

## Officials Qualify For Ensuing Two Years

Coke county officials for the ensuing two years qualified Monday for their respective duties, County Clerk Willis Smith administering the oath of office to each.

Mrs. Ruby Pettitt is the only newly elected officer. She succeeds Mrs. B. M. Gramling as treasurer. Those qualifying Monday were:

County Judge and Ex-Officio School Superintendent, McNeil Wylie.

County and District Clerk, Willis Smith.

Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector, Frank Percifull.

Treasurer, Mrs. Ruby Pettitt.

County Attorney, G. S. Arnold.

Commissioners: Prec. 1, H. C. Varnadore; Prec. 2, S. A. Kiker;

Prec. 3, Thomas R. Harmon; Prec. 4, Ben Brooks.

County Surveyor, Roy Taylor.

Included in the county's official family is Travis B. Hicks, our capable County Agent, and Miss Fay D. Croslin, our live-wire Home Demonstration Agent.

Coke county has as fine and capable county officials as any county in Texas. Their splendid records of the past reflect with credit the fine administration of the affairs of the county, and with the advent of the new term our people will rest assured that each official will continue the rendition of painstaking, careful service.

### W. M. S. Meeting

The W. M. S. met with Mrs. Williams Monday afternoon in the Bible study with Mrs. H. S. Lewis conducting the quiz. Mrs. J. C. Snead read the 91st Psalm for the devotional scripture and Mrs. S. R. Young led the prayer. After the business session with Mrs. Paul Good in charge, refreshments were served to eight members present. Mrs. Cumbie led the closing prayer.

J. S. Moore was here from San Angelo Wednesday greeting old friends and transacting business.

## Married Fifty-four Years Ago In Erath

G. A. Harmon and Miss Sarah Powers were married Dec. 22, 1889 in Erath county, three miles north of Dublin in a log house. That was a long time ago. They resided in the Bunyon community for 10 years, moving to Coke county in 1899, living on a ranch for three years, then moving to Robert Lee, where they have resided since.

In 1906 Mr. Harmon was elected public weigher, in which capacity he served until 1910, when he carried the mail until 1914. He served as tax assessor from 1924 until 1932, and as tax assessor and collector for the Robert Lee school district from 1932 to 1937.

Fifty-four years of wedded happiness has been the lot of this fine old couple. "We have eight grand sons and one grand daughter in the service of our country," said Mr. Harmon Monday. "We should be the two happiest old people in the county. We have raised five children, have 18 grand children and five great grand children. There has never been a death in the family." Many more happy years, is the wish of the host or friends of Mr. and Mrs. Harmon.

### Sustains Broken Arm

In a fall at the skating rink, Wyann Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Jones, sustained a broken arm Thursday night of last week. Dr. Griffith set the fractured limb.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Page, Dec. 26, in a San Angelo hospital, a son. The infant has been named Phillip Monroe.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Masey and sons of Kermit are here for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cobb and other relatives.

### Me-ow! Said The Kitty--

## BANG!!

Went Paul's Hog Leg



For months past bob cats have been dealing Frank and Fred McCabe untold misery in depreddating against their sheep and lambs. Traps had been set but the wily felines went unsnared.

Saturday night Frauk McCabe and Paul Good organized a hunting party to see what results could be had. Taking four dogs, the party composed of McCabe, Good, Floyd Sheppard, J. D. Littlefield, Finis Harmon, M. D. Chumley and Mike Pesek, sallied forth, and hunted all night in the range of mountains south of town. In the wee sma' hours of morning the dogs hit a hot trail and it wasn't long until business began to perk up. After a six mile run a big old tom was treed. He jumped and away they went for another stretch. Six times the dogs treed the kitty, and the last time McCabe borrowed Good's .45 to take a shot. Paul was rather winded and wasn't making any 2.40 time in getting to the tree and McCabe borrowed the six-gun, got there in time to shoot the cat through the stomach. The cat jumped and got away. By that time the mist, which had been falling, turned into a rain, and since men and dogs were tired out, the chase was given up. The next day McCabe rode back to the scene of the hunt, and stretched out adjacent to a nearby cedar lay the cat, stiff and stark, minus his nine lives, as well as his penchant for lamb chops.

The cat was a big one, weighing 30 pounds or more. He was two or three years old, and more than a match for any trio of hunting dogs. During his reign of terror he has doubtless cost ranchers in this area thousands of dollars. Mr. McCabe says his mate and progeny are still untrapped, and efforts will be made to get them also.

It will be remembered that in October, 1942, in the same mountain range near Mt. Margaret, Marvin Corley and Chester Derrick killed a 30-pound depreddating bobcat. Twelve dogs were used in getting their cat.

County Agent Travis B. Hicks reports that peanuts grown by Coke county farmers this year amounted to 128,000 pounds and brought \$10,326.45. Nineteen lots were bought for the Commodity Credit Corporation, and the amount received per farm amounted to \$543.50. The peanuts were handled by the Coke County Cooperative Association.

Up to Thursday the Robert Lee Gin Co. has turned out 475 bales of cotton. Fred McDonald, manager, estimates that 550 bales will be ginned this season.

Mr. and Mrs. Green Preslar were here from Sweetwater Wednesday greeting friends.

### Gospel Truth



Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.---Jer. 33:3.

Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.---Psa. 37:4-5.

## City Drug Store Starts 21st Year Of Service

In celebration of starting its 21st year under the ownership and management of H. C. Allen & Son, the City Drug Store in Robert Lee is staging a big Anniversary Sale, as will be noted in the big advertisement in this issue of The Observer.

The City Drug Store is the pioneer drug store in Robert Lee. Founded by P. D. Coalson & Son, who operated the concern for 18 years, they sold the store to H. C. Allen, who is now one of Coke county's oldest residents, 21 years ago. Operating the only prescription pharmacy in Robert Lee, Gerald Allen, the manager tells us that they have filled over 85,000 prescriptions. In these files there are prescriptions written by physicians from every state in the Union. Rated as one of the best pharmacists in the country, Gerald Allen served the West Texas Pharmaceutical Association as president.

The City Drug Store is one of the best ordered establishments in West Texas. In addition to a complete line of fresh drugs and sundries, its stocks include gift goods, stationery, jewelry, patent and proprietary medicines and remedies. H. C. Allen & Son have built up a splendid patronage with courteous, conscientious dealing, and in all of West Texas there is not a more popular, dependable business concern than the City Drug Store of Robert Lee.

### John Davis McCutcheon

Funeral rites for John Davis McCutcheon, 87, former popular Coke county citizen who died in San Angelo Tuesday, were held in Bronte Wednesday afternoon. Unmarried, he is survived by several nephews and nieces, and a host of friends.

Mrs. Gerald Allen, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Cumbie, goes to San Angelo to be in attendance at the district school of instruction, O. E. S. Mrs. Allen is Grand Adah in this district, and will be joined by other district officials on this occasion.

## Want Ads

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FOR LEASE---Small farm.--- Mrs. B. E. Davis.

FOR SALE---Good work mare, team of mules, wagon and harness. See J. K. Griffith. 22

FOR SALE---One good work team, one well trained cow horse, four milch cows, one full blood Hereford male, two years old last October.---Wiley Byrd. 22

FOR SALE---Bundle hegira. See P. H. Havins.

LOST---Two steer yearlings; one motley faced, one white faced with white dot on back. Both marked crop off left ear and right split. Notify Fred McDonald Jr.

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## CUMBIE & ROACH

Don't fail to see the new arrivals in Gowns and Hosiery

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

German Drive Reminder of Last Desperate Fling in World War I; Farmers Harvest Banner Crops

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysis and not necessarily of this newspaper.)



Attired in civilian clothes, and with some of their number carrying mace-like antitank projectiles, Heinrich Himmler's home guard parades in Berlin.

WESTERN FRONT: History Repeats

To many, the mighty German counter-offensive Field Marshal Von Rundstedt launched against Allied armies on the western front was reminiscent of General Ludendorff's last desperate throw of the dice in 1918 in an effort to improve Germany's position for the negotiation of a peace.

Then, Ludendorff's drive failed; this time, resolute U. S. troops moved in to stem Von Rundstedt's attack, with decisive Allied counter-measures expected to not only blunt the enemy's thrust but also sap the most formidable part of his force and reduce his war potential for next spring.

There was one difference between Ludendorff's suicidal gamble in 1918 and Von Rundstedt's of this war, however, and that lay in Heinrich Himmler's success in holding the German home front together to supply the wehrmacht with men and materials for the big drive. In 1918, on the other hand, Ludendorff was faced with a crumbling home front, once rising to a bawling rage in those months because a tottering government failed to provide sufficient troops and supplies.

As the Germans' desperate drive developed, it followed the pattern of other major Nazi attacks of World War II, with powerful armored spearheads punching through forward defenses and then speeding onward to let the trailing infantry deal with opposing elements surrounded to the rear.

It was thus that the Germans wiped out the Poles; broke France, and marched a third of the way across Russia. This time, however, the enemy faced a stronger, better equipped, more resolute foe, and as his attack developed, U. S. reserves thrown into the battle moved to dam the surge.

In launching the offensive, Von Rundstedt followed the 1940 invasion pathways, pointing spearheads across Belgium and Luxembourg. In choosing this battleground below Aachen, the Nazi field marshal concentrated the bulk of his forces against the First Army, which had thrown the Germans onto the edge of the Rhineland plain.

In the early fighting, the Nazi thrust against Monschau was appreciably contained by the Yanks, but the spearhead farther south probed as deeply as 22 miles to the important road juncture of Stavelot in Belgium. Still another Nazi force pushed across the Belgium border and threw a pincer around St. Vith.

In Luxembourg to the south, the Germans drove through the Ardennes forest beyond Echternach after meeting stiff U. S. resistance.

Once the German attack got underway, the battle turned into a slugging match, with the enemy pouring men into the initial breaches to exploit their breaks, while the Allies moved reserves to the front to check the drive.

Coincident with Von Rundstedt's smash to the north, Gen. George S. Patton's U. S. First Army encountered stiffening Nazi resistance in the Saar, with the enemy following his favored pattern of throwing in short, sharp armored counter-attacks in an attempt to momentarily check the Yanks' push.

Meanwhile, it was announced that Himmler himself had taken over command of German resistance in the Colmar pocket in Alsace, throwing in strong detachments of his motley but fanatical home guard units.

PACIFIC: Put on Heat

All through the scattered Philippine islands, the enemy came under increasing pressure of U. S. land and naval forces as the Americans speeded up their attack on this great archipelago guarding the Japs' vital inner imperial lines.

Latest threat to the enemy was the U. S. landing on Mindoro island, where the Yanks drove forward against negligible opposition to establish air bases from which land-based bombers could join carrier planes in hammering the main island of Luzon to the north, nerve-center for the whole Jap defense in the Philippines. Even as the doughboys plodded forward, carrier planes ripped at enemy shipping feeding island garrisons from the main staging point.

On Leyte, General MacArthur's triple-pronged offensive continued to squeeze the Japanese into an ever narrower corner on the island.

STATE DEPARTMENT: O. K. New Setup

Amid fierce debate, in which charges were leveled that the recent reorganization of the state department put the House of Morgan in an influential position in the shaping of U. S. foreign policy, the senate confirmed President Roosevelt's appointments of William L. Clayton and Nelson Rockefeller as assistants to Secretary of State Stettinius.

With ardent New Dealers Pepper (Fla.) and Guffey (Pa.) leading the attack, it was charged that the new setup in the state department following Secretary Hull's resignation might indicate a reversal in a liber-



Secretary Stettinius (left) with William L. Clayton.

al U. S. foreign policy, to which Senator Connally (Texas) replied that President Roosevelt would chart the country's course regardless of the reorganization.

As the storm over the state department reorganization first mounted then subsided under presidential pressure, Mr. Roosevelt told newspapermen that the Atlantic Charter was not a formal document signed by this country and Britain, but merely a statement of principles to guide the Allies' war aims.

CROPS: Banner Year

Surmounting weather and manpower problems, American farmers again answered the nation's call for high level production with a near record output of crops, 24 per cent above the 1923-'32 pre-drought average, the U. S. department of agriculture reported.

Pointing to near record acreage, the USDA said: "... Farmers planted only when they could and they kept on planting past the normal season as long as there seemed half a chance of success. . . ."

Production of grains, fruits, nuts and commercial vegetables were all above last year, with all-time top harvests of corn at 3,228,361,000 bushels and of wheat at 1,078,647,000 bushels. Output of dry beans and peas, oil seeds, tobacco and hay and forage crops has been seldom exceeded. Cotton was about average.

Washington Digest

Liberal Ground Swell Sweeping Over Europe



Underground Coalesces Democratic Groups in Fight for Popular Government; Look to 'Big Three.'

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As the New Year approaches, Washington is preparing to experience the results of two titanic struggles which will chart the course followed by this nation and the world in the decades ahead.

One contest will be witnessed on the floors of congress. The other in some unnamed spot where President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, Marshal Stalin and perhaps General De Gaulle will sit down and try to agree on details of the framework of an international organization for the maintenance of peace.

The election was supposed to have settled the old issue of "isolationism versus internationalism" but those terms were far too indefinite to delimit any lasting decisions and since November our allies have been strewing land-mines of doubt along the way, causing many cases of non-interventionist jitters in congress.

There will be debate in the senate flavored with remarks, the tenor of those which criticized the British course in Greece.

As to the battle behind closed doors, you can imagine that the American viewpoint will need all the support the President can rally behind it, to overcome the tendency of Messrs. Churchill, Stalin and De Gaulle to fall into all the old bad habits of their happy power politics days.

In order to understand the differences which have already arisen between those who support British armed intervention in Greece and those who support the state department's action in protesting against it, it is necessary to take a look behind the scenes and see what these forces are which are bound to shape the new governments of Europe as they are re-born after the period of democratic hibernation during Nazi-Fascist occupation or control.

**U. S. Favors Self Rule**

In the first place, there is a powerful, liberal-oriented ground swell to be discerned everywhere if we look for it. It is the belief that, eventually, this force will dominate, which has prompted the American "hands-off" policy. Uncle Sam merely says: "Let the people of the various countries choose the form of government they want. Those who want democracy enough will get it if there is no outside interference."

That is one thing to bear in mind. Another is that this ground swell, as I call it, is the result of many different factors — not merely hunger and discontent or faith and enlightenment; not only inspiration or desperation, but aspiration as well, aspiration toward the natural historical and evolutionary goals of progress which are a part of man's eternal struggle for liberty.

The reaction against Nazi tyranny and the successful resistance to German control in the form of the underground, generated certain forces toward freedom and independence. The underground made its own laws, gave opportunity for the coalescence and strengthening of all democratic movements. It was natural when the Germans were driven out that these forces refused to bow to representatives of any regime, no matter how beneficent, if it had about it even the slightest odor of sanctified feudalism.

It is necessary to get this premise firmly fixed in our minds or else fall into the error of writing off every revolutionary movement as "communist," including some certainly no whit less virtuous than our own in 1776.

It is well to study the France of today in this connection, and interesting to note the comment which appeared in the French press at the time of the first revolts in Belgium and later in Greece where Allied support was given the government in power. The "Franc-Tireur," whose name indicates the "underground" flavor of its opinion, explains why, so far, France has had no such internal trouble.

"It has been our great good fortune," it says, "to have a man to protect our honor and prepare the

liberation, who had such character and personality that he is universally accepted, acclaimed and followed by the entire nation as our leading member of the resistance."

The last seven words are the important ones — "as our leading member of the resistance." In other words, De Gaulle was able to lead his fellow countrymen into liberation without chaos because he had the approval of the most active and most militantly democratic elements of the underground.

New Spirit In Greece

Papandreou, premier of Greece during the revolt, with all his virtues, was no De Gaulle in that respect.

I was reliably informed that Papandreou had expressed firm anti-monarchist sentiments, that he is, as he says, a democrat and a socialist, that he had a clean record through the occupation. But—and what a "but" there is, judged by such standards as I imagine "Franc-Tireur" would hold up — Papandreou was selected by the King with British consent. The motives back of his election may have been honest enough and practical enough from the standpoint of the old order. Here was a man with a good record who, it would seem, could reconcile the royalists and the leftists. But that formula itself violates the very principles of the new order, and when the left-wingers began to feel that the cabinet was monarchist and British-made, they withdrew and their followers refused to give up their weapons.

All armed groups in Greece not absorbed officially by the army were ordered to turn in their arms. The police, of course, did not turn in their arms and they were the same police who had helped the pre-war Metaxas dictatorship, and later the Germans, "keep order." The "sacred battalion," a group composed chiefly of former Greek officers who fought bravely beside the Allies at Ithrou in the African campaign (and were charged with containing a strong monarchist element) was not disbanded but became a part of the army.

Translate the above into terms of the French attitude and see how impossible acceptance of a Greek government such as that could be to groups thinking as the French resistance groups think.

There is every reason to believe that the leftist movement in Greece and elsewhere in Europe, even where the majority of their leaders may be led by communists (as was not the case in Greece) is actually at heart a drive against tyranny and toward democracy.

Here again it might be wise to examine some of the opinion expressed by Frenchmen now backing the De Gaulle provisional government which is a product of the forces similar to those operating in other liberated countries.

The leading editorial in the December issue of "Free France," that attractive and informative magazine published in New York by the French provisional government, gives the reasons for the change of attitude toward the French communists as follows:

1. The French communist party joined the resistance movement and later gave its allegiance to De Gaulle's national committee.

2. The comintern was dissolved.

3. The communists rendered invaluable aid to the resistance movement.

4. The striking collaboration of all French patriots in the underground struggle removed many prejudices, including the suspicion of "communists sans patrie" (a political group with loyalty to no fatherland).

The editors of Free France cautiously state that it is too early to answer the important question: Have the French communists accepted democracy as it is understood by the western democracies? Nevertheless, they note for the record that so far "the communists helped to draw up the National Resistance council program of March, 1944, tacitly accepting the democratic principle" and "the abolition of private property is not listed among the immediate demands of the communist party."

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for January 7

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THE CHILDHOOD OF JESUS

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 2:13-23. GOLDEN TEXT—Behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest.—Genesis 28:15.

Matthew is the Gospel of the King and His kingdom. It stresses the fulfillment of prophecy in the coming of Christ, the King. After His rejection, it tells us of the Church, "the kingdom in mystery," and of the death of Christ for our sins, His resurrection for our justification, and His glorious coming again. Without assigning definite verses to our points we note that:

I. Men Received or Rejected Jesus.

It has always been so. Men, then as now, were either for Him or against Him. The world of today is far different from that of the first century, but the difference is all on the outside. Almost breath-taking have been the developments of modern science, but these have not changed the heart of man. He still fears and hates and fights and sins.

1. Men Are Against Christ.

How do men show their rejection of God's Son? Just as they did at His birth, by:

a. Fear. Herod was afraid lest the coming of this One should result in the loss of his ill-gotten gains. His anger and fear made all Jerusalem afraid.

b. Indifference. When the Wise Men asked where Christ was to be born, the priests and scribes knew exactly where to find the facts in the Holy Scriptures, but having done so, they relapsed into utter indifference. They had no interest in the fulfillment of the prophecy.

c. Hatred. Herod poured out the violence of his heart by killing the first-born. He was the first of many who have raged against the Christ in futile anger.

d. Sorrow. The tears of the mothers of Jerusalem but foreshadowed the weeping and wailing which characterizes Christ-rejection both in time and eternity.

2. Men Are For Christ.

Thanks be to God, there were those in that day who were for Christ and, like those who follow Him today, they showed:

a. Spirituality. Men have marveled that the Magi knew of the birth of Christ. They must have studied the prophecies of the Word and been responsive to the teaching and moving of the Holy Spirit. Can we say as much for ourselves?

b. Interest. Not content to know and to marvel, they shamed the priests of Israel by their persistent interest in this great thing which had come to pass.

c. Love. They brought themselves in worship and they brought rich gifts from their treasures. You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.

d. Action. They came. They persisted until they found the Christ. Then they listened to God and protected His Son by not returning to Herod.

II. God Protected and Prepared Jesus.

The ruin which sin had brought into the world could only be met by redemption which Christ had come to bring. Some men had already shown their hatred for Jesus and their rejection of Him. But God still ruled, and for the sake of those who received Him (and would receive Him in all the centuries since), He kept the Child Jesus from harm. We find Him:

1. Protecting Jesus. Men may hate and seek to destroy God's Son. Satan may inspire them with ingenuity and cunning. But see how the Eternal One spoke to Joseph in dreams, how He prepared a place of refuge in Egypt and ultimately in Nazareth, where the boy Jesus might increase in wisdom and stature and favor with God and man.

2. Preparing Jesus. God knew of the days of public ministry which were ahead, and above all, of that day when on Golgotha's hill Christ was, in His own body, to prepare salvation for you and for me. God is never taken by surprise. He moves forward to the completion of His plan with the stately tread of eternity.

He took Jesus to Egypt. He brought Him again to Nazareth. In it all He was preparing His Son for the days of ministry which were ahead. All this was in fulfillment of prophecy (see vv. 15, 17). God's Word is always sure.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Adams and son, Stanley, spent New Year's in the Sam Powell home.

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### New Year's Day Saw History Made

New Year's day may not seem very momentous to us, but in the past it has seen history made. It saw the unfurling of the first American flag by George Washington, and the emancipation of negro slaves.

Following is a list of important events that took place on New Year's day:

January 1

- 38 B. C. The era of the Caesars began.
- 1349 A. D. Edward III, king of England, defeated the French before Calais with great slaughter.
- 1735 Paul Revere born.
- 1757 Calcutta, India, captured by the British.
- 1776 First Union flag of 13 stripes unfurled by George Washington.
- 1792 Kentucky entered the Union.
- 1801 Union of Ireland with Britain.
- 1814 American dragoons attacked the British who had seized Buffalo, N. Y.
- 1815 Gen. Jackson repelled British when they attacked New Orleans.
- 1825 Great Britain acknowledged independence of South American republics.
- 1863 Emancipation of Negro slaves went into effect by proclamation of President Abraham Lincoln.
- 1907 Pure food law put into effect.
- 1913 Parcel post system inaugurated.
- 1919 New Year's day declared a legal holiday throughout the country except in Massachusetts and Washington, D. C.

### Old New Year Customs Survive in Scotland

In Scotland, New Year's day is said to transcend Christmas as the most important festival of the year. Many old customs still are preserved and widely followed. "First footing" is a midnight custom of New Year's eve. The person who first, after the stroke of the new year, sets foot inside the house of a friend, remains the guest throughout the day and is a privileged friend throughout the year.

### You Can Save

After Jan. 15 the subscription price of The Observer in Coke county advances to \$1.50 per year. Until that date renewals and new subscriptions will be accepted at the old rate. Lots of renewals are coming in. Better look after yours now, and save.

The Misses Jamie and Jo Ann Bilbo and Ava Lou Tubb were week-end guests of the Howard Parkers at Eldorado.

A little want ad will sell it.

### At The Churches

Robert Lee Baptist Church  
The Friendly Church  
Fred D. Blake, Pastor  
Sunday School 10 a. m.  
Morning Worship 11 a. m.  
Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.  
W. M. S. Monday 3 p. m.  
Shining Stars Wednesday 5 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30.

### Folks You Know

T. A. Richardson was in Lubbock New Year's Day for a visit with his father. Mrs. Richardson stopped over at Snyder for a visit with relatives.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Conner were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garrett and family and Miss Letha Mathers, all of Carlsbad, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Augustine, of Sterling City; Mr. and Mrs. Hubert H. Conner and daughter, of Colorado City; Sgt. and Mrs. J. D. Green, of Sheppard Field, and Garland H. Green, of Austin.

Monday being New Year's and a legal holiday, the occasion was observed by the Robert Lee State Bank.

Mrs. V. J. Teer arrived from Devine Saturday to be with Mrs. W. Vasco Teer who was still confined to her room following a recent attack of flu.

Mrs. A. E. Latham spent the week-end visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keading in San Angelo.

Willie I. Tubb of Sanco was an appreciated visitor in The Observer office Saturday.

Mrs. Coke Austin was among Saturday's shoppers in this city.

E. W. Wright was a week-end business visitor in Colorado City.

C. C. Millican, of Edith, was in to see us Saturday ordering The Observer sent to his mother at San Angelo.

Calloway Harmon of Hope, Ark., was here this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harmon, and greeting old friends. Forty-one years ago Calloway worked in the Vestal blacksmith shop here.

The Apostle from Wildcat is in a dither. Monday he was 41 years old. He got to figuring and figured that he spent 15 of his 41 years in bed. He says the 15 years was time wasted and that he has actually lived only 26 years.

We appreciate the news items given us. Tell us, or write us who, what, when and where. We like news items, lots of 'em, but please be brief. Our space is limited, and we can't use long-winded articles, but when it comes to short news items about folks doing this or that, we'll be tickled pink to have the item.

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### GROCERY DEPARTMENT:

**Crisco** 3-Lb. Jar **69c**

Grandma's Molasses, pint 21¢, quart 39c

**Flour** Royal Owl, 25-lbs 50lbs. 2.19 **1.10**

Sauer Kraut, No. 2 can, 2 for - 23c

**CHILI** - 300 can, HyPower 27c

**HILEX** - gallon - 39c

Pi-Do, Nice Crisp Pie Crust, pkg. 10c

Shortening, Jewel, 4lb. ctn. 74¢

MAYTIME 15 ounce can

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**American Women Pilots Helped Deliver Planes  
Which Enabled Red Armies to Launch Offensive  
That May Have Been Turning Point of the War**

By **ELMO SCOTT WATSON**

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THIS is a story of the great 1944 summer offensive of the Red army which historians of the future may write down as the turning point of the war. It is the little-known story of the contribution of a small group of American women to the success of that drive, of the part they played in making it possible for the determined Russians, who had stopped the Nazi hordes at the gates of Moscow and Stalingrad, to push them back across the plains of White Russia and the mud of Poland to the very German border itself.

It is the story of the civilian women ferrying pilots of the Air Transport Command's ferrying division, a skilled, determined and courageous little group from among the members of the Women's Air Force Service pilots, popularly known as WASPs.

This story begins just about a year ago. The "clouds of planes" which President Roosevelt had promised at the beginning of the war (and at which our enemies had scoffed) were rolling from American production lines. Lend-Lease was making these planes, especially the fighter planes, available to our allies, the Russians. But it's a "long, long trail" from the factories of America to the Eastern front—it winds from the Bell Aircraft factory in Niagara Falls, N. Y., across the fertile Mississippi Valley, the Great Plains of the West, the Rocky mountains, the wilds of Canada and Alaska, the steppes of Siberia and the Ural mountains to Moscow, and then the Eastern fighting front.

How to get these fighter planes to the Russian front—and especially to deliver them in time for the great Russian offensive—that was the question. To fly them there seemed to be the logical way, but fighters, with their limited range, must avoid long overwater flights. An overland route was needed. That need had been foreseen long before and the "trail," previously mentioned, had already been established by the Air Transport command's ferrying division and its Alaskan division.

The War department accorded No. 1 priority to the movement of American planes to the Russian armies and the problem of getting them there was assigned to the ATC ferrying division, commanded by Brig. Gen. Bob E. Nowland, to its pilots and its groups. As a matter of fact, planes of many types were moved to the fighting fronts, taken there by men pilots, both American and Russian. But this story deals only with the fighter planes and the Women's Air Force Service pilots.

The ferrying division's third ferrying group, based at Romulus, Mich., was assigned the mission of ferrying the deadly, fast Airacobra from the Bell factory in Niagara Falls to Great Falls, Mont., where the Seventh Ferrying group took over for the delivery to the Russians at Fairbanks and at Nome.



Barbara Donahue, commanding officer of the WASP squadron of the Third Ferrying Group, based at Romulus field, Mich., poses beside one of the nine Bell Airacobras which she delivered over the "long, long trail" from Niagara Falls, N. Y., to Great Falls, Mont.



BRIG. GEN. BOB E. NOWLAND

Then, it became a question of manpower, of availability of pilots to keep pace with the output of the production lines. To meet this emergency, the ferrying division decided to utilize the services of its qualified and trained civilian women ferrying pilots on the domestic section of the "long, long trail."

Each male pilot released from the 1,800-mile trip from Niagara Falls to Great Falls simply meant one more male pilot for the long, dangerous hop from Great Falls to Nome. These women hadn't been flying fighter planes . . . light ships had been their assignments in the past . . . but they had long experience, hours in the air and, with a short period of transition training, they were ready for the task.

It wasn't a glamorous one. The ferry pilot of the Army's Air Transport Command is a hard-working individual who lives out of his B-4 bag, spends long stretches of time away from his home base, flies long hours and encounters little of the glamour, the heroics and the recognition that come to the combat pilot.

These Women's Air Force Service pilots were going to share that lot with the men. So their story can't be one of glamour either. It's merely the record of a job well done. By comparison with the number of male pilots engaged in the operation, the WASPs were a small group. But by comparison, the job they did equaled the performance of their male partners.

They delivered from Niagara to Great Falls sufficient planes to completely arm a half dozen Russian squadrons, and they did such a workmanlike job that their loss ratio compares favorably with that of the men. In fact, only three Airacobras leaving Niagara with a WASP at the controls failed to reach Great Falls.

The normal flying time from Niagara to Great Falls is approximately nine hours, but the lapsed time on the average delivery probably is three times that great, considering that the ferrying division demands almost perfect weather conditions for the operation of fighter aircraft, and that winter through Minnesota, the Dakotas and Montana and in the Great Lakes region of the Middle West often is far below the minimum required.

And when a delivery is completed from Niagara Falls to Great Falls, the pilot must return to the Third Ferrying Group, a 14-hour ride on the special crewliners provided by the military air transport section of the ferrying division for just that purpose.

Yet, despite the ruggedness of the trip, WASPs of the Third Ferrying group delivered Russia-bound fighters from Niagara to Great Falls in a single day, delivered three planes in ten days, which is a feat to equal the best performances of their male coworkers.

Barbara Donahue, commanding officer of the Third Ferrying group, WASP detachment at Romulus, paced the delivery of Russia-bound fighters for her detachment, with nine to her credit, while WASP Mary C. Johnson of the Third group ranked second in the list of individual achievement with seven as her score.

WASP Ellen Grey is one of the few pilots who can boast of a one-day delivery from Niagara to Great Falls, a flight accomplished in eight hours and 18 minutes of actual time in the air, and an elapsed time of approximately 11 hours. Consider that five hours in the air is considered a day's work by the average fighter pilot and that the usual de-

livery from Niagara to Great Falls is considered a two or three-day job, and you'll realize that Miss Grey . . . to say the least . . . was working "overtime." Three of the seven deliveries credited to WASP Mary C. Johnson were made over a 12-day period—a record of which any pilot, man or woman, may well be proud when one considers the sheer physical exertion involved.

But while WASP Grey's feat of making a one-day delivery and WASP Johnson's feat of three deliveries in 12 days are outstanding examples of WASP performance, they are not really unusual. The records of the Third Ferrying group WASP detachment show that all of these women pilots are hard-working and conscientious. There's Betty Archibald and Pat Dickerson with records of two deliveries in eight days. There are Grace Burge and Virginia Claire with two deliveries each in 10 days. And the chances are that it was weather which kept some of these girls from equaling the record of WASP Johnson.

When the movement started, these women ferry pilots were not trusted as fly-alones on the "long, long trail." They were assigned as wingmen to experienced male pilots familiar with the route. But as they gained experience through hard work they were graduated to the fly alone class, and now they take their turns flying alone, still rushing planes to the Russians.

But the "long, long trail" is not the only place in which the civilian women pilots of the Air Transport Command's ferrying division have proved their worth in the two years since Mrs. Nancy Harkness Love formed the first women's ferrying



Mrs. Lenore Louise McElroy, operations officer of the WASP squadron of the Third Ferrying Group at Romulus field, Mich. WASP McElroy recently made aviation history when she delivered a big Consolidated "Catalina" flying boat (designated by the Navy as PBYs and by the Army as OA-10s) at one of the aviation fields in this country. It was the first time one of these big ships has ever been flown by a woman pilot. Since then she has flown more than 80 hours in this type of ship, adding the time to her already impressive total of more than 3,000 pilot hours.

squadron at the 2nd Ferrying Group base, Wilmington, Del., on September 10, 1942.

Since that date women pilots assigned to the Ferrying Division have flown more than 7,500,000 miles ferrying planes from factories to destinations within the United States. Originally assigned only to light liaison and training type planes, they now are qualified to fly 68 different types of ships, ranging from heavy four-engine bombers down.

Of their number, 16 per cent are qualified to fly class four planes such as the Billy Mitchell and Marauder medium bombers, and 98 per cent have made deliveries in class three planes such as twin-engine transports. But, in the ferrying division, emphasis is placed on the ferrying of lighter type planes and fighter planes, and it is significant to note that 68 per cent of the women pilots in this division are now qualified fighter pilots, making regular deliveries of Airacobras, Mustangs, Thunderbolts and Warhawks.

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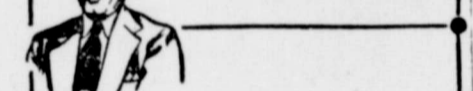
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THE STORY THUS FAR: Zorie Corey, who hates herself for being so meek, is railroaded into taking a job she does not want, helping Admiral Duncan write his memoirs. She is in love with Paul Duncan, the admiral's grandson. While aboard the steamship Samoa en route to Hawaii a hand is clamped over her mouth and she is scooped up and tossed into the sea. She avoids the propellers and manages to catch a life ring which some sailor had tossed overboard when he saw her fall. Zorie is rescued, and learns on recovering from shock that Steve, Paul's handsome brother, was taken violently ill at the time she was thrown overboard. The Admiral announces that Pearl Harbor has been bombed.

CHAPTER XI

"They can thank God they're not in Honolulu, where civilians aren't allowed out of their houses after dark," Steve said impatiently. "They'll come if you want them to. And I don't really give a damn who comes as long as you get Basil Stromberg. Tell him you've got to discuss the future of the sugar and pineapple industries with this war on, and the difficulties of shipping between Hawaii and the Mainland, with all these Jap submarines around... Three or four other couples to balance the table—but a nice gay crowd."

His deep voice became a rumble. A minute later, Zorie heard a car start. The admiral presently returned along the path he and Steve had taken.

The sudden ferocity with which war had burst upon the Pacific had put all of them under an increasing strain. And Paul was trying too hard to make up for lost time. She was finding his over-zealousness at times trying and she was finding it more and more difficult to keep Steve out of her thoughts. One evening at her stateroom door when Paul had kissed her good night, and had asked her—as he did so often these days—if she still loved him, she had murmured, "Of course I do, Steve."

She was so frightened she turned cold. But her voice must have been too low for him to hear, or his own thoughts too turbulent. He hadn't noticed the slip.

She could not drive Steve out of her mind. And she was still undecided, still torn between her infatuation and her patriotic scruples. She had tried to rationalize it by assuring herself that she could, any time she wished, notify the authorities, and by her knowledge that there was still, in spite of her sure suspicions, nothing she could prove. She dreamed about Steve. Often there were strange dreams in which both he and Paul figured.

If Steve suspected her suffering, he was being very nice about it. It was, she supposed with some bitterness, an old story with Steve—being kind to all the women who made fools of themselves over him. As, for example, Amber Lanning was doing.

Most of all, she didn't want Paul to become aware of it, although she was sure that his renewed ardor was making him blind. She did not want Paul to be hurt. And regardless of where her heart wanted to lead her, her mind was still at the controls. Her mind kept insisting that she would, in a little time, fully recover. By then Paul would be back on an even keel and they would, at an appropriate time, be married.

Of the remainder of the trip on the blacked-out ship, she would unreasonably recall most vividly, not the frantic excitement of the passengers, nor the tension, the alertness, the white war-worn faces of Honolulu under martial law, but her childish jealousy of Steve's attentions to Amber. Amber, with her lack of inhibitions, wasn't making any efforts to conceal the fact that she, too, had gone overboard for Steve.

The war, curiously, affected Zorie scarcely at all. After the first awful feeling, when she learned of the devastation at Pearl Harbor and at the army and naval air base, her self-possession returned. Her new fearlessness was impervious. She wasn't afraid of torpedoes or Japanese bombers and, as she saw neither submarines nor bombers, her fearlessness was not tested. After the first day's attacks on Oahu, the enemy was occupied with Wake, Hong Kong, the Philippines and Singapore. Yet Zorie was certain that, if the enemy returned, she would not be frightened.

Often she came upon Steve and Amber, walking together, playing ping pong, or the horse races, or shuffleboard. They were always laughing, always so absorbed in each other that they were oblivious.

She tried not to let Paul see how it affected her—the bleak fury, the jealousy, the hatred that swept her.

After the first day, there was little war news. All the passengers' ra-

dios were confiscated and only curt official bulletins from Washington were issued. On the day after the attack on Oahu, two United States destroyers magically appeared and escorted the "Samoa" on her zigzag course the rest of the way.

Zorie wondered how the war would affect the plans, the status, of Steve, the Lannings and Pierre Savoyard. She had hoped that her problem would be solved by the military authorities. She had expected all of them to be detained for investigation when the ship reached Honolulu. But they hadn't been. Her own fiery hatred of Japan, of all the Axis powers, had made her problem suddenly acute. Yet she had, despite the intensity of her feelings, done nothing about it. She had rationalized it by telling herself that the blow might kill the admiral. She had decided to talk it over with him, to tell him about all her suspicions, and let him decide what action to take.

She had grown very fond of the peppery old man. Her brightest recollections of that strange voyage had been her work with him. He had no fear of submarines and he was determined to get on with The Book. Once he was reconciled to Zorie's disinterest in his Annapolis pranks and the Battle of Manila Bay—now being fought again with terrible new



As one man they raised their glasses to her.

weapons—he had plunged into the story of the Duncan clan.

He was anxious to get on with it, but he had told Zorie there would be no work today.

Paul found her in the arbor a little before noon and she had lunch with him on a lanai shaded by a Pride of India tree. The centerpiece was an arrangement of translucent spikes of blood-red ginger flowers. She tasted her first baked breadfruit.

"I've been thinking things over," Paul said. "You once mentioned that you'd prefer it if I gave up my ambition to be a professor of psychology, and went to the plantation as a cut-cane luna and worked up."

"But, Paul, I didn't say that!" Zorie protested. Or had she?

"Did I ever tell you how we came by Uluwehi E Kai?"

There was suffering in Paul's eyes. He was preparing to be self-sacrificing, noble. To please her. He was telling her the story of Uluwehi E Kai, but she scarcely heard him. She was wishing he would stop being so humble. His over-anxiety to please her had reached a very irritating stage. She scarcely caught the gist of what he was saying.

"There isn't a lovelier spot in the world than this," Paul said, "and you would lead the happiest life you've ever known. You'd be the boss of the Duncan clan. And the mistress of Uluwehi is the undisputed queen of this island. I know how crazy the admiral is about you. There's nothing he wouldn't do for you... I realize all that, and I realize how attractive that setup would be to any woman."

She had sensed most of this. She had seen herself presiding over this lovely place, modernizing, simplifying some of the rooms, giving lively parties, taking hold and running things, and restoring Uluwehi to its former glory... Of course it appealed to her!

"But is your career here, Paul?" He shook his head tragically. "No. That's just it."

"The instant this book is finished," Zorie said crisply, "we'll go back to Elleryton." She had a sudden glimpse of the twin chimneys of the Fenwick Body Plant and of the social life—Mrs. Folsome, Mrs. McGonigle, Aunt Hannah. "Now let's stop all this silly argument."

He came around to her chair and kissed her on the cheek.

"Thank you, Zorie," he said solemnly. "That was what I wanted you to say... Would you like to be married here?"

Zorie hesitated. Her heart was beating in slow, cold thumps. "Yes, Paul. Of course!"

"It would be a lot of fun," Paul said. "We'd have a luau—an old-fashioned Hawaiian luau. Would you like that?"

"Yes, dear." "I've been thinking," Paul said, "that we might be married Sunday."

A knifelike pain went through Zorie's heart. Trying to control her voice, she said, "Day after tomorrow?"

"Yes," said Paul. "Why wait? We've been putting it off long enough."

It was true. They had. Rather, Paul had. For more than a year they had been on this vaguely engaged basis. And there hadn't been a day when she hadn't hoped that Paul would decide not to wait.

But that had been in Elleryton... His announcement left her with a feeling of panic. She realized that she hadn't the slightest desire to marry Paul day after tomorrow.

He was fondling her shoulder. "Then," he said, "we'll fly over to Kona for a few days. We'll come back here and stay until the admiral's book is finished. I'll find plenty to do. I want to do some more work on my dissertation."

He was trying to be gay and reckless. But he wasn't convincing Zorie and he wasn't convincing himself. He sensed that something was wrong, but he didn't know what it was.

"Would you like it that way, honey?"

Zorie was gazing at the garden. "This would be a lovely place to be married," she said. She would not try to escape it. She would go through with it. She could not let Paul down.

She wanted to cry. All the time Paul was talking, she'd been seeing Steve at her wedding—Steve watching her with a brother-in-law's detached pride and fondness.

"Well, then, that's settled," Paul said vigorously. "We'll be married Sunday. I'll attend to everything."

She was about to leave her room when one of the maids brought her a lei of white ginger flowers. When she put it on, it fell almost to her waist. If she had needed a completing touch, the chain of glowing fragrant white flowers supplied it.

She asked the maid who had sent it.

"Mr. Duncan." "Mr. Steve or Mr. Paul?" "Mr. Steve."

It almost went without saying. With all his ardor, his anxiety to please her, Paul would never think of sending her a lei—especially a white ginger lei.

She went out onto the lanai with its blackout curtains of heavy blue velvet. The admiral, Paul and Steve were already there, but none of the guests had come. The three men were drinking Old-Fashioneds.

They stared at her as she crossed the lanai. As one man they raised their glasses to her. It was almost involuntary. The expression in their eyes was a toast.

She murmured, "Thank you, sir," demurely.

Steve made her an Old-Fashioned. She noticed dry little lines about his mouth and eyes. He looked tired and worried and tense.

She was aware that Paul, in spite of his resolves, disapproved of the frankness of her star sapphire dress. He had betrayed it in his eyes after the admiral had complimented her. It was, she thought, disheartening. Paul did not want her to be radiant. He wanted her to be dull. He had always wanted her to be dull.

She was sipping her cocktail when Amber and her uncle came out of the house, followed by Pierre. Amber wore the midnight-blue dress—the most effective dress she had. Mr. Lanning was all in white. Pierre Savoyard had crowded his powerfully sloping shoulders into a white dinner jacket. He seemed ill at ease. He stared at Zorie, then sat down in a Singapore chair. He sat there, smoking one cigarette after another, until dinner was announced, arising only when the guests arrived and he was introduced. He spent his time nursing one drink and staring at Zorie.

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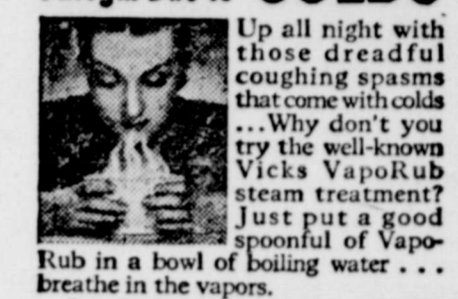
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## Holiday Party

The Valley View H. D. Club holiday party and community Christmas tree was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hallmark. This occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present.

Christmas gifts were presented to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hallmark, Mr. and Mrs. Lem Cowley, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Casey, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Varnadore, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Collett, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brock, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Havins and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Watson.

A room had been reserved for the youngsters, who filled the house with a real Christmas spirit.

## Snowmobile Ferries Between U. S. and Canada



IN addition to railway, airline and boat, a new international transportation link has gone into operation between Canada and the United States. Over the ice of the St. Lawrence River a snowmobile, pictured above, carries mail and passengers between Brockville, Ontario, and Morristown, New York. The novel craft is built like a large punt, enabling it to travel on water. In the winter time it is equipped with runners for ice and snow. It is powered by a gasoline engine, having an airplane propeller of the "pusher" type. Harold Steele of Morristown, the owner and operator, is shown in inset.

Refreshments consisted of candies, popcorn balls, nuts and fruits.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Lem Cowley.

Mrs. W. P. Ratliff was a holiday visitor in Eldorado.

## Ensemble to Save Dollars for Bonds



Members of the Junior Auxiliary of the American Women's Voluntary Services are sewing for themselves to save manpower, machinery and money—to buy more War Bonds. They have selected the styles they think are the most suitable for them, including this pleated flannel skirt, topped by a checked, sleeveless lumberjack and blouse. It's attractive for college or business. A pattern for making it or similar ones may be obtained at local stores.

## MORE FACTS CONCERNING Them Rabbit Twisters

Dear Observer, I have just read in The Observer a note from Pete Davis on rabbit twisters.

I think the boy is all wet, or got twin-propeller fever from working around airplanes.

The fact of the matter is: People didn't have any wire to make twisters out of, till that guy from Arkansas brought the cow down. Us old timers well remember how much trouble us twisters gave that old boy, keeping his cow pasture tore down to get the wire.

The old blacksmith made the first one out of wagon rods, but they wouldn't rotate. He made a turnbuckle in the middle so as to turn in a crooked hole. Then he made the forked type to fit the holes that branched off into two tunnels—saved time and naturally was a favorite.

The only law they had was to send a man a mile east of town to the sandburr patch, take his shoes off, clean off a space about 10 feet square and let him try to go somewhere. The people repealed that law soon after it was passed, because there wasn't anyone left to milk the cows and cut the wood.

Hope this helps to solve the puzzles on twisters. My dad has some of the old relics, get him to show them to you

Best regards to everybody,  
J. C. HALE,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

## GIN NOTICE

Beginning on and after Jan. 1st, we will gin cotton on Wednesdays and Saturdays of each week.

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Can you do this crossword puzzle?

ACROSS  
2-AVERAGE  
4-A LANGUAGE  
6-TRUCK  
7-SPECK  
9-CONTRACTION OF IT IS  
10-A BEVERAGE  
11-A SNAKE  
12-TO MARRY  
15-GREASED  
16-PAST OF GET

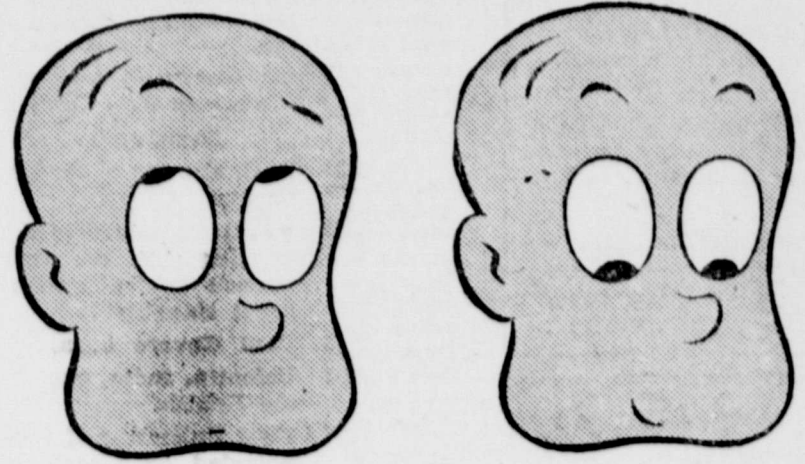
DOWN  
1-BIRD  
2-A VESSEL  
3-RELIEVE  
5-PROMINENT  
6-BY WAY OF  
8-BOY'S NAME  
12-DAMP  
13-ANIMAL  
14-NOT HIGH  
4-ROPED

IT'S GOING TO BE A HARD WINTER IN ALPHABETICA... FIND TEN "S" OBJECTS IN THIS SCENE...

GOOFY GRAPH

MAKE A LINE FROM 1 TO 79 AND SEE WHAT THIS MAN IS UP IN THE AIR ABOUT...

## The high cost of living



## The low price of electricity

Look at the cost of living—up 25.4% since 1939\*. Or would you rather not? Then look at the cost of electricity—down 3.2% during the same period\*. Feel better?

Of course, the reduction is a nation-wide average, and partly due to increased usage, which earns lower rates. But it continues a long-time trend. In fact, the average American family gets about twice as much electricity for its money today as it did 15 years ago!

(So why isn't your bill cut in half? Because you have more electric servants now. Kilowatt-hours are much cheaper—but you're using a lot more of 'em!)

Will you pardon us a moment while we point with pride to our wartime record? Production up—price down—no rationing—no shortages.

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Lv. 6:00 A. M. Lv. 3:15 P. M. Abilene	Ar. 12:35 P. M. Ar. 12:10 P. M.
Lv. 6:25 A. M. Lv. 3:40 P. M. Camp Barkeley	Lv. 12:10 P. M. Lv. 11:45 P. M.
Lv. 6:30 A. M. Lv. 3:45 P. M. View	Lv. 12:05 P. M. Lv. 11:40 P. M.
Lv. 7:10 A. M. Lv. 4:25 P. M. Happy Valley	Lv. 11:25 A. M. Lv. 11:00 P. M.
Lv. 7:40 A. M. Lv. 4:55 P. M. Bronte	Lv. 10:55 A. M. Lv. 10:30 P. M.
Lv. 8:05 A. M. Lv. 5:20 P. M. Robert Lee	Lv. 10:30 A. M. Lv. 10:05 P. M.
Ar. 9:05 A. M. Ar. 6:20 P. M. San Angelo	Lv. 9:30 A. M. Lv. 9:05 P. M.

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**Villager's Interest Was Not of an Earthly Sort**

The stranger visiting the little town was staying at the local hotel. Feeling a bit lonesome, he sought to strike up a conversation with the hotel keeper, a woman. "The villagers hereabout seem to be very friendly," he said. "Oh, you don't know them yet," the woman replied. "Come, come now," protested the lodger, "they're not too bad. Why just this morning the chap with the little workshop down the street apiece asked about you. He said that you'd been ailing a bit lately. He seemed quite interested. Is he a relative?" "No!" replied the lady sharply, "he's the village undertaker!"

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**Sugar Substitutes Come Into Limelight After the Holidays**



Pears and other fruit may be stewed or baked with very little additional sugar because the fruit is so sweet in itself. Fruit desserts are kind to low-on-sugar budgets.

**Sugar-Shy Sweets**

Have the holidays exhausted your supply of sugar and sweets? Today's collection of recipes is especially planned for the low sugar budget, for strange though it may seem, there are many foods which can be fixed with a minimum of sugar. Try packaged mixes, dried fruits, candied fruits, and the sugar substitutes if the sugar canister is getting empty. There are many packaged fillings which will relieve sugar from being used in pie and cake fillings, and these come in a variety of flavors.

Substitute as many of the fresh fruits for dessert as possible, and if they are baked, sweeten with maple or corn syrup. If your favorite cookie recipes call for one cup of sugar, use ¾ of a cup. They will be just as good, if a little less sweet:

- Marble Molasses Cake. ½ cup butter or substitute, ¼ cup sugar, 2 eggs beaten, 2 cups sifted cake flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, ¼ teaspoon salt, ½ cup milk, 2 teaspoons allspice, 3 tablespoons molasses

Have all ingredients at room temperature. Measure out flour, sugar, salt and butter in bowl. Beat for 2 minutes. Add eggs and milk and beat for another two minutes. Take out one-third of batter and mix with molasses and allspice. Drop by spoonfuls into greased loaf pan, alternating light and dark mixture. Bake in a moderate oven for 1 hour. Serve plain or frosted.

- Angel Cake. 1½ cups light corn syrup, 5 egg whites, 5 egg yolks, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1 cup sifted flour, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, ¼ teaspoon salt

Boil syrup until it forms a soft ball when tested in cold water.

Beat egg whites stiff but not dry, pour syrup over them slowly, continue beating. Add lemon juice and vanilla. Beat this mixture until it holds its shape. Fold in egg yolks, beaten until thick and lemon-colored. Fold in sifted dry ingredients. Bake in large ungreased tube pan in a slow oven (300 deg.) until well browned and done, about 60 minutes. Invert on rack until cake loosens. Ice with following:

- Sugarless Icing. 1 egg white, unbeaten, ½ cup light corn syrup, ¼ teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon vanilla

Combine all ingredients in top of double boiler. Beat with a rotary

**Lynn Chambers' Point-Saving Menu**  
 Calves' Liver Baked in Sour Cream  
 Buttered Spinach Fried Potatoes  
 Apple-Cranberry Salad  
 Rolls Jelly  
 \*Ginger Pudding  
 \*Recipe given.

**Lynn Says:**

**Sugar-Savers:** When stewing fresh or dried fruits or making fruit sauces, add sugar or syrup just a few minutes before cooking is finished. Don't forget to add a pinch of salt to the fruit while it cooks. Both these little tricks will help make the fruit seem sweeter without using up a great deal of sugar.

Dried fruits are rich in sweetening and may be made into fruit whips without any sugar. Simply stew the fruit, cook and put through a sieve. Beat two egg whites until stiff and use ½ cup of dark corn syrup beaten into them. The amount of fruit puree required for this amount of egg white-syrup mixture is ¾ cup.

Since powdered sugar is more readily obtained than the granulated type, use it in icings. Powdered sugar is especially good when mixed in the proportion of one cup to a three-ounce package of cream cheese and flavored with orange juice.

beater until thick enough to stand in peaks. Spread on cake.

A delightful spicy pudding can easily be made from sugar substitutes, and these are guaranteed to satisfy the family:

- \*Ginger Pudding. (Serves 6) 1 cup hot coffee, 2 tablespoons shortening, 1 cup molasses, 1 well-beaten egg, ½ cup sugar, 2 cups flour, ½ teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1 teaspoon soda, ¼ teaspoon cinnamon, ¼ teaspoon each cloves, nutmeg, ginger

Pour coffee over shortening and stir until melted. Add molasses and mix thoroughly. Add egg and beat. Add sifted dry ingredients, mix until smooth. Pour into wax-lined square pan and bake in moderate oven (350 deg.) for 30 minutes. Spread with the following:

- Orange Topping. ¼ cup sugar, 2 tablespoons grated orange rind, 2 tablespoons orange juice

Mix all ingredients and sprinkle on top of pudding. Return to oven which has had heat turned off, for about 10 minutes.



Use an unbaked crumb filling for pie to save fat. Filling can be made of prepared pudding mixes to save sugar.

- Orange Fig Whip. (Serves 6) 1 cup evaporated milk, 1 cup broken fig-filled cookies, 1 cup orange sections, ½ cup broken nuts

Whip milk and fold in cookies. Add orange sections and nut meats then chill thoroughly. Pile lightly into sherbet glasses and serve.

- Pecan Crispies. 1 cup shortening, 1½ cup sifted flour, ½ cup confectioners' sugar, 2 teaspoons vanilla, 2 cups pecans, chopped

Cream shortening, add sugar and vanilla. Add pecans and flour. Make rolls about 2½ inches long and ½ inch wide. Place on cookie sheet and bake 15 to 20 minutes at 325 degrees. When baked, roll in powdered sugar and cool on wire rack.

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- The Questions**
1. Why was the son of Edward III of England called the "Black Prince"?
  2. What U. S. President was a tailor by profession?
  3. What does "begging the question" mean?
  4. What is the oldest royal family in the world?
  5. Is the butterfly a dainty eater?
  6. What is a peccadillo?
  7. What silent and beautiful bird is supposed to burst into song just before its death?
- The Answers**
1. Because of the color of his armor.
  2. President Johnson.
  3. The taking for granted of the point to be proved.
  4. The Japanese, dating from 660 B. C.
  5. No; it consumes the equal of half of its weight each day.
  6. A slight offense.
  7. The swan.

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STAFF SERGEANT JOHN SCHUSTER, infantryman from Stelton, New Jersey

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## Folks You Know

Miss Alta Bell Bilbo has returned to her duties at Sul Ross College, at Alpine, after spending the holidays with homefolks.

And now comes the report that a Ballinger citizen was finally induced to take a bath. When he got home his dog bit him. He didn't smell right.

A man asked the Senator from Sanco if an editor was a man who puts things in the paper. "Gracious, no," opined the Senator, "he is a guy who keeps things out of the paper."

Mrs. Mittie Kuykendall, of Big Lake, was a week-end visitor in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Summers, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McCabe and daughter, Charlotte, and Chrystelle Mathers, all of McKenzie, were New Year's guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Campbell.

A. E. Latham was among those attending the big calf roping at Bronte Monday.

One of the things he can't seem to recall, says the mayor of Edith, is the name of the man that Hitler had chosen to rule Britain.

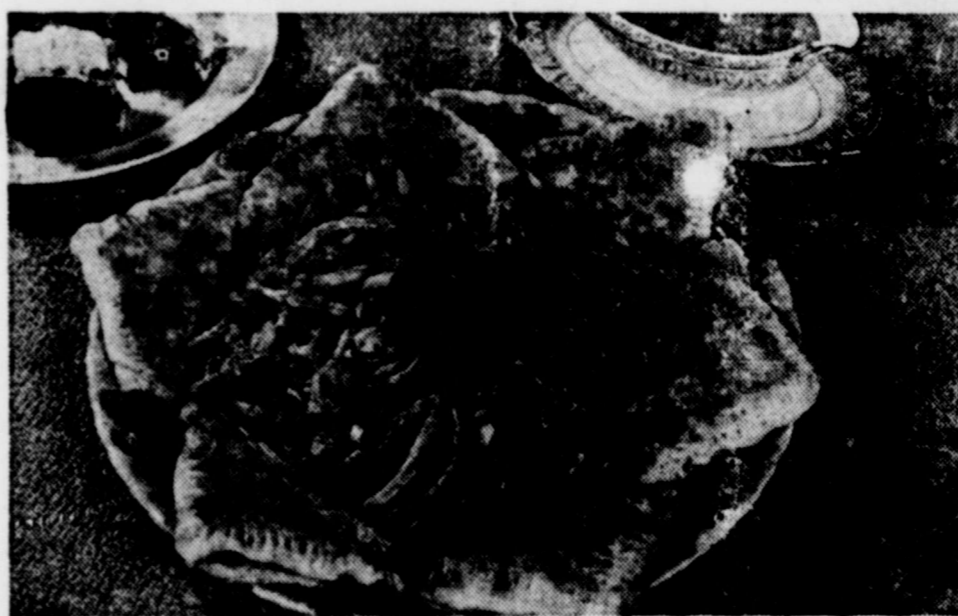
Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sheppard and children of Colorado City spent Christmas Eve with Mrs. John McCabe and other relatives. A. T. Roland R. Bloom from Ohio, stationed at Big Spring air field accompanied them.

Mrs. W. H. Bell spent Sunday in Blackwell visiting her brother, R. L. Hall. Another sister, Mrs. Will McDaniel of San Antonio, also visited Mr. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Young and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wojtek and daughter, Vicki Ann, visited Mr. Young's sister, Mrs. Nannie Lindsay and family in Abilene Sunday.

The Observer prints Envelopes and Letter Heads.

## Wash Day Oven Meal Saves Gas Fuel



Potato Tarts with Sausage Filling

There are few meals as time-releasing and fuel saving as oven meals. They are a boon to the busy housewife, who can put food in the oven and leave it for a specified length of time, confident that the controlled heat of modern ovens will stay constant.

The fuel saving aspect helps not only the budget, but the war effort as well. All kitchen fuels, particularly "bottled" or "tank" gas, the convenient fuel for homes beyond city gas mains, are needed in war industries and the government appreciates any savings the "army in aprons" can make. This "Wash Day Oven Meal" takes only 45 minutes in the oven and serves six. It is complete, except for the beverage, a raw vegetable or fruit salad and a cold dessert.

The meal consists of potato tarts with sausage filling and Spanish beans.

These two dishes can be baked in the same oven, setting the tempera-

ture control to hold the oven heat to 375 degrees.

### Potato Tarts With Sausage Filling

Mix an egg with mashed potatoes that have been prepared with milk, butter and seasoning. Leftovers will do. Sift a half teaspoon of baking powder for each cup of mashed potatoes into enough flour to make a dough when it is worked into the potatoes. Roll out and cut in six inch squares. Place two tablespoons of sausage meat that has been browned for ten minutes in the center of each square. Fold dough over diagonally and pinch edges together. Brush with top milk and bake for 45 minutes.

### Spanish Beans

1 pound green beans  
½ green pepper  
1 cup canned tomatoes  
4 slices bacon

Cut beans in one inch pieces, add green pepper and bacon, both cut fine. Pour tomatoes over and bake, covered, for 45 minutes.

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