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Four Inch Rain Of Great Benefit To Coke County

Coke county received a soaking rain Tuesday afternoon and night which brought immense benefit to this great farming and grazing section which has needed rain badly for several weeks.

Official record at Robert Lee showed a fraction less than 4 inches of moisture, and all parts of the county were drenched with 2 inches or more. H. C. Allen reported upwards of 4 inches at his ranch near Hayrick, and Ben Tubb south of Robert Lee estimated he received 5 inches. Other localities received 3 inches and more.

The Robert Lee water reservoir gained additional 4 feet of water, bringing the depth up to 12 feet. This is sufficient to run until spring, according to Sam Jay, city waterworks superintendent. Surface storage tanks all over the county have been filled.

It was the finest rain in these parts for more than five years, and several persons say it was the nicest downpour ever received in December. The rain was hard but steady and most of the moisture was absorbed by the parched fields and ranges.

Farmers believe the oat fields, which had been grazed down, will be revived immediately although some of the roots have probably been killed out by the continued drouth. Thus far we have experienced no cold weather, although on a few nights temperatures dropped two or three degrees below freezing and frost resulted. The season was excellent for maturing the feed crop which turned out much better than was expected.

So Grandoldcoke comes through again with flying colors! Seems like we shouldn't ask Santa to come this year except to bring some toys for the kiddies, since we have had this big rain, the oil strike and on Monday the boys are going to Austin to sew up the big dam.

New Officers Installed By Legion Auxiliary

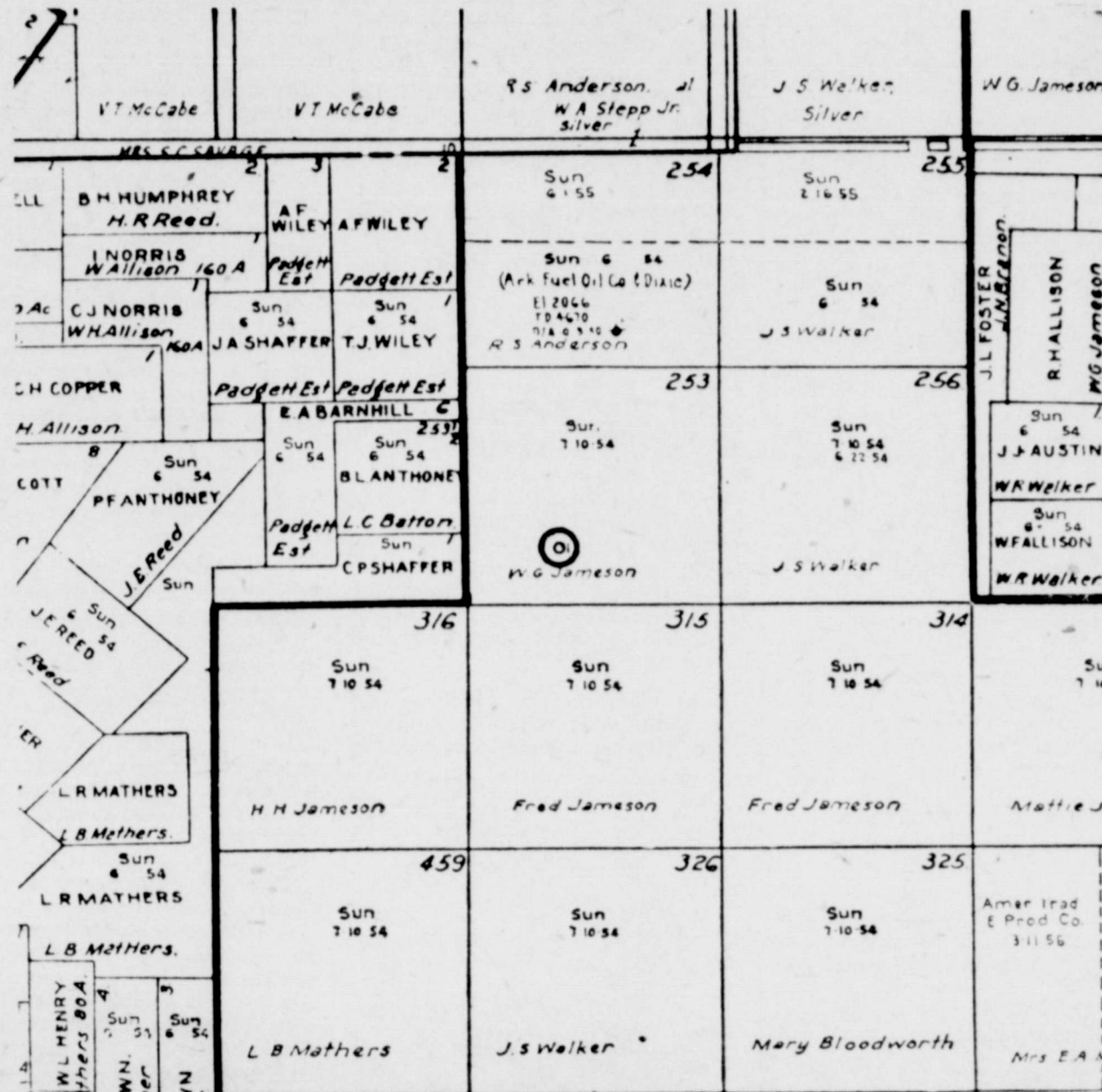
Installation of officers of the Robert Lee unit of the American Legion Auxiliary took place at a joint meeting of the Legion and Auxiliary Dec. 3. In charge of the ceremonies were Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Keenley of San Angelo, prominent leaders of the Auxiliary in West Texas.

Mrs. J. C. Strickland, president of the unit, announces that 20 members have been enrolled and the charter will remain open a short time so that additional names may be added.

Following installation a social hour was enjoyed and refreshments of sandwiches, cookies and coffee were served.

It is announced that the next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held Tuesday, Dec. 17, at the home of Mrs. Jessie Fay Brock, starting at 7 p. m.

Oil Field Opened in Coke County



—Courtesy Southwest Mapping Co., Fort Worth, Texas

Sun Oil Co.'s No. 1 Allen Jameson, northwestern Coke County discovery oil producer, flowing naturally from the Strawn at 6,225-45 feet, is shown encircled on

the map above. It is on a block of approximately 20,000 acres, which Sun has expanded since oil was struck three weeks ago. The heavy broken horizontal line near

the top of the map is the Coke-Mitchell County boundary. The three vertical lines in the upper right corner are at the junction of Mitchell and Nolan Counties.

Robert Lee Will Play Marfa For Regional Crown

Robert Lee's high school Steers wind up the gridiron season against Marfa on the latter's field Friday afternoon, in a contest that will decide the West Texas 2-B regional championship.

Regional games are being played this year for the first time. Robert Lee earned its way to the top by defeating Bronte for the 7-B title and then won the bi-district playoff from Ozona by a 7 to 6 score. Marfa upset the dope last week to take their bi-district flag from Fort Stockton 21-14. Earlier in the season Stockton licked Marfa 20-6, but those who saw last week's game say the better team won.

Marfa outweighs the Robert Lee boys by fully 10 pounds per man. It is said they have just about every physical advantage possible, but Robert Lee is imbued with a strong spirit to win that will make them a worthy contender. The Steers have had two weeks of rest and most of their muscular ailments have healed. They have not drilled strenuously, however, and will be handicapped by the higher altitude. Marfa, situated in the Davis Mountains, has an altitude of 4,700 feet, compared with Coke county's 1,900. Coach Hannaford left early

Thursday morning with his squad. They planned to work out at Alpine Thursday afternoon and remain there overnight, going on to Marfa Friday morning. The pep squad and a big delegation of fans will leave early Friday. The distance to Marfa is nearly 300 miles.

Supt. Hannaford, accompanied by Turney Casey and Leslie Wink of the school board, negotiated with the Marfa authorities immediately after the game last week at Fort Stockton. Robert Lee finally accepted an offer of \$750 made by Marfa to have the contest played there. As a result it will mean a tidy sum for the school's athletic fund. Expenses of the trip to Marfa are expected to be \$250.

Buys Jack Duncan Home

Ray Mundell recently purchased the Jack Duncan home north of the school house and has taken possession. It is one of the nice rock houses of Robert Lee and sold at a reported price of \$4,000. The Duncans recently moved to Flora Vista, N. M., where they purchased a 40 acre irrigated farm.

J. T. (Bud) Jones and family returned Tuesday from a two weeks' trip to Blythe, Calif., where they visited the Joe Schooler family. On their way home they stopped at Fluvanna for a short visit with relatives. Bud plans to return to Blythe the first of the year and will train some race horses there this winter. He took a mare out with him on the trip and will take two more from his stables here.

Bride Balks After Taxi Ride From San Angelo

Willis Smith, Coke county's genial and highly efficient county clerk, was pretty well provoked Tuesday night, and he had plenty of reason.

About 9 o'clock when it was raining cats and dogs, a couple from Angelo blew into Robert Lee in a taxi. They wanted to get married right away and called Willis, who said he would oblige them by coming out in the storm and fixing them up with a license. So down town he came, but the parties seemed to have changed their minds, and Willis went back home after waiting more than an hour for them to show up.

The fellow told the clerk over the phone that the intended bride was a divorcee, but having been "hitched" once before she was perhaps skeptical about being rushed into a second matrimonial affair.

County 4-H Banquet

Annual Coke county banquet for 4-H club members and their parents will take place Monday night at the Methodist church dining room. All club members who have been outstanding in their work the past year have been invited. The program will be given by the 4-H members, with Weldon Schooler serving as toastmaster.

Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Griffith spent Sunday at Abilene in the home of their daughter, Mrs. D. W. Parrish.

Sun Drills Offset To No. 1 Producer On Jameson Land

Drilling of a second Coke county test is to start this week by the Sun Oil company, the location being a quarter mile south of the No. 1 Allen Jameson test which has been completed as a producing well. The second test is to be known as No. 1 Fred Jameson, being located in the northwest part of Section 315 which is owned by Fred Jameson.

Drilling equipment used in the first test was moved to the new location on Monday, the 126 foot steel derrick being skidded the fourth mile distance in less than four hours. After it was mounted on timbers and small steel rollers, the derrick was moved by a truck winch. No guy wires were needed since the derrick's greatest weight is at the bottom.

Slim Hill and his three shift crew will be in charge of operations and they hoped to start drilling by Friday of this week. The test is projected for 7,100 feet.

The Sun company is preparing to erect two 1,000 barrel storage tanks at its No. 1 Allen Jameson, the widely acclaimed Coke county discovery producer from the crinoidal of the Strawn section of the Pennsylvania.

The well is now shut down from lack of storage facilities. Its last production test showed a natural flow of 23.78 barrels of pipeline oil through quarter inch tubing choke in six hours ending at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon. Pressures had increased to 1,100 pounds on the tubing and 1,400 pounds on the casing Wednesday morning. Pay is from 6,225-45 feet in open hole.

The discovery, No. 1 Allen Jameson, is located on section 253, 20 miles northwest of Robert Lee and a mile southeast of Silver. All available storage was filled when it was shut down Monday.

Meanwhile there is a lot of talk but not too much leasing and royalty sales. Some deals have been rumored this week, but The Observer has not been able to secure confirmation.

At any rate Coke county now has a good producing oil well. The extent of the field will not be known until additional tests are made, but all indications are highly favorable. Union Oil company has a block leased in the Robert Lee territory, and they may make a test in this locality soon. Humble also has some leases and the interest over oil prospects is pretty well spread around the county.

Raised a Good Crop

J. C. Cobb was in The Observer office this week to renew his subscription, and upon inquiry we learned that he raised a good crop of feed this fall on his ranch farm 3 miles north of Robert Lee. Mr. Cobb, who has operated the place since 1905, says he usually gets either an early or a late crop. In fact, the only year he missed was back in 1917.

ODDS ON ODDITIES

Gun-toting Animals Predominate In Roundup of Freak Accidents

WNU Features

It used to be news when a man bit a dog. But in 1946 a dog shot a woman.

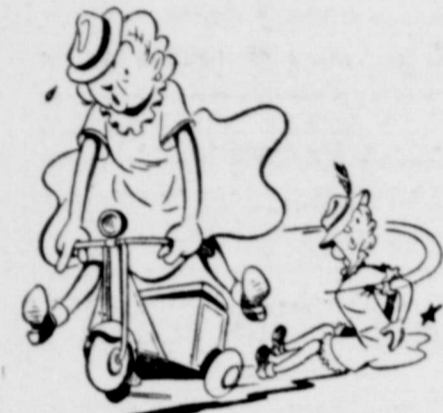
And that's not all. A kangaroo shot a man. So did a rabbit. A deer took a gun away from a hunter. A fish chased a fisherman off the road by sneezing in his face. A bee, a goose, a grasshopper, a mouse and a turtle got into the act, each in its own quaint way. And an ice cube knocked a woman cold.

All this, and more, was turned up by National Safety council in its annual roundup of odd accidents. And if you haven't already begun to suspect that things were a little wacky in the year just past, read on!

The Ice Cometh.

Miss Jeannette Esslinger was standing on the sidewalk in St. Louis when an ice cube fell out of a hotel window. It hit her squarely on the head and knocked her colder than the ice cube. At the hospital they treated her with—an ice pack!

Alice Martin, 52, and Emily Hauser, 66, were zipping along the streets of Des Moines, Iowa, on a



motor scooter one day, having a very fine time indeed, when what should loom up ahead but a corner. As they scooted adventurously around it, the scooter unceremoniously upset, depositing both ladies on the pavement with considerable force and little dignity. Sympathetic friends suggested the scooters trade in their vehicle for an automobile—or, if youth must have its fling, a kiddie car.

Really Burning Up.

As Margaret Stranding was walking along the street in downtown Philadelphia, she was understandably bewildered when two women and a man suddenly began beating her on the head. She was burned up a little at this. But not as much as if they hadn't. For the not-so-cold fact was that Miss Stranding was on fire. A cigarette, tossed from a nearby building, had landed in her hair. No other cigarette can make this statement!

Now, about the dog that shot the woman. It happened in Baltimore as Mrs. Ruth Patterson was enjoying a bath. Her police pup, Toby, spied a gun on the washstand, put paw to pistol and let Mrs. Patter-



son have it right in the bathtub—or more precisely, right in the hand.

In Fresno, Calif., Leonard Guraro, 21, was completing what he hoped had been a satisfactory test for a driver's license. As he nervously parked the car he stepped on the accelerator instead of the brake. The car leaped the curb and zoomed through the plate glass window of an office—the office of the examiner who was giving Guraro the driving test. License denied.

When the alarm rang in a Houston fire station this summer, Fireman J. H. Skeeters threw on his clothes and leaped for the quick-exit pole. He missed and landed kerplunk on the first floor 20 feet below—all 200 pounds of him. Sure, it was a false alarm.

In Fairmount City, Mo., fire started in an auto from a short circuit, but thoughtfully set off the horn and sounded its own alarm.

Equally as obliging was a blaze that started in a tavern at Hugo, Okla., burned off the cap of a hydrant, released a stream of water and drowned itself.



More understandable was the strange case of the kangaroo that shot the man. This happened in Australia when Arthur Crosbie shot a kangaroo through the hind legs and it fell on its back. Crosbie reloaded the rifle and put the butt on the kangaroo's neck to pin it down. The kangaroo reached up, twined a forearm around the trigger and shot Crosbie through the arm.

Prompted by the same motive of self preservation, a rabbit that lived just outside Louisville, Ky., resented the activities of William Humphrey, a 16-year-old hunter. He stuck out a paw from Humphrey's game bag, pulled the trigger of Humphrey's gun and shot him through the foot. Humphrey now carries a rabbit's foot for luck when he goes hunting. Guess what rabbit!

Edward M. Brown of Beverly Hills, Calif., saw active service in both the European and Asiatic theaters without a scratch. He decided to relax by going hunting. A companion shot a goose. It plummeted down, struck Brown smack in the chest, knocked him flat, and inflicted injuries that kept him in the hospital 45 days.

Many a bee has caused a traffic accident, but a super-busy one in Hammond, Ind., cracked up three autos by merely stinging the driver of one of the cars. The driver, Walter Sohl, drove into another car, which then crashed into a third machine.

He Gets Buck Fever.

Back in the meatless days Del Halstead licked his chops as he drew a sight on a big buck deer near Buckhorn station, Calif. Just as he released the safety catch on his rifle, he was hit from behind and sent sprawling. Another buck had



bounded out of a thicket and landed, ala the marines, in the nick of time. Halstead not only lost his gun—he also lost two bucks!

Same Old Story.

Put a mouse and a woman in the same car and something has to give. So when Mrs. Orson Rheingold of Albany, N. Y., found she was sharing her car with a traveling field mouse, she just did what came naturally. The car smacked into a pole and the field mouse returned to the field.

Gustav Riebow of Milwaukee is a kindly man. So when he and his wife found a turtle in their back yard, they put it in a box on the front seat of their car and started to take it to a nice homey place in the country. The turtle, confused or just plain ungrateful, slipped out of the box, crawled up Riebow's leg and bit him good and hard. Riebow turned turtle and so did the car—via a tree.

Chips Pay Off.

After that, anything must seem dull. But the case of Pete Bird of Shelbyville, Ky., may be worth recording. When a mere boy, Bird was chopping a log on a farm when a chip flew up and struck him in the eye, bringing a cataract and blindness. In 1946—just 42 years later—Bird again was chopping wood. Again a chip flew up and hit him in the eye, tearing the cataract loose and restoring sight.

Then there was the case of the sultry pocketbook. It belonged to Miss Janice Peterson of New York City, who traced smoke to a drawer in her office desk and found a cigarette lighter in her purse had flicked on. "And it hardly ever

works when you want it to," she moaned.

A \$50,000 boom hit the rural community of Plymouth, Wis., when 16-year-old Robert Marth shot at a sparrow perched on a farm wagon, missed the sparrow, hit the wagon and set off its 1,300-pound load of dynamite. Casualties—650 windows, 1 wagon and 1 sparrow.

Don't We All?

Stanley Snot of East Chicago, Ind., entered the dentist's office with a toothache and left with a headache. As the dentist reached for the forceps, lightning struck the office building and a hunk of plaster from the ceiling conked Snot on the head, where the novocain hadn't reached.

Three-year-old Ernest Liedemann of Chicago tumbled into the Chicago river from a bridge high above. As he hit the water, his clothing caught on a nail that protruded from the piling and held his head above water until he was rescued.

Close runner-up for fall fashions was Abraham Wilson of New York. As Wilson was lowering a couch from a four-story shaftway in a warehouse, he tripped in the rigging and he and the couch plunged downward. He caught up with the couch as they passed the third floor. The force of the impact wedged the couch against the shaft wall, where surprised workers found Wilson curled up cozily.

Another Fish Yarn.

Most fantastic of all, perhaps, is the celebrated case of the sneezing



salmon. James Mantakes of La Grande, Ore., caught the salmon, tossed it in the rear of his car and started for home to show the folks. As the car chugged along, desert dust blew into the salmon's gills, and it sneezed. Yes, it did.

This startled Mantakes. He glanced back, saw nothing but a fish and shrugged off the sound. Another sneeze. Mantakes whirled around, this time to see an angry salmon on the back of the seat, glaring balefully at him with bloodshot eyes. As if that weren't enough, a grasshopper chose that moment to come flying in through the window. The salmon abandoned Mantakes, lunged at the grasshopper, missed and fell back in the lap of the now thoroughly disorganized driver.

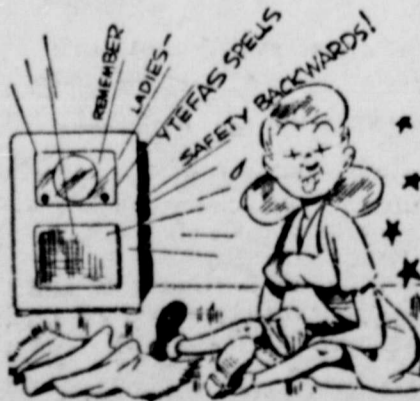
Mantakes gave himself over entirely to subduing the salmon. The car went crashing off the road. The salmon sneezed spitefully once or twice more—and succumbed.

Victims of All Ages.

Youngest victim of an odd accident in 1946 undoubtedly was a baby girl who was shot before she was born. Her mother, Mrs. Arthur Laughon, was shot in a hunting accident at Winthrop, Me., and the baby was born prematurely, a bullet wound in her left thigh.

When most people were desperately trying to find auto tires, Stanley Yanick of Chicago just stood still on the sidewalk and one came rolling right up to him. Unfortunately, it had a wheel attached, and it flattened him. The tire was the wrong size anyway.

When Mrs. Ralph Gilmore of Philadelphia heard a certain program



coming in on her radio, she hurried across the room to turn up the volume, tripped on a rug and fell, suffering minor injuries. The program Mrs. Gilmore fell for? A broadcast on home hazards by National Safety Council!

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for December 15

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PHILEMON: A LETTER ON CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD

LESSON TEXT—Philemon 4-20. MEMORY SELECTION—Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.—I Corinthians 3:17.

Christian brotherhood! That may not sound like a dynamic influence destined to change the world, but that is just what it has done. We study today a letter written about a slave boy at a time when slavery was accepted as right, but it stated principles of Christian consideration and brotherly love which were eventually to overthrow slavery. It is still at work today when and where we let it!

This letter, written by Paul and yet by the Holy Spirit, personal and yet eternal and spiritual in its application, is a model of letter writing, and equally a model of Christian brotherhood. It concerns one Onesimus, a slave who had deserted his master and probably defrauded him (v. 18). He had been converted and now was being sent back to his master.

I. "I Might Be Bold—Yet I Rather Beseech Thee" (vv. 4-9).

First he lets Philemon know of his prayerful interest in him. Paul had been praying for him, that's why he could say such a helpful word.

Then he recognizes Philemon's goodness and his effective testimony for Christ. This was an excellent approach to the making of a request, and be sure that it was not empty or hypocritical flattery.

Then Paul was ready to make his request. See how nicely he does it. He skillfully reminds Philemon that he (Paul) might make some demands, and especially in view of his age and his imprisonment. But he will not do so; rather he says, "I beseech thee."

II. "Without Thy Mind I Would Do Nothing" (vv. 10-16).

Paul, the aged prisoner, had found in his new convert, Onesimus, a real helper. He would have liked to keep him. In fact, says he to Philemon, Onesimus could do for me the things you would want to do if you were here (v. 13).

Paul could have felt sure of the willingness of Philemon. He could have assumed that the request would be granted.

True Christian consideration respects the personal rights and the property rights of another. We must not assume, or demand, or put pressure on anyone (v. 14) to get what they have or to draw out their service.

Another expression of consideration is found in verses 15 and 16. Philemon had lost a heathen slave, now he is receiving back a Christian brother. No worker will give less in service, and no master will demand more, because both are Christians.

Now Paul touches on one of the finest elements involved in Christian brotherhood, namely, co-operation. We are to live and labor together for a common cause. Pleading for his friend and brother, the young slave Onesimus, he says:

III. "If Thou Count Me a Partner. Receive Him" (vv. 17-21).

Partners share the benefits and the burdens of their joint enterprise. Partners in the gospel, like Paul and Philemon, shared not only spiritual blessings, but also the responsibilities. Paul was presenting such an item to Philemon in the return of Onesimus. Something had to be done about the debt of Onesimus, his failure as a servant. Paul says, "Charge it to me, your partner."

It has been pointed out that there is here a blessed example of the important doctrine of imputation, which is the "act of God whereby he accounts righteousness to the believer in Christ," because he "has borne the believer's sins in vindication of the law." So we note that verses 17 and 18 perfectly illustrate imputation.

Paul's promise, "I will repay it" (v. 19), was the legal phraseology of a promissory note in his day. It was a bonafide partisanship transaction, yet it was coupled with a reminder of indebtedness. Everything Philemon had and was owed to Paul; but, says the latter, "I will not speak of that now."

The considerate friend will, therefore, not always insist on giving, but will graciously (like Paul) open the way for co-operation, for partnership.

Gems of Thought

THE most valuable result of education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you ought to do when it ought to be done, whether you have to do it or not.—Huxley.

There is no kind of bondage which life lays upon us that may not yield both sweetness and strength; and nothing reveals a man's character more fully than the spirit in which he bears his limitations.—Hamilton W. Mabie.

Those who are right need not talk loudly.

If I had but two loaves of bread, I would sell one and buy hyacinths, for beauty is the bread of the soul.—The Koran.

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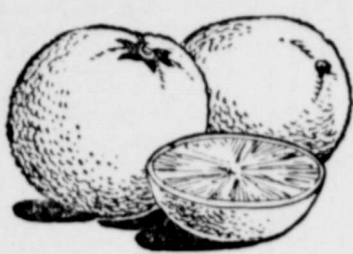
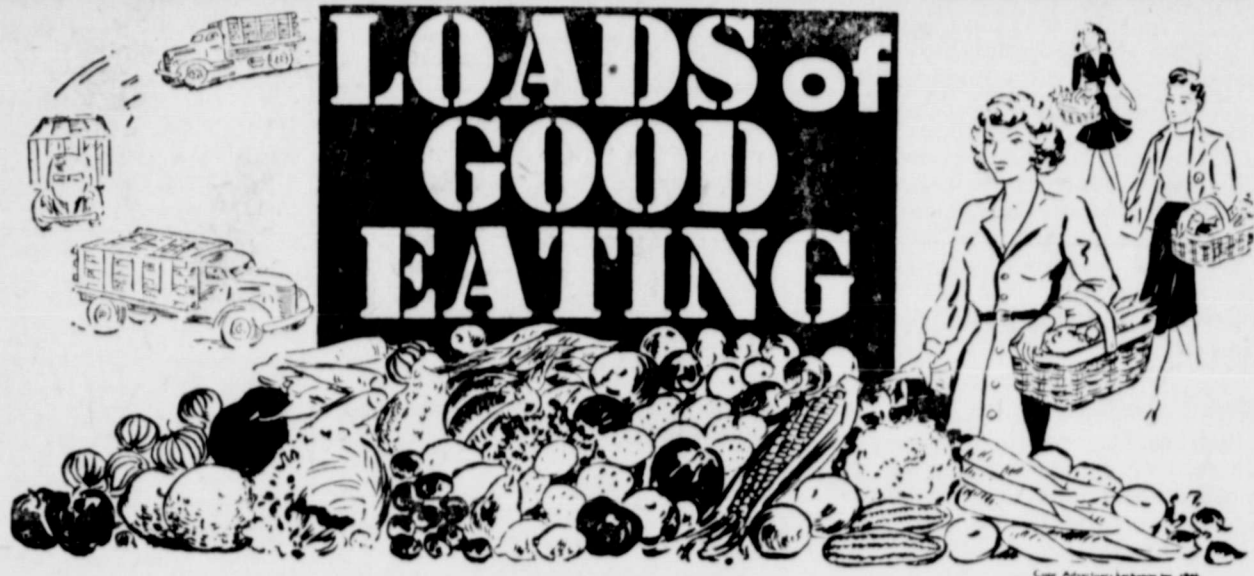
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U. N. Moves for Disarmament; World Co-ops to Expand Trade; Solons Kill Occupation Quiz

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Pleading "not guilty" at arraignment on allied charges of mass murders of concentration camp inmates in medical experiments, Dr. Herta Oberhauser and 22 other German doctors face war crimes trials at Nuernberg.

U. N.: Move to Disarm

The war-weary old world seemed headed for substantial disarmament as Russia took the lead in the United Nations to force a reduction in militarization.

In the first U. N. step toward disarmament, members agreed to report on the strength of their armed forces at home and abroad by January 1. Originally, the Reds had asked that the report be confined to the number of Allied troops on foreign soil, but the U. S. and Britain were quick to call for count of forces at home as well.

Continuing to dominate the disarmament spotlight, Russia then proposed the creation of an international commission to supervise disarmament, reversing previous Soviet objections to such control. Favor for the proposal, however, was qualified by misapprehension over the Russian provision that such an international commission would be subject to the veto power of the security council.

WORLD CO-OPS: Trade Program

Growth of co-operatives as a force in world trade was illustrated with the organization of the International Trading agency in London to facilitate exchange of goods between 85,000,000 co-op members from 31 countries.

Formed by the International Co-operative alliance, the new undertaking not only calls for the ex-

In contrast to the U. S., where the co-operative movement is primarily agricultural, European co-ops embrace a variety of enterprises. Co-operatives conduct 40 per cent of business and industry in Sweden, 25 per cent of food stores in Great Britain, and 2,000 retail establishments and 1,500 warehouses in Denmark.

change of commodities and goods produced by the co-ops themselves but also the distribution of privately manufactured items through co-op agencies. In the U. S., the National Co-operatives, Inc., embracing 4,000 local societies owned by 1,300,000 members, has been making volume purchases of refrigerators, radios and household appliances from private industry for resale to co-op patrons.

With war-stricken countries short of currency for the purchase of foreign goods, the international agency hopes to develop trade on an exchange basis.

ARMY: Buck Occupation Quiz

Acting upon the urgings of Secretary of State Byrnes and Senators Vandenberg and Connally, his foreign policy advisers, the senate war investigating committee killed the projected inquiry into the conduct of U. S. occupation forces in Germany.

The Democratic majority acted even after George Meader, committee counsel, had sharply criticized the war and state departments for occupation irregularities following a month long study of conditions in the reich. There have been recurring reports of the disorderly con-

duct of U. S. troops, widespread black market activities of military and civilian personnel, and economic chaos occasioned by political differences among the major powers.

With German civilians already looking askance at U. S. troops, military authorities have opposed an official inquiry for fear of losing further face in the reich and among the other occupying nations. As the governing force in the American zone and the pivot of the western allies in Europe, the U. S. must command the respect of both the vanquished and Russia.

TEXAS: Landlords Sit Down

No rental property owner herself but a Gold Star mother who lost a son over Germany, Mrs. Frank Morris of Dallas took over command of a landlords' sit down in Texas to abolish rent control and restore owners' rights to manage their own holdings.

As 3,000 dwelling units in Dallas remained empty because of landlords' refusal to let them and vets walked the city's streets in search of housing, Mrs. Morris termed rent control a violation of traditional American rights.

Two World War I vets were in the forefront of the landlords' movement. Abed with heart trouble resulting from German shell-fire in 1918, Joe H. Blann held one five-room cottage and 18 flats vacant after OPA had obtained a \$289 judgment against him in a price squabble. Bemedaled Capt. John R. Lowery kept 63 apartments empty because he charged owners possessed no control over destructive tenants.

SURPLUS GOODS: Raps Return

Demanding the institution of business-like policies in disposal of surplus war material, Sen. Harry Byrd (Dem., Va.) disclosed that a study of the senate-house committee on reduction of non-essential federal expenditures showed that the government was realizing only a third on domestic sales and about a fifth on foreign transactions.

While it is argued that much of the material consists of goods primarily designed for war use and any kind of return averts complete loss, Byrd said, the fact remains that many items are being sold at prices far below what they command on the open market.

Up to September 30, over 5 billion dollars in surplus material had been disposed of for less than 2 billion dollars in this country, Byrd said. As of August 31, sales expenses totaled over 268 million dollars, of which 92 million was disbursed in salaries, 16½ million in advertising and 5 million in travel.

Of the 1.4 billion sold overseas under supervision of the state department, 1.3 billions worth was disposed of for less than 300 million and the rest was abandoned, given away or scrapped.



Senator Byrd

SUGAR: Urge Control

Continuation of sugar controls and encouragement of increased production of the commodity in the U. S., Europe and Philippines were recommended by the sugar committee of the food industry council to assure industrial and domestic users of adequate supplies in 1947.

Lifting of controls in the face of heavy demands both at home and abroad would lead to sharp price increases and severe shortages as processors and householders scrambled for the limited supplies, the council declared. By judiciously controlling stocks, however, it should be possible to increase allotments to industrial and domestic users.

With the government boosting guarantee payments by \$1 a ton over the average price of \$14.50 for 1946, the council predicted a substantial increase in sugar beet output in the U. S. in 1947.

FRANCE: Friendly Advice

On tour of Europe to investigate distribution of American shipments of meats, fats and oils, Senator Wherry (Rep., Neb.) offered the French people some good old Republican advice for pulling themselves out of postwar doldrums.

Said the senator: "The Republican party mandate in the U. S. is to slash expenditures and balance the budget. . . . The same job faces the French to break the vicious circle of price controls, black market and shortages for poor people. . . ."

With heavy government outlays resulting in an excess of money over consumer goods, French producers have lost confidence in the franc, Wherry said. Because of the declining value of paper money, farmers have withheld commodities from the market and thus reduced their own demand for other products. To restore economic balance, Wherry asserted, the French must pare payrolls, reduce military expenditures and encourage enterprise with an equitable tax system.

Amvets Oil Machine

While the second annual convention of American Veterans of World War II in St. Louis, Mo., made no national headlines, the organization was said to have been perfected to allow for an extended membership drive. At present, Amvets claims 100,000 members. Elec-



Ray Sawyer: Commands Amvets

tion of a moderate, Ray Sawyer of Washington, D. C., as national commander was indicative of the middle-of-the-road attitude taken by the organization in an effort to attract both liberals and conservatives. While shunning controversial questions at the recent convention, the Amvets called for establishment of a department of veterans' affairs in the Presidential cabinet.

WORLD TRADE: Draw Blueprint

Representatives of 18 countries — except Russia — have been meeting in London with the signal task of drawing up a blueprint for world trade to be considered at an international conference to take place in the fall of 1947.

As the delegates in London sweated over their labors, a recommendation for full employment emerged as one of the No. 1 accomplishments of the parley. Recognizing the inter-relationships of nations in economic affairs, the conferees agreed that all countries are responsible not only to their own people but to all others to maintain purchasing power and a high demand for consumer goods.

Methods for working out this principle were left to individual countries. In cases where one nation was selling more to another and thereby developing an unfavorable trade balance, the creditor country was given discretion to determine what steps to take to even out the exchange.



That's Something Else
Cop (to guy in gutter)—Drunk? Chap—Naw, I'm just holding this parking place for a friend.

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Golfer (trying to get out of trap) said, "The traps on this course are very annoying, aren't they?"
Second Golfer (trying to putt), "You're right. Would you mind closing yours?"

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Final Hearing On Robert Lee Dam Set For Monday

The three officers and perhaps other members of the Upper Colorado River Authority Board and representatives of other affected groups will attend a hearing at Austin next Monday, Dec. 16, on the UCRA's application for water appropriation rights.

This is the third and final hearing on the application, which has been extended at various times during the past year in order that data, maps, etc., could be prepared. Sunday night UCRA officials will meet with representatives of the Federal Bureau of Reclamation, and the hearing is scheduled at 10 o'clock Monday morning in the offices of the State Board of Water Engineers.

All details of the proposed 20 million dollar Robert Lee dam have been handled by the Bureau of Reclamation, and the proposal is ready to be submitted to congress next year. There is no apparent opposition against granting the water rights by the state board.

Published notices of the hearing

call by the board state that the UCRA asks for 670,000 acre feet of water per year to irrigate a maximum of 58,000 acres of land, to provide water for various municipalities and for industrial and other purposes.

The reservoir proposed would have a storage capacity of 670,000 acre feet. The potential irrigated tracts totalling 58,000 acres lie within a 170,000 acre spread of Coke, Runnels, Tom Green and Concho counties.

The UCRA officers—L. T. Youngblood of Bronte, chairman; Gerald Allen of Robert Lee, secretary-treasurer; and H. G. Wendland of San Angelo, vice chairman—have indicated the full allocation will be requested and, for the present at least, the proposal will proceed on the basis of construction of the dam six miles downriver from Robert Lee.

There has been talk that a group of cities upriver may construct another dam above Colorado City for municipal purposes. It is also possible that the dam site may be moved upriver above Robert Lee if the cities should decide to tap the UCRA lake instead of that above Colorado City.

Janet Bilbo and Joyce Littlefield spent the weekend at San Angelo with their music teacher, Miss Ella Dee Wilson.

Garden Club Meeting

Mrs. W. J. Cumbie was hostess to El Valle Garden Club at its meeting Dec. 5. Thirteen members were present and Mrs. Henry Briscoe was a guest. Leader of the program was Mrs. H. S. Lewis, with the theme based on Thanksgiving. Mrs. Dan Campbell gave an interesting talk on "Planting for Permanence," and Mrs. J. C. Snead spoke on "Romance of the Rose" dating back to the Bible and ancient history. The hostess served delicious pumpkin pie and coffee.

J. C. Strickland has been ill the past few days, and consulted a specialist at Abilene on Monday. He has been confined to his home this week.

Wallace Clift has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Clift, that he is scheduled to sail from Seattle on the 20th for Korea where he will spend a year as a civilian employe of the Army of Occupation.

NOTICE

To Water Subscribers:

Our City Commission has ruled that the collector will call on business houses and offices only for the collection of water accounts. Residential water subscribers will please come to the City Hall not later than the 15th of each month to pay water accounts. If water accounts are not paid by the 15th of the month and service discontinued, there will be a service charge of \$1.00 for turning the water on again.—By order of the City Commission, of Robert Lee, Texas.

This Photo Won High Award



The above portrait of Frances Wylie was submitted by the Howell Studio of Colorado City to the National Photographers association which met in Chicago last August, and the picture received national award as one of the 500 selected from over 5,000 portraits that were entered. Little Miss Frances, who celebrated her 6th birthday a few weeks ago, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Wylie, Jr. of Robert Lee, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Craddock of Colorado City. Picture is reprinted in The Observer by courtesy of the Howell Studio.

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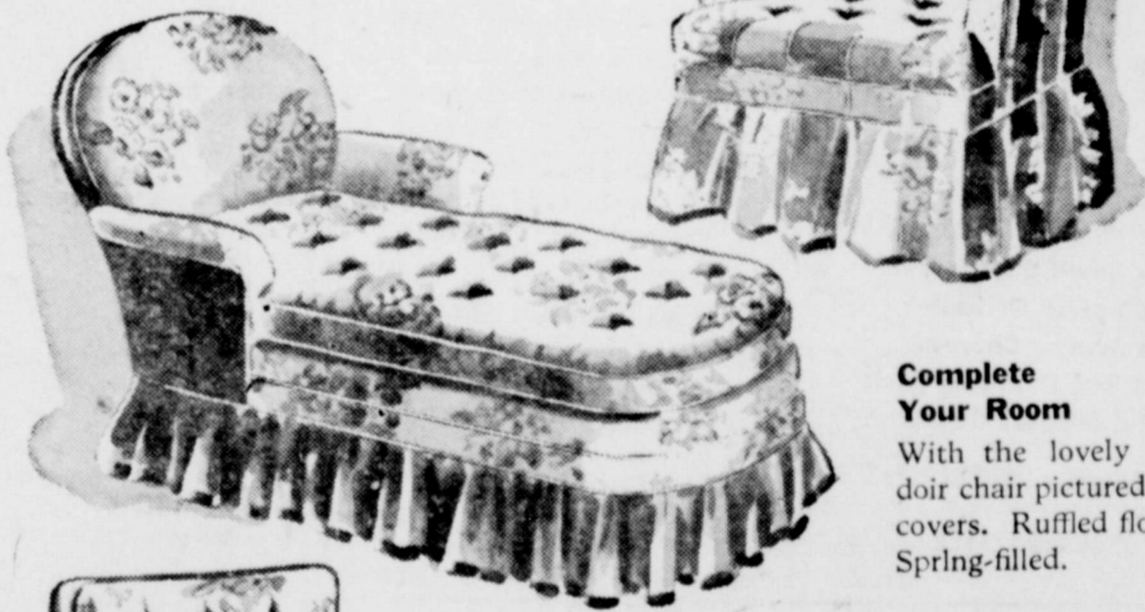
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Services Held at Sanco For L. S. Bird, Pioneer

Funeral services for L. S. Bird were held at the Sanco Bible Church, Thursday Dec. 5 at 2:30 p. m. with Rev. Joe Temple and Rev. W. E. Hawkins officiating. W. B. Clift was the funeral director in charge.

Pall-bearers were as follows: Earnest Adkins, Nolan Penticost, Aubry McKinley, Burley Adkins, Oral Adkins, Melvin Childress, Guy Denman and Bryan Gartman.

Flower girls: Eva Bell McCutchen, Billie Dove Allen, Ell Von Reid, and Melva Dean Gartman, all of Sanco, and Bonita, Juanice and Mrs. Melvin Childress of Friendship community.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Julia E. Bird; three sons, Rev. Ulmer S. Bird of Blackwell, Robert Irving Bird and Ira M. Bird of Sanco, two daughters, Mrs. Fred E. Killam of Sanco and Mrs. Paul D. Killam of Carlsbad, N. Mexico; six grandchildren; two brothers, C. M. Bird and Ira A. Bird of Sanco; two sisters, Mrs. Cora Berryman of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. M. S. Berryman of Eunice, New Mexico.

Mr. Bird was laid to rest in the Sanco Cemetery.

Other relatives present were Carroll Berryman of Cedarvale, N. M., Mrs. Doyl Berryman of Eunice, N. M.

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A note from Frank Baldwin, colorful Waco, editor: "If you ever get in trouble, call me collect. Get in trouble, too. My experience has been that it's a lot of fun."

Fact of the matter is, controversy appeals to me, especially when there is an opportunity to render public service, along with the joy of a good scrap. As an illustration:

Winding through the great East Texas oil field is the Sabine River. Under that riverbed, nature stored a vast amount of oil, which belongs to the State Permanent School Fund. The State invited bids from oil companies so that leases might be awarded, the oil produced and the schools receive the royalty. The bidders offering the highest royalty were given the leases.

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Services Held at Bronte For Jess Scott, 46

Funeral services for Jess Haden Scott 46, were held from Kickapoo Baptist church at 2:30 Saturday afternoon. Interment, under the direction of Keeney funeral home, followed in the Bronte cemetery.

Mr. Scott, a well known Coke county farmer and a native of Bronte, was found dead at his home in Bronte Thursday afternoon. He was believed to have died of a heart attack.

Survivors include the mother, Mrs. Maggie Scott; the widow; four sons, Darwin, Bobby, Billy Ray, and Noel Dean, all of Bronte, and a daughter, Maurice Scott of Long Beach, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Mabel Athey of Dallas and Mrs. Ray Coalson of Bronte, and four brothers, Walter, Leroy, Jo Ed, and Dan Scott, all of Bronte.

Wilfred G. Rabb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Rabb who is serving a hitch in the Navy, is now stationed at Dutch Harbor, Alaska. He completed a yeoman training school at San Diego early in the fall and is attached to the personnel office at the Dutch Harbor naval base. Wilfred has the grade of Yeoman second class.

The J. D. Turners have moved from Amarillo to Artesia where Mr. Turner is employed by an oil company. Mrs. Turner is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hickman of Robert Lee.

"The End Of Pearl White." The Blond Heroine of the early films, deliberately shrouded her self in mystery at the close of her exciting life. Charles Robbins tells her life story in the American Weekly, the magazine distributed with next Sundays Los Angeles Examiner.

Glenda Littlefield was honored by a party in honor of her 8th birthday on Dec. 3, at the home of her mother, Mrs. A. W. Littlefield. Delicious refreshments of sandwiches, cake and hot chocolate were enjoyed by the 22 guests.

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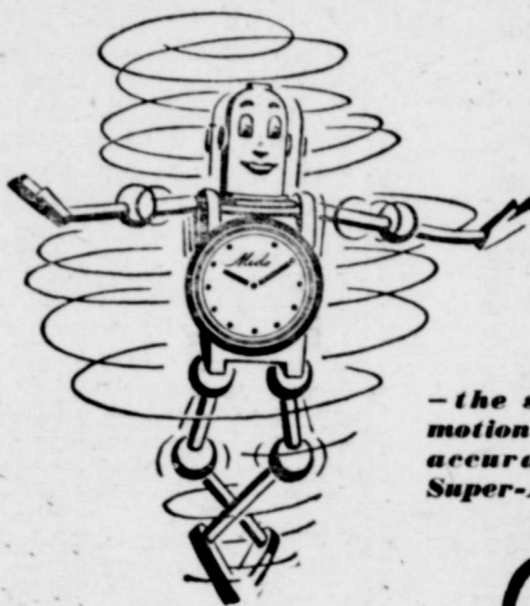


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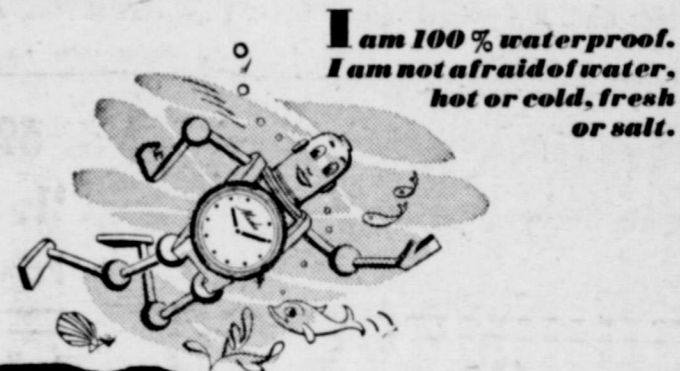
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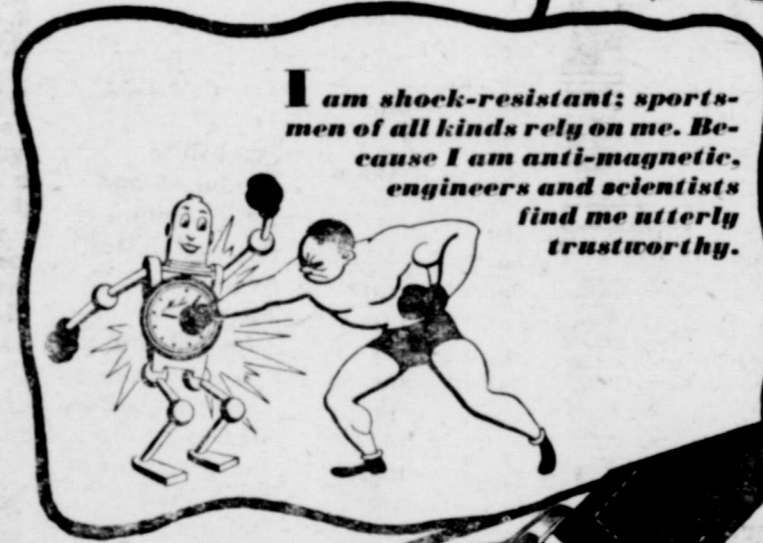


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Quonset Type Of Building Is New Feed Warehouse

A new warehouse has been constructed at the D. P. Key residence in Robert Lee which will be used as a storage house for the Key Feed Store. The concern handles a large volume of baled hay, feed of all kinds, seeds, salt, etc., and storage facilities were badly needed.

The structure is a Quonset 20, with a length of 36 feet, a type of building that was used extensively for housing troops in the north and at many camps overseas. The buildings come in 12 foot sections, are made of steel with inside frames of wood. The Keys set their building up on a 36 inch concrete foundation and also poured a concrete floor, making it rat proof.

West Texas Lumber Co. of San Angelo are agents in this territory for Quonset buildings, which are attracting much interest at this time. The buildings are considered permanent as long as they are left in place, but they can also be readily moved. They come in two larger sizes than the 20 foot.

Quonset buildings are hail and wind resistant, as well as fire proof. They are practical for most any kind of use such as stores, offices and dwellings, and later can be moved out for farm buildings.

The dealers say their stock is brand new from the factory, and is not war surplus material. A very favorable point for the Quonset buildings is that they come complete, including windows and doors.

David Key, feed store operator, says they are highly pleased with their Quonset building. In the

matter of cost he says they seem to be in line when you consider that very little labor expense is necessary to erect them.

Warns Against Dumping Trash Along Highway

J. C. Luttrell of Bronte, county road foreman for the Highway department, reports that the practice of dumping rubbish on the highway right of way is becoming too much of a nuisance.

In some instances trash is thrown out on the shoulders and in other cases it is dumped along the fence. A pile of rubbish found along the highway near Bronte seems to have been carried over there by Robert Lee parties, since there were old letters as evidence.

Mr. Luttrell says he and his men are now making a cleanup campaign over the entire county. Dumping refuse of any kind along a public highway is forbidden by law and the Highway Commission announces that the law will be enforced henceforth.

The Wesley Kinsey family have moved from Fluvanna to Robert Lee where they will make their new home. Mrs. Kinsey is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Denman recently enjoyed a vacation trip to Juarez, Mexico, and other points of interest in the southwest.

The Lloyd Phelans of Silver have leased their farm to Bruce McFerrin and will move to Robert Lee where they have purchased the J. J. Vestal property.

Mrs. Floyd Murtishaw and daughter, Myrna, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Boykin. They will leave soon to join Mr. Murtishaw who is stationed at Camp Stoneman in California.

Hodening Horse Of British Isles

Strange miracle plays were always intrinsic parts of the holiday season in the British Isles and in many such traditional performances, one of the characters rode a grotesque hobby horse. Gradually, the horse assumed the characteristics of a star performer and in time, stepping out of the play altogether, began going from house to house—expecting hospitality, after frightening families half out of their wits.

Of course, the Hodening Horse was no ordinary horse: two boys, covered with sheets and a horse blanket, usually supplied his vitality; his wooden head was hideously carved with gouged eyes, hobnail teeth, etc. The boys manipulated strings to make the teeth clank, etc., and sometimes placed a lighted candle in the hollow of the head to make the mouth seem to belch forth flames.

In Wales, it was customary for the Hodening Horse to recite long extemporaneous verses: if the Horse outwitted his host, he was invited in for cakes and cider. A less witty procedure was followed in some rural communities and along lonely roads: wealthy citizens and travelers were attacked by unknown Hodening Horses, who demanded "fines" from their victims.

Open Air "Festas"

Vs. Santa Claus

Santa Claus has firmly entrenched himself in the hearts of Brazilian youngsters, although his traditional chimney had to be abandoned—very few homes being equipped with such things, and it never occurs to the small fry that it might be fun to spy on Santa; the children beg to stay up, of course, hoping to participate in the grown-up festivities and perhaps accompany their parents to midnight mass.

Since it really is June in January south of the equator, Christmas in Brazil is a midsummer festival. Midnight mass on Christmas Eve is celebrated with greater or lesser pomp throughout the land, preceded by dancing "festas" and gala late suppers.

Meta Eubanks helped out at the Club Cafe last Saturday when Tommie Casey was ill.

Folks You Know

Capt. and Mrs. R.V. Holland of San Angelo are parents of a son born Dec. 5. This is their first child. Mrs. Holland is the former Polly Roe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roe of Robert Lee.

Mrs. E. L. Adams of Los Angeles is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ford Hallmark, and family.

A marriage license was issued here Dec. 6 to Mr. Russell N. Walls of Nolan county and Miss Velma Clements of San Angelo.

Bill Allen and his roommate, Glenn Henderson of Vernon, were guests here a few days last week with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Allen. The boys are students at Baylor University in Waco, and had a brief vacation between quarters.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Watson of Alexandria, Neb., stopped here last week for a visit with the Lamont Scotts. The Nebraska folks were enroute to Del Rio for a visit over the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Horace Scott, and family.

Mr. and Fred McCabe entertained at a supper and '84 party Friday night at their home in the Divide community. Guests included A. N. Counts and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Chumley, K. C. Collier and wife, A. B. Shepard and wife, Frank McCabe and wife, Victor McCabe and family, Wayne McCabe and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McCabe, Jr.

Wilfred Gardner and his friend, John Robertson, came from McCamey for a weekend visit with the former's mother, Mrs. J. S. Gardner.

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Brief Illness Fatal To Mrs. Varnadore

Death came at San Angelo early Wednesday morning to Mrs. Columbia Varnadore, 86, a Coke county resident for more than 40 years and one of the community's most highly esteemed citizens. Her fatal illness lasted only a few days.

Services were held Thursday morning at the Cox-Vautrain chapel in San Angelo, with the Rev. Earl Killingsworth officiating. Grandsons served as pallbearers. Immediately after the services there the body was brought to Robert Lee where it will lie in state at the Clift funeral home until a service is conducted here. Time of the local service is pending since a number of relatives from a distance are expected to come for the funeral.

Columbia Anna Webb was born in Alabama Aug. 26, 1860. She came to Texas with her parents while a child. Her marriage to William Varnadore occurred in Grimes county in 1880. They moved to Coke county 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Varnadore were the parents of eight sons and three daughters, all of whom survive.

Mr. Varnadore died September of 1923. During the past five years she has visited among her children, making here home most of the time with the son, Tom.

The children are Jim, of Houston, Tom of San Angelo, Lee of

Perry, Iowa, Jess of Texon, Edward of Stratford, Okla., Henry and Ernest of Robert Lee, and Cue of Big Lake; Mrs. Lilly Fisher of Sterling City, Mrs. Pearl Bilbo of San Angelo and Mrs. Lizzie Shackelford of Salinas, Calif.

She is also survived by two brothers residing in Okla., and two sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Porter of Oklahoma, and Mrs. Frankie Saunders of McGregor, Texas.

There are 33 grand children and 18 great grand children.

She united with the church during her girlhood and spread joy throughout her life.

Football Banquet Set For Thursday Night

A banquet honoring the Robert Lee high school football team will be held at the high school gym next Thursday night, Dec. 19.

The affair is being sponsored by mothers of the players, but the entire community is invited to participate. Roast turkey and the trimmings will be on the dinner menu. Any persons wishing to contribute should contact Bill Tom Roach. The mothers met Monday night and appointed committees to prepare the Banquet.

Bob L. Davis will be program chairman and a number of outside guests will be invited. M. G. Hannaford, school superintendent and coach, will serve as master of ceremonies.

A little want ad will sell it.

Folks You Know

D. O. King of Edith paid The Observer a friendly visit this week. He was delighted with the big rain which should bring on a lot of winter feed. Mr. King says he had a 50 acre field of barley that turned out better than oats this fall, but his wheat planted soon after the early September rains hasn't done wery vell.

Edward Earl Pierce, R. D. (Rickie) Ross and Doyle (Red) Day left Monday for Carlsbad, N. M., where they plan to work in the potash mines.

Herbert Conner and wife of Colorado City were in Robert Lee Saturday visiting and looking after business matters.

Roy Braswell is working in the Roberts & Williams meat department on Saturdays.

Supper guests of Mrs. A. W. Littlefield Friday night included her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Bernard, and J. M. Rippetoe and family of Bronte. The Bernards recently returned to their home at Bronte after a month's stay with their daughter, Mrs. P. R. Littlefield at Weatherford.

Gerald Allen and Bill Tom Roach were in Waco Monday buying Christmas merchandise at the wholesale houses. Bill Allen accompanied them to Waco to resume his studies at Baylor University, after a few days visit at home.

Hattie Day has received word from her son, Sgt. Merle E. Day and wife, that their 3 months old baby, Johnnie Mac, has been in the hospital for an operation. Merle and his family reside at 1400 Quebec, Denver 7, Colorado. He is a mess hall inspector for the army and makes trips to various camps throughout the country.

B. C. Athey of Crane spent the weekend with his family in Robert Lee.

Fun at Dingley Dell

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"This," said Mr. Pickwick, looking round him, "this is indeed comfort."

"Our invariable custom," said Mr. Wardle. "Everybody sits down with us on Christmas Eve, as you see them now—servants and all; and here we wait till the clock strikes twelve to usher Christmas in, and while away the time with forfeits and old stories. Trundle by, rake up the fire."

Up flew the bright sparks myriads as the logs were stirred, and the deep, red blaze sent forth a rich glow that penetrated into the farthest corner of the room and cast its cheerful tint on every face.

"Come," said Wardle, "a song—Christmas song, give you one in default of a better."

"Bravo!" said Mr. Pickwick. "Fill up!" cried Wardle. "It will be two hours gone before you see the bottom of the bowl through the deep rich colour of the wassail; fill up all round, and now the song."—From Charles Dickens' "Pickwick Papers."

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Washington Digest

Lack of 'Political Sense' Leads Wallace to Oblivion

By **BAUKHAGE**
News Analyst and Commentator.

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WASHINGTON. — Unless some strange shift in the tide of national affairs takes place between the time these lines are written and when they appear in print, the name that once bristled in the headlines, made the Paris peace conference shudder and completely confounded the Truman administration will be filed under "W" and forgotten by most people who aren't subscribers to the New Republic.



Baukhage

I refer to the name Henry Agar Wallace.

I have talked with a great many men who knew Wallace well. Most of them who liked him still like him. But many who supported him in the past follow him no longer.

One of them said to me: "Henry Wallace has been drowned at last in a sea of ideas. He has gone down for the third time and there is nobody with a lifeline handy."

I think of two other men, one an experienced government official, a trained politician; another an ardent New Dealer who happens to be equipped with a mathematical mind sharp as a steel trap—each of these men followed Henry Wallace a long way. But each man at one point in his career suddenly stopped aghast at one of Wallace's self-created misadventures, shrugged his shoulders and regretfully turned away.

One of the first criticisms you hear from Wallace's political friends is that he has no political sense.

As head of the department of agriculture, Wallace, according to most disinterested observers, was a success as a policy-maker and an administrator. (Don't bring up the little pigs—he did that against every one of his natural predilections.)

As secretary of commerce he was a dismal failure.

Wallace did understand agriculture, agriculturists (farmers) and agronomy. He believed that he had (and has) the correct formula for solving the economic (business) ills of the country. But what he didn't realize was that he was handicapped by what is incorrectly called an "inferiority complex" when it comes to dealing with human beings who made the wheels of business go round. He had a strange and deep suspicion of the business world. Perhaps that wasn't so strange for it reflects the natural attitude of the farmer toward the "city slicker." Perhaps it was another phase of that "shyness" which characterized Wallace.

Let's look at this "suspicion" business:

On one of several occasions, Wallace as secretary of commerce addressed a prominent group of conservative business men. His colleagues watched the event with considerable trepidation. They knew the group was unsympathetic to Wallace and that Wallace knew it. However, it provided an opportunity to create a friendly atmosphere, if nothing more. Wallace made a swell speech. His colleagues were agreeably surprised. His audience was almost captivated. In fact, as the speech went on, one after another of the listeners showed that Wallace's views were well received—were anything but inimical to business. Many of the ideas he advanced were accepted as sound, sane and sensible. So far—so good. Wallace reached the end of his prepared script and then, suddenly overcome with this strange defensive complex, this "suspicion," said something to this effect: "Tonight I have probably wasted your time and mine, for I realize that you couldn't possibly agree with me nor I with you." The whole effect was ruined.

Intimates Admire Wallace's Integrity

Men who know Wallace best agree that he is absolutely honest, that he is unselfish, that he can be a very deep student of a subject which interests him, that he has a powerful ambition to be a leader of the forces that will preserve old-fashioned American free enterprise and competitive capitalistic endeavor.

But he is willing to adopt strange methods to achieve this. (Remember the little pigs.)

In making clear to his friends that it was his ambition to be secretary of commerce he convinced them of his belief in five propositions. They were that:

1. He believes the capitalistic system cannot survive another war.
2. He believes the capitalistic system cannot survive another financial depression such as we went through in the early 30s.
3. He is convinced that the country is headed for another such depression.
4. He believes that this catastrophe can be avoided if certain simple measures are taken.
5. He believes that this end—the perpetuation of free enterprise—justifies almost any means.

As soon as Wallace became secretary of commerce he attempted to reorganize the department along lines which had made the department of agriculture so successful insofar as co-operation between government and farmers is concerned. One of the first steps was to try to establish a system of "field agents" (similar to agriculture's county agents). Good men were hard to find; it takes time to build such a system. The personnel recruited under such conditions and within so short a time would be bound to include many incompetents and thus open the system to immediate attack by an unfriendly congress. Nevertheless, Wallace pushed the idea as far as he could during his tenure of office. This, his critics say, showed his inability to perform in a field with which he was unfamiliar, showed his lack of "political sense" (or, if you will, his failure to grasp the complexities of inter-personal relations).

Like many other men who have been thrust into high government offices without sufficient political experience, he attempted to absorb that experience vicariously. The very fact that he lacked an understanding of political and personal relations caused him to accept advisors and counsellors who frequently led him astray. Perhaps if he had been less advised his conduct would have been less ill-advised.

Nations Keep Jealous Eye on Antarctica

Adm. Richard Byrd is about to take off again for Antarctica with a horde of anxious nations worried to death lest he run away with the five million square miles of ice-capped rock which covers the south polar regions as the dew covers Dixie (but different!).

The foreign claims are legitimate enough, for daring explorers have been nibbling at that price of frost-bitten plateau (bigger than Europe) ever since John Briscoe actually discovered what was given the name of Enderby land in the early nineteenth century. Many others followed, but few took the keen interest in the Antarctic waste that Admiral Byrd did, although he didn't turn in that direction until after he had flown over the North Pole.

Which reminds me of a dull Sunday, May 9, 1926. I was keeping watch in the Washington office of a feature syndicate which had the rights to Byrd's adventures. We knew he was going to hop off for the pole from Spitzbergen with Floyd Bennett soon, but we didn't know when.

Messenger boys had a habit of dropping unimportant messages on the particular desk which I occupied and I hardly glanced up when one, still soggy, was tossed within my reach. I finished the last episode of the comic strip I was studying and opened the envelope. It contained one word, "polaris."

That was the code word that meant that Byrd had flown over the North Pole and was back alive.

On November 29, three years later, he flew over the South Pole. The flight was only a small part of extended explorations made on two separate expeditions.

Now Byrd is off again, with jealous competitors watching him with jealous concern. His expedition probably will be met with mixed emotions by the penguins who are the only human-looking inhabitants of Antarctica. Byrd's first visit was a novelty to those decorous birds who never go out except in formal evening attire but I imagine homo sapiens has become to them just another sap who has to go in when it snows.

AROUND THE HOUSE

To keep shoe string potatoes crispy, don't salt them until you are just ready to serve.

Use cuffs from men's old shirts for making shoulder pads. They're very nice for wash frocks, giving the necessary build-up, without too much bulge.

If you're weeping over the worn-out print dress, take heart! If the blouse isn't too worn, cut it off, remove the sleeves and bind them. Then wear it like a dickey or as a gilet under your favorite suit.

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Mrs. Tom Whitt Enjoyed Fine California Trip

Mrs. Gracie E. Whitt of Cisco, former Coke county resident, recently returned from a trip to California where she visited relatives and friends at a number of different points. She writes The Observer as follows:

Visited in San Diego with her sister, Mrs. Bonnie E. Norfleet, who has spent several months in the hospital. She had a second operation for injuries received by being run over by a car on June 25, 1946. Mrs. Norfleet is doing fine and will soon be back in her new \$7,700 home at 3965 Alabama st., in San Diego, Calif.

Also visited Eugene Lester Reed, and wife and baby of Long Beach, who have recently bought a \$60,000 home. He has permanent work with the General Motor Co. She also visited Ned and J. T. Norfleet, who operate a dairy at Elmonte, also Mrs. Gamble and the Elton Mathers family at Elmonte.

She then went to Fresno and was a guest of the Irene Bussey and James I. Reed families. On her trip home she called on T. O. Reed at Loving, N. M., Clarence Martin at Tatum, Mrs. S. C. Savage and Eddie Jameson at Seminole, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stokes at Plains, the G. C. McCauleys and R. L. Clarks at Wickett, Texas.

Mrs. Whitt, who was Miss Gracie E. Reed before her marriage to T. A. Whitt, resides on East 14th and Walnut Ave., Cisco, Texas.

Sanco News

Sanco feels a great loss because "God came down and plucked one of his precious ones from his garden" But we know that, "God giveth and God taketh away."

We are glad that we had him with us all these years to scatter his goodness among the many friends and loved ones here in Sanco. We are going to greatly miss that friendly smile and handshake.

May God bless all of the family and may we be guided by his life his example of "Love of our Neighbor" live that our lights might shine as did his and that we might have a part said of us after we are gone that was said of him when he was laid to rest.

Bro. McClanahan and wife were at Sanco over the weekend. He preached Sunday morning and night, also organized a B. T. U. which will be started next Sunday at 6:45 at the Baptist church. Be there and bring others with you.

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Duke McCale, private detective, is investigating the murder of Curt Vallaincourt, who was about to marry Veronica Bigelow, heiress to thirty million dollars. She is the principal suspect. McCale questions members of the family and obtains important clues, uncovering a deep plot to keep control of the great fortune in the family, through a deal with Vallaincourt. McCale decides that Shari Lynn, Vallaincourt's former wife, holds the key to the puzzle. He hurries to her apartment, only to find that she has been shot dead. On looking around, he notices that a picture is missing from the wall of her apartment. He later talks to Veronica about her love for Vallaincourt.

CHAPTER XIV

But how can I be sure it's the emptiness of lost love? It's more like—oh— She broke off, burying her head in her arms. "I don't know."

"I think I understand," he said quietly. "It hits you sort of in the stomach instead of in the heart."

"Yes, yes. That's it." But she grimaced as though the thought so stated was a trifle vulgar. She brushed a tear from the corner of her eye.

"About the scrap of letter you found—a letter to Curt?"

"Yes, that. I was sure it was from Vicky. She's always been so funny about Curt. Her attitude seemed to be that because she had known him first, she had priority rights over him. Something like that. I was shattered by that note and what it implied. And when I accused her, she was so hard in spite of her denial. In a foolish moment I gave it to Aunt Addy. I was so upset."

"I know that," he said. He hesitated, not sure whether to go on; then decided to risk her shock at what he had to say. "It is cruel, perhaps, to tell you now," he began, "but necessary. We haven't much time. The inquest is the day after tomorrow and—"

"Oh, but do. I'm able to stand anything after—" she shuddered—"after this afternoon."

"You see," he said bluntly, "the thing you suspected, the plot to gain control of your inheritance, was real. It was a diabolical plot—all were in it."

He expected her to cry out or to huddle away from him. He was nearly bowled over himself when she almost laughed, saying, "But no—no. You're wrong, Mr. McCale. Oh, I don't mean about the plot. You're wrong in thinking I didn't know about it. I was so horrified . . . Well, I went first to Chris—"

"You went to Chris Storm?" A signal flashed through his mind. He clamped his teeth together hard.

"Yes. He was furious, of course. He wanted to have it out with Curt then and there, but I persuaded him not to. I said it was my job and that I would do it."

"And did you?"

"Yes. I went right to Curt before the rehearsal, the day before—before he died. But you see, I was wrong in one thing. Curt confessed to the original plot. That was true enough, but—"

"But what?" McCale's mind was working furiously, conjuring up all kinds of absurd visions. He pulled himself up abruptly.

"You see," she said carefully, a tremor in her voice, "Curt loved me. He really did. Oh, I know. He'd been a hellion all right. He told me a great deal about himself that day—about his past—about Shari Lynn. But for once, it was the real thing with him. He could hardly understand it himself, but there it was. He was truly in love for the first time in his life. He was going to turn his back on them all. We were going to be happy together. There wasn't anything they could have done after we were married."

An Attempt on McCale's Life

"Had he told them?" His voice was soft, insistent.

"On, no. I think he realized the danger, because someone was watching him."

"You mean—"

"Yes. He told me we'd have to be careful right up to the hour of the wedding. He joked about it a lot because he considered it funny. He said, 'Set a thief to catch a thief,' or 'When thieves fall out.' Things like that. He supposed they were suspicious because he'd been seen with Shari Lynn. The papers had got hold of it, you know."

"Didn't he know who was following him about? Did he say whether it was a man or woman?"

"No. He said I wasn't to worry about it. That was all." She began to cry softly. He helped her out and paid the driver. He didn't speak un-

til the taxi had driven off.

"That afternoon—the one before yesterday—when you and Curt came into the living room, he flashed you a signal with his eyes."

"You noticed that?"

"Yes. What did it mean?"

"It meant that everything was all right, that he'd destroyed everything—his letters, his associations, everything that had tied him to the past. It was as if he said—her voice broke—"as if he said, 'Look, darling, the past is all finished. I'm clean.'"

McCale blinked his eyes, cleared his throat. "All right," he said. Then, "I'm not going in with you. Things to do. Lots of them. Chin up, now. I'll see you tomorrow. Good-night."

"Good-night." She made an attempt at a smile. "And thank you."

McCale came abreast of his own doorway. Just when it was that the first warning came, he couldn't afterwards recall. He had just looked up to see the lights of his office gleaming faintly. He was only a few feet from the doorway when it came—that intuitive message from his nerves, his glands.

The report came like a firecracker, hard by on his right. He heard the sound of running feet. He felt



He didn't hear Ann scream.

a ghastly blow near his heart. He reeled, stopped in his tracks. A low whisper escaped his lips. His knees buckled as a pain shot through his side. He climbed up the steps somehow. He thought, "Oh, God, this is how Curt Vallaincourt died. I wonder what went through his mind—crawling up those endless stairs?"

After a thousand years, the door swung open. Ann stood there. She seemed far away in the dark. He forced a smile.

"Hello," he said, conscious of slobbering.

A Narrow Escape From Death

"Duke!" she gasped.

His legs gave way again. Slowly he slid to his knees, crouching there. His face twitched a moment and he made a mumbling noise before he pitched forward.

He didn't hear Ann's scream.

Once during the night, he became conscious. It was like being dragged up into the light from the depth and darkness of a great well. He felt a breath of cool air and opened his eyes. He realized his throat was parched. He asked for water and a phantom floated into view. It was Ann. She held a glass of water for him. Her eyes, he noticed, were big and filled with love for him and fear for him, too.

"That's Ann," he thought. "I'm sick and she's worried about me. She loves me and she's worried. That's great. That's fine."

When the black curtain of morphia lifted again, it was another day. The room was light. The first thing he saw was big black letters. They formed slowly out of the mist that still clouded his vision somewhat. They read: DETECTIVE SHOT. His mind struggled with this and he made a slight motion with his head. A golden blonde angel leaned over and kissed him lightly on the brow.

"Where am I?" He mouthed confused thoughts.

"Why, darling, this is Ann. You know where you are."

"Uh huh." Fuzziness began to leave the edges of his brain. "This is heaven. Do that again angel." He started to put an arm about

her. Pain seared his shoulder. He groaned a bit coming wide awake.

"Behave yourself," Ann said. "You're in no condition to become amorous. Good lord, did you see that?" She flung the morning paper on the floor. "The papers have you at death's door. Here, let me lift you up a little."

She propped a pillow behind him and sat down. There were deep shadows under her eyes.

"Have you been here all night?" he asked.

"Sure, why not?"

"Why didn't Rocky make you go home?"

"Do you think I'd leave you to the tender mercies of that behemoth? Every time you asked for a drink, he reached for the bottle of Scotch." She scowled.

Just then the door opened and Rocky stuck his head in. He grinned broadly on seeing McCale awake and sitting up.

"Doc Preble is here, nurse." He dropped a curtsey to Ann.

"Preble!" McCale howled. "The coroner! What is this? I'm not dead—or am I?"

Ann chuckled. She did not look too tired or harassed now that she smiled.

"When you fell in the doorway last night, you looked pretty dead to me. I fainted. Rocky had the two of us in his hands. Of course, he simply let me lie there. With the door wide open, I wasn't unconscious long. I came to and stumbled up the stairs to find he had stretched you out on the office desk, too much like a corpse for me to think of anything else. What with Rocky beating his own brains out and cursing that someone had bumped off the boss, I dialed headquarters. The homicide squad, down to the last legman, were here in three minutes flat."

Preble was short and thin and past middle age and sported a goatee. He had the typical medical man's all-seeing eye.

He looked McCale over shrewdly, examined the wound, and re-bandaged it in short order.

"You'll do," he said. "Stay in bed for twenty-four hours. Don't want you running a temperature. You're a lucky guy. The bullet was deflected by the cigarette case you carried in your upper vest pocket."

"Was it a forty-five?"

"Undoubtedly, from the nature of the wound. If it hadn't been for that cigarette case, it would have ripped you wide open. Well, mind what I say now. This girl needs some sleep." He turned to Ann, harumphed, and went off, giving Rocky the stare of an anthropologist ignoring an interesting but inferior specimen.

Donlevy Calls And Talks

A half hour later, McCale was interrupted in the middle of exasperated resentment at the "light" diet ordered by the doctor and carried out to the letter by Ann. The telephone rang. Ann, provokingly placing the bedside telephone out of his reach, and with a smug expression on her face went into the outer office to take the call.

"That was Veronica Bigelow," she said matter-of-factly. "I had the devil of a time before she'd trust me with the message. She's upset no end. It seems that Donlevy has arrested Christopher Storm."

"When?"

"Last night or early this morning. She's been trying to get the office ever since, I suppose."

"You suppose?"

"Well, I—I stuffed blotting paper in the telephone bell last night. I thought the ringing might disturb your rest—the doctor said—"

"God Almighty. Between you and the doctor, I might as well be a corpse. I was all hopped up with morphine, wasn't I?" He turned himself around with a painful effort.

"Now, Duke, you're not to excite yourself. You'll raise a temperature."

"To hell with my temperature. Get Donlevy on the wire." Obediently she called police headquarters, only to learn that the homicide man was on his way there at that very moment.

McCale patted her hand, feeling ashamed of his irascibility. He resigned himself to waiting for Donlevy.

In less than twenty minutes, the lieutenant strode in, in the wake of Rocky. The two of them so big, but so different, bulked hugely in the doorway. Donlevy, with a muttered greeting to McCale, flung himself into a chair. Crevices of fatigue and worry lined his face.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

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3. What country took Gibraltar from the Moors in 1492 and lost it to the British in 1704?
4. Where does the sun rise in the Pacific and set in the Atlantic?
5. If you mix limestone, sand and washing soda in the correct proportions, you would have what?
6. Why is Pluto so named?

- ### The Answers
1. Ad libitum.
 2. Charlemagne's.
 3. Spain.
 4. At the Isthmus of Panama, which so twists about that the Pacific entrance to the Panama canal is east of the Atlantic entrance.
 5. You have the substance for making glass.
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Mrs. C. S. Brown and her father, Rev. R. B. Young, spent Sunday and Monday at Brownwood visiting their sister and daughter, Mrs. J. G. Dickinson. The latter has been a hospital patient for some time and is improving.

Mrs. Pete Rampy of Mertzson was brought to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lem Cowley, on Monday. She is convalescing from a surgical operation which she underwent early last week at a San Angelo hospital.

Gertie Mae and Madine Burgess of San Angelo and Mrs. T. J. Snow and children of Carlsbad, N. M., were weekend guests in the parental E. A. Burgess home.

The Albin Laras are parents of a daughter born Dec. 6.

Mrs. Sherman Anderson of Silver returned recently from an enjoyable trip to El Paso and Juraz where she visited her brothers, N. A. Stepp and S. A. Stepp.

Horace Scott and family of Del Rio spent the weekend in the parental H. L. Scott home.

Ona Fay Brown and little daughter, Judy, left Friday for Corsicana where they will spend a month in the home of the former's father, E. F. Beazley. Mrs. Brown's future plans are indefinite but she expects to accept a nursing position the first of the year.

Cumbie Ivey and wife were in Dallas last Thursday and Friday, the former being in attendance at a meeting of Ford Dealers.

T. M. Wylie, Jr. and family visited the end of the week at Andrews with Mrs. Wylie's cousin, James Ulmer, and family.

Mrs. Frank C. Burge of Dallas spent last week here with her sister, Mrs. H. C. Allen. Other sisters who joined them here for a day's visit included Mrs. W. M. Burnett of Abilene, Mrs. I. N. Brooks of Plainview and Mrs. T. J. Percifull of San Angelo. They were present for the birthday dinner honoring Mr. Allen, when other guests included Clayton Baraway of Blackwell, H. C. Allen, Jr. of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Allen of Robert Lee.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank all of our neighbors and friends, those who brought in food, for the beautiful flowers and all who were so kind and helpful during the illness and death of our husband and father, L. S. Bird. May God bless you all.—Mrs. L. S. Bird and children.

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