

## Everything Ready For Livestock Show At Bronte Feb. 28

### Red Cross Forces Chosen

At Monday night's Red Cross meeting H. A. Springer was elected county chairman of the Coke County Chapter of the American Red Cross. The annual drive for Red Cross funds was thoroughly discussed and committees were chosen for this campaign.

Willis Smith and W. B. Clift will supervise the drive in Robert Lee and the western half of the county, while George Thomas will look after Bronte and the eastern half. Those heading the committees are as follows:

Robert Lee: Willis Smith, W. B. Clift, Mrs. Raymond McCutcheon, Mrs. Frank Smith, Mrs. Milared Simpson, Mrs. C. S. Brown, Geo. L. Taylor and S. E. Adams.

Sanco, Mrs. B. A. Austin.  
Silver: Mrs. Bob Odom.  
Edith: L. E. Smith, Mrs. Will Millican.

Divide: Mrs. Fred McCabe.  
Wild Cat: Mrs. Ed S. Roberts,  
Paint Creek: W. E. Burns.

Bronte: Frank Keeney, Mrs. Carrie Williams, Mrs. C.C. Glenn, Mrs. Alfred Taylor, Mrs. Cletus Smith, Mrs. Bud Maxwell, Mrs. Otis Smith, Geraldine Bell, B. D. Snead, M. A. Butner.

Fort Chadbourne: Mrs. W. D. McDonald, Bob Reeves.

Hayrick: Mrs. J.W. Labenske.

Juniper: Donald Huffaker.

Tennyson: Ben Brooks, James Arrott, John Clark.

Valley View: Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Arrott.

A meeting of these committees will be held at the court house Saturday, 4 p. m. of this week to outline plans for the drive which starts March 1. Last year Coke county's quota was \$1800, which was oversubscribed. This year the quota is \$2800, and it should also be oversubscribed. Contributors should bear in mind that they are not giving to the Red Cross—they are merely giving through the Red Cross for necessities called for by the war.

Mrs. Drue Scoggins was here Monday from Burnet. She reports they like their new home fine and are enjoying a good patronage.

Miss Sibyl Simpson has returned to Monahan after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Simpson, and Mrs. Annie McCabe.

Rain drizzle Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. Thundered Tuesday. Look out for April says J.C. Rabb.



## The Coke County Junior Livestock Show This Year At Bronte, Feb. 28, Will Be The Best Ever. Don't Miss It!

Everything is about ready for the big Coke County Junior Livestock Show to be held at Bronte, next Wednesday, Feb. 28, County Agent Travis B. Hicks informs us.

A mammoth tent has been secured to house the livestock exhibits, and if it overflows with animals, other provisions will be made to accommodate them. Already 35 fine calves have been entered, 175 lambs, and 50 hogs. The competition promises to be keen.

Nothing is being left undone to make this one of the best shows in this section, and a big crowd is expected to be in attendance. Bronte extends a special welcome, and you should take time to see the exhibits. It will be worth your while, as well as showing your appreciation to those young exhibitors and to those who are putting forth efforts in behalf of the show.

### Received Purple Heart

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Walker, Sanco, were visitors in the Observer office Saturday and showed the editor and wife the beautiful military merit award, the Purple Heart, awarded their son, William Walker, who was killed in action in France. The medal arrived Friday.

The Purple Heart award, instituted by Gen. George Washington soon after the close of the Revolutionary War, is one of the most beautiful awarded by our country to its heroes. On its face the heart shaped medal bears the likeness of Gen. Washington, and on the reverse side is engraved the name of the person to whom it was awarded for military merit.

### W. S. C. S. Meeting

The W. S. C. S. met in the home of Mrs. Griffith Monday afternoon with Mrs. Brown in charge of the Bible lesson, "Words of His Grace," based on the Book of Ephesians. Cake and coffee were served to ten members.

The last lesson in this book will be next Monday when the class meets with Mrs. Buchanan. All members are urged to be present.

### Attention Registrants

The registrants of the Coke County Local Board No. 1, Robert Lee, Texas, that are in a deferred classification and the classification has expired or is about to expire, will have to show new evidence, that can be placed in their file as written cause, why they should be classified in a new deferred classification. Or the local board will place them in Class 1-A, according to Selective Service Regulations. This applies to men under 38 years of age.

H. L. SCOTT, Clerk.

All W. H. D. news omitted this week; lack of space. Sorry.

The Post Office department has announced that the Silver post office was discontinued Feb. 15. Patrons will henceforth get their mail at Sanco.

Mrs. C. C. Davis and children of Lamesa and Mrs. J. S. Augustine and children of Sterling City were visitors in the S. M. Conner home last week. Mrs. Davis is a daughter and Mrs. Augustine a granddaughter of the Conners.

### WANT ADS

FOR SALE—Four room residence and 7 lots in Robert Lee. Price \$800 cash. See Lewis Ott. 29

FOR TRADE—Artell Roberts sold a quarter mare he raised to a fellow in Kansas. This man had one horse that Artell had raised. Artell has a yearling horse colt this mare raised, and will trade him for a few lambs. 37

FOR SALE—Wheat \$2.35 per hundred. Bring sacks. A few bushels re-cleaned oats \$1.00.—L. S. Bird, Sanco.

### Euys Partner's Interest

John H. Brown has bought D. L. Vestal's interest in the blacksmith shop and will be in charge in future. Mr. Vestal's future plans are unannounced.

Bud Jones recently refused an offer of \$500 for a 4-months old filly, quartet horse stock. The filly is a sister of the celebrated Nettie Hill mare, sold by Mr. Jones last September to J. O. Hankins of Rocksprings.

### Folks You Know

Mrs. A. E. Latham spent the weekend with friends in San Angelo.

W. S. Jackson, while in town Saturday, visited The Observer office and advanced his subscription date a year ahead.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Barnes were here from McCamey last week, guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Summers.

Mrs. Frank D. Bryan of San Angelo was in Robert Lee, Thursday, transacting business and visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. Bryan is employed in San Angelo.

Sgt. and Mrs. J. D. Green are the proud parents of a daughter, Judy Carol, born Feb. 14, in Balingier. Sgt. Green, now stationed at San Antonio, is the son of Mrs. Ethel Green of Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Markwood of Perry, Okla., are the proud parents of a son born in a Stillwater, Okla., hospital, Feb. 17, the same birth date of a 7-year old daughter, Rosa Ellen. Mrs. Markwood, the former Gladys Ellen Andrews, of Edith, is the daughter of Mrs. Ellen V. Andrews, now living here.

H. C. Allen, who underwent two surgical operations last week in a San Angelo hospital, was returned home Monday. We are glad to know he is convalescing.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bloodworth of Silver have received word from the 21st General Hospital in France, that their son, Pvt. Samuel Blodworth, who was wounded in action, Jan. 12, is making normal improvement from a shell fragment wound perforating of the right lower leg.

### Jack Austin Wins Premiums

In the Future Farmer and 4H Show at Menard last week Jack Austin's Angora goats waltzed off with two premiums, seventh and ninth places. Forty-five boys and girls had entries in the show. Jack is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Coke Austin, and one of these days his goats will be bringing home more prizes.

### Writes From Jap Prison

Mrs. Joe Fields last Saturday showed us a card received from her grandson, Pvt. Clyde J. Shelton, 22, who is a prisoner of war in Fukuoka prison, Japan. The young soldier, writing to his mother, Mrs. O. P. Cullom, of Abilene, stated: "I am enjoying New Year's holiday. Am in good health. Received your parcel; thanks very much. No mail yet. Tell everyone hello. Hope to see you soon. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Love, Clyde J. Shelton."

Pvt. Shelton has been a prisoner of the Japs some three years. A member of the 131st Division, he was captured in Java by the Japs. The young man was reared here and at Abilene, and his host of friends are truly hopeful that it won't be long until he will be enabled to return to his loved ones.

Lieut. Frank D. Bryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bryan, of this city, is now stationed in Paris, France. He is with the Q. M. Trk. Co. and writes he is well though busy day and night. Lieut. Bryan has been overseas for sixteen months and says he is working to finish the job he has to do and return to the United States soon.

We are glad to report that S. M. Conner is improving.



## New Spring Dresses...

In Navy, Black and Pastels.

Latest fashions from the East—superb tailoring.

We have your size. Come early for choice.

A new stock of Domestic and Outings is on Display

See us for Men's Work Gloves—we have a nice stock and some real values

# Cumbie & Roach

Quality Merchandise

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Allied Armies Squeeze Nazis As Big Three Map Knockout Drive; AFL, Industry Buck Labor Draft

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



With one member carrying cumbersome anti-tank weapon, Berlin home-guarders mobilize for action as Russ march on capital.

EUROPE: Plan Knockout

As Swedish reports played up a big shakeup in the German government in an effort to form a more respectable regime for approaching the Allies for peace, the Big Three conference continued in the Black Sea area, with Messrs. Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin announcing completion of plans for the knockout of the Nazi military machine.

Although Hitler would remain as the head of the German state under the reported shakeup, actual power would pass into the hands of wily Fritz von Papen, ace diplomat and Reich chancellor before the Fuehrer's ascension to dominance. Although a conservative in tone, Von Papen, reports had it, would have as Finance Minister Hjalmar Schacht, who devised the Reich's



Chieftains Stalin, Roosevelt and Churchill in confab.

complex prewar barter system, by which the Reich attempted to do business without formal exchange.

In agreement on military plans, the Big Three also were reportedly in harmony on postwar occupation of Germany, with Britain taking over the northwest, the U. S. the southwest and Russia the east.

Twin Thrusts

While the Russians drove in from the east, the U. S. and British undertook a large-scale offensive in the west, with Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery's Tommies attempting to outflank the Siegfried line terminal of Kleve on the northern end of the front and move down the Ruhr valley.

Following 11 hours of intensive aerial and artillery bombardment, Montgomery's forces, paced by tanks and flame throwers, fought deep into the Reichwald forest screening Kleve, while the Germans rushed up reinforcements in an effort to curb the offensive. Not only would a British break-through imperil the industrial Ruhr valley, but it would place the Tommies at the rear of Nazi troops holding a line against the U. S. First and Third armies farther south.

While Montgomery's offensive mounted, the First and Third armies continued to chew deeply into the once formidable Siegfried line, with the battering Yanks encountering new earthwork defenses beyond the west wall's concrete bunkers, pill-boxes and tank-traps. Strongpoint after strongpoint in the Siegfried line fell as the Nazis appeared to be falling back into the earthwork system, stretching as far back as the Rhine in some places.

Attack in West

While a great battle raged for the battered Prussian stronghold of Berlin, another great and equally important fight flared for Silesia's interior industrial district.

In pressing their great offensives along the sprawling eastern front, the Reds threw numerous bridge-heads across the Oder river, whose ice-packs were thawed by warm winds. With artillery laying down heavy barrages, Red armored columns, backed by waves of in-

WORK OR FIGHT: Bill Bucked

Still strongly opposed by labor and industry, the administration's "work or fight" bill forcing men between 18 and 45 to accept essential jobs or face induction or fine and imprisonment received close senate consideration after house passage.

As the solons took up the bill, the AFL's executive council meeting in Miami, Fla., declared that no actual manpower shortage existed, but that some plants were hoarding labor to keep up production costs and allow them a greater percentage of profit, and contracts were being let in tight labor areas while establishments were forced to lay off help in others. The AFL recommended a substitute under which hoarded labor would be drafted.

Claiming that only 150,000 workers were needed, the National Association of Manufacturers said that voluntary cooperative efforts of industry, labor and government had largely been successful in recruiting needed help, and said that lower employment ceilings in unessential plants could "flush out" surplus workers. Reductions in absenteeism, elimination of wasteful labor practices and shifting of skilled help would serve to draw the most from available manpower, the NAM said.

PACIFIC:

Manila in Flames

Overwhelmed by American forces moving from the north, and squeezed by other U. S. units moving in from the south, Jap defenders of Manila destroyed all bridges over the Pasig river dividing the city in two and put the business district to the torch.

As the Manila business district's reinforced concrete, streamlined and air conditioned buildings bilowed in flame, winds blowing in from the bay spread the fire, forcing the removal of freed prisoners and internees by truck to outlying

suburbs. As U. S. troops worked their way through the barricaded streets, they came under heavy sniper gunfire.

In telling his troops that they "... have redeemed a country's pledge to recapture its lost land, ..." General MacArthur said that the conquest of Manila marked the end of one phase of the war and the opening of another. Declaring that his command was ready to carry on the campaign against the Japs, in what was interpreted as his bid for continued leadership of Allied forces in the Pacific, MacArthur proclaimed: "On to Tokyo."

fantry, pressed into the fortified zones before Berlin.

Farther to the south, the Russians headed for Silesia's interior industrial district around Schwiednitz and Wuenschelburg, nestled deep in the shadow of the towering Sudeten mountains rimming Czechoslovakia. Capture of this region would add to the conquest of the eastern Silesian industrial district and further impair Nazi industry.

SURPLUS GOODS: Investigate Sales

With congress announcing its intention to go into the whole question of surplus property disposal now to develop fair practices rather than to wait until most of the goods had been sold, the senate war investigating committee ranged over the whole matter, with emphasis on operations of an auctioneering firm allegedly soliciting business through high officials.

During the course of the committee's inquiry, it was learned that purchasers bought surplus materials at bargain prices and then resold them to the government at big profits, and that test tubes, stopper corks and surgical dressings were being classed as surplus while factories worked around the clock turning out more of the same items.

In investigating the affairs of Surplus Liquidators, Inc., it was brought out that Herbert Bayard Swope, consultant to Secretary of War Henry Stimson, had written to Jesse Jones, former secretary of commerce, asking for the latter's consideration of the firm's plans for disposal of surplus goods. There not only was pre-arranged bidding at Surplus Liquidators' auctions, it was charged, but sales were made without any competitive bidding at all, and in some cases buyers later were asked to pay higher prices for goods they had previously bought.

COURT-MARTIAL: Stirs Nation

In a case that stirred nation-wide interest and created a flurry on the floor of the U. S. senate, the army's sentencing of Pvt. Henry Weber, 27, of Vancouver, Wash., to hanging for refusal to bear arms in a drill was changed to life imprisonment at hard labor.

As Weber's wife said that his deep personal conviction against killing in war should have entitled him to consideration as a conscientious objector before his induction, he, himself, declared: "I am interested in a world in which all men can live peaceably. To be a good soldier you have to learn to hate and to kill. I am willing to do anything I can to get the war over as long as I do not have to kill other people."

Exclaiming "... It is inconceivable to me that army officers would sentence a man to death because he refused to drill," Senator Wheeler (Mont.) threatened to press a congressional inquiry into the case when it was first announced. "Whoever sentenced that boy to hanging ought to be discharged," he said.

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CANADA:

Draft Trouble

Reaffirming its traditional privileges of self-government under the British North America act (the Canadian constitution), French-speaking Quebec's 22nd legislature convened in the same week as English-speaking voters in the Grey North district of Ontario repudiated the dominion government's compromise overseas draft policy.

Strongly opposed to an overseas draft, the Quebec legislature's firm declaration of self-government, coupled with the assertion that the minority's interest in any change in the dominion's constitution should be respected, indicated that French-Canadians aimed to maintain their position on conscription.

Meanwhile, repudiation of the government's compromise overseas draft policy to avoid a head-on collision with Quebec meant that Premier King may be compelled to call a general election to thrash out the question publicly and strengthen an administration's hand on dealing with the touchy problem.

RAIL TRAFFIC:

Car Shortage

One great artery linking the nation into a whole, the U. S. railroad system's operations in one section must strongly affect activities in another as the recent heavy snowstorms and frigid weather in the northeast have proved.

Because of the delay in returning rolling stock from the storm area, and the necessity of giving important military freight the right of way, an acute shortage of box cars has developed in the middle west, it was said. The situation has been all the more complicated by the fact that terminal mills and grain elevators have made a heavy demand for box cars in the face of a record 1944 harvest and a large carry-over.

Freight difficulties have been equally matched by passenger service troubles, it was also said, what with the severe winter weather delaying the arrival of many trains in midwest terminals and resulting in travelers missing connections on lines leaving for the west.



Her Part

Sammy—Mother, we are playing we are elephants at a zoo. Please come.

Mother—What can I do? Sammy—you can be the lady that feeds candy and peanuts to the elephants.

Toot, Toot

Foreman—Say, that new man we put on the job is a regular steam-engine.

Boss—Good worker, is he? Foreman—No, he's a good whistler.

Knew Her Stuff

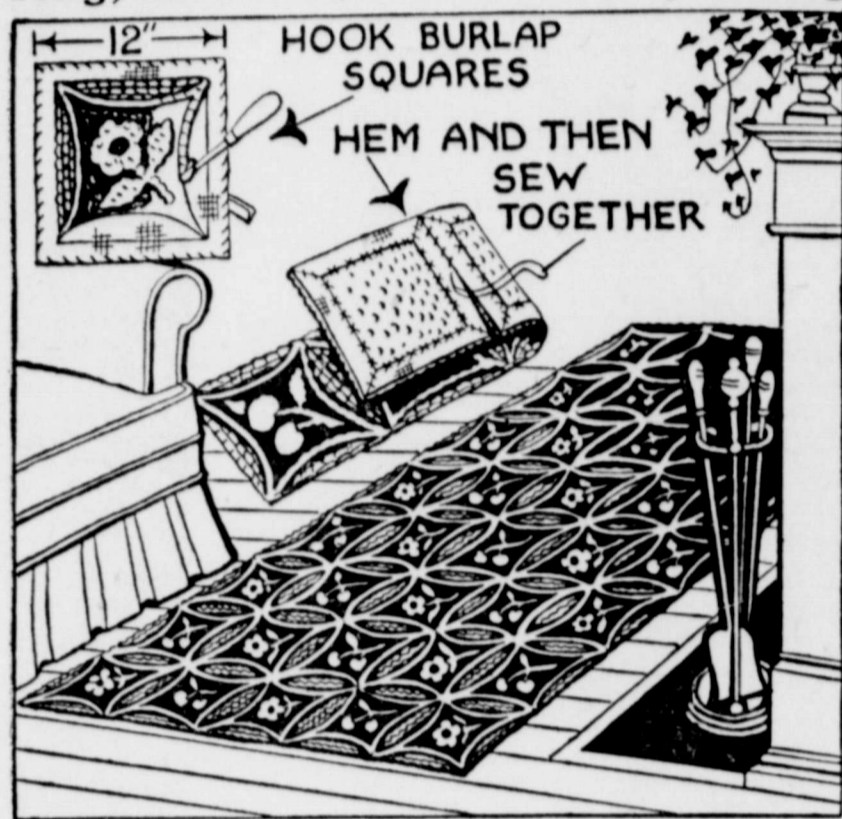
First Guest—Say, those cakes Mrs. Jones made certainly were hard. Second Guest—I'll say they were. Maybe that's why she said, "Take your pick," when she passed them around.

A poor man worries over his next meal; a millionaire over his last one.

Figures Count

Jasper—If I'm going to be a lawyer, why should I bother to study mathematics? Joan—you'll need it to sum up your cases.

You Can Add Square a Time to This Rug, in Flower and Cherry Design



By Ruth Wyeth Spears

WOOLEN strips from worn out coats, suits and dresses are used for the background of this rug, and the turquoise flowers and red cherries in alternate squares are from dyed pieces of an old cream colored blanket.

The burlap or canvas foundation is cut in twelve-inch squares. Each square is hooked separately and, when sewn together, they form this fascinating design. No large frame is needed and your hooking

is easy to carry with you or to use for pick-up work.

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MRS. RUTH WYETH SPEARS Bedford Hills New York Drawer 10 Enclose 15 cents for Pattern No. 201. Name..... Address.....



Ignorance Paid a Big Dividend to Tom Edison

If a newspaper becomes stuck to a varnished table top, apply olive oil. Let soak thoroughly, then paper can be removed.

Baste velvets with silk thread. This leaves no mark of the bastings.

When washing a knitted wool garment, don't lift it out of the water, as the weight of the wet garment will stretch it. Squeeze suds through instead and support the garment firmly with the hands. Gentle always is first rule in right wool care.

When Thomas Edison first began to attain fame, his innocence in money matters often worked to his advantage.

"Will you take 30 thousand for the patent?" cabled an English company, referring to one of Edison's inventions.

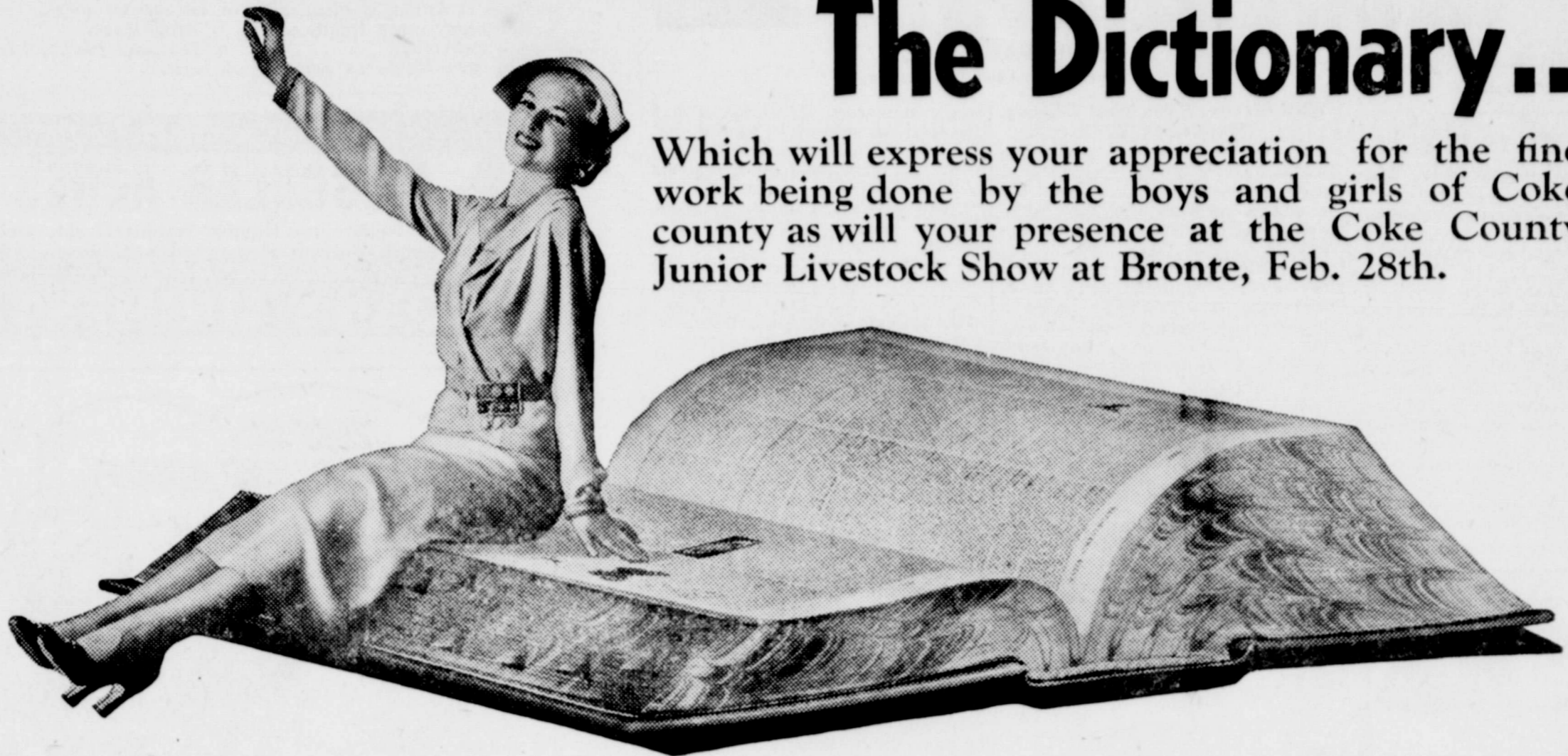
"Don't accept that offer," urged his friends. "It's not enough."

"Nonsense," disagreed Edison. "The thing isn't worth a third of that. They can have it." A few weeks later Edison received a check for \$150,000 which made him sputter. For Edison had been thinking in terms of American dollars.

Advertisement for Clabber Girl Baking Powder. It features an image of a tin of Clabber Girl and the text: 'It's BALANCED... that's the answer', 'Balanced double action... for positive action in the mixing bowl... for gratifying results in the oven.', and 'You'll be Surprised!'. The bottom of the ad says 'CLABBER GIRL Baking Powder' and 'HULMAN AND COMPANY, TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA'.

A large advertisement for 'Our Fighting Men'. It features a star border and the text: 'Our Fighting Men—Keep 'Em Supplied on Land and Sea All for the Cause of Liberty!'.

# There Are Not Enough Words In The Dictionary..



Which will express your appreciation for the fine work being done by the boys and girls of Coke county as will your presence at the Coke County Junior Livestock Show at Bronte, Feb. 28th.

To encourage the boys and girls of our county, we urge you to attend this fine show and see the splendid exhibits of livestock. You will enjoy it!

**C. R. Smith Hardware, Bronte**  
**Keeney's Variety Store, Bronte**  
**Browning Store, Bronte**  
**Cumbie & Co. Red & White, Bronte**  
**Bronte Pharmacy**  
**City Barber Shop, Bronte**  
**Cumbie & Wilkins Dry Goods, Bronte**  
**Butane Service Co., Bronte**  
**Bronte Ice Company**  
**Magnolia Petroleum Co., Bronte**  
**Keeney Feed Store, Bronte**  
**C. C. Smith Service Station, Bronte**  
**Coke County Co-Operative Ass'n.**  
**West Texas Utilities Company**  
**Robert Lee Observer**  
**McNeil Wylie, County Judge**  
**Mrs. Ruby L. Pettit, Co. Treasurer**  
**Wills Smith, County & Dist. Clerk**  
**Frank Percifull, Sheriff**  
**G. S. Arnold, County Attorney**

**Meek's Service Station**  
**Robert Lee Water Department**  
**M System**  
**Brown & Clark Service Station**  
**S. E. Adams, Abstracts**  
**Lewis Produce & Ice Company**  
**City Drug Store**  
**Bryan's Dairy**  
**Clift Funeral Home**  
**City Cafe**  
**Cumbie & Roach**  
**Latham Feed Store**  
**Ratliff Cafe**  
**Snead Barber Shop**  
**Bilbo Drug**  
**John H. Brown, Blacksmith**  
**H. & C. Motor Co.**  
**Billie Campbell Beauty Shop**  
**Ivey Motor Company**  
**Looney Lumber Company**  
**Davis, Bessent & Davis**

## It Will Be A Fine Show - - Let's Go!

**THE CHEERFUL CHERUB**

O all-day sucker of my youth,  
All homage is your due.  
How many cents and baby teeth  
I've sacrificed to you!



WNU Features.

**Hirohito Has Made Huge Personal Fortune by War**

While the Japanese look upon their emperor as a god with no thought of earthly things such as money, Hirohito has made the greatest fortune in history since attacking China in 1937, says Collier's.

Through war profits and increased values of his personal holdings in every important enterprise in his empire, Hirohito has enlarged his wealth, according to an informed source, from about \$1,600,000,000 to \$6,000,000,000—and in that land in which the average wage of skilled workmen is still 80 sen (19 cents) a day.

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AT FIRST SIGN OF A COLD USE 666

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—due to irritation of the bladder caused by excess acidity in the urine

Famous doctor's discovery acts on the kidneys and helps keep you from getting up nights!

Are you suffering unnecessary discomfort and distress from backache, burning urine, frequent desire to pass water? Getting up often at night? These symptoms may be caused by bladder irritation due to excess acid in the urine. Then try that famous doctor's discovery — DR. KILMER'S SWAMP ROOT.

Famous for many years, Swamp Root is a carefully blended combination of herbs, roots, balsam and other natural ingredients. There's absolutely nothing harsh or habit-forming in this scientific preparation. Just good ingredients that quickly act on the kidneys to increase the flow of urine and relieve bladder irritation and its uncomfortable, distressing symptoms. You'll say its marvelous effect is wonderful!

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**Washington Digest**

**Calls 'Hydromania' Threat To U. S. Water Resources**



Expert Charges Disregard for Natural Values In Engineering Projects; Sees Danger To Wild-Life Especially Acute.

By BAUKHAGE  
News Analyst and Commentator.

WNU Service, Union Trust Building, Washington, D. C.

As the prospects of fat public works budgets for the postwar area arise on the Washington scene, the planners, big and little, rush up to drop their pet blueprints into the hopper.

Recently, I witnessed the preliminaries of a counter-balancing move, something that might be called a prophylactic effort to save some of the beneficiaries of governmental projects from being killed by too much kindness. This effort is embodied in a bill presented by Rep. Karl Mundt of South Dakota, and I heard a sort of informal preview of some of the testimony that will be offered before the committee on rivers and harbors in its behalf.

The bill is H.R. 519 and it deals with protection against pollution of the country's waterways. It was in the course of the preview discussion that I heard another affliction, "hydromania," a cure for which may be harder to find. It is said to result from "overindulgence in damming." It is not mentioned in the Mundt bill but the connection is obvious.

The purpose of Mr. Mundt's measure is as follows: "To prevent pollution of the waters of the United States and to correct existing water pollution as a vital necessity to public health, economic welfare, healthful recreation, navigation, the support of invaluable aquatic life, and as a logical and desirable postwar public works program."

As I say, Mr. Mundt doesn't mention hydromania in his bill, but one of his close friends who had much to do with writing the legislation has. He is Kenneth Reid, executive secretary of the Isaac Walton league. Since the proposed legislation has also to do with the problem of protecting our piscatorial and aquatic life, I want to quote a few of Mr. Reid's observations on one kind of "killing with kindness" which frequently accompanies over-generous government spending.

Mr. Reid I should call a "hydrophile," for he ardently pleads the case for what he refers to as "the orphan stepchild" of our natural resources—water. Conservation of the land is pretty well understood but water, says Mr. Reid, "has been dammed and diverted, drained and polluted, stolen and wasted, with utter disregard of existing natural values, with bland unconcern for its biological functions and its public, aquatic and recreational values."

"From the early days of our nation down to the present time," he continues (and this is where hydromania comes in), "water has run the gantlet of a horde of engineers (whether private or governmental, makes no difference) who see in a running stream or a sparkling lake only the material uses to which the water can be put."

**Existence of Fish Menaced**

Reid is an engineer himself and is not unsympathetic with the great achievements of his profession. But his colleagues sometimes outrun their zeal and he appears perturbed lest postwar public works activities threaten our lakes and rivers, their natural beauty and all that is in them.

What he is fighting is the kind of engineering activity, stimulated by grants-in-aid from the federal government, which will damage the waterways and their inhabitants, flora and fauna. On the other hand, he is all for the encouragement of constructive construction which will work in the opposite direction.

He thinks we have overdone the damming; he questions the economy of reclaiming land at a great capital cost per acre with certain irrigation projects. These, Reid opines, likewise often destroy fish by cutting them off from their spawning grounds. He mentions the dams in the Columbia river which, he says, threaten a ten million dollar annual salmon take.

That is the effect of hydromania resulting from well-intentioned and unselfish but unwise use of the engineering art. He points out that anything which kills fishes and interferes with the nation's wildlife is interfering with one of the nation's

major industries. He estimates that the total expenditure in hunting and fishing, including licenses, equipment and other incidentals, reaches a billion dollars a year and therefore constitutes a major American industry and one which should be protected.

Reid also stresses the esthetic and recreational values destroyed in the building of great dams and reservoirs as well as by the pollution of streams.

**Pollution Health Peril**

The security feature which has been emphasized in the present war when the bombing of dams has caused such destruction, is another argument seized upon by Mr. Reid. His specific example of this phase of the argument sent a shudder down my back when he offered as an illustration the construction of 14 major dams in the Potomac watershed which was strongly advocated recently. If this project had gone through, he told me, my home town and the seat of our government would have been made "extremely vulnerable to air attack through breaching of the big dams that would be immediately above Washington."

"The engineer's desire," says Mr. Reid solemnly, "to pour concrete in prodigious quantities, impound great areas of water behind magnificent monuments to engineering, dig ditches and canals, bore tunnels and otherwise remake the landscape of America, is quite irrepressible."

However, what he and his colleagues are now most concerned in eradicating is pollution and that, I think, will meet the approval of most people even if they won't go all the way with Mr. Reid concerning hydromania.

Protection against pollution, the proponents of the Mundt bill insist, "won't cost a thin dime" because the money saved by eliminating the need of purifying polluted water will more than make up for it.

Besides destruction of aesthetic and property values, it is pointed out that pollution is a growing menace to health. The Mundt bill would give the states every chance to clean up their own situations but, it is argued, "since streams flow by gravity without any regard for state boundaries pollution is logically and constitutionally a matter for federal control."

Provisions to take care of these various angles are included in the Mundt bill. Such measures in the past have been opposed by some communities which thought it was cheaper to dump their sewage in the rivers, and by industrial plants that felt the same way.

Although machines compete with humans and with horses and mules in this war, the dog, never before used officially by American forces, has become the competitor of mechanized devices.

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Demand for farm products is likely to continue at present wartime levels throughout most of 1945. Regardless of the course of the war the demand for many farm products, at ceiling prices, may continue to exceed supplies in 1945.

Consumers' food costs in large cities in recent months have been slightly lower than they were in mid-summer. The index for November, 1944, was 136.5 as compared with 137.7 in August and the peak of 143.0 in May, 1943. Nonfood costs have been following a somewhat different trend.

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4. What is a Betty?
5. What is the chemical symbol for gold?
6. What is meant by altruism?
7. How many years usually constitute a generation?
8. Why was Moses so named?

**The Answers**

1. But 1,500 miles, as no spot is more than that distance from land.
2. Pressing irons used by tailors.
3. An artless or ingenuous part.
4. A man who does women's work.
5. Au.
6. Regard for and devotion to the interest of others.
7. Thirty-three.
8. The name means drawn from the water.

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## Fifty Years Ago In Coke

(From the files of The Coke County Rustler, Aug. 2, 5 1895.)

From El Paso, comes this news, date of Aug. 19: Tonight at 11 o'clock John Wesley Hardin, the terror of the border, was shot and killed in the Acme Saloon by Constable John Selman. Selman's son, a policeman, had arrested a female friend of Hardin's a few nights ago and this afternoon Hardin threatened to run Selman out of town. Tonight Selman walked into the Acme with a friend, and Hardin was standing at the bar shaking dice with some friends when he saw Selman, and whirled around, throwing his hand to his hip pocket. In an instant Selman's gun was out and a ball went crashing through Hardin's brain, and while he was falling Selman pumped two more balls from his 38-40 into the man's body, and then walked out and surrendered himself. Hardin had in his lifetime killed nine men and served eight years in prison for one of his murders. While in Huntsville he studied law and was admitted to the bar on his release from prison nearly two years ago. Several months ago he held up a faro game here in El Paso.

Snyder Brothers are to soon move 200 head of cattle to the Meneille pasture.

I. J. Good of Edith was in to see us Thursday. He reports good rains and fat stock.

Judge A. J. Prichard has sold his improvements on Section 413 near town to J. W. Tunnell for \$200 and has his entire crop growing on said farm for sale.

E. C. Good has bought of Miller of Angelo 100 fat cows at \$12.50.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Coke. No. 546.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Coke county, greetings. Roy L. White, guardian of the estate and person of W. J. Dennis, insane, has filed in our County Court his final account of the condition of the estate of said W. J. Dennis, insane, together with an application to be discharged from the said guardianship.

You are hereby commanded to summon the said W. J. Dennis, insane, or any other person or persons, if to be found in your county, to be and appear at the next regular term of County Court to be held in and for the county of Coke, at the court house thereof in Robert Lee, Texas, on March 5th, A. D. 1945, and contest said account and application if he see proper to do so at said March term, A. D. 1945.

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and a number of cows and calves at \$17. Mr. Good has leased the China pasture from E. Meneille and will stock it Sept. 1.

Mr. Tipp of Divide was here this week attending court. He says that he has onions measuring 17 inches in circumference.

Minister John Reed of Edith passed through town Friday on his way to Mount Margaret to hold a protracted meeting.

J. D. Sheppard was in San Angelo last week and bought a McCormick harvester and binder.

P. N. Henderson was here from Bronte Thursday. He says the worms have about destroyed his cotton crop.

E. Meneille, who has charge of a portion of the ranch formerly owned by Snyder Bros., in this county, has leased about 2,000 acres of the ranch to E. C. Good and F. L. and R. H. Harris. Mr. Good takes the China pasture and the Harris brothers take four or five smaller pastures.

Prof. Jones' writing school closed Wednesday. Miss Lena Hasey was awarded the prize for excellent progress.

Mr. House, who has been staying at the Lee Hotel for several days, thinks his little sorrel will outdistance the "Pres."

Prof. Havins will start a vocal music school of eight days' length on next Wednesday.

The Houston Post sees nothing dreadful in the new fangled bloomer; but regards it only the modest forerunner of that free and easy period ahead of us when a husband and wife can get up in the morning, put on the first thing they come to, and go about their business.

Next week, read about the Robert Lee Livery Stable's new stalls and buggy sheds; also about oats selling at 35c a bushel, milo maize 20c, and corn at 50c.)

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Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no search of his understanding.

He giveth to the faint, and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.—Isaiah 40:28-31.

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# Your Report for the War Period

(January 1, 1942 to February 29, 1944)

## Covering Relief and Service Activities of the Red Cross for 26 Months of Wartime Operation

Expenditures of the National Organization . . . .	\$138,619,870.43
Expenditures of the 3,756 Red Cross chapters . . . .	<u>67,200,000.00</u>
Total expenditures from Red Cross funds . . . .	205,819,870.43
Value of supplies purchased from other funds and processed and distributed by Red Cross . . . .	78,951,368.00
Total operations for 26 months period . . . .	\$284,771,238.43

This summary is amplified in the current financial "Report For The War Period," copies of which may be obtained or reviewed at the local chapter of the American Red Cross. The relief and service activity summary is designed to show the use made of the funds aggregating \$218,367,339.60, raised in the first and second War Fund campaigns of December, 1931, and March 1943. Later figures may be reviewed at chapter headquarters as made available.

### Summary Of Local Accomplishments

(Period Covered In Local Report)

Blood Donations.....	86,126	Nursing Service, nurses recruited for Army and Navy.....	983
Camp and Hospital Service, dayroom furnishings..	69	Nutrition, certificates issued.....	7,431
First Aid, Water Safety and Accident Prevention, certificates issued.....	32,735	Volunteer Special Services.....	
Home Nursing, number trained.....	8,648	Total volunteers active.....	42,761
Home Service, cases handled.....	34,081	Canteen Corps, Dietitian's Aides, Hospital and Recreation Corps, Motor Corps, Nurse's Aides, Production, Staff Assistants.	
Junior Red Cross, number enrolled.....	197,000		

### Summary Of Local Financial Report\*

Balance, Jan. 1, 1942.....\$	75,812.84	Production.....	\$ 62,129.64
Receipts—		Other Volunteer Special Services.....	59,016.77
1942 War Fund.....	67,236.85	Nutrition.....	6,505.49
1943 War Fund.....	456,698.22	Junior Red Cross.....	3,604.20
1944 War Fund.....	455,551.68	Disaster Relief.....	1,201.10
All Other.....	248,386.93	Services to the Armed Forces.....	150,304.50
Total.....	1,227,873.68	General Administration.....	122,472.50
Grand total, including balance.....	1,303,686.52	All Other, including remittance to National Headquarters for Junior Red Cross, National Children's Fund and Miscellaneous Supplies.....	248,351.46
Disbursements—		Total.....	898,518.88
Home Service.....	224,128.76	Balance, December 31, 1944.....	405,167.64
Nursing Service.....	9,408.50		
First Aid and Accident Prevention.....	6,139.99		
Water Safety.....	5,255.97		

\*Complete Local Reports Are Available At Your Red Cross Chapter

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GIRL OVERBOARD  
by GEORGE F. WORTS  
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THE STORY THUS FAR: Zorie Corey, who is in love with Paul Duncan, is railroaded into taking a job she does not want, helping edit the memoirs of his grandfather, Admiral Duncan. Aboard ship bound for Hawaii she is thrown overboard, but is rescued. After landing, Paul and Zorie overhear Paul's brother, Steve, with whom Zorie now is in love, plotting with Winthrop Lanning. Believing Steve to be in danger, Zorie tries to rescue him, but is captured by Lanning and driven into the mountains, where she is told she will not see the sunrise. Pierre, who threw Zorie overboard, arrives at the cabin and wants her killed. He tells of a death struggle with Steve, and claims that Steve is dead.

CHAPTER XVIII

"Keep away from that girl!" Mr. Lanning shouted.

Pierre sucked in his breath through swollen wet lips and backed away from her.

Zorie's hatred had, in a curious way, renewed her strength. Her brain was clear again. She heard the soft patter of rain on the roof and the silver wires again dangled from the eaves.

Then Mr. Stromberg walked into the room. He said vigorously, "What goes on here? Where is Steve Duncan?"

He saw Zorie. He said harshly: "What is this girl doing here?"

Pierre started to talk, but Mr. Stromberg cut him short. "Hendley," he said, "what is the meaning of this?"

Zorie looked about for another man, but Mr. Lanning answered, "I will try to explain," he said.

"Why," Mr. Stromberg broke in, "did you leave that car in front of this house?"

"I'll move it," Mr. Lanning said hastily.

"Wait a moment," said Mr. Stromberg. "We have something to settle. Hendley, go out there and watch at that window." He turned back to Zorie. He shook his head slowly. "Why," he asked her, "does an innocent little thing like you have to get mixed up in an unholy mess like this?"

She shrugged. "Why not say the fortunes of war?" she answered. "That's what I usually say when I get into these tight corners."

Mr. Stromberg was staring at her. "What do you mean?"

"You might ask Pierre."

"Pierre?" He whirled around.

"She is Ah-nah Boland!"

"That's ridiculous!" Mr. Stromberg said. "It's . . . he stopped. He turned back to Zorie.

"You can't possibly be Anna Boland," Basil Stromberg declared. "Anna Boland was shot by a firing squad in Berlin six months ago!"

"Maybe," Pierre said. "And four nights ago, I threw her off the 'Samoa,' into the propellers and drowned her!"

"But I was not shot in Berlin. And if you will look closely, Mr. Stromberg," Zorie said demurely, "you will see that you have bagged rather a rare specimen."

"This girl is lying," Mr. Lanning broke in. "Her resemblance to Anna Boland is what precipitated all this trouble. It's nothing but an amazing coincidence. Until the past fortnight, she spent her whole life in the little Middle Western college town of Elleryton—"

"That is really so amusing," Zorie said, with a soft, little laugh. "They radioed Berlin, Mr. Stromberg. What did Berlin say, Mr. Lanning? Perhaps it was Anna Boland's double that we shot. They radioed Elleryton, where I've been more or less hiding since I got out of Germany, and Elleryton reported that I am too smart and a very suspicious character."

Mr. Stromberg's steel-blue eyes were now very narrow and alert.

"This is most interesting," he said.

"So you really are Anna Boland."

"Yes," said Zorie. "I really am Anna Boland."

He pulled a chair toward her and sat down, facing her.

"I must confess I have always been very curious about you, Miss Boland. I am really shocked."

"And I," Zorie answered, as if she were amused, "have been rather curious about you, Mr. Stromberg. I have the greatest respect and admiration for the work you've been doing here in Hawaii. You are not on my side—but I always admire brilliant work."

Mr. Stromberg smiled. His face became red.

"This girl . . ." Mr. Lanning began.

"Hendley," Mr. Stromberg said impatiently, "I told you to go out and watch at that window."

Mr. Lanning shrugged and walked out of the room.

"I am most curious to know how you escaped from the firing squad," said Mr. Stromberg.

"But, Mr. Stromberg, is it cus-

tomary for you to subject your guests to such indignities? Am I a wild beast that might spring on you three powerful men and destroy you?"

"I am so sorry, Miss Boland! Pierre! Untie Miss Boland's hands and feet at once!"

Pierre severed the cords that bound her feet, then the cords that bound her wrists. Her legs were numb to the knees, and her arms were numb to her shoulders. Pierre took her hands from behind her. They hung down limp, blue-white and useless.

The dawn was growing brighter. The prickling sensation had reached her wrists and ankles, was begin-



A man appeared. He came lurching in the doorway.

ning to enter her hands and feet. She tried to lift her hands, but she could not.

"Will you tell me," Mr. Stromberg asked, "how you got out of Oslo in January, 1941?"

"There again," Zorie answered, "you are embarrassing me. To answer that question, I would implicate innocent people."

He studied her. The prickling was extending into Zorie's hands and fingers. She tried to lift her hands into her lap. She succeeded, but the pain almost made her cry out.

"Ask her," Mr. Lanning's voice came from the living-room, "any question in German or French, Mr. Stromberg. Anna Boland, you'll recall, spoke nearly every European tongue."

"But this girl—"

"Ask her! I insist this girl is not Anna Boland, Mr. Stromberg. I insist she is making a fool of you."

Mr. Stromberg got up. His large, handsome face was suddenly red. "Very well," he said quietly. He spoke rapidly to Zorie in German. He said, in English, "Please answer that question in either German or French, Miss Boland."

"But this is so childish!" Zorie cried.

It was no use. In the silence, she would have heard a car if it had been a mile away. No car was coming. It was obvious that Paul and the admiral had not followed the line of reasoning she had hoped they would.

Mr. Stromberg got up and went to the doorway. He turned and looked at her.

"Whoever you are," he said, "I am awfully sorry for you. Pierre, come along!"

The two men went into the other room and joined Mr. Lanning. Their voices, so low she could hardly hear them, came to Zorie. They were, of course, discussing her, deciding her fate. She knew that Mr. Lanning was sorry for her, and she believed that their better natures would have little weight in their decision.

She tried to rub her hands together. Sensation was returning to them, but it took the form of an agonizing ache. She tried to stand up. There were sharp cramping pains in her feet now. Her ankles would not support her.

If she could stand up, she could crawl through the window. She could crawl away and hide somewhere. It was her only chance.

She made another effort at getting up. Her legs gave way. When she tried to grasp the seat of the chair

and push herself up, her hands slipped off. They had no strength. Flashes of pain went through them.

Panting, she rested a moment. The three men were arguing.

Zorie saw the kitchen door slowly opening. She thought it was being blown open by the wind, but there was no wind.

A man appeared. He came lurching into the doorway.

His head, his face, his clothing were a mass of shining purple-red mud. What she could see of his face, under the mud, was battered almost beyond recognition. Blood and mud were indistinguishably intermingled.

Zorie stopped the scream as it rose in her throat. She whispered: "Steve! Steve!"

He carried in one hand two metal objects so covered with red mud that it was hard to recognize them.

He stared at her bleakly. She realized that he was so groggy he could hardly stand. He must have been lying half-conscious in mud all this time. He must have called on superhuman effort to keep this appointment with Basil Stromberg.

He stood, swaying drunkenly, staring at Zorie out of bloodshot, blurred blue eyes. With his head sagging, his arms limply beside him, his whole body caked with mud, he was even more frightening than Pierre had been.

Steve Duncan came lurching toward her. He moved as deliberately, as stiffly, as clumsily as a robot. He paused beside her and peered into her shocked white face. He dropped one of the revolvers or pistols into her lap.

In a strange, rumbling voice, he said: "Use this, baby."

Her relief was so great that a spasm of hysteria shot through her.

He staggered drunkenly past her and into the living-room. A sense of warmth and strength flowed magically into her. Steve Duncan was, suddenly, more than a man that she loved. He was Man—the undefeatable. Beaten and battered and left for dead in the red mud, he had made himself get up and come here.

She thought: "We'll probably not get out of this alive, but I've seen the most glorious thing in my life. I've seen a man who was beaten to death refuse to accept it. I've seen a man prove that mankind can't be beaten down!"

The man was in the next room, saying in his strange, rumbling, unearthly voice: "Hands up—all of you!"

There was a sudden, short silence. It was followed by an outburst of sound. A gun went off. There were other sounds.

Zorie was trying to pick up the revolver or the pistol in her lap. But her hands were useless. She thought of what Steve had done—the agonies he must have gone through to get here.

She tried to stand up. There occurred, in the next room, a splintering sound, and a thump, as a door burst open.

She saw them from the window. There were three of them—Steve, Pierre and Mr. Lanning, all locked together, a straining mass of muddy men. Their feet slid about in the red mud.

With a superhuman effort, she picked up the gun in her lap. It slid out of her hand. She reached down for a handful of her sun-pleated evening dress. She tried to swab the mud off the gun.

She watched the fighting men. She wondered where Basil Stromberg was.

The three men were still locked together, floundering about in the mud, with Pierre and Mr. Lanning striking at Steve. There was a revolver in Mr. Lanning's right hand. Steve's hand was closed tightly about Mr. Lanning's wrist. His hand holding the revolver was above his head and the revolver was pointing to the sky.

Pierre stepped away. He reached up for the revolver and pulled it out of Mr. Lanning's hand. Then he stepped back. He started to circle about them.

Mr. Lanning had one arm about Steve's neck. With the hand that had been holding the revolver, he swung repeatedly at Steve's face. They spun about in the mud.

Zorie found herself on her feet with the automatic pistol in her hand. She did not know how she had got to her feet, or how her hand had acquired the strength to grasp the pistol.

She moved with dragging steps toward the living-room. She passed through the doorway. She saw Mr. Stromberg lying near the front door on his back, with one arm thrown over his eyes.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

JUST

Kick-Back

Huffer—How can you smoke a rank cigar like this?  
Puffer—I can't. That's the one you gave me yesterday.

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Sonny—Well, mother, to make a clean breast of it, I did.

Black Markets and Paper Shortage During Civil War

Hoarders, black markets and paper shortage were matters of concern during the Civil war, even as they are today. In some cities newsprint supplies were completely exhausted and several newspapers printed abbreviated editions on the backs of wallpaper. One of them was the Vicksburg Daily Citizen. Of the hoarders and black markets the Citizen had this to say editorially:

"We are satisfied there are numerous persons within our city who have breadstuffs and are doling it out at the most exorbitant figures to those who had not the foresight or means at their command to provide for the exigency now upon us . . . Let it be seared into their very brain, that humanity may scorn and shun them as they would the portals of hell itself."

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**When Your Back Hurts—**  
And Your Strength and Energy Is Below Par

It may be caused by disorder of kidney function that permits poisonous waste to accumulate. For truly many people feel tired, weak and miserable when the kidneys fail to remove excess acids and other waste matter from the blood.

You may suffer nagging backaches, rheumatic pains, headaches, dizziness, getting up nights, leg pains, swelling. Sometimes frequent and scanty urination with smarting and burning is another sign that something is wrong with the kidneys or bladder.

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# A Million Dollar Announcement



## This Bank's Program

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- The Cow, Sow and Hen.
- Gardens For Table Use.
- Better Livestock.
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- Hogs For Every Farm.
- Diversified Farming.
- Better Preparation Of Soil For Planting.
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The Bank Of Personal Service Safe, Solvent Conservative

Complete Banking Service

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 L. T. Youngblood, President.  
 J. T. Harmon, Active Vice President.  
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The Officers and Directors of the First National Bank in Bronte make an announcement that is one of the best bits of business news since the First National Bank came into existence May 11, 1925. The announcement is that our bank has

## \$1,000,000 Deposits

And we do not make the announcement in any gloating way, but simply as a news item which we consider of much importance, not only to the bank and to our official personnel of the bank, but as a matter of which all our customers, and the people generally of Bronte and the Bronte trade area should, and will be proud. For to our customers it shows the Strength, Stability and Security of the bank to which they entrust their banking business. And to the people generally it discloses the fine condition of the area's bank, which is important to all—for generally, as goes the bank of any given area, so goes the financial status of all the people of that area. Then too, we are happy in this announcement, for it is a credit to our customers as well as to ourselves.

## You Have Helped Us To Reach This Substantial Goal

Our bank is your bank and what we have been able to achieve is due to your faith and confidence in the bank and the patronage you have given the bank. Hence, for all the above reasons we are happy that we have reached in deposits

## A Million Dollar Goal

On February 14, 1945, Valentine Day, for the first time in the bank's history, when we closed the day's business we found the people had entrusted to our keeping \$1,000,000 of their money. We feel keenly that greater responsibility is upon us with this increased fund committed to our trust. And

## Our Pledge

Is to all who entrust their banking business to us is to serve you every way in the most liberal manner consistent with safe banking principles, coupled with the most courteous relations.

### Statement of Condition of FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Bronte, Texas, Feb. 14, 1945

Liabilities	
Capital Stock	\$25,000.00
Surplus Account	25,000.00
Undivided Profits	28,683.95
DEPOSITS	1,011,426.41
Total	\$1,090,110.36
Surplus	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 167,635.62
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	6,008.82
Other Real Estate	1.00
Overdrafts	632.66
Stocks and Bonds	225,664.55
State, Co. and Sch. Warrants	7,094.97
CASH	671,626.24
Bills of Exchange	446.50
Total	\$1,090,110.36

# First National Bank

BRONTE, TEXAS

## Robert Lee Observer

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### Our List Is Growing

The addition of new subscribers each week is heartening to The Observer. We spared no expense when we bought this newspaper in installing a new plant, and from the very start we have been complimented about the neat appearance of the paper and its readable contents. Reaching more homes in Coke county than any other newspaper, The Observer is proud of its many readers. For 55 years it has been a booster for all parts of the county. This is as it should be. A county seat paper should have as many good words for one community of the county as for another, and this shall continue to be the case under the present ownership.

### Old Coke Is All Right

Besides other resources, old Coke county will not take off its sombrero to any other section when it comes to raising fine cattle, sheep and hogs. Even the youngsters are good at it. Proof: Drive over to Bronte next Wednesday, p.m., and look at the fine animals exhibited at the Coke County Junior Livestock Show. Then you'll realize that this here Colorado River Valley is the best country this side of Heaven.

### Fifty Years Ago

Folks are reading news items of 50 years ago in the Robert Lee Observer with a great deal of interest. This is a regular feature in this great untortured weekly, and will continue to appear each week. Those items of gone by days in old Coke county occasion a great deal of talk not only among the old timers who were here in the so-called rabbit twisting days, but among the younger generation.

### Red Cross Drive March 1

The Red Cross Drive opens March 1. Besides the various services the organization renders here on the home front, your Red Cross is at the side of our military forces in Salerno, Bizerte, Algiers, Benghazi, Guadalcanal, Tunis, Palermo, Tripoli, El Alamein, Cap Bon, Salamaua, Buna, Woodlarks, Tebriand.

Lae, Munda, Arawa, Pearl Harbor, Philippines, Alaska, The Aleutians, Australia, New Guinea, Great Britain, India, China, North Africa, Sicily.

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NEW SCHEDULES	Ar. 12:35 P. M.	Ar. 12:10 P. M.	Ar. 12:10 P. M.
Lv. 6:00 A. M.	Lv. 3:15 P. M.	Lv. 6:25 A. M.	Lv. 3:40 P. M.
Lv. 6:30 A. M.	Lv. 3:45 P. M.	Lv. 7:10 A. M.	Lv. 4:25 P. M.
Lv. 7:40 A. M.	Lv. 4:55 P. M.	Lv. 8:05 A. M.	Lv. 5:20 P. M.
Lv. 8:05 A. M.	Lv. 5:20 P. M.	Lv. 9:05 A. M.	Lv. 6:20 P. M.
Ar. 9:05 A. M.	Ar. 6:20 P. M.	Ar. 12:35 P. M.	Ar. 12:10 P. M.

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By Order of CITY COMMISSION.



### Bartholdi's Mother Was Statue of Liberty's Model

The Statue of Liberty standing on Bedloe (Liberty) island in New York harbor is the tallest in the world. The height of the statue to the tip of the torch is 151 feet. The height of the pedestal upon which it stands is 150 feet from water level. The Statue of Liberty is more than a symbol of freedom. It is a tribute by its sculptor, Auguste Bartholdi, to his mother, Charlotte Beysser, who posed for the first sketch.

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## Household Hints

To make screws penetrate hard wood more easily place a little ordinary household soap on the thread.

To freshen a felt hat that becomes soiled, rub lightly with fine sandpaper. Go over the entire surface in order to avoid a spotted effect.

Use the cardboard from your husband's shirts between your linens to keep them in order and easy to remove when only one piece is desired.

## SNAPPY FACTS ABOUT RUBBER



Rubber does not enter into the making of tents, yet the demand for military tents has reduced the manufacture of passenger car tires. Tire cord and yarn for tent duck are made with the same machinery.

Assuming that the trees are in reasonably good condition when the Far East rubber plantations are re-occupied, experts anticipate that within two years some 1,600,000 tons of natural rubber will be made available, enough to fill one year's estimated needs. That is why B. F. Goodrich officials believe civilians will still have to depend upon synthetic rubber tonnage in addition to that required for natural security.

*James Shaw*

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## IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

BY HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D. Of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. Released by Western Newspaper Union.

### Lesson for February 25

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#### JESUS, THE SON OF GOD

**GOLDEN TEXT**—Matthew 16:13-17; 17:1-9. **GOLDEN TEXT**—Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.—Matthew 10:32.

"What think ye of Christ?"

There is a question that every human being must answer. Jesus asked it (Matt. 22:42), and each of us makes some kind of reply.

It is the touchstone that tries men, and churches, organizations and movements. The answer to it is of deep importance, for it determines character, condition, and destiny for time and eternity.

Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the living God, is the center of the entire lesson.

**I. Jesus Confessed (16:13-17).** With His crucifixion now only six months away, our Lord in preparation for it is about to make a more definite claim to Messiahship, and thus to establish the truth in the minds of His disciples. He therefore asks this all-important question about Himself.

First, it is a general query, "Whom do men say that I am?" The answer (v. 14) indicates that the common opinion concerning Christ was a very high one. He had made an impression on the people of His time, and this has been true down through the ages. But beautiful tributes to His character and leadership are worse than meaningless unless they lead to a personal confession of Him as Lord and Saviour.

The question becomes personal as He asks, "Whom do ye say that I am?" That question no one can escape. We cannot refuse to answer. Neutrality is impossible. Whatever we do or say, or do not do or say, is a decision.

Peter's answer is really the sum and substance of Christian doctrine. He recognized Him as the Messiah, the fulfillment of all Hebrew prophecy, and as the Son of the living God, the Redeemer and Saviour of men, the One in whom centers all Christian faith.

**II. Jesus Transfigured (17:1-3).** As His amazed disciples looked on, the eternal, divine glory of the Son of God could no longer be hidden by the human body and the humble garments of our Lord, and "His face did shine as the sun and His raiment was white as light."

They saw their beloved Master now for what He really was, the Son of God. The testimony of Peter was no longer mere words, although ever so blessed. His speech had been confirmed by sight and they knew their Master as the Lord of glory.

It is essential in both the life and service of a Christian that he clearly understand the truth about Christ, His person and His work. When that understanding is tied up with a personal vision of His glory, there is assurance and power.

**III. Jesus Triumphant (17:4-6).** The crowning point of the transfiguration came when the voice spoke out of the bright cloud and gave not only the Father's unqualified approval of Christ, but also His command that men should listen to Him and heed His message of redemption.

Note how this word of the Father completed the transfiguration. In itself it might have been likened to that which happened to Moses (Ex. 34:29, 30). We say likened to, because the glory which showed forth in Jesus was from within, not just a reflected glow.

But the words from heaven provide the conclusive and final witness. They so impressed Peter that he talked of them as a cherished memory and a transforming power in his life, even when he was an old man (II Pet. 1:16-18).

**IV. Jesus Only (17:7-9).** Having seen Him in His glory, they now saw Him alone. True, the others had gone, but is there not also the thought that He, the blessed God, now filled the vision of their souls?

Surely we find it right at hand to make that application to our own lives. When we really see Him as He is, then He fills our vision, and when He does that, we have reached real satisfaction of life.

"Jesus only" is more than a motto or a theme for a song. It is the epitome of a life worth while. It makes one want to ask everyone, "Do you know Him?" Well, do you? If not, will you take Him as your Saviour right now? Christian, will you let Him fill your life?

## AROUND THE HOUSE

When a light bulb breaks off, leaving the top screw part in the socket, first be sure that the current is turned off. Then insert a cork into the socket and turn to remove the cap.

Corn flakes or rolled oats are excellent substitute for breadcrumbs.

Rayon threads are plenty weak when wet. Therefore, have a care when straightening stocking seams, pulling up hose, or removing them after having been caught in a shower.

In painting radiators your aim should be to make them as inconspicuous as possible. Therefore a color nearly like the surrounding wall is desirable. Radiators should be refinished in the summer or fall before the fire has been started for the winter. First wipe off all grease with a rag immersed in gasoline or dry cleaner.

Tie a button on the end of the string attached to the toddler's toy wagon or truck so the string doesn't slip through his fingers.

## CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT

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Old Dutch Cleanser, 3 cans for 23c

Ralston Whole Wheat Cereal - 22c

**Hi-Flyer, 1-lb. 21c**

Moro-Oil Shampoo 60c size 39c; Jergen's Lotion 50c size 47c tax incl.; Kwik Brilliantine 10c plus 2c tax; Dyanshine Shoe Paste, 4 ounce bottle 15c

**PRODUCE DEPARTMENT:**

Plenty of Green Beans, New Potatoes, Bell Peppers, Cucumbers, Squash, Celery, Tomatoes, etc.

Lettuce - fresh, crisp - 2 heads 17c

Carrots, South Texas, fine flavor - 3 bunches 14c

Celery, Florida Bleached, fresh, crisp, stalk - 19c

Onions, Yellow Spanish, sweet, pound - - 5 1/2c

Cabbage, new crop, lb. - - - - 3 1-2c

Yams, East Texas, kiln dried - - lb. 9c

Tomatoes, Mexico, fancy quality, pound - 19c

Onion Plants, Crystal Wax, 100 to bunch, 2 for 19c

Apples, Washington Delicious or Winesap, lb. 12 1/2c

Lemons, California Sunkist, large size, dozen 27c

Grapefruit, Texas Marsh Seedless, fine, doz. 47c

**MEAT DEPARTMENT**

Brick Chili - pound 31c

Veal Chops - pound 38c

Longhorn Cheese - lb. 45c

Veal T-bone Steak lb. 40c

Nucoa Oleo - pound - 26c

**Folks You Know**

Mrs. L. C. Ivey was a visitor in Ballinger this week.

Mrs. O. M. Ratliff was ill this week.

Mrs. I. N. Eubanks Jr., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hamilton of this city, who recently underwent a major operation in a San Angelo hospital, has returned to her home in McCamey.

Here from Bronte Monday night for the Red Cross meeting were Frank Keeney and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thomas.

**Our Blessed Old Folks**

Folks live to a ripe old age out here in Coke county. Population considered, we probably have more old people than any other county in Texas. Their ages run all the way past 90. Talking with a number of them, it seems that the secret of their longevity is that they have lived right. They grew up in a time when regular hours and habits and wholesome food was the rule. Not many of us of the present generation will equal their length of days. In their youth there were no night clubs, honky-tonks, seven course indigestible dinners, cokes, canned goods, 80-mile an hour autos. They had no radios, no electric refrigerators, no gas stoves. But they had plenty of corn bread, poke greens, lye hominy, home cured bacon and hams, besides sorghum syrup and shore nuff preserves. Every young man could swing an axe and split rails, and knew how to use a froe. And the girls knew how to card and spin, quilt, and make bread. But times have changed—we're living in a fast age and have to keep up with the neighbors.



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AAF Overseas Replacement Depot, Greensboro, N. C.—In ceremonies before massed troops at AAA Overseas Replacement Depot, Greensboro, N. C., WAC Pfc. Helen Johnson, Robert Lee, Texas and Edna M. Vanous, Mart, Texas were presented the good conduct ribbon, awarded for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity. Col. Paul R. Younts pinned the ribbons on Pfc. Johnson and Pfc. Fanous.

**Quarterhorse Region**

That we have as fine quarterhorses as can be found anywhere was evidenced a few days ago when Will Millican sold a colt of Peter McCue strain for \$500. Just recently Bud Jones refused a \$500 offer for a four months old filly—a sister of the famous Nettie Hill mare. Oh yeah, we got every-

thing out here in Coke that goes to make up a good horse region—grass, climate and even the hosses.

Golden text for this week: When the roll is called up yonder it won't be a bank roll.

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