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School Term For 1943-1944 Opens Monday Sept. 6, At 9 A. M.

The 1943-1944 School Term opens Monday, September 6, at 9:00 A. M.

Classes will start at 9:00 A. M. for the first six weeks of the term, then they will begin at 10:00 until further notice.

High school students are requested to register, if possible, on Friday, September 3. This request is made so that more time can be spent with them in arranging their programs and because a shortage of teachers will make it almost impossible to get them all registered on Monday.

A full list of teachers is not available at this time but I hope that I can announce the faculty by next week.

We are looking forward to a great school year, so everybody get ready to begin on the first day and attend every day of the school year.

Yours for better schools,
Geo. L. Taylor,
Superintendent.

Locals

Mrs. Bert Duncan renews for The Observer.

Bond sales in Coke County for July were \$3,815.00. Bond quota for August is \$7,500.00.

Clifford Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Patterson who's been living in California for many years, is at home with his parents, recuperating from a recent illness, and is reported as doing fine.

Lieut. John R. Simpson Wed Miss Bennie Helen Turney

Miss Bennie Helen Turney and Lt. John R. Simpson were married August 6.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. F. K. Turney and the late Dr. Turney; she is a graduate of the San Angelo High School and TSCW of Denton. The bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Simpson, is a graduate of the Robert Lee High School and University of Texas.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to again thank our good friends and neighbors who have so faithfully stood by us in times of sickness. May each one be richly rewarded for their kind deeds and Christian acts.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Coffey and children,
Silver, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell McDade from Fulton Kentucky visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Tubb Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Mr McDade is a cousin of Mrs. Tubb.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Harris of Whitehouse, Texas, Mr and Mrs. Fred Stripling and daughter of Bullard, Texas, visited with their sister Mrs. P. A. Richardson and family last week.

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Good News Received By The Dean Family About Their Son

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Dean received a very much appreciated postcard this last week. It bore the signature of their son, Hill E. Dean, who was listed as missing for a long time and later came assurance that he was alive and a prisoner of the Japs. Now the postcard and his signature stating he was in excellent health in Phillipine Military Camp No. 1.

Local Items

S. Sgt. Donald M. Smith of Fort Worth was here last week, visiting with Cpl. James E. Rives and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Rives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lem Cowley went to San Antonio last week, where Mr. Cowley entered a hospital for an operation to correct nerve tension in the forehead. At last report everything was o. k.

Miss Edith Maud Blair and Pvt. Ogden McKinley were married in San Angelo Saturday, August 7. Mrs. Blair is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Blair.

DENGUE AND MALARIA FEVER ON INCREASE THROUGHOUT TEXAS

Austin, Texas, Aug. 12, 1943.—According to morbidity reports compiled by the State Health Department a sharp increase in the incidence of dengue and malaria fever has been noted in Texas in the past four weeks. Inasmuch as both of these diseases are disabling and sometimes fatal, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, is urging every citizen of Texas to cooperate in eliminating the mosquito which is responsible for transmitting both dengue and malaria.

"Malaria will continue to be one of our major public health problems just as long as breeding places are accessible to the female Anopheles," Dr. Cox stated. "It is vitally important to public health in this state that every home and business house cooperate in controlling this menace to good health by freeing their premises from tin cans or broken bottles, or any type of rubbish in which water may stand, so that the propagation of the Anopheles mosquito can be checked."

Dengue is characterized by its sudden onset and accompanying headache and pain in the back and limbs which has caused the disease to be commonly known as "break-bone" fever. The fever is usually of short duration, but inasmuch as convalescence is extremely slow, the loss of time in recovery would constitute a hindrance to our total war effort.

Malaria, like dengue, is a very debilitating disease and one from which recovery may require weeks or even months of time.

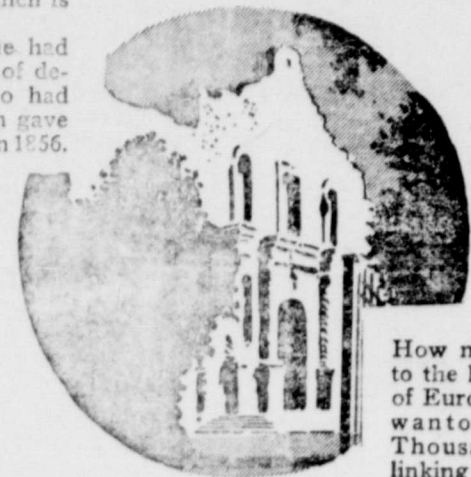
Dr. Cox stressed the importance of conserving the nation's manpower and urged that every Texan cooperate in an effort to destroy the mosquito which is responsible for the transmission of malaria and dengue fever.

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BONDS OVER AMERICA

In San Antonio, Texas, stands a mission fort of which is written:
"Thermopylae had her messenger of defeat, the Alamo had none." 182 men gave their lives here in 1836.

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How many relics, dear to the hearts of millions of Europeans, Hitler has wantonly destroyed? Thousands of shrines linking the present with past glory have been smashed to rubble.

"WAAC" News

Seymour Johnson Field, N. C., August 11.—"Waacs" became "Wacs" in a brief, formal ceremony here today, as members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps stationed at this technical school in the Army Air Forces Training Command were sworn into the Army. They are now members of the Women's Army Corps.

Following roll-call by Second Lieutenant Anne G. Goggin, Fredonia, N. Y., commanding officer of the 812th WAC detachment, Captain C. W. Sandidge, Post Adjutant, advised the women soldiers:

"If any of you have changed your minds, now is the time to make that known."

He then administered the oath of allegiance to the United States Army to the enlisted personnel of the WAC detachment.

WAC commissioned officers are scheduled to retake their oath of office in a similar ceremony after September 1st.

Private Helen L. Johnson of Robert Lee, Texas, was among those who re-enlisted in the WAC here today.

What Are The Signs Of The Times?

Jesus said to the hypocritical leaders of the Jews: "You claim to be able to discern the face of the sky, but can you not discern the signs of the times?" They certainly could not. What do we see today? Christ and Him crucified, the world's greatest need, no we are color blind and are able to discern but little. It is time we were getting our eyes open.

The subject of the sermon at the Methodist Church next Sunday will be: "Signs of the Times" Your presence and cooperation will be appreciated.

W. Vasco Teer, pastor.

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Yours truly
Fred McDonald Jr.
Robert Lee, Texas

Local Items

Lt. Otis Campbell of Lubbock has been home on a furlough.

Kayo had a birthday party, Monday, August 16.

When parking at the curb make room for others.

Cpl. David Key came home for a few days' furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Key.

Pvt. and Mrs. E. J. Rauson of Ft. Knox, Kentucky, spent a few days with relatives.

Mrs. Augusta Puett of Solomonsville, Arizona, and children, Hoover and Mary May of Fort Worth were in Robert Lee this week visiting old friends.

Dale Loftin is on the recuperating list since having his adenoids and tonsils removed last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Bradley and children of San Antonio were here this week on business and visiting relatives.

After working, scheming, wishing and waiting for 40 years street paving in Robert Lee is a reality and the paved streets will be appreciated.

Mrs. E. A. Burgess and Mrs. Jessie Faye Brock made a trip to Tucson, Arizona to be at the bedside of Mrs. Burgess' grandson. Mrs. Burgess remained over for a few days.

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Also HITLER'S PLAN and

"VALLEY OF VANISHING MEN"

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BRONTE, TEXAS

Friday and Saturday Aug 20-21

BUCK JONES-REX BELL IN

"DAWN ON THE GREAT DIVIDE"

Also "THREE STOOGES" and Late News

Tuesday only Money Nite Aug 24

WILLIAM HOLDEN-SUSAN HAYWARD IN

"YOUNG AND WILLING"

Also "HITLER'S PLAN" and

Valley of Vanishing Men

Little Chap Won His Bet With Both Thumbs Down

Green, who was the local athletic champion, had been holding forth at great length. None of the club regulars could do anything about it. But presently one of the visitors looked up.

"I'll bet," he said cheerfully, "\$10 that I can wheel something in a wheelbarrow from one street lamp to the next, and you can't wheel it back!"

Green looked him over—not a very hefty sort of fellow. Whatever the stranger could do he could. "Taken," he said.

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HOW NOT TO CATCH A FLY



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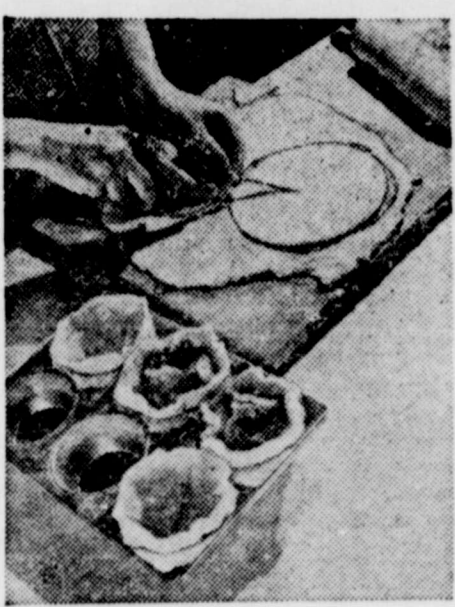
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HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers

You Can Stretch Meats and Have Delicious Meals



Leftovers need not recline on the refrigerator shelf when you can make them into delicious meat pies like this, simply and easily. Use leftovers from a roast with a few fresh vegetables and gravy to tuck inside the flaky piecrust.

Short on red points at the end of the week? There are several answers to the problem and I'm devoting the column to those suggestions today.

It's a good idea to be smart in your use of leftovers, and this is particularly true if you've splurged at the beginning of the week by purchasing a roast. After using the roast twice, you still have a bit of meat left on the bones, and if you fix it with an eye to camouflage, you can have a savory meal out of it.

Best way of extending meat when there's little enough of that is by using vegetables generously. Cut off what pieces of meat you can find on the bone and combine these with some lovely, fresh-cooked vegetables such as carrots, peas, onions, potatoes and perhaps a few strips of green pepper for flavor. Combine all together with some of your favorite seasonings and tuck the whole mixture into these individual meat pies. In this way, your leftovers won't languish in the refrigerator.

Making Meat Pies.
Sift together 2 cups all-purpose flour and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Cut into this 2/3 cup lard with spatula and work until the particles are the size of a small pea. Sprinkle 4 tablespoons water over the mixture, working it lightly with a fork until all the particles are moistened and in small lumps. Press dough into a ball, handling as little as possible. Flour board lightly. Divide pastry in half, roll lightly to an eighth-inch thickness. Using a 3 1/2-inch pie plate, cut circles from pastry.

Cut 1/2-inch wedge from circle to insure better fit into muffin tins. Press the pastry lightly to fit tins and lap over wedge. Fill with meat-vegetable mixture. Roll out remaining dough, cut in circles to fit over top of each muffin tin. Press edges of crust together. Bake in a hot oven (400

Lynn Says:
Tips on Keeping Cool: Acting cool and thinking cool actually works a magic in making you cool. It's important to plan your day ahead so that it runs smoothly and so there will be a minimum of confusion—for that always makes weather hotter. Dress cool, eat cool. Dress sensibly, keeping plenty of clean summer clothes on hand—things that can be done up with soap and water in a hurry and need little ironing. Crispy salads—even in the imagination—cool you off, and of course, frosty drinks. Do your hot kitchen work in the cool morning hours. Make whatever preparations you can on the food front and store in the refrigerator, ready to pull out for dinner with a minimum of rush and hurry. Keep things simple, and you'll keep cool.

- Lynn Chambers' Point-Saving Menu**
- *Broiled Liver Sausage and Tomatoes
 - Potato Chips Green Salad
 - Rye Bread Iced Coffee
 - Chilled Cantaloupe
 - *Recipe Given

degrees) 35 minutes. Remove from tins and serve hot.

- Green Lima and Bacon Salad.**
(Serves 5 to 6)
- 2 cups cooked green lima beans
 - 2 hard-cooked eggs
 - 1/2 cup salted peanuts, chopped
 - 2 teaspoons onion juice
 - 4 strips crisp bacon
 - 1 cup diced celery
 - 1/4 cup chopped pickle
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt, if desired
 - Mayonnaise
- Combine ingredients, add salt and mayonnaise. Serve on crisp lettuce with bits of bacon.

- *Broiled Liver Sausage and Tomatoes (Serves 4).**
- 1/2 pound liver sausage, sliced
 - 4 large tomatoes, cut in half
 - 8 slices of onion

Cut liver sausage into slices about 1/4 inch thick. Remove casing. Place the slice of liver sausage on the broiling pan with tomatoes that have been cut in half and brushed with butter, seasoned with salt and pepper. Broil for about 8 minutes. Liver sausage need not be turned. As soon as tomatoes have broiled for about 4 minutes, top them with onion slices, if desired.

- Frankfurters With Potato Salad.**
(Serves 4 to 6)
- 1/4 cup bacon drippings
 - 1/4 cup vinegar
 - 1 beaten egg
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon pepper
 - 1 teaspoon sugar
 - 4 cups cubed, cooked potatoes
 - 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
 - 1/2 cup chopped onion
 - 1/2 pound frankfurters

Heat bacon drippings and add vinegar, egg, salt, pepper, sugar, potatoes, green pepper and onion. Stir until thick. Cover frankfurters with boiling water and allow to stand 7 to 8 minutes. Arrange frankfurters on top of potato salad for serving. Here's a lovely, luscious dessert that will go with any of the above main dish suggestions. It's easy to make and very nutritious:



Here are the golden brown, rich, luscious pies being taken from the muffin tins all ready to serve. If you have a fresh fruit salad with the meat pie and a beverage, your whole meal's complete.

- Apricot Whip.**
(Serves 6 to 8)
- 1 No. 2 1/2 can apricots
 - 2 cups milk
 - 2 eggs
 - 1/4 cup sugar
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla

Drain apricots. Mash with spoon. Chill. Scald milk. Beat eggs slightly, then add sugar and salt. Add milk slowly, mixing well. Cook in double boiler stirring constantly until mixture coats metal spoon. Take from fire, add vanilla and chill. When ready to serve, fold in chilled, mashed apricots.

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ASK ME? ANOTHER? A quiz with answers offering information on various subjects

1. In what country did Achilles fight in the Trojan war?
2. In the navy what is a four-striper?
3. What is the Land of the Midnight Sun?
4. What army branch has a castle for its emblem?
5. When a face is said to be florid what color is it?
6. How long is a fathom?
7. In what country do the Hot-tentots live?
8. A crane that lowers a life-boat is called what?
9. What is meant by a cartel ship?

- The Answers**
1. Greece.
 2. A captain.
 3. Norway.
 4. The engineers.
 5. Red.
 6. Six feet.
 7. South Africa.
 8. Davit.
 9. A vessel commissioned in time of war to exchange prisoners of hostile powers, or to carry proposals from one to the other.

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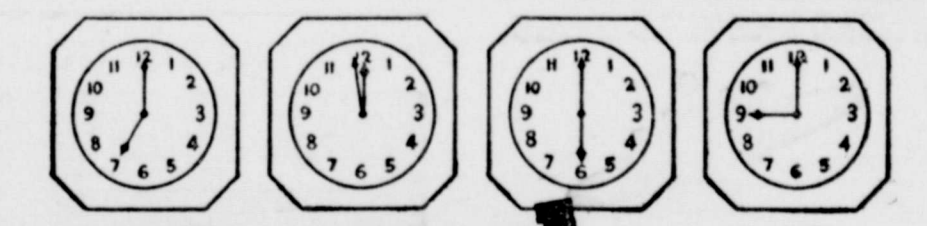
SNAPPY FACTS ABOUT RUBBER

Scientists have found that rubber is the only substance that can be stretched tremendously and resume approximately its original form. Too much stretching, such as in under-inflated tires, causes "fatigue"—and deterioration. The first manufacture of rubber footwear outside the United States took place in 1856 in Scotland. If gasoline consumption is a gauge of tire wear, more miles are run in July and August than any other months. Of the gas used in 1941, 9.5% was consumed in August and 9.4% in July. February was the low month, with 6.4% of the year's total.

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Justice Holmes replied as follows to the tribute of the other members of the Supreme court upon his retirement: "My dear brethren: You must let me call you so once more. Your more than kind, your generous letter touches me to the bottom of my heart. The long and intimate association with men who so command my respect and admiration could not but fix my affection as well. For such little time as may be left for me I shall treasure it as adding gold to the sunset."



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DEFROSTING! . . . While folks at home sweltered in recent heat wave, sailors in a north Atlantic port worked to remove snow and ice from the flight deck of a U. S. Navy airplane carrier.



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WHERE THE FUEL GOES

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LOOKING AHEAD

BY GEORGE S. BENSON
President, Harding College
Searcy, Arkansas

Petroleum

Uncle Sam has an oil shortage to worry about. This is not the first time but surely it is the worst time one ever developed. Our war machine will not work without oil. On all previous occasions when petroleum got scarce the price advanced and lured venturesome prospectors to the wilds to "make hole" and look for more. They call it wildcatting. But wildcatting is not active now because oil prices do not justify the expense of drilling in unlikely locations and prices are not rising. They are caught under OPA price ceilings.

Experts seldom see eye-to-eye when figuring crude oil reserves but this shortage is more than a gloomy estimate of oil for our grandchildren. It affects us. A thumb-nail sketch of the national picture is this: Prospecting does not pay at today's government-pegged prices. Accordingly not enough of it is being done. No matter how much undiscovered oil there may be underground somewhere, producers must keep their drilling close to proven acreage when prices are low.

Hunting for Oil

Some oil producers are big corporations, some are small companies and some are private individuals. Big concerns with capital enough to operate on a large scale, could (if priorities permitted) send drillers and tools to many doubtful, scattered locations and maybe strike oil in a few months. They know, however, from records of prospecting in many states for many years, that hit-or-miss wildcatting wastes time and money.

Big concerns, by the way, confine their drilling largely to known pools. With increasing wealth and number of stockholders, successful companies grow conservative. When it comes to discovering oil, private individuals and independent companies are champions. Records show that they find three-fourths of the new pools. These men are pioneers. They are not rich and there are thousands of them. They, of all producers, can least afford to wildcat at today's pegged prices.

Prices Too Low

Sharp up's and down's are typical of oil price trends. They follow sudden changes in above-ground supplies. Finding a new field somewhere always lowers prices all over the country. After that, prices tend upward again as new wells quit flowing and have to be pumped. Unfortunately for everybody, oil prices were low just before the war. When the government stabilized prices in general, the oil price was away down, and it is yet. Now the artificial restraint is creating a crisis.

It is no guess that oil prices were frozen abnormally low. The figures are official. The U. S. Department of Labor, for example, has chosen 1926 (a good year for just about everybody) and called it 100%. Prices any time are compared with 1926 as normal. And after the first quarter of 1943 the average all-commodity price was 104.0%, or 4% above 1926. Soft coal at that time was 115.2, farm products 122.8, lumber 134.6, and wages 170.4 but crude oil, by government order, remained at 58.9. This explains why wildcatting is off.

One for the Book

When future historians are seeking to illustrate how a government bureau can deadlock an industry and hinder a nation's progress, this will be an example. It will be a classic, because, in this instance, one bureau has shut its eyes to fact offered by another and choked off production of critical war materials, with the nation in a struggle for its life. It was easy to do; just a matter of making it impractical for pioneers to hunt new oil fields with their own money; a matter of holding down the price of oil while costs of materials and labor advanced.

A suggestion that government subsidize wildcatting has come already. There are two alleged reasons: (1) The war machine needs more oil than private industry is finding, and (2) a boost in oil prices would be inflationary. Both statements are warped. Actually, oil men are hindered from finding oil by a bureau-rigged price, and a somewhat better price would not be inflationary. Here's why: The price is abnormally low and revising it would increase production. Remember that inflationary prices are out-of-line prices that do not help increase the supply.

Help Is Needed

Government subsidy would be a blight to the oil business, discouraging individual initiative, destroying Private Enterprise, and ultimately increasing the cost of production. These reasons for opposing subsidy exist within all industries but very

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Peanut Growers

Peanut growers of Coke County are meeting their labor problems in a very effective way. At a meeting of peanut growers held at the county agent's office, Saturday, Aug. 14 a system of co-operative effort was planned. A "Help Your Neighbor" organization was formed in each community centering around the peanut harvesting equipment in that community in which the farmers will bring tractors, plows and farm hands and move from farm to farm to harvest and thresh the peanuts. Each community will deal as a unit with the owner of a peanut thresher when the time comes for threshing.

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Catania's Capture Marked Beginning Of Axis Last Stand in Sicily Battle; Red Offensive Crumples Nazi Flanks; Yanks Continue Gains in Pacific Drive

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SICILY:

Last Stand

Forty thousand Axis troops were all that were left to stand between the Allies and complete conquest of Sicily as the last phase of the battle developed. Of the 40,000, it was estimated that 35,000 were German and the rest Italian.

Although heavily outnumbered by the 10 Allied divisions reported in action, the Axis relied on strong natural entrenchments hewed into the rugged mountains to hold up the British-American drive. The advance against these positions was difficult, with the infantry slowly picking its way up the craggy but barren slopes in the face of stiff mortar and machine gun nests which had held their ground even after fierce Allied artillery barrage.

After being stalled for two weeks in front of Catania, the British 8th army spilled into the city after overcoming strong Axis positions set up along the several rivers winding through the country and in the tall fields of grain. Aided by the navy's bombardment of the enemy's coastal positions along the Tyrrhenian sea, the U. S. 7th army's drive pointed eastward to Messina, the Axis' last communication link with the Italian mainland.

MINERS:

For Travel Pay

Pride might cometh before the fall, but in John L. Lewis' case, it was his interest in drawing underground pay for his 500,000 United Mine Workers that accounted for his appearance before the War Labor Board which he had so often berated in the past.



John L. Lewis

Occasion was the WLB's hearing on the Illinois Coal Operators' and UMW's agreement for payment of \$1.25 a day to the miners for the time spent in traveling underground from the mine's entrance to the diggings. Lewis told the WLB that American coal miners are the only miners in any civilized country who receive no compensation for underground travel.

The agreement also calls for an eight instead of a seven hour day and a six-day work week, which, with the underground travel pay, would increase miners' daily checks by \$3. Stating that 1,432 miners died from risks in the pits last year and 72,000 were seriously injured, Lewis said the extra working hours would increase the men's exposure to such accidents. Furthermore, he declared, the miners received just \$37 more a year than the lowest classification of government clerical workers.

GRAIN:

Going East

Six hundred million bushels of corn were used during the second quarter of 1943, the department of agriculture reported, with supplies as of July 1 totaling 872 million bushels. Of this amount, 842 million bushels remained on farms.

As of July 1, the department stated that there was a supply of 290 million bushels of oats; over 200 million bushels of barley, and 46 million bushels of rye. Approximately 300 million bushels of wheat were found available for feed.

In relation to livestock, feed supply is reported to be 20 per cent smaller than last year and 14 per cent below average.

RUSSIA:

Offensive Climax

The height of the Russians' summer offensive was reached with the fall of Orel. After a month of hard fighting, Marshal Timoshenko's forces swept into the city, even as the bulk of 250,000 Germans was being withdrawn to new positions to the west.



Gen. Timoshenko

Held by the Germans since October, 1941, Orel stood in ruin as the Russians moved in, with Nazi rear-guards tackling the Reds in hand-to-hand fighting in delaying action in the streets of the city.

In taking Orel, the Reds threw the full weight of their artillery, planes, tanks and infantry into the battle. Slowly, they ground down German resistance on the north, south and east sides of the city.

On the other end of the central front, the Reds announced capture of Belgorod.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC:

At Munda

The American attack on Munda in the Solomons stands out as a classic of military strategy.

In the final stages of the battle against a fanatical enemy resisting to the death, American forces drew a tight noose around the Japs, with one column moving to the west of the defenders' line while two other columns hammered in from two ends on the east.

When American planes failed to sufficiently reduce the Japs' hidden pill-boxes hewed in the jungle brush, 13-ton tanks were called into the fray, and these cracked through the dense foliage to advance on the enemy's well-concealed positions and draw their fire. Their gun-fire guided the tanks to their entrenchments and these were quickly subdued with point-blank barrages.

With strong Jap points overrun on the east, American warships and airplanes then moved in along the coast to the west and laid down a thunderous volley into the enemy's positions. As this combined barrage shook up the Japs in their pillboxes and caves, American troops picked their way northward, to ring the enemy from the west.

TAXES:

Corporations' Share

What is the corporations' share of the nation's tax burden?

Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau revealed that preliminary statistics show that 509,062 corporations filed returns for 1941. Except for 40,160 which were inactive with no income data, these corporations paid over seven billion dollars in normal, surtaxes and excess profit taxes. The government collected nearly 13 billion dollars in revenue for 1941, which would indicate that corporations accounted for almost 60 per cent of receipts.



Henry Morgenthau

Morgenthau reported that of the corporations reporting for 1941, 264,825 showed profits, with net income of 18 billion dollars. Approximately 43,648 more corporations made money during the year than in 1940.

Faster Than Sound

To Lt. Col. Cass S. Hough of Plymouth, Mich., fell the rare distinction of traveling faster than sound, or more than 780 miles per hour, while undertaking two experimental flights for the U. S. army air force. Last September, Col. Hough's P-38 Lightning climbed up to 43,000 feet. Then, he coolly nosed the plane into a powerdive and she zoomed downward at the record speed before being leveled off at 18,000 feet. Last February, Col. Hough took a P-47 Thunderbolt to 39,000 feet, and repeated the previous performance.

According to the 36-year-old daredevil, he made his first flight on impulse. As his plane went screaming downward, he said, it felt as though a ton of bricks lay on his back, and he could barely lift his arms to write down the recordings of his instruments. When he leveled off at 18,000, everything went gray, he declared, but he never lost consciousness.

FARM LAND:

Value Rising

With the value of all farm land now above World War I level, government officials were becoming anxious over the possibility of another realty boom which would collapse with a disastrous drop in prices as in the twenties.

Between March and July of this year, farm real estate rose another 3 per cent. The increase occurred throughout all of the geographical regions and in two-thirds of the states. In Indiana, farm property sold 40 per cent above the 1935-39 average.

With commodity prices up one-fourth within the last 12 months and farm income for 1943 expected to exceed 1942's record levels, farmers were said to be active buyers in the market. What with high commodity prices prevailing, speculators also were supposed to be purchasing property for resale.

WAR ARSENAL:

80 Pct. Complete

Of the government's planned construction of 14½ billion dollars of war plant facilities, approximately 12 billion dollars has been completed, Chairman Donald Nelson of the War Production board announced.



Donald Nelson

That represents a completion of 80 per cent of the program compared with 61 per cent at the start of this year and 34 per cent at this time last summer.

Greatest gains in the program were in the construction of plants for guns, combat vehicles, aircraft and ammunition. Facilities for producing ammunition are 95 per cent complete.

According to Nelson, the records for other programs showed synthetic rubber, 61 per cent finished; 100 octane gas, 39 per cent; iron and steel, 75 per cent, and chemical products 90 per cent.

Production Lags

Production of armaments and other goods needed by the army is lagging seriously, Lieut. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, chief of army supply services, warned. He said that 300 million dollars' worth of supplies have not been delivered according to schedule in the last three months. Output of factories has been going down steadily, he continued, with July figures "decidedly worse" than those of June.

At the same time the treasury reported that actual war spending during July was half a billion dollars less than in June, this being the first month in which war costs have turned downward. Commentators say this decline is another indication of lower production, rather than smaller needs.

Urging all contractors to fulfill their contracts, General Somervell said: "If as a manufacturer, you are scheduled to produce a certain quantity of war material by a specific date, you have undertaken a specific military obligation."

CARGO PLANES:

Back to Metal

New developments prompted the army's cancellation of contracts for all wooden transport airplanes and the return to metallic construction.

The wooden craft were designed to operate from small, unimproved landing fields and carry 4,500 pounds of cargo at medium range. But partly because of Allied air dominance, good airports have been put in use in distant combat zones, and the demand has shifted to faster, longer-range planes.

Furthermore, it was reported, aluminum production has increased in a volume sufficient to take care of additional plane building, while certain woods suitable for the type of transport designed are growing scarce.

Washington Digest

Definite Foreign Policy Essential to America



The Issue: Shall Nation Adopt Policy of Participation in World Affairs or Shall We Aim at Nationalistic Goal?

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Today America faces its first real problem as a world power.

Italy lies before us. General Eisenhower, as commander of the Allied forces of invasion, suddenly becomes a statesman. He is a soldier. He can win battles. Now, he is the man ultimately responsible for directing American world policy. What is American world policy?

Eisenhower is firm in his decisions, certain in his own procedure, because he is responsible only to his Commander-in-Chief.

But who is his Commander-in-Chief? Roosevelt. A man who may suddenly leave the scene in the midst of battle, if the American public so decrees.

And then? Has America any firm foreign policy, unfettered by partisan political restriction, a clear-marked path that a fighting man or any other man can follow?

In a few short weeks from now, a group of busy, hard-pressed men are going to sit down on Mackinac island and try to write what American foreign policy they think ought to be sponsored by the Republican party.

These men have to face the question of committing the Republican party to a definite foreign policy. And paradoxically, by committing their party to a definite foreign policy, they may free both political parties of all commitment on foreign policy. For if the Democrats frame similar resolutions, they can save America from a vicious split—one which, if it is not avoided, will crash party lines and can destroy the two-party system, the rock of our democracy.

The issue which America faces is simple: shall we, as a nation, underwrite a policy which will implement our participation in world affairs or shall we retire unto ourselves and pursue the nationalistic policy which says in effect: let the rest of the world stew in its own juice?

Until we took the Philippines, America was able to leave the great and vital problems which should have no political tinge, outside partisan politics. We have had other problems which have remained essentially non-partisan.

The Problems

Take labor. A vital question. But has labor ever voted solidly for one ticket or the other? No. The AFL will cast its traditional Republican votes in the coming election as it always has. Some of the CIO members will vote to support the administration. Others will vote as they darn please.

Slavery—really a labor question. That did nearly wreck the republic because it was made a partisan issue when it was not an issue at all! Many of the influential southerners were just as ready to free their slaves as the rabid abolitionists, heated with emotional fervor, failing to grasp the economic significance, were to force them to.

Again, unless a cold, calm discussion and understanding of the question of foreign policy takes place, we may face another split which, although it need not mean civil war, may mean a horrid dislocation of our whole political system.

When we went into World War II after Pearl Harbor, the word "isolationism" was forgotten. Today it has come back into our vocabularies and is being batted about, like other political footballs, by people who really don't understand its implications and are woefully ignorant of what dissension it may cause.

Politicians want to overlook it. They can't. This group of Republicans, headed by Deneen Watson, and a whole flying squadron of Democrats, too, are insistent that they be allowed to "let the people know." They are going to speak their pieces. And the only hope of lifting this discussion out of partisan politics is a "settlement out of court," an agreement by both parties on a single foreign policy.

Let's get back to that hot and perspiring day in Washington late last month when Deneen Watson and his colleagues from this self-appointed Republican organization, the Republican "foreign policy association," walked across quiet Lafayette park opposite the White House and

presented themselves to Chairman Spangler of the Republican national committee.

Results of Session

It was some time before the results of this meeting between Watson and his colleagues and Chairman Spangler of the Republican national committee leaked out. Those with an anti-Republican slant, wove the words dropped into a threatened split in the Republican party, a drive to nominate Wendell Willkie for president.

To the person who tried to be objective, it was neither.

Mr. Spangler has one job—to keep the party together, to eschew any favoritism for any policy or any person. Naturally, these persistent persons who called upon him were presenting a problem. I believe it was that fact rather than what his critics said that indicated there was a leaning toward the "status quo" attitude, the desire to remain a purveyor of platitudes and follow the tide rather than to face it.

This issue—full participation in world affairs versus a return to nationalism or isolationism, if you will—is, according to our most earnest non-partisans, the most important issue which has faced the public and should not be a political football.

Briefly, what the men with their sleeves rolled up at Mackinac in September have to face is this: shall we, good Republicans, come out frankly for world-cooperation or dodge the issue?

What the Watson association demands is more than that and something the Republican national committee must face: will the party officially get behind a nation-wide campaign to "educate" the people on the international issue?

Unfortunately, personalities do get mixed up in these things and Wendell Willkie has become the symbol of the international view.

That is why it is essential, if the party is to take the issue out of partisan politics and disassociate it from any of the individuals aspiring for the Republican candidacy, that they must go on record.

The Monroe Doctrine

Walter Lippmann has written a book called "American Foreign Policy" and the point he makes is this: until 1900, politics did stop at the water's edge. We had a foreign policy (or thought we did) which was the Monroe Doctrine. According to Lippmann, we were living under a delusion. Namely, that we had under the Monroe Doctrine declared our whole policy—America for Americans (period) which implied, of course, that the rest of the world could do what it pleased so long as it kept off our grass.

We believed that we could enforce that policy ourselves. That was not correct. We were really depending on the British fleet to enforce it. It happened to be to British advantage to agree, so there was no trouble.

Then we mixed in world affairs, found we had to fight our own battles, and did it—took over Hawaii, the Philippines. But we didn't provide the means to hold them. And so, disagreeing on the various steps necessary to carry out our foreign policy, we failed to provide the means to do so—Britain was busy elsewhere, and one morning we lost the Philippines and came within an eyelash of losing Hawaii.

And so we now face the necessity of framing a new foreign policy which must include the willingness to provide security for our own shores and those other contiguous shores (South America and Canada) which might be used by an enemy against us. Or we have to take part in prophylactic measures—to stop the danger to our security in advance.

That issue once clarified by the two political parties will leave us free for a good, old-fashioned free-for-all political campaign, and if the best man wins, or the worst man wins, his policies can't affect the international welfare of the nation.

Failure of both parties to clearly set forth their views on foreign policy may well create a third party movement which could wreck the two-party system, the rock on which our Republic is founded.

Household Hints

A piece of pipe is good to splice any spade or shovel handle when it cracks or breaks in two. Holes can be bored and countersunk to put rivets or screws in, if necessary.

Coal oil will remove adhesive from painted surfaces.

To save yourself these busy days, cut small mats from old felt hats and use them under vases, ornaments, flowers and book ends. They prevent scratching of polished furniture.

Blast That Brought Down 750,000 Tons of Granite

One of the biggest man-made explosions on record was set off in the Bonawe quarries in Argyllshire, Scotland, on May 31, 1935, says Collier's. Eighteen months of preparation were required for this blast, which brought down 750,000 tons of granite, enough to provide five years' work.

Before the explosion, householders in the near-by towns of Taynult removed their pictures, mirrors and crockery to a place of safety.

When armored knights met, it was customary for each knight to raise the visor of his helmet as a means of identification. This gesture has come down through all armies in the form of the salute. Traditional, too, is the Army man's preference for Camel cigarettes. With men in the Army, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard, actual sales records in their service stores show that Camel is the favorite. It's one of the favorite gifts with service men. And though there are Post Office restrictions on packages to overseas Army men, you can still send Camels to soldiers in the U. S., and to men in the Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard wherever they are.—Adv.

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MURDER at PIRATE'S HEAD

By ISABEL WAITT

THE STORY SO FAR: Judy Jason, who is telling the story, receives an anonymous letter enclosing \$800 and asking her to bid for an abandoned church to be auctioned the next day. She finds, in an old chest, the body of a man identified as Roddy Lane. The body disappears a few hours later. A fish shed burns, apparently killing an old man named Brown who is supposed to have lived there. Judy finds Roddy Lane's diamond in the handbag she left at the church the day of the auction. Lily Kendall is found dead, with Hugh Norcross' scarf around her neck. Albion Potter gives Judy a picture of the church he has just finished.

Now continue with Judy's story.

CHAPTER XV

I kept a good lookout, too. I could see Uncle Wylie's bent figure down at the bridge. In the living room, cooler than the porch, the men were gathered, still talking things over.

Finally, they decided to get out the least damaged boat and try to put it into shape. Victor agreed; anything was better than idly waiting. Mr. Quincy could sit on the beach and wave his flag to try to attract a passing craft.

"Not the beach!" For the first time I saw Mr. Quincy staring at Victor with genuine suspicion. "Beach isn't visible, and you know it. Anybody could finish me off down there. No, thanks. I'll stay where I can be seen by all. Then, if some killing occurs, you can't blame me." He told me afterward, when the men had left the room, he'd really begun to think Quade was our killer. Stark fear had replaced his bantering manner.

If I'd felt the blood flooding my neck before, it crept all over my face now. "I'll get you a red tablecloth from the linen closet and tie it around a broom. That do?"

"Nicely," he said. "Then will you wheel me down the ramps, right where I tell you?"

"Uh-huh." I clipped up the stairs. The linen closet adjoined the bathroom. I found the faded old cloth I wanted and was about to run down again when the sound of crying reached me from up the hall. Poor Bessie Norcross! No wonder she couldn't sleep.

I tapped on her door. The weeping stopped immediately. I tapped again. The least I could do was to give her her brother's message. And the least she could do, I thought, was to learn how he was. I tapped a bit louder.

"Miss Norcross!" Rap-rap-rap! "Bessie, it's Judy."

I heard her stirring and waited, but she didn't unlock the door.

"Bessie, I've a message from Hugh. Open the door."

I could hear her bedsprings creaking again. Then footsteps. She came close to the door. This time the crying commenced again.

"I'm all right, Judy. For heaven's sake, go away. And give this to the police when they come."

Amazed, I waited for her to open the door. Instead, I heard a shoving sound on the floor, and saw at my feet a white envelope. I picked it up and said, "Did you say—police?"

"That's what I said. Have they come yet?"

"No," I said, backing away, as a feeling of horror came over me.

Victor shushed me when I told him about Bessie's letter. "Bless you! Want the crew upon us?" He wagged his dark head at the men who were standing around trying to figure how to get the boat out of the barn loft.

Without a moment's hesitation Victor tore open Bessie's letter. I was tickled mauve that he dared, yet I couldn't help wondering why he didn't let Hugh do it. A fleeting suspicion crossed his mind. If Hugh were right and Victor guilty—!

"End justifies the means, Judy." He began to stroll away from the barn, while from the piazza Thaddeus Quincy waved a red cloth from the end of his cane and yelled at me.

"Just a minute!" I yelled back at him. "Oh, please, Mr. Quade! Does she say he did it?" I said to Quade.

Victor gave a low whistle. "This beats the Dutch! Listen, Judy. It's a confession."

"Bessie," Victor made a quick survey to be sure he wasn't overheard and then commenced to read in a low tone:

"I, Elizabeth Norcross, being of sane mind, do hereby of my own accord, on this Fourth of July, confess to the murder of Rodney Lane Jr., and Lily Kendall. But I did not have anything to do with the death of that poor old man recluse, they call Brown, whom I never even saw, nor the burning of his shack, nor the explosion at the bridge. I feel sure, though, there were no fireworks at the Head the night before the Fourth, both were accidents. The

bridge may have collapsed; I don't know.

"But my brother, Hugh, did not have a hand in any of this murder business, nor know that I had. He is entirely innocent in every way, although several things might look suspicious. I can account for all three: The initialed golf club, the blue scarf and his being seen before the crime of Roddy's death, in the vicinity, I mean, by Judith Jason and Thaddeus Quincy. He told one lie—to save me. He said, when he went out, having missed me, last night, about the time Judy spoke to a shadow, that he saw my light come on in my room, so he knew I was all right. He couldn't have. My room is on the other side of the house. Go look for yourselves. He did it to protect me."

We glanced at the inn bedroom and saw she was telling the truth. Then continued: "Now, about the spot on my coat. It's blood. Hugh tried to save me there, also. He didn't borrow any turpentine from Mr. Potter. I did. I tried to clean off the blood, but made it worse, I guess. Mr. Potter's door was open



He fell down the stairs and must have struck his head on the granite floor.

a crack. He'd gone to town. I took the bottle from his table."

"Please, won't somebody help me down the ramp!" I heard Mr. Quincy holler again, but this time I did not turn around.

"Let him quit," Victor said, resuming the letter:

"To make this horrible story short, I'll say that my motive was vengeance. Five years ago Roddy Lane jilted me after a summer's courtship in this very place. My brother was just a boy, but he saw me have a nervous breakdown and vowed he'd get even with Lane some day. I'd reserved that same pleasure for myself. I take the Rockville paper just to keep track of Roddy. When the auction of the church was advertised I hoped he might show up. Got Hugh to vacation here, ostensibly to prove I could again visit the scene of my broken heart and show him the wound didn't bleed any more. Hugh fell for it. He's been a good brother to me. I told him the sight of the Castle, where I'd laughed and danced and had my romance, didn't give me a pang any longer. It wasn't true.

"When Roddy walked into the dining room at Gerry's, all the old bitter-sweet love came back again. And he didn't even pretend to recognize me! I'd never wronged him. I don't have to bare my heart any more. The old adage about a woman scorned is enough. I determined to go through with it. He'd never live to break another trusting heart."

"I left the table, passing but not speaking to him. I couldn't bear it if he greeted me like an old friend, in that casual, sneering way of his, which was the way he treated his castoffs. I'd studied his career and found it full of things he'd neglected to mention, such as his wife! I'd never dreamed he was already married while making love to me."

"I picked up the club Mr. De Witt had been using on the lawn and went for a stroll. Everybody, nearly, had gone to town, so I thought. Hugh was in his room. I saw Roddy coming down the Castle drive. He

wanted to talk to me, he said, to tell me how miserable he'd been—the mistake we'd made of our lives. Could we ever forgive ourselves! And begin again!

"I had to steel myself against his passion. All the old feeling came rushing back. I was beginning to melt like sugar. He had to get something out of the church basement before it was auctioned off, he said. I asked him if he'd meant it when he said at supper he was going to buy it. "Buy it? What for?" he said. "I only came to the Head because I knew you were down here." I knew that was a lie. Hugh and I had only just arrived the week before, quite unheralded. We went into the church—the door was unlocked—and he told me to wait but I followed him. "Roddy, are you asking me to marry you again?" I said. He took me in his arms and kissed me. For a minute I was happy. Then he said: "No more wedding bells for me. Sort of companionate, maybe, darling." We were standing at the top of the basement stairs. I was so mad I gave him a push away from me. He fell down the stairs and must have struck his head on the granite floor. Ugh! I can see him now—all smashed. I dragged him to the chest and somehow got him in. I forgot about the golf club, which must have fallen down into the pool of blood. I heard somebody on the steps—Miss Kendall, or maybe it was Judy and Mr. Quincy. Anyway, I ran out the basement door and home. Judy will remember she heard the door squeak, so I must have not quite closed it. I didn't know what to do. I considered jumping into the sea but hadn't the courage."

"Poor Bessie!" I murmured.

Victor turned the last page.

"I never intended Lily Kendall any harm. She was a bore and a pest, always bragging about her niece—that Gloria Lovelace, and trotting out her pictures. Gloria was her whole life, but I hadn't come to the Massachusetts coast to hear about her. Hugh and I couldn't take a walk but it was Gloria all the way. I knew Lily had seen me earlier that fatal evening when she'd gone to watch the sunset, but before reaching the church, of course. I knew she'd seen me wearing Hugh's blue scarf around my head. I'd lost the scarf while I was with Roddy. When you all went to the bridge to connect with the milkman, Lily didn't go. Neither did I. We took a walk together toward the sea. She told me she'd picked up my scarf and thrown it into the ocean, but the wind had blown it back into the Pirate's Mouth. She accused me openly of killing Roddy. I got her to show me where, and gave her a little push, too. She fell you know where, and I rolled her toward the slit in the rock, where she struck. The handkerchief was there, all right, but I didn't tie it around her neck. It slipped out of my fingers beyond reach into the crevice. I had nothing to fish it out with, and hoped when the tide turned it might be washed away. But some wretch tied it around her neck to make it look as if my brother did it. I didn't strangle her. She died, just as Roddy did, from the fall. If she hadn't said I killed Roddy because he jilted me I wouldn't have pushed her in. That word jilted finished me."

"She's crazy!" I gasped.

"Oh, no," Victor said. "Just a little more of it." And he read the last pitiful explanation of that awful night.

"I was afraid I might be seen, so I crept out of the Pirate's Mouth, up the other side, the steep way, crawling around the cliff back of the church, and down to the strip of beach to the woods back of Gerry's barn. I got across the road to the inn and back to my room without being seen. And that's all. I'll try to answer police questions—if I'm awake. But, before God in Heaven, my brother is innocent!"

"How dreadful!"

Victor sighed. "Yes, how dreadful. What does she mean—if she's awake? Does she take sleeping medicine all the time?" He jerked around and started back. "Hurry, Judy. She's pretty desperate."

"Don't worry. She begged me to beg Hugh for another pill or tablet, or however veronal comes. And I heard her say he'd refused to give her any—damn him. Her words, not mine."

"How she must love him!"

"Sounded pretty mad at him through the door."

"Poor girl. No wonder she wanted sleeping tablets after writing all this."

"Wasn't she brave to confess!"

"Confess? Why, you innocent little baby! This document lets Bessie off scot free."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Gems of Thought

To make us love our country, our country ought to be lovely.—Burke.

Trust no future, however pleasant! Let the dead past bury its dead! Act—act in the living Present! Heart within and God overhead.—LONGFELLOW.

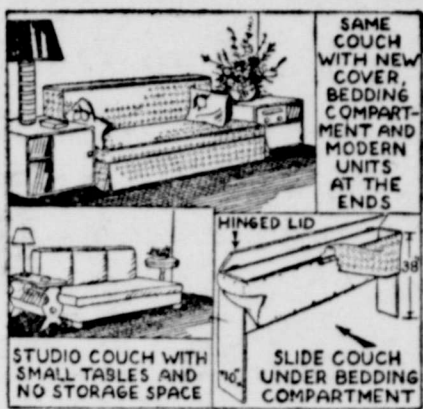
Faith has to do with things that are not seen, and hope with things that are not in hand.—Thomas Aquinas.

No man who is in the wrong can stand up against the feller who is right—and who keeps on a-comin'.—Capt. Bill McDonald of the Texas Rangers.

No man was ever great without divine inspiration.—Cicero.

ON THE HOME FRONT

THE upper sketch shows a combination living and bed room brought up to date with every inch of space used. The cushions (lower left) were replaced with a box-like compartment for bedding. This was made of plywood as shown at the lower right. It was padded



across the front and ends with cotton batting, and covered with the couch material tacked in place through a lath strip. Unpainted book cases were bought to go at the ends, and the lid of the bedding compartment was painted to match the book cases.

NOTE—Longer and longer grows the list that "money won't buy." But bright ideas for using the things you already have are not on that list. The one shown here is from BOOK 10 of the series of homemaking booklets prepared for readers. BOOK 10 also contains more than thirty other things to make from things on hand and available materials. Booklets are 15 cents each. Address:

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Blue point items points

Rosedale Pears No. 2 1/2 can 25c 15

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Corn Prosperity, Country Gent full No. 2 can 13c 16

Tropic Gold Grapefruit Juice 47 oz. can 28c 4

Peerless Tomatos No. 2 10c 18

Pinto Beans 3 lb. cello bag 25c 12

Libby's Peaches No. 1 tall can 17c 15

Del Haven Peas No. 2 17c 18

Red point items

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Robert Lee Observer
Robert Lee, Texas

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