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City Completes A Water System; Has Money Left

Attention is called to the City of Robert Lee's financial statement published in this issue of The Observer. A study of the report will convince taxpayers that city finances are in good shape.

For the first time in many years the General Fund comes up with a healthy cash balance. This is largely due to the fact that city valuations have materially increased.

The Water Works Fund shows collections of more than \$10,000 for the last half of the year. Sale of water has also made a big gain, and even greater water collections can be expected when the new Mountain Creek reservoir fills up.

The Sinking Fund is set up to handle retirement of the old bond issue of 1929, and its funds are derived from transfer from the General Fund. During the past year \$2,000 principal and \$750 interest were paid on the old waterworks debt. Bonds of \$1,500 will be due in 1951. There remains \$28,500 outstanding, and the entire issue must be retired by March 1, 1961.

Sale of a bond issue of \$65,000 made possible an extensive water works improvement program which has been carried on the past few months. The new water treatment plant has been finished, except for installation of a 10-inch control valve which has not arrived from the factory.

A chlorinator, costing \$1,800, is at the plant but has not been connected up. R. B. Thornton, contractor, has not been paid the final 5 per cent or about \$2,400.

City Secretary McNeil Wylie says the Water Improvement Fund will have money to pay up everything, with \$500 cash on hand. In addition the city has a \$3,000 supply of small pipe to be used as needed.

Immediately after the \$65,000 bond issue was sold last March the city began making a monthly payment of \$449.82 on retiring the debt. These are revenue bonds and are to be paid off from water receipts. The bonds are spread over a 30-year period, but are payable after 13 years.

If and when Mountain Creek gets one of its periodic floods, it is reasonable to believe Robert Lee's water problem will be solved.

The dam was constructed by the Upper Colorado River Authority at a cost of more than \$80,000. This amount will be paid back to the UCRA over a 20-year period without interest. The payments, to be made monthly, do not start until the new plant begins operation.

The project has been enormous for a town the size of Robert Lee and those in charge are to be congratulated for their enterprise. This group includes city and UCRA officials, engineers and property owners.

Old bonds added to the new obligations run the city's debt up to approximately \$175,000. However, a sound program has been set up to retire these bond issues. With good men in charge of city affairs this program can be carried out, and it's up to the voters to continue to take an interest in the city's business by electing good men and backing them up.

The present administration has announced that it will continue to publish regular reports of city finances.

★ With Our Boys ★ ★ In The Service ★

Joe Thetford and Frankie Percifull have enlisted in the Navy and left Tuesday night for Houston. Joe is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Thetford of Edith and has been a student at San Angelo Junior College the past year and a half. Frankie is a son of Mrs. Frank Percifull and was completing his first semester at SAC.

They will be joined next week by John L. Bruton, who has been attending junior college at Odessa. He had to secure a release from his National Guard Unit at Odessa before signing with the Navy. John L. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Garvin of Edith.

Ralph Walker and Roy Tinkler, who recently enlisted in the Air Corps, passed their physical examinations at Abilene last week and are now training at Lackland AFB near San Antonio.

Ralph is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Walker and Roy is the youngest child of Mrs. Mattie Tinkler.

Another Robert Lee youth who has enlisted in the Air Corps is Wallace Ross, 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy P. Ross. He began his training at Lackland two weeks ago. He is the third son in the Ross family to enter the service.

(Editor's Note: This column will be a weekly feature of The Observer from now on. Please send in news about your boys in the service.)

New River Bridge Opened To Traffic

The new Colorado River Bridge, 3 miles west of Robert Lee, was opened to traffic last Friday. It filled in the last remaining gap of a fine new highway extending from Ballinger to Midland, which will be designated as Highway No. 158.

Small stretches of road on either side of the new bridges will not be surfaced with asphalt until warmer weather arrives.

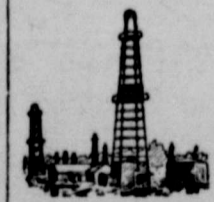
Supt. B. C. Goodwin of Robert Lee, Supt. J. L. Carroll of Bronte and County Supt. Jeff Dean were in Austin several days last week where they attended the mid-year meeting of Texas School Administrators.

Bahlman Now Owns Dry Cleaning Plant

Melvin Bahlman has purchased the local dry cleaning plant, including all equipment and the building and lot.

The property has been owned by Otis Campbell, who purchased it when former Winters owners left Robert Lee two years ago.

Bahlman has been operating the business under a lease the past year. He is making a success of the undertaking and is turning out first class work.



Notes From The Oil Field

T. W. Murray No. 1 Fred Roe, wildcat 6 miles northwest of Robert Lee, was drilling Thursday at 4,379 feet in shale.

Union No. 3 Jim McCutchen, 4 miles east of town, was drilling below 3,700 feet.

Sun Finals Two Coke Producers

Sun Oil Company added two more Coke county producers this week, one on the J. S. (Jack) Walker lease near Silver, and the other on Foster Sims Price, west and north of Edith.

Sun No. 3 J. S. Walker indicated a production well over the allowable when it flowed 79.40 barrels of oil and no water during 17 1-2 hours. Gauge was through quarter inch choke. An official 24-hour test was to have been completed Thursday afternoon.

Pressures were 175 pounds on tubing and 950 pounds on casing. Gas-oil ratio 1,282-1. The hole was bottomed at 6,419 feet.

Baker & Taylor had the drilling contract and moved to Sun No. 14 C. E. Mathers. Drillers lost circulation above 300 feet and were making hole Thursday morning at 370 feet.

Sun No. 2 Bloodworth spudded at noon Wednesday and was down 505 feet Thursday morning. Empire Drilling Co. has the contract. Location is two miles east of the nearest producing well in the Jameson field south of Silver.

Sun No. 5 Allen Jameson was drilling in shale at 5,217 feet.

Sun F. S. Price A-3, a northwest outpost of the Millican field at Edith, has been finished for a 24-hour flow of 129 7/2 barrels, after twice being acidized with 5,000 gallons. Gauge was through quarter inch choke. Casing pressure was 925 pounds and 300 pounds on the tubing. Gas-oil ratio 1,072-1.

Sun No. 10 Annie L. Cummings was drilling at 1,225 feet in shale and sand.

Sun No. 3 F. S. Price was in shale at 4,817 feet.

March of Dimes To Open Monday

The March of Dimes campaign to raise funds to fight infantile paralysis (polio) will be launched next Monday, Jan. 15.

Mrs. Charlie Boecking of Bronte is county chairman of the drive and Mrs. Hugh Lewis, Jr., of Robert Lee will handle the campaign in the west half of the county.

Quota for Coke county has been set at \$2,000. Last year the county exceeded that amount.

Texans are deeply interested in the campaign because it has been hit harder than any of the states. Funds raised within the state were not sufficient to care for the great number of patients, and a large amount of money was sent in by the National Foundation.

Word is out that the great program of research to combat polio maybe expected to show some results within the coming year. A good sized portion of the March of Dimes fund is allotted to research.

Coke county had very few cases of polio in 1950 but the previous year there were 15. Everybody is interested in this great humanitarian project and local people can be expected to continue their excellent support.

Bank Officers Re-Elected

Annual meeting of stockholders of the Robert Lee State Bank was held Tuesday at which time all officers and directors were re-elected. The bank had a prosperous year, gained \$110,000 in deposits and paid two 5% dividends. A bank statement is published elsewhere in this issue.



Weldon Fikes

County Clerk's Office Passes Into New Hands

The county and district clerk's office is operating smoothly under its new boss, Weldon Fikes. He succeeded Willis Smith, who held the post 18 years.

Weldon made it a point to spend several weeks in the office before he took over the first of the year. He is getting pretty well acquainted with the routine and Willis has been around to help out when his advice was needed.

The office deputy, Mrs. R. C. (Mary) Patterson, is also staying and she gained valuable experience over the past two years.

Weldon used smart tactics in winning the election last summer over one of the county's most popular political figures. Fikes called upon every voter he could. He's young, aggressive and makes a good appearance. He said he hoped to be able to do as good a job as the present clerk had done, and that sort of an attitude paid off in votes.

Weldon comes from good stock and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Fikes, up toward Sanco. He spent 52 months in World War II, and as a member of the 7th Infantry Division took part in the bloody job of taking Attu away from the Jap invaders. He spent a long period in Alaska and the Aleutians and later was on Military Police duty at the Anchorage headquarters.

His wife also is a Coke county girl, the former Bryce Stewart, daughter of Marvin Stewart. They have two little daughters, Marion, 4, and Farrell Jean, 2 years old.

Coke County Hospital News

Jan. 4—Linda Lee Clark, 5 year old daughter of E. B. Clark, admitted.

Jan. 5—Martha Sue Richardson, Rev. J. D. McWhorter and Ronald, 4 months old son of Howard Varnadore, admitted. Mrs. A. E. Smith and Linda Lee Clark dismissed.

Jan. 6—John Cole admitted. Billie Dove Allen and Rev. J. D. McWhorter dismissed.

Jan. 7—John Cole and Martha Sue Richardson dismissed.

Jan. 8—Leslie Chiles admitted. Jan. 10—Mrs. Oscar Collett and Mrs. Roy Askins admitted.

They Did It Again!

Ho Hum! The Robert Lee high school building was burglarized again last Wednesday night, for the fourth time within a year. Several locks were pried open and the sum of \$12 was taken from the office of Prin M. E. Petross. School officials are inclined to believe local talent was involved.

County Officials To Reduce Bridge & Road Spending

Coke County spending will be curtailed during 1951, according to an attitude of retrenchment adopted by the Commissioners Court at its first regular session of the year here this week.

Judge Jeff Dean reports that finances were discussed at length. It was unanimously agreed that road and bridge work must be cut in order that these funds can catch up. County financial statements are due to be published early in the year.

Official salaries will remain the same as last year. They are:

Clerk	\$4,000
Sheriff	4,200
Judge	4,000
Treasurer	2,500
Attorney	2,100
Constables	300
Justices of the Peace	300

Commissioners receive \$150 per month and an additional \$25 for traveling expenses. The deputy sheriff's salary is \$200 per month, while all other deputies and office clerks receive \$125.

Wages to be paid county road workers were raised from 75c to \$1.00 per hour.

J. L. (Chilly) Tinkler has been appointed deputy sheriff and assumed his new duties this week. There has been a vacancy in the office since the resignation of O. B. Jacobs last September. Frank Kesse is a special deputy sheriff at Bronte and draws \$50 monthly.

No other changes have been made in any of the offices. Mrs. R. C. Patterson has been retained as deputy in the county clerk's office. Other clerks who have been rehired include Maudie Watson, in the judge's office, and Mrs. Garland Good and Billie Roberts in the sheriff's office.

Robert Lee Host To Cage Tourney

Robert Lee high school's annual basket ball tournament is scheduled for this weekend. Eight boys teams and six girls clubs are entered. First round games start Thursday night and tournament sessions will continue Friday afternoon and night and Saturday morning, afternoon and night.

Opening schedules are:

Boys Games

Thursday Night—Bronte vs Sterling City, 6:30 p. m.; Robert Lee vs Norton, 9:30 p. m.

Friday Afternoon—Bronte "B" vs Christoval, 2 p. m.; Miles vs Mertzon, 5 p. m.

Girls Games

Thursday Night—Bronte vs Sterling City, 8 p. m.

Friday—Robert Lee vs Norton, 3:30 p. m.; Miles vs Mertzon, 7 p. m.

Births

Mr and Mrs. Carl Grubenman, Jr. of Silver are proud parents of their first child, a daughter born Jan. 7 at 6:43 a. m. at Clinic Hospital in San Angelo. The infant weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and has been named Carla Frances. Mrs. Grubenman is the former Martha Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Robert Lee. Mr. Grubenman is a petroleum engineer with Sun Oil Co. at Silver. His parents reside at Henderson, Tex.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Truman Rejects Hoover Demand For a New U. S. Foreign Policy; Allies Approve Army of 750,000

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



Here is another view of a section of the city corridor through which the first marines fought their way to the Hamhung beachhead. Weary leathernecks used every pause to catch a nap, even on the frozen ground. Over 11,000 of them were killed or wounded.

HOOVER:

A New Foreign Policy

Herbert Hoover demanded a new foreign policy for the United States in a major radio-television speech. He urged the U.S. to concentrate on holding the Atlantic and Pacific oceans with the island outposts of Britain, Japan, Formosa and the Philippines. He then warned against sending more men and money to Europe.

The former president's speech created a buzz of controversy in Washington. Democratic officials called it "rank isolationism" and even some top G.O.P. policy makers, including Sen. Robert Taft of Ohio, did not agree in all respects with Mr. Hoover.

This is how Mr. Hoover saw the situation:

"It is clear continental Europe has not in three years of our aid developed a unity of purpose and that will power necessary for its own defense.

"It is clear that our British friends are flirting with appeasement of Communist China.

"It is clear that the U.N. is in a fog of debate and indecision on whether to appease or not to appease."

He then went on to outline his seven "principles and action" for American policy:

1. Preserve "this western hemisphere Gibraltar."
2. Hold the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, seeking the cooperation of Great Britain.
3. Arm our air and naval forces "to the teeth," free Japan and help her rearm, and stiffen the defenses of Formosa and the Philippines.
4. Reduce other expenses, balance the budget, and roll back inflation.
5. Aid other nations that show "spirit and strength" in defending themselves against the Communists.
6. No appeasement anywhere, "no more Tehrans and Yaltas."
7. Watchful waiting in Europe pending its own development of "unity and will" to resist aggression.

Much of the criticism against Mr. Hoover's proposals centered around the belief that the Pacific and Atlantic oceans can be made a defense line. Some critics pointed out that failure to continue aid to our friends and allies would isolate us and eventually we would find ourselves without any friends in the world.

President Truman issued a statement shortly after Hoover's speech which amounted to a firm rejection of the former president's demand that troops and money be withheld from Europe.

The President said the Atlantic pact nations had shown they "mean business" about setting up a common defense and asserted the protection of western Europe was vital to United States security.

"Let there be no mistake," Truman said. "The unity of the nations of western Europe and the North Atlantic area is vital to their security and ours."

He then announced that soldiers of pact nations—presumably including U. S. troops—will be training together "within the next few weeks."

EUROPE:

Army of 750,000

The 12 Atlantic pact nations pledged themselves to try to match America's partial war mobilization. They pledged themselves to build an unprecedented international peacetime army of 750,000 men to stop Communist aggression. This is the army that General Eisenhower will command.

The council concluded its two day conference in Brussels with the issuance of a formal communication which included:

1. Establishment of an integrated force under centralized control and command. This force to be composed of contingents contributed by the participating governments.
2. An order to United States, Great Britain and France to start negotiations with the Germans to persuade them to agree to cooperate with the west in limited rearmament.
3. Creation of a new defense production board "charged with expanding and accelerating" rearmament; it will supersede the Atlantic powers old military production and supply board.

It will be many months however before General Eisenhower will have anything more than a token force. But observers agreed that at last the western powers have gotten down to the serious business of building a defense against communism.

CHRISTMAS:

A False Gaiety

The world—that part which still celebrates the Birth of Christ—went all-out for Christmas 1950, but it was a false gaiety. Those parts of the world where there was no strife could not forget that men still died believing in the dignity of man and the principle of freedom.

But people tried to make it a merry Christmas in many lands. In the United States department stores recorded near record sales.

Frenchmen, even while many of them feared it might be the last Christmas before World War III, sent sales records to new heights in the stores, buying for feasting and giving which would hide from their children the frayed nerves of their elders.

Britain, too, was determined to put the best face on matters and enjoy the holiday.

Brussels set the tone for Belgium. The city was gaily festooned for the holiday, the mood of worry successfully hidden and the celebration testifying to Belgium's renewed economic strength.

West Germany tried to forget that she was the object of a tug of war between Communism and non-Communism. Christmas sales hit a post-war peak.

In East Germany there was no observance. There were no displays in the stores and no decorations anywhere except for a few forlorn wreaths here and there, hung up by the less timid householders.

That was the world on Christmas day—divided into two parts, one trying to be happy with a false gaiety, the other grim and foreboding.

CHINA:

Refuses to Negotiate

If the world held any hopes that the Chinese would talk peace in Korea, they were killed when China's Foreign Minister Chou En-lai said they would not negotiate with the United Nations Korean-truce team.

Chou then went on to name his price for peace in Korea.

1. Removal of the United States seventh fleet from Formosan waters.

2. Withdrawal of "foreign troops" from Korea.

3. A seat in the United Nations for Communist China.

Thus ended any hopes that the Chinese Communists would dicker with the three-man truce committee set up by the General Assembly to try to bring about a cease-fire in Korea. Peiping did not even bother to transmit a copy of its blast to Lake Success, seemingly content to let its radio demands remain the last word.

The Chinese statement contained the usual propaganda lines.

Meanwhile, a warning to China by Malcolm MacDonald, Britain's commissioner-general for southeast Asia, that they are heading for disaster caused a stir of comment throughout the east.

MacDonald said in part: "... Should the Chinese government stay hostile to the western nations, oppose the Asian powers who strive for eastern and western co-operation, and defy the United Nations, then we could only adapt our attitude accordingly."

Observers were quick to point out that such a statement would not have been made unless previously approved by London. It would seem a blunt warning to Peiping that Britain is getting fed up. For this reason many observers believed it was the first indication of a get-tough policy by the British.

EISENHOWER:

Concerted Effort Needed

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme commander of the Atlantic pact armies, urged Americans to settle down to a concerted effort to meet the emergency confronting this country and stop partisan squabbling over the nation's leadership.

In his first formal press conference as supreme commander, he asked for "no more business as usual, no more profits as usual, no more working hours as usual."

Observers were interested in the general's view on including German troops in the new western European army. He said he wanted his former foes included but emphasized his belief that the Germans should make their military contributions only on a "voluntary basis" to be a really effective combat organization.

"In accepting anything like that," he said, "we must be sure we are getting strength and no weakness."

Of one thing Eisenhower was positive. The nation's strength is so great that its people can do "anything in the world they set out to do."

CASUALTIES:

The Price of War

The horrible price of war was brought home to the American people with the announcement that 11,964 United States troops were listed as dead, wounded and missing from the time the Chinese Communists attacked up to December 12.

With previous defense department figures, total American casualties for the war exceeded 42,000. The report said the Chinese Reds had suffered approximately 120,000 casualties during the same period.

The defense department's last previous total of casualties, whose next of kin had been notified, numbered 36,421. These included 5,518 killed, 25,587 wounded and 5,316 missing. Of the wounded 662 died later.

Heads Agency



Charles E. Wilson, former president of General Electric company, poses for camera men as he took over his duties as head of the Defense Production Authority which has authority similar to the powers vested in the war production board in World War II.

Nepal, Gurkha Homeland, Guards Doorway to India

The independent Kingdom of Nepal has marshaled its best known "natural resource" — the fierce Gurkha soldier — to guard isolated mountain ramparts adjoining Tibet, where invading Chinese communist troops are on the march.

Nepal, a small country some 500 miles long and 100 wide, is a rectangular "buffer state" wedged between India and Tibet along the awesome heights of the Himalayas. Pro-Western in its ties, the ancient kingdom is now being subjected to a menacing propaganda barrage from communist China.

As the homeland of the Gurkha warrior caste, Nepal has contributed thousands of the famed tribesmen to the British and Indian armies. All are volunteers, and they have won many decorations for bravery and efficiency in two world wars and innumerable lesser campaigns.

Traditionally this mountain kingdom has been known as a land "where nearly every man is a soldier." Since 1768 the various tribes of Nepal have been ruled by the warlike Gurkhas. Upper class titles are modeled on Western military rank. Although the nation itself has lived in peace for many years, Nepal maintains a standing army estimated at 50,000—relatively large in proportion to a population of less than seven million.

It is a country of remarkable geographical contrasts. In the south bordering India is a malarial belt of lowlands, annually ravaged by monsoon floods from silt-laden rivers which rise in the mountains and empty into India's sacred Ganges. Beyond the lowlands are the Siwalik mountains and farther north are the great Himalayas, including many towering but unnamed peaks. Mt. Everest, highest mountain in the world at 29,022 feet, rises majestically at Nepal's northern border.

Wide Range of Temperature Makes Hot Water Ideal Heat

Hot water is a flexible heating medium.

The temperature of water used for heating can be varied as the outdoor temperature rises or falls.

Thus in mild weather the controls which automatically govern the temperature of the water in the boiler can be set for 90 to 100 degrees.

In more severe weather it can be advanced to 120 to 150 degrees. During extreme weather, a temperature of from 180 to 200 degrees may be utilized when and as required.

Changing the temperature of the heating medium in accordance with outdoor temperature has two advantages. First of all, it prevents the discomfort due to overheating. Second, it saves fuel because it prevents the waste which results from overheating.

It is during the mild weather of early fall and late spring that the flexibility of hot water is most appreciated. By circulating water at a low temperature, the radiators or other heat distributors will be just barely warm to the touch. Thus the discomfort resulting from overheating caused by a sudden rise of outdoor temperatures will be prevented.

Thrombosis Fatalities

Coronary thrombosis, contrary to popular impression, is not usually fatal immediately or within a short time.

Results of a study by a leading insurance company show that 70 per cent of a group of persons who had had one or more coronary attacks were still alive at the end of five years, 50 per cent at the end of 10 years, and 43 per cent at the end of 12 years. The study traces survivorship among 540 men for whom life insurance disability benefits were approved because of heart conditions.

Alaska's Brooks Range Explored by Scientists

A majestic graveyard of 300 million years ago is the great Brooks range of northern Alaska, forming North America's northern rampart and perhaps the least explored under the American flag.

A systematic paleontological exploration of parts of these mountains has been in progress during the past two summers, conducted by a United States geological survey party led by Arthur L. Bowsher, Sr., Smithsonian institution paleontologist on detached duty with the survey.

The area where these mountains now exist was once the bottom of ancient shallow seas, during the long, temperate, quiet era of earth's history known as the Mississippian, when the dominant form of life—at least the most abundant—consisted of crinoids and their relatives. This was the heyday of these curious animals, which were, for the most part, attached by stems to the sea bottoms. Their skeletons were composed of tiny plates of calcium carbonate very similar to chalk. Thick limestone strata of the Brooks range are made up of broken fragments of the skeletons. In other sections, however, the crinoid remains are excellently preserved.

The crinoids were found by the geologists in great variety, for the most part representing species hitherto unknown to science. At the time represented by the fossils, the climate was probably somewhat warmer than at present, and the animals were apparently able to enjoy favorable living conditions for as long as 30 million years. Life on the land was already well established, and there were many primitive fishes in the seas.

Hitherto, there has been little geological explanation of this region.

Synthetic Spearmint Oil Made from Orange Peels

Synthetic spearmint oil for flavoring has been produced from orange and grapefruit peels, it was announced at the 118th national meeting of the American chemical society held in Chicago.

The new product will supplement and partially replace the natural material, according to Dr. Carl Bordenca, of the Southern Research Institute, Birmingham, Ala., who reported the research work leading to the perfection of the process.

Manufacturers of chewing gum and other products using spearmint flavoring will welcome this new source of supply, since the availability and quality of natural spearmint oil have been variable in past years as a result of the seasonal nature of production and the dependence on crop conditions, the report said. The new process also will solve a problem for the citrus canning industry, for whose by-product orange and grapefruit peels only a limited demand exists at present.

Carvone, as the synthetic spearmint is called, occurs in natural spearmint oil to the extent of 65 per cent and is indistinguishable in odor and taste from the natural material, Dr. Bordenca declared. Partial substitution of carvone for the natural oil has already been accepted for certain uses, he said.

The Hunting Commandments

1. Treat every gun with the respect due to a loaded gun. This is the cardinal rule of gun safety.
2. Carry only empty guns, taken down or with the action open, into your automobile, camp and home.
3. Always be sure that the barrel and action are clear of obstructions.
4. Always carry your gun so that you can control the direction of the muzzle even if you stumble.
5. Be sure of your target before you pull the trigger.
6. Never point a gun at anything you do not want to shoot.
7. Never leave your gun unattended unless you unload it first.
8. Never climb a tree or a fence with a loaded gun.
9. Never shoot at a flat, hard surface or the surface of water.
10. Do not mix gunpowder and alcohol.

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Texas Sets Grim New Polio Record

AUSTIN, Jan. 10 — Texas wound up 1920 by setting a grim new record in polio incidence—2778 cases for the year.

Never before in state history have so many cases been reported during a 12-month period. Eight cases occurred during the last week in December.

That in itself is significant, for not a single week passed that didn't see at least one case of the so-called hot weather disease being diagnosed in some part of the State.

The total 1949 incidence of the dread disease reached 2355 cases, establishing a record up to that time. But there were 53 weeks in 1949 instead of the normal 52, and that figure includes cases occurring all 53 weeks.

Two hundred and 3 counties out of the state's 254 were involved in the 1949 outbreak. That's comparable to the 201 counties which experienced polio in 1950.

The counties of Coleman, Harris, Jefferson, McCulloch, Nueces, Tarrant, and Tom Green each reported a single case of polio the last week of the year. A Veterans Administration hospital had one case as the year ended, bringing the total for the week to 8 from all sources.

The disease reached its peak on August 12, when 131 Texans fell ill. That marked the greatest single weekly incidence ever to be reported.

At that time State Health Officer George W. Cox ruefully predicted that 3000 cases would be diagnosed before the year ended. He missed his estimate by 222.

Early in the polio season, Dr. Cox pledged the facilities "of the entire State Department of Health" to local communities in combatting polio. The health agency's laboratory and field personnel, working in cooperation with civic organizations and local units, were credited with keeping the epidemic from reaching even greater proportions.

Mr. and Mrs. John Palmer Leeper visited over night last Thursday in the parental Palmer Leeper home. They were enroute to Pasadena, Calif., where John Palmer will assume the position of director of the famous Pasadena Art Museum. For the past two years he has been assistant director of the Corcoran Museum in Washington, D. C.

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Almanac



Time does not become sacred until we have lived it.

JANUARY

- 1—Russian Bolsheviks and Central Powers sign Brest-Litovsk treaty, 1918.
- 2—MacArthur's troops land on Luzon, 1945.
- 10—Eighteen Americans shot by Mexican bandit Villa, 1916.
- 11—French-Belgium troops occupy Ruhr, 1923.
- 12—First session held of U. S. S. R.'s "Red Parliament," 1938.
- 13—Saar votes to return to German rule, 1935.
- 14—United States-Great Britain peace ratified, 1784.

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Melvin Childress Family Visit Arizona Relatives

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Childress and daughters, Juanice and Carolyn, spent the Christmas holidays in Mesa, Ariz., with Melvin's parents, his two brothers and one sister.

They left Robert Lee at 2:15 p. m. Dec. 20 and drove to Sierra Blanca where they spent the night. Leaving there at 6 a. m. Thursday they traveled the southern route from Lordsburg, N. Mex., by way of Tucson, and arrived at Mesa at 7 that night.

The following day was spent resting and visiting. Saturday the three brothers and their families made a tour through the mountains to Superior, Miami and Globe, Ariz., going over what is called "The Top of the World." Miami is an important copper mining center.

Sunday, Dec. 24, Melvin and Dwight, with their dad and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Childress, visited Mr. and Mrs. Prue Green (Mrs. Green is an aunt) who live at Avondale. The Greens showed Melvin some gold they had panned from off their place in Mayor, where they spend their summers.

Twenty-five were present for the Christmas Day gathering in the

Dwight Childress home. They included Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Childress of Phoenix, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wieressner and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Childress, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Childress and two daughters, and Mr. and Mrs. Ellon Grass, parents of Mrs. Dwight Childress, and three children.

The following day the group took a picnic dinner to Stewart Mountain Lake and fished. They drove on up into the mountains near Sun Flower, a gold mining town, and returned to Phoenix for supper with Daryl and his wife.

Thursday morning found the Melvin Childress family heading back to Texas. Returning home they traveled the central route by way of Miami and Globe. They had a very enjoyable trip throughout.

Bill McCutchen, well known armer and rancher north of town, is recovering from illness of influenza.

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Meets second Tuesday
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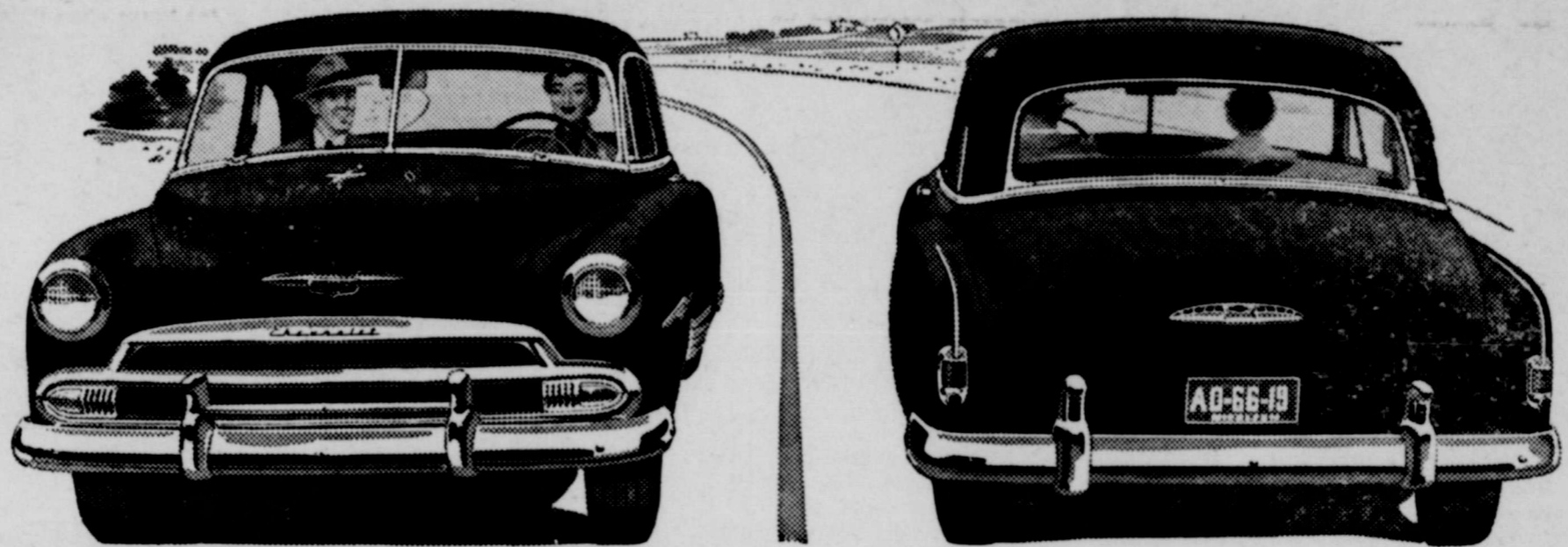
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AMERICA'S LARGEST AND FINEST LOW-PRICED CAR!



It has that longer, lower, wider big-car look!

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AMERICAN BEAUTY DESIGN—Brilliant new styling . . . featuring new grille, fender moldings and rear-end design . . . giving Chevrolet that longer, lower, wider big-car look.

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AMERICA-PREFERRED BODIES BY FISHER—With strikingly beautiful lines, contours and colors . . . plus extra sturdy Fisher Unisteel construction, and Curved Windshield with Panoramic Visibility.

NEW!

MODERN-MODE INTERIORS—With upholstery and appointments of outstanding quality . . . and with extra generous seating room for driver and all passengers on big, deep, "Five-Foot Seats."

NEW!

SAFETY-SIGHT INSTRUMENT PANEL—Safer, more efficient with overhanging upper crown to eliminate reflections in windshield . . . and with plain, easy-to-read instruments in two large clusters.

NEW!

MORE POWERFUL JUMBO-DRUM BRAKES (with Dabl-Life rivetless brake linings)—Largest brakes in the entire low-price field . . . giving maximum stopping-power with up to 25% less driver effort—and longer brake life.

NEW!

IMPROVED CENTER-POINT STEERING (and Center-Point Design)—Making steering extra easy, just as Chevrolet's famous Knee-Action Ride is comfortable beyond comparison in its price range.

Here's America's largest and finest low-priced car—the newest of all new automobiles—as trustworthy as it is thrifty to buy, operate and maintain.

New with that longer, lower, wider big-car look! New in its strikingly smarter Fisher Body styling and beautifully tailored Modern-Mode interiors! New in safety, new in steering ease, new in feature after feature!

Moreover, it's thoroughly proved in all things, from the finer no-shift driving of its Powerglide Automatic Transmission,* or the finer standard driving of its Synchro-Mesh Transmission to the fleet, frugal performance of its Valve-in-Head engine.

Come in—see and drive America's largest and finest low-priced car—Chevrolet for '51—the only car that brings you so many big-car advantages at such low cost!

PLUS TIME-PROVED POWER *Alide* AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

—proved by more than a billion miles of performance in the hands of hundreds of thousands of owners. *Combination of Powerglide Automatic Transmission and 105-h.p. Engine optional on De Luxe models at extra cost.



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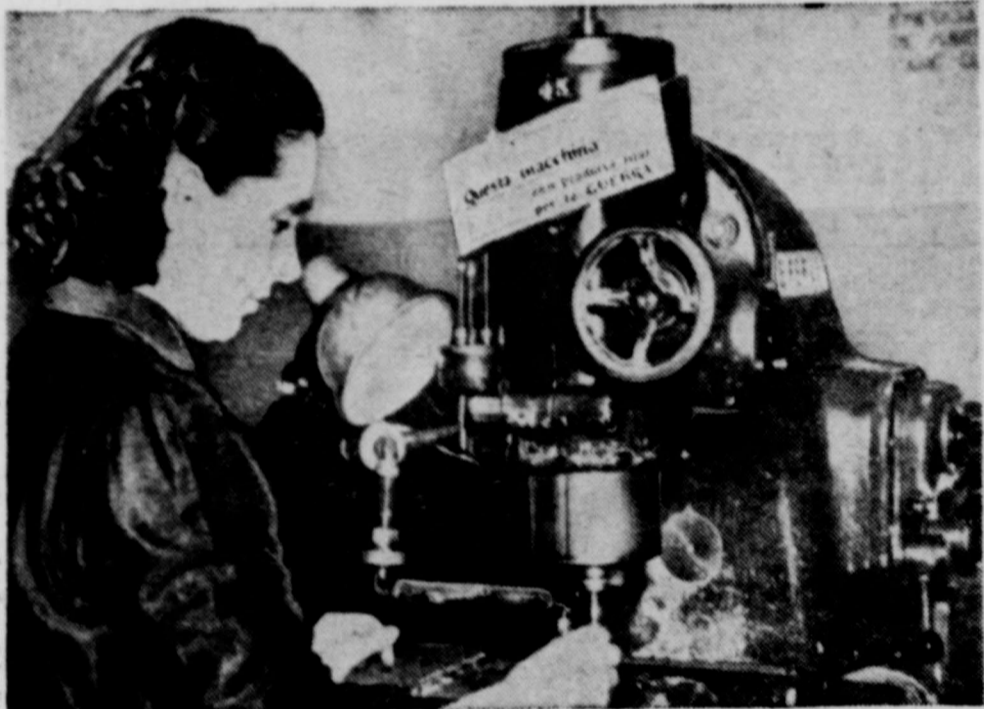
ROBERT LEE, TEXAS



DEFENSE . . . Production czar Wilson meets Secretary Marshall.



SHAKESPEARE TO "WHODUNNIT" . . . Two greats of the Thespian world are chatting here on the set of a film in which they are teamed. At left is Maurice Evans, famed English Shakespearean actor, who has been dodging Hollywood blandishments for 18 years, finally to succumb to a film contract. His companion is Ethel Barrymore of the "royal family."



RED "PEACE" APPROACH . . . While Communists in the United States still prefer to work underground, Communist workers in Bologna, Italy, apparently make no secret of their intentions. They attach cards to their machines like the one operated by this girl. The card reads: "This machine never will produce for war." The card-machine campaign is one of the Communist efforts to stall the rearming of Atlantic Pact nations against the threat of Russian domination.



INNOCENT CAUSE OF RIOT . . . Maria Bertha Hertogh, 14, Dutch girl who was the innocent cause of the racial rioting in Singapore, arrives with her mother, Mrs. Adeline Hertogh, and her father in Amsterdam. The girl was reared a Moslem after she was lost during the Japanese occupation of Java. She was returned to her mother by a British court after marriage to a Moslem was annulled. Court decision caused Moslem riots.



N.A.M. PRESIDENT . . . William H. Ruffin, president and treasurer of Erwin Mills, Inc., Durham, N.C., has been named 1951 president of the National Association of Manufacturers. He has been with the Erwin company throughout his career.



HEADS CHEMISTS . . . Dr. Edgar C. Britton, director of organic research laboratory of the Dow Chemical Co., has been chosen president-elect of the American Chemical Society in ballot of 63,000 chemists and chemical engineers.



SUCCEEDS WILSON . . . Ralph J. Cordiner has been elected president of the General Electric Company to succeed Charles E. Wilson who resigned to accept appointment as director of the new office of defense mobilization.



BAGS RED MIG-15 . . . Lt. Col. Bruce Hinton, 31, Stockton, Calif., pilot of a U.S. air force Saber Jet, shot down a Soviet-built MIG-15 minutes after the Saber entered combat over Korea. The Saber is the world's fastest fighter plane and its victory over the Red's heartened UN air force men in Korean fighting.

AROUND THE HOUSE

Nearly any kind of ring is best cleaned with a toothbrush. Soap and water will do the job, unless the ring is badly tarnished, in which case try using bicarbonate of soda. Just dip the damp brush in the bicarb and scrub the ring; then rinse the ring when you're finished.

Rub a little castor oil or mineral oil lightly over the leaves of house plants to keep them looking green and to stimulate growth by cleaning the pores through which the plant breathes.

Ivy growing in water will be helped considerably if you keep a small chunk of charcoal in the water.

To make a homemade glue, soak some tapioca in water. This is particularly good to give children when they want to paste in scrapbooks.

Stumps of candles and candles ruined by summer heat can be melted down and made into new candles by pouring the molten wax into an empty cold cream jar or a cardboard milk or cream container. If the cold cream jar is used, the candle can be burned right in the jar. With the cardboard carton, it's a simple matter to tear the paper aside once the wax gets hard. In either case, though, put a piece of string in the middle for a wick, and tie a weight to the bottom of it to keep it from rising while the wax is still in a fluid state.

Grind luncheon meat and sweet pickles together for a sandwich spread; moisten with mayonnaise or creamy salad dressing. In making the sandwiches use one slice of whole wheat bread and one slice of white bread.

"COLD DEMONS" got him...?



Don't give in to the "Cold Demons"—get Mentholatum! Fast, safe Mentholatum soothes smarting nostrils, helps open stuffed-up passages so you can breathe again in comfort. Eases painful chest congestion and coughing, too. In jars, tubes.

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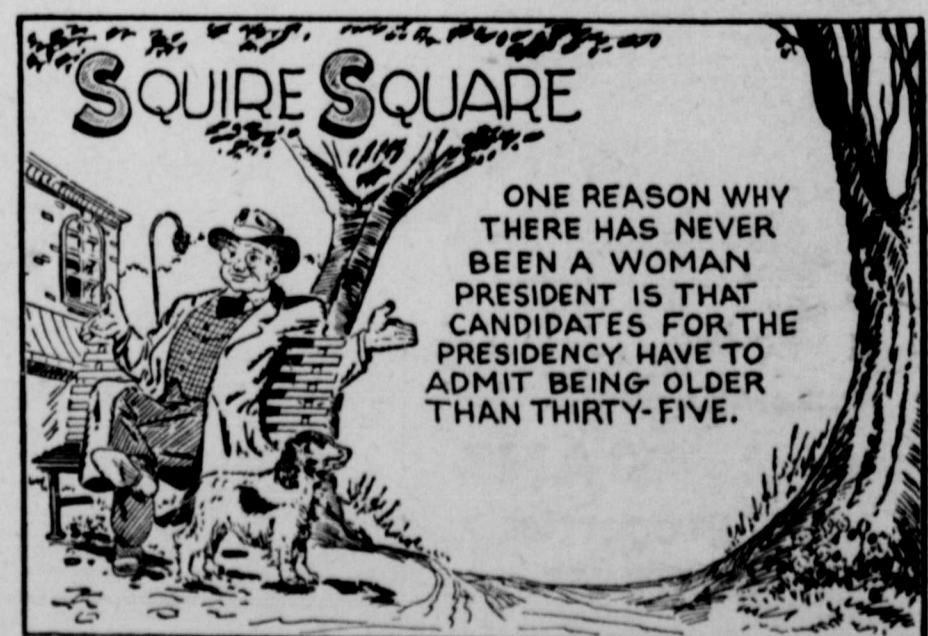
Praises New Dry Yeast's fast action

Weatherford Woman Prize-Winning Cook at State Fair

When the judges at the Texas State Fair awarded Mrs. John H. Scarlett first prize for her entry in the cooking division, they officially confirmed her long-standing belief that prize-winning results depend on the use of the finest ingredients! Like other top cooks, Mrs. Scarlett is especially happy with Fleischmann's New Improved Active Dry Yeast. She says: "It's so much faster and easier to use. I can depend on it."

Do you know—the world's most delicious treats are made with yeast! The delectable flavor and nourishing goodness of yeast-raised goodies make them everybody's favorite.

When you bake at home—do it with yeast . . . the best yeast. Fleischmann's New Improved Active Dry Yeast is easier, faster, gives better results. Just add it to warm water and stir it well . . . it's ready to use! Get several packages today.



ONE REASON WHY THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A WOMAN PRESIDENT IS THAT CANDIDATES FOR THE PRESIDENCY HAVE TO ADMIT BEING OLDER THAN THIRTY-FIVE.

Golden Wedding For J. F. Durnells

(By Mrs. Byrde Hamilton)

Elkhart, Texas, Jan. 3.—In the presence of relatives and a few close friends, and commemorating fifty years of married life, a lovely celebration took place in the country home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Durnell, in the home near Elkhart that they have lived in and owned for the past half-century.

Toastmaster for the occasion was V. L. Durnell of Houston, Texas, their eldest son. His beautiful tribute to his parents was followed with toasts from two other sons, C. W. Durnell of Elkhart, and J. P. Durnell of Baytown. Other toasts and tributes were given by other relatives, friends, and even the grandchildren present.

It was a touching moment when the bride and groom of fifty years ago, cut the especially prepared, beautiful wedding cake. The occasion was a gala one, but was marked with a little sadness as two of their children could not be present, due to living in faraway states.

Married in Robert Lee

John Franklin Durnell and Maude Mae McCutchen were united in marriage in Robert Lee, Texas, Jan. 3, 1931. Rev. Clark, pastor of the Methodist Church there officiated. To this union was born eight children, five of whom are living. They are Virgil L. Durnell of 927 Cortlandt, Houston; Calvin W. Durnell of Elkhart; Johnny P. Durnell of Baytown; Eula Maude Broughton of Waterloo, Iowa, and Durward O. Durnell of Bellefontaine, Ohio. There are thirteen grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren living.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Durnell are descendants of REAL pioneer Texas families. Ancestors on both sides have figured prominently in blazing the trail for the present ease and modern living that we Texans now enjoy.

In those early days more than a century ago, they trod unbeaten paths, and literally hewed their way through dense forests to settle the frontier country. They battled wild Indians, fought ferocious



Gov. Shivers

Governor's Inauguration To Be Simple Ceremony

AUSTIN, Jan. 10.—(Special) A simple "swearing-in ceremony" here Jan. 16 will start Gov. Allan Shivers on his first full term in the state's highest office.

The Governor will take the oath of office at noon that day on the front steps of the state capitol. It will be administered to both Shivers and Ben Ramsey, Lieutenant-governor elect, by J. E. Hickman, chief justice of the state supreme court. Both Shivers and Ramsey will make brief inaugural addresses.

The only state function to be held in connection with the inauguration is a reception at 7 p. m. in the capitol rotunda, where the public will have a chance to meet Shivers, Ramsey and other state officials.

No inauguration invitations are being sent out, as a result of the Governor's request for a simple ceremony.

Because of the international situation, Governor Shivers asked the Citizens' Inaugural Committee to abandon plans for the usual elaborate festivities normally scheduled for a Governor's inauguration

beasts, and conquered a wilderness. These privations and hardships taught these hardy pioneers to be alert in order to survive.

For six generations, since before 1880 when John William Durnell of London, England, settled in the vicinity where Elkhart now thrives, many of his descendants have lived and owned farm homes, and other property in this part of Texas—even before Elkhart and other towns nearby, came into existence. The Durnells have seen settlements and small towns appear and vanish, as Antrim et al.

McCutchens in Texas

For eight generations and more, Mrs. Durnell's paternal ancestors—the McCutchens—have pioneered in Texas. Since Civil War days, and possibly before, their names have figured in the State records. Her grandfather, M. M. McCutchen, was County Judge of Coryell County, during the 60's. Her father, Calvin McCutchen, pioneered in Coke County, and was prominent in the industrial and political development of West Texas.

He settled in that part of the State, before Coke County was organized, and served as Commissioner for many years there. He was a rancher during longhorned cattle days, and was among the first West Texans to breed up his stock. He was prominent in all progress for the advancement of the country. He had many places of honor in promoting good schools, and was president of the school board for many years.

The ancestors of this Golden Wedding couple have certainly done more than their part in pioneering our great State of Texas.

2,150,000 Autos in 1950 New Chevrolet Record

DETROIT, Jan. 2.—Two all-time records for biggest year's production by a single company in the history of the automobile industry were announced today by the Chevrolet Motor Division as it prepared for long term Defense commitments.

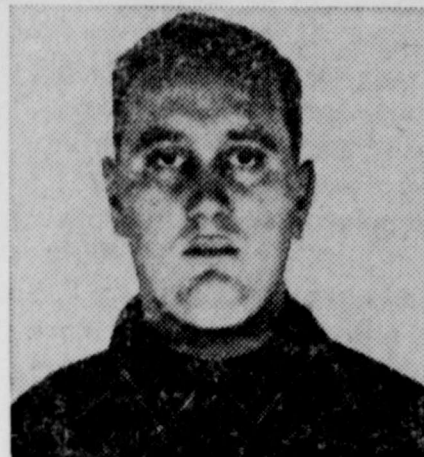
The first record is for U. S. plants alone, 2,015,150, the second is for total production of 2,107,493, including Canadian plants—as is traditional in automobile industry record-keeping. Both exceed old records that have stood since 1923.

"This achievement makes Chevrolet the first manufacturer to have built more than 2,000,000 vehicles in U. S. plants in a single year," T. H. Keating, Chevrolet general manager, said. "The result is to place car owners in the strongest position possible to weather the foreseeable inroads on civilian production expected to be made by Defense requirements over the months ahead."

Civilian cutbacks at Chevrolet will begin immediately, Keating said, but will be light in the first quarter and will be gradual while new Defense work, now in the planning stage, is being translated into actual contracts.

Mrs. A. E. Latham returned this week from a trip to St. Louis, Mo., where she took her granddaughter, Monnette. The latter will remain there with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Latham, and attend school. Lee is taking G-I training at a diesel engineering school in St. Louis.

WANTED BY THE FBI



EDGAR LEE LEAK,

with aliases: Hugh E. Crawford, Ralph E. Edwards, James E. Hayes, Robert E. Hayes, James E. Martin, James E. Myers, Carl E. Murphy, James E. Roberts, James E. Webb, Earl K. Williams, and many others.

IMPERSONATION

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE

DESCRIPTION

Age 25, born March 29, 1925, Knoxville, Tenn. (not verified); height, 6' 3"; weight, 240 pounds; build, heavy; hair, brown, receding hairline; eyes, brown; complexion, ruddy; race, white; nationality, American; occupations, grocery clerk, supply clerk, carnival worker; characteristics, round face, thick lips, habit of twirling key chain and shuffling

money in trouser pocket, smokes and chews cigars, "southern accent," convincing talker. Remarks: Reportedly claims employment with Interstate Commerce Commission, U. S. District Engineers, U. S. Soil Conservation Service, U. S. Forestry Service, and U. S. Army, both as officer and civilian employee, when giving checks, usually to dealers in automobiles, tires, stock feed, grass seed, paint, and billiard supplies; sometimes exhibits badge or papers in support of claims of Federal employment.

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CAUTION

Leak is armed and dangerous.

A complaint filed before a U. S. Commissioner at Tampa, Fla., on April 24, 1950, charges Leak with violating title 18, U. S. Code, Section 912, the Federal Impersonation statute. In addition, Federal warrants are outstanding at Phoenix, Ariz., Austin, Tex., Texarkana, Tex., Fresno, Calif., Harrisonburg, Va., Salisbury, Md., and Missoula, Mont.

Any person having information which may assist in locating this individual is requested to immediately notify the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation listed on the first page of your telephone directory.

Postal Receipts Show Small Gain In 1950

Receipts of the Robert Lee post office showed a gain of \$135.78 over 1949, according to Postmaster Hugh S. Lewis, Jr.

Total receipts last year were \$6,498.64 compared with \$6,634.42 in 1950. An increase of about \$50

was noted in December over the same month a year ago.

Postal receipts here have shown a steady gain the past five or six years, but the figure must reach \$8,000 before Robert Lee can become a second class post office.

Present salary of the postmaster is \$3,470 per year. This is also the salary limit for a third class office.

THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

Tomato Juice 46 oz 27c

FLOUR Cherry Bell 10 lbs 79c

Peaches Hearts Delight large 2 1/2 can 27c

Peanut Butter SWIFT 12 oz glass 29c

Crushed Pineapple No. 1 flat can 15c

SPINACH No. 2 can 15c

MACKERAL No. 1 tall can 18c

Monarch Pork & Beans, No. 2 can 2 for 33c

RICE 2 lb pkg 29c

Armour Star Bacon lb 59c

Nu-Maid OLEO lb 35c

Smoked Sausage lb 45c

BAKER'S Groc. & Mkt.

Want Ads

For Sale—General store at Edith, Texas, includes store building, dwelling, bath house, two acres of land, on new paved highway near oil field. If interested contact J. T. Thetford, Owner, Edith, Texas. 31w2p

BUTTON HOLES and Alteration Work Mrs. Meta Ross, Robert Lee, Texas. 30w4

INVEST in rest with a Western-Bilt felted or innerspring mattress. A card to Western Mattress Co., Box 1130, San Angelo, will bring one of our representatives to your home. 28w4

WILL BUY: Producing Royalty, or will drill attractive wildcat. James T. Cumley, 415 Staley Bldg., Wichita Falls, Tex. 31w3p

For Sale or Lease—Cafe building and station, garage and two apartment barracks buildings on Highway Y near Silver. I am unable to look after these properties because of ill health. Four acres of land is included. Inquire of the owner, H. J. Gartman, Sanco 21

Building Materials—Cement and Paint. The right materials at the right price. McDonald Lumber Co., Robert Lee, Texas.

For Sale—Good Electrolux refrigerator with new unit, \$35; also electric Maytag washer, \$25. See Delmir Sheppard. 31w2p

Soil Conservation District News

Robert Lee Rainfall 16.2 Inches In 1950

The 1950 rainfall was short but well distributed and very effective, is the statement made by A. V. Sheppard, Work Unit Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service, assisting the Coke County Soil Conservation District. The rains the district received were spotted and some parts received more rain than other parts. Robert Lee received 16.2 inches according to the record kept by the Soil Conservation Service Office, Sheppard explained.

All of the rain fell during the growing season. The first effective rain fell April 12 and the last rain received was on September 26. All of the moisture received in 1950 fell slow and very little runoff resulted. May was the high rainfall month with 4.1 inches, and September was the next wettest month receiving 3.9 inches. This follows the trend of long time rainfall records of more rain falling in May and September than any other months.

The necessary information was gathered last week to design a water spreading system on Noah Pruitt's farm located one mile north of Bronte and one mile east of Bronte. Pruitt is a member of the North Bronte Conservation Group.

The water spreading system is a part of Pruitt's coordinated soil and water conservation plan that he is applying as a district cooperator with the Coke County Soil Conservation District. The

system will pick up the runoff water from 400 acres and spread it on about 90 acres of cropland.

Now is the time for district cooperators to begin to secure their grass seed, is the statement made by W. C. Shamblin, Secretary of the Board of Supervisors. District cooperators planning to seed grass this spring should secure their seed now. Grass seed can be secured now, but we expect they will be scarce before the planting season, Shamblin pointed out.

With Our Subscribers

Dear Editor:

I am sending \$4.00 for a two-year subscription we all enjoy so much. After being in Ector county 13 years, we still like our old home town paper.—Mrs. H. B. Owen, Box 2462, Odessa, Tex.

To The Observer:

Find enclosed \$2.00 for another year. We appreciate the paper and look forward to getting it every week. It's lots of pleasure to hear from our old home town. Best wishes to all the folks in old Coke county.—N. E. Jameson, Box 25, Frich, Texas.

Robert Lee Observer:

Please find enclosed \$5 check for 3-year subscription to The Observer. I couldn't be happy without the news it brings me from Coke county.—Mrs. F. A. Gladney, Homer, La.

To The Observer:

Please find check for two dollars to set up my paper another year. With best wishes to you and all your staff, and we hope everyone has a Prosperous New Year.—C. A. Adams, Hancock, Texas.

If you don't get The Observer! You don't get The News

Car Maker Boosts Record to 25 Million



A giant cake lettered with the production milestones of the company marked Chevrolet's observance of its twenty-fifth millionth automobile. Above, T. H. Keating, general manager of the division, watches his top assistants light the candles (l. to r.) E. W. Ivey, administrative assistant to Keating; W. J. Scott, general manufacturing manager; W. E. Fish, general sales manager, and E. H. Kelley, chief engineer. Registering an achievement without precedent in the history of the auto industry, Chevrolet built its 23rd millionth car on January 11, its 24th millionth June 30 and the 25th millionth December 22. The last milestone was reached with new 1951 models.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCabe returned Saturday from a two weeks motor trip to Florida and other southern points. They spent some time with the Will Simpsons at Winterhaven and visited various resort centers in Florida. On their trip homeward they were guests of the James Crossland family at Gulfport, Miss.

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Prompt Service

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Reserve District No. 11 State No. 1684

Report of Condition of

Robert Lee State Bank

of Robert Lee, Texas, at the close of business Dec. 31, 1950

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.	408,826.02
U. S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	334,622.13
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	117,061.55
Corporate stocks (including \$1,800.00 stock of Federal Reserve Bank)	1,800.00
Loans and discounts (including \$1,566.35 overdrafts)	276,940.72
Bank premises owned \$1.00; furniture and fixtures \$2,050.00	2,051.00
Other assets	892.00
Total Assets	1,142,193.42

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	903,583.09
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	8,253.78
Deposits of states and political subdivisions	138,333.08
Deposits of banks	23,518.72
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	2,415.72
Total Deposits	\$1,076,104.39
Total Liabilities	1,076,104.39

(Not including subordinated obligations shown below)

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital	25,000.00
Surplus	35,000.00
Undivided profits	6,089.03
Total Capital Accounts	66,089.03

Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts 1,142,193.42

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 170,000.00

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.

Correct--Attest: G.C. Allen, Victor Wojtek, R.C. Russell, Directors

State of Texas, County of Coke, ss: Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of Jan., 1951.

Garland Good, Notary Public

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

OF THE

City of Robert Lee, Texas

For the Six Months Period Ending Dec. 31, 1950

General Fund

Balance June 30, 1950	\$2,169.59	
Tax Collections		\$3,585.84
Disbursements		2,109.12
Balance December 31, 1950	3,646.31	

Water Works Fund

Balance June 30, 1950	3,705.97	
Water Collections		10,080.15
Disbursements		11,379.40
Balance December 31, 1950	2,406.72	

Sinking Fund—Bond of 1929

Balance June 30, 1950	870.89	
Tax Collections		None
Disbursements		725.00
Balance December 31, 1950	145.89	

Water Wks. Improvement Fund

Balance June 30, 1950	52,679.06	
Bonds sold		5,125.00
Disbursements		52,521.38
Balance December 31, 1950	5,282.68	

All accounts and indebtedness owed by the City of Robert Lee that were due and payable on Dec. 31, 1950, have been paid.

We certify that the above statement is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

FRED McDONALD, JR.

Mayor

McNEIL WYLIE

City Secretary

Ain't It So

A woman wears a diamond ring to show she's married; a man wears last year's clothes.

For speedy growth, there's probably nothing like what comes in both ears and is rushed out of the mouth.

Having a party so you can snub certain folks by not inviting them is okay, if you're entirely sure they would have come if you had invited them.

A man is a large, irrational animal who demands home atmosphere in a hotel and hotel service at home.

FEELS "NEW AGAIN"—CONSTIPATION GONE!

"For years I had taken pills and harsh laxatives for constipation. Then I started to eat ALL-BRAN regularly. Now I feel like a new man!" Earl Noecker, 2534 Derry St., Harrisburg, Pa. Just one of many unsolicited letters from ALL-BRAN users. If you are troubled with constipation due to lack of dietary bulk, do as this man does. Eat an ounce (about 1/2 cup) of tasty Kellogg's ALL-BRAN daily, drink plenty of water. If not completely satisfied after 10 days, return empty carton to Kellogg's, Battle Creek, Mich. Get DOUBLE YOUR MONEY BACK!



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When new drugs or old fail to stop your cough or chest cold don't delay. Creomulsion contains only safe, helpful, proven ingredients and no narcotics to disturb nature's process. It goes right to the seat of the trouble to aid nature soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial membranes. Guaranteed to please you or druggist refund money. Creomulsion has stood the test of many millions of users.

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Memo to:

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As we get older, stress and strain, over-zeal, excessive smoking or exposure to cold sometimes slows down kidney function. This may lead many folks to complain of nagging backache, loss of pep and energy, headaches and dizziness. Getting up nights or frequent passages may result from minor bladder irritations due to cold, dampness or dietary indiscretions.

If your discomforts are due to these causes, don't wait, try Doan's Pills, a mild diuretic. Used successfully by millions for over 50 years. While these symptoms may often otherwise occur, it's amazing how many times Doan's give happy relief—help the 15 miles of kidney tubes and filters flush out waste. Get Doan's Pills today!

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SPORTSMAN'S HORIZON
By JIM RHODY

Important Book

There has just come to our desk a copy of the book, "Flies," By J. Edson Leonard, and we hasten to report here that it is a volume that is destined to become probably the most authoritative on the subject which has ever been made available to the fly-rod addicts and particularly those who delight in tying their own flies.

It is rather well known that publishers have long realized that the one way to obtain a really fine, definitive work on any subject is to choose as its author one who has known, loved and studied the subject for years. And J. Edson Leonard is just such a man. He has fished all his life and has made a specialty of flies since early youth. For the past 15 years he has been collecting, compiling, classifying and editing source material on flies from every English-speaking country in the world.

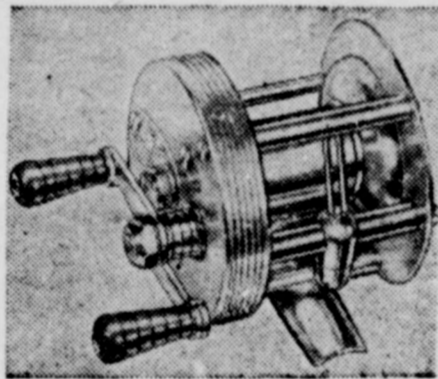
He has kept records on the appearance of insects, their size and their habits; he has carefully observed the performance of artificial flies and he has examined the insects found in fishes' stomachs. The result is "Flies,"—his first book—a study unmatched in its field.

The particular attraction about Mr. Leonard's fine volume, is that the fisherman literally can "start from scratch"—learn how and why to select materials for making his own flies, what hooks to select and the nomenclature and specifications of 2,200 fly patterns.

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The eight full pages in color, the 30 black-and-white drawings—all made by the author, himself—and the 24 full-page photographs are worth the price of "Flies" (A. S. Barnes & Co. \$5.00), for here is a monumental, conclusive work which stands out like a light from all other books on the subject.

For Light-Tackle Users



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Retrieving Line

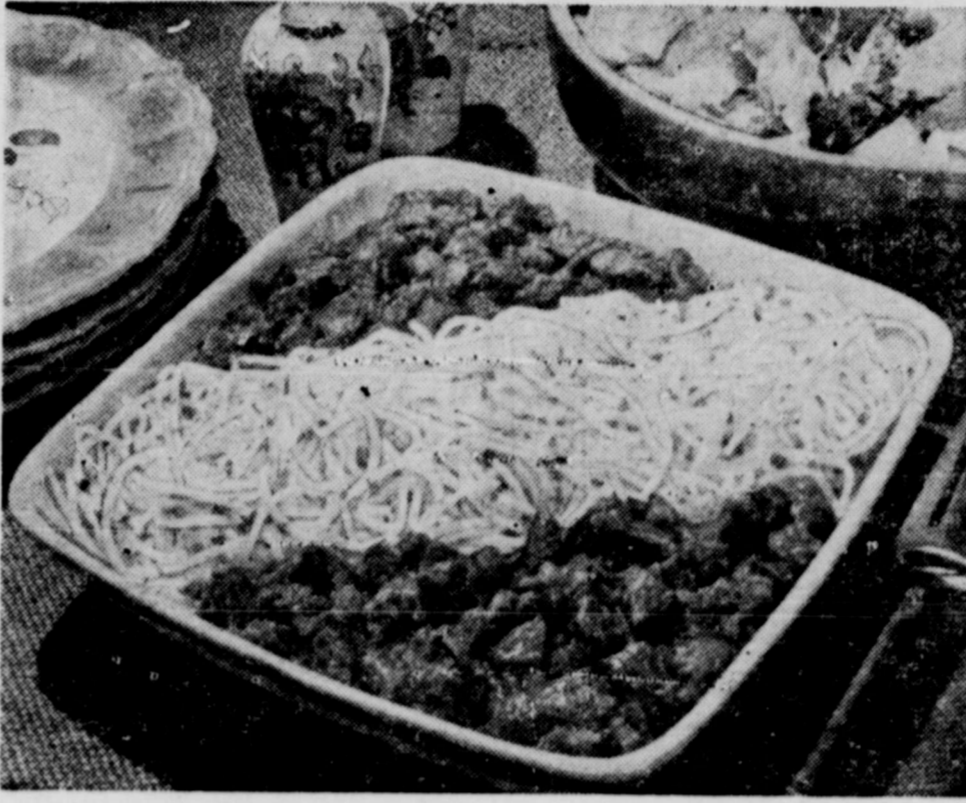
To "play one's fly" when fishing, and often to avoid obstacles on the back cast, the angler will want to retrieve part of the line extended on the previous cast.

The "pull back" way is one method. Grasp the line with your left hand just back of the butt guide, passing line between first two fingers and cork grip. Pull in line with long sweeps of the left arm, holding the retrieved line in loose coils.

The "hand twist," however, is always best for fly manipulation, for which this method one is able to impart a more life-like motion to the fly. In the hand twist retrieve, grasp the line with thumb and first finger of left hand, palm facing up. Close other fingers firmly over line lying across palm. Then, turn hand palm-down and take more line with thumb and first finger. The distance you want the fly to travel will determine how much line you thus pick up each time. After picking up line wanted, turn hand up. Now, repeat the motion until you have fished out the cast, or want to pick up all the line for another cast.

Sound difficult? Well, it isn't so very difficult—and like other techniques in the fly-fishing sport, it simply requires patience and practice to perfect.

HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers



Barbecue the Lamb, Parsley the Spaghetti (See Recipes Below)

Economical Main Dishes
WHEN THE BUDGETS' sorely pressed, food, like every other item, will come in for its share of economy.

In the expensive meat cuts, extended wisely with nourishing and filling foods like potatoes, lentils and vegetables offer tasty substitutes for roasts, chops and steak.

You can add interest to meats by varying the carbohydrate (starchy) food with them, like parsleyed spaghetti and savory noodles.

- Parsley Spaghetti with Barbecued Lamb (Serves 4-6)**
- 1 chopped medium onion
 - 2 tablespoons butter
 - 1/4 cup cider vinegar
 - 2 teaspoons brown sugar
 - 1 can tomato paste
 - 1 1/2 cups water
 - 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
 - Few drops tabasco sauce
 - 2 cups cooked lamb, cubed
 - 1 tablespoon salt
 - 3 quarts boiling water
 - 8 ounces thin spaghetti
 - 2 tablespoons butter, melted
 - 1/4 cup finely chopped parsley

Saute onion in butter until tender. Add vinegar, sugar, tomato paste, water, Worcestershire sauce and tabasco sauce. Cover and simmer 15 minutes. Add lamb; simmer until heated. Meanwhile, add salt to rapidly boiling water. Gradually add spaghetti so that water continues to boil. Cook uncovered, stirring occasionally, until tender. Drain in colander. Toss with melted butter and finely chopped parsley. Serve with barbecued lamb.

- Skillet Noodles and Beef (Serves 4-6)**
- 3 tablespoons butter
 - 1 cup thinly sliced onions
 - 1 cup chopped celery
 - 1 pound ground beef
 - 2 cups diced raw carrots
 - 1 No. 2 1/2 can tomatoes
 - 1 cup water
 - 1 tablespoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
 - 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
 - 8 ounces egg noodles

Melt butter in large heavy skillet over low heat. Add onions and celery; saute 5 minutes. Add ground beef, stirring occasionally, until meat is brown. Add remaining ingredients, including the uncooked noodles; mix thoroughly. Cover skillet; simmer 40 minutes, stirring occasionally.

- Baked Sauerkraut and Frankfurters (Serves 4-6)**
- 1 No. 2 1/2 can sauerkraut
 - 2 teaspoons sugar
 - 1/2 teaspoon caraway seeds
 - 2 medium cooking apples
 - 1/2 cup thin onion slices
 - 1/4 cup melted butter
 - 6 frankfurters

In a mixing bowl, combine sauerkraut, sugar and caraway seeds. Place half of sauerkraut mixture in bottom of a 2-quart baking dish. Core apples and cut into 1/4-inch

- Lynn Chambers' Menu**
- *Tamale Pie
 - Chef's Salad, Oil Dressing
 - Crusty Bread, Garlic Butter
 - Orange Sherbet, Sugar Cookies
 - Beverage
 - *Recipe Given

slices. Place half of onion and apple slices on sauerkraut mixture; dot with butter. Cover with remaining sauerkraut mixture. Add remaining onion and apple slices. Arrange frankfurters on top. Cover and bake in moderate oven (350°) 45 minutes. Serve immediately.

- Lamb Paprika (Serves 4)**
- 4 slices bacon
 - 1 tablespoon butter
 - 1 medium onion, sliced
 - 1 pound shoulder lamb or mutton, cut in small pieces
 - Flour
 - Pinch of rosemary
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1 to 1 1/2 teaspoons paprika, to taste
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 - 3/4 cup canned tomato
 - 1/2 cup beef bouillon
 - 1/2 teaspoon caraway seeds
 - 3 medium potatoes, sliced

Fry bacon and remove from pan. Add butter. Fry onion and meat, dredged lightly with flour, until golden brown. Blend seasonings except caraway seeds, with tomatoes and bouillon. Pour over meat. Place bacon slices on top of meat. Cover and bake in moderate oven (350°) for 30 minutes.

Arrange potatoes on top of meat and baste with sauce in pan. Cover and bake another 30 minutes. Tie caraway seeds in muslin bag and drop in center of pan before baking. Remove when serving.

- *Tamale Pie**
- 1 cup corn meal
 - 3/4 cups water
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 2 tablespoons olive oil
 - 1 tablespoon chili powder
 - 1 green pepper
 - 2 teaspoons onion flakes
 - 1/4 cup hot water
 - 3/4 pound ground beef
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 - 2 teaspoons chili powder
 - 1 No. 2 can tomatoes
 - 3/4 cup chopped ripe olives
 - 1/2 cup shredded cheese

Make mush of corn meal and boiling salted water. Add olive oil and chili powder. Line casserole with 2/3 of the mush. Fry green pepper and onions (soaked in 1/4 cup water) in oil until clear. Add meat, salt, pepper, chili powder. Stir until meat changes color. Add tomatoes. Simmer till thickened. Add olives. Turn into casserole. Sprinkle with cheese. Top with remaining mush. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 30 to 40 minutes.

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County Ag Agents News Column

TRAVIS HICKS, Co. Agent

Income Tax Helps

What kind of cash incomes are taxable? Incomes received from sales of crops, livestock and livestock products are taxable—also, income from uses of farm resources such as pasture leases, storing feed for others, breeding fees, and the like are taxable. Cash received for work and other services, such as custom grinding are taxable. All government payments received should be included. The value of farm products, which are produced by a farmer and used by his family, is not taxable income.

What kinds of farm business expenses are deductible? The cost, or depreciated cost if depreciation taken, of livestock bought may be deducted when animals are sold. Depreciation may be taken on livestock for breeding and dairy purposes, and for workstock. Depreciation, too, on all farm buildings and permanent improvements used in the farm business and on farm machinery and equipment is allowed. Purchase values or depreciated values, of all purchased livestock which die during the year are deductible. Also deductible are all ordinary and necessary operating expenses in raising and feeding livestock, as well as all other disbursements in crop production, cultivating and processing.

Is the farm residence counted as part of the farm business? No. Neither depreciation nor operating expenses are deductible on the farmer's residence. The tenant house and bunkhouse for labor are part of the cost of operating the farm business, and on these depreciation may be claimed.

Is the value of the board furnished the hired farm labor deductible? That part of the board coming from products raised on the farm is not, but the groceries and other

items purchased are.

Can a farmer deduct for the cost of operating the family car? Only to the extent the family car is used in the farm business. If 50 percent of the mileage is used in hauling milk and doing other duties connected with the farm business, 50 percent of cost is deductible.

Can depreciation be taken on orchards? Yes, if the original cost was not charged off in previous returns as part of the operating expense. The farmer should use his best judgment as to how long the orchard will last.

Does a farm boy or girl have to make out a separate income tax return for profits made from 4-H club projects and other youth activities? If the boy or girl who is a minor has a gross income on his or her projects of \$600 or more, an income tax return must be filed. Taxes must be paid, if due, after legal deductions are made. Income of the child is not included in the parent's return.

Can land be depreciated? No. Neither can permanent improvements such as terraces and contours. Maintenance work on terraces, contours, etc. can be deducted as operating expenses.

Can I deduct off my income tax return, expense of clearing mesquite from my ranch lands? Land is being used for grazing cattle. You can charge clearing mesquite in order to maintain the growth of grasses on such land as an operating expense, if the land has to be recleared ever so often. However, if the International Revenue officials rule the clearing is a permanent improvement, then you will not be allowed a deduction. In the latter case, this improvement would add to the value of the land, and show up in its value if sold later. Producer should check with Internal Revenue on his particular situation.

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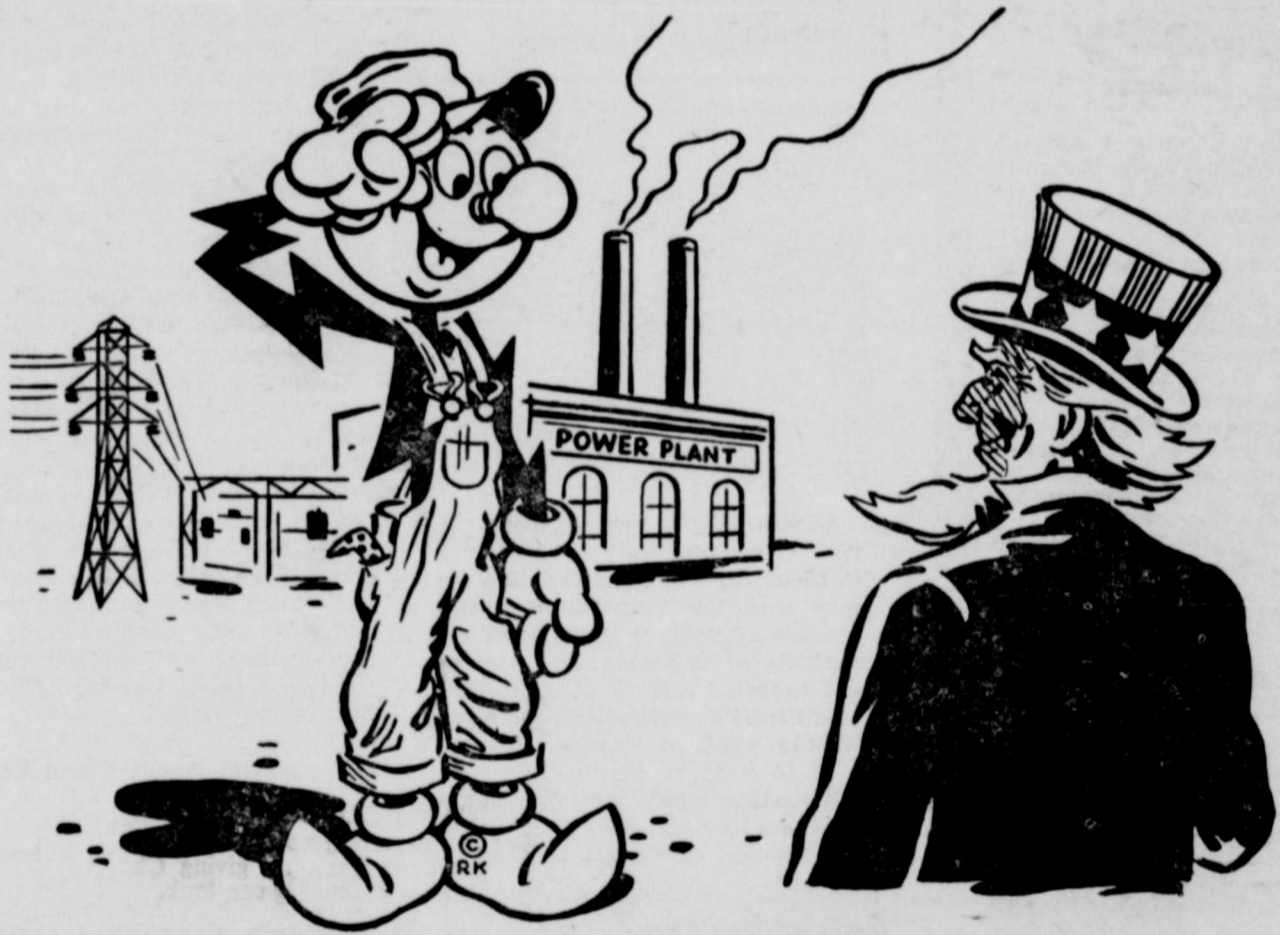
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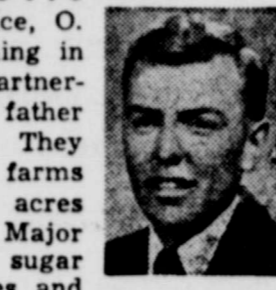
F.F.A. Star Regional Farmers Are Selected Named for Achievements In Vocational Agriculture

Three Future Farmers of America members were named regional star farmers for 1950 for outstanding achievement in agriculture. Each received a check for \$500.



Ott

Budd Ott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Ott, Bangor, Pa., was named star farmer of the North Atlantic region. His activities include operating a 300-acre dairy farm in partnership with his parents. The farm features 70 head of holstein of which 44 are in producing age.



Turnow

Rolland E. Turnow, 20, another regional winner, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Turnow, Curtice, O. He is farming in one-third partnership with his father and brother. They operate two farms totaling 812 acres near Toledo. Major crops are sugar beets, tomatoes and cucumbers. They have a small herd of 12 dairy cattle and raise some grain and feed crops.



Crawford

Poultry Outlook Depends On Government Decision

What the government does—or fails to do—to get increased meat production next year will greatly influence incomes of poultry farmers. This is the view taken by farm officials at the annual agricultural-outlook conference which was sponsored by the agriculture department. A government price-support program could be expected to boost production of hogs above present prospective levels.

The more pork there is, the lower the prices of both meat and poultry products are likely to be. They are highly inter-changeable in the American diet, and hence compete for consumers' dollars.

The gross income of poultrymen next year is likely to be somewhat higher than this year, the department said. But the net income—returns left after payment of production costs—will not rise as much as gross income.

Fantastic Possibility



For a horse to have twins is not unusual. But this appaloosa mare is shown with twins, one of which is a horse foal and the other (right) a donkey foal. Don L. Steadman, Crescent, Utah, owner of the mare, says she was bred to a palomino stallion at the same time that she occupied a pasture with a small jackass owned by Steadman. Mr. Steadman says: "We suppose the stallion is the father of the horse, and the donkey is the father of the mule". He calls them a "Morse" and a "Hule." Dr. John MacLeod of Cornell University, said that under certain conditions such a birth is a "fantastic possibility."



Life of Action

Lesson for January 14, 1951
 SCRIPTURE: Mark 1:21-29. DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalms 145:10-21.

THEY say that in four regions of the United States there are four different questions which are asked of newcomers. In the New England states they ask a stranger "How much do you know?" In the wealthy northern states they ask, "How much have you got?" In the South where pedigrees are so much treasured, they ask: "Who was your grandfather?" But out in the wide-open West they have only one question: "What can you do?"



Dr. Foreman

Action in Religion

IT is a fair question. If the answer is "Nothing," then it does not make any difference at all what a man can answer to the other three questions.

To be sure, they look at this differently in the Orient. According to the ancient philosophy of the East, it is only the inferior man who rushes around doing things. The superior man sits and thinks. The West's admiration for action, and the Orient's admiration for contemplation, enter into religion itself. The typical Oriental "saint" may be a man who never turned his hand to a piece of work in all his life. The typical western "saint" is likely to be a very busy and active sort of person. It is all the more interesting that Jesus combined both the western and the eastern ideas of religion. He was a man of prayer and meditation, yet a man of strenuous life too.

Life of Action

THE Gospel by Mark, reliable tradition claims, actually comes from Simon Peter. During Peter's missionary travels he used to speak often about the life and work of Jesus, and young John Mark would take down notes of what he said. Then later Mark worked up into a connected "gospel" many of those story-sermons. It is easy to believe the tradition, because this gospel sounds so much like what would appeal to Peter, a man of action.

At any rate, in Mark we have very little said about Jesus' teaching, a great deal said about what he did. Jesus does not have a spare minute, not a day off. What about the rest of us? Suppose some biographer were to write up you who read these lines. Suppose he could use in his story only your actions, not your words or ideas. Would there be enough material for him to write a book?

Words of Power

WHILE Mark almost never tells us what Jesus taught, he does tell us that Jesus was a teacher. In describing the synagogue-service in Capernaum Mark tells us the people were astonished, and even two demon-ridden men were struck down with terror.

What Jesus said that astonished the people and alarmed the demons we do not know. Possibly Peter, who was there, may have been too busy watching people's faces to hear what Jesus was saying. However that may be, Jesus is here introduced to us not only as a doer but as a thinker and teacher. Life is not all action; it is also thought. Jesus' acts were full of power; so and not less so were his ideas, words, teachings. Look at the rest of us again: We may be full of talk, but how much power is there in our ideas?

Straightway

ONE word is found many times in Mark's stories of Jesus: "Straightway" as the older versions have it,—that is, immediately. It is not just Mark's style. It is his way of bringing out something important about Jesus' life and habits.

There were no blank spaces, no pages unwritten, no empty gaps, no waiting-around, in Jesus' life. In his life one activity followed on the heels of another. He had no time to waste, and he wasted none.

The Way it Happened . . .

IN SEATTLE . . . Mrs. Maureen A. McGuire was granted a divorce after she complained that her husband had "made life unbearable" by continually psychoanalyzing her.

IN ALBUQUERQUE . . . When an applicant was refused a \$300 loan, he pulled out a pistol and robbed the Central Finance Co. of \$378.

IN PARIS . . . Fortune-teller Juliette Piatat, sailed for hitting her husband on the head with a club, explained: "I had read in the cards that my husband would suffer a heavy blow."

IN DETROIT . . . Mrs. Violet Formento got a divorce on her complaint that her husband had slept during most of their 11-year marriage.

IN VANCOUVER . . . Frank Dewey announced that he plans to market a burglarproof lock he designed while in jail.

IN INDIANAPOLIS . . . Methodist Bishop Richard C. Raines studied his telephone bill, was thoroughly puzzled by a 70c charge for a call to "Heaven."

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School Board Dinner Guests of H-E Class

Trustees of the Robert Lee Independent School District held their regular monthly meeting Monday night. Prior to the session board members and Supt. B. C. Goodwin and their wives were dinner guests of Mrs. Elizabeth Hall and her home economics class.

The menu was featured by roast turkey, cranberry sauce, hot rolls, dessert, etc., and the meal was prepared and served in a highly creditable manner.

The school board spent some time discussing the selection of a new janitor to succeed Chilly Tinkler. The job includes driving one of the school buses and pays \$220 per month for 10 months. Applicants should contact Supt. Goodwin.

A balcony has been constructed along the south wall of the auditorium, material coming from the old cotton gin that is being dismantled. It will provide additional seating space for more than 100 and also be used for storage of chairs.

A new sheep barn and livestock pens will also be constructed from material taken from the gin, and an addition to the bus garage is contemplated.

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Steers Defeat Miles

The Robert Lee Steers defeated the Miles Bulldogs, 32 to 19, in District 22-B basketball Friday night on the Miles court.

The Miles girls team in turn won over the Robert Lee girls in district play, 16 to 15, in an extra period.

Boys high-pointer was Norman Roberts of Robert Lee with 14. Allen Sparks of Robert Lee scored eight and Glass, Dunwoody and Holland each tabbed five for Miles.

Murray of Miles and Ruth Blair of Robert Lee each counted 11 points in the girls game.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Crum motored to Bertram over the weekend to attend a family gathering honoring Mr. Crum's mother, Mrs. Betty Crum, on her 93rd birthday. All of her six children were present. She makes her home with a son, Ernest D. Crum. While in Bertram the Robert Lee couple also visited Mrs. Crum's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Ross.

Leon Bahlman of Winters has been helping his brother in the local dry cleaning plant here.

Dickeys To Provide More Apartment Units

Frank Dickey & Sons have purchased the former E. L. Cole residence and two-acre tract in the northwest part of town. J. S. Walker had owned the property the past few months.

The Dickeys will remodel the house and turn it into two 3-room apartment units.

Mr. Dickey also purchased a dwelling house on the former Stroud ranch just southwest of town, which is now owned by Fred L. Roe, Jr. The building is being moved to a site north of the D. K. Griffith residence in the north part of town.

It also will be remodeled into modern apartments. Mr. Dickey said he had engaged his old friends, Dunn & Sons, of Ballinger to do the carpenter work and Paul Killam will do the wiring.

Charles McDaniel Heads Local Student Council

In a group assembly held Tuesday a Student Council was reorganized at Robert Lee high school, with the seventh and eighth grades also being included.

An interesting talk on the functions of a Student Council was given by Supt. B. C. Goodwin. Officers for the second semester were elected as follows:

President, Charles McDaniel
Vice Pres., Allen Sparks
Secretary, Elna Jameson
Treasurer, Bill Carwie
Reporter, Milburn Wink
Historian, Bobby Hood

The following class representatives were chosen to be members of the council:

Seniors, Tommy Kirkpatrick and Jean O'Bannon.

Juniors, Juanice Childress and Dennis Reed.

Sophomores, Melba Rives and Bill Havins.

Freshmen, Robert Jay and Martha Sue Richardson.

Eighth Grade, Leslie Nell Wink and Billie Earl Hester.

Seventh Grade, Voleta Harwell and Barbara June Casey.

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