

County Officials Begin New Terms

one new member of the com- 1933 following Fd Homan's death. duties at the Coke county court north of Bronte, won over Kiker house this week. Oaths of office by a few votes in a runoff election were taken Tuesday afternoon.

Paul Good succeeds Frank Percifull as sheriff, Bob L. Davis Gertie Mae Burgess Is is the new county judge and superintendent of schools, replacing Bride of Bill Lloyd McNeil Wylie, while W. J. Eads succeeds S. A. Kiker as commissioner from Precinct No. 2.

Entering upon new two-year terms following re-election are Willis Smith, county and district clerk; Mrs. Ruby L. Athey, county treasurer; G. S. Arnold, county attorney; and the following commissioners: H. C. Varnadore, Precint 1; T. R. Harmon, Precinct 3, and Ben Brooks, Precinct 4.

Frank Percifull retires from the Sherfff's office after serving 14 years. He was not a candidate for re-election and is being succeeded by Paul Good, who served him faithfully as deputy during his entire tenure of office. Mrs. Percifull and Mrs. Good have also done a lot of the office work in compiling assessment rolls and making up tax lists.

Ollie Eubanks of Bronte has been the assessor but is resigning at this time, and Sheriff Good says of Bill Lloyd, son of Mr. and Mrs he will take care of the assessing Ira E. Lloyd of Bronte, on Tues- man. "I Love You Truly" was job himself. He has not selected a day, Dec. 24. at 7 p. m. The Rev. sung by Mrs. J. C. Snead, Jr., with deputy as yet.

14 years as a county official. He single ring ceremony.

notes.

ment of Mrs. Marcus Turner as his office assistant. S. A. Kiker is retiring from the commissioners court after a long tenure. He was elected in 1934, Two new county officials and having been appointed in July missioners court took up their W. J. Eads, substantial farmer Co. near Silver, had reached a

last August.

Miss Gertie Mae Burgess, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Burgess of Robert Lee, became the bride



McNeil Wylie also has completed Baptist church, officiated in the played by Mrs. Cortez Russell.

was elected county assessor start- The bride wore a wool suit of pearl grey suit, with basque waist, ing Jan. 1, 1933. A short time pale blue with black accessories. mutton sleeves and full skirt, with later the legislature merged the Her corsage consisted of white accessories to match. Her cor-assessing and tax collecting job carnations. assessing and tax collecting job carnations. with the sheriff's office, so Wylie Mrs Carl Brock, sister of the ran for judge and took over that bride, served as matron of honor, office Jan. 1, 1935. This office also and the bridegroom was attended iucludes being county school super- by Mr. Brock as beat man. The intendent ex-officion only other attendant was Miss The county board of education Madine Burgess of San Angelo, held a meeting Tuesday afternoon also a sister of the bride. with Chairman S. E. Adams pre-Mrs. Lloyd attended school in siding. Judge Wylie, as secretary Robert Lee and has made her of the board, turned over home in San Angelo the past two \$143,313.60 in funds owned by the years, being employed by Wallace permanent school fund. It was Studios and as a PBX operator at made up of \$65,000 in Series G the Cactus hotel. Government bonds, \$78,000 in The bridegroom attended school county road bonds, and \$314.60 in Bronte and after graduation cash. Wylie says the fund was entered the armed forces and served \$125,000 when he went into the two years in the Pacific theatre. office in 1935, and much of it con He received his discharge last sisted of poor securities and bad Feburary. He is a student at San Angelo junior college, majoring in Bob L. Davis, the new judge pharmacology.

Fred Jameson Test Drilling at 3900 Ft.

Drilling of the No. 1 Fred Jameson test, being made by Sun Oil depth of more than 3,900 feet Thursday morning. The crew lost 18 hours drilling time this week because of bad weather.

Meanwhile No. 1 Allen Jameson, discovery producer, was shut in Wednesday because no more storage space was available. The well is flowing 168 barrels daily and already two 1,000 gallon storage tanks have been filled.

Sun company planned to begin hauling off the crude oil yesterday and expect to have a pipeline laid into the field in the near future.

Armilda Looney And Matthew Caperton Wed

The marriage of Miss Armilda Looney of Robert Lee and Mr. Matthew Caperton of Bronte occurred last Thursday, Dec. 26, at the Baptist church. The Rev. Fred D. Black officiated at the beautiful candle light ceremony, using the single ring service.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Fred Mcton attended his brother as best with them for a few days visit. Fred D. Blake, pastor of the the piano accompaniment being

The bride wore an old fashioned

Income Tax Reports

prepared to offer assistance to farmers and ranchmen in filling out Brings Big Snow their income tax returns during the next two weeks. Since reports must be filed by Jan. 15 persons cold spell of the season this week, needing assistance are urged to when a blue norther came down come in soon a big rush the last Saturday night. The cold wave, few days. Any fees derived from which followed a period of warm this service will go into a fund for weather, saw temperatures drop buying a moving picture machine to below freezing over the weekto be used in rural education work end. Lowest temperature recordin Coke county.

Birthday Tea

Children of Mrs. J. Q. McCabe have planned an afternoon tea in honor of their mother on the occasion of her 80th birthday Friday, Jan. 3. Friends and neighbors of the family are invited to call.

A family gathering in which all of their children were present for the first time in six years took place Christmas Day at the Millard school authorities decided to not Meek home. Here for the occasion reopen school untill next Monday. were Luther Meek and family and Millard Ray Meek of Kermit, their livestock, but the storm has Billy Meek of Fort Worth, and not been severe enough to cause Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harmington of much damage. Fortunately there Grand Falls. Mrs. Bert Duncan has been no wind with the snow. and children were also guests at The moisture will be of great benthe Meek home for Christmas fit. dinner.

Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Griffith spent Christmas in Abilene with their daughters and grandchildren. Mrs. Donald, Jr. Miss Martha Smith D. R. Wells and daughter and was bridesmaid and R. T. Caper- Mrs. D. P. Walling came home

> Mrs. H. C. McMinn returned Valley. It will be a full evening of last Thursday to her home at entertainment starting at 6 p. m., Corpus Christi after spending with two girls volley ball games Christmas with her parents, the and a pair of boys basket ball G. A. Harmons.

Marvin Simpson returned Sat-

The County Agent's office is First Cold Spell

Coke county received its first ed the first of the week was 17 degrees.

Beginning on Monday snow has fallen three straight nights. Heaviest snow was received Wednesday night, making a total of from 4 to 5 inches on the ground Thursday morning.

Storm conditions closed the Robert Lee schools Tuesday and again Wednesday. With additional snow falling Wednesday night

Ranchmen are having to feed

Basket Ball Season To Open Saturday Night

Robert Lee high school opens the basket ball and volley ball season on Saturday night of this week with teams from Water games on the grogram.

The local school has a belated



and county superintendent, de-The couple are on an extended feated Wylie in a close race last honeymoon to Waco, Harlingen summer. Bob is apparently well qualified for the position and he make their home in San Angelo. and points in Mexico. They will should make an excellent official.

He has announced the appoint- A little want ad will sell it.

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maid wore a black suit and carried a corsage of white carnations.



relatives and a few intimate friends, and accounting. The church was decorated with candelabra and alter vases of white gladioli. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mc-Donald, Jr. The dining table was centered with a beautiful three-tier wedding cake. Mrs. W. T. Roach was in charge of the register, while Mrs. J. F. McCabe, Jr. and Betty Jane Higginbotham assisted in serving the cake and punch.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Looney. She graduated from Eden high school with the class of 1944. She attended Sul Ross college last year and is now a home economics student at Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene.

The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Caperton of Bronte, and graduated from Bronte high school in 1943. He was discharged last May after serving 27 months in the Navy, being stationed a large part of the time as a radio-

Otis Rabb came in from Rankin for a visit over Christmas with his family. He has a good position as heavy equipment mechanic with though inexperienced, and a lot of the Kay Williams Construction Co. improvement can be expected as of Midland.

Baptist W. M. S.

Nine members with four visitors met in the home of Mrs. S. R. Young for their 1,136 head of Coke county lambs last meeting of the year in a missionary to the Kansas City market early program with Mrs. Frank McCabe in charge. Mrs. Joe Dodson, Sr. gave the devotional on the "Birth of Christ and What It Means to the Christian World.' What it Means to the Christian World. Those having parts in the program were Mmes. W. J. Cumbie, H. E. Ivey, Fred Blake, B. A. Austin, Victor Wojtek, J. C. Snead, Jr. and S. R. Young. General theme for the year is "Let Us Now Pre-pare to Build." The president, Mrs. H. E. Ivey, had charge of the business session after which the hostess. served refreshafter which the hostess served refreshments

man on the Marshall Islands. He family left Monday for their home is a freshman at A & M College at Eunice, N. M., after a few days Present for the wedding were where he is mrjoring in business visit in the home of their daughter,

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start in the hard floor sport, largely due to the football season extending well into December for the Steers district and regional games.

Not too good a team is in prospect, but the material is promising the season continues.

Sold Sheep in Kansas City

Raymond McCutchen shipped last week. They averaged 83 pounds and brought \$20.25, \$19.50 and \$18.00 per cwt. Raymond bought the lambs from Frank Percifull at \$14 a head.

Leonard Walker and family of Gatesville visited over the weekend with his parents, the J. H. Walkers.

Mr. and Mrs. Russ Lord and Mrs. Clell Varnadore, and fanfily.

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(Editor's Note: This is another in the "Stories of the States" series.)

By EDWARD EMERINE WNU Features

"Chust look at dis! It's coal!'

John Peter Salley, one of an exploring party, had picked up what seemed to be another rock, and found it to be bituminuos coal. Today West Virginia, with its 585 mines, often is referred to as the "coal bin of America.'

When William Tompkins used natural gas as fuel to evaporate water from brine in 1841, he became one of the first men in the United States to use gas for industrial uses. West Virginia's natural gas production in 1944 was 213 billion cubic feet.

In 1797 Elisha Brooks began extracting salt for commercial purposes from a brine spring in Kanawha valley near the present site of Charleston. Other West Virginia salt works have been operating for more than 100 years.

Develop New Industries.

As early as 1790 a furnace was built by Peter Tarr of Kings Creek, near the present site of Weirton, now one of the biggest steel producing cities in America. Cannon balls made here were used by Commodore Perry's fleet in the Battle of Lake Erie in 1813.

Michael J. Owens, son of a coal miner, invented a bottle-making machine in 1903 and started a new epoch in that industry. West Virginia produced, in prewar years, glass, china and pottery valued at 50 million dollars annually.

Miflin Marsh made stogies and sold them to passengers on Ohio ley and from Pennsylvania and river boats in 1840. M. Marsh & Maryland. Settlers were of several Son, Wheeling, is reputed to be the nationalities - and the composition largest stogie manufacturer in the of the people of West Virginia al-United States.

And back in 1915, when World War I cut off the German supply of playing marbles, Akro Agate was founded at Clarksburg, and today ed the Revolution and sent troops the concern makes over half of the to help New England and the Midworld's glass marbles

fected, not with the Civil war as a cause, but rather as an opportunity. On December 31, 1862, the congress of the United States gave its consent to admit West Virginia as a state, and the next spring, on April 20, 1863, President Lincoln issued his proclamation. West Virginia became the 35th state of the union two months later.

Many Historic Shrines.

Three states and two rivers meet at historic Harpers Ferry where John Brown's anti-slavery raid was staged. Blackwater falls, Seneca rocks, Pinnacle rock, the burial mounds at Moundsville, the state capitol building, the historic shrines - all are interesting and worthwhile.

From mountain tops to blue grass farms, the agricultural side of West Virginia is a revelation. Anyone must marvel at the agriculture and fruit that are produced in a state that ranks among the first in industry. Prize beef and bituminous coal? Yes, anything is possible in West Virginia.

Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson was born at Clarksburg, and West Virginia also gave the nation John W. Davis, Pearl S. Buck and Ann Jarvis. In case you've forgotten, it was Ann Jarvis who in 1907 asked a group of Philadelphia friends to wear white carnations on the first anniversary of her mother's death -and thereby founded Mother's Day.

State of Contrasts.

The state's northwestern border is the Ohio river, the aquatic highway that opened the west. But the Monongahela and the Kanawha rivers are important too. West Virginia's elevations range from 240 to 4,860 feet above sea level, with the highest average elevation of any state east of the Rockies. Yes, it's a mountainous state, but every wooded hill, every shady nook and every sparkling stream belongs to just such a state. About 60 per cent of the state's area is covered by forest, with trees ranging from spruce in the highlands to prickly pear cactus and other semi-desert plants in the lowlands.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL CUNDAY CHOOL Lesson

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIS'I. D. D. The Moody Bible institute of Chicag teleased by Western Newspaper Union

Lesson for January 5

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THE WORD MADE FLESH

LESSON FEXT-John 1:1-18 MEMORY SELECTION-No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.-John 1:18.

A new year always carries with it a deep sense of responsibility and at the same time a thrill of expectancy

That is why we need to begin this new year-and continue it-in the study of God's Word, so that we may know his will.

Our lessons for the next three months are of unusual interest. for they take up the Gospel of John which was "written, that ve might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (John 20:31)

Jesus Christ is here presented as the Word (Logos), and he is indeed the living Word come to reveal God to us.

1. The Living Word Is the Light of Men (vv. 1-5).

Men ask questions about Christ. They want to know whether he is to be regarded as a good man and a great leader, or must we recognize him as being God?

The answer is here. He "was" in the beginning (Gen. 1:1), which means that he pre-existed from all eternity, and he "was God" even as he was "with God." This eternal, living, divine Word was the "express image" of God (Heb. 1:3), and so perfectly revealed the Father (v. 18).

He is the Creator (v. 3) and giver of life both natural and spiritual.

This eternal Word became (as he was) the light of men. He came to shine into the darkness of a sinful world with the only light of redemption. We say again, "This is the Lord!"

II. The Living Word Is a Divider of Men (vv. 6-13).

Now the question comes. Does it make any difference how a man

regards Jesus Christ? The answer is clear Friday, January 3, 1947

Sublime to Ridiculous

A slightly tipsy gentleman walked into the telegraph office, took a pencil, spent three or four minutes in deep thought, and wrote this message to a friend in St. Louis:

"Tra la, tra la, tra la, tra la." He signed it and presented it to the lady behind the counter.

After checking it, she said: "That will be 64 cents."

The gentleman paid her and she said: "You used only eight words."

"What would you suggest adding?" h efinally asked.

"Well, how about just adding 'tra la,' " she said. "No," he said firmly, "that

would just make it sound silly."





CHIEF EXECUTIVE ... Clar-

ence Watson Meadows was elect-

ed the 22nd governor of West Vir-

ginia in 1944. A former lawyer,

he had served as state attorney

general and judge of the 10th

judicial circuit court before his

election. He is a native of Beck-

ley, W. Va., where he was born

The first white men went into what

is now West Virginia as early as

1719, and a few years later cabins

were being built. After 1735, South

Branch valley began to fill up with

the overflow from Shenandoah val-

ways has been different from that of

the country east of the mountains.

Story of Controversy.

of controversy with eastern Vir-

ginia. Socially, politically and eco-

nomically, the two sections were un-

eastern Virginia was aristocratic.

The idea of separation was fore-

When war broke out between the

states in 1861, there were bound to

tire state. Eastern Virginia was the

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most long before the Civil war.

West Virginians heartily support-

February 11, 1904.

But lest West Virginia's industrial achievements blind us to her other claims to fame and distinction, let us look farther than bituminous coal production, natural gas, petroleum, chemicals, salt, stone, hardwood timber, steel and iron manufacture, textiles, glass, pottery, ceramics and others. There is also the romantic and historic West Virginia. And there is the mountainous and scenic West Virginia which has become one of the nation's greatest recreational areas.

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dle Colonies, but the history of western Virginia before 1301 is a story

Scenery, wildlife and extensive, semi-primitive areas combine to lure vacationists to West Virginia's two vast national forests, the Monongahela and the George Washington. like from the very beginning. West-The state also has 15 state parks ern Virginia was democratic while and seven state forests.

Fishing, hunting, hiking, riding, swimming, golf, tennis, boatingwell, what do you want for recreation? And what is your trade, what be repercussions through the en- are your business ambitions, your specifications for success? And what heart of the Confederacy. Western of your "dream" home where nature Virginia was opposed to secession. is loveliest? Perhaps the answer is The long desired separation was ef- - in West Virginia!

decide what you will do with him. You cannot avoid that decision or evade that light which shines. You must either accept or reject, and a failure to accept is a rejection.

God has witnesses to the Light. John was such a witness and he, like all true witnesses for Christ, directed attention to him. John's great testimony was just a lesser light to point men to the true Light. That true Light is shed abroad for all men (v. 9).

As they face Christ, men divide into two groups. His own people, and his own creation rejected him when he came (v. 11). How utterly tragic! And yet the same thing goes on today.

But, thank God, there are those who receive him (v. 12), and to them he gives the power, the right or authority, to be the sons of God.

This change is expressly declared to be (1) not by reason of family or heredity-"not of blood"; (2) not by natural instanct or development -not "of the will of the flesh"; and (3) not by human volition or by man's will power-not "of the will of man."

III. The Living Word Is a Revealer of God (vv. 14-18).

The eternal Word, the Lord Jesus Christ, laid aside his place of honor in heaven, came to earth and took upon himself our flesh that he might redeem us from sin.

He dwelt among men and showed forth the grace and truth of God. for he was full of these heavenly attributes. But it was in his giving of himself as Redeemer and Saviour of mankind that he fully revealed God in all his gracious love for us.

Notice the antithesis here. "Law" is set over against "grace"; "given" stands in contrast with "came," and "Moses" with "Jesus Christ."

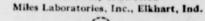
The law was a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ (Gal. 3:24), but it could not save anyone; but grace -oh, it is by grace that we are saved (Eph. 2:8).

Moses was God's honored servant, but Jesus was the Son in the household (Heb. 3:5, 6). It was this Son of God who came to reveal the Father and to declare his grace in salvation.

The law was sent through a messenger, but no messenger, no matter how great or worthy, would do to bring the gospel of the grace of God. That message of 'grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (v. 17).



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THE PANHANDLE STATE . Surrounding the map of West Virginia are typical scenes of the the state: (1) Blackwater falls; (2) the administration building at Babcock state park; (3) a modern coal tipple; (4) New River canyon, and (5) apple crowing.





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THE ROBERT LEE OBSERVER

Friday, January 3, 1947

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS CIO Girds for New Wage Drive; U.N. Closes Meet in Harmony; More Rental Units Planned

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



Elected to head interim French government, 74-year-old Leon Blum receives traditional embrace from Vincent Auriol, president of national assembly.

LABOR: New Wage Pattern

Hardly had the hub-bub occasioned by the CIO's adoption of Economist

Robert Nathan's formula for higher wages within current prices died down than United Work-Automobile ers hit for a pay boost of 231/2 cents an hour to compensate for rising living costs in 1946.

Gist of Nathan's report, to be used as a basis for CIO wage demands in

coming months, is that record earnings allow industry to jack up pay appreciably while maintaining existing price levels. Although Nathan to which administering powers will said that the unions should negotiate report. new scales with different companies abilities to pay, he averred that the prices and still make double the placed persons

Robert Nathan

U. N.: Meets Test

Having "met the test" of resolving major issues and differences, to quote U. S. Delegate Warren Austin, the United Nations general assembly adjourned until next September with this record of accom-

-Acceptance of an \$8,500,000 gift from John D. Rockefeller Jr. for purchase of a 17-acre site in Manhattan for a permanent U. N. home. -Adoption of a resolution instructing the security council to devise a system of international disarmament to be presented to member countries in treaty form.

-Approval of trusteeships for eight former League of Nations mandated territories and formation of a U. N. trusteeship committee

-Admission of Sweden, Afghanisand industries on the basis of their tan, Iceland and Siam to the U. N. -Establishment of the Intermanufacturing industry can grant a national Refugee organization to re-21 per cent boost without raising settle and repatriate 1,000,000 dis-

FOOD: **Full Tables**

After counting the bountiful yields of 1946 farm production, the department of agriculture told Americans that they would eat well again in 1947.

By intensive tillage of substantial. ly smaller acreage than prevailed in the '20's, farmers produced record crops of wheat, corn, rice, potatoes, soybeans, tobacco and garden vegetables; near record yields of grapes, peanuts and oats, and better than average harvests of sweet apricots, sugar cane, sugar beets, dry peas, sorghum and hay.

If Americans will have plentiful supplies of cereals, vegetables and fruits, they also are promised a full table of meat. The department reported record numbers of cattle on feed in grain belt feedlots.

Production Pattern

The department's final estimate of 1946 farm output suggested the shifting pattern of production within the past decade.

While such old American agricultural standbys as wheat, corn, potatoes and tobacco showed appreciable increases in 1946 over the 1935-'44 average, rye was down to 18,685,000 bushels from 42,356,000, and cotton dropped to 8,482,000 bales from 12,553,000.

Because of changing needs, emphasis was placed on other crops. To make up for a drop in imports, rice production was boosted to 71,-520,000 bushels from the 10-year average of 55,257,000; to meet the demands for industrial and edible oils, soybean yields jumped to 196,725,000 bushels from 103,457,000, and peanut output soared to 2,075,880,000 pounds from 1,587,964,000; and as part of the program to raise nutritional standards, the harvest of dry peas increased to 6,926,000 bags from 4,580,000

SPORT:

Gambling Menace

In the early 1800's, American youth held up the statesman as a tin god; in the late 1800's, it was the empire builder, and since the early 1900's, it has been the athlete.

Most touching example of the faith that the average American boy put in his athletic hero involved the young kid who clutched at "Shoeless Joe" Jackson's sleeve when that great outfielder emerged from questioning over his part in the Black Sox baseball scandal of 1919. With tears in his eyes, the kid pleaded: 'Say it isn't so, Joe, say it isn't so."

Unfortunately, Joe couldn't, but fortunately, had any kid been wait-ing outside Mayor O'Dwyer's mansion in New York on the morning of December 15, Frankie Filchock and Merle Hapes of the New York football Giants would have been able

Washington Digest **Constructive GOP Congress Depends on Party Harmony**

By BAUKHAGE

News Analyst and Commentator.

Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON. - Now that the senate has settled its first problem -naming of the committee chairmen - the next big question is

whether the Republicans are going to be able to develop a leadership able to ride herd and establish the party discipline necessary for iron - handed control. The Republican majority is very slim and there are a number of restive members who will be as

hard to get into Baukhage the corral, come roll-call time, as the "sons of the wild jackasses" used to be.

It isn't the lack of a leader so much as a surplus of them that worries Republican politicos-that and the danger that the leaders may start leading in different directions.

Another factor not calculated to further unity is the flock of presidential bees crawling all over the inside of the capitol dome. In his December poll, Gallup listed four senators as possibilities in the fol-lowing order: Vandenberg, 9 per cent; Bricker, 8 per cent; Taft, 2 per cent, and Saltonstall, 1 per cent. These are small figures compared to the poll's 52 per cent granted Governor Dewey of New York, or Minnesota's ex-Governor Stassen's 17 per cent, the two leading Gallup's list. But that doesn't mean the candidates think that way about it. Nobody is placing bets yet. As the veteran Republican National Committeeman Clarence Buddington Kelland said:

"I don't think you are going to see the matter jell at all until Ohio decides whether it is backing Taft or Bricker. When that decision is made, the line-

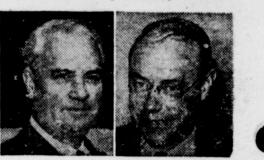
WNU Service, 1616 Eye Street, N.W., | influence of western and southern states which had already, by means of state primaries or other subterfuge, managed to take the choice of senators out of the hands of the state legislatures.

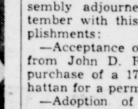
The Republicans benefited by the failure of the Democrats to maintain a West-South alliance, but they now suffer in turn from other sectional and ideological cleavages. I heard one man remark the other day that two recent speeches, one by Senator Morse, Republican of Oregon, and the other by Senator Byrd, Democrat of Virginia, each expressed views much more in line with the opposite party's than with their own organizations. There are many other similar anomalies in the 80th congress, as there were in the last session.

The belief that the extreme conservatives will be in the saddle ready to ride rough-shod over any liberal move is not generally supported. True - history has shown that the American people can stand just so much reform at a time. But on the other hand they have seldom been willing to sacrifice past social gains. Consequently, when the Republicans have been swept into office after periods like the Wilson "New Freedom," they have been very chary of repealing laws which were passed, in answer to a demand for new privileges for the many.



Harold Laski, the British left-wing labor leader, would have us believe that there is a "return to reaction" in America. He says in a recent article under that title that "in abandoning the Roosevelt heritage Mr. Truman made the shaping of the postwar economic policy of America the concern of business and not of congress." Mr. Truman would be the first to deny that he deserted the New Deal heritage whether he was personally inclined





profits of the 1936-'39 period.

In view of the high earnings of industry and the gradual transformation of a seller's into a buyer's market, business leaders will hesitate before adding additional wage increases onto prices, Nathan said.

UAW Demands

In subscribing to Nathan's theory that industry can hike wages without boosting prices, UAW Chieftain Walter Reuther declared that corporation profits are running at a rate of 15 billion dollars a year in comparison with 10 billion during the war and 5 billion in the prewar period.

While business profits have been rising, consumer purchasing power has been diminishing, Reuther said. During 1946, living costs have climbed another 18 per cent, necessitating the 23½ cents an hour wage raise for the 900,000 UAW members to maintain their "take-home" pay. At present, the average wage in the industry is \$1.33 an hour.

Reuther's claim of big business profits was challenged by major producers, who charged that this year's costly strikes and shortages of materials adversely affected earnings.

FRANCE:

Blum Comes Back

Leon Blum, whose Popular Front government in the middle '30's threw France into a turmoil, returned to head the new French interim government as the compromise choice of the left and right parties of the nation.

Though Blum's Socialist party commands only 100 seats in the 600 odd national assembly, the dominant Communist and Popular Republican parties agreed on his leadership after failure to work out a satisfactory deal between themselves for sharing the government. Ranting over the failure of achieving a coalition cabinet, Communist Representative Duclos accused the rightist Popular Republicans of "renewing the class struggle."

Reversing his liberal policies, which led to a wave of sitdown strikes and the bitter opposition of capital in the '30's, Blum announced that he would work for stringent economies during his brief term before a permanent government is formed. He also reiterated French demands for internationalization af the Rubr and Rhineland.

HOUSING: New Emphasis

In line with findings that most home-seekers are looking for rental rather than purchasable dwellings, the administration's new housing program places emphasis upon construction of rental property.

To encourage rental construction, Federal Housing administration will extend the amortization period for such projects beyond the usual 28 years, and work out arrangements for adjusting loans to protect owners from losses in the event of unstable economic conditions.

Whereas a maximum of \$80 a month was set on rental of individual units under the veterans' emergency housing program, rentals now will be limited to an average of \$80 for a building.

With the principal demand for more dwellings, any person will be permitted to build a house, thus making an apartment or old building available. Vets will continue to get first crack at homes put up for sale or rent, however.

Because of the increasing production of building materials coupled with the curb on nonresidential construction, materials priorities no longer will be needed.

Though non-residential construction will continue to be restricted, permission to build stores, schools, churches and other facilities will be granted to accommodate new neighborhoods.

MILITARY:

Unify Commands

With plans for a unified command temporarily shelved by navy opposition, the services agreed to the wartime practice of naming a single chieftain for each strategic world area to increase the efficiency of operations and avoid the confusion of Pearl Harbor.

Under the setup, the theater commander is responsible directly to the joint chiefs of staff in Washington. Subordinate army and navy officers remain at the head of their respective units. Strategic air forces not assigned to theater commanders are at the disposal of the chiefs of staff.



Playing the game on the level, Frankie Filchock (with ball) leads Giant attack against Bears.

to say so. By turning down alleged bribes from a gambling front, the two grid stars saved pro football from disgrace.

Efforts of the gamblers to get the two Giants to throw the pro championship game to the Chicago Bears marked the first known attempt by the "easy-money" boys to corrupt pro football and lessen the risk of their heavy wagering.

INDIA:

Troubles. Troubles

Mother India, long sorrowing for freedom, could see nothing but trouble ahead as she planned the achievement of her independence after centuries of British domination.

For freedom seemed to mean different things to the powerful political factions within the country: To the majority Congress party chiefly embracing the Hindus, independence represented a unified nation; to the minority Moslem league, it stood for "pakistan" or self-rule of Mohammedan provinces.

While the wily British professed their desire for a free India, they looked on apprehensively as Hindus and Moslems locked horns. Attending the constituent assembly being held in New Delhi to frame a constitution for the new India, the usually mild and compromising Hindu Leader Nehru breathed fire: The Moslem league was reactionary and the British may favor "pakistan" to divide India, he said, but the Hindus were determined to solve their own problems.

up will come fast."

Gallup predicted that Eisenhower's star would rise higher and thus whip the hopeful senators to added zeal.

Lapel buttons labeled "Draft Ike" are already out. Under whose banner Eisenhower would be drafted it is not stated, but it is generally conceded his personal leanings would be more Republican than Democratic.

Neither Vandenberg nor Saltonstall's friends have begun to fight, and at this writing neither one has even indicated publicly he is in the running.

More distressing to the men who have to make the upper house members hew to the Republican line is the old problem of the so-called progressive element. Some people are predicting that there may be more harmony in the next session among the minority, so widely split last time, than among the majority with its swollen ranks. Some Republicans are worrying lest they be divided to the extent that their power will be considerably reduced.

Senator Works For His State

Many people fail to realize the many factors which contribute to individualism in the senate. In the first place, each senator is, and so considers himself, an ambassador from a state - it is his business to serve that state to the best of his ability and his ability can be greatly supplemented by the prestige he acquires. Indeed, prestige, if acquired by nothing but seniority can go a long way toward making up for lack of ability.

But it is not mere personal ambition which drives a senator to work for individual prominence-it is a part of his job to strengthen the sovereignty of the sovereign state he represents.

Another thing which often forces a senator to walk alone or as part of a small group is sectionalismnot a hidebound attitude either, but the demand that he truly represent the interests of his community, even if those interests conflict with those of other parts of the country. The ancient antagonism of West-versus-East has never quite died. It was only a little over three decades ago that the 17th amendment was passed which authorized the popuSenators Bricker (left), Taft: Hold Presidential Key

to support all of its tenets or not. And I can see the hackles of congress rise, even on the leftish side, at the suggestion that "the initiative was returning to the hands" of National Manufacturers' association.

Mr. Truman was removed by the election from a number of restraints and pressures from groups which favored courses he personally disliked but he has not been party to any move to sacrifice past "social gains." and I cannot see congress allowing the few reactionaries in either party or in the house or senate to set back the clock.

As the Beards point out in their 'Basic History of the United States," the Republicans despite their landslide victory over Wilson in 1920 did not or could not, "stamp out the spirit of progressive or radical insurgency, old in American tradition and yet ever new in its application to changing conditions."

Harding's "normalcy" and Coolidge's conservatism temporarily did end our internationalism. But their next choice was Herbert Hoover, who had been speaking with continual concern over conditions affecting the less privileged. In 1923, for example, he had called on the insurance companies to study unemployment insurance; he had endorsed an amendment abolishing child labor; he had frightened the reactionaries to death when he proposed the inheritance tax to "redistribute overswollen fortunes."

Going further back into history, we note that after three successive victories, the Republicans, even when they had majorities in both houses, did not repeal so-called "reform" measures passed up to 1900. When they returned to power in 1921, although attempts were made to do so, such measures as the income and inheritance taxes were not abolished, or reduced lar election of senators. This was to an empty gesture. Yesterday's accomplished largely through the radical is tomorrow's conservative.

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Chicken Broth ·Carrot Loaf Sour Cream Cabbage with Bacon Strips Grape and Orange Salad Hot Buttered Toast **Butterscotch** Pie Beverage *Recipe given.

1 tablespoor green nepper 2 cups corn niblets

Melt butter in saucepan over low fire. Stir in flour, salt, pepper. Add milk; cook, stirring constantly until mixture is thickened. Stir some of hot mixture into egg yolks and return to saucepan; add minced green pepper and corn. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites and turn into greased casserole. Bake in a moderately slow (325 degrees) oven for 50 to 60 minutes.



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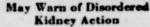
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Fortunately for advances made in cooking techniques, none of the winter vegetables need wear a humdrum air when they come to the dinner table. Dress them up and give them a bit of seasoning and glamor and the family will relish them.

> *Carrot Loaf. (Serves 6)

1 cup milk 3 eggs

1 teaspoon salt Dash of pepper 1 tablespoon sugar 1 tablespoon salad oil 11/2 cups grated raw carrots 1/2 cup dry bread crumbs 1/2 cup chopped nuts 1 cup cooked rice

Add milk to well beaten eggs; add salt, pepper, sugar and salad oil. Mix carrots, bread crumbs, nuts and rice; fold into first mixture. Turn into a greased loaf pan and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for 45 minutes. Serve with a cream sauce to which hard-cooked eggs or peas have been added.

> Fried Carrots and Apples. (Serves 6)

6 medium-sized carrots 6 small apples

3 tablespoons drippings 2 tablespoons brown sugar 1/4 cup dark corn syrup

1 teaspoon salt Wash and drain carrots; cut into

thin pieces lengthwise. Wash, peel and core apples;

cut into eighths lengthwise. Melt drippings in skillet and add sugar and syrup. Arrange carrots and apples in alter-

nate layers in pan, sprinkling each layer with salt. Cover and cook over low flame for 11/2 hours. Turn onto hot platter and serve at once.

Puffs are a very popular way of dressing up vegetables. Here are two vegetables treated in this way:

> Corn Puff. (Serves 4 to 6)

1 tablespoon butter tablespoons flour 1 teaspoon salt Dash of white pepper l eup milk

Rutabaga Puff. (Serves 6)

1 tablespoon minced onion 2 tablespoons drippings 31/2 cups cooked, mashed rutabaga 1 teaspoon salt

Dash of pepper 11/2 tablespoons sugar 2 eggs

Cook onion in drippings for 3 minutes. Add to

> mashed rutabaga with salt, pepper, sugar and wellbeaten egg yolks. Fold in stiffly beaten whites. Turn into a greased casserole and bake in a hot oven (400 degrees) for 20 to 25 minutes.

Stuffed Onions. (Serves 4)

4 medium-sized onions 2 tablespoons butter 2 tablespoons flour 1 cup milk 1/2 teaspoon salt Dash of pepper 1 egg yolk 2 tablespoons grated cheese 1 cup cooked peas

Peel onions; cover with boiling salted water and cook gently for 30 minutes or until tender. Make cream sauce of butter, flour and milk and season with salt and pepper. Add egg yolk and cheese, then peas. Cut a cross almost through the onions and fill with the creamed peas. Sprinkle with paprika and serve at once.

Sour Cream Cabbage. (Serves 4 or 5)

2 tablespoons butter 1/2 peeled, minced clove garlic 8 cups finely shredded cabbage 14 cup boiling water 1/3 cup sour cream 1 tablespoon lemon juice tablespoon granulated sugar tablespoon salt 1/2 teaspoon celery seed 1 egg, beaten

Melt butter in skillet, then saute garlic in it for 5 minutes. Add cabbage and boiling water. Cover and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 8 to 15 minutes. Add remaining ingredients which have been combined.

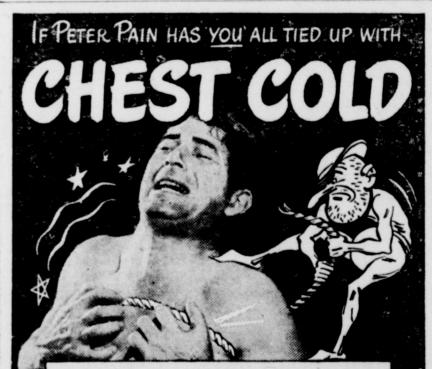
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THE ROBERT LEE OBSERVER



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 uncovers a deep plot to keep control of the great fortune in the family through a deal with Vallaincourt. Shari Lynn, Vallaincourt's former wife, is shot to death. McCale is shot in the shoulder. Sybil, Veronica's mother, is slugged. Suddenly, the truth strikes McCale. Rushing out of the mansion, he approaches a man in sailor's uniform. He is Stephen Bigelow, Veronica's brother. McCale and his aids overpower him before he can shoot. Just then Donlevy drives up, and brusquely takes over.

CHAPTER XVII

Donlevy took over with a brusqueness that was unfamiliar. He herded them all into the library, where an astonished and shaking butler was fussing around Miss Adelaide. She stood, a figure of stone, drained of all animation. Her face was gray against the mantel, anguished. "Stephen," she said in a mur-

mur that became a cry.

The young - old face of Stephen looked half ugly, half despairing in the dim light. There was a haunted look behind his eyes. He wet his lips with the tip of his tongue. Suddenly he slumped into a chair. "Yes," McCale said. His sophis-

ticated mouth curled in triumph and his tone was brittle. "It was Stephen Bigelow, dressed as a sailor, whom we saw loitering about the entrance to the Common just before the murder. He looked up at the house once, remember? He must have seen us at the bay window of the drawing room, for the next time I noticed him, he was reading a paper, probably to hide his face. When Vallaincourt approached the house, he must have come across the street into the shelter of the areaway that goes under the front steps-the service entrance. When Curt was passing, he simply stepped up to him and fired pointblank.

McCale looked at Donlevy and his men, who were grouped over the crestfallen culprit. Donlevy looked. up at him. It was so simple, really, now that it was explained. He did say, the ghost of derision on his lips, "Peculiar no one mentioned a

sailor hanging around." "I know," McCale answered bitterly. "My fault entirely. I pride myself on having a photographic mind, and I missed that, too. Men in the service are so common about the streets these days that they go almost unnoticed anywhere. That is where he was so clever. Who would connect a sailor with the Bigelows? One thing I should have seen, though, most certainly. I'll never forgive myself for that."



their presence. "You'll tell-Mother?" His voice broke.

She nodded. "Let's go," said Donlevy.

They took him away.

They had left the Bigelow house in a storm of questions from the first reporters on the scene, in the din of explosions from photographers' flash bulbs, in the confusion of the comings and goings of officials from police headquarters and the district attorney's office. McCale was looking forward to the peace and quiet of his own apartment.

When they reached it, they found Ann Marriot dozing by the dying fire. She jumped up, smoothing rumpled hair into place.

"Well," she said tartly, "are you all right? Running around like that in your dressing gown. My goodness. That's no way to call on the Beacon Street Bigelows. It's all over, isn't it? It came over the radio about an hour ago. You would have to wrestle with murderers, wouldn't you? You sure you feel all right?" She was trying hard to cover up her concern. She had been worrying about him all evening, afraid that he might seriously harm his injured shoulder.

"I'm all right," McCale said, 'but I'm still wet and very, very tired.'

"Then you get into dry clothes right away. Rocky, you mix him a highball while I make coffee. While you're getting the liquid inside of you, I want to hear about everything. If you think I'm going to tuck you in and go home before I get the whole story, you are sadly mistaken. If you will go out chasing a murderer all night with a hole in your side, you'll just have to take the consequences. I'm going to ask questions if I stay here the rest of the night."

"If you keep this up, spending your mights with me the way you have been doing, you'll have to marry me to save my good name." "Your good name. Tsk, tsk." She laughed and flounced out the door. The three of them sat a long time over brandy and hot coffee discussing the case. After a lengthy resume, they grew silent. McCale finally spoke.

Why Sybil's Life Was Spared

one who came under suspicion after Veronica was more or less cleared had a motive. But not different motives-they all had the same one." "What do you mean?" Ann asked. "Well, they were all in the plot to get Curt married to Veronica and in charge of the Bigelow millions. Then when it was discovered that he didn't intend to give them a share after all, they all had the same incentive-to keep him from getting control of it. When it was clear that they all wanted him out away until he got the right line, no of the way for the same reason, it became more a matter of seeking out the person with the characteristics most suitable to committing murder."

not until tonight. She'd even thought of helping him to run away again. That's why she drew the \$800. But tonight when I asked her if she knew why Sybil hadn't been killed instead of stunned, she didn't answer. However, as I went out the door, she began to play the Lullaby from Jocelyn. It was her way of telling me about the mother fixation Stephen had. He could not bring himself to kill her, even though he realized she had gone to the attic to see if his sailor suit was still there-and the gun."

"Oh, that's what she was looking for.

"Of course. Funny. All the way along the line, everything pointed to the sailor angle. It wasn't until I found the black silk square in the attic that I realized what I had missed. It was a kerchief, you know, the kind sailors wear knotted about their necks. When I realized what it was, the whole puzzle fell into focus. There was a sailor lounging near the gate across from the house on the afternoon of the murder. Then Miss Bigelow had told me that Stephen had once run away and joined the navy. He even mentioned the fact himself. Then there was the picture missing from Shari Lynn's wall. The only sailor in all those uniforms. Stephen's photograph, of course. The picture was taken years and years agonot a very good one-but if I had given it more than a cursory glance the night I saw it at Shari Lynn's, I think I would have recognized him."

"Lord. The whole business was out in the open all the time." This from Rocky.

"Uh uh. That's where he was clever. It was almost too out in the open. Stephen told no lies. He admitted being jealous of Karen. Everything he did was logical, you know, except attacking his mother. He shouldn't have done that, because he couldn't follow through on it. He didn't have the heart to kill her. It showed that the killer had a fondness for Sybil that kept him from destroying her. That definitely put the finger on Stephen."

It All Ends With a Kiss

Rocky said, surprisingly, "He was lucky about the false clues, too, boss. He didn't try to leave any himself-false ones-to point anoth-"The maddening thing about it all er way, like most murderers do. was the motive, you see. Every- There was the red wig and everybody being in the same locality at just the right time to come under suspicion. Those things just happened. All the confusion it caused was lucky for him-for a while, anyway.



How Ohio Farmer **Reclaims Pasture Uses Quality Livestock**

Gail Heckley, a successful Licking county, Ohio, farmer, has proven that proper soil treatment for pasture land will pay dividends. In the fall of 1938 and spring of 1939 he used two tons of ground limestone and the equivalent of 500 pounds of 20 per cent superphosphate per acre. In 1944, he gave it a second application of both lime and fertilizer.

In Marketing Hay Crop

Originally the pasture consisted largely of broom sedge, poverty grass, some red top, some cinquefoil and briers, together with other weeds. Today he has a good stand



of blue-grass and white clover. The pasture carries four to five times as much livestock as it did before treatment.

Summing up the beneficial experiences Heckley and other Ohio farmers have had with well-managed pasture improvement programs, Dr. D. R. Dodd, Ohio State university agronomist, declared:

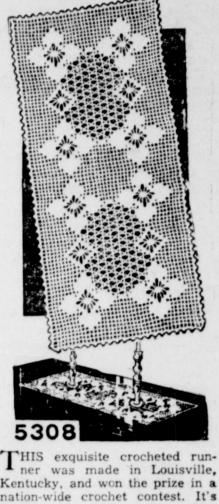
"The application of adequate lime and fertilizer to what were formerly unsatisfactory permanent pasture areas and low yielding hay lands has taken the discouragement out of farming and put additional profit into the annual income. One very important item should not be overlooked. The high quality pasture and hay must be utilized by high quality livestock if maximum profits are to be obtained."

Newcastle Outbreaks **Continue to Increase**

New outbreaks of Newcastle disease, the serious chicken ailment

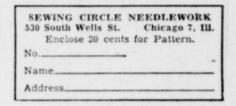
which had appeared in 21 states, must

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In His Favor

George is marrying one of these all-round girls. She swims, golfs, drives a car, and is an air pilot."

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"What's that?" asked Donlevy. McCale reached out and took the hat Stephen Bigelow had in his hand. He cocked a finger and spun the thing around like a plate.

Stephen Goes Quietly To Prison

"Well, I'll be damned," Donlevy exploded.

"I don't blame you." There was chagrin in McCale's tone. "This hat is perfectly round, which identifies it as the type worn a number of years ago. The style was changed about five years ago. The newer ones tilt up in front like a regimental officer's cap without a visor. If I'd only noticed that one thing, I'd have realized the sailor we saw was a phoney." He sighed. "It might have saved a life." He thought of Shari Lynn.

Dorlevy cleared his throat. Then there was a rustle of feathers and satin at the door and Victoria whirled in. Her eyes were bright and her make-up stood out in ghastly relief against the paleness of her face. Her fingers jerked to her hair and a shriek died on her lips. Two officers moved forward automatically. She blurted some wild gibberish that foretold rising hysteria; then suddenly was quiet. "So you did it," she said slowly.

"My God, I didn't think you had the guts. You fool, you utter fool. She isn't worth it, you know-not worth it."

By this time Donlevy was rattled. He moved in on Stephen with a circle of his men. He gave the charge so low it was hardly audible. His voice dropped for an interminable minute before he stepped back. As he did, McCale saw Bigelow's jaw move, his head come up slowly. Tired, furtive eyes lit up as he looked away from the group that surrounded him. A single tear ran out of the corner of an eye.

He got to his feet, lowering his head as he slowly turned to take them all in. No one moved toward him. He gave them a contemptuous glare. Finally he turned to Victoria and spoke his last words in

"Bright lad," Rocky grinned. "It's a wonder you fumbled as long as you did."

McCale scowled. "Oh, I know the old one about everyone being a potential murderer. I had to nose a little closer to the ground than just accusing one right after the other. Some of them had to have a stronger motive than just money.

Call it jealousy combined with passion. Karen was the 'femme fatale,' of course. I think she knew from the first that Stephen did it. doing the right thing. She didn't give him away, though,

one utensil.

Versatile Ware

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fused on a sturdy steel base, com-

Porcelian enameled ware, which

"That's certainly right. He almost got away with bumping me off, too.'

"He'd never been caught if he'd killed you," said Ann.

"Oh, I don't know. Donlevy's smart and he would have plugged doubt.

"Maybe." She sounded skeptical. "Good heavens. It's five o'clock. What about you and your good name now?" She grinned at McCale.

Rocky tilted his bulk from his chair, saying, "I'll mosey along, too. Come on, Ann. I'll drop you.'

"You get right to bed now, Duke," she ordered. "I hope you're going to be all right. You aren't running a fever are you?"

She put her hand on his forehead and, bending over suddenly, gave him a long kiss.

"I'm fine," answered McCale happily, "but if you want my temperature to go up, you're certainly (THE END)

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Virus Pneumonia

Switzerland in 1879, appeared in

Virus pneumonia, first reported in

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be detected promptly if further rapid spread is to be checked.

The American Foundation for Animal Health has urged farmers to be constantly on the alert for signs of nerve disorders in their flocks, such as

trembling, throwing the head backward, or pulling the head down between the legs. Ruffled feathers, difficult breathing, or a condition that looks like a "cold" may also be danger signs.

Because this is a virus disease, and the symptoms may often be obscure, the veterinarian generally has to resort to laboratory tests to be certain that the disease is present.



A stationary concrete brooder house and sanitary sun porch, as shown, provide maximum protection for chicks. Disease problems become greatly reduced when concrete sun porches are provided. The concrete is also a safeguard against fire in the brooder house.

Broom and Rake Rack



The life of brooms, hoes, rakes or pitchforks used around the barn will be materially increased if rack is made so that they may be hung on the wall. This rack needs only scrap lumber and a hinge. If necessary a leather hinge may be used.

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This Home-Mixed Cough Relief Is Truly Surprising

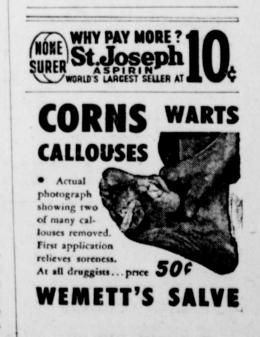
So Easy. No Cooking. Big Saving. You may not know it, but, in your own kitchen, you can easily prepare a really surprising relief for coughs due to colds. It's old-fashioned-your mother probably used it-but for real results, it's hard to beat.

First, make a syrup by stirring 2 cups granulated sugar and one cup of water a few moments, until dis-solved. No cooking needed. It's no trouble. Or you can use corn syrup or liquid honey, instead of sugar syrup.

Then get 2½ ounces of Pinex from any druggist. This is a special com-pound of proven ingredients, in concentrated form, well known for quick action in throat and bronchial irritations

Put the Pinex into a pint bottle. and fill up with your syrup. Thus you make a full pint of splendid cough syrup, and you get about four times as much for your money. It never spoils. Children love its pleasant taste.

And for quick relief, it's a wonder. It loosens the phlegm, soothes the irritated membranes, eases the soreness, makes breathing easy, and lets you get restful sleep. Just try it, and if not pleased, your money will be refunded.



the durability of steel. The term, triple dutied, is applied to this type of ware because food may be cooked, stored and re-heated in just Broken by Mountains

Haiti, one of the most romantic of the Caribbean countries, is divided by three mountain ranges, running from east to west, which separate this tropical land into a peter, cryolite, tin oxide, feldspar, series of isolated valleys which are eroken up into many small parcels of land.

Replace Fuse

A fuse is really an electrical safety valve. Tampering with a blown out fuse is like tying down the safety valve on a steam boiler. When a fuse blows, correct the trouble and replace the burned out fuse with a hew one of proper size.

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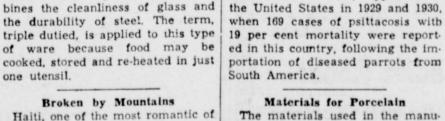
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come from all over the world, and

include borex, cobalt oxide, salt

require a dry period of six to eight weeks for rebuilding their bodies. They should be fed plenty of good roughage plus additional grain to put them in good flesh prior to freshening.



Folks Dou Tknow

turned the last of the week from Johnson and family of Waco. Carlsbad, N. M, where they spent Christmas in the home of their son, Lee Roland and family. Little Monnette Latham returned with her grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gibbins and daughter, Beverly, of Lubbock attended a district meeting of educational visited here the last few days with leaders. Mrs. Gibbins' mother, Mrs. J. I. Murtishaw, and her sister, Mrs. Ell Hatley.

Miss Mozelle Turney of New London is spending a holiday vacation with her mother, Mrs. Fred O. Green. She is a home econom ics teacher at New London.

af Eastland are the parents of a Cafe daughter, Carolyn Sue, born Dec. 11. The baby weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces. Dalton is a son of attendance: Bill Garrett and wife, Mar-

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Mathers and dock and wife and Paul Brown and wife. children of Del Monte, Calif., and visited over Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russ Mathers at Silver.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank each and everyone who contributed to the fund raised on Christmas Eve by the Boy Scouts and their scoutmaster for the purpose of helping that the collector will call on the Baylor family through an ex- business houses and offices only tremely difficult period. Illness for the collection of water achas kept Mrs Walker in bed over counts. Residential water sub- towers. Leeper Supply Co. 58 days and in the hospital most scribers will please come to the of that time. Only those who City Hall not later than the 15th have undergone a similar experi- or each month to pay water acence can fully realize the gratitude counts. If water accounts are we hold in our hearts. The only not paid by the 15th of the month way we know to thank you is ask and service discontinued, there God's blessing for each one of you will be a service charge of \$1.00 and your loved ones. We thank for turning the water on again .- dog; anyone knowing his whereeach of you .-. Mr. and Mrs. Baylor By order of the City Commission, abouts please notify O. P. Wyatt, Walker and Family.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Smith entertained a group of relatives at Christmas dinner including Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Johnson of Bronte, also the Leslie Mitchells of Salt Gap, Nelson Johr-Mr. and Mrs. A. E Latham re- son and wife of Prairie Hill, and Sewell

> Bobbie Baker and Vaughn Davis were in the Ritz theatre at Ballinger Monday night when a fire broke out. They were among the last to leave the building and soon after they had crossed the street the the following relatives and friends at front of the theatre burst out in flames dinner Christmas night: F. C. Clark and

No injuries were reported. The boys had gone to Ballinger with Bob L. Davis who

Pete Davis has been seriously ill this week at a hospital in Colorado City, where he is suffering a heart attack. A former well known Robert Lee resident, Pete is

employed by the Craddock Motor Co. at Colorado City. Mrs. Nina Williams of San Angelo,

deputy grand matron of the Eastern Star, will make an official visit to the Robert Lee chapter next Thursday, Jan. 9. Proceding the meeting a dinner will be ser-Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Millican ved to officers and members at the Club

Mrs. W. H. Bell was hostes at a Christmas dinner with the following relatives in Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Millican of cus Turner and wife, R. E. Lowery and wift, Bob Lowery, Jr., A. J Bilbo and family, F. C. Clark and wife, Bill Crad-

Mr. and Mrs. Ell Hatley spent Christ-Letha Mathers of Denver, Colo., mas with the Delbert Vestal family at Ballinger.

> Mrs. J. H. May and daughter, Carol, of San Diego, Calif., are guests in the home of the former's sister, Mrs. Viola Gram-

NOTICE To Water Subscribers: Our City Commission has ruled of Robert Lee, Texas.

Sunday dinner guests at the Freeman , TLANSTREETERSTRE Clark home were Mrs. J. S. Craddock, Sr., Mrs. J. S. Craddock, Jr. and baby, Mrs. Bill Craddock, Mrs. J. A. Clift and Freeman's brothers.

Joe Dodson, Jr. started work this week in the M System store, succeeding Mrs' Marcus Turner, who has accepted a position as office assistant to Bob L. Davis, newly elected county judge.

Mr. and Mrs. Chism Brown entertained wife, John Brown and family, Bill Craddock and wife of Colorado City, B. Jarmon, wife and son of Austin, and P. Brown snd wife, Otto Schertz and wife, and Arch Lewis, Jr., wife and daughter

of San Angelo. Guests in the D. M. Millican home at

Silver on Christmas Day included L. R. Rogers and wife and Claud Rogers and wife of Lamesa, Dalton Millican and family of Eastland, Frances Millican and family of Robert Lee, Gerald Millican of Stephenville and Miss Eva Jo Johnson of Waldon, Ark.

WANT ADS

For Sale-Coleman irons and lanterns. Leeper Supply Co. For Sale-Real good cook stove

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Wanted-I am prepared to do ironing at my home. Mrs. Gilford Lord. lp

cheap. P. H. Havins.

Lost-Ladies wrist watch lost between the Mrs. N. C. Brown and Bonnie Mundell homes. Yellow gold Elg n, black ribbon band with yellow gold fittings. Finder please leave with Chism Brown and receive reward. Mrs. N. C. Brown. w2c

For Sale-6, 8 and 10 foot Aermotor double geared windmills and

Wanted---Gravel and sand hauling, or any kind of heavy hauling for a dump truck. See J. C. Hale.

For Sale-Good wood cook stove and wood heater. Dr. J. K. Griffith

Lost or strayed-Black collie phone 5922.



Also Laurel and Hardy in "Their First Mistake" and News SUNDAY 1:30 & 3:30 and MON., JAN. 5-6 Ingrid Bergman-Gregory Peck in Also Bugs Bunny "Spellbound" WEDNESDAY ONLY, JAN. 8 Alan Ladd-Geraldine Fitzgerald in "O. S. S." Also Cartoon **TEXAS THEATRE** Bronte, Texas FRIDAY-SATURDAY, JAN. 3-4 John Garfield-Eleanor Parker in "Pride of the Marines" Also Cartoon and News SUNDAY 1:30 & 3:30 also MON., JAN. 5-6 "The Outlaw" Also "The Cross Eyed Bull"

Gary Cooper-Merle Oberon in

"Cowboy and the Lady"

Robert Lee, Texas

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Plenty of Kraft Miracle Whip