly after the beginning of 1940. During the closing weeks of the old year, however, buyers and sellers were too far apart on what they considered a fair price range, to mark up any business. However, fall wool was worth 30 cents the week before Christmas, since T. E. Francis, representing Fred M. Blanchard, Inc., had bought a carload of that ranch commodity at that price from the Schreiner Wool & Mohair Commission Company at Kerrville. In earlier trading, in fall wool, Tom Richey paid 27 cents a pound for 25,000 pounds at Ozona, and 25 cents for 140,000 pounds at Bandera.

In commenting on the various mohair sales during the recent flurry of activity, several ranchmen noted the fact that this year is the first time in the history of the industry that yearling hair has brought a higher price than adult hair, due to abandonment of the custom of placing yearling hair in bags with adult hair and selling at adult hair prices. Under the new practice of segregating the yearling hair and selling separately, the yearling hair brings the ranchman some 10 cents per pound more than adult hair, and results in an aggregate increase in revenue far greater than had been expected.

Previous to sales made following the Christmas holidays, it was estimated that about a million pounds of mohair remained unsold in the state. Sales of last week-end, however, reduced that total poundage by a large figure, and the unsold mohair in the state at the end of 1939 has dwindled to a negligible amount.

In comparison with the fall wool market, the cattle market remains strong and active, with recent quotations of 8 1-2 and 9 cents per pound being listed for calves. Demand was active in San Antonio circles for slaughter calves at \$5.50 to \$7.75 for the common and medium grades, while choice kinds were listed at \$7.75 to \$8.50. Culls ranged down to \$4.50, few below.

Calves, sheep and lambs slaughtered under federal inspection at 27 selected centers, including the big central markets, showed large increases for the week previous to Christmas. At Kansas City, however, there was a decrease in the number of slaughtered sheep and lambs from 15,116 in 1938 to 14,744 head this year, while an increase in slaughtered cattle was noted, jumping from 9,595 during Christmas week of 1938 to 11,414 during 1939.

With the sale of turkeys, which glutted the market during the holiday season, out of the way, lamb sales showed a nice recovery at the end of the year, and losses experienced during the holidays were regained before the end of the year. Best wool lambs were listed on the Fort Worth market at \$8.00 down, feeders \$7 down, fat clipped and fall shorn ranging around \$7 to \$7.25. Yearlings were listed at \$6 and fat aged wethers at \$3.25 down.

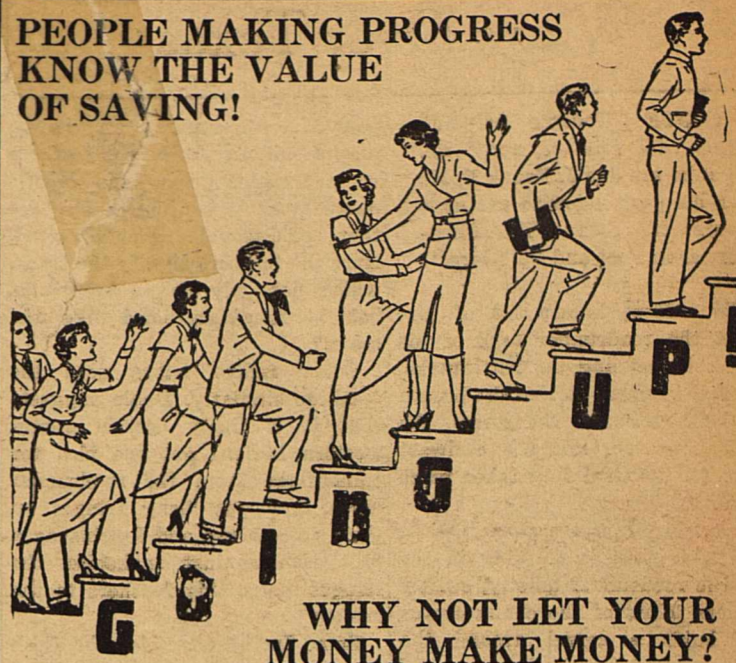
**TEXAS WOMAN KILLS BEAR**

Mrs. Alex D. Haynes of Pecos, Texas, probably will not forget her recent hunt for a good many years. She returned with a trophy of a 400 pound bear, but not before she had more than her share of thrills.

Hunting with her husband in the Davis Mountains, Mrs. Haynes saw a huge bear and fired her 30-30. The shot hit Bruin in the foot and he turned suddenly and started toward the huntress. Mrs. Haynes fired twice more before bringing the bear down with a shot which pierced its heart.

Rev. Perry F. Evans, with the Buckner Orphans Home at Waco, was a visitor with Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Brinkley last Sunday, and while here addressed the congregation at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning.

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**Grade Crossings Are Being Eliminated By Department**

Figures released by the Texas Highway Department on grade crossing elimination show that 521 grade separations have been built from 1917, the beginning of the Highway Department, to August 31, 1939, with 33 under construction or approved for construction, making a total of 554. There were also 814 grade crossings eliminated by relocation of the highways, with 16 more under construction or approved for construction, total of 830.

While the majority of the grade crossings have been eliminated in recent years, this is an average of 63 eliminations for each of the 22 years the Department has operated, and over 5 a month. In addition, highway protection flashing signals have recently been installed at 148 crossings, and 21 more are being installed or are approved for installation.

The result of this important means of safeguarding the traveling public is reflected in a 14 per cent reduction in fatalities in accidents at railroad crossings for the first ten months of 1939 over the same period in 1938. In some states, grade crossings on streets or highways with very little traffic are closed as an inexpensive and a certain means of averting collisions.

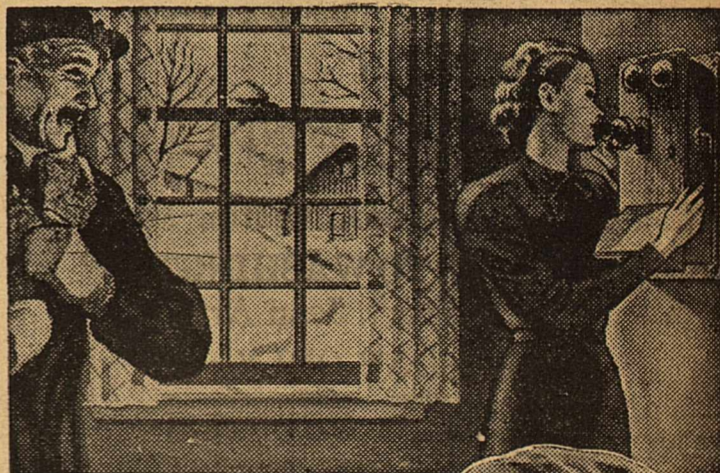
**State To Award Contracts On Dec. 19 Bids**

Austin, Dec. 28.—The State Highway Engineer today stated that the State Highway Department was preparing to award contracts on 35 construction projects upon which bids were received on Tuesday, December 19th. This letting, which amounted to \$3,825,389.22, was one of the many large lettings held in recent months, and provides for a number of miles of construction throughout the state. The bids include the following:

- Grading and drainage structures, 5 projects totalling 31.6 miles.
- Grading, drainage structures and select material surfacing, 3 projects totalling 26.5 miles.
- Grading, drainage structures, base and asphalt surfacing, 13 projects totalling 111.0 miles.
- Concrete pavement, 4 projects, totalling 19.5 miles.
- Grade separation and approaches 5 projects.
- Roadside development, 5 projects totalling 52 miles.
- Total, 35 projects totalling 240.6 miles.

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**WINTER ISN'T AS DREARY SINCE WE GOT A TELEPHONE**

Actually, it seems like a busy season! People call up to offer Jim or the boys a job somewhere. Betty keeps her 4-H Club girls going by telephone—and now and then the superintendent calls her for a substitute teaching job. I couldn't call it a dull winter—or lonely either, when I can talk to my friends any time on the telephone, no matter how bad the roads are!



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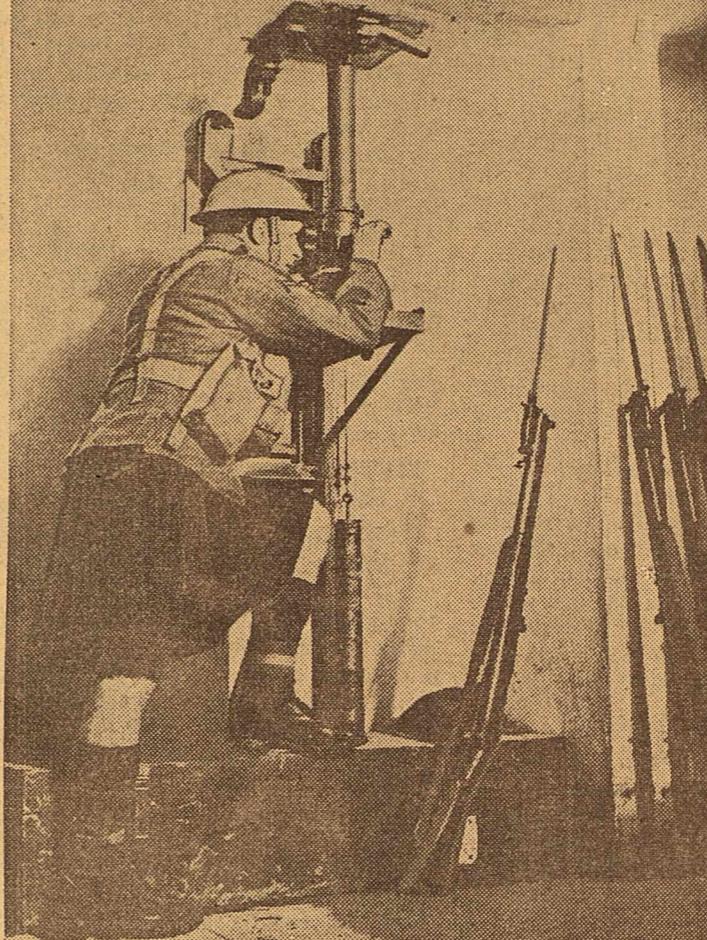


### COMMODORE IS HONORED

Commodore H. H. Harwood, commanding the British squadron which chased the German pocket battleship into Montevideo, Uruguay, has been made a Knight Commander of the Bath, by King George. Others who were conspicuous in the engagement are also to be honored.



**HOOVER, LA GUARDIA AND VAN LOON CONFER**—Former President Herbert Hoover, left, Hendrick W. Van Loon, and Mayor LaGuardia of New York are shown as they conferred on the "Help Finland" mass meeting, to be held in New York City.



**SCOTTISH TROOPS TAKE OVER POSTS AT FRONT**—A member of a Scottish Highland regiment is pictured at his observation post in the British sector of the Western Front, after the British Expeditionary Force had taken up battle positions.

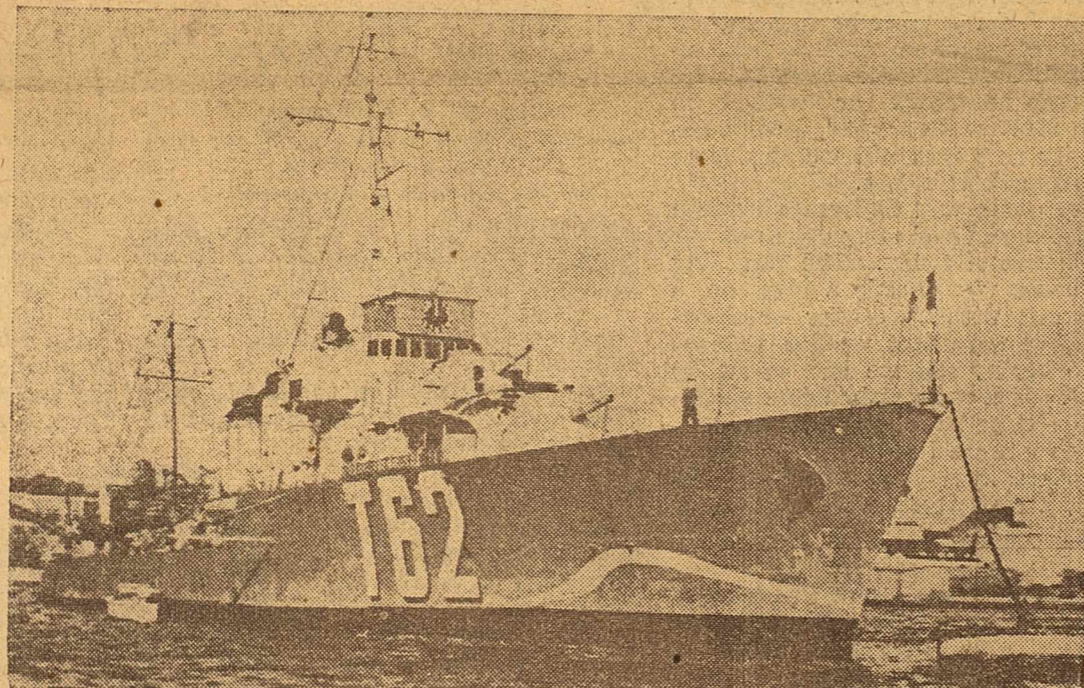


**ONLY WHITE STANDARD BRED TROTTER TRAINED**—"Snow White," shown with Miss Mary Webber, is the only pure white standard bred filly on record. She has been sent to Pinehurst, N. C., where she will be trained by Dr. H. M. Parshall.



### ARRIVES IN FLORIDA

The Countess Barbara Haugwitz-Reventlow, 5 and 10-cent store American heiress, is shown as she arrived to spend the winter at her home in Lake Park, Fla. The Countess is one of the first socially prominent persons to arrive for the season.



### FRENCH DESTROYER RETURNS HOME AFTER CREATING PLENTY OF HAVOC

The French destroyer, "Siroco," is shown at its home base, somewhere on the French coast, after having returned to refuel, following an offensive which claimed two German submarines. Other recent casualties of the marine war include the German pocket battleship, Graf Spee, and the 32,581 ton Nazi liner, Columbus, both scuttled by their commanders rather than surrender or be captured by ships of the Allied fleet. Reports state all German merchant ships have received orders to attempt to reach Reich ports.

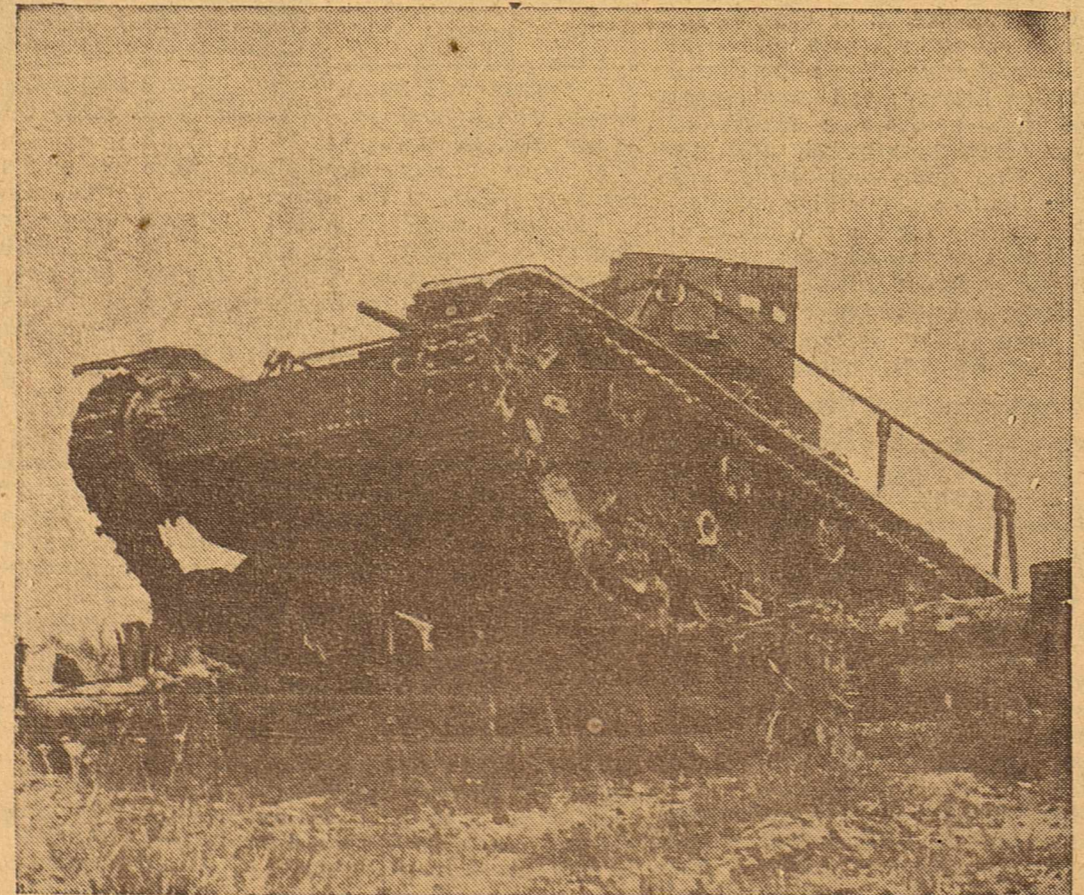


### VIOLENT GAS EXPLOSION RIPS UP FORTY MILES OF TEXAS PIPELINE

One man was injured when he crossed the pipeline near Jolly, Texas, just as the forty-mile section exploded. He was Roy H. Drickly, who was driving his car down a highway that led over the line at the exact time when the blast occurred. Scene shows the car and part of the ripped-up road.

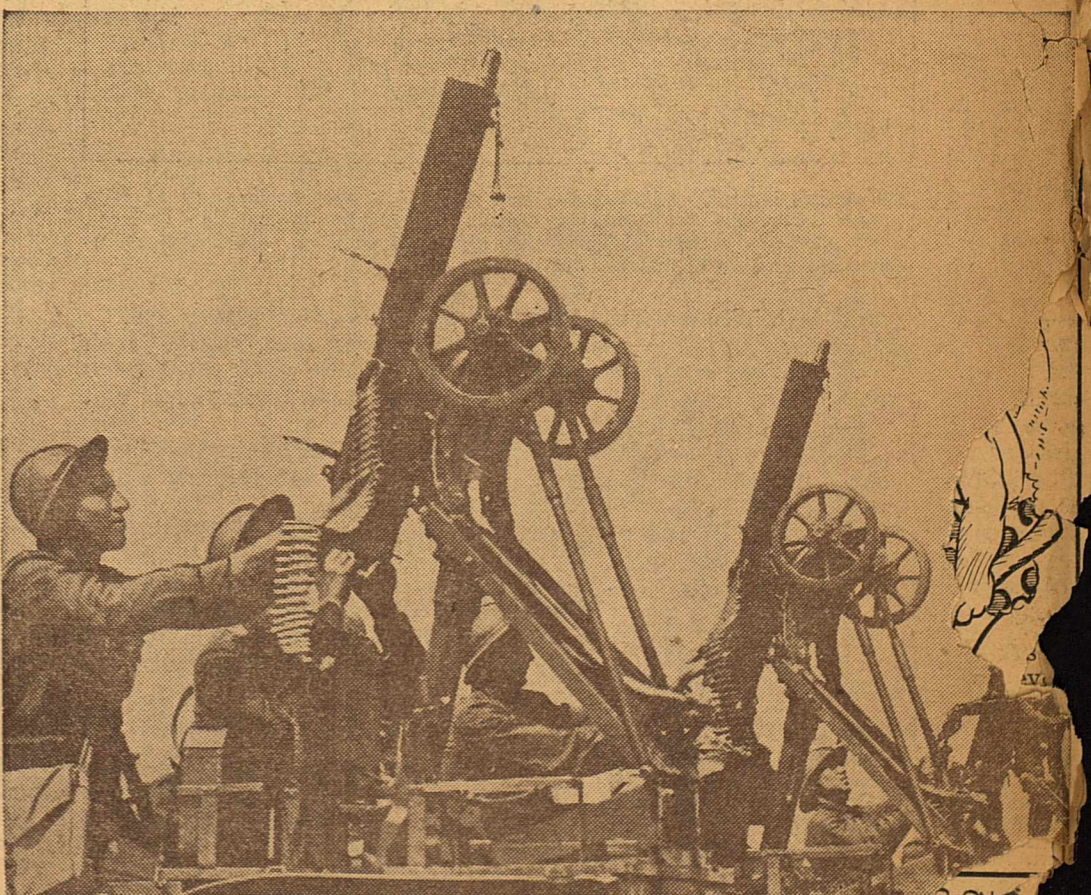


**FASHION OF FUTURE?**—Jane House, of New York, wore this gown at the annual Rubber Ball, in Akron, O. Unlike most fashionable creations, this one is made of salt, coke and limestone, all combined chemically to produce koroseal, a synthetic.



### RUSSIAN TANKS AND ARTILLERY IN ACTION ON FINLAND BATTLEFRONT

Finns report they have destroyed and captured many Russian war tanks like the one in the above photo.



### RED ARMED FORCES ON ALERT TO REPEL FINNISH AGGRESSION

A battery of Russian anti-aircraft guns ready for firing. Russia has a large fleet and many anti-aircraft guns.



# THE TEXAS in 1860-70 as Told by Pioneer Woman

By MRS. R. F. MAHOOD  
Stamford, Texas.

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Mrs. Mary Osborn, pioneer woman of Vernon, Texas, and a native Texan, was born in Collin county in 1850. Her parents, William and Mary Dewees, came to Texas in 1846 from the Old South and settled in Collin county. Land was cheap at that time and Mr. Dewees bought several thousand acres of the best Collin county backland, paying only one acre for it. Later he sold most of the land at a good profit.



MRS. MARY OSBORN  
Vernon, Texas.

Mrs. Osborn, as a child, can remember that North Texas looked like in the sixties and seventies. "The level prairies," she said, "were beautifully covered with grass that grew high over which ranged great herds of fat cattle and wild horses, antelope and deer. There were no fences—just open prairie—and neighbors were few and far apart. Little attempt was made to farm the land—most of the settlers devoting their time to rounding up and branding cattle or hauling freight in ox-drawn wagons from New Orleans to Texas points.

"My father," continued Mrs. Osborn, "was a building contractor. His work was frequently done far from home, would keep him absent months at a time. He was paid in gold for this work and when he returned home he would have a saddle-bag full of gold slung across his horse. Most of the money in circulation was gold—there was then hardly any currency or silver money. During the War Between the States we had our gold in feather beds or buried in the earth.

"I was just 11 years of age when the war broke out. Father enlisted to fight for the Southern cause and so did my

oldest brother, Matt. I can still see them as they kissed us all good-bye, leaving us in tears, as they rode away to war.

## When Women Did the Work

"That was a time when women really did the work. All the men folks were in the army except the old men. I used to ride horseback seven miles each day, driving our livestock to water. We had drouths in those days—worse drouths than now. We had one drouth that lasted 15 months. It started in 1861 and continued on through to 1862. Springs, wells and tanks dried up. The people had to haul water from Bertram Lake, the only water supply in a 30-mile area. We all went there to do the family washing. Sometimes there would be a dozen families washing there on wash-day, glad of the opportunity to get together. It was mighty lonesome after the men had gone to war and we couldn't hear from them and didn't know whether they were dead or alive.

"In the beginning of the war most people had plenty of clothes, but later they had only home-spun clothes. I learned to card, spin thread and weave cotton and woolen material. I also knitted stockings and socks. We women not only had to make our own clothes but clothes for the men in the army. We also made them quilts and blankets. Wagons were continually hauling things we women made for the Southern soldiers to their army camps.

## Food a Serious Problem

"Food became a serious problem as time went on. Women worked in the fields along with old men and young boys, raising wheat and corn. The first 'beef club' was in Civil War days. A neighbor would kill a beef and divide it among his neighbors. Next week another neighbor would kill a beef and divide it among neighbors. Next week another neighbor would do likewise until, in this manner, we kept pretty well supplied with fresh meat. Then a few neighbors had hogs and chickens which they shared with other neighbors. The scarcest foods were sugar, coffee and tea. We made our own syrup and dried our own fruits. A year before the war ended you could get no sugar, no tea, no coffee at any price.

"Our social activities during and after the War Between the States were simple. We had to work so hard there wasn't much time left for social activities. But when we did get together everybody thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. Neighbors lived so far apart it was usually Sundays before we saw much of each other. But on Sunday we dressed up in our best home-spun clothes, rode to church horseback or in wagons, and after preaching got our dinner baskets together, spread out the food and invited all to help themselves. If a Confederate camp was near by we visited the camp, had preaching there and friendly chats with the soldiers. Nearly all the girls had a soldier sweetheart.

## Old-Time Camp Meetings

"Old-time camp meetings were popular when I was a girl. For 30 miles around people would come to these meetings. In summer camp meetings would last a week or two. Some families would spend a whole week at camp meetings, listening to the sermons and singing and praying. People took their religion seriously in those days. It was a compliment for one to say you were a 'good old-fashioned shoutin' Methodist, or Baptist or Presbyterian.' 'Schools were all pay schools in the sixties and seventies. There were no free schools anywhere. Tuition was \$5 a month for larger boys and girls and \$3 a month for smaller boys and girls. School term was from April to September. No school in winter months. We either rode horseback or walked to school. Most pupils walked, some walking as far as 3 to 4 miles each day to school from their homes.

"There was a vast difference between the school houses of early days and the school houses of today. The early day school house was usually a log or a plank house without ceiling or flooring. Seats were just wooden benches with no backs, and we had to sit up straight. If a pupil's shoulders slumped while sitting he or she would generally get a reprimand from the teacher. 'Teachers lived around among the patrons, a few weeks with one patron

Would the Russians attack Sweden and Norway and thus reach the Atlantic? (4) Would a Balkan attack bring in Italy, and on the Allied side?

In the world chorus of outraged protest against Russia—Germany did not join the other nations—the powers indicated they would aid the Finns, short of war. In that stand the United States joined. The League of Nations also took a stand against Russia by excluding it from League membership.

If she is able to continue her resistance for a long period, or even to administer checks and reverses to the Red Army, Finland may change the course of European history; and the great game of grab—by force or threat of force—may have been ended. For certainly the Red Army will have lost face if it fails to conquer Finland. Perhaps the Russian shadow will lift from the Balkans and Scandinavia; perhaps Sweden will be forced into the struggle. But if Finnish resistance collapses quickly much of the northern Baltic will be under Russian domination.

## Finland's National Resources

Nearly a tenth of the Finland area is lakes—60,000 of them. The land is rough, full of granite boulders, covered with forests of spruce and pine, which give Finland an abundance of material for wood products, notably paper.

Less than a tenth of Finland is arable, yet three-quarters of the population is rural. Farmers raise rye, oats, barley and potatoes and forage crops for the dairying industry. Other Finnish industries are iron and mechanical works, textiles, leather, rubber, fur and ceramics.

The historic route of invasion is along the isthmus north of Leningrad, where the Finns this time were prepared with a fortified line. The Russians pushed forward at several points here, also

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and a few weeks with another patron. They were not expected to pay for board and lodging.

## Married at 16

"I married William Herbough, my first husband, when I was just 16, an early age to take over the responsibilities of wife, but girls married early in pioneer days. If you waited until you were 24 to be married you were called 'an old maid.' There were mighty few old maids. I knew one, a good woman, whose sweetheart was killed in battle during the War Between the States. She remained single and true to his memory.

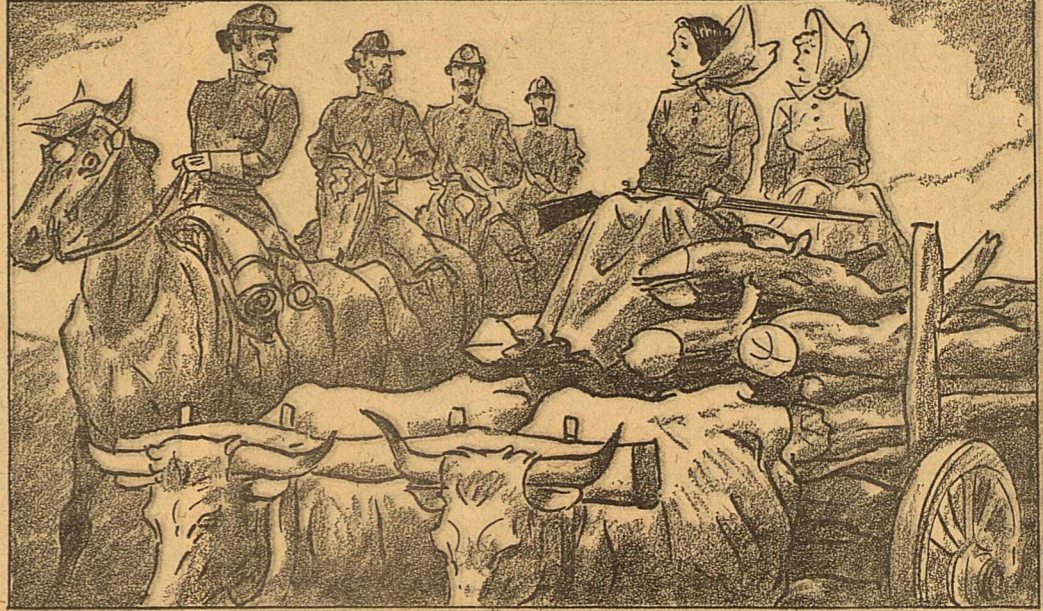
"There were Yankee soldiers in Texas during the war and some of them were gentlemen and some were not. One day while mother and I were bringing in a load of wood, driving an ox team yoked to a wagon, we saw four men dressed in Yankee uniforms riding horseback toward us. We were fright-

nor the devil! The leader smiled, touched his cap in salute and rode on, his men following him.

## "Luxury Age"

"This should be called the 'luxury age.' Compared with what we women had when I started housekeeping it is really an age of luxury. We pioneer housewives had tallow candles for light, wood-burning fireplaces for heating and cooking, wells from which to draw water by ropes and buckets, wash-tubs to bath in, no running water, no hot water except what was heated in tin buckets or in pots, no refrigerator, no ice, no telephone, no mail delivery, all transportation either by horseback or wagon on dirt roads or just trails. In looking back on the past and comparing it with the present I feel that this generation of Texans has been wonderfully blessed. They live in the easy days—not the hard days—as lived the pioneers. They have come into possession of a rich heritage and should thank God for it."

Although frail in health, Mrs. Osborn's mental faculties are unimpaired. She is modern in thought and attitude, optimistic about the future of her State and of America. She doesn't believe in so much government aid for the people, is of the opinion that it takes away from them initiative and self-reliance. She deplores war. "I have lived, she said, "through three wars—Civil War, Spanish-American War and World War, and have lost loved ones in all three wars." Mrs. Osborn is the mother of 12 children—6 by her first husband and 6 by her second husband. Only 4 of the 12 children are now living. She has 22 grandchildren, 46 great grandchildren and 6 great-great grandchildren.



"No, sir, we fear neither man nor the devil."

ened almost to death. The men stopped as they came near us and the leader asked: "Aren't you women afraid to be out here all alone." I shall never forget mother's reply. Pushing back her bonnet and holding her head high as she looked him straight in the eye she said: "No sir, we fear neither man

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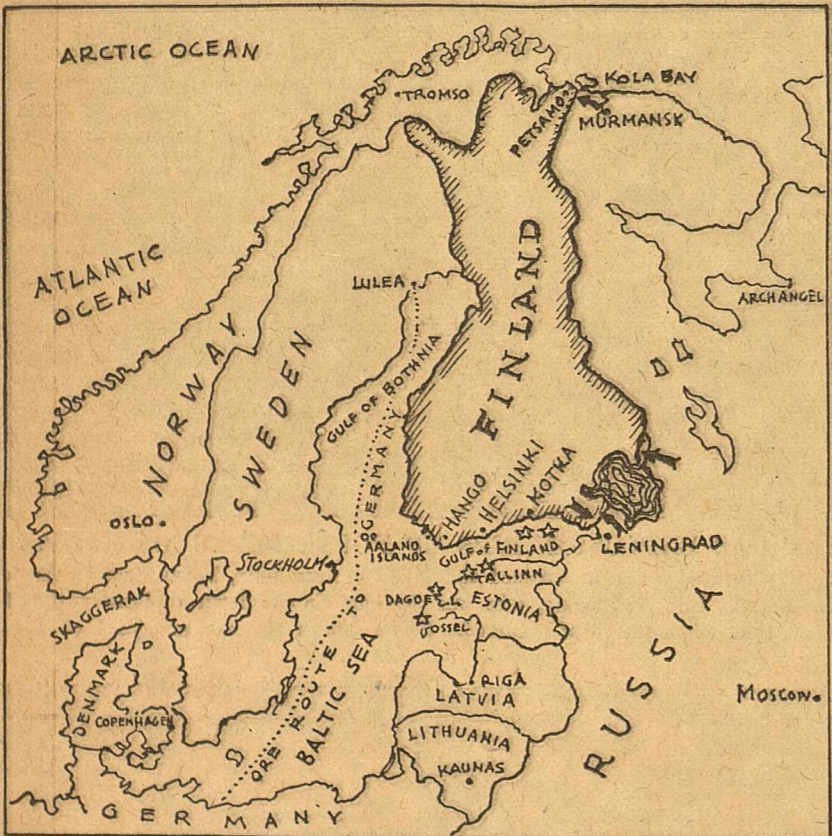
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# FINLAND

## Fighting Russia for Freedom

reputedly between 4,000 and 5,000 first-line planes. Some experts say they are not very good.

Finland has only 150 planes, and her one plane factory—near Helsinki—may prove an easy target for Russian airmen, even granting that they are as in-



The arrows indicate points where Red Army has been hammering at Finn frontier. Petsame is scene of furious fighting, as is Karelian Isthmus, northwest of Leningrad. Finnish cities are noted on map. Stars denote proposed Russian naval and air bases.

efficient as Linbergh says they are. Russia has three battleships, each with a dozen 12-inch guns, backed up by plenty of cruisers, destroyers and submarines.

Finland has no battleships. All she has is two small coast-defense ships with 10-inch guns.

And yet, after weeks of fighting, it appears that the Finns are giving a good account of themselves, fighting like "madmen," as they had promised, each determined to kill at least five of the Russians for every Finn who had to die.

## Possible Motives for Invasion

The Russian action has raised questions like these: (1) Were the Soviets trying merely to protect themselves from possible future attack by the capitalist powers, or were they imperialists in Communist clothing? (2) Was the action approved by Germany or was it a potential threat to the Reich? (3)

# The Texas Safety Council

By M. E. GREGORY

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COOPER has gone safety-conscious. This thriving little city of Texas' second smallest county, Delta, recently devoted a day to educational safety and the showing of educational films.

Principal speaker on the safety program was Pierce Brooks, president of the Texas Safety Council, runner-up in 1938 for Lieutenant Governor, who has devoted much of his time to the promotion of safety in Texas.

The day's events were under the direction of the Cooper Lion's Club. In observance of the day the business houses of the city closed and the schools were dismissed early.

Program arrangements were in charge of a Lion's Club committee, composed of E. J. Pharr, Henry Sparks, W. D. Hart and Alvin Welch, who is president of the club. Brooks and his Texas Safety Boys' band were luncheon guests of the Lions.

Two-reel sound pictures, "Death Takes No Holidays," was shown at a Cooper theater. First showing was for the business men, other showings for the elementary and high schools.

Brooks was introduced at the theater program by Wade Bledsoe and Gabel Templeton, school heads. In a brief talk he reviewed what had been done to promote safety by the Council in Texas in a few years. The organization, founded in 1933, now has more than 1,000 honorary members. It has organized 51 councils in various sections of the State.

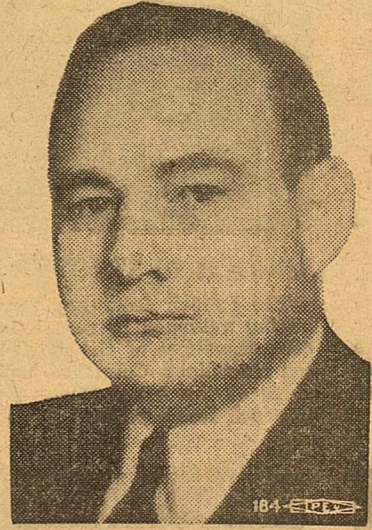
## Concentrate on Junior Patrols

The Council's work is concentrated upon organizing of Junior Patrols. These patrols, composed of young students, serving only because of their sense of duty to their fellow-students, patrol streets and highways in the vicinity of schools, halt automobiles and escort pupils safely across streets. In addition, a junior patrol rides on each school bus transporting students to and from school. As a result of this one feature alone, the number of acci-

dents from school bus transportation has been sharply reduced. Also accidents at street and highway crossings in the vicinity of schools have been reduced.

"Perhaps one of the most constructive things the Council has yet done," Mr. Brooks said, "is the filming and showing of the two-reeler, 'Death Takes No Holidays.' This film is sent to various communities in Texas under the sponsorship of local civic clubs. There is no charge for it, no commercial advertising in connection with it, merely does it portray some of the things that cause accidents, their prevention, etc. So great is the demand for these films that already they are booked far in advance."

Mr. Brooks is proud of the record achieved by the Texas Safety Council, giving credit mainly for its outstanding success to the self-sacrifice and vision of a few leaders.



PIERCE BROOKS,  
President Texas Safety Council.

## Safety Campaigns Among Boys and Girls

"The Council is an organization devoted to the promotion of safety in all its phases," Brooks declared. "The organization now is devoting much of its time to juvenile work through educational campaigns among the boys and girls of scholastic age.

"To accomplish results a safety organization must have the support and the co-operation of local civic organizations. Wherever we go we have received this whole-hearted support. Few are the places we visit that do not respond to organization of a local active and working council.

"There are no membership charges in this organization. All memberships and directorships are honorary and without salary. Safety nowadays, as generally understood, relates only to traffic, and it is true that this is the dominant and outstanding danger to both young and old, but there are other considerations. The whole safety field is our field. While all of us serve without remuneration, and will so continue, yet we know that it's worthy work, that it transcends all selfish interest. Some of the richest rewards that come to us in this life are not always measured by dollars and cents. We want to serve in a good

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# CURRENT COMMENT

By A STAFF EDITOR

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## Second Line of Defense Is Building

**U**NDER the slogan "Be a modern minute man," Uncle Sam is building a reserve army nearly 200,000 strong. A force of about 120,000 officers and 75,000 non-coms will be provided under the plan, the leaders and backbone of a second line of defense to be recruited after war starts, and built into a fighting machine behind the first line of land defense, the Regular Army and National Guard.

The accent in the slogan is on the word "modern," for through sad experience in 1917-18, the United States learned that a million men cannot "spring to arms overnight," as the late pacifist-minded Secretary of War William Jennings Bryan once said.

In the days of the original minute-men, citizens perhaps could become soldiers of a sort overnight. Every able-bodied man would simply get out his old squirrel gun, with which he was a dead shot, and march off with his neighbors. Used to living in the open, field service was nothing new to him, and there were enough Indian fighters around to act as leaders.

Today, however, not only are many millions of Americans unused to living in the open and handling guns, but modern warfare is vastly different than in colonial days and requires thorough training to handle the complex mechanized equipment.

## U. S. Spending Cut Urged

Simultaneous pleas that Congress tighten its control of the government's purse strings and start a trend toward budget balancing were made recently by the National Association of Manufacturers and the United States Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber of Commerce said the European war "has made it doubly important we should have a strong financial position as a first line of defense." It called for a "drastic overhaul" of Federal taxing and spending procedure.

The N. A. M. appeal for economy was the first item on a ten-point program for stimulation of business recovery announced by Howard Conoley, president. The program will be included in the organization's annual report.

Both statements were given added significance by a report of Secretary of Commerce Hopkins that buying based upon anticipation of European war orders has about run its course, at least for the present. Hopkins pointed out that November business activity was maintained at slightly higher levels than in October, to some extent at the expense of unfilled orders, but that there was a falling off of new orders.

"Congress, in the coming session," the chamber said, "faces the necessity of making a momentous decision—whether the legal debt limit shall be raised and deficit-financing continued or whether a course of retrenchment shall be inaugurated."

The chamber asserted "no supportable tax system could be devised" which

could sustain current expenditures.

The chamber proposed creation of an agency within Congress to be known as a Central Budget Committee, whose duty it would be to study the nation's revenues and recommend a total appropriation figure.

Demanding early revamping of the budget act, unchanged since enacted in 1921, the chamber sharply criticized this law for the powers it vests in the President to recommend expenditures far in excess of revenues.

"It should provide," the chamber said, "that an executive budget of expenditures be submitted that would not exceed the expected revenue, with, if need be, a supplementary statement as to additional expenditures for desirable items, provided that revenues could be found."

## Soviet Backs U. S. Isolation, Dies Is Told

Jay Lovestone, former secretary of the Communist Party in this country, told the Dies Committee Investigating Un-American Activities that the policies of American Communists were dictated by Moscow.

Questioned as to why the American Communists were advocating a policy of isolation for the United States, the witness declared that was "pro-Stalin-Hitler propaganda."

He said Soviet foreign policy dictated that the United States should keep out of the European war because "the Hitler-Stalin bloc" knew this country would be on the side of the Allies if it entered the conflict.

In response to questions by J. B. Matthews, committee investigator, Lovestone said that, while he had no documentary proof, he felt sure the American League for Peace and Democracy was "nothing but a tool" of the Communist Party and the American Youth Congress and the American Student Union were subject to Communist control.

Lovestone, who testified he was deposed as general secretary of the party by Stalin in 1929 after being held virtually a prisoner in Moscow, was the committee's last scheduled witness. The committee's authority ended and further investigation of un-American activities by the Dies committee will not be resumed unless authorized by Congress.

## American Airplane Plants

There are forty-five airplane plants in the United States, twenty-three of which produce for the Federal government. There are thirteen aircraft engine companies, of which three turn out all the American engines of 1,000 or more horsepower. These fifty-eight plants are now producing about \$18,000,000 worth of equipment a month. By late spring they are expected to boost that production to \$50,000,000 a month. Their present capacity, according to the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America, Inc., is 15,000

planes and 16,000 engines a year; within another year this capacity is expected to be increased to 23,000 planes and 36,000 engines.

Today planes are of all-metal construction, and a wide variety of new materials has been developed for them. Whereas the pursuit planes of 1914-16 weighed about 2,100 pounds and were powered by 200-horsepower engines that would run twenty-four hours without overhaul, today's pursuit ships weigh 11,000 pounds and are powered by 1,000-horsepower engines that will run 100 hours between overhauls.

Into these new planes go aluminum and magnesium alloys, stainless steel and beryllium—materials that can be readily bent, drawn and pressed into shape yet have tremendous strength and are extremely light in weight. Carbon steel nuts, nickel steel bolts, brass, bronze, lead and silver alloys are now in use.

Airplanes and aircraft engine plants of this country have on their books orders for more than \$500,000,000 worth of business. Thirty-five per cent of this represents United States Army and Navy business. France and England are building up their war forces with American-built planes.

## Plane Superiority Ahead for Allies

The Allies, as Supply Minister Burgin said in London recently, now have a new arsenal since lifting of the embargo against sale of American fighting planes to Britain. With American plants turning out bombers and pursuit planes for them, it would seem that the Allies are in a fair way not only to end Germany's superiority in the air, but to gain a decided superiority themselves.

In the months before the second World War, Great Britain and France ordered 1,490 planes from American aviation firms. About 610 of these had been delivered when the embargo automatically went into effect at the outbreak of war. In the meantime, work continued on the remainder with the result that repeat finds 880 planes virtually ready for shipment to Britain and France.

The Allies, it is reported, are now prepared to put in orders for as many as 8,000 planes, a number greater than Germany's present fleet of first line ships.

This report may or may not be true. The important thing to the Allies is that they now know they are able to turn to the United States and get as many planes as they are able to pay for, planes which are admittedly among the finest in the world.

This last point is important, particularly to the French, who have lagged far behind in plane strength because of the incompetency of a former air ministry.

Captured German pilots on the Western Front recently were quoted as saying that the Curtiss Hawk, a fast-climbing American plane in use by the

French air force, had proved to be far superior to the German Messerschmidt, with its speed of 360 miles an hour. That might have been a piece of propaganda, but nobody doubts the excellence of American fighting planes.

## Not a Tradition of the Sea

Since the scuttling of the German battleship Admiral Graf Spee and the suicide, at Buenos Aires, Argentina, of her commander, Captain Hans Langsdorff, his death has been widely publicized in Germany and in the United States as a brave deed in keeping with the "tradition of naval warfare," although Captain Langsdorff earlier had been criticized for not "going down with his ship."

The result of the circulation of the story of his "tradition" has been the receipt by the United States Navy Department of hundreds of inquiries as to whether or not there is such a tradition. The inquiries have come from newspapers, from patriotic societies, from citizens in all parts of the country, and the answers have been emphatically in the negative.

Is it pointed out by naval officers that if there were such a tradition Admiral Raphael Semmes of the Confederate Navy would have gone to his death when his ship, the Alabama, was destroyed off Cherbourg by the Kearsarge in the War Between the States, and Admiral Charles D. Sigsbee, then a captain, would have gone down with the Maine in 1898 when it was blown up in Havana Harbor.

In the World War the armored cruiser San Diego went to the bottom off Fire Island, N. Y., the victim of a mine. Her commander was Captain Harley H. Christy. Captain Christy was saved and was subsequently promoted.

Many other instances in the records of the United States Navy are evidence that no such tradition ever existed in the United States Navy.

It is true that an American naval commander is the last person to leave his ship when disaster, in peace or war, overtakes him. The commander must see that his men are saved, after which, if possible, he saves himself.

Officers of the United States Navy are convinced that Captain Langsdorff was a gallant officer, but few believe that he took his own life for "traditional" reasons. Something else, in their opinion, was responsible for his tragic end.

## Cotton Exports

Shipment of lint cotton to foreign countries from August to November, 1939, total 2,338,000 bales compared with 1,534,000 bales for the same period in 1938.

Exports to principal countries for the four months, compared with the same period last year, follow:

Destination	1939	1938
United Kingdom	791,000	193,000
Japan	298,000	345,000
France	243,000	241,000
Italy	149,000	114,000
Sweden	141,000	41,000
Canada	132,000	104,000
China	113,000	7,000
Spain	107,000	1,515
Netherlands	95,000	32,000
Belgium	80,000	44,000
*Germany	28,000	144,000
**Poland	5,000	59,000

\*August and September. \*\*August.

## The Third Term

With the dawn of election year just around the corner, says Walter Buel, well known Washington correspondent, "some of the major minds of the Democratic party have convinced themselves that President Roosevelt will not be a candidate for a third term."

"It is well understood in Washington that those who think that way include Postmaster General James A. Farley, the most sagacious politician of his time. Election year is all but upon them, and nothing is settled. Both Democratic and Republican presidential nominations remain wide open; nothing has been determined as to dates and places for holding the conventions.

"The Washington grapevine carries every variety of gossip about what the President will or will not do. The story goes around that Farley has told the President he will not support him for a third term, war or no war, draft movement or no draft movement.

"On its heels flies

a story that the President has given every encouragement to McNutt and that the white-haired Indianan is the fair-haired boy of the White House.

"Vice-President John N. Garner, between deer hunts in Texas, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic Presidential nomination, thus becoming the first avowed candidate whose friends pledge him to enter the 1940 convention contest whether the President runs or not.

"Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, on the other hand, while busily going about advertising himself as the original Democratic liberal, holds back from any commitment, presumably because he has no thought of running against the President if Mr. Roosevelt decides to be a candidate once more.

"All of this adds up to the basic truth that nobody knows yet what President Roosevelt will do.

"And this leads to the question of how soon the President will tell his fellow-Democrats his intentions."

## See Trade Increase in 1940

Dr. F. A. Buechel, University of Texas business statistician, predicted a bright outlook for industry and trade in Texas, at least for the first six months of 1940.

"With industrial production in the North and East at near record levels, and with the expectation that this rate of activity will be approximately maintained through the first six months of 1940 at least, the outlook for Texas industry and trade remains favorable," he said.

## Finns' Military Opinion of Russia

Webb Miller, United Press staff writer, while on the principal battle-front in Finland, where the war between Russia and Finland is progressing, talked with numerous Finnish commanders regarding capacities of the Soviet army as shown thus far:

Their observations may be summarized as follows:

1. The Russians have plenty of good artillery of all sizes, but in the opinion of one Finnish officer it has been "mishandled."

2. By Finnish standards the Soviet artillery marksmanship is definitely poor. (Incidentally, the Finns are famed for the accuracy of their artillery fire.)

3. Soviet artillery ammunition, Finnish officers and soldiers at the front testified, is of unusually poor quality and a considerable number of their shells fail to explode.

4. Soviet tanks seem to be modern and of good quality but the isthmus terrain is not conducive to their effective use.

5. The organization of Soviet attacks is regarded as second rate and is attributable by Finnish commanders to the Soviet army purge which has made officers hesitate to take responsibility for fear of the consequences should the action fail.

## 4-H Club Enrollment at Peak

From College Station comes the announcement that Texas 4-H club enrollment reached its highest peak in history during 1939 with 67,028 members, 32,696 boys and 34,332 girls. This was a gain of 10,000 members in one year.

Nationally, 4-H clubs have an enrollment of approximately 1,255,000 members. Boys among that number owned more than 280,000 head of livestock and produced \$250,000,000 worth of cattle and crops during the year. As many as 8,200,000 jars of food were canned by 4-H girls over the nation last year.

# Grass Root Reveries

By JOE GANDY  
Winnboro, Texas.

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**T**HE New Year got off to a good start with a rousing reception. It always does. If noise had anything to do with making this New Year prosperous then 1940 will go down in history as a rip-snortin' success.

While celebrating the New Year the Old Year was snubbed. Seems Old Years are always blamed for whatever happens. If we gamble and lose the Old Year is blamed. If business is punk the Old Year is blamed. If taxes are high the Old Year is blamed. If opportunity knocks at the door and you don't open it the Old Year is blamed. Pity the Old Year! There's none to do it reverence.



"Was still asking questions when wife rang the dinner bell."

I am going to live this New Year one day at a time. Last year I lived too many days at a time. But I'm not blaming last year, I just got my hindsight crossed up with my foresight. I was licked from the start with too many charge accounts and too many drouths. I could dodge the charge accounts but not the drouths. So I'm poorer and sadder, but a heap wiser.

A New Year means nothing to Father Time. He has seen millions of New Years roll into eternity. Even at that, time is precious if we value time. What seems funny is for a man who has all kinds of time on his hands to

say: "I don't have time!" The greatest waste in the world is waste of time. We waste it in vain pursuit of baubles, in foolish adventures, in riotous living, in frivolous chatter.

A hundred years ago people said the world was going to the dogs. People still say it, and will no doubt say it a hundred years from now. The world itself never will go to the dogs, but the people living on it will go to the dogs if they don't stop warring, killing, maiming and pillaging each other.

It is reported that an Iowa man fainted when another man walked up and paid him \$25 that he had owed for 25 years. If a certain man who has owed me \$25 for more years than I can remember should walk up and pay me the \$25 I wouldn't faint but would feel dizzy.

There's hardly a thing the radio programs fail to tell us—from how to eat, what to eat, to a surefire cure for rheumatism and stomachache. A young couple, marrying, can now turn on the radio dial and be told how to be happy though married, how to keep well, how to balance the family budget, how to get along with in-laws, how to save money by buying on the installment plan and how to make ends meet by making hash out of left overs.

A learned scientist says most snakes

and insects are non-poisonous and harmless—that being afraid of them is silly and just an old superstition. Maybe, but nothing is going to keep me from coming out of my pants when a scorpion gets inside and starts stinging.

The head of a great industrial institution says a hundred dollars is not money—it's a tool. Well, that's far from my experience. The last \$100 I made I had to use a lot of tools, including a plow, rake, hoe, cultivator, pair of mules and about 9 gallons of perspiration.

When alive you can get your picture in the paper but you have to die to get it on money or postage stamps. Seems you got to die to get famous. But who wants to die to get famous? I'd rather stay alive and know what I'm getting even if it's only a bowl of soup and crackers.

Great preparation is under way by Uncle Sam for taking the 1940 census. In 50 years I have been checked by five census-takers. The first taker asked a few questions, the second a few questions, the third more questions, the fourth more questions and the fifth was still asking questions when wife rang the dinner bell. They say the 1940 census takers will make a complete inventory of everything a man possesses—from wife and children to coat, pants, underwear and socks.

A social worker turns in a report which says that the human race is degenerating. How far gone the race is the report fails to state. Since the fall of Adam and Eve we have been told the human race is degenerating. But I notice the race is still able to sit up and eat three square meals a day. The human race may slip a cog or two, but it always comes up smiling, ready to take it on chin and vote more taxes.

## The Great American Home



"WHAT WAS HE, GRANPA — A HOME RUN HITTER ON STONE AGE BASE BALL TEAM OR SOMETHIN'?"



# BRIEF TEXAS NEWS---from Over the State

### GOOD FALL RUN OF SHRIMP

A good fall run of shrimp—best in years—is reported from Port Lavaca. More than 1,000,000 pounds have been quick-frozen and shipped to all parts of the United States.

### "FERDINAND" ARRIVES

"Ferdinand," 900-pound bull buffalo, and his mate arrived in December at the Dallas zoo. They are gifts from the U. S. wildlife refuge in the Wichita mountains of Oklahoma.

### TOTAL PENSION CHECKS

Actual old age assistance checks for the 12-month period, State Treasurer Charley Lockhart said, totaled \$18,355,299. The number of persons receiving pension checks for December were 121,341. Average check was \$8.75.

### TNG FIFTH LARGEST

Orders for enlistment of 1,400 additional men will make the Texas National Guard fifth largest in the United States. Additions will bring the personnel to 11,211 officers and privates.

### BAGS DOE WITH HORNS

Harper Herald: "Seldom, but it happens now and then, a hunter kills a doe with horns. Alvin Striegler, of Harper, killed a deer with three prongs which proved to be a doe. The animal weighed 126 pounds."

### DOG HERO GETS BRONZE MEDAL

The Texarkana Humane Society received a bronze medal for "Scooter," a three-year-old Spitz dog, who was credited with saving the life of Gene Downs, four years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andra Downs of Simms, (Bowie county).

### WEDDING DAY CONFUSES YOUTH

Brownwood Bulletin: "Corporation Court Judge W. H. Gilmartin dismissed an over-parking charge against a youth at Fort Worth who said he went off to get a nickel to put in the parking meter on my wedding day and forgot where I left the car."

### TO STUDY DRUNKEN DRIVING

Appointment of a Statewide committee to investigate drunken driving has been announced by the Texas Safety Association. The drinking driver was charged by the association with responsibility for more than 20 per cent of 1,098 traffic deaths in the first nine months of 1939.

### PURE WHITE O'POSSUM

Bridgeport Index: "I. F. Bogy brought to the Index office the pelt of an o'possum that was pure white. The animal was caught in a trap by a son of Oscar Price, who lives northeast of town. He stated that the animal had pink eyes, or, in other words, was an albino."

### LARGEST COMMON-CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Seminole, (Gaines county), common-consolidated school district is the largest in the State and probably in the Nation. It comprises 802 sections or about 513,280 acres and there are three pools within its boundaries.

### TALKS OVER PHONE FIRST TIME

Mexia News: "Mrs. Rebecca Holland, age 80, of Village Mills, (Hardin county), found real adventure when she came to Beaumont, talked over a telephone and saw skyscraper buildings for the first time in her life. Mrs. Holland, known to neighbors as 'Aunt Becky,' has lived all her 80 years on a farm, 35 miles from Beaumont, without once visiting this city of 60,000 population."

### MORE TEXANS BUY AUTOS

One-third more Texas families were registering in automobiles December 1, 1939, than on that date last year, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported. Statistics showed passenger car sales for the year mounted to 58,348, with November registrations of 5,565. Purchases of low-priced cars, the bureau said, figured largely in the gain.

### GS TWO DEER IN TWO MINUTES

Hallettsville Tribune: Hunting in Gillespie county on opening day. Dr. Lacy, of Fort Worth, killed a pair of buck deer within two minutes after he started hunting. And another record the Game Department will know if it is broken."

### TEXAS RICH IN BIRD LIFE

Texas, it is claimed, is richer than any other State in the number of birds and the variety and species. Approximately 700 species and sub-species have been listed by ornithologists.

### GRANDSON OF DEAF SMITH DIES

Dead at the age of 76, Camillo Tarin, grandson of Deaf Smith, Texas hero, was buried at Graytown, near San Antonio. Tarin was a native of San Antonio. A son and four daughters survive.

### \$30,000,000 WORTH OF EGGS

"The Texas hen sings to the tune of \$30,000,000 worth of eggs annually, with \$5,000,000 from dressed poultry in addition. Texas turkeys gobble \$8,500,000 worth annually, and altogether the poultry income is equal to that from a million bales of cotton," said H. H. Williamson, director Texas extension service.

### 4,543, TEXAS BOYS IN U. S. NAVY

"Texas' percentage of enlisted native-born men in the United States Navy far surpasses that of any other State, in proportion to population," said Lieut. Com. W. V. Michaux, Houston recruiting officer. Out of the 95,664 native-born enlisted men in the Navy, 4,543 came from Texas.

### 10-YEAR-OLD KILLS BIG BUCK

Texarkana News: "Jerry Mathis, 10-year-old son of Frank Mathis, of Texarkana, killed a 150-pound blacktail buck deer with a 30-30 rifle in the Davis mountains, near Van Horn. The boy made a 'running shot' at 200 yards. Mathis said his son had been shooting since he was 'knee-high to a grasshopper.'"

### 300 DOLLS IN COSTUME

Houston Chronicle: "Mrs. E. D. Fisher, of Goose Creek, has a collection of more than 300 dolls dressed in native and period costumes dating from 500 B. C. to the present. 'The collection includes the native dress of 36 nationalities and all of the costumes are fashioned in detail, carrying out accurately the period, style and color fancies on dolls of all sizes.'"

### CROCHETED U. S. FLAG

Still in process of being completed is a crocheted United States flag made by Mrs. M. E. Klingman, of Pharr, (Hidalgo county), which she claims is the only one of its kind in existence. The flag, size of regular crocheted bedspreads, is done in the red, white and blue of the nation's colors. A total of 13,600 yards of warp will have gone into the make-up of the flag when it is finished.

### \$7,747,000 TO TEXAS SCHOOLS

More than \$7,747,000 was mailed to Texas public schools in December as the first installment on the 1939-40 per capita apportionment of \$22.

### HEADLIGHT FATALITIES

Of 2,308 accidents reported by the highway patrol during the hours of darkness for the first 10 months of 1939, a total of 261 or 11.31 per cent had as a causative factor "blinded by the headlights of an approaching vehicle." A test by the patrol showed that 20 per cent of drivers do not dim lights when meeting oncoming cars.

### PROPERTY VALUATION INCREASES

Upturns in the value of rural and urban land, property of corporations, materials and manufactured products and cattle contributed to the principal gains which netted an increase of \$67,770,021 in ad valorem tax assessment this year, Comptroller George H. Sheppard said.

### TIES FROM RATTLESNAKE SKINS

Mrs. Minnie Brerup, of San Antonio, makes ties for men out of rattlesnake skins. Belts made out of rattlesnake skins are nothing new, but rattlesnake skin ties are a real novelty.

### NEW SUBSCRIPTION SWINDLE

The Amarillo Better Business Bureau reported that a slicker salesman had collected several annual subscriptions to the Congressional Record at \$3 each in the vicinity of Claude, (Armstrong county).

### FATHER AND SON IN COLLEGE

B. F. Roper, age 40, and his son, Wilbur, age 17, are both freshmen in the Stephen F. Austin College at Nacogdoches. Mr. Roper is a Methodist preacher and wants a college degree so he may become a licensed minister.

### MERCHANT IS SANTA CLAUS TO 6,000 NEEDY

Twenty-three employees worked all Christmas day passing out 18,000 gifts to 6,000 needy men, women and children who stood in front of the I. Rude store at 100 Elm street, Dallas. For 27 years, each Christmas, Mr. Rude has been passing out clothing free to the poor and needy of Dallas from his Elm street store. The gifts of merchandise included coats, vests, trousers, shirts, underwear, hats, shoes, etc.

### 57 NEW OIL FIELDS

Fifty-seven new oil fields have been discovered in Texas in the first eleven months of this year, according to records kept by John Taylor, chief supervisor of the Railroad Commission's oil and gas division.

### WORLD'S MOST TATOODED PERSON

Joe Simmons, who travels with a circus and is wintering in Port Arthur, is reported to have 4,871 different tatoo designs on his body. Joe makes a business of tatooing persons.

### SHIPPED MISTLETOE EAST

Mrs. R. W. Elliott, of Fort Worth, made Christmas money by gathering and shipping over 10,000 pounds of mistletoe to florists in New York City, Boston, Washington, Denver and other large cities throughout the nation. The Mistletoe was carefully packed in boxes weighing 7 to 17 pounds.

### BUYS 2,000-POUND METEORITE

San Angelo Standard: "W. S. Strain, curator of the museum of the Texas College of Mines at El Paso, has purchased a meteorite which weighed more than 2,000 pounds from Mrs. Widrow Payne, of San Angelo. The heavenly body crashed to the earth years ago on Mrs. Payne's ranch 36 miles south of Ozona, (Crockett county)."

### STATE DEFICIT REDUCED

State Treasurer Charley Lockhart's semi-monthly treasury statement on December 6 showed a decrease in the deficit in the State general revenue fund for the first time in many months. Prompt taxpayers were credited with reducing the deficit from \$23,812,583 on November 20 to \$22,437,103. Deficit in the Confederate pension fund was \$2,685,734. Confederate pension warrants issued prior to December, 1938, are paid.

### GRIDIRON MISHAPS

Surveying the injuries sustained in Texas schoolboy football, the Interscholastic League reported 79 injuries by each 1,000 of 19,375 players during the past weeks. In all, two deaths and 1,339 injuries were recorded.

### NEW GAME BIRD

The State Game Department announced recently it had released 200 wild Cuban guineas in South Texas in an experiment to determine if they will thrive there. Should the birds prosper, the department will release an additional 1,000 if they can be obtained.

### SELECTED LONELY BURIAL SITE

William Clarence Billings, wealthy oilman and rancher, of Laredo, (Webb county), selected a lonely burial site on a high hill in the rough chapparal country two miles from his ranch home. He died December 18th and was buried on the site.

### WPA PROJECTS EMPLOY 92,254

A total of 92,254 persons was employed in Texas on Works Projects Administration financed projects as of December 13, 1939. Of the persons employed in Texas, 4,061 were at work on Federal agency projects and 88,193 on WPA-operated projects. In Continental United States, a total of 2,108,472 persons was employed on WPA-financed projects.

### POSSUM KINGDOM DAM 80 PER CENT COMPLETED

Concrete work on the \$5,800,000 Possum Kingdom dam, on the Brazos river, near Grafford, Palo Pinto county, is 80 per cent completed. The dam, when completed, will be 165 feet high and 2,740 feet long, creating a lake of 990,000-acre feet. Contracts have been awarded for turbines, generators and control equipment, to be installed as soon as the structure is finished.

### HE STAGED HOLDUPS WITH TOY PISTOL

Thomas D. Pinkston, 18-year-old Dallas youth, was sentenced to five years in prison for two holdups with a toy pistol.

### GOOSE CRASHES AIRPLANE

While he was flying from Temple to Port Arthur a wild goose crashed through the wind-shield of Glen Parker's airplane and lodged, dead, on the ship's tail.

### KILLS 25-POUND WILD GOOSE

The State Game Department says that Jake Moody, of Lufkin, bagged a wild goose on the opening day of the hunting season at the K. P. Hunting Club in Trinity county that weighed 25 3/4 pounds.

### SKYSCRAPER WORKER DIES OF FALL FROM ONE-STORY HOUSE

After thirty years of carpentering atop the rising skyscrapers of Dallas, Leslie Boyd McCauley, age 58, president of the Dallas local carpenters union, died of a fall from a one-story house.

### SOUTH'S LARGEST WEATHER STATION

Fort Worth has been designated as headquarters for the largest weather-forecasting station in the South, employing 28 observers. The new set-up provides a 24-hour weather bureau service.

### ROPES 8-POINT BUCK DEER

Houston Chronicle: "Bud Evans, wild steer rider and rodeo performer from the Bar-O Ranch in Llano county, found his rodeo training to be an advantage in his ranch work when he successfully roped and mugged down a 2-year-old 8-point buck deer, which, as every one knows, is no small feat."

### WATERMELON SERVED AT CHRISTMAS DINNER

Emmett Merritt, city water superintendent of Beaumont, carved a 15-pound watermelon at his family's Christmas dinner, grown on the Bolivar Peninsula farm of Swinney Rotau. The melon was one of four planted September 2 and taken from the vines December 16.

### CATCHES GIGANTIC TURTLE

Port Isabel Pilot: "The first trunk back turtle seen at Port Isabel in several years, and one of the few of this species ever found in local waters, was caught just off the north jetty by Duane and Don Harrison and C. Squipres of La Feria. The turtle measured over all more than six feet in length, over three and a half across its back, and weighed, after being dressed, over 500 pounds."

### FIRE LOSSES INCREASE

Marvin Hall, Texas Fire Insurance Commissioner, warned that fire losses in Texas are on a decided increase. "The fact that fire losses for the first 10 months of 1939 have shown a decided increase over the same period of 1938 demands the utmost effort to prevent fires. Deaths from fires have also shown an alarming increase." Hall said.

### 176,000 WELLS DRILLED FOR OIL

George C. Gibbons, executive vice-president of the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, said recently: "Oil or gas is produced in 147 Texas counties, with exploration under way in 98 others, leaving only nine of the 254 counties without oil exploration activity. From the discovery of oil at Nacogdoches in 1839 to January 1, 1939, a total of 176,000 wells were drilled, estimated to cost three billion five hundred million dollars, or more than half the value of the oil recovered. Of the total 176,000 wells, 49,961 were dry holes, 120,361 oil wells and 6,039 gas wells."



**CAT FALLS FROM PLANE, WALKS OFF FIELD**—"Tom," official mascot at the Dallas, Tex., airport, fell asleep on the undercarriage of a plane. When it took off, "Tom" was way up in the air, and as the plane was landing, he fell from 250 feet. When pilot R. R. Hillsap landed, "Tom" was walking away.

### AIR-TRAINING PROGRAM

"Instructors and cadets at Kelly and Brooks Field, near San Antonio, will fly more than 21,000,000 miles next year in the stepped-up air training program," Colonel F. D. Lackland, commander of the air corps advanced training school, said.

### WHERE STATE TAX MONEY GOES

Four State departments—highways, education, public welfare and eleemosynary institutions—spent 89 cents of every tax dollar spent by the State, leaving only 11 cents for all other purposes combined.

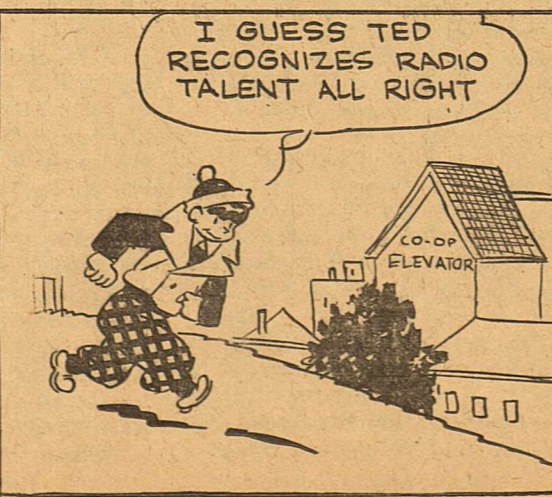
Here's how State departments finished in amount of money spent for the State bookkeeping year ending August 21, 1939, according to Comptroller George Sheppard's annual report:

Dept.	Cents of each dollar spent	Total
Highway	34	\$55,934,000
Education	27 3-4	45,640,000
Welfare	21 2-3	35,515,000
Eleemosynary	05 2-3	9,257,000
Debt payment	02 1-2	4,047,000
Regulation	01 2-3	2,754,000
Judicial	01 1-2	2,354,000
Administrative	01 1-2	2,349,000
Development	01 1-3	2,193,000
Law enforcement	01	1,927,000
Health	00 2-3	1,115,000
Legislative	00 1-2	818,000
Parks	00 1-5	364,000

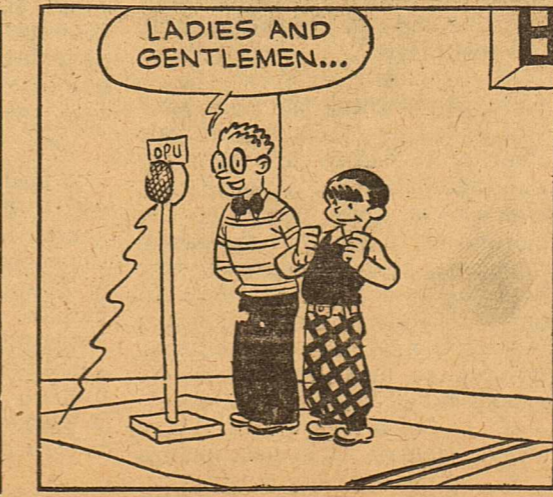
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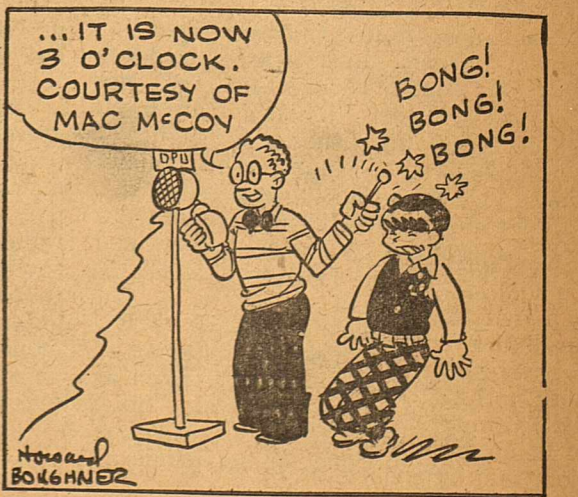
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## LADIES AND GENTLEMEN...



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**TRIBES STILL IN STONE AGE**

Other maps, besides Europe's, are being altered. The paleolithic map, used by archeologists to place the earliest evidences of human culture, has been changed, now that Stone Age culture has been discovered in Southern Albania. Paleolithic peoples are those who use rough, unpolished stone implements. They don't use metals. And don't think they've entirely disappeared from the earth. Many primitive tribes are still in their own stone age.

**LOCAL ANESTHESIA**

Local anesthesia, long regarded as useless in major operations, will have much greater utility under the system of a Russian scientist. Instead of just "deadening" a hand or a foot with novocaine, he renders large areas of the body insensitive to pain. Local anesthesia is comparatively new and still very much in the experimental stage. Instead of the commonly used drugs to produce a temporary nerve-paralysis, some doctors have even tried freezing, with ether, the spot to be cut. Ether evaporates so fast it draws all the heat from the skin.

**WHALING REVIVED**

Whaling has been revived by the descendants of the Bounty mutineers, on Norfolk Island in the Pacific. Using primitive equipment, they caught five big ones the past year. It's a wonder any whales at all are left. In fact, in most regions they are almost extinct. Because whale-bone has reached a peak price of \$12,500 a ton, and whale-oil hit \$200 a ton, the huge animals have been the victims of one of the most merciless hunts ever known—in one year, 13,000 were killed in the Antarctic alone.

**BACK TO PRIMITIVE HUNTING**

American hunters are reverting to the primitive. Game-chasers armed only with bows and arrows are becoming almost as efficient as gun-equipped huntsmen. Even State governments are recognizing the needs of the 500,000 bowmen registered in U. S. clubs. Wisconsin has just announced a month-long season during which, in 14 counties, deer can be hunted only by archers.

**MANGANESE**

Manganese, one of the most widely-used metals in the world, is being put to work in still another way. Europe, searching for light, strong armor for its soldiers, has found that alloys which include manganese are among the best. America imports practically all of its manganese and Russia is the largest producer of the metal. Dr. Sellards, head of geological department of University of Texas, said recently that he had discovered manganese deposits in the Davis mountains of West Texas.

**FINLAND FIGHTING RUSSIA FOR FREEDOM**

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tried to cut Finland in two up near the Arctic, not far from Finnish nickel and Swedish iron mines. But reports say that Russian forces have been driven back with heavy losses.

Everywhere the Finns have fought back.

Northernmost of the Baltic States, Finland has graduated to a leading part in a swift-moving sequence of European headline events.

Starting from scratch 21 years ago, with nothing but debt and disorder, the little country has advanced to the point of being a sound and self-sufficient nation, tasting independence for the first time in a thousand years.

Capable of throwing 600,000 troops into action, Finland is also backed by an adequate food supply. About half of the 3,835,000 persons living in Finland depend for their living on farming.

With the Declaration of Independence on December 6, 1917, Finland started to build railway, steamship and air lines. It worked out its own monetary and judiciary systems and developed extensive manufacturing and export industries. Along with these accomplishments came the tiresome job of paying its debt to the United States.

What would Russia get if Finland falls? First, all the territorial objectives over which the two countries negotiated fruitlessly for weeks before Russia struck—the Aaland Islands, Hango Head, the rest of the Karelian Isthmus north of Leningrad and the

Petsamo area. That means just about absolute control of the Gulf of Finland and Arctic shipping lanes.

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**Hard Hit**

Dick—"What's the matter with Tom anyway? He looks terribly emaciated."

Harry—"Oh, he's suffering from high blond pressure."

**Asking Too Much**

Traffic Officer—"Pardon me, lady, but didn't you see me wave at you."

Lady Driver—"Of course I did and didn't I wave back, what did you expect me to do, throw you a kiss."

**Not Taking Chances**

"Sambo, I'll give you \$10 to have your picture made in the cage with that lion."

"No, suh, Boss, not me."

"He won't hurt you—he hasn't got any teeth."

"Mebbe so, but I ain't goin' to be gummed to death by any old lion."

**H. O. K.**

Hubby and friend wife were going over the budget. He ran across an item, "H. O. K. \$3," and another, "H. O. K. \$7."

"My dear," he asked, "what are these frequent items, H. O. K.?"

His wife replied, "Heaven Only Knows."

**Punished for Flirting**

Modern Miss—"Did you ever flirt when you were young, mother?"

Mother—"Yes, dear, I'm afraid I did."

Modern Miss—"And were you punished for it?"

Mother—"Well, I married your father."

**Grammar vs. Glamour**

"Look at that," said the manager to the assistant manager, "I thought I told you to hire a new stenographer on the basis of her grammar."

"Grammar? I thought you said glamour."

**Easing the Blow**

A very valuable dog, owned by a wealthy woman, was run over by an automobile and killed.

The policeman detailed a man to tell the woman of her misfortune.

"But break the news gently," he said. "She thinks a lot of this dog."

The man rapped on the mansion door and, when the woman appeared, he said: "Sorry, lady, but your dog's been run over—hurt so bad he's nearly dead—in fact he's dead, lying in the road hit by a car."

Artist: "I'm putting your daughter on canvas."

Mother: "Well, it wouldn't do any harm to put a little of the canvas on daughter."

**Late John D's Favorite Joke**

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., tells us one of his father's favorite anecdotes:

"One time father was chuckling over a story of a certain man who had imbibed rather too freely. Staggering around in this condition he stumbled and fell into a ditch partly filled with water. To the patrol officer, who came to help him out as he wallowed in the water, he said:

"'Offzer, I ken save self. You save women an' children.'"

**Looking for Stills**

Sealy News: "A Texas State liquor agent went out one morning into the woods looking for stills. He was walking along when he came to a negro making a fire under a still.

"The liquor agent then asked, 'Makin' liquor?' The negro replied, 'Ain't makin' water.'

"The liquor agent then asked, 'Gonna sell it?' 'Ain't gonna give it away,' was the reply.

"The negro looked up and seeing who was asking all the dumb questions, said, 'Lawdee, are you a State liquor agent?' 'Ain't no preacher,' replied the agent.

"Gonna take me to jail?' asked the negro. 'Ain't gonna take you to church,' said the agent."

**Trees**

Sideswiping trees is done a lot by drivers who are plumb half shot. God gave them eyes so they might see, yet any fool can hit a tree.

**Coming Politicians**

Mother—"Why did you let Tommy Smith have your nice new football?"

Bobby—"Cause he promised to make me Secretary of the Navy when he is elected President of the United States, that's why."

**What a Hint**

Sailor—"I guess I'm just a little ripple in your life."

Sweetie—"Well, if you feel that way about it, why don't you try to be a big wave?"

**Damages Enough**

Mandy had been in a railroad accident and her friends advised her to sue the road for damages.

"Lawzee me," she retorted, "Ise don't want no more damages, what Ise wants is repairs."

**The Boy's Answer**

While crossing a railway bridge one afternoon, a small boy was astonished to see two freight trains crash head-on. He stood on the bridge and witnessed the crash.

A few days later, the railroad officials learned that there had been an eye-witness to the accident and brought the boy to headquarters for questioning.

"Now, then," said the official who was conducting the inquiry, "I understand you saw the two trains crash. Please tell us briefly what you saw and what you think of the accident."

"Well, sir," answered the boy slowly, "I thought it was a rotten way to run a railroad."

**Low Down Trick**

A lazy man was asked by his wife why he didn't dig the potatoes? He yawned a few times, stretched, got up and started digging. After digging a few minutes he went into the house and said he had found a coin. He washed it, and it proved to be a quarter. He put it in his pocket and went back to work.

Presently he went to the house again and said he had found another coin. He washed the dirt off and this time it was a fifty-cent piece. He put it in his pocket.

"I have worked pretty hard," said he to his wife. "I think I'll take a short nap."

When he awoke he was not surprised to find that his wife had dug up the rest of the potatoes—and that she had found no coin pieces.

**Joke on Senator Glass**

"The hardest I was ever sat down on," said Senator Carter Glass in the smoking room, while discussing a rebuttal that had just been given him on the floor of the Senate, "was at a farmers' gathering in a little village near Birmingham. I was addressing the gathering on a live issue that had an important bearing on Alabama agricultural interest. In the midst of my speech a man rose from the center of the hall and said:

"'I'd like ter ask yer a question about that.'

"I was in the midst of an important point and didn't want to be interrupted so I said: 'If you will kindly wait until the close of my talk, I will do my best to answer you.'

"He persisted, however, which brought another man to his feet shouting: 'Sit down, you ass!'

"An angry argument followed between the two disputants, when a third man got up and said:

"'Sit down, the two of yer; both of yer asses!'

"In a moment of impatience I turned to the three of them and said: 'There seems to be an unusual number of asses here tonight, but for heaven's sake let's hear one at a time.'

"Whereat the first gentleman, pointing a long finger at me, replied: 'Well, you go on then.'"

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**"CATCHING" A COLD**

By EDGAR W. BROWN  
Condensed from Saturday Home Magazine  
in Youth of Today.

Ninety-nine out of a hundred people know "a sure cure" for your cold, even though they can't get rid of their own, and all 99 of them are wrong! But don't give up hope. Scientists, who have been hunting a preventive—or a cure—ever since the birth of modern medicine, at last believe they are nearing the answer to the problem. It's an important problem, for it takes a toll of \$2,000,000,000 a year in the United States alone, in lost time and lost production.

The average person, male or female, has from two to three attacks a year. The normal American workman loses from one to three days of work annually because of colds, and indoor workers suffer even more, year after year, than do their brothers of the outdoors.

But regardless of occupation, doctors agree, colds are responsible for more suffering and greater loss of time and money than any other single disease.

Recent discoveries indicate that for the first time since the prehistoric cavemen first began to sniffle, we can look forward to a cold-less world. Especial encouragement is offered by members of the Illinois State research staff, who believe they have discovered the answer to the age-old question—Why do some people catch cold after sitting in a draught, while others don't?

If the body is chilled, their recent experiments revealed, the temperature of the membrane in the nose falls. In most people it soon rises again, even when the body is still chilled. But in chronic cold sufferers the nose temperature continues to fall, while in hypersensitives, chilling of the body makes the temperature of the nose go up. These changes in temperature, the doctors found, cause the membrane to swell. The result: stuffiness due to a cold.

As long as the temperature inside your nose remains normal, the doctors concluded, you will avoid catching cold, and the solution to the entire problem lies in toning up the circulation. Hot and cold baths, morning and evening,

plus dieting will reduce colds to a minimum, they assert. They would ban fried foods and greatly circumscribe the amount of sugar and starchy food you eat.

This new theory fits in with the belief long held by physicians that the reason you catch cold after sitting in a draught or getting your feet wet is because such actions alter the blood circulation and lower resistance.

Modern research has gone far in debunking many of the old beliefs and superstitions about colds. For example, alcoholic beverages are not good medicine for colds. It seems that drinking affects one's circulation, speeding it up too much. And when you have a cold, your object, of course, should be to get the blood moving at a normal pace.

Modern science prefers measures that will build up general health. Outdoor exercise, for example, is endorsed enthusiastically.

That doesn't mean, however, that you should go to extremes. Consider those human polar bears who chop holes in the ice and go swimming, while spectators shiver in the chill winter blasts. The average sniffer may ask, "Why don't they catch cold?" Well, the answer is, they do—unless they are in especially good physical condition. Even then, the shock handicaps the system in its fight against germs.

Now about those fresh-air fiends. Dr. Morris Fishbein, of the American Medical Association, reports that cold-air addicts and the hot-air fanatics seem to suffer from colds equally, and that a happy medium should be observed.

Here is what the Medical Information Bureau of the New York Academy of Medicine recommends that you do:

Avoid extreme temperatures. Have room well ventilated.

Get adequate rest and avoid excessive fatigue.

Wash your hands before handling food.

Eat adequately, especially food containing Vitamins A and D, such as prunes, carrots, cod-liver oil, whole cereals, fruits and fresh vegetables.

Drink a considerable amount of liquids. Water mixed with citrus fruit juices and a little sugar is especially recommended.

Exercise moderately.

**WOOD DOES NOT ROT**

Wood does not necessarily rot in the course of time, say experts in the United States Forest Service. Age in itself has nothing to do with deterioration. Decay is caused by the attack of a fungus and this may be repulsed either by saturating the wood thoroughly or keeping it too dry to sustain the growth of fungus. Tunnel workmen have found a log seven feet in diameter under the bed of the Yakima river in the State of Washington. Its age was estimated by the Forest Products Laboratory at 11 million years.—"Wood Fallacies."

**MIRAGES**

Mirages are created by air masses. A desert mirage is formed by a shallow layer of warm, rarefied air hanging low over the hot sand. This layer acts as a mirror and the water you think you see is merely a reflection of the sky on this layer of air. The unsteadiness of the heated air will give the appearance of shimmering water. Trees and vegetation far off can be reflected from the upper layer of warm rarefied air to the lower one, so that you have trees and a nice cool-looking lake right in the middle of an arid desert.

**VALUABLE MINERAL DISCOVERY**

Rich deposits of molybdenum have just been discovered in an Arizona mine. That's an important find, because the metal sells for \$3 a pound. It's used in strengthening steel, making it easier to draw into wire. But molybdenum doesn't stop there—it's replacing tungsten in electrical connections because of its high melting point.

**TASTELESS MEDICINE**

Do you hate to take medicine? Then rub your tongue with ice just before you take a bitter dose, swallow promptly, and, for all you know, you might have been taking sweet honey. The cold ice momentarily deadens your sense of taste.—Scott's Scrap Book.

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# TEXAS FARM NEWS REPORTS

More than 45 per cent of the 500,000 farms in Texas have no hogs to help keep the family in food, according to a recent farm census.

But these are written, that he might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. John 20:31.

"Old Mose," a veteran cowhorse on the E. V. Magill ranch west of Burnet, (Burnet county), lost his patience with turkeys sharing his meals recently and, as one gambler reached in to get a bite of corn, the horse bit his head off, then turned and watched the turkey flutter.

Texas must concentrate on breeding a plump, early maturing type of turkey in order to meet the competition developing in the Middle Western States, Geo. P. McCarthy, poultry expert of A. & M. College Extension Service, told a poultry association meeting recently.

Glenn Barrett, 14-year-old son of the Newsome Club, (Camp county), has reported his county agent, Weldon Morris, a sweet potato field of 100 bushels of marketable yams per acre average off of 10 acres. He used 4 sacks of 4-8-6 fertilizer and made a net profit of \$641.10.

A Texas cotton crop for 1939 of 2,830,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight is forecast by the Crop Reporting Board of the Agricultural Marketing Service, based upon indications as of December 1. This compares with 3,086,000 bales produced in 1938, and 4,077,000 bales the 10-year average.

Joe Evans, farmer of Deaf Smith county, says, "The silo is the cowman's weapon against feed shortage. Farmers and ranchmen who expect to show a profit at time of inventory have adequate silos to care for row crops. If it were not for my 2,100 tons of silage I would be forced to either ship my calves to the feed lots some 200 or 300 miles away or sell them to buyers at a tremendous loss."

The Bureau of Dairy Industry has information on almost 1,000 bulls that have been used in DHIA herds. Over half of these bulls sired daughters that produced less butterfat than their dams. This indicates that the average dairyman is taking a considerable risk when he selects a bull for his herd when little is known of the ability of that bull. Much of this risk can be eliminated if proved bulls are used.

While dressing a chicken in a Conroe, (Montgomery county), store, the butcher discovered one of the strangest collections of rubbish ever found in a chicken's craw. It included: 3 steel ball bearings, a button, several hooks and eyes, sharp stick pins, brass tacks, a small pewter toy cup with handle, a pewter bowl, 2 caps from tooth paste tubes, numerous pieces of metal of various sizes, large nail with head, a number of rocks, a bone and a piece of wire; also several lead bullets and 13 cartridge shells. The chicken was strong and perfectly healthy.

Gray foxes, formerly rarely observed except at night, are now frequently seen crossing Texas roads in the day time, Game Department biologists report.

Twin calves were born to a prize-winning Hereford cow owned by W. D. Harper, Jacksonville, (Cherokee county), stockman, being the first twin calves born to a Hereford cow in this section, so far as local reports are known.

W. J. Cruse, of Wichita county, is of the opinion that cotton burs are a very good fertilizer. He has been placing burs on his 3-acre irrigated tract for the past three years, and this year gathered six bales of cotton from that tract.

According to a report from the State Crop Insurance office, Swisher county has the largest insured acreage of wheat of any county in Texas. Approximately 90,000 acres are covered by the insurance. The 501 farmers who made application for protection have paid a premium either in wheat or cash equivalent to 123,322 bushels to insure a 1940 production of 542,560 bushels.

A new treatment to eradicate grub in the head of sheep is being increasingly used. Sheep are put on a restraint table, on their back, a 3 per cent Lysol solution is introduced into each nostril and forced through membranes of the nostril by means of a pressure tank. This gets most of the larvae which are lodged in the membranes, prevents them from going into the sinuses where they enlarge and do their damage.

Texas ranchers have established a new horse class and held their first "show" of palominos in Abilene the early part of December. A total of 240 palominos were entered in the show which included classes for heavy and light stallions, mares, geldings, colts, fillies, saddle horses and stock horses. Association President Howard B. Cox predicts an even greater interest in this horse class and show next year.

Campbell Sewall, of Houston, (Harris county), recently presented the registered saddle stallion, Squire McDonald, to the animal husbandry department of A. & M. College, according to announcement of D. W. Williams, head of the college department. Squire McDonald is a grandson of Lee Rose McDonald and out of a mare by Astral Peavine. The horse is a bay 3-year-old, and won first honors on the only occasion he has been shown.

"Slick spots"—areas where accumulations of salt prevent crops from growing—are increasing in size, intensity and number in Texas, says a report from the A. & M. Extension Service. They can be temporarily cured by application of humus forming materials, such as manure, leaf mold and straw. For a permanent cure, drain during winter months to let rains wash out salt, then follow with applications of large amounts of humus forming material.

Four hundred and eighty-nine containers of 51 varieties of canned products is one of the year's achievements of Mrs. Everett Kile, food supply demonstrator of the Fairview Home Demonstration Club, (Cooke county). She has also stored 50 pounds of dried peas and beans, raised 175 chickens of which she cooked and served 85 and canned 32 quarts, besides having a beef and hog to kill to further supply the meat needs for her family of two.

Evelyn Morgan, Morris county home demonstration agent, has recently conducted seven demonstrations on the "Preparation of Shrub Beds." Shrub beds should be plowed and made eight feet wide. Where the soil contains too much clay, gravel should be added. Leaf mold and barnyard fertilizer should be applied next. The beds are then left so that winter rains will help pack soluble food from the mulch down into the soil.

W. T. Womble, of the Pringle community, (Hutchinson county), made a nice net profit recently of \$703.50 on 100 Hereford steers purchased in September of last year. He paid \$50.65 per head, or \$5,065. He ran them on sudan pasture for two weeks, then switched them to volunteer wheat pastures, receiving \$5.50 per head or \$5,850, giving him a gross profit of \$785. After deducting expense of moving them home, interest on his invested capital and actual cost of pasture, he found a net profit of \$703.50.

Mrs. Will Cofield, orchard demonstrator for the Rural Granger Home Demonstration Club, (Williamson county), says it pays to plant an orchard even in the blackland section. Her orchard is 4 years old. The first year she bought 50 5-foot Eberta peach trees for \$2.00. In two years those trees produced 50 bushels of peaches. In 1939 they again produced 50 bushels. Forty were sold for \$1.50 per bushel. In 4 years the orchard has paid for itself in surplus fruit. The 1940 crop will be clear profit, and during the past two years the family has had all the fresh and canned fruit they could use.

According to M. K. Thornton, Jr., agricultural chemist of the A. & M. College Extension Service, many thousands of dollars "go up in smoke" because leaves are burned. Then in the summer gardens and flower beds "burn up" for lack of moisture. Mr. Thornton recommends raking leaves into a pile, wetting them down and leaving them to decay. The pile should be broad and flat-topped. It sometimes takes as long as a year for them to decay properly—to hurry the process, and to make really valuable humus, superphosphate should be added at the rate of one pound to 10 pounds of dry leaves and also one-half pound of some nitrogen fertilizer. Humus not only holds moisture, but it improves the physical condition of the soil.

R. A. Hall, superintendent of the Beeville Experiment Station, has found that Rio flax seed is a superior strain to be grown in South Texas.

At a one-day poultry short course conducted by George P. McCarthy, Extension Poultry Husbandman of A. & M. College, Bexar county poultry raisers were told that a good feeding is to have a supply of mash before hens at all times, to feed grain regularly night and morning according to the weather and number of birds. Plenty of clean water should be before the birds at all times; they should be supplied with green feed in the form of sprouted oats, soaked alfalfa or growing grain.



TEXAN WINS BIGGEST STEER AWARD

Mayfield Kothmann, 18-year-old Texan from Mason county, Texas, whose Hereford steer, Lucy Boy II, won the blue ribbon award for the grand champion beef animal at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago, was the first Texas boy to win this premier national livestock award.

L. E. Benignus, Waller county farmer, got very good results from a crop of cowpeas turned under green on 3 acres of corn, making a yield of 30 bushels per acre. The same yield of corn was obtained from land to which 75 pounds per acre of 20% super phosphate was applied. Although the peas cost 16 cents more per acre, the physical condition of the soil where they were planted is much better for the next crop, and the fertilizer value of the pea land is expected to show up more in crop production in 1940 than the land to which the commercial fertilizer was applied.

F. S. Gillham, Randall county farmer, has made more money on his feed and pasture crops with a small bunch of calves than from wheat, reports his county agent, W. H. Upchurch. Gillham's crops were planted broadcast, partly as cover to prevent soil blowing and partly to replant abandoned wheat land. According to Mr. Upchurch, Randall county farmers have followed such practice this year with the result that a good feed crop was harvested, and the soil stabilized with sorghum and sudan stubble.

J. H. McColloch, pasture demonstrator of the New Hope community, (Jackson county), has completed seeding his pasture in Bahia grass. Close observations show this grass will spread rapidly, is adapted to Jackson county soil and though cattle and horses graze it closely, it continues to thrive and spread.

Impressed by results obtained from pasture ridges constructed under the 1938 Range Program, F. L. Terry, Mitchell county farmer, is now planning to run over fifteen miles of ridges. He states that the grass has practically covered the ridges constructed last year, thus increasing the grazing capacity greatly in spite of the fact that only three inches of rain fell from January to May.

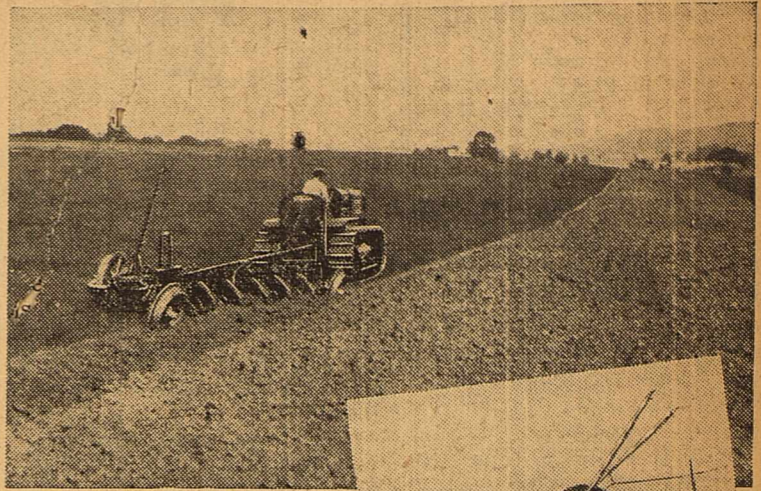
W. J. Isgitt, Madisonville, (Madison county), has produced 5,000 broilers through his modern battery brooder plant, according to R. H. Maxwell, county agent. These birds were finished in an average 10-week period, and averaged 2 1/4 to 2 1/2 pounds per bird. Mr. Isgitt received 18 cents per pound for finished birds during the season.

W. L. Bierschwale, of the Noxville community, (Kimble county), in co-operation with county agent, Richard E. Homan, recently conducted a series of goat dipping demonstrations. Eighty pounds of sulphur to 800 gallons of rain water were used to which were added 3 quarts of pine tar oil cut by adding 2 quarts of water and half pound lye solution. Pine tar cut in this manner will readily go into the solution. The dip should be rather cold with a temperature of from 54 to 56 degrees.

G. K. Patterson, of the Buck Creek community, (Collingsworth county), says: "You sure can tell a difference in the production of maize where you use the milo blight resistant variety instead of the regular maize." Mr. Patterson planted 25 pounds of the milo blight resistant maize seed. Then some regular maize seed was planted in the same field on the same type of land and cultivated in the same manner. The milo blight resistant variety produced about 1,000 pounds per acre more than the regular maize seed.

A hog worth less than \$12 on foot will produce \$27.50 worth of products when killed and cured at home, according to Elmo V. Cook, Eastland county agent, who kept figures on one he killed and cured in a recent demonstration. A 215-pound hog costing \$11.80, produced 80 pounds of cured meat valued at \$20.00, 30 pounds of sausage worth \$6.00 and 2 gallons of lard valued at \$1.50. The cost of his curing mixture and seasoning was less than a dollar, but products not valued, such as liver, feet, ribs and bones were worth more than the curing mixture. The hog was cured, according to instructions in Extension Bulletin B-94, "Killing and Curing of Pork."

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Finis was written on one of the bloodiest chapters in cattle country history with the announcement by Gov. O'Daniel that no whole Texas county will be under both Federal and State tick quarantine after December 1. The original tick quarantine—designed to prevent spread of cattle fever—was placed on 198 Texas counties by Federal and State governments in 1906. After December only parts of five South Texas counties will remain on the quarantine list, virtually ending this battle in Texas.

Chickpeas, an agricultural product grown mainly in Mexico and California, that could be grown in Texas, are becoming more important as an item of export to the Latin Americas, according to a report by T. U. Purcell, agent in charge of Houston office of Bureau of Domestic and Foreign Commerce. Chickpeas are grown on a small scale in the southern section of Texas, but could be grown extensively for export and local consumption, states Mr. Purcell.

Members of the Taylor-Jones DHIA are watching their production records more closely than ever before. With advanced feed prices a cow must produce over one-fourth more butterfat to show a profit than for the same period last year.

Texas peanut processing areas will be interested to know that the Department of Agriculture has developed a new way of removing peanut skins with low weight loss and no splitting and still have a nut high in quality. Nuts are dipped in a 1 per cent hot lye solution for moistening; then immersed in cold solution of hydrochloric acid, then rinsed in cold water.

Moth balls have found a new use as protectors of flower beds, according to J. F. Rosborough, horticulturist for A. & M. College Extension Service. Tulip lovers who want to protect their bulbs from rats and moles can place 2 or 3 moth balls close to each bulb with very satisfactory results.

Phosphorus is the fertilizer element that will return the highest dividend on more Texas farms, according to M. K. Thornton, Jr., agricultural chemist of A. & M. College Extension Service. The "big three" elements are nitrogen, phosphorus and potash, usually sold in combination in balanced or commercial fertilizer. Formulas, such as 4-8-4 refer to the proportions of nitrogen, phosphorus and potash, in order.

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# Poultry News Laying Quarters Turkey Hints

**Producing Clean Eggs**  
A good deal of time and hard work in the egg room "sanding off" dirty eggs can be saved by getting at this trouble before it begins. If ever the old saying, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" applies, it does here. A few minutes and a little effort in changing nesting material and gathering eggs frequently will save a lot of time.

An abundant supply of clean nesting material is the first prerequisite to clean eggs. Frequent gathering will prevent excessive breakage and will help preserve interior quality as well. Every time an egg is broken it means that the rest of the eggs in the nest must be cleaned.

### Use of Eggs in Industry

Eggs are used in the manufacture of soap, ivory, pharmaceutical preparations, paints, glue, and varnishes. They are used as a fixing agent for pigment colors, as an adhesive, sizing for paper, by bookbinders in gilding books, in photography, in making printer's ink, in clarifying wines, in textile dyeing, and in tanning leather.

An egg has approximately the same food value as 8.5 ozs. of milk.

### Keep Laying Quarters Dry

A bird, as well as a human being, cannot do its best if its living quarters are damp and uncomfortable.

Factors which influence the amount of moisture in the poultry house are outside humidity, condition of roof, capillary rise of water through the floor, the ration fed, rate of egg production, slopping from waterers, and condensation of moisture due to inadequate ventilation. Most of these factors are under the control of the poultryman. Winter weather is particularly hard on roofs, so it is important to watch for leaks and repair them when they occur. Damp dirt floors

may be replaced by concrete ones, under which it is desirable to have at least an 8-inch cinder fill and a layer of water proof paper. Adequate ventilation and the use of deep, absorbent litter such as peat moss, shredded cane, or oat hulls, will lessen the danger of condensation of moisture, while slopping from waterers may be prevented by the use of properly designed fountains.

### Intestinal Tract

Many disease organisms live in the intestinal tract of a normally healthy bird without any apparent harm to the bird or to the flock, provided all are in good health, show external evidence of vigor, and are housed and fed properly. Yet, when closely confined indoors, a few birds with less than normal vigor may be responsible for starting an infection which may destroy not only the poor birds, but the good ones as well.

Unthrifty pullets are often the carriers of parasites, and even if housed separately, should be wormed and deloused if they are infested.

### Turkey Hints

As soon as possible after marketing, the grower should round up all equipment such as feeders, waterers, perches, and other things, repairing those that need fixing and then setting all away for the next season. This plan is followed closely by the bigger turkey growers but not so often by the smaller farm growers. If everything is set away carefully, it eliminates a lot of extra work when the new crop of turkeys in 1940 is ready to use the equipment.

Clean up all droppings and litter from the turkey roosting places as soon as the marketing is complete.

Build a laying yard for the brooders if they have been allowed the free run of the farm. You'll get more and better eggs in 1940.



# Our Boys and Girls

AUNT MARY, Editor, Route 5, Box 179-B, Fort Worth, Texas.



### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

HELLO, THERE:  
How are all my little friends in the great Southwest? Wish I could look into your homes today and see just how you are starting off this brand new year. What fun that would be! But, since I cannot do that—the next best thing is to talk to you through the Boys' and Girls' page of your home town newspaper.

The past year has been one of sunlight and shadow. Many hearts have been saddened by another cruel war. Yet, here in America, we can still be thankful and happy because of our continued peace and freedom.

For Aunt Mary 1939 was a happy year. Many opportunities came for her to serve her fellow man and woman and to make new friends.

So come, one and all, let us throw back our shoulders, take a deep breath of pure fresh air and welcome the New Year bravely and whole-heartedly.

Let's make the best of what we have, and maybe more will be added to us.

I close this little greeting with a poem that expresses the wish I have for YOU during the coming year:

"Pray the prayer of a friendship true,  
May peace and joy abide with you.  
Wherever you are, whatever your sphere  
May be you happy throughout the year."  
With love,  
(Signed) AUNT MARY.

### GRATEFUL TOMMY

Here is a little story I have written especially for the children of the Southwest. I do hope you like it.

No doubt all of you have heard of Johnny Applesed, that kindly man who planted thousands of applesed along the Ohio Valley long ago. You remember how these seeds grew into fine apple trees. Seeds from these big trees grew other seeds that today give shade and fruit to men and women. Well, the boy I am going to tell you about was something like this fine gentleman. This boy's name was "Tommy Kindeed."

He lived in the crowded slum district of New York City many years ago. You have heard how many poor people live there in such squalid conditions. Tommy was a cripple. He had not always been thus handicapped—as he used to be able to run and play with the other boys. The street was the only place they had for games. They didn't have broad fields and lovely yards as we do here in the Southwest. One day a drunken driver came dashing down the street where the youngsters were playing. Tommy was caught under the wheels of his car. A serious spine injury resulted that doomed him to the life of an invalid.

Two years later, in the spring, Tommy was selected as one of a group of underprivileged children who were taken to the country for a two-week stay. Here for the first time he saw tall stately trees and gorgeous flowers, and his heart was filled with joy. Each day there came to the camp a kindly old lady who told them stories of adventure. The one thing Tommy liked best of all was the way she said, "I'm grateful," each time anyone was kind to her.

After he had gone back to the city he kept hearing the haunting words, "I'm grateful—I'm grateful!" But Tommy would say to himself, "What have I to be grateful for, indeed?" Then he thought of his kind patient mother, the little playmates who came in to see him, and most of all—the wonderful trip to the country.

One day he had an exciting idea. He decided to ask his little friends to gather all the bits of colored paper they could find, as well as string and wire, and bring them to him. In a few days he had a large pile of them beside his bed. Then with his mother's scissors he began to fashion the colored bits of paper into flowers, as best he could. To be sure the first ones were very crude. Then as he patiently worked with petals, wiring them together, he began to create things of real beauty.

One day, as his mother was leaving for work, he asked her to take him to sit on the lower step next to the street. "But I will be gone all day Tommy and you will get so tired," his mother objected. "If I get tired Big Tom will bring me up," he assured her. Big Tom lived on the top floor and no one knew much about him—except that he was gentle—never refused to do a kind deed.

With this assurance Tommy's mother took him to the lower step. His frail little body

was so light she didn't mind carrying him. After his mother was gone Tommy began to watch the people go by. In his hand he clutched many of his choicest paper flowers. By and by a little girl passed and she was crying. "Little girl—little girl," Tommy called to her. She turned a tear-stained face toward him. "Here," he said. "May I give you one of my flowers?" "I'm grateful, you know."

At the sight of the pretty colors a little smile came to her face and, grasping the treasure in her hand, she said, "Thank you, I don't mind now so much, I broke my doll."

Soon a very tired looking lady came by and Tommy offered her a flower, too. She gave Tommy a cookie from a sack that she carried. So all day long Tommy gave away his flowers and always he said, "I'm grateful." A few of the people gave him something in return but all of them gave him a smile. When his mother returned from her work Tommy was very tired and had not one flower left; but his eyes were shining with happiness.

For several days he again worked hard making flowers. He begged his friends to bring him more paper and more wire.

Soon he had a basket full of flowers, and again he asked his mother to take him down stairs as before.

This went on all summer as Tommy made and gave away flowers. Many people came to know and love the little crippled lad. One day Tommy was sitting on his accustomed step when a well dressed man came slowly up the street. Bent slightly forward, he walked with his hand behind his back—the lad knew at once he must be very unhappy. "Mr., oh Mr.," he called. The man didn't seem to hear. He called again and again. The man was almost past him. Tommy felt he MUST speak to the man, "Oh, Mr., in the gray pants," he cried at the top of his voice.

The man raised his head and looked back. He saw Tommy waving to him. "Me," he questioned. "Did you call me?"

"Yes, sir. I want to give you one of my flowers."

"Give—You mean sell me one. No I don't want any," he snapped.

"No—no, I DO mean give—I love to give—I'm grateful—you know," Tommy stammered. He had never seen anyone just like this before. "I thought you might like to have—I'm grateful—" the little lips were trembling with fear.

"You're grateful," said the man, "grateful for what?" This was the first time anyone had asked him this question.

"I'm grateful that I got to go to the country—that I got to see real flowers," the words just tumbled out.

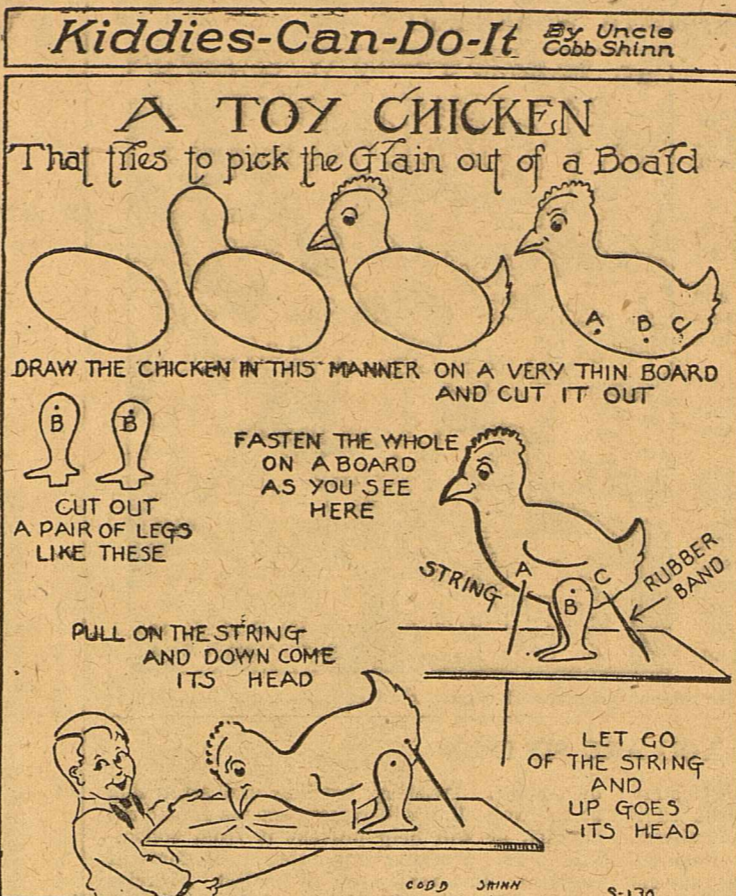
"Well—well—of all things," the man cleared his throat and whisked a dollar out of his pocket. Tommy put up his hand in protest. "I don't want your money, sir, honest. I just love to share my flowers because—because I'm grateful."

"Oh! Oh! thank you—thank you," the man mumbled as he turned sharply and walked down the street.

The lad was sure there were tears in his eyes.

Several days later as Tommy was sitting in his accustomed place a wind began to blow fiercely. The lad grew colder and colder. Time and again he called for Big Tom but his voice was drowned by the wind. He was too proud to ask strangers to carry him up the long flight of stairs. By the time his

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**A TOY CHICKEN**  
That flies to pick the grain out of a Board  
**By Uncle Cobb Shinn**  
DRAW THE CHICKEN IN THIS MANNER ON A VERY THIN BOARD AND CUT IT OUT  
FASTEN THE WHOLE ON A BOARD AS YOU SEE HERE  
CUT OUT A PAIR OF LEGS LIKE THESE  
PULL ON THE STRING AND DOWN COME ITS HEAD  
LET GO OF THE STRING AND UP GOES ITS HEAD  
CIGAR box, rubber band, three nails and a sharp knife is all the material you need to make this chicken. The illustration shows you just how to cut out and place each piece to make this toy chicken.

# YOUR GRACIOUS HOST FROM COAST TO COAST

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Managing Director

# KIRKEBY HOTELS

## GREAT AMERICANS

The United American Magazine says:

"In this day when the world is aflame with war, it is well to think back to the great men who have made possible the liberty which we Americans enjoy. It is at such times as these when we realize how precious is that liberty for which these great Americans fought and suffered. George Washington was called 'the Sword of the Revolution,' Thomas Jefferson 'the Pen of the Revolution' and Patrick Henry, 'the Tongue of the Revolution.'"

It was Patrick Henry who, at the Richmond, Va., Convention in 1775 supported, against strong opposition, the resolution for an organization of militia to put the American Colony in a state of defense, excoriating the British for their warlike preparations against the Colonies and reproaching the opposition for their meek submission. It was here that he made what was probably the greatest speech of his career. Beating his breast in unrestrained passion, he closed his harangue with the immortal cry, "Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"

### RECIPE FOR NEW YEAR

Do you need a recipe for a happy 1940? Here it is:

Take 366 days, trim off all old memories of hate and discord and wash thoroughly in plenty of love and courage. Cut these days into 25 parts each. Cook only one day at a time. Be sure the fire is hot with enthusiasm for this wonderful business of living and be sure the kettle is bright with hope.

Season each kettleful with kindness for somebody else, with patience for the small trials that come up, and a bit of extra endurance when needed. Add a little each of meditation, earnestness, and willingness. Serve with smiles, bits of praise, and plenty of heart warming joy.

### A VANISHING BIRD

The Interior Department says the wild turkey is a vanishing bird. Early American writers tell of seeing flock after flock, some composed of hundreds of the birds. Now they're classed as extinct in some districts, rare in others.

### NEW LAMP LIGHT

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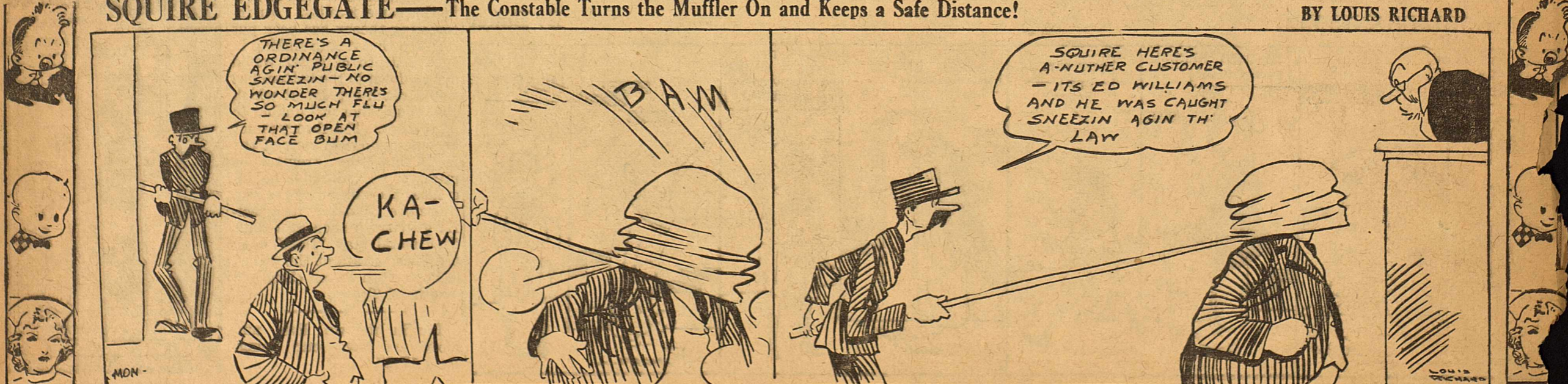
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# SQUIRE EDGEGATE—The Constable Turns the Muffler On and Keeps a Safe Distance!

BY LOUIS RICHARD





# THE SECRET OF WONDERFUL CHILI

IS IN *this* BOTTLE

EASY TO MAKE WITH THE FAMOUS

**Gebhardt's EAGLE CHILI POWDER**

GOES *twice* AS FAR!

## GIRL PUBLISHES TWO NEWSPAPERS

She was graduated from high school only last June, yet Joan Laverne Lynn is publisher of two weekly newspapers at San Carols and Belmont, California. She determines policies, writes editorials. She knows what it's like to have to meet a payroll every week.

"When I was graduated from the high school at Redwood City, Calif.," Joan, age 19, writes, "my father gave me the San Carols Bulletin and the Belmont Courier because he felt, as I feel, that newspaper work will be a career for me and that these two papers will be good training ground for me and that I will get experience by the trial and error system."

She's getting it. When she took over the papers, she decided they should have a "state affairs" page. She started it and then went to college to learn more about politics and economics. Thus, Joan usually operates the papers, as she says, by remote control.

"When I am in San Carols and Belmont," she says, "I watch production, write news, sell advertising, check circulation lists, etc."

The combined circulation of the two papers is about 2,300. To get them out, Joan employs four persons full time, about five more part time.

## SPECK IN YOUR EYE?

Nothing is much more painful than a speck or cinder in the eye. Don't rub the eye. It may embed the object into the tissue of the eyeball, and that would call for expert removal. To remove the speck yourself, prop a mirror close to a strong light. Grasp the lower eye-lashes firmly, pull the lid down, and look for the intruder. Take the upper lashes and turn the upper lid back and search that region. When found, remove with the corner of a clean handkerchief moistened with a weak solution of salt water.—American Magazine in Youth of Today.

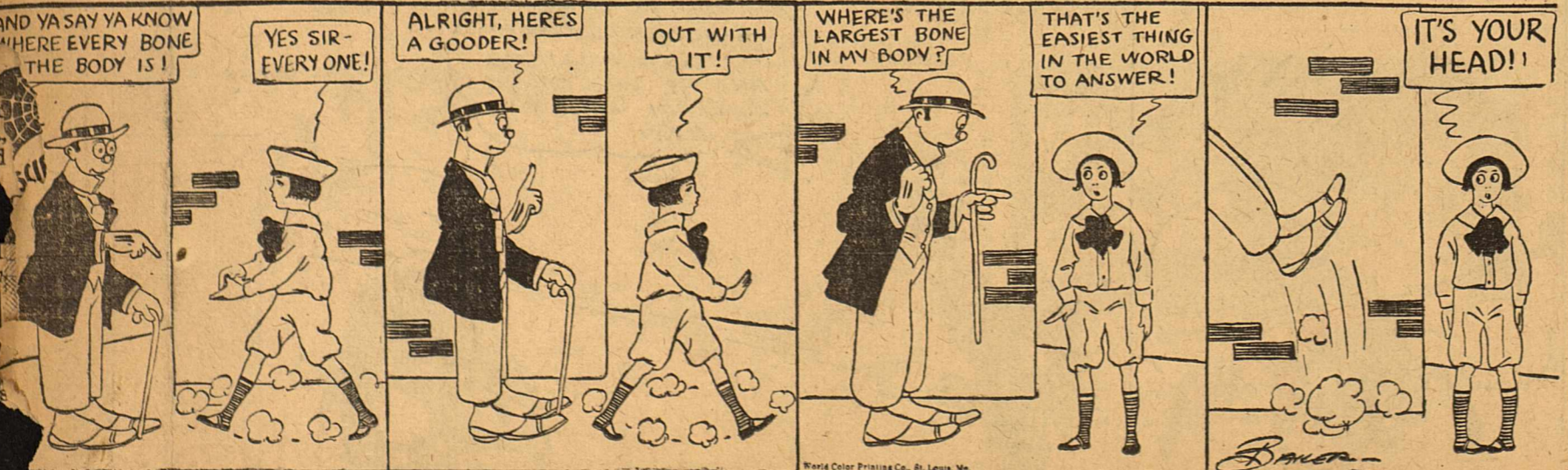
## FOR GRAY, WHITE OR BLONDE HAIR

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# HOUSEHOLD HELPS

MRS. MARGARET STUTE, Editor, Route 5, Box 179-B, Fort Worth, Texas.

## BUSY WOMEN'S WORKBASKET

### First Prize Collection

With the gift and bazaar season at its height, you'll find these blue ribbon tea towel designs the answer to your quest for what to give. They are quickly done, yet make prized gifts.

The joyful elephant, C8194, price 10c, brings you designs about 6 inches in size, one for each day of the week and an extra one for a pan holder.

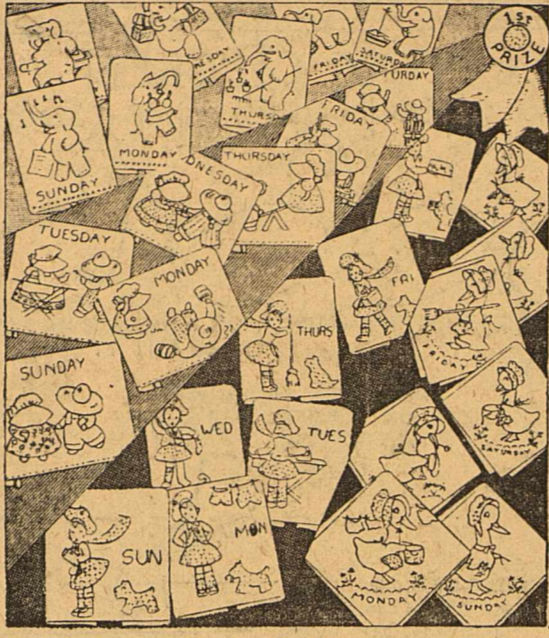
The companionable sunbonnet girl and overall boy, C8261, price 10c, will decorate another set of seven, and there is a panholder of each.

The wee Scotch lassie and her Scottie dog come next as number C8483, price 10c, with a matching panholder and seven day-by-day designs.

Madam Duck is a careful housekeeper as shown in the seven designs, C8672, price 10c. A panholder is included.

These sets come in NUMO hot iron transfers so you can stamp off several sets for yourself as well as extras for gifts. As number C8719, price 25c, you can make a big saving, getting all four sets including 28 tea towel and 5 panholder transfers.

Address all letters to Southwest Magazine, Needlecraft Dept., Box 166, Kansas City, Mo.



## WHEN YOU ARE SIXTEEN

This month I shall write about the most glamorous time of a young girl's life—the time she enters the magic portals of womanhood. If she has been properly trained and prepared she will go out to meet life's great adventure with joy and confidence.

Before 16 a girl should be prepared physically and mentally for her future. The wise mother usually makes it a firm rule that her daughter is to have no dates until she is 16, or even older. Mixed parties are fine, but not a real "date" and its subsequent "going with the boys." There are many other things to occupy a girl's time before she approaches the "date" age.

Too many young girls take beauty for granted. They disregard health rules, and there can be no beauty without health. They do not eat properly, stay up too late at night and fail to exercise. Usually they dab on a little rouge and lipstick (often the wrong shade and texture) and let it go at that. Finally, when they reach "sweet sixteen," they realize that nature alone is not always adequate to provide real beauty. Their hair may be straggly, dry and brittle. A few excess pounds may have accumulated here and there to mar their figure; the posture is bad and the complexion blotchy. All these defects might have been avoided by a little foresight and by a simple daily beauty routine.

Exercise is a "must" for the adolescent. It can be taken indoor or outdoor. Outdoor exercise can be: Tennis, horseback riding, hiking, swimming, bicycle, golf, basketball, field hockey, canoeing and volley ball.

Horseback riding is excellent training for good posture. It develops long flexible muscles over the entire body. More than that it keeps the shoulders back, head erect and the muscles of the stomach pulled in. It also stimulates circulation.

All sports have their special advantages. Fencing develops muscle co-ordination, while bicycling develops ankle and leg muscles. If you need development of some particular part of your body, choose the exercise that will correct that defect.

For those who cannot indulge in outdoor sports there are many gymnastic forms of exercise that can be performed right in your

own home. Twisting, bending and stretching at the waist line will remove excess fat at the midriff, or will help prevent it from collecting there. Walking is another good form of exercise. But remember to select exercise routines that you like best and for your own individual needs.

Young girls should learn to relieve any eye-strain caused by study or smoky rooms by bathing the eyes at least once a day with a boric solution. Dip a piece of cotton in a weak solution of boric acid and water and apply gently to the eyes.

At the 'teen age, brushing the hair at least 10 to 20 minutes a day is far more important than an up-to-the-minute coiffure. Start from the roots and brush up. This stimulates the roots of the hair and makes the hair look healthy and glossy. Avoid having too many permanents; keep the hair soft and lovely by weekly or fortnightly shampoos and constant brushing.

Cleanliness is a prime requisite for maintaining a youthful, clear complexion. A hit or miss rub with a washrag does not insure absolute cleanliness. Use a complexion brush, tepid water and mild soap. Scrub the neck, face and hands vigorously. Never remove blackheads by pinching the spots. This may leave unsightly blemishes. It is better to cleanse the face more frequently, using one of the good base pore cleaners. To help cure and prevent pimples and blackheads, it is most important to keep the intestinal tract clean at all times.

If your complexion is dry, apply a greaseless lubricating cream. There is a complete line of cosmetics designed especially for the "young skin."

Powder rouge is preferable to paste rouge for adolescents. Even this should be applied sparingly, and made to look natural.

While make-up is important at all ages, the 'teen age girl should concern herself more with establishing fundamentals for beauty, such as proper amount of sleep, exercise, proper diet, brushing the hair, walking erect and gracefully, keeping the fingernails polished and the skin scrupulously clean. New coiffures and the many shades of lipstick can be given attention later.

## MILADY LOOKS TO THE NEW YEAR

It is a rather strange sight to see women wearing straw hats in January and furs in August. But such are the dictates of fashion and, like so many sheep, we follow. Perhaps you are interested in spending some of your money for new clothes, so we are passing on to you a few hints direct from the "fashion front."

Some of the latest hats are called "colis au soldat," which is a French phrase meaning "packages to the soldiers." These hats were actually inspired by packages sent to the boys on the French front line. They are four-cornered turbans—some square, some oblong—of felt or straw. Scarfs of wool chiffon or bright silk keep them securely on the head.

The new restaurant frocks are endorsed in several pretty models. One is a black lace two-piece which has a military belt and pockets. Another is of sheer black wool made with a pleated skirt and finished with a transparent hem of black-spotted net. Net is also used for a deep transparent yoke and bands on the short sleeves of the bodice. A black patent leather belt gives it a smart note.

January is a good month to buy fur jackets and coats. Many lovely styles of jackets are being shown. You will see box jackets of copper, silver or pale blond fox presented for dressy wear, and ivory or snow-white pique for sports. The pique coats are accompanied by matching turbans which make smart companions for winter sport suits. A grand outfit for girls planning on entering the late term of college reminds one of costumes during the gay nineties. It is a chestnut brown wool, worn with a boxy overcoat lined with white sheepskin. A white sheepskin cap and a white knitted wool sweater complete the costume.

Double duty ensembles are stressed by many designers. To illustrate: A khaki tailor-made suit consists of a matching severely tailored skirt and redingote; the latter has removable musette pockets slung from a leather belt to give it a sporting air. A third part of this suit ensemble is a two-piece khaki dress, several shades lighter than the coat. When the dress is worn with the redingote minus the musette belt, the ensemble is suitable for afternoon.

## WE DINE

We would like to suggest as one of your New Year resolutions the firm resolve to make this a most healthful year. Health begins at the dining table. Remember, "the sum and substance of what we are is the result of what we eat." Feed your family a balance diet, well-cooked wholesome food, it pays good dividends. Nothing so adds to the

high cost of living more than doctor and hospital bills.

**Milk and Banana Pudding**  
28 graham crackers, crushed fine  
3 bananas Juice of ½ lemon  
¼ cup butter 1 cup milk  
½ cup brown sugar 1 egg, beaten.  
Juice of 1 small orange  
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# FOOLPROOF at testing coffee

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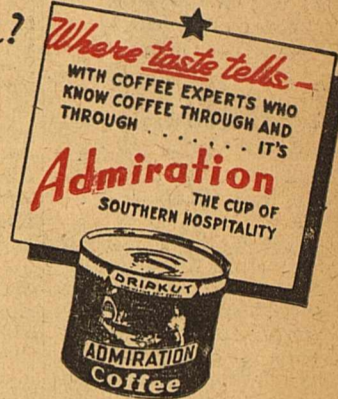
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\* LISTEN TO "Beyond Reasonable Doubt" every Monday, Wednesday, Friday. See local paper for station and time.

# Admiration Coffee

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Put layer of graham cracker crumbs on bottom of greased baking dish. Add layer of sliced bananas, little orange and lemon juice, brown sugar and dot with butter. Repeat until all ingredients are used. Top layer to be sliced bananas. Pour milk and beaten egg over all. Bake in oven (325° F.) 45 minutes. Serve with or without whipped cream.

### Bran Drop Cookies

1½ cups sifted flour  
2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder  
½ teaspoon salt  
½ cup butter or other shortening  
¾ cup brown sugar, firmly packed  
2 eggs, well beaten  
½ teaspoon almond extract  
½ teaspoon vanilla  
1 cup broken nut meats  
1 cup raisins  
1 cup Whole Bran Shreds or Post's 40% Bran Flakes

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift again. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually and cream together until light and fluffy. Add eggs and beat well; then flour, flavoring, nuts, and raisins, and mix well. Add bran and blend. Drop on ungreased baking sheet. Bake in hot oven (400° F.) 10 minutes. Makes 4 dozen cookies.

### Brownies

¾ cup sifted flour  
½ teaspoon double-acting baking powder  
¼ teaspoon salt  
¼ cup melted butter  
1 egg, slightly beaten  
1 cup sugar  
2 tablespoons water  
2 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted  
1 cup chopped Brazil nuts

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift again. Add butter to egg and mix well. Add sugar and water and beat ½ minute; then add chocolate and blend. Add flour and mix well; then add Brazil nuts. Bake in greased pan, 8x8x2 inches, in moderate oven (350° F.) 25 to 30 minutes. Cool slightly and cut in squares. Makes 2 dozen Brownies.

## HOW DEEP IS THE OCEAN?

The imagination delights in picturing the ocean as a vast abyss full of darkness and mystery. But in reality the ocean is relatively shallow—a mere film of water on the surface of the earth. A hand large enough to grasp our world would not notice the roughness caused by the Himalayas or the Andes, and it would be made only slightly moist by the 15,000-foot average depth of the Atlantic Ocean. Imagine that a liner sailing along the horizon suddenly sinks, and ask yourself how far she has to go down. Even though she is only a mile or two off the coast, you will probably picture the vessel as sinking down and down until she is a mere speck in the mud at the bottom. The actual fact is that she will have to sink only about her own height before touching bottom. Any map will prove this. You'll be astonished to see at what a great distance from the land the sea is only 120 feet deep. In fact, a steamer 300 to 400 feet long can easily touch bottom with one end while the other still juts above the surface. When the Oceana sank some miles off the coast of England in 1912, not only her masts, but the tops of her funnels remained above the surface when she had come to rest.

There are, of course, places in the ocean so deep that a ship must go a long way before coming to rest. Off the Philippine Islands bottom was found in 1814 by sounding at 32,112 feet, and in 1924 a Japanese survey ship failed to find bottom at 32,646 feet in the same locality. An interesting theory has been put forward that a ship sinking in such a depth of water would not go down to the bottom but would reach a point at which she would "hover," unable to go further. The theory is not an unlikely one in view of the fact that the tremendous pressure at great depths increases the salinity of the sea, therefore changing its specific gravity to such an extent that metal may "float" upon the lower strata of the water.—Boy's Own Paper (Eng.) in Youth of Today.

For in him we live, and move, and have our being. Acts 17:28.

## ARMY UNIFORMS REMAIN OLIVE DRAB

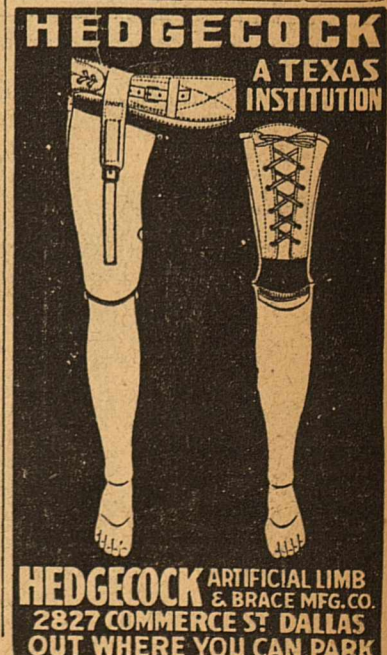
Camouflage isn't confined to ships—the U. S. War Department has announced that army uniforms will not be changed to blue, as previously indicated, because olive drab is better protection from enemy eyes. Camouflage, the art of military deception as practiced by artists, gained prominence during the World War, but it's been attempted for a long time. Almost as soon as guns became a normal part of army equipment, imaginative generals set up dummy artillery to hide their actual artillery positions.

## MALE AND FEMALE FAT

There are more fat women than fat men, says a Chicago doctor. The ladies might howl at that, but the medico's findings are substantiated by numerous scientific studies. Fat isn't a danger to health until it reaches a great excess. Then it may be a death warrant—as in the case of a 4-year-old French girl who weighed 256 pounds. But the heaviest man on record, an Englishman, lived to be 40. He weighed 739 pounds.

## NEW GOAT BREED

Goats won't be made "the goat" by Tuskegee Institute, Georgia, which is trying to develop a new breed to aid the Southern farmer. Goat milk is nutritious and some people seem to like it. One authority claims more of the world's inhabitants drink goat's milk than cow's milk.



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