











# PEANUTS REPLACE HANDS IN PECAN INDUSTRY AS NEW MINIMUMS ARE SET



Sh pickers extracted eight pounds of nuts per hour, as seen above, seems doomed to disappear as mechanization speeds up production.

...piece, and makers claim from 24 to 32 pounds per worker per day with the new machines. The pecan industry, for years a victim of strikes and labor trouble, has been built on wage scales as low as five and 10 cents an hour. The availability of a "labor supply" of Mexican girls with comparatively low living standards, combined with hot competition from Brazil nuts and cashews from the West Indies, have helped preserve the low labor standards of the industry.

## Publication Has Picture of J. H. Goodman

The issue of the Texas Press of particular interest to Midland citizens as the page devoted to the Texas Woman's Press carries a picture and a biography of Mrs. Lena Williams (Jas. H. Goodman) of Midland. Mrs. Goodman is second vice-president of the Texas Woman's Press Association and has long been interested in newspaper and magazine writing. Her article, beneath the heading "Vice-President Interested in Journalism," follows: Mrs. Lena Williams Goodman writes for newspapers and magazines in her spare time, but she says she is a writer by profession. She has always been interested in journalism and studied at the University of Texas at Austin, where she specialized in drama. Later she attended the University of Dramatic Art of New York and Texas Technical College at Lubbock. She served as director of drama in the Plainview Public

...in honeysuckle. Warm Apple Custard (6 custards) 1 egg, 1/2 cup sugar, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, dash of nutmeg, 1 cup grated apple, 1 cup flour, 2 cups milk, 1/4 cup currant jelly. Beat eggs and add sugar. Add remaining ingredients in order. Pour into 6 well greased custard-resistant glass or earthenware custard cups and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) about 20 minutes or until a knife when inserted comes out clean. Cool slightly and serve with a dash of currant jelly on top of custard.

## Announcements

### WEDNESDAY—

Mrs. J. M. Caldwell will be in charge of the morning prayer service at the Presbyterian church on Wednesday at 10 o'clock. The subject will be Brazilian missions.

Woman's Wednesday club will meet with Mrs. J. M. Caldwell, 223 South H street, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Robyn Junior Music club will meet at the Watson studio, 210 W. Ohio, Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Slam club will meet with Mrs. E. M. Bryan at the Tank Farm on Wednesday afternoon 2 o'clock.

Home Art club will meet with Mrs. Garth Neill, 1408 W. Ohio, Wednesday afternoon at the usual hour.

Modern Study club will meet with Mrs. J. H. Rhoden, 1007 W. Texas, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Chez les Amies club will entertain members and husbands with a spaghetti supper at the Log Cabin Inn Wednesday evening.

Town Hall club will hear Dr. No-Yong Park, Chinese author and lecturer, speak in the Crystal ball room of Hotel Scharbauer, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Play Readers club will meet with Mrs. Jack Hawkins, 205 North H street, Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Mrs. Bob Johnston will read.

### THURSDAY

Friendly Builders class of the Methodist church will have a social at the home of Mrs. W. C. Hinds, 300 N Baird, Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Morning prayer service at the Presbyterian church at 10 o'clock will be in charge of Mrs. A. P. Shirey on the foreign missions in Africa.

The Brides' circle of the Methodist WMS will meet at the home of Mrs. John W. Rhoden Jr, 906 W. Kentucky, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

Midland county museum at the courthouse will be open Thursday afternoon from 2:30 o'clock until 5 o'clock. The public is invited.

### FRIDAY

Stitch and Chatter club will meet with Mrs. E. L. Reagan, 211 E. Kentucky, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Concluding prayer service in the series observing the week of prayer and self-denial for missions will be held at the Presbyterian church Friday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. W. J. Coleman will be in charge.

Belmont Bible class will meet with Mrs. H. D. Bruce at the Baptist parsonage on N Main street Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

The toy lending library sponsored by the Child Study club will be opened at the Boy Scout hall Friday afternoon from 3 o'clock until 6 o'clock.

### SATURDAY

Story Hour will be held in the children's library at the courthouse Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Midland county museum in the courthouse will be open Saturday afternoon from 2:30 o'clock until 5. The public is invited.

Schools, in Wayland Baptist College, Seth Ward College and in Trinity University.

Mrs. Goodman is now serving as second vice-president of the T. W. P. A., vice-president of the Midland City-County Federation, and is historian of the Eighth District of the Texas Women's Federated Clubs. She is past president of the Plainview Browning Club, the Lubbock Twentieth Century Study Club, the Lubbock Little Theatre and the Seth Ward Alumni Association. She is a native Texan—McGregor being her birthplace.

Mrs. Goodman is the wife of Rep. Jas. H. Goodman of the 88th Legislative district and is now with him in Austin during the legislative session.

A group of robes, evening dresses, cotton and wool dresses from 75c to \$1.95. The Modern Shop, 1803 West Wall. (Adv.)

## Senior High PTA Executive Board Plans Activities

The executive board of the Senior High School PTA met yesterday at the home of the president, Mrs. L. G. Lewis, to discuss future plans of the organization, particularly the food sale to be held here next Saturday, Feb. 4th.

Plans were made for a membership drive in the near future and for an informal at home in the new gymnasium, to be sponsored by the organization, that the patrons of the school may become better acquainted with its facilities and the work being carried on by the students and faculty.

Those present were Mrs. R. D. McBrien, Mrs. Otis Kelly, Mrs. J. M. Haygood, Mrs. J. M. White, Mrs. A. B. Johnson and Mrs. Roger Sidwell. Mrs. Sidwell was recently elected first vice-president to take the place of Mrs. C. Y. Barron, who has moved away.

## Mouse Farming On Ranch Pays

MODESTO, Cal. (U.P.)—Most people try to get rid of the mice around their homes, but not Frank Cook, Modesto district rancher. Cook actually encourages them, then sells them and lives on the profit.

Cook first became interested in "mouse farming" when he noticed the large number of the tiny rodents used in scientific research. He decided to capitalize on the demand and go in for large scale raising of white mice.

That was in 1934. Today he owns rather an unusual mouse farm which nets him a good return.

During the first few years of his venture, Cook was able to sell about 20,000 mice. Now, he says, the demand has grown. Last year he sold 20,000, and he predicts he will top that record in 1939. Research laboratories are his chief market.

Cook becomes irked when people tell him his work is easy—that all he has to do is turn the mice loose and "let 'em multiply."

He denies there is anything easy about the work, pointing out that infinite care must be taken to keep his charges in good health. Diet and housing are the greatest problems.

At first Cook made the roof of his farm building of straw, but recently changed to a new method. Now he has two roofs, with about two feet of straw between them for insulation.

Because the mice are extremely susceptible to changes in temperature, Cook now is considering seriously installing an air conditioning system—a comfort which his own home does not have.

## Airliner Built For High Route

ST. LOUIS (U.P.)—A giant airplane, capable of carrying 38 passengers at a speed of 237 miles an hour at 10,000 feet, is nearing completion at the Curtiss-Wright Corp. factory at the Lambert-St. Louis municipal airport.

The plane, larger than now in use on any airline in America, will also be capable of soaring 33,000 feet into the stratosphere, according to designers.

The craft, an all-metal monoplane, probably will be tested some time in March.

The ship will be propelled by two 1,600-horsepower Wright double row Cyclone engines.

Among other innovations, the plane has these distinctive features: A supercharged cabin that will be operated automatically to maintain ground-level atmospheric pressure regardless of the altitude at which the plane is flying. The automatic air supply will be operated by blowers attached to two engines.

Nine separate radio outfits. These include one to be used exclusively for blind landings, several for use in plane-to-ground communications and others for beam flying. Some sets will oper-

## PERSONALS

Mrs. J. C. Smith of J. C. Smith store has returned from a marketing trip to Dallas and Fort Worth.

Miss Merie Smith spent the past weekend in Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Stice left Sunday to make their home in Brownfield, where he has accepted a position with the First National Bank. He was formerly with the Cash and Carry grocery and market here.

ate on emergency battery power in the event of any failure of the main power supply.

The craft is designed according to the "mid-wing" type, with the wings adjusted midway between the top and bottom of the fuselage, which is 10 feet high at its greatest diameter. Models built previously have been the low-wing type. It will have a capacity of 1,000 gallons of gasoline, estimated to give a minimum range of 2,000 miles without refueling.

## Delaware Artillery Unit Rated for Active Duty

WILMINGTON, Del. (U.P.)—A Federal military board after a thorough inquiry has reported the 198th Coast Artillery, Delaware National Guard, as 80 per cent ready for active war duty.

The board comprised Lieut.-Col. Henry W. Stark, senior instructor, and Capt. Sylvan Berliner, instructor, with the Delaware National Guard, both officers in the U. S. Army Coast Artillery.

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