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Father, 2 Daughters Die of Burns

Throngs Attend Funeral Rites For Victims of Tragedy

Funeral rites for Otis K. Rabb and his daughters, Madeline and Thelma, were conducted at 2 p. m. Monday at the Baptist church in Robert Lee, with arrangements in charge of the Clift funeral home. A comforting sermon was given by the pastor, Rev. Fred Blake, who used the Twenty-third Psalm as a text. The prayer was given by Rev. J. H. Estes, pastor of the Methodist church. A community choir made up of thirty voices sang three hymns, with a solo being given by Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough. Mrs. Cortez Russell was the pianist.

The services were largely attended, hundreds being unable to gain admission to the church. Present for the funeral were a number of friends of Mr. Rabb who were with him in the service and on the construction project where he has been employed. Robert Leeschools were dismissed for the day and teachers as well as pupils attended the funeral. A profusion of flowers bespoke the great esteem in which the family is held in the community, and love and affection of the school children for Madeline and Thelma.

Burial was at Paint Creek cemetery, 12 miles west of Robert Lee, in the community where the Rabb family resided. Hundreds of friends made up the cortege to the burial ground. Otis K. Rabb was born Aug. 4, 1899, and moved to Coke county with his parents when a small boy. His father, the late J. C. Rabb, prominent Coke county resident, died a few months ago. Otis married Miss Sally Goble Wilson Sept. 9, 1917. They established their home on the Wilson farm and he did considerable work on the county roads under direction of Commissioner T. R. Harmon.

He enlisted in the Navy C-B's in February 1943 and saw two years of service in the Pacific. He was discharged in July 1945. Last summer he accepted a position as heavy equipment mechanic with the Kay Williams Construction Co. and at the time of his death was on a project at Rankin.

His survivors include his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Jessie Shaw (Frances) of Odessa, and Carrie Catherine, 16, a high school sophomore, and two sons, Wilfred Gene Rabb, Yeoman 2-c, stationed at the Naval Base at Dutch Harbor, Alaska, and Larry, aged 7. Also his mother, Mrs. J. C. Rabb of Robert Lee; three brothers, Joe of Fort Worth, Carlos of Roswell, N. Mex., and Thurman of San Angelo; and two sisters, Hilda and Pauline Rabb, Bakersfield, Calif. Carrie Catherine has been residing with her grandmother since the death of her grandfather last October. Survivors also include a grandson, Jimmie Kincade Shaw, 6 months old, and an uncle, Charles Coulson, Sterling City druggist.

Madeline was born July 8, 1934, and was a pupil in the seventh grade of the Robert Lee schools. Thelma was born May 15, 1936. She was a fourth grade pupil. Both were lovely children. They were exceptionally bright and happy

VICTIMS



OTIS K. RABB



MADELINE RABB



THELMA RABB

Community Meeting

A special meeting has been called for next Thursday night, Jan. 16, to be held at the court house starting at 7:30 o'clock, when the matter of reorganizing a civic club will be discussed. A committee from the Abilene Junior Chamber of Commerce will be on hand. Every person interested in community betterment is invited and urged to attend. A dutch lunch and smoker will follow the meeting.

Marvin Simpson returned Friday from a San Angelo hospital and is reported to be somewhat improved.

and were great favorites of their teachers and schoolmates.

Wilfred Rabb Delayed

Concern has arisen over the whereabouts of Wilfred G. Rabb, who is thought to be on his way home from Alaska. When tragedy struck his family Saturday, resulting in the death of his father and two little sisters, he was contacted at the Dutch Harbor Naval Base where he is stationed. Later that evening a telegram was received from him advising that he was leaving for home Sunday by plane. No further word has been received and the Red Cross has been asked to help locate him. Dutch Harbor is out on the western tip of the Alaska mainland, 800 miles west of the principal interior city of Anchorage. Wilfred was sent to Dutch Harbor a few months ago. He is a yeoman in the personnel office.

Bank Pays 5 Pct.; Re-elects Directors

At the annual meeting of stockholders of the Robert Lee State Bank here Tuesday, all officers and directors were re-elected. The institution had a very successful year, during which time deposits reached an all-time high of more than three quarters of a million dollars.

It was voted to add \$2,500 to the surplus fund and a dividend of 5 per cent was distributed. This is the first dividend to be paid since all earnings have been used to build up a surplus fund which now stands at \$17,500.

The undivided profits account now shows \$9,835 which is about \$1,000 more than a year ago, after the dividend was paid and the \$2,500 transferred to surplus. Ten years ago a valuation of \$5,500 was carried on the building and fixtures but this figure has been reduced to \$750 on the building and \$350 for fixtures.

Deposits are off a little since the middle of last year, but the total is \$50,000 over this time a year ago. A substantial gain in deposits has resulted from oil lease rentals coming into the community. A considerable amount of loans have been paid off during the year, and \$30,000 in new GI loans have been acquired.

The Robert Lee State Bank has 11 stockholders. Officers and directors include: Willis Smith, president; Gerald Allen, vice president; T. A. Richardson, cashier; D. R. Campbell and R. C. Russell, directors.

Buys New Equipment

A valuable new piece of equipment installed this week by John H. Brown in his blacksmith shop is an Oster pipe and bolt threading machine. It will enable him to thread pipe from small sizes up to 2 inches, and bolts as large as an inch and a quarter. Mr. Brown announces that he will put in a complete stock of pipe this spring.

Tragic Deaths Follow Explosion of Kerosine

Otis K. Rabb And Children Lose Lives

Fire from an exploding can of kerosene brought tragedy to a Robert Lee family Saturday morning, causing the death of Otis K. Rabb, 48, and his two little daughters, Madeline, 12, and Thelma, 9 years old.

Seriously burned was Mrs. Rabb, who suffered secondary burns about her hands, forearms and face, but is recovering. Larry, 7 year old son of the Rabbs, was outside the house at the time of the blast and escaped injury.

The four room Rabb house 7 miles southwest of Robert Lee burned to the ground, with all their household possessions. Clift's ambulance was used to rush Mr. and Mrs. Rabb to the San Angelo hospital, while the two girls were taken by neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Childress.

Death came to Madeline about 5 p. m. Her father died a half hour later, and then Thelma.

The family had just finished breakfast and gone into another room. The fire in the heater had died down and Mrs. Rabb attempting to revive it with kerosene from a 5 gallon can. Her husband was standing next to her and the two daughters were back of the stove.

Curiously enough, Mr. Rabb, who was holding the can of kerosene, was not burned by the explosion. She tore the flaming clothes from her daughters and husband but her hands became so badly burned that she was unable to loosen her husband's belt or remove his boots.

Nearby neighbors who rushed over after seeing the house ablaze included the Henry Childress, Floyd Harmon and Sloan Boone families. Their account of the pitiable condition of the burned victims is heart rending. Clothing was entirely burned off the girls, who had run up onto a knoll 75 yards back of the house. Their little bodies were burned from head to foot. Otis also suffered 100 per cent burns, and his clothing was gone except for his leather boots. He was on the ground a short distance from the house and unable to get up.

The explosion is thought to have occurred about 8:30 in the morning. At the hospital physicians knew immediately that the three could not recover. They were conscious until a short time before their deaths, and did not suffer

from pain throughout the day.

At first it was thought Mrs. Rabb had but a slight chance for recovery, and that she would be sure to loose her hands. However, she has improved rapidly and her hands are healing.

Mr. Rabb, who had been employed on construction work at Rankin, had come home the previous night to spend the weekend with his family.

Bodies of Mr. Rabb and his daughters were brought to the Clift funeral home here Sunday afternoon.

The tragedy is one of the worst that has ever visited Coke county, and there is no other instance in which a single family suffered three deaths.

Relief Fund Will Aid Stricken Family

The community has responded generously toward the relief fund being raised for the Rabb family. Plight of the stricken family is realized by the fact their clothing and household goods were totally destroyed, while there has been doctor and hospital bill and funeral expenses.

W. B. Clift, funeral director, is reported to have figured all his charges at cost, but hospital bills have been large and it still is not known how long Mrs. Rabb will have to be treated.

Soon after the tragedy occurred A. B. Sheppard and Johnny Williams began taking subscriptions for the relief fund, and Mr. Clift has also helped. Enough funds have already been raised to take care of current expenses. Johnny Williams is acting as treasurer of the fund.

Persons who have not yet contributed are invited to do so. It is thought former residents now living at a distance may wish to help. They are requested to mail their contributions to Johnny Williams at Robert Lee.

More information concerning the relief fund will be published next week.

Domino and 42 Party

The Amercian Legion Auxiliary will sponsor a domino and 42 party next Saturday from 1 to 9 p. m. in the building north of J. C. Snead's barber shop. One hour of play will be 15 cents. Coffee and cookies will be served. The public is invited to attend and enjoy the fun. The Legion Auxiliary ladies have a far reaching program for helping disabled veterans and funds are badly needed in their treasury.



INSTRUMENT OF MERCY . . . A hundred and fifty thousand dimes, contributed in the 1946 March of Dimes, paid for the fully equipped mobile emergency unit, three views of which are shown above. In addition to moving emergency patients, the unit serves as a training center and auxiliary hospital facility when needed. The unit proved its worth during the severe epidemic last summer.

CEASELESS WAR

High Polio Toll Gives Impetus To March of Dimes Campaign

WNU Features.

With latest reports compiled by National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis indicating that the year 1946 witnessed the most severe epidemic of polio in the history of the foundation, concerted effort is being centered on the 1947 March of Dimes which opened throughout the nation on January 15.

The national foundation, spearhead organization in the ceaseless war against the greatcrippler, is directing agency for the annual March of Dimes campaign. The drive will be concluded January 30.

Heavy expenditures resulting from the nationwide 1946 epidemic have dipped deeply into the foundation's funds, directors assert in urging generous support for the 1947 solicitation to provide means for coping with any emergency in the future. The March of Dimes, they add, is the only method employed by the foundation to raise money to finance its many activities.

Fatalities Decline.

Figures compiled by the foundation disclose that in 1946 there were more than 24,000 cases of infantile paralysis, with fatalities running between 5 and 10 per cent. In the year 1916, before the foundation was organized, the greatest polio epidemic in history was recorded. That year 27,363 cases were reported by 23 states, fatalities running as high as 25 per cent.

The sharp decrease in fatalities is attributed in part to the persistent educational program waged since the foundation was started in 1938, which brought about better diagnosis and early hospitalization. At the same time improved therapeutic methods were credited with prevention of many cases of permanent crippling.

Hardest hit during 1946, according to foundation figures, was the Mississippi valley region, where Minnesota headed the list of heavily hit states with a total of 2,813 cases. However, Florida on the east coast and California on the west coast, also were seriously affected, and other widely scattered regions were hard hit as well.

Adhering to its policy of leaving half of all funds collected during the March of Dimes with its local county chapters, the foundation left more than eight million dollars with these chapters during January, 1946. Up to November 1, more than 360 of these chapters had entirely depleted their shares of this fund and had to call upon the foundation for help. This help reached the sum of more than four million dollars.

Emphasize Research.

Besides supplying local chapters with emergency funds the foundation used its share of March of Dimes collections in furthering a concentrated and widespread program of research into causes and possible cures of the malady, and in training doctors, physical therapists, epidemiologists and other "front line" soldiers in the war against polio. A considerable amount also was spent on public education, and during 1946 more than six million pieces of literature on the disease were distributed free. During the last fiscal year nearly two million dollars was expended for research activities.

The foundation emphasizes that no victim of polio, regardless of age, race, creed or color, need go without the best available care through lack of funds.

Infantile paralysis, the statement points out, is among the most unpredictable of diseases. No one knows when or where it will strike—but until research finally finds the

answers to many puzzling questions still obscured, there is one sure thing about polio—and that is that it will strike.

No Group Immune.

Despite its name, it can strike and has struck persons of all age groups, although the age group five to nine appears to be most susceptible. Boys seem to be slightly more susceptible than girls, and there is no evidence to show that any one race is more immune to its ravages than any other.

What is important at this stage, the report says, is that a doctor be consulted as soon as the disease is suspected—and sometimes the symptoms so closely resemble those of a common cold that no chances should be taken. Early diagnosis and hospitalization may prevent death or permanent crippling, the report stresses, and the early services of a competent medical man are absolutely essential.

In discussing the future, the report expresses confidence that the cause and a prevention of the dreadcrippler will be found. In the meantime, it is pointed out, the public has every assurance that March of Dimes funds, distributed by local chapters in their territories, have made possible the best available care and purchased the most up-to-date equipment regardless of cost, so that any foreseeable exigency can be met.

Aid is Assured.

Behind the local chapters stands the national foundation, carrying on its program of public education and research, and ready to send aid to any county which may deplete its funds through unusual epidemic conditions.

The work will go on, the foundation promises. Funds collected during the 1947 March of Dimes will replenish exhausted treasuries so that when the 1947 polio season rolls around—sometime in the late spring and through the summer—the nation will be ready.



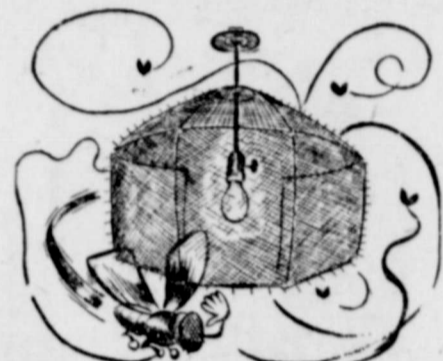
Electro-Agriculture Leads Farm Planning

Federal Government Attacking Problem

Science is keeping pace with electro-agriculture, planning and developing new methods for easing the farmers' burdens and attacking troublesome problems with "atomic age" devices in Buck Rogers fashion.

Farm electrification division of United States department of agriculture proposes to consider six of these problems next year. High on the list is control of insect pests through use of electric lamps and light traps. Insects will be subjected to a wide variety of tests to determine color and intensity of light which best attracts them to an incandescent doom.

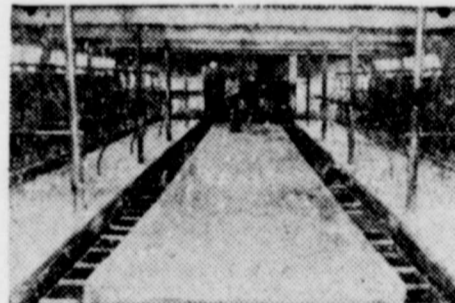
The division also will experiment with the use of infra-red heaters to dry seeds and provide thermal



therapy treatments for farm animals. It will consider the use of ultrasonic vibrations for treating seeds and delve the limitations, cost and influence of bactericidal lamps in animal shelters and storage cellars. Bactericidal lamps have grown in popularity recently with poultrymen and dairymen to control respiratory diseases among chickens and sterilize dairy equipment.

Another top project to be considered is development of electrical equipment to aid farmers in performing chores. Since from 20 to 80 per cent of a farmer's time is spent in doing chores, the division feels that electricity can be put to greater use in taking over more routine jobs than is now the case. Experimental work also will be done in determining proper standards of construction for general purpose refrigerators for farm use.

Banish Barn Drudgery By Mechanical Cleaner

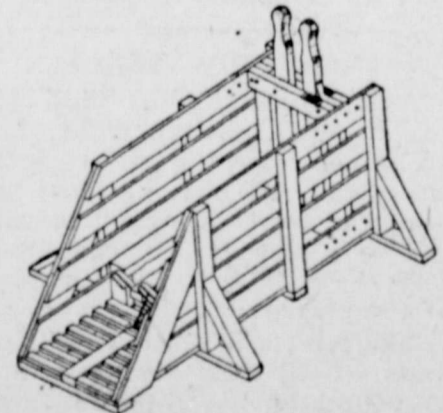


The automatic barn cleaner will remove manure from both gutters at the same time.

Where the surroundings are clean, the problem of preparing cows for milking is simplified. With the better barn cleaners, such as the Crown illustrated above, the only hand work required is the walk along the gutter with a scraper and see to it that the manure actually gets into the gutter.

The cleaner, at the touch of an electric button, removes the manure from the gutter and elevates it into a spreader located outside the barn.

Hog Breeding Crate



The breeding crate allows the breeder to use a mature boar on immature gilt or vice versa without danger of injury, and it conserves the vigor of the boar.

The crate shown is constructed so it can also be used as a holding crate for ringing, ear tagging or vaccinating. This crate was designed by Kansas State college.

RELIEF FROM CAMPUS GRIND

College Students Given 'Time To Think'

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA. — Coe college students in the future will be given "time to think!"

A day off "now and then" will be granted so students can study, talk to their teachers or "just sit and think through" some of their academic and social problems, it was announced by Byron Hollingshead, young president of the local college.

Faculty members will stick around the campus for informal conferences, "preferably over a cup of coffee in the grill," Hollingshead said. Library and reference rooms will remain open. The day will be selected well in advance by the faculty executive committee and the student council.

Availing that "right now modern education defeats its own purpose," the young educator declared:

"It's impossible to get an education in the modern colleges because the colleges make it impossible by rushing the student through the curriculum."

The average college, he insisted, is cursed by "entirely too much teaching and too little learning." "It's about time we gave our students a chance to sit back and think about what they're told," he added.

Further relief from the campus grind also is assured Coe students. Administrators hope eventually to give them a week's vacation from classes when it counts the most—right before final exams.

New Device Tests Drunk Drivers

EAST LANSING, MICH. — Latest device introduced by Michigan state police in an attempt to curb highway accidents is an "intoximeter," an on-the-spot, roadside chemical test for drunk drivers.

All patrol cars in the state will be equipped with the newly-developed device by mid-March, according to Capt. Caesar J. Scavadara, head of the state police traffic division.

The device has a two-fold purpose: To eliminate miscarriages of justice resulting when persons are charged with drunk driving be-

cause they are sick, injured or have taken drugs; and to provide police with a "foolproof" method of proving intoxication.

The intoximeter, enclosed in a small cardboard cylinder, permits a police officer to make an on-the-scene test for intoxication subject to later check by a technician.

The motorist or pedestrian involved in an accident or giving signs of intoxication blows up a small rubber balloon attached to the device, the officer clocking the time required for a red fluid in a glass tube to become colorless.

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Lemons, dozen	37c	-	Limes, dozen	19c
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 GARLIC, pound - - - 19c

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10 pound Mesh Bag No. 1's	59c
Standards, 10 pound mesh bag	- - - 49c

CARROTS, south Texas, fine flavor	bunch 6½c
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Oranges doz 17c
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Steak Lb 49c	Cutlets Lb. 59c	

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Brisket	American	Half Pound Pkg
Roast Lb 29c	Cheese	33c

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Kraut No. 2½ can 2 for 25c

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 Rolling West brand Peas, No. 2 can 17c
 Valley Brand Spinach, No. 2 can 2 for 25
 Chef Boy ar De Spagetti Dinner 32c
 Billow Brand Fish Flakes, 15 oz. can 37c
 Libbys Deviled Ham ¼ can 2 for 29c
 Armours Corned Beef Hash 16 oz 29c
 Calif. Morning Peach Nectar, 16 oz. 19c

Dates Board Pack 14 oz cello pkg **19c**

Calif. Morning Apricot Nectar, 16 oz 19c
 Hunts Fine Quality Sliced or Halves in heavy syrup
 Peaches, No. 2½ can 29c
 Tri Valley Fruit Cocktail, No. 2½ 39c
 Nugget Tomato Juice, 46 oz. can 29c
 Golden whole peeled Apricots, 2½ 29c
 West Bay Pitted Red Cherries, No. 2 37c
 Citra Gold Pure Lemon Juice, 8 oz. 10c

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Van Camps Plain Chili, No. 303 jar 33c
 Whitsons Tamales, 16 oz. can 24c
 Extra Large Prunes, 1 lb. pkg. 29c
 Evap. Peaches, 1 lb. 18c 2 lb. 35c
 East Texas Ribbon Cane Syrup gal. 1.49
 Buffalo Tomato Puree, 4½ oz. 4c
 Sunland Brown and White
 Coconut, 4 oz. pkg. 17c

Drugs Drugs

Cashmere Bouquet Lotion, Giant Size 33c plus tax
 Wildroot Cream Oil, 60c size 47c plus tax
 Flashlight Batteries, Eveready, Ray-O-Vac 2 for 17c
 Aspirin Tablets, Box of 12 2c
 Vicks Vaporub, 1ge. jar 49c
 Cod Liver Oil, 4 oz. 49c
 Listerine Antiseptic, 1ge. size 59c

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

GOP Takes Over 80th Congress; President Cuts Wartime Powers; Industrial Pay Reaches Peak

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Opening of 80th congress saw Republican majority in limelight. At top, Senators Vandenberg (Mich.), Wherry (Neb.) and White (Me.). In middle, Senators Robertson (Wyo.), Bricker (Ohio) and Taft (Ohio). Bottom, Senators Cain (Wash.), Thye (Minn.) and McCarthy (Wis.).

CONGRESS:

Ready to Go

Taxes and labor legislation were scheduled for early consideration as the 80th congress convened under Republican leadership.

Veteran GOP luminaries held the reins as the session got underway. While seniority was acknowledged in the naming of the party's congressional command, the men named have proven their mettle in legislative wars and qualify for the positions.

One of the outstanding figures in the bi-partisan foreign policy developed by Secretary of State Byrnes, Arthur Vandenberg (Mich.) was the choice for president pro tem of the senate. Quiet, able Wallace White (Me.) took over the majority leadership of the senate while aggressive, conservative Kenneth Wherry (Neb.) was in line as the party whip in the upper chamber.

Joe Martin (Mass.) was the unanimous choice for speaker of the house but a battle developed for the majority leadership between the Taft and Dewey forces. Although charged with being a Dewey man, Charles A. Halleck (Ind.) vowed impartiality and obtained the position after a brief struggle. It is within the power of a majority leader to advance or push certain legislation, hence the importance of the post to factions seeking to build up their prestige.

LIVESTOCK:

Halt Mexican Imports

Veterinarians were scheduled to check every Mexican animal imported into the U. S. since reopening of the border October 17 for the dreaded hoof and mouth disease following reports that the malady had broken out in three Mexican states.

At the same time, Republican congressmen revealed their intention to probe President Truman's reopening of the border last fall in the effort to provide additional livestock to relieve the acute meat famine then prevailing. It was charged that Mexico never has eradicated the disease because of lax supervision of imports from other South American countries afflicted with the sickness. Of seven outbreaks of the hoof and mouth disease in the U. S. since 1870, the last two occurred in 1924. Highly communicable, hoof and mouth disease blisters the feet and mouth of cattle, affecting their ability to move freely and eat normally.

WHITE HOUSE:

Steals Thunder

Beating congress to the punch, President Truman officially proclaimed the end of hostilities to terminate government powers under 20 laws and mark 33 others for expiration within six months to five years. Loosely, the period of hostilities is supposed to cover actual fighting.

Mr. Truman did not call for an immediate cessation of the states of emergency proclaimed in 1939 and 1941 nor of the state of war, reveal-

ing that he would recommend action on these measures to congress. A state of emergency is designed to cover any situation deemed critical to the country while a state of war is considered to prevail until the signing of peace treaties.

In terminating hostilities, the President:

- Reduced wartime taxes on liquor, beer, wines, fur, luggage, jewelry, telephone and telegraph service, transportation, electric bulbs and billiard and pool tables to prewar levels.
- Ended government power to seize privately owned mines and plants.
- Scheduled the end of price supports for farm products for 1948.

LABOR:

Pay Up

Losses of 107,475,000 man days of work during the first 11 months of 1946 due to strikes partly were offset by increased wages and shorter hours over the comparable 1945 period, the department of labor reported.

Time lost in walkouts set an all-time peak, even topping the embattled postwar year of 1919, the department said. As against the 107,475,000 man days lost this year, 30,307,000 were lost in 1945; 8,336,000 in 1944, and 16,089,000 for the 1935-'39 prewar period.

Industrial pay hit new tops following the year's bitter labor disputes. Average weekly earnings in the bituminous coal industry rose to \$62.54 on an increased work week, but other pay jumped appreciably despite shorter time. Figures for different industries follow:

	Average weekly earnings	% change	Average weekly hrs.	% change
All iron, steel, and products	\$45.68	+11.5	40.4	-2.8
Blast furnaces, steel works, rolling mills	49.85	+7.6	40.3	-6.0
Electric machy.	50.43	+8.2	38.8	-9.2
Autom.	48.50	+14.3	40.9	-8.8
Meat packing	52.80	+11.9	35.3	-2.2
Oil refining	43.06	-3.9	37.5	-19.4
Tires, tubes	57.39	+8.0	40.0	-5.1
Mining	57.19	+15.1	38.1	-4.8
Anthracite	61.82	+9.9	39.2	-4.8
Metal (iron, copper, lead)	49.58	+6.8	41.0	-7.6
Telephone	44.30	+6.3	39.1	-7.5

FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

Border Problem

As first intimated in Secretary of State Byrnes' historic Stuttgart address September 6, the U. S. will press for revision of Germany's eastern border when the Big Three meet in Moscow March 10 to discuss a peace treaty for the Reich.

Backed by Britain, the U. S. will seek restoration of Pomeranian and Brandenburg farmlands given to Poland by Russia after the end of the war. While the U. S. intends to press for a return of this territory, it will accede to the cession of the rich industrial section of Silesia and half of East Prussia to the Poles.

The U. S. position for restoration of Pomerania and Brandenburg to Germany is based on the fact that these regions comprise 25 per cent of the Reich's best farmland and the country would suffer a serious food deficiency if the land is not returned.

POTATOES:

Huge Loss

As much as 20 million bushels of government-owned potatoes may go to waste following U. S. support of the 1946 crop in the face of a sagging market.

Originally, the government held title to 100 million bushels as the result of a bumper harvest. Making good on its agreement to maintain prices at least 90 per cent of parity, the U. S. bought substantial stocks and covered other commitments with loans, redeemable if the market rose. The huge waste is expected to follow from rotting of the potatoes in inadequate storage on the farms.

To escape total loss, the government resold millions of bushels to distillers and livestock feeders at bargain prices. Distillers of beverage and industrial alcohol bought over 26 million bushels. About 525,000 bushels were resold for export to famine areas, with the amount held down by perishability and high transport costs.

Public institutions and school lunch programs received about one million bushels of the surplus potatoes free.

U. N.:

Pursue Disarmament

The question of disarmament proceeded on its labyrinthine course in the United Nations.

As a struggle shaped over formulation of an atomic control measure, the Russians asked the 11-nation security council to proceed full steam ahead on disarmament without waiting for final action on nuclear energy. Declaring that disarmament is the most important factor for strengthening peace and security, the Reds called for an agreement within three months at the latest.

Meanwhile, the pesky question of the veto snagged deliberations on control of atomic energy. While the United Nations' atomic energy commission approved of the U. S. plan and sent it to the security council to be worked out, Russia expressed opposition to the provision that no Big Five power be permitted to apply the veto to escape punishment for violating regulations. Since the Reds can use the veto in shaping control in the council, however, prolonged discussions loomed.

HOUSE:

Assail Reds

Noting a softening in the Russian attitude following U. S. implementation of a "get tough" policy with the Soviets, the special house committee on postwar economic planning headed by Representative Colmer (Dem., Miss.) and dominated by Democrats, urged a further tightening of relations with Moscow until it meets its international obligations and agrees to full control of atomic energy.

Drawn after a group of committee members had toured Europe, Russia and the Middle East, the report declared that an affirmation of reports that the Soviets were using German plants for rearming would justify a renunciation of the Potsdam agreement and a demand for the Communists to vacate the eastern occupation zone. Pointing up Russian rearmament policies, the report stated that the Soviets were concentrating on development of heavy industry convertible for war in their new five year plan.

Until the Russians agreed to play ball with the Allies, the committee recommended that the U. S. withhold appreciable financial assistance from the Soviets, curb the extension of technical assistance and industrial exports, and license the sales of American firms to the Reds.

COLLEGE:

Peak Enrollment

Taking full advantage of the G. I. bill of rights, vets constitute a large percentage of undergraduates attending educational institutions, a survey of 688 universities and colleges disclosed.

Compiled by Dr. Raymond Walters, president of the University of Cincinnati, the study showed that of 1,718,862 students at the 688 schools, 714,477 were ex G.I.s. In addition, 150,000 vets were enrolled at 650 junior colleges and thousands more at several hundred other schools, bringing the grand total of G.I.s to slightly more than half of 2,000,000 students.

With ambitious vets availing themselves of generous educational opportunities, current full-time enrollments at the 688 top universities and colleges are at peak levels, the survey showed. Roughly, they are 57 per cent above the 1939 figure and twice that of 1945. Two men are enrolled to every woman whereas the wartime ratio was three women to two men.

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 Not only to the Christian people, but to the unsaved, those of you who are not Christians, that have a background and a past as black as the abyss of hell. If you would forget the past years gone by and look forward to the Cross of Jesus Christ and be saved in His name and by His shed blood, New Years would be the happiest days you ever spent.
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Robert Lee Doctor Is 81 Years Young

Congratulations are being extended to Robert Lee's highly esteemed physician, Dr. J. K. Griffith, who was 81 years old Monday, Jan. 13. He is hale and hearty, and much more active than most persons of his age.

He has been practicing medicine 55 years and wants to retire, but as yet it has been impossible to get a new man to take over his practice here. Until another man comes in the community hopes Dr. Griffith will continue, although each year he vows he is going to quit.

Graduating from the Kansas City Medical College in 1891, Dr. Griffith received degrees in medicine as well as dentistry. The school later became Kansas State University Medical School. He practiced in Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma and came to Texas in the early twenties. He was at Lawn a few years before locating in Robert Lee in the fall of 1927.

The doctor's hobby is sports, and just about any and all kinds of sports, since he likes football, base ball, hunting, fishing, etc. He's a rabid fan at all athletic contests.

Mrs. Griffith, too, is in good health. They were married the Christmas eve following his graduation from medical school in 1891. They have a son, Byron S. Griffith of Galveston, who operates a general agency for the American National Insurance Co., and three daughters, Mrs. D. W. Parrish of Abilene, Mrs. R. R. Wells of Quannah, and Mrs. D. P. Walling of Del Rio.

High School Athlete Enters Dairy Business

Jarvis Littlefield has purchased the dairy herd and equipment owned by Ernest Varnadore & Son, and plans to take over operation of the business within ten days.

He has leased the Mrs. N. C. Brown property in the east part of town, where he is now erecting a dairy building. The deal includes purchase of 15 head of cows, milking machine and other equipment.

Jarvis, who is the son of Mrs. A. W. Littlefield, has not yet reached his 18th birthday. He has been a star athlete in high school and will graduate at the end of the semester this week. Jarvis is a hard worker and despite his youth his friends predict that he will make a success of his first business venture.

Legion Auxillary

The Robert Lee unit of the American Legion Auxillary was entertained Tuesday night in the home of Mrs. Roy Casey, with 16 old members and two new members present. Plans were made for a month's membership campaign contest, with Mrs. Sam Williams and Mrs. Marcus Turner serving as captains. Losers in the contest will entertain the winners and Legionnaires. The Auxillary will meet next Tuesday night with Mrs. Grace Black. It was voted to hold regular meetings in the future on the first and third Tuesday nights, the same time Legion meetings are held. Following the business session a social hour was enjoyed and coffee and cake were served by the hostess.

Camp Barkley Buildings Bought By Local Men

J. C. Strickland and Bill Tom Roach have been successful in buying a number of buildings at the Camp Barkley army post which is being dismantled. The buildings are being moved to Robert Lee and will provide considerable housing facilities that are badly needed in the community.

Up to this week their purchases included ten squad huts 16 x 16 feet, five barracks buildings 16 x 48 feet, and one supply building 20 x 52 feet. All have been moved here intact except the latter building which is being torn down.

They plan to make five double apartments which will be grouped about a central plumbing system, using the 16 x 48 ft. buildings for this purpose.

Five of the smaller buildings were re-sold to Gerald Allen, who will use them in this cabin camp at the intersection of the San Angelo and Bronte highways here. Three were sold to the Coke County Livestock Ass'n, one of the small buildings was purchased by Oren Fletcher, and 1 small and two 16 x 48 ft. structures were sold to Lloyd Phelan, who is moving to Robert Lee from Silver.

Strickland & Roach expect to buy more Camp Barkley buildings this week.

Missionary Meeting

The W. S. C. S. of the Methodist church met Monday afternoon in home of Mrs. C. S. Brown. Rev. Estes gave a talk on stewardship. Plans for the year were presented by the president, Mrs. R. S. Crum, and the Pledge Service was held. An installation service will take place next Sunday morning at the beginning of the 11 o'clock church service, when all officers are urged to be present.

J. L. Carwile of Sanco was taken to a San Angelo hospital on Sunday for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rampy of Mertzton spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lem Cowley.

Folks You Know

Bud Jones and family left Wednesday for Blythe, Calif., for a three months stay while the former trains race horses. Bud is taking out some of his own stock and will also handle horses which are owned there. The family will return to their ranch here in the spring. Buster Burson also went with Bud, taking his fine Quarter horse along, and will help train the horses.

Frank Preslar of Wyoming is in Robert Lee visiting among relatives and old friends.

Roy Braswell has accepted full time employment in the meat market at Roberts & Williams store.

Judge Bob L. Davis motored to McCamey Sunday where he visited in the home of his brother, O. W. (Jake) Davis. Jake's wife and little son came to Robert Lee with him for a week's visit with relatives.

Calvin Wallace was in attendance Tuesday night at a meeting of M System store managers in San Angelo. The meeting followed a dinner at the Cactus hotel.

Dr. Griffith reports that Mrs. W. L. Clawson is recovering from pneumonia.

Mrs. J. S. Craddock of Colorado City and her daughter, Maxine, who is teaching at Texas Tech in Lubbock, and Bob Wolfjin of Colorado City were Sunday guests in the T. M. Wylie, Jr. home. Little Mary Francis Wylie accompanied her grandmother home.

Delbert Vestal of Ballinger was in town one day this week on business.

Mrs. Allen Davis and children of Ballinger visited here Sunday in the parental Bruce Clift home.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wojtek went to Santa Anna Tuesday where Mrs. Wojtek consulted a physician.

The Runnels Baptist Association Training Union will be held at the Drasco Baptist church Sunday, Jan. 19, at 3 p. m. A number of Coke county church people plan to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. James Thomason moved their household goods back from Carlsbad, N. Mex., last week and again have established their home in Robert Lee. Jerry has been helping with extra work in the office of Clerk Willis Smith the past week.

Mrs. Bryan Gartman is much improved after an attack of pneumonia.

A representative of the Veterans Bureau will be at the county judge's office in Robert Lee next Thursday, Jan. 23. He will make trips here on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, and veterans are invited to contact him whenever they have problems which need help.

Mrs. J. S. Gardner was confined to her home with illness the first of the week. Her sister, Mrs. Dan Buchanan, came down from Colorado City to be with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brock spent Friday night with the Lawrence Ray Powells in Colorado City. On Saturday Mrs. Brock attended a Triple A district meeting at Big Spring and Saturday night they were guests of the Bill Lloyds in San Angelo.

Garden Club Meeting

At its first meeting of the new year Mrs. Dan Campbell entertained El Valle Garden Club on Jan. 8. Thirteen members were present and six visitors including Mrs. Ruge, Mrs. Eridges, Mrs. Willoughby and Mrs. Buttner of Bronte, and Mrs. Palmer Leeper and Miss Mettie Russell. Mrs. Fred Blake was leader of the program and Mrs. Cumbie and Mrs. Lewis were speakers. Refreshments of salad, wafers, fruit cake and coffee were served by the hostess.

Commissioners Court Holds First '47 Session

Coke County Commissioners Court held its first regular meeting of the year Monday at the court house. The session was devoted to transacting considerable county business. All members were present, including the new commissioner, W. J. Eads, and Judge Bob L. Davis presided.

A delegation from Bronte including D.K. Gleen, Fate Brunson and Will Gideon, met with the court and requested county assistance in moving a bridge from the old Angelo Road to a point nearer town. The commissioners agreed to meet with interested parties at the bridge site Wednesday morning.

The firm of Thos. Y. Pickett & Co., valuation engineers, were engaged to evaluate oil properties and utilities in Coke county, giving authorities a basis for assessments to be levied this year.

Salaries of county officials were fixed at the same figure as last year, with a small increase going to County Agent Travis B. Hicks. The court approved appointment of Maurine Davis and Jerry Thomason as deputies in the office of Clerk Willis Smith.

It was voted to improve the court house and grounds. New inside rooms and toilets will be constructed. The city of Robert Lee will be expected to help in the program for beautifying the lawn.

Buys Truck Line

Charlie Vowell is the new owner of the Robert Lee Truck Line, having purchased the business recently from A. E. Latham. The company has a daily freight service between San Angelo and Robert Lee and is one of the community's vital transportation services. Mr. Vowell moved here from Ozona. He is a son-in-law of G. E. Davis.

Stock Show Dates

Coke County's annual Livestock Show will be held Feb. 24-25, according to announcement made this week by the president, Wilson Bryan. Preparation are being completed for the biggest show ever held here.

Manson Lofton of Amarillo is here visiting his mother, Mrs. J. K. Lofton, and other relatives.

Basket Ball Games

Water Valley boys basket ball team splurged in the last quarter to defeat Robert Lee here last Friday night, 20 to 13. On Tuesday night of this week the Steers won 26 to 24 on the Water Valley court. Friday night Robert Lee plays in the tournament at Water Valley, meeting Rankin in the first round. Last week Bronte won a close game from Robert Lee, after the Bronte coach refused to play until Varnadore, Littlefield and Dean were taken out of the local lineup. The three boys will graduate at the end of the semester this week.

Cafe Changes Hands

Jodie and Ruth Williams have sold their interest in the City Cafe and the business is now owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Martin and their daughters, Ruby and Joy. The Martin girls have been connected with the cafe for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have not announced their plans for the future.

Piano Recital

Miss Ella Dee Wilson is presenting her pupils in a recital at the First Baptist church on Friday evening January 24 at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

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News From BRONTE

D. M. WEST, Correspondent

Bronte, Texas, Jan. 15—Mrs. Ira Lloyd, whose farm-ranch home is out a few miles recently had a unique experience. Mr. who is a World War I veteran is in a hospital at Waco. Mrs. Lloyd's son who is a World War II veteran is taking a course in pharmacy. This has forced Mrs. Lloyd to stay at home and operate farm and ranch by herself. But being afraid to stay at home at night by herself, she spends the nights at a nearby neighbors home.

Last summer during the excessively hot and dry weather, the field of corn she cultivated did not develop any corn. Therefore, she took her stainless steel butcher knife and began to cut the green stalks of corn and feed to her cattle. She did this until the field of corn completely dried up and died. She fed several acres this way. But one day she lost her butcher knife, which she prized very much because it was stainless steel and it was a part of a complete set of stainless steel tableware. She searched many times for it, but to no avail.

Just before, the holidays during the spell of beautiful sunshine weather she arose from bed at the home of the neighbor quite early, and started home just as the sun came up over the Eastern hills. As she walked home in the early morning sun she glanced out into the cornfield more than a fourth of a mile and the glare of something which resembled a glittering star large as her two hands shined into her eyes and blinded her with dazzling brightness. It almost frightened Mrs. Lloyd. She did not know whether to take it as divine omen or not. But keeping her gaze on the glittering object lest she might lose it, she went directly to it. When she got to it the lady readers of this, at least, will know her surprise and her joy when she discovered that the "glittering star" which had fallen to the earth was her long-lost and much-seached-for stainless steel butcher knife.

Mrs. Verna Allen returned to

Ballinger Saturday to make her home after some weeks in Bronte with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Palmer. Mrs. Allen moved to Ballinger early in the fall and made her home for some time. But she had to give up her apartments and could find no place to live. She was offered another apartment the other day and, therefore, she went back Saturday again to make her home there.

Wesley Labenske who lives in the Hayrick community ten miles northwest of Bronte, was in Bronte Saturday. Mr. Labenske reported that his livestock weathered the cold spell very well, but he fed his stock through the snow which made his feed bill very high.

Mrs. Eulalia Carter of Menard is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Richards, at their farm home four miles east of Bronte.

Mrs. Kate Proffitt returned to her home at Clifton Sunday, after several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Mary Gray—she was pleased with Bronte.

Many Bronte people who knew the Otis Rabb family, near Robert Lee, are greatly shocked and grieved at the tragic death of Mr. Rabb and two children in the accidental fire that destroyed their home Saturday morning.

George Taylor who ranches seven miles south of Bronte reports that his livestock came through the snow in "pretty fine shape." Mr. Taylor is optimistic as to the future saying that the large snow and good rains will bring an abundance of grazing soon in the wheat and oat fields.

The New Year begins with rosy prospects for the writer as to good literature to read. He gratefully acknowledges a fine book, "The Upper Room," from Rev. Geo. McCrary, pastor of the Bronte Methodist church. And good books have been coming regularly from the writer's niece, who is a teacher in Ft. Worth schools. Therefore she knows good books. She has sent several copies at different times of "The Upper Room." It is a Methodist book but is check

full of reading that will encourage and stimulate one when he is prostrate on his bed. In this public way we want to say "thank you" to Rev. McCrary and the little niece yonder in Fort Worth, for the comfort, rest and entertainment their thoughtfulness has brought. Had it not been for good books and radio these long months we have been stricken, we do not know how we could have endured.

Small Cotton Crop

J. D. Luttrell, manager of the Farmers Cooperative gin, the only gin in Bronte, states that he has ginned this season 194 bales of cotton. Mr. Luttrell states that he will run his gin only one more day and that will be when all the farmers have finished gathering their cotton. Then he will set the day for ginning. He says there will be only six more bales, making an even 200 bales this season.

"This shows," Mr. Luttrell stated to The Observer reported, "how cotton production has been reduced in the Bronte section. Bronte used to have three gins and we ginned 7,500 bales of cotton. Now only one gin runs and we have ginned the above amount. Cotton is no longer king in the Bronte section."

Ed Stevens was transacting business in San Angelo Monday.

J. D. Luttrell, Bronte's gin man, was in San Angelo Monday transacting business.

Joe Wilson was in San Angelo Monday, looking at the tall buildings and dodging cars.

The writer was delighted to meet Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Allen of Robert Lee in San Angelo Monday. We are delighted, too, that they have recovered their usual good health, following their recent illness. They both were looking like "sixteen-year-olds".

Their many old time friends are glad to know that Dr. and Mrs. Tom Percifull, after a residence of several years in Ark., are returning to West Texas. Dr. Percifull has bought the sanitarium that he formerly owned at Christoval and will have charge of same. Welcome home, dear old time friends.

REA Sponsors Program For New Users of Electricity

Coke county citizens are invited to attend an R. E. A. meeting Friday, Jan. 17, at 7 o'clock in the court house at Robert Lee. On this occasion specialists from West Texas Utilities will talk in a non commercial way on better living through electricity, show how greater farm production may be secured and more money made by farmers in the use of electricity. Some films will be used in the course of the program.

Lee Wood, West Texas Utilities agricultural agent, will tell about the general application of electricity to farm tasks; G. C. Osborn, Jr. will talk on the subject of wiring and lighting, while Vern Westbrook and Eudora Hawkins will discuss uses of various appliances.

The training school will be sponsored by the Coke County Home Demonstration Agent and Agricultural Agent. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

"Eat And Get Thin" An easy-to-follow 7 day diet that enables overweight people to reduce and eat well at the same time. Read this interesting article in The American Weekly, the magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

Henry Maples completed a course in beauty culture at the Jolley beauty school in San Angelo early this month. He is a brother-in-law of Mrs. Sam Williams.

SANCO NEWS

MRS. SAM FOWLER, Reporter

Mr. J. L. Carwile was taken to the Shannon hospital Sunday morning for an emergency examination. The trouble has not been diagnosed as yet.

Coke county Singing Convention will meet at Sanco Jan. 26, for all day. There will be dinner on the ground. Every body invited. Tell your neighbor.

Two new members into the Baptist church yesterday, one on a promise of letter the other as a candidate for baptism, making a total of three for baptism when a suitable place is found for the rites.

Frank Presler is visiting friends in Sanco and looking over the prospect of some oil lease, roaming around over his old home grounds.

Mrs. Bryan Gartman was pretty sick this weekend.

Mrs. Carwile is staying in San Angelo visiting with the Thomasons when she isn't at the hospital with Mr. Carwile.

Oil Lease Broker

H. L. Scott has set up an office here for the handling of oil properties. He has secured a license from the state and is permitted to buy and sell oil leases and royalties and act as agent in dealing all kinds of oil and gas properties. Mr. Scott has had previous experience in this line of work, having operated at Midland and Big Spring from 1928 to 1931.

The Methodist Church

J. H. ESTES, Minister

Horace Bushnell once said: "Every man's life is a plan of God" and Jeremy Taylor declared that plowman, artisan and merchant were "in their calling the ministers of the divine providence, and the stewards of creation, and servants of a great family of God."

The Stewardship Committee of the Methodist Church met last Sunday afternoon and decided to promote a study of The Stewardship of Life. Mrs. McNeil Wylie will be the teacher and group leader. The text will be "The Christian Motive and Method in Stewardship." The first meeting for this discussion will begin Sunday afternoon of January 26th at 3 o'clock. It is open to all who are interested and it is hoped that many will avail themselves of this opportunity. The three minute speaker for Sunday, Jan. 19th, will be T. B. Hicks.

Some change has been made for evening services and M. Y. F. meetings. The night preaching and worship service will be from 6:30 to 7:30 P. M. and the Methodist Youth Fellowship will follow with their program from 7:30 to 8:30 P. M. Doris Pettit was selected as program chairman and Miss Polly Peek, adult sponsor. For World Friendship and Recreation, Dixie Taylor, chmn. and Mrs. Estes as adult sponsor. You are cordially invited to attend.

Church School-----10.00 A. M.
Morning Worship-----11.00 A. M.
Evening Worship-----6.30 P. M.
M. Y. F. Meeting-----7.30 P. M.

Reserve District No. 11

State No. 1684

Report of Condition of

Robert Lee State Bank

of Robert Lee, Texas, at the close of business December 31, 1946

A state banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this State and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by Federal Reserve Bank of this district.

ASSETS

Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection.	234,496.48
U. S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	320,806.70
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	4,407.55
Corporate stocks (including \$1,200.00 stock of Federal Reserve Bank)	1,200.00
Loans and discounts (including \$2,194.08 overdrafts)	145,631.39
Bank premises owned \$750.00; furniture and fixtures \$350.00	1,100.00
Other assets	590.48
Total Assets	708,232.60

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	633,321.32
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	16,248.11
Deposits of states and political subdivisions	3,908.99
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	2,418.45
Total Deposits	\$655,896.87
Total Liabilities	655,896.87

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital	25,000.00
Surplus	17,500.00
Undivided profits	9,835.73
Total Capital Accounts	52,335.73
Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	708,232.60
This bank's capital consists of: Common stock with total par value of \$25,000.00.	

MEMORANDA

Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes----- 35,000.00

I, T. A. Richardson, cashier of the above named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
T. A. Richardson.

Correct--Attest: R. C. Russell, G. C. Allen, R. W. Smith, Directors

State of Texas, County of Coke, ss: Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of January, 1947.

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Waffles are hearty fare, and that's pleasing to those of you homemakers who have trouble giving the family enough nourishment on nippy days. Let them fill up on waffles in all their variety, and the whole family will be pleased as punch.

You won't be able to run through all these different suggestions I'm giving for waffles immediately, so clip the ideas and save them. They're wonderful to have on hand for the different occasions I've just mentioned, and your menus—whether for snack or breakfast—will never fall into doldrums.

Peanut butter waffles are tasty and have a softer crust than the ordinary waffle. They're breakfast fare, but may be served for a light supper with soup 'n salad.

Peanut Butter Waffles. (Makes 7 waffles)

- 6 tablespoons peanut butter
- 6 tablespoons fat
- 2 eggs
- 1 3/4 cups bottled milk
- 1 3/4 cups flour
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Cream peanut butter and fat together. Add beaten eggs and blend well. Add milk. Sift flour, measure and sift again with sugar, baking powder and salt. Add milk mixture to dry ingredients. Mix until smooth. Pour onto hot waffle iron and bake 3 to 5 minutes.

A good basic waffle recipe, may be varied in countless ways. The mixing is easy and need take but a few minutes.

Plain Waffles. (Makes 6 waffles)

- 1 3/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/4 cups milk
- 6 tablespoons melted butter or fat

Sift together dry ingredients. Beat eggs with an egg beater until light. Add milk and butter. Add this to sifted dry ingredients and beat until smooth. Bake on waffle iron according to manufacturer's directions.

Cheese Waffles: Add 1 cup grated cheddar cheese to above recipe with melted fat.



LYNN CHAMBERS' MENUS

- Ham a la King on Waffles
- Green Peas with Mushrooms
- Molded Carrot Salad
- Beverage Baked Apples

Chocolate Waffles: Add 2 squares of chocolate, melted, add 1/2 cup of sugar and 1 teaspoon of vanilla to batter. Serve with whipped cream for dessert.

Rice Waffles: Reduce flour to 1 1/2 cups, and add 1 cup of cold cooked rice to batter with the melted butter.

If your family is fond of waffles, then they're bound to like raised waffles for a change:

Raised Waffles. (Makes 9 to 12)

- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 3/4 cups scalded milk
- 1/4 yeast cake dissolved in 1/4 cup lukewarm water
- 2 cups flour
- 2 egg yolks
- 2 egg whites

Add sugar, salt and butter to milk. When lukewarm, add dissolved yeast cake and flour. Beat well. Let rise overnight (make evening before if you want waffles for breakfast). Add well-beaten egg yolks, then stiffly beaten whites. Bake in waffle iron.

Now, here's a grand variety of sauces that may be used with waffles for different occasions. These, of course, may be made up ahead to save time before serving, and kept stored in jars under refrigeration.

Ice Cream Sauce. (Serves 10 to 12)

- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Beat egg until light, add to sugar and beat well. Fold in melted butter and mix well. Fold in whipped cream and vanilla, then place mixture in refrigerator tray to chill.



Hot Fudge Sauce. (Makes 1 1/2 cups)

- 2 squares unsweetened chocolate
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 1/2 cups corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Cook chocolate and water over direct heat for 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat, add corn syrup. Simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add vanilla.

Butterscotch Sauce. (Makes 1 pint)

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup corn syrup
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/2 pint thin cream

Cook until a soft ball forms when tested in cold water. Remove from fire and serve hot or cold. Thin with cream, if desired.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for January 19

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JESUS INTERVIEWED BY NICODEMUS

LESSON TEXT—John 3:1-11, 16, 17.
MEMORY SELECTION—Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.—John 3:3.

How does one become a Christian? This was the question of Nicodemus, and it is the question in the hearts and minds of thousands in every generation. The answer is clear and definite.

The only entrance into the Christian life is by the door of the new birth. Regeneration is the act of God whereby the divine nature is imparted to the believing sinner and he becomes the child of God. He who has not entered by this way has not entered at all. He is still dead in trespasses and sins, without God and without hope (Eph. 2:1, 12).

I. The New Birth—a Necessity (vv. 1-7).

Our Lord's visitor was a man of distinction and standing in the community, but Jesus was not unduly impressed by the dignity and high station of his visitor, nor by the visitor's courteous acknowledgment of his own position as a great teacher. With decisive boldness Jesus declares that this man, a cultured and distinguished ruler of the Jews, must be born again, if he is to see the kingdom of God.

God is no respecter of persons. The doctor of divinity must be born again just as much as the illiterate fisherman. D. L. Moody once said that he was thankful it was to such a man as Nicodemus that Jesus presented the necessity of the new birth, or men would have said that only the down-and-outer needed to be saved.

Two reasons are given by our Lord for the "must" of verse 7: (1) The Kingdom of God is a spiritual Kingdom and cannot be entered by way of our human nature; and (2) "that which is born of the flesh is flesh" and is radically and essentially bad. To learn why that is true read Jeremiah 13:23 and Galatians 5:19-21.

Scripture on this point is almost diametrically opposed to much of the teachings in our schools and colleges. But God's Word is right; let us follow it.

II. The New Birth—a Mystery (vv. 8-11).

God has graciously revealed to us "all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge" of Christ (II Pet. 1:3). But it is true—and we say quite appropriately true—that he has some things hidden in his own blessed counsels. We know the experience of the new birth. We see the blessed results of regeneration. But what actually takes place is a divine mystery, not fathomable by human reason. Those who insist that all spiritual truth be put through the little norm of their intelligence will never understand it or receive its blessing (I Cor. 2:14).

The striking illustration of the life-giving and energizing wind used by our Lord is most illuminating. Wind is unseen, but the results of its movement are evident. Even so the spiritual rebirth of men is an enigma to the worldly man, but even he can see its results in godly living.

We know that regeneration is not only a possibility, but an actuality, a fact; in truth, the greatest of all facts.

III. The New Birth—a Reality (vv. 16, 17).

Just as there was healing and life in a look at the uplifted serpent in the wilderness (Num. 21:8), so there is life for a look at the Crucified One. Faith receives God's perfect provision for sin.

Verse 16 may well be regarded as the greatest sentence in the greatest Book in the world. It presents the whole plan of salvation—its source, its ground, its recipients, its condition, and its result.

This glorious salvation is for all men—"whosoever"—but some reject it. Notice that God does not condemn them. Their own evil works and desires condemn them (vv. 17-20). God in his grace is ready and willing to save, but men love "darkness rather than light," for their works are evil.

Will you, unbeliever who reads these lines, respond now to his gracious invitation?

Laugh and Drive Gloom Away

Worth Hire
Old Lady—Son, can you direct me to the savings bank?
Boy—Yessum, for a quarter.
Old Lady—Isn't that mighty high pay, my boy?
Boy—No'm, not for a bank director.

A Requisite
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Coke County Gets \$76,800 For Year's Conservation Work

There has been allocated to Coke county \$76,800 to be used as assistance to farmers in carrying out needed conservation practices during the 1947 program year. The Coke County ACA Committee, assisted by members of the community committees and other agricultural workers, have selected the practices considered as most needed in this county, for which assistance will be available. The practices selected are as follows:

1. Construction of terraces for which proper outlets are provided.
2. Construction of diversion terraces.
3. Construction of earthen dams or reservoirs for livestock water or erosion control.
4. Drilling or digging wells for livestock water.
5. Installing pipe lines for livestock water.
6. Contour furrowing noncrop pasture and range land.
7. Strip cropping on the contour.
8. Field strip cropping not on the contour.
9. Elimination of destructive plants on noncrop pasture and range land.
10. Reseeding range or pasture land by deferred grazing.
11. Plowing fireguards on noncrop open pasture and range land.
12. Establishing a satisfactory cover of winter legumes seeded in the fall of 1946.
13. Application of potash and phosphate other than raw rock phosphate.

Since we have been allotted a certain amount of funds it is necessary that an accurate account be maintained throughout the program year as to the amount being earned, therefore, it is very necessary for each producer that expects assistance in carrying out one of these selected practices to secure prior approval from the county ACA committee, by calling by the AAA office and filling your application.

When prior approval is issued the amount to be earned is charged against this county allotment, therefore, when the county allotment is obligated by prior approvals no additional practices can be approved.

The county committee recently elected by the farmers of Coke county to administer the program during the 1947 program year are: Clarence N. Webb, chairman, Tennyson; Wallace B. Clift, vice-chairman, Robert Lee; Grover C. Casey, member, Robert Lee; James B. Robertson, first alternate, and Dan K. Glenn, second alternate.

The 1947 farm program is in reality a farmer's program and the farmers have a lot of responsibilities in connection with same. Each farmer will be expected to secure prior approval for each practice for which he expects to get assistance. In addition to this, each

Washington Letter

Written Weekly By
CONGRESSMAN O. C. FISHER

With the New Congress marking time until committees are set up and organization work completed, things are quiet on Capitol Hill.

President Truman's message was well received. He stole some Republican thunder by calling for a balanced budget and economy in government spending. On the subject of labor legislation he was constructive and made some very sound recommendations designed to outlaw jurisdictional strikes and secondary boycotts. Both of these evils were prohibited in the Case Bill which the President vetoed last year. There are many other evils that must be coped with, however, if the power of labor czars is controlled and a workable formula set up for industrial peace.

If everything the President recommended were enacted into law tomorrow, John L. Lewis could still do the same things he has done in the past.

One of the worst features of our present system is the destructive effect of industry-wide strikes. That creates a vicious monopoly over human labor and the damage to the public is as bad or worse than big business monopoly. There is new legislation pending, which seeks to outlaw that evil. I am supporting that proposal.

Moreover, legislation to give the government the power to secure injunctions in cases of grave emergencies is in the mill and should be passed. A law to that effect would remove any question about the authority of the courts in cases such as the recent one involving John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers.

It now appears certain that labor legislation will be first on the agenda for the new Congress to act upon. On Tuesday evening of this week Congressman Case of South Dakota and I debated the need for legislation on this subject with two labor representatives, over the Mutual Broadcasting Company's American Forum of the Air. I shall have more to report from time to time on the progress we are able to make in the new Congress in the enactment of laws that will be fair to both management and labor and at the same time give the public the protection it deserves.

There was some relief to the taxpayer suggested in the announcement that in November the total number on the federal payroll was reduced by 111,000. The total on December 1 being 2,330,467. However, much remains to be done in that direction if we are to reduce the public debt and balance the budget. At present the annual payroll in the executive branch of the government is six and a half billion dollars. This is one and a half billion more than the entire government spent for all purposes in 1933.

Wilfred Gardner came from McCamey for a weekend visit with his mother, Mrs. J. S. Gardner.

farmer will be expected to report to the County ACA office within certain dates, that the practice has been completed and the extent to which the practice has been carried out. It is very important that each farmer understand the specifications to be met in carrying out each practice as payment cannot be made for any practice that does not meet the specifications outlined in the program handbook.

1947 Cotton Crop Insurance
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LAST LOVER

BY Helen Topping Miller

Julia (Dooley) McFarlane's husband, Richard, disappeared in World War I, leaving her with two children. She and her father-in-law, John I. McFarlane, have tried in vain to find some trace of Richard, either dead or alive. Twenty-five years later Ric is 27 and serving in the army of World War II while Jill, 26, professes an interest in Spang Gordon, a young lieutenant. Julia still clings to the belief that Richard may yet be alive and refuses to have him declared legally dead. Her greatest worry is that her daughter might marry Spang, thus becoming an army wife, subject to the same grief she has endured for a quarter of a century without word of Richard.

CHAPTER II

Julia twisted her hands together. "John I," she began abruptly, "Ric didn't have a furlough when he came home. He traded for some other man's pass. Jill told me." The old man's mustache twitched. "I suppose if they put him in the guard-house you'd send him a fruit-cake with a file in it!"

"If they put him in the guard-house his chances for a commission are gone."

"Might be a good thing. Being a buck private might be good for him." "Dooley, you spoiled that boy!"

"I know," Julia said heavily, "but he was—all I had! He needed me. Jill didn't. She was always self-sufficient, like you."

"She's a McFarlane. The McFarlanes stand on their own feet. But that young Richard—he's another—"

"Don't say it, John I," Julia begged, pain in her eyes. "We've put that bitterness away. Don't let it come alive again."

"But it is coming alive again, whether you want it or not. I've seen it for years. I warned you that that boy was growing up like his father."

"I was his mother," Julia reminded him.

"Dooley," he said grimly, "no matter what you say, I'm going to court next term and file that paper. I've listened to you long enough. You've got a right to a life of your own, and I'm going to see that you have it."

Julia's face drained swiftly, and out of the whiteness her eyes were embers.

"No. No, John I, I won't let you do it."

He twisted his mouth. "You can't stop me if I want to do it."

Julia's voice came, hoarse and thin. "I think I can stop you."

"He's been gone twenty-five years. If he were legally dead, everything would be cleared up. You're a fool—a weak, sentimental fool!"

"All right," she sighed, "I'm a fool. Leave it like that, John I."

She walked away, setting her boots down firmly.

John I. watched her go, frowning.

"I'll do it anyway!" he said aloud. Then he leaned back and thumbed tobacco into his pipe.

Dave Patterson rode his horse slowly across the great dam. On his right the power lake slept, silvery and flat under the stars, a skittish young bass flinging himself as an offering to the frail platinum moon and falling back to mint great coins of shadowy quicksilver.

A Remarkable Woman Is Julia

At the lower end of the lane young pigs got up and skittered away hysterically when the horse snorted at them. Every fence post glistened white, and beyond the wire the dew shone on rectangular roofs of rows of low houses. The homely farm smell was definite now, the mixture of pigs and hay and froggy catterpods that gave Dave a feeling of nostalgia. A naked bulb burned above a gate, shadowed by dark old trees, and Dave got down and tied his horse, opened the gate and passing through closed it carefully, walking across the shorn, quiet grass to the house.

Behind high windows soft lights glowed, and the house itself loomed starkly white under the aged trees. Dave remembered the way it had looked not so long ago. Old and faded, the mortar melting sadly from between the tired bricks, a little shelf of a porch with spindly railings sagging. Now it was pillared and restored and proud, with a sweep of drive between ivied stone posts and the fanlight above the door gleaming.

Julia McFarlane had done all that. Born a McFarlane and married to a distant cousin of the same name, she had dragged the old place back from desuetude alone, except for the fumbling, peppery encouragement of old John I. McFarlane. Julia was slender and calm and merry, but indomitable with it, and for a long time, longer

than he liked to reckon, Dave Patterson knew that he had been in love with her.

Not that he had let her know. To Dooley he was good old Dave, whose farm and handsome old brick house had been swallowed up by the encroaching power project, who was a bit bewildered now, uprooted from the land that Pattersons had farmed for generations, trying to find himself again by running a bank and not being very happy.

He crossed the porch and opened a french door without knocking, and instantly a young man in the tan breeches and olive-drab blouse of the Air Corps, with a silver bar on his shoulder, jumped to his feet.

"Hello," Dave said, "I thought you were Ric at first. I thought he must have got his shoulder-hardware mighty quick."

"How do you do, sir?" The soldier showed very white teeth in a



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quick mile. "I'm Spencer Gordon. I used to be a friend of Ric's—before the war."

"Before you got those?" Dave grinned and indicated the silver bars. "Now, no friendship with men in the ranks, eh? Old military protocol. I'm Dave Patterson. Lived on the next place till the TVA drowned me out. So you're in the air, are you?"

When Old Friends Get Together

"Not now. They grounded me for a while to teach aerodynamics in T.S.—that's technical school, sir. But I have my wings, and I hope to be back in the air before long."

"I assume you're here to see Jill?"

"Yes." Young Gordon flushed.

"Met Jill's mother yet?"

"Yes, sir, she's upstairs helping Jill dress. I met the grandfather, too. He's out somewhere now tending a sick pig."

"A sick pig is a catastrophe on this place. The McFarlanes raise the finest hogs in Tennessee."

"My people were farmers, too, Mississippi. Cotton mostly. But my father and mother died when I was very young."

"What's Ric doing now?" Dave asked. "Is he going to try for the cadet corps?"

"He washed out. I think—some minor point or other. Now he's trying for officer's school, so I hear. I don't see him often. That's a big post down there, and you rarely hear much about a man unless he's in your own squadron." Young Gordon stopped abruptly as heels clicked on the polished stairs.

In the big mirror in the hall Dave could see the reflection of Jill coming down.

She paused at the door, and Dave saw the young lieutenant's throat twitch and his eyes glow as he sprang to his feet. Jill was the prettiest thing alive, Dave decided—but not beautiful as Julia was.

Jill said, "Hello, Dave. I didn't hear you come in. I thought Spang was down here alone hating me for being so slow."

"Are you Spang?" Dave asked.

"I'm Spang. They hung that on me at college. You'll excuse us, sir, if we take off?"

Jill said, "We have to drive the station-wagon. It has plenty of B gas in it, but Dooley says to remember that the tires have to last all winter."

Spang took her elbow with a

proud, proprietary air. "Good night, sir. Glad to have seen you."

"You look very decorative, you two," Dave approved. "The military is at its best with something fluffy alongside."

"More pleasing to the eye, no doubt," Spang amended, "but not quite so effective as an oxygen mask and parachute. I hope you know where this dance is. Remember I'm a country boy from down the Delta. I could get lost mighty easy in these hills."

"Jill knows every hill," Dave told him.

"I should! I've hunted chinquapins on them and got chiggers on practically all of them."

"Have fun, kids." Dave went through the hall to the foot of the stairs. There he intoned in a firm, carrying voice, "I could just sit here and talk to myself. Or I could go home. Oh, hello, Dooley. I thought maybe you'd gone to bed."

Julia leaned over the banister. "At nine o'clock? I don't do that any more. I wake up at two a. m. and think too much. I'll be down in a minute."

She came presently, trailing a flowered chintz housegown. Her hair was roughened, her eyes looked a little shadowed. "This is my sixth change of costume for today," she sighed as she dropped into a chair.

"When are you going to ease off this strenuous business? And what you need is a drink."

"Not tonight, Dave. It stimulates me too much. I can't sleep. But fix one for yourself—and you can make one for John I., too. He'll be in presently. No ice for him—he hates having it bump against his mustache. As for this strenuous life, it won't be over soon, I fear. They put Foster's boy into One A today. I argued that he was essential, that we had to raise food for our army, but old Mr. Corbett—you know how pig-headed he is and always stiff with the letter of the law—asked me if I wanted to keep this farm for my children or let the Nazis have it."

Dave went to the kitchen, came back presently with two tall glasses.

"So you revised your decision about letting Jill run around with the army?" he said.

"What can I do, Dave? She's a grown woman. I can't put her in a convent. She has to have fun. She's twenty-six years old. Sounds incredible, doesn't it? The span between two wars. Richard's last leave before he went over, and I was so young and so heart-torn and so terribly in love and so unhappy with it. I can't believe that that agonized, nineteen-year-old thing was I! Two babies, and no home, no husband, nothing—till you came and found me, and John I. brought me back here. I don't want anything like that for Jill. I don't want that loneliness for her, sitting at home, watching the mail, waiting, freezing with dread every time a messenger comes down the street. And I don't want her to have what I've had for twenty-five years—silence! Not even to know, not to be certain whether it was quite right either to grieve or to be resigned. But what can I do?"

"Nothing," Dave agreed. "We can't live other people's lives for them. No matter how much we love them. I'd like to live your life differently, if I could."

"But I like my life. What's wrong with it?"

"It's empty. Oh, I know what you're going to say. You've crowded it full of work and responsibility. You've raised Ric and Jill, and taken care of John I. and a few hundred pigs. You've made this farm a success, but what does it get you, Dooley—you, personally?"

"It gets me just that, Dave. Success. What else is there—what else beside accomplishment? Work that is of value, to me and to the world. What else is there?"

Dave Has His Little Secret

Dave could have said, "There's love, Dooley." But he knew he would not say it. Sometimes he was certain, wearily, that he would never say it.

He had loved Dooley for so long but even now, after a span of 25 uncertain years he had never mentioned it to her because he knew instinctively she would have drawn herself into a shell and their friendship, which had come to mean so much to both of them, would have become strained, possibly even ended.

He said, "Sometimes I think you're a wonderful woman, Dooley. And then there are times when I'm convinced that you're a sentimental idiot. Twenty-five years and not a word, and still you won't give up."

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Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kerley and daughter, Tommie Jo Boyles, came down from Fluvanna for a weekend visit with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Bud Jones, and family. Mr. Kerley says he raised a good crop of feed the past year and made 10 bales of cotton.

Betty Jean Kirkpatrick returned the first of last week to Washington, D. C., after a two weeks' visit in the home of her parents, Editor and Mrs. A. J. Kirkpatrick. She went by plane from Abilene and because of weather conditions her plane could not land at Washington and she had to continue on to New York City, and return to Washington by rail.

Sam Gaston was over from Tennyson Saturday and paid The Observer a friendly call.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude E. Carter of Harlingen and Mr. and Mrs. Noel Adams of Amarillo were holiday guests in the Mrs. J. N. home and with the S. E. Adams and Sam Powell families.

Mrs. A. E. Latham returned the last of the week from Carlsbad, N. Mex., where she visited in the home of her son, Lee Roland Latham. Little Monnette Latham returned to Carlsbad with her grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dodson, Jr. are the happy parents of a son, weighing 8 pounds, born to them Monday morning, Jan. 13 at Shannon hospital in San Angelo. This is their first child. The baby has been named Joe Marshall.

E. C. (Doodad) Davis, who submitted to a surgical operation last Thursday at a San Angelo hospital, is recovering nicely and expects to return home this week.

Mrs. W. H. Bell visited over the weekend in Blackwell with her brother, R. L. Hall.

Mrs. Betty Neagle was taken to the hospital Sunday for treatment, and is reported to be recovering. She makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Charlie Millican.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Wilkerson of McCamey spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ross.

Butch Killam was absent from his work at the Casey Chevrolet garage the first of the week, having received a wrenched back while helping de-horn a steer.

Mrs. Frank McCabe underwent a successful gall bladder and appendix operation Monday at Shannon hospital, and is reported to be recovering in a satisfactory manner.

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