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Felix Peay Victim of Shotgun Blast

The community was shocked Monday afternoon when Felix Peay, 58, well known ranchman, was found dead of gunshot wounds at his home in the Divide community in the western part of the county.

When Mr. Peay failed to meet with relatives in Robert Lee to transact some business matters Monday, a sister, Mrs. Will Augustine of Sterling City, and her husband went to the residence where they discovered his body.

Officials called to the scene were Sheriff Paul Good, Constable R. S. Crum, Bruce Clift and Walter B. Durham, Sterling county attorney. Also taking part in the investigation were the brother-in-law, W. D. Augustine, and two neighbors, Earl Smith and John Tolbert.

Constable Crum filed a report as acting coroner that Mr. Peay was believed to have died from gunshot wounds that were self-inflicted. A 12 gauge shotgun was laying against the bed with one empty shell in the chamber. The blast from the gun had entered one side of the man's face and emerged from the top of the head.

There were no notes or letters found upon his person or about the premises. Mr. Peay was clad in his night clothing and officers believe he may have been dead about 15 hours. He had lived alone on the ranch since the death of his father last Sept. 29.

Felix had been in failing health for some time. Three weeks after the father's death a brother died in Midland county and Felix had been burdened with looking after their affairs. He came to Coke county when he was a small baby in 1890. Survivors include the sister, Mrs. Augustine, and a brother, Tom Peay of the Edith community.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the graveside at Paint Creek cemetery near Edith, with the Rev. J. H. Estes and the Rev. Fred D. Blake officiating. Clift funeral home had charge of arrangements.

Ivey Motor Company Shows New Ford Truck

The first public showing in Robert Lee of the new 1948 model Ford trucks will take place Friday and Saturday, Jan. 16 and 17, at an "open house" to be conducted by the Ivey Motor company.

With the streamlined new truck—the first post-war products of the Ford Motor Company—as the main attraction, Ivey Motor Company will welcome the public to its show rooms here in Robert Lee.

"We arranged an open house for public announcement of the 1948 truck line because we feel that it is the most important new truck showing in Ford history," said Mr. Cumbie Ivey, owner of the motor company bearing his name.

"We are entering the greatest truck market of all time with the widest range of models and capacities Ford has ever produced. We expect to receive trucks during the coming months in quantities increased sufficiently to permit us to meet the heavy demand," Mr. Ivey said.

S. R. Young was returned to the Shannon hospital last week for additional treatment. He is much improved and was expected to be brought home Thursday.

Heads Civic Body



Gerald C. Allen

Half Section Near Edith Sells at \$60 Per Acre

A price of \$60 an acre, probably the highest figure ever known for Coke county land, was paid by Mrs. Stella Wardlaw of Ballinger this week for a half section in the Edith community.

The property which is evenly divided between farm and grass land, is described as the south half of Section 184 H & TC survey, and is known as the old Newt Fields place. It was sold by Ira L. and James E. Stokes of San Angelo who bought the tract last year from Mrs. M. D. Porter.

Terms of sale provide that the Stokes brothers will retain one-half the oil and mineral rights. The farm is located 3 miles west of the Thetford store at Edith.

Frank Dickey of Robert Lee made the deal.

Commissioners Settle Cochran County Suits

Regular monthly session of the Coke county commissioners court, the first meeting of the new year, was the occasion for transacting a lot of important business here Monday.

One of the principal matters taken up was settlement of three lawsuits against Coke county involving land in Cochran county which Coke county formerly owned. The three pieces of land in question were sold a number of years ago, but litigation arose over oil rights.

Terms of settlement provide that Coke county will receive the lease bonus one more time and also retains a fourth interest in royalties. Three other suits of a similar nature are pending.

The commissioners approved a salary raise from \$75 to \$100 per month for County Attorney G. S. Arnold.

A contract was signed with Attorney Sam Dotson to collect delinquent taxes for the county.

A Happy Reunion

On Dec. 27th the children of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Dean gathered in their home for a reunion. Those present were Mrs. Nora May of New York City, Jeff Dean and family of Bronte, Mrs. D. H. Kingston and children of Balmorhea, Miss Della Dean of Fort Worth, Edmond Dean, wife and little son of Las Cruces, N. Mex., Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lewis of Corona, N. Mex., Mr. and Mrs. Hodges Escue of Ft. Worth and Douglas and Janet Dean of Robert Lee. The family had not all been together for a number of years and it was indeed a happy occasion.

Community Group Off To New Start

A big crowd of business men and civic minded citizens were on hand Monday night to discuss the matter of promoting a live business and civic organization.

Every person present was agreed on the need of an active community body, and as a result it was voted to revive the former Board of Community Development and surrender the Junior Chamber of Commerce charter.

Consensus of opinion was that the town needs but one community club, and the Junior Chamber of Commerce affiliations with state and national bodies was not so important in Robert Lee at present, since our problems are strictly local.

A small amount of funds in the treasuries will be consolidated and a new membership list will be made up of any and all persons who desire to affiliate. New officers were elected as follows:

President—G. C. Allen.
Vice Pres.—J. C. Strickland.
Sec.-treas.—A. J. Kirkpatrick.
Directors—Cumbie Ivey, T. A. Richardson, C. E. Davis, Sumner Cragin, Jr., Fern Havins, Maurice Cole, A. W. McKinney, Jr., Genie Baker and Roy Taylor.

Next meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 22, at 7:30 p. m. at the court house. Some important subjects will be up for discussion and committees named. Membership dues will probably be \$1.00 per month, and new members will be signed up at the meeting next Thursday night.

Robert Lee has great opportunity to forge ahead and its future is squarely in the hands of the citizens. Everyone is invited and urged to lend a hand.

Building New Ice House

Angelo Ice company is erecting a new ice house to replace the old building which has been in use here many years. The old structure has been moved back and will be torn down. The new building will have storage capacity for 60 blocks of ice and also provide warehouse and office space for the lessee, H. S. Lewis. Site for the property was leased from R. C. Russell.

Political Announcements

Rates:	
Precinct Office	\$10.00
County Office	15.00
District	20.00
Congressional	20.00
State	20.00

NOTE: The above prices include one write-up of not to exceed 250 words; additional wording will be charged for at the rate of 2 cents per word. This price does not include a subscription to this publication.

The Robert Lee Observer is authorized to announce the candidacy of the following persons, subject to the 1948 Democratic primaries:

- For Congress, 21st District:
O. C. FISHER (Re-election)
- For County Judge and School Supt.:
MCNEIL WYLIE
- BOB L. DAVIS (Re-election)
- For County Treasurer:
RUBY L. PETTIT (Re-election)
- For District and County Clerk:
WILLIS SMITH (Re-election)
- For Sheriff, Tax Collector and Assessor:
PAUL GOOD (Re-election)

WCS Holds Luncheon

The W. S. C. S. of the Methodist church met with Mrs. Marvin Simpson on Jan. 12 for a covered dish luncheon. There were 22 present. Following luncheon Mrs. Bruce Clift led the devotions and installation services for the new officers. The president took over and read the goals for 1948.

Among other things it was decided to organize a young women's circle. Leader of Circle No. 1 is Mrs. Chism Brown and Circle No. 2 leader is Mrs. O. B. Jacobs. We hope that all women of the church will feel that the W. S. C. S. is their particular organization and will meet with us each second and fourth Monday at 3 p. m.

Methodist church services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Everybody welcome.

Propose \$40,000 Hospital Building

A very definite step toward securing a hospital for Robert Lee and Coke county was made Monday, when the county commissioners court set Feb. 9 as the date for hearing on a proposal to issue \$40,000 in time warrants for the purpose of constructing a hospital and medical clinic.

While the matter is still in its embryo stage, there is general belief that the public will get behind the movement and urge immediate action. Before the hearing date detailed plans of the proposed building will be in the hands of county officials.

With the big oil development under way there is an urgent need of medical and hospital facilities for the western part of the county.

It has been pointed out that the county proposal includes only construction of a suitable building which would be equipped and operated by a competent physician and nursing staff.

Robert Lee Bank Pays 10 Pct. Dividend

Annual meeting of stockholders of the Robert Lee State Bank was held Tuesday, Jan. 13. As a result of having enjoyed one of the best years in the bank's history a dividend of 10 per cent was declared in addition to a good sized sum going to the undivided profits account.

Deposits gained nearly 50 per cent during 1947 and reached almost a million dollars.

All officers and directors were re-elected as follows:

President, Willis Smith.
Vice Pres., G. C. Allen.
Cashier, T. A. Richardson.
In addition to the above officers the board of directors includes D. R. Campbell and R. C. Russell.

Freshman Class Party

Robert Lee high school freshmen enjoyed a class party last Thursday night at the Legion hall from 7:30 to 10 p. m. Room mothers present were Mrs. Buster Fields and Mrs. Jeff Blair, and the class sponsor, Mrs. Sam Powell. Other mothers who attended were Mmes. Delmir Sheppard, Allen Jameson and J. Jameson. Games were played and refreshments of sandwiches, cookies and milk were served to about 25 class members.

Mrs. Elmo Bell has been a patient at a San Angelo hospital this week and her condition is considered serious. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Davis.

2 More Producers In Prospect For Sun Jameson Field

Two more producers were indicated this week in Sun Oil company's field near Silver with No. 3 Willie I. Tubb and No. 5 Homer Jameson both nearing completion.

Following a drillstem test at No. 3 Tubb Wednesday gas came to the surface in 14 minutes and a pressure of 150 pounds was gauged. Recovery included 515 feet of clean oil. Top of the lime reef was hit at 6,028 feet but pay section was not encountered until a depth of 6,478 feet had been reached. The drillstem test was from 6,447 to 6,509 feet, total depth.

No. 5 Homer Jameson was bottomed at 6,466 feet and was prepared to run tubing Thursday. Good showings of oil were recovered in prior drillstem tests.

Location is being cleared for No. 6 Homer Jameson, a south offset to his No. 5, with the contract going to Morris-Hamilton, whose rotary equipment will be moved when No. 5 is completed.

No. 2 C. E. Mathers was drilling Thursday at 5,733 feet in shale and lime.

No. 6 Fred Jameson was drilling in shale at 3,681 feet Thursday.

No. 1 Central National Bank of San Angelo, a diagonal offset to the newly discovered John B. Walker producer south of the Colorado River, was preparing to start drilling Thursday. Crudoil Drilling & Exploration company, the contractors, had rigged up with a new derrick and pump.

No. 3 Allen Jameson was also being cleared, with Roberts & Hawkins to have the contract. Sun's office at Silver did not confirm a report that Roberts & Hawkins were to bring in a second rig. No. 3 Allen Jameson is a north offset to No. 1 Allen Jameson, the pool discovery producer.

Acid Used at Arledge

No. 1 J. W. Arledge, Sun's wildcat discovery 4 miles northwest of Sanco, was treated with 500 gallons of acid Thursday. The test has not flowed too strongly and made only 56 barrels of oil during a 19 hour test ending Thursday morning at 7 o'clock.

No further drilling was done following last week's drillstem test from 6,602-21 feet which recovered 1,470 feet of clean oil. Ray-Harris equipment is rigging up on No. 2 Arledge, northeast diagonal offset to Arledge No. 1.

Schooley Buys Cafe

Cecil Schooley has purchased the Club Cafe from Mrs. Louis Theaux, the deal having been closed the first of the week. Assisting in the management will be Mrs. Schooley and her mother, Mrs. H. C. Scott, who recently came to Robert Lee from Brownfield. Mrs. Scott has had a number of years experience in the cafe business. Cecil plans a number of improvements, promises to give the community a first class restaurant. He will continue his work as a finishing carpenter at the Sun camp at Silver.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Patterson are the happy parents of a daughter born at 3 a. m. Jan. 13 at Shannon hospital. The baby weighed more than 7 pounds and has been named Billie Joyce. This is their first child. Mrs. Patterson is manager of the Robert Lee telephone exchange.

For Sale—100 ewes bred to black faced bucks. T. M. Wylie, Jr

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Wallace Enters Presidential Race; Michael Quits as King of Rumania; Farm Product Prices Hit New High

Released by WNU Features

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

FOR PEACE

Wallace Comes In

Henry Wallace was deluding no one, not even himself, about his chances of being elected President of the United States in 1948 on a third party ticket when, with zealous idealism, he announced that he would be an independent candidate. His entry into the contest, as he announced on a nation-wide broadcast from Chicago, was based upon his revulsion against "the bi-partisan reactionary war policy which is dividing the world into two armed camps."

Both Republicans and Democrats, he indicated, can be filed in the same political pigeon-hole because both stand for the bi-partisan policies which are leading the nation to war and depression.

"That menace can be met and overcome only by a new political alignment in America which requires a new political party," averred the former vice president.

Whether or not it could be met by a third party — a "peace party" — founded on the assumption that the U. S. must adopt a softer, more co-operative attitude toward Russia and at the same time reject universal military training and preparedness in general was a question that probably even history would not answer.



Domestic political significance of Wallace's emergence as a third party candidate may be summed up briefly: Republicans like it, Democrats don't.

If Wallace can get on the ballots in one or more of the pivotal states — New York, Ohio, California, Pennsylvania or Illinois — he may be able to split off enough of the Democratic vote to swing the election to the Republican nominee.

Always the eminent liberal, Wallace is angling for all or a portion of the left-wing Democratic vote; and if he makes his inherent devotion to Rooseveltian ideals stick, he may be able to corral a considerable section of those on the left side.

One thing was certain. Wallace would have the hearty, although somewhat onerous, support of the Communists, no matter how much he might avow his own anti-Communist principles. He would have to go through the campaign with the Reds and fellow-travelers hanging to his coat-tails.

NEW HIGH: Farm Prices

U. S. farmers continued to set new records in price levels, both for the produce they sell and the goods they in turn buy.

It was reported by the department of agriculture that the general level of farm prices rose 5 per cent between mid-November and mid-December to a record high of 301 per cent of the 1909-14 average.

Previous all-time high was 289 per cent, set last October.

At the same time, prices paid by farmers for items for living and farm production also reached a new record. On December 15 the index of prices paid was 245 per cent above the 1909-14 average.

The farm price level in mid-December, the department said, was 14 per cent higher than January, 1947, and the index of prices paid 16 per cent higher.

Between mid-November and mid-December, average prices for virtually every group of farm commodities except fruit showed measurable increases.

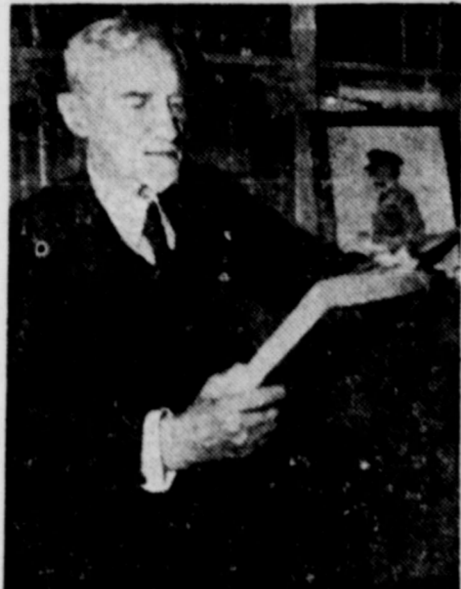
REPUBLIC: Michael Quits

Communist-controlled eastern Europe cast off its last tie with a happier past when King Michael I of Rumania made public his abdication from the throne.

His announcement had not yet fully registered on Romania's bewildered populace when the Communist government promptly proclaimed the nation a "popular democratic republic."

Thus, with the 26-year-old monarch's abdication, ended a dynasty established in 1866, the last monarchy in the Soviet sphere of influence in eastern Europe and the last throne held by the House of Hohenzollern.

Warning Voice



On his traditional birthday interview in Washington, D. C., Gen. Peyton C. March, 83, World War I chief of staff, observed that the U. S. is "approaching the breaking point" with Russia and has "got to have" universal military training at once.

Michael, as some romanticists would have had it, might have renounced his throne purely for the love of Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma and Denmark, but the Communist establishment of a "republic" and immediate reorganization of the government came too swiftly, too efficiently to lend much credence to that theory.

As the king himself pointed out in his abdication proclamation, he was resigning the throne because a monarchy no longer coincided with the "great political, economic and social changes" in Rumania.

Nor was it logical for the Communists, grim advocates of their "international dictatorship of the proletariat," to be countenancing and cooperating with a hereditary monarchy. And Michael had acted as a sort of brake on some Communist actions in Rumania.

DOWNTURN: Prices

As two nation-wide retail firms announced major price reductions on a wide range of their goods American consumers stopped to wonder whether this might mark a definite break in the high price line or would simply turn out to be another incident like the Newburyport experiment last year.

General Electric company disclosed an average price cut of 5 per cent, effective January 1, on an extensive selection of home appliances. The company estimated consumers would save 50 million dollars this year as a result.

Sears Roebuck, large retail mail order house, put into the mails a regular mid-winter sales book listing price reductions up to 20 and 33 1/2 per cent on some merchandise.

The actions followed closely after President Truman signed the anti-inflation bill which would combat high prices by seeking voluntary agreements among business and industry to lower costs.

Charles E. Wilson, General Electric president, declared that the reductions were not made to stimulate business. "We could sell in many lines twice what we can produce," he said.

He added his voice to the theory upon which the Republican congress based its recent anti-inflation act: That industry generally must take the initiative in reversing the inflationary trend.

London Braces

England is full of suspense but it isn't the kind that keeps a man's trousers up.

British braces (suspenders), made under a government order limiting the elastic to three inches at the back, have been the cause of a number of London breeches falling down and finally drove historian Arthur Bryant to reporting his plight in a letter to the London Times.

In the past year, he said, he bought four pairs of braces. "After each occasion," lamented Bryant, "the braces have broken irretrievably within three months."

The Times, in a helpful mood, deplored the situation in an editorial.

"The Four Freedoms are a hollow mockery if our braces are going to be bursting all the time. No nation can be expected to hold up its head if it also is required to hold up its trousers."

INEVITABLE:

Our Fault:

It had to come.

Even while Americans were trying to get the bad taste of the London conference out of their mouths, Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov was savoring the same flavor by publicly blaming the failure of the talks on the United States.

In a statement broadcast by the Moscow radio Molotov asserted that the American delegation "undertook to disrupt the entire work of the London conference" because "for some reason" the United States wanted to delay settlement of Germany's future.

However, said he expansively, the Big Four talks were not altogether fruitless, mainly because of "the efforts of the Soviet delegation." The exact nature of those efforts he did not pause to explain.

Repeating charges which he had made in London, Molotov said that the western powers, led by the U. S., were pursuing a policy "aimed at Germany's disintegration rather than unity, a policy . . . which has already resulted in the actual splitting of Germany."

FIRE LOSS:

Greatest

With the great toll of the Texas City explosion heading the list, fires and related disasters cost the United States almost 700 million dollars in 1947, the national board of fire underwriters said in its year-end report.

It was the highest damage loss in history of the nation, and the greatest annual peacetime loss for any country in the world.

By way of vivid comparison, the board pointed out that two years of the German air war against Great Britain cost only an estimated 400 million dollars in property damage.

Thirty-three major conflagrations, including the Texas City disaster and the Maine forest fires, involved damages of more than 100 million dollars. This also was the largest number of major fires in any one year, each representing losses of a million dollars or more.

There were 28 such major fires in 1946, 26 in 1945 and 25 in 1944.

Most costly by far of the year's holocausts was the ammonium nitrate explosion at Texas City on April 16. More than 500 persons were killed, 3,000 injured and property damage ran above 32 million dollars.

Next in importance from the standpoint of material destruction were the Maine forest fires, where property loss at Bar Harbor alone was estimated at 6 million dollars. Third biggest disaster was the explosion of an oil tanker in Los Angeles harbor last June.

The number of lesser fires in 1947 exceeded 840,000.

He's the Doctor



Brig. Gen. Wallace H. Graham, personal physician to President Truman, was top man on a list of 100 federal, state and local government employees identified as wheat traders by Clinton Anderson, secretary of agriculture.

COLD GERM:

Health

"Gesundheit," as an expression of sympathy following a sneeze, soon may become obsolete.

Two research scientists of the national institute of health have reported that they have succeeded in isolating and growing a "common cold" germ and that their experiments point "to the possibility" of producing a vaccine against it.

The common cold, bane of civilized mankind, costs the American public alone about a billion dollars a year and causes more loss of occupational time than any other disease. Anyone who ever has suffered from a cold would hail a preventive vaccine as an all-time great medical discovery.

However, Dr. Norman Topping and Dr. Leon T. Atlas, who isolated the germ, emphasized that their work opens the way only to the "possibility"—not the probability—of producing such a vaccine

AROUND THE HOUSE

Slip a cotton bag over the broom head and you have a handy tool for sweeping down walls and ceilings. When the bag becomes soiled, simply soak in hot soapy water and wash in the regular way.

To avoid shine on woens, use a dry or steam iron over a pressing cloth and apply a pressing action rather than an ironing motion.

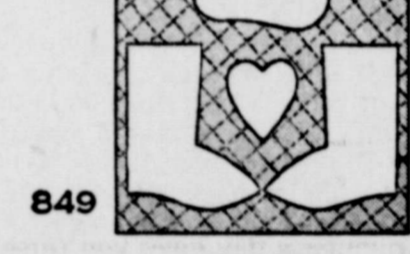
A file that is clogged with metal particles should be bumped lightly on a block in order to dislodge the filings that clutter up the teeth.

When a baking recipe calls for beaten egg whites, separate the yolks and whites while the eggs are cold. Let the whites reach room temperature before beating. The volume will be greater.

Larger windows are just as practicable in cold climates as in the South, especially since the invention of the insulating window, which is nothing more than two pieces of plate glass with an air space between them. In fending cold they are nearly as useful as the wall of the house.

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You'll be surprised how quickly and easily you can relieve coughs due to colds, when you try this splendid recipe. It gives you about four times as much cough medicine for your money, and you'll find it truly wonderful.

Make a syrup by stirring 2 cups of granulated sugar and one cup of water a few moments, until dissolved. No cooking needed—it's no trouble at all. (Or you can use corn syrup or liquid honey instead of sugar syrup.) Then put 2 1/2 ounces of Pinex (obtained from any druggist) into a pint bottle, and fill up with your syrup. This makes a full pint of medicine that will please you by its quick action. It never spoils, and tastes fine.

This simple mixture takes right hold of a cough. For real results, you've never seen anything better. It loosens the phlegm, soothes the irritated membranes, and eases the soreness.

Pinex is a special compound of proven ingredients, in concentrated form, well-known for its quick action in coughs and bronchial irritations. Money refunded if it doesn't please you in every way.

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INTERNAL BATHS END YEARS OF DISTRESS

Baffled at 47—Feels Like a Young Man at 77

Imagine how thrilling it must be for a man, feeling half-sick, half-alive for years, suddenly to find himself restored to new happiness and vitality. How wonderful he must feel to realize at last he may be able to say good-bye to the headaches, biliousness, sluggishness, that all-in feeling, due to chronic constipation suffered through many years. But such a man was Leopold Aul and as explained in his own words, "One day when I was feeling especially bad and as nervous as a cat, I met an old friend of mine. He noticed how fagged out I looked and how rapidly I seemed to be aging. 'Why don't you take Internal Baths?', he asked, 'they did wonders for me.'"

WHAT IS AN INTERNAL BATH?

Thereupon Mr. Aul began investigating Internal Baths. He found that a bonafide Internal Bath is the administration into the lower intestine of pure warm water—Nature's greatest cleansing agent—to which is added J.B.L. Cleansing Powder. Through the use of the J.B.L. Cascade five quarts of the cleansing solution is sent gently swirling throughout the entire length of the colon. In fifteen minutes your impacted colon is thoroughly cleansed of its whole foul mass; the putrefying, delayed waste is loosened and washed away. Often the relief is immense—often a new sense of vigor and well-being sweeps over you.

Naturally, Mr. Aul did buy a J.B.L. Cascade. It proved a turning point in his life. Gone, according to his testimony, was the worry and distress that had hitherto overshadowed his whole life, sapped his ambition.

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(Signed) Leopold Aul

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Several Local Entries in Houston Fat Stock Show

Coke County will be well represented at the 1948 Houston Fat Stock Show and Livestock Exposition which opens January 15 at Sam Houston Coliseum when the 16-day program will be packed with outstanding livestock exhibitions, rodeo thrills, and other colorful educational and entertainment features.

With more than 7200 head of prize stock expected, and \$80,000 appropriated for this phase, the livestock exposition will surpass that of any previous year. For the first time in the 15-year history of this gigantic South Western enterprise, the livestock exhibitions will not be held simultaneously. The market show will be held for the first week, and the breeding show,

the second week.

Fat Stock Show officials report that Coke county exhibitors and entries tabulated thus far include the following:

ROBERT LEE: Terry Frank Bryan with three Duroc Jerseys entered in the boys' livestock division. **TENNYSON:** Wayne Arrott with six Duroc Jerseys and J. B. Arrott with seven lambs entered in the boys' livestock division; **EDITH:** Weldon Schooler with one fat steer in the boys' livestock show.

Remembers Old Friend

Mrs. J. E. Roane has paid for a year's subscription to The Observer for her old friend and neighbor, Mrs. L. C. Steffey, now living in Fort Worth. Mrs. Steffey, a long time resident of this locality, will be 99 years old in June. She makes her home with a daughter, Mrs. Edna Burton.

Texas Births Exceed Deaths Three to One

AUSTIN, TEXAS, Jan. 15—It is estimated that during 1947 there were 195,000 live births and 61,000 deaths in Texas. The number of births in 1947 far exceeds the former record of 180,000 in 1946. The excess of births over deaths last year gave Texas a natural increase in population of 134,000 people, according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

It has been apparent for some time that reductions in the mortality due to preventable causes could not any longer offset the staggering increase in the number of deaths due to cancer and the various heart diseases. For this reason, it was not difficult to predict that 1947 would see the general death rate begin an upward trend.

Practically all of the increase in the mortality during the first nine months of 1947 may be attributed to the steadily mounting toll of death levied against the population by heart disease, cancer, and apoplexy.

Considerable satisfaction should come to those engaged in public health work in knowing that during the first three quarters of 1947 the lowest death rates ever recorded in Texas were reached for the following diseases: typhoid fever, diarrhea and dysentery, scarlet fever, diphtheria, measles, poliomyelitis, tuberculosis, malaria, syphilis, pellagra, and typhus fever.

Mrs. Hattie Day returned home Saturday from a few days' stay in the hospital at Bronte. She is much improved and was able to be back in her cafe and dining room the first of the week.

Ft. Chadbourne Club

The Ft. Chadbourne WHD club met in the home of Mrs. Helen Kirkland. Miss Bearden gave a demonstration on leather craft and several started billfolds. Refreshments were enjoyed by eight members, Miss Bearden, three visitors, Mrs. Fred McDonald, Mrs. Theresa Wrinkle and Mrs. Dora Kirkland, and six children.—Mrs. Tracy White, Reporter.

One McMurry college student is from Coke county, according to a recent report from college officials. He is Doyle Mathers of Silver. Twenty-two states represented in the student body at the Abilene school. Taylor county leads all other counties with 207 students and New Mexico tops the list of out of state students, sending 14 to the McMurry campus.

Take time to save time

Have you ever mapped—with pins and thread, or with pencil on paper—the daily "chore route" of your farm or ranch? Have you figured how much back-tracking you do, how many unnecessary extra steps you walk in a day? Have you taken time to save time, and steps, and labor?

A number of agricultural colleges and experiment stations have made practical work studies on farms and ranches, with some astounding results. For example, one dairy farmer (who thought himself pretty efficient) adopted improved machine milking techniques, rearranged his barn to save steps and time in feeding and watering. He saved himself two miles of walking per day, cut his daily chore time by two hours and five minutes. That's 730 miles of walking and 760 hours of work in a year. In making the changes, he spent less than \$50.

Indiana tells of farmers who, by planning their work, are raising hogs with one quarter their former hours of labor. . . There's a report of men making hay in 90 man-minutes per ton; while others using similar equipment—but older, harder ways of working—spend twice that time. . . There are scores of other examples.

Perhaps you cannot make such great savings in your operations. Maybe you can make more. It's certainly worth looking into, for even little savings are important. Five steps saved a day makes a mile in a year. Five minutes a day gives you three extra days a year.

There's no master plan to fit every farm and ranch, because no two are exactly the same. You have to work out your own plan of improvement. But the time it takes may well be the most profitable time you've ever spent.

A four-step scheme is suggested. First, consider each job or chore separately. Break it down into its parts. Check each part with a watch or tape measure and see if steps or time can be saved. Second, compare your work methods with those of your neighbors. Third, examine and check the details of your work methods. Fourth, develop and apply the new method. In a nutshell, "Plan your work and work your plan."

Time studies and job analysis have helped Swift & Company increase efficiency and make important savings. That's why we so confidently suggest similar studies in your operations. One excellent bulletin on the subject is Number 307, published by Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. It's interesting reading and well worth writing for. Your county agent or state agricultural college can tell of other bulletins on the same subject.



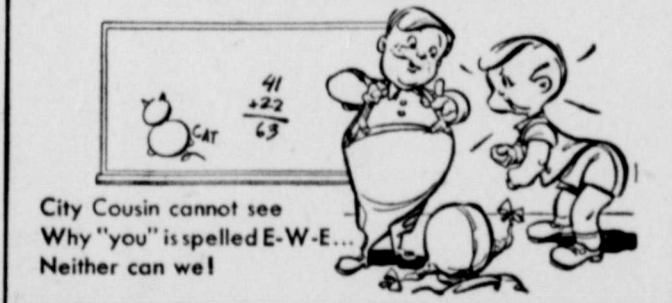
Soda Bill Sez: . . . the man with a dull hoe is wasting nobody's time but his own.

Martha Logan's Recipe for HAM LOAF

½ pound ground ham	¼ teaspoon pepper
1½ pound ground fresh pork	1 cup milk
2 eggs	½ cup brown sugar
1 cup dry bread crumbs	1 tablespoon dry mustard
1 teaspoon salt	2 tablespoons vinegar

Beat eggs. Combine meats, eggs, crumbs, salt, pepper, and milk. Mix thoroughly. Form into loaf in 8¼ x 4¼ x 2¾ inch loaf pan. Combine sugar, mustard, and vinegar. Spread over meat. Bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) 1 hour, or until meat has reached an internal temperature of 185° F. (Yield: One 8¼ x 4¼ x 2¾ inch loaf)

OUR CITY COUSIN



City Cousin cannot see why "you" is spelled E-W-E. Neither can we!

Farmer's Choice—When I was in high school, I spent a summer vacation on my grandfather's farm in Indiana. From my city-bred standpoint, his seemed a particularly dull and unrewarding life. Rising before dawn and working till after dusk, with little or no opportunity for urban pleasures, he was an object of pity to my adolescent eye. Why didn't he sell his farm and move to town? How did he ever get into this rut in the first place? "Grandpa," I asked one evening at milking time, "Why did you become a farmer, anyway?"

He paused a moment, leaned back on his stool and looked slowly around the barn—at the livestock, at the huge haymow in the east corner, at the farm tools, at the broad beams that supported the roof. What he saw seemed to reassure him, and I shan't forget his answer: "Just lucky, I guess."

—Contributed by George H. Charness
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Controlling Roundworm in Sheep

by Walter Armer
University of Arizona



The control of roundworm on sheep ranches has been successfully tested by Dr. W. J. Pistor, University of Arizona Animal Pathologist. It consists of feeding a mixture of 1 part phenothiazine with 9 parts of ordinary granular salt. Roundworm, a serious plague, especially to sheep grazed on irrigated pastures, can be checked by phenothiazine and salt. Of course, it is not a cure-all. Badly infested sheep may still have to be drenched. But feeding the mixture throughout the pasture period will prevent the worm population from reaching the dangerous level in the majority of cases.

Phenothiazine, alone, is but one of a number of drugs known to aid in controlling roundworm in livestock. But during World War II, animal husbandmen discovered its effectiveness was greatly heightened when used with salt and fed throughout the pasture season.

Experiments begun in 1943 with sheep grazing on irrigated pastures in Arizona proved the remarkable value of the new mixture. It resulted in cutting down loss of sheep and in marketing lambs in better condition. Today a high percentage of sheep on Arizona farm lands receive the 1-9 phenothiazine and salt mixture.

This new treatment is economical as well as effective. It practically eliminates the necessity of drenching each animal individually to control roundworms—a costly and possibly dangerous practice.

Track Down the Facts

A great family "man" is *Fiber Zibethicus*, better known to American farmers as the muskrat. He raises his many offspring in marshes, and about streams, lakes and ponds. Muskrat tracks are easily recognized by the drag of his knife-like tail, which shows up well in soft mud.

The muskrat-trapper works hard to make a living out of muskrat skins, and generally his efforts are rewarded. But there is one fact about his business that he tracked down long ago. He knows the price he can get for muskrat skins depends on the popular demand for finished pelts.

In the business of processing livestock into meat for people's use, we at Swift & Company have to keep track of the demand for meat everywhere in the nation. We must know, too, the weights and grades of cuts preferred by housewives. Experience has taught us that the price the producers receive for their livestock is governed by what the meat packers can get for the meat and by-products.



The American Way

In the livestock-meat industry, as in all American business, profit provides the basic incentive for work, enterprise and action. Profit makes the mare go for livestock producers, meat packers and retailers. Too little profit by one section creates an unbalance in the industry. If one part of the livestock-meat industry suffers continued loss, all of us are hurt in the long run.

However, a margin of profit fair to one section of the livestock-meat industry might be quite unfair to another. For instance, we at Swift & Company know perfectly well that both livestock producers and retailers require a higher margin of profit, because of their relatively small volume. On the other hand, nationwide meat packers must build up a tremendous volume of sales to make up for a very small margin of profit per unit—a margin that has been consistently lower than that earned by any other manufacturing industry in America.

Over a period of years, Swift & Company has earned, on the average, less than two cents on each dollar of sales (a fraction of a cent per pound of product handled). Over the same period, the average amount returned to producers for agricultural raw materials, including livestock, wool and hides, has been 75 cents out of each dollar we received. This is not a profit. Out of this 75 cents producers must pay the cost of production.

Whether livestock prices are high or low or whether meat is high-priced or inexpensive—Swift & Company can earn a reasonable profit only by adding together many tiny savings on a large volume of business.

George Stewart
Vice-President, Swift & Company

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Internal Parasites Cut Yield of Wool

Year-Round Control Program Advocated

Most of the emphasis on parasite control in sheep has been tied up with faster gains, better lamb carcasses and prevention of damage to the intestinal walls of the animal.

Attention of sheeplmen now is being directed to the effect of internal



Producers must be insect free.

parasites on the yield of wool. Michigan State college is urging flock owners in that state to treat animals with phenothiazine to keep them in good condition and to get a heavier growth of wool. Phenothiazine is administered as a drench or in pellets, or mixed with salt and kept before the flock all the time. A dependable year-round program calls for individual treatment of all animals in fall and spring, and use of the phenothiazine-salt mixture throughout the pasture season. This is the program being followed by progressive sheeplmen to keep parasites in check.

Soil Needs Nitrogen

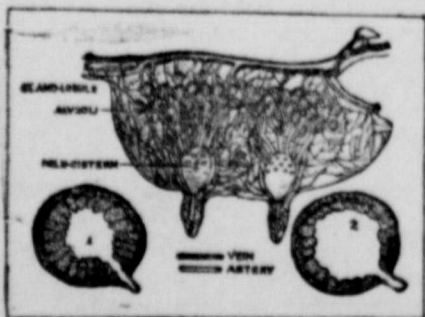
How lime, clover and crop residues increase the soil's nitrogen and organic matter supply and thus boost crop yields, is shown by the chart below. This drawing summarizes results of tests at the Dixon soil experiment field by University of Illinois agronomists. All three plots in the tests were limed and the crop rotation on each included corn, oats and wheat. One plot had no clover. The small grain straw was removed and the cornstalks were burned. This plot produced a four-year average of 57 bushels per acre. The second plot had the same

LIME-NO CLOVER	CORNSTALKS BURNED.	
CORN - 57 BU.		
LIME-SWEET CLOVER	CORNSTALKS BURNED.	
CORN - 81 BU.		
LIME-SWEET CLOVER	CORNSTALKS, OATS AND WHEAT STRAW PLOWED UNDER.	
CORN - 88 BU.		

treatment, except that sweet clover was seeded in the wheat and plowed under as a green manure crop for corn. The increased nitrogen and organic matter from the clover boosted the corn yield 24 bushels. On the third plot, sweet clover was grown and in addition the cornstalks, oats straw and wheat straw were returned to the soil. The extra organic matter, nitrogen and other plant foods thus saved and returned in the crop residues gave the soil "what it takes" to yield 88 bushels of corn per acre.

High Milk Producers Required for Profit

The size of the milk wells is a true measure of the size of the milk veins. This diagram of the udder structure by Clemson Agricultural college shows the udder structure in detail. If the end of the vein is forked, two or three milk wells



often may be found on either side. A good mammary system is indicated by a large udder, which gets its capacity in length and width rather than excessive depth, extending well up behind and forward.

WORLD VIEWS



CANADA LIFTS ATOMIC CURTAIN . . . Canada's national research council's 20-million-dollar atomic energy plant at Chalk River, Ont., where security is enforced by armed guards, is opening new vistas in the realm of physical, chemical and biological research. Production of radioactive isotopes is closely allied with important ventures into tracer chemistry and biology, as found in agricultural research already in progress. Experiments are being conducted by mixing phosphorous isotopes with fertilizer and taking tests as plant life develops in order to trace the course of the radioactive material through the plant.



SO THIS IS NEW YORK . . . New York City, which takes most untoward events in its metropolitan stride, nevertheless was forced to its knees when the heaviest snowfall since the blizzard of 1888 smothered the big town. The 25.8 inches of snow that fell in 16 hours crippled all surface transportation lines and caused an unprecedented rush on the subways. Thousands of office workers were marooned in their homes, which fact possibly pleased some of them considerably.



ANOTHER KIND OF SYMBOL . . . Although the Yule season is over for another year, the memory of one particular Christmas tree lingers in Washington. Rep. Clare E. Hoffman (Rep., Mich.) and Helen Boyer are shown as they finished decorating the congressman's "international Christmas tree" outside his office. Sign on the tree reads, "Nothing for the home folks. They've sent it all abroad." Hoffman said the "international tree" with no presents under it is his answer to the Marshall plan.



EXTRA INNINGS . . . Connie Mack, baseball's grand old man, boss of the Philadelphia Athletics, blows out the candles on his cake as he celebrates his 85th birthday anniversary. He aspires to make his team a pennant contender in 1948.

Students Play Tragic Hoax on Philosophy Prof.

The outstanding hoax of the 18th century was that played on Dr. Johann Beringer, professor of natural philosophy at the University of Wurzburg, Germany, says Collier's. As he had the obsession that fossils were "capricious fabrications of God," his students made and planted, in a near-by hill, hundreds of grotesque clay tablets, including one signed by Jehovah.

Upon finding them, the doctor was so convinced they proved his theory that he wrote and published a book on the subject, despite the confession of his class which he believed was an attempt to rob him of his glory. Then he discovered stones bearing his own name and realized the truth at last.

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Paul Good Is Candidate For Sheriff Re-election

Paul Good announces this week that he will be a candidate for re-election to the office of sheriff and tax assessor-collector. He will be asking for his second term, having been elected to this important office two years ago.

Paul is a Coke county native son, his family being pioneers in this section of West Texas. His



mother, Mrs. Kate Good, continues to make her in Bronte.

He served as deputy sheriff 14 years with Frank Percifull and thus obtained valuable experience which fitted him to take over the law enforcing and tax assessing and collecting duties in his own right.

Assisting in the office have been Mrs. Good (Garlan to her friends) who keeps the sheriff straight while he's keeping an eye on the rest of us and O. B. Jacobs, whose appointment as deputy last year was a very popular choice.

An increase in property valuations the past year and prospects of wide development in Coke county oil production for the future, has added much work to the sheriff's office where the records are being properly handled.

Friendship WHD Club

The Friendship WHD club met Jan. 8 at the home of Mrs. Linzy McDorman with ten members present, two visitors, four children and Miss Mary Pearl Bearden, county home demonstration agent. Our first lesson in leather craft was given and a billfold was made. Mrs. Wilson Bryan gave a report on the last council meeting which was interesting. We received new year books. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Frank Bryan.

WHD Council

The Coke county WHD Council met in the city hall at Bronte Jan. 3 for its regular monthly meeting. Twelve members and the county home agent were present. Home goals for the year were read and discussed. Plans were made for publishing a cook book. Miss Gladys Waldrop, marketing chairman, displayed two beautiful wool blankets made at Eldorado.—Mrs. Willis Smith, Reporter.

Public Notice

Whereas at a regular session of the commissioners court of Coke County, Texas, held on January 12, 1948, finding that it is necessary that the ex-officio compensation of the County Attorney of said county be increased from \$75.00 per month to \$100.00 per month during the year 1948, and that such increase will not exceed the maximum allowed to be retained by him under the law,

It is therefore ordered that a public hearing will be held by said court at the court house of said county on the 9th day of February, 1948, at 10 o'clock A. M. for the purpose of finally determining whether or not such proposed increase should be allowed. A copy hereof published in The Robert Lee Observer one time before the date for consideration of said proposed increase shall constitute sufficient notice of said public hearing.

Bob L. Davis
County Judge, Coke County, Texas

Folks You Know

Frank Percifull has been around town occasionally the past week and has been greeted by a host of good friends. Frank has been taking things easy the past month on his doctor's orders, but he is regaining his health rapidly.

W. E. Burns, well known rancher west of Rodert Lee, recently purchased nine head of bred ewes to introduce new blood lines to his Rambouillet herd. The animals were selected from the top of the registered Underwood herd at Denton, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave King and daughters, Zona Mae and Joyce, spent the weekend at Sundown with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Harry Anderson, and husband. Mrs. Anderson was the former Gwendolyn King.

The Marvin Smiths were here the past week from DeQueen, Ark., and continued to Spur, Tex., where Marvin plans to build a residence property.

Staff Sgt. Lee Latham left Sunday for Roswell, N. Mex., where he will be on duty in the U. S. Army recruiting office. His family will remain in Robert Lee until he is given a permanent assignment.

Legion Home Gets Heat

Butane gas has been piped to the American Legion building at the northwest edge of town and it is now comfortably heated for winter use. Starting next week regular meetings of the American Legion and Auxiliary will be resumed. Business sessions are scheduled for the first and third Tuesday nights in each month, while social meetings will be held each second and fourth Tuesdays. All members are urged to attend the meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Lowry and Miss Edna Mae Lowry of Ballinger spent Sunday here with Mrs. Lowry's mother, Mrs. W. H. Bell.

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Report of Condition of

Robert Lee State Bank

of Robert Lee, Texas, at the close of business December 31, 1947
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.	212,367.39
U. S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	363,691.94
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	12,463.79
Corporate stocks (including \$1,300.00 stock of Federal Reserve Bank)	1,300.00
Loans and discounts (including \$3,668.58 overdrafts)	309,350.27
Bank premises owned \$500.00; furniture and fixtures \$1,550.00	2,050.00
Other assets	3,004.61
Total Assets	904,228.00

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	793,414.00
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	8,069.96
Deposits of states and political subdivisions	33,486.75
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	11,085.40
Total Deposits	\$846,056.11
Total Liabilities	846,056.11

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital	25,000.00
Surplus	25,000.00
Undivided profits	8,171.89
Total Capital Accounts	58,171.89
Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	904,228.00
This bank's capital consists of: Com mon stock with total par value of \$25,000.00.	

MEMORANDA

Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes 105,000.00

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, 1948.

Wilma Roberts Notary Public.

SANCO NEWS

By Mrs. Sam Fowler

Sanco is really booming right now with the oil strike, and well, who wouldn't be just a little excited?

Another school record was broken Monday when Sammie Jo Fowler was sick in bed. She was taken to the doctor last week but managed to stay in school. This was her third year of being neither absent nor tardy. Sammie Jo had missed only one other day since starting to school five years ago with Mrs. Jack Lassiter as her teacher.

WANT ADS

For Sale—Lots 1 and 2, block 41 Write 609 N. Tcm Green Ave. Odessa, Tex. w3p

For Sale—Late new edition Texas Almanacs. Observer Office.

Wanted—From owners estates, for listing sales; large or small tracts susceptible to development by irrigation or otherwise. Give Full Description, location, uses, improvements, possibilities, encumbrances, lowest price, terms. Robert L. Peyton, 2511 Homan, Waco, Texas. w3p

For Sale—Double disc breaking plow for Ford tractor, practically new. Lem Cowley. 1p

For Sale or Rent—Service station building with two lots. See or write D. L. Vestal, Ballinger, Texas. Phone 1279. w2c

For Sale—1947 brand new Ford pickup. Call 103. 1p

For Sale—Two piece living rm. suite and 4 piece bedroom suite in fair condition. A. E. Rose, first house west of Genie Baker store.

Mrs. Ernest Adkins, Joy and Mrs. Montgomery have been ill the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Glyn Thomason and children visited with Belva McCutchen and family on Sunday. H. J. Gartman was sick in bed Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carwile and Henry and Bro. and Mrs. McClanahan visited Sunday with the McGallians.

Those visiting Sammie Jo Fowler Sunday included her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wyatt, Roy Wyatt and children, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Denman, the Bryan Gartman family and Bro. and Mrs. McClanahan.

Club Cafe Is Now Under New Ownership

We have purchased the Club Cafe lease from Mrs. Theaux and are now in charge of the business.

We intend to serve good food at all times and have planned some outstanding improvements which will make the Club Cafe a credit to the community.

Your business is appreciated. —Cecil Schooley.

Mrs. Norman Montgomery of San Angelo underwent a tonsilectomy Saturday at the San Angelo clinic. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Wojtek of Robert Lee. Her cousin, Miss Fay Sides, of San Angelo also underwent a similar operation Saturday.

Rev. Fred D. Blake and family returned Saturday from a two weeks' vacation trip to Lemitar, N. Mex., where they visited his parents and other relatives. They also visited in the Texas Panhandle.

A little want ad will sell it.

SILVER NEWS

By Juanice Jameson

Have you been to Silver? Silver is a small, or was a small community in the extreme northwest part of Coke county. Silver Peak, from which I understand the community gets its name, is one mile south of the Coke-Mitchell county line and Highway No. 208, or if you are a recent visitor the Peak is just west of Sun Oil company's camp.

About a block from the peak northeast is the Silver Peak school with an enrollment of 62 pupils. Eight grades are taught there with Mrs. Evelyn McKinley of Sanco as principal, Mrs. Bob Odom of Silver, primary teacher, and Mrs. C. T. Wilkes of McKenzieville, teacher of the 4th and 5th grades. Mrs. Wilkes began her duties Jan. 5. Mrs. Zurl Philips is manager of the lunchroom and Mr. Philips is driver for the bus which brings both the McKenzieville and Silver high school students to Robert Lee. Rass Moore drives the McKenzieville bus to Silver.

Adjoining the school yard to the east is the Silver Missionary Baptist church. Bro. W. B. Teel of Camp Springs, Tex., is pastor. Bro. H. L. Bloodworth is Sunday School superintendent and Mrs. G. B. Gebhart, assistant. Sunday School is held at 10 a. m. each Sunday. Church services are at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. each second and fourth Sunday. Last week the Sunday School attendance was 36. Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock is teachers and officers meeting, choir practice and prayer meeting. The church extends an invitation to all to attend these services.

Bro. and Mrs. Teel have two sons, David, age 5, and Carroll, two years old. Bro. Teel is principal of the Hobbs grade school, a part of the Hobbs rural high school in Fisher county, said to be one of the largest consolidated districts in Texas and embraces about 500 square miles. He accepted pastorate of the Silver church last November.

The church house has had new doors, siding and window repairs. Since you are at church it is only a few hundred steps southeast to a cup of coffee at Tex's Cafe operated by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Garner, formerly of Colorado City. They have two children, Nelda Gay, who is in the fourth grade, and Gene, a freshman at Robert Lee high school. If you are a football fan you have seen Gene in action with the Robert Lee Steers. The Garner place is just across the street from Sun's camp.

The new building Sherm Anderson is constructing, reported to become a grocery store, is next door to the Tex cafe. Silver's first grocery store is located a mile east of Silver Peak on Highway 208 and is operated by Preston E. Mathers. Here, too, you will find Silver's first apartment houses. The first duplex is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Moore of Colorado City and his mother and brother, Mrs. Mary Moore and Jerry Lynn, age 8.

Jewel operates a Col-Tex service station a half block west of the Silver grocery. The Moores have three children, Donald Ray, age 13, John Kenneth, age 9, and Mary Ellen, 7 years old. Next door west is a garage operated by R. C. Scuddy of McKenzieville, who does general auto repairing.

Next is the welding shop of Floyd Flud. He and Mrs. Flud and their daughter, Sharon, will move into the second Gartman apartment as soon as it is completed. Mrs. Flud formerly operated the

Silver cafe, now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Grover (Skeet) Brown. The cafe is between the grocery and the filling station.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherrell Fant and daughter, Norma Joe of Grape Creek, near San Angelo, are living on the W. L. Carr ranch. Mrs. Fant is their daughter, Vera. Norma Joe is in the sixth grade. Her dad is fond of games, such as '84.

The Louis Caulders, who formerly lived on the Carr place, have moved to McKenzieville.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vanderland and Jan of Monahans spent Saturday and Sunday with the J. B. Walkers, Jr. Their baby, Billie Jean, who spent the week with her aunt, Mrs. Walker, returned home with her parents.

Christmas holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Gebhart were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Noble and son, Jimmie, of McAllen. The ladies are sisters Mr. Gebhart's mother, Mrs. W. C. Browning of Burk Burnett, and his sister, Mrs. Helen Weatherall of Dallas spent a week in the Gebhart home. Mr. Gebhart is a switcher for Sun and lives on the Allen Jameson lease. They have two children, Lary, age 6, and Terry Glynn, five years old.

Wednesday night, Jan. 7, patrons of Silver school district met at the school house where Mr. John Morgan and Mr. Charlie Freeman of the Sun company office at Dallas were introduced by Elvie Sragner. The speakers discussed schools and plans for future schools. The oil men presented some school problems encountered by them and left the thought that "whatever the people decide to do we are with them."

Thursday night, Jan. 8, brought

a meeting of the patrons and trustees. R. B. Allen presided at the open discussion. A motion to retain the Silver school and establish a high school was carried.

Around the bend from Silver about four miles southwest is the Church of Christ. Bro. Wendell Freeman from A. C. C. at Abilene is pastor. Services are held each first and third Sunday at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. Church School at 11 a. m. on other Sundays. You will always find a welcome at the Silver churches. They invite you to worship with them.

Bro. H. L. Bloodworth filled his appointment at Spade Baptist church on Sunday. He preaches there each second and fourth Sunday.

W. L. Carr who teaches the Green Mountain school at Edith, reports four new pupils, Janie and William Hoagland and L. B. and Douglas Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jameson took their son, Glynn, to the hospital at Roscoe for observation. Mrs. Jameson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Pierce, are with Larry Fred while his parents are away.

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Gems of Thought

THE draft that blows out a match makes a furnace burn better, and what prostrates a coward excites a brave man to action.

When a man imagines, even after years of striving, that he has attained perfection, his decline begins.—Theodore Martin.

Write down the advice of him who loves you, though you like it not at present.

Just because it is a well-beaten road is no sign that it is the right one.

From Beauticians to Rat Catchers—All 'Engineers'

During a recent campaign to kill by ridicule the flagrant misuses of the word "engineer" in this country, lists compiled showed that it was being employed as a title by persons engaged in nearly 2,600 kinds of work, most of which had little or nothing to do with engineering, says Collier's. Among the many absurd titles were Pajama Engineer (manufacturer), Exterminating Engineer (rat catcher) and Appearance Engineer (beauty parlor operator).

SMALL TOWNS, U.S.A.

Rural Life Program Seeks Improved Standards of Living

By EARLE HITCH
Released by WNU Features.

Concerted action aimed to develop an improved rural life must be launched on a widespread scale if small town America is to survive. That is the motivating factor behind the rural life movement, an energetic program which now is getting under way throughout America and which eventually will attempt to reach all small towns and rural communities of the nation.

Aim of the program is a better rural life — an attempt to make the country a better place in which to live and work. Rural problems have been discussed for years, and various solutions have been proposed. Experience has shown that the best results come from local action, planned by the people on their home grounds.

Aroused Citizenry Needed.

Before action can be expected, community consciousness has to be aroused. There must be determination to act. Then plans have to be made. The plans that do the most good are made to fit the local situation. All rural communities do not need the same things, nor can they go about getting what they do need in the same ways.

Rural America
At Stake
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No. 2
In a Series

The rural life program is simply this — a recognition that the nation needs to add new features to its rural economy. This is because the types of rural labor are changing. Machinery has changed farming, and in some areas farm land has worn out. Some men who once worked at farming are having to turn to other occupations.

The present system of farming is far out of balance. Too many farmers are living on slim fare. Of the 5,800,000 farmers in the United



Machinery is revolutionizing our farming system and our whole rural economy. Power is taking the place of men on U. S. farms, the plowman of old rapidly is vanishing from the scene.

States only the top third are enjoying the present high-level incomes for agricultural produce. The lower third, about two million, are averaging no more than \$400 a year. This sum does not provide an adequate standard of living for happiness and health.

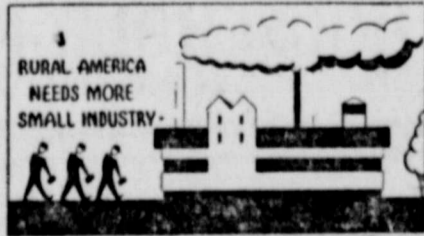
Cities, Too, Concerned.

From the standpoint of national stability there is urgent need for solutions which will prevent great numbers from being forced off the land. There is need to give those in the lower brackets encouragement and help to make them self sustaining. Growing numbers moving to cities add to job competition there, and make heavier unemployment risks in times of business slumps. Thus the cities as well as the rural areas have cause to be concerned.

Consequently leaders in public affairs are growing more disturbed as they witness:

1. The continuing shift of population from country to city.
2. The decline of the country church, which always has been a strong moral force in the nation.
3. A declining standard of living in many rural homes, from which comes the bulk of our population growth.

The government, acting through congress and the department of agriculture, has been giving help, and various organizations and agencies are following programs of



Rural America needs new occupations and more small industries. New rural occupations must be developed to provide employment away from the fields.

their own. Among them are the Farm Bureau federations, the cooperatives, the Farmers' Union, the National Grange, and Protestant and Catholic churches acting through the town and country departments of the leading denominations.



Income from farming is unevenly divided. Only the top third of the nation's 5,800,000 farmers are reaping the present high-level incomes for agricultural produce. The middle third are making about \$900 a year while the lowest third average no more than \$400 a year, according to estimates from census statistics based on 1944 reports.

All these organizations are agreed on general objectives. Briefly these objectives are:

1. To provide more opportunities for earning a good living in the country.
2. To establish better rural health and rural hospital services.
3. To provide more rural recreations and better uses for rural leisure.
4. To discover civic and cultural outlets that will add to a feeling of appreciation of the importance of country life and the country home.

The work to be done in this broad program does not concern farm people alone. Every small town has a stake in it. Whether the towns of the future grow in importance or languish depends on keeping a happy and satisfied population both in the towns themselves and the country roundabout.

Ways to do this are what the leaders of local community enterprise will have to discover. A knowledge of what has been done by communities that have made notable progress will be of interest to small communities everywhere, particularly those in a mood to do likewise.

Future articles in this series will tell about some outstanding small community programs.

Seamstress Cuts Police Uniforms And Tax Outlay

CHARLESTON, W. VA.—With her fast flying sewing machine, Mrs. Adana Summers is saving money for West Virginia taxpayers. Her job is to alter and make over uniforms worn by state police officers.

Each rookie trooper before going on duty receives \$326.65 worth of clothing, including a number of articles discarded by older policemen. Mrs. Summers alters these leftovers to fit their new owners, at the same time checking to see that they are completely equipped with the buttons considered so essential to a smart looking officer.

Mrs. Summers, who worked as a machinist in an industrial plant during the war, admits that her job is sometimes tedious and exacting but insists that she prefers it to that of a secretary, taking shorthand notes or pounding the keys of a typewriter.

How well she is doing her job is shown in Capt. Harry C. Meyers' estimate that during a six-month period alterations and mending of uniforms saved West Virginia taxpayers approximately \$2,000.

Doctor Includes Cows In 'Medical' Equipment

EUREKA, N. C.—Dr. Henderson Irwin, who insists he is just an old-fashioned country doctor, includes 34 cows in his "medical" equipment.

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Years of family practice have convinced him, the doctor says, that "a couple should be refused a marriage license unless they can say they have a bed, a stove and a cow."

ASK ME ANOTHER?

A quiz with answers offering information on various subjects

The Questions

1. How many persons in the United States have passed the century mark?
2. What was Mozart's given name?
3. Lloyd's of London, insurance firm, originated from the coffee house opened by Edward Lloyd in what year?
4. How many toes has an ostrich?
5. Which is the quietest city in the U. S.?
6. What is the difference between calender, colander and calendar?

The Answers

1. About 1,800.
2. Wolfgang Amadeus.
3. In 1688.
4. An ostrich has four toes.
5. Out of 500 cities surveyed, Boston was the quietest, Los Angeles was runner-up and New York was third.
6. Calender, a roller machine; colander, a perforated vessel; calendar, a table of dates.



Either, Or—
"Yesterday Derek asked me to marry him and make him the happiest man in the world."
"Which have you decided to do?"

On Other Side

"Friend of the bridegroom?" asked the usher at the wedding.
"Certainly not!" replied the dignified matron, "I am the bride's mother."

Fair Turn

On a quiet evening at home, a wife suggested to her husband: "Dear, why don't you read to me while I sew?"
The husband obviously didn't warm to the idea, stammered a bit, then said: "I tell you what—you sew to me while I read."

It takes face powder to get a man, and baking powder to keep him.

Utterly Careless

A man went to a mental specialist.
"What seems to be the trouble?" asked the doctor.
The patient responded by vigorously brushing imaginary things off his arm, explaining, "See? I have dragons on my sleeve."
The specialist, backing away, screamed: "Well, you don't have to brush them off on to me!"

Simple as That

A new switchman was instructed by the yardmaster to go to the back shop and mark all the cars that had been repaired so they could be forwarded East. Cars that had not been repaired were to be switched out and returned to the shop.

About an hour later, when the hump crew prepared to switch out the cars that had been repaired, the yardmaster noticed that all the cars had been freshly chalked "DG."

"How can I tell the 'okay' cars from the 'bad orders'?" the yardmaster stormed, "and what in blazes does 'DG' mean?"

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50 YEARS AGO IN COKE COUNTY

Early Day Items From Files Of The Coke County Rustler, Jan. 12, 1898

The year 1898 is here and with it comes another election campaign. There will be candidates for United States Senator and state and county offices some of whom are already hustling among the voters.

How will the ticket for 1900 strike you which reads "Bryan and Hogg?" Indications point that this will be the next Democratic ticket.

J. O. Logan left Angelo Thursday morning for Sweetwater. Gen. McKenzie bet him a suit of clothes that he could not make it to Sweetwater by 8 o'clock that night. Mr. Logan took the bet, arrived at Sweetwater at 7 o'clock and will sport a new suit at the general's expense. Eighty miles in 11 hours, without change of horses, is pretty good driving.—San Angelo Standard.

The rite of holy matrimony was celebrated between Author Cotton of Scurry county and Miss Annie Poland of Coleman county on the 26th of December at the residence of the bride's parents, with Rev. W. S. Maddox officiating. The groom is the eldest son of J. B. Cotton of Coke county.

A petition was filed Jan. 4 with Judge J. S. Chapman praying for

an election to be held at Robert Lee to determine whether or not said Robert Lee be incorporated for school purposes. Date for election was set as January 17.

J. B. Winn of Edith, who was badly bitten by a mule on Christmas Eve, is getting along nicely.

W. T. Arnett and Miss Jennie Good were married Jan. 2 by Rev. Isaac Reed.

Miss Flora Phillips of Edith was thrown from her horse one day last week and seriously if not fatally injured.

I. J. Good has gone to San Angelo with two bales of fleecy staple.

At the home of the bride's father, R. B. Ross, on Dec. 23rd Eugene Bates officiated at the marriage of Mr. Oscar Russell and Miss Maggie Ross. The bridegroom and bride were neatly and nicely dressed. They were comely, cheerful and happy.

Mr. Ed Merchant, teacher of the Valley View school, spent Christmas with his many friends at Bronte.

Walter Thomason, representing Geo. Allen the music dealer of San Angelo, has been with us several days and reports a good business.

BOYCE HOUSE "Gives You Texas"

Men strive for success. But what is success? Measured by the standard of their day, many men were failures—and yet they achieved immortality. Defeat may be the path to finer fame and greater glory than victory. Who occupies the largest space in history—Hannibal, the military genius of ancient Carthage, who lost only one battle, or Scipio, the Roman who won one battle? Hundreds of biographies have been written about Napoleon; a half dozen about Wellington, the victor of Waterloo. Who will be remembered longer: Robert E. Lee or U. S. Grant? Lee's name shines with glorious luster; he is the embodiment of chivalry, of knighthood, of gallantry; Grant is remembered only because he overwhelmed Lee by the sheer weight of numbers.

Your columnist is probably the only person in Texas who has neither read the book, "Gone With the Wind" nor seen the movie of that same name nor heard the song, "Open the Door, Richard" nor ever been in THAT store in Dallas.

As far as his contemporaries were concerned, Shakespeare was just one of the boys.

The checking out time of hotels is getting earlier and earlier. It used to be 6 in the afternoon; now, at most of them, it is 5 or even 4. If this keeps on, pretty soon when

a man registers, he will already owe one day's room rent.

Expect folks are a little "het up" in the Young County capital. A radio commentator recently remarked he was from Graham where, he said, "there is the biggest square in Texas—and folks with heads to match." That's what the man said!

Mrs. Conley Honored

A layette shower honoring Mrs. John Conley was given last Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Vincent Hanna. Co-hostesses were Wanda Mauldin, Mrs. A. M. Tubb and Mrs. Joe McCutchen. Refreshments of coffee and cake were served to twenty guests. Mrs. Conley was the former Marjorie McCutchen.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McDonald and daughter, Patsy, of San Angelo spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Linzy McDorman.



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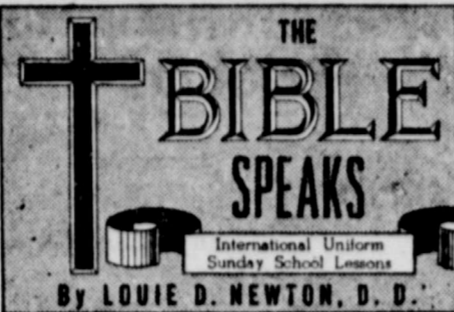
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Our Relationship to God

Lesson for January 18, 1948

THE Scripture lesson for Sunday is John 4:5-26 and Romans 8:12-17 and 31-39, with the 103rd Psalm as the devotional reading.



Dr. Newton

The passage in John presents the dramatic story of Jesus meeting with the woman from Sychar at Jacob's well, and of her discovery of the Water of Life.

There is no more convincing evidence anywhere in the Bible of Jesus as the one and only approach to God. He is the Door through which one must pass into the Kingdom, whether bond or free, rich or poor, ignorant or learned, high or low. "I am the truth and the life and the way."

Jesus Teaches About God
IN THIS great story we see Jesus, wearied from the day's arduous tasks, sitting on the curb of Jacob's well, resting. The disciples had gone across the valley to the village to buy food. The woman comes to draw water from the historic well. She did not notice Jesus until he spoke to her.

He asked for a drink of water. That was his way of making contact with her. She drew back, wondering why a Jew would speak to a woman in public. But Jesus got past the immediate wall which she threw up between herself and him, and soon was teaching her the way of everlasting life, to which she responded with gratitude.

How We Worship God
READ John 4:5-26 and see how Jesus led the woman of Sychar to understand true worship. Strangely enough, she knew a good deal about Jewish rites and ceremonies, but she had never known the basic truth that "God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

Included in the record of how Jesus taught the woman to worship was the necessity of confessing her sin. We often miss the joy of true worship because we fail to confess our sins. God looketh upon the heart. If there is sin in our hearts, it must be forgiven.

Our Need of God
"IF YE live after the flesh, ye shall die," Romans 8:13. Here is a solemn truth that many seem to forget — apart from God we are dead.

In the preceding chapters in Romans, Paul has shown how sin worketh death. He sets forth the penalties that result from carnal thinking and behavior. But in the 16th verse he comes on to say:

"It is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are the sons of God, or children of God," Romans 8:16.

Strong in the Lord
OUR age has made much of OUR might — might that expresses itself in speed. We think in terms of atomic power. This lesson would help us to understand that we may be strong in the Lord. All power is with him. "All power hath been given me in heaven and on earth," said Jesus.

And this leads us to the climax of Sunday's lesson, when Paul declares:

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord," Romans 8:38, 39.

Satan had the woman of Sychar completely in his power until the grace of God lifted her feet upon the Rock of Ages. She could then stand in the midst of the people of Sychar and declare that she had met One who had released her from the bondage of sin. That is what will happen in every heart that comes to God through Jesus Christ.

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LEARN to laugh; it is better than medicine.
Learn to attend to your own business; few men can handle their own.
Learn to say kind words; nobody ever resents them.
Learn to avoid nasty remarks; they give neither the hearer nor the speaker any satisfaction.
Learn to stop grumbling; if you can't see any good in the world keep the bad to yourself.
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The Office of Indian Affairs, back in Washington after a wartime sojourn in Chicago, counts 400,000 Indians in the United States, plus 33,000 Eskimos, Eskimos, and Aleuts in Alaska and adjacent areas.
The reservations and tribal lands managed by the office would cover two Pennsylvanias, according to the National Geographic Society. Besides the Indians on reservations, there are many leading their own lives. Scattered groups like the Powhatans always have lived independently of federal stewardship.
Ethologists say there were 846,000 Indians here in 1492. After a decrease in population, this century has seen a steady increase among the 150 tribes on reservations.
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Bob L. Davis Seeks 2nd Term as County Judge

I am announcing my candidacy for re-election as County Judge and Ex-Officio Superintendent of Schools with the feeling that as your public servant all the accomplishments that could be humanly expected of me in one year have been achieved. The fact



that the entire country has been faced with "reconversion," perhaps has made it more difficult to attain each and every goal that we fast moving Americans desire. It has been the policy of this office to adhere to the Laws of our State and the rules and regulations set forth by the Department of Education. Some of them are no more agreeable to me than to you, but it is the duty of the peace officers of this County and every other county to abide by same.

Problems have arisen in the past year that Coke County has never before been faced with, and it has

been my duty to cope with each and every situation as it may arise, with the interest of the people of Coke County at heart. For instance, the Farm to Market Road Program was changed, requiring the counties to bear 75% of the cost of construction of roads, which places the counties of our financial condition in a strenuous position.

However, through the splendid cooperation of the citizens of Coke County, we were able to place our position before the State Highway Commission in Austin and secure the designation, appropriation for survey, and the promise of a somewhat early completion of a Farm to Market Road to Sterling City.

TIME MARCHES ON! and while the moving hand of Fate writes the record of the past year, the unwavering finger of destiny points out the inescapable path of future development. Coke County is right athwart that path. Every place on earth has some qualifications to justify its existence—economic, geographic, climatic, and social. Even the Sahara Desert and the South Pole have their incomparable attributes! But I think that no other county in Texas has more opportunity in one limited area than may be found here.

If again elected to serve as your County Judge and Ex-Officio Superintendent of Schools, it will be my endeavor to serve all the people of the county, and I assure you that my efforts will be devoted to your best interests at all times.

BOB L. DAVIS.

L. E. Smith has changed places with his son Finnell. The latter has moved to their place near Edith, while Lake is now located south of town where they bought 1,800 acres of the old Jeffrey ranch a couple of years ago. Finnell says his dad gets a new rock house to live in, too.

Folks You Know

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pitcock of Tatum N. Mex., are the proud parents of a son, Gaylor Lynn, born Jan. 10, at 10:50 a. m. at Shannon hospital. The baby weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces. Mrs. Pitcock is the former Winifred Gartman. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pitcock of Hamlin and Mr. Mrs. B. D. Gartman of Sanco.

Sending in a three-year renewal to The Observer, George King of Stanley New Mex., says they are having mighty fine weather for this time of year.

Don Clark was honored with a party last Friday night on the occasion of his 17th. birthday. The affair took place at the S. B. Plumlee home with 13 guests present. Cake and cocoa were served.

Sherman Anderson fell last week while working on his new building at Silver and injured his arm and side. He received medical treatment and is much improved.

Otto Havins is recovering at his home in Big Spring from an appendectomy which he underwent Wednesday of last week. Otto is a former Robert Lee boy, and is a son of Fern Havins. Local relatives visited him Sunday and report that he is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Mathers and daughter, Boyce, Mrs. Sam Savage and son, Forest, of Denver City, and Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Maxwell and children of San Angelo spent the weekend with relatives in the Silver community.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Campbell returned Monday from Dallas where Mr. Campbell had a check-up on his eye which was recently operated upon. Reports of the success of the operation are very encouraging.

Mr. and Mrs. Lem Cowley and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fields, spent Sunday with the Pete Rampys at Mertzon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tom Roach and little son, Billy Rankin, spent several days last week visiting in Commerce and Dallas.

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