

Future Farmers Of America Will Observe Twenty-Fifth Anniversary

Eastland County's FFA boys, an active organization, are to take part in the National FFA Week, February 21-28, with Silver Anniversary celebrations.

The largest farm boys organization in the world, the Future Farmers of America, which has grown to a membership of 350,000 in 25 years will highlight National FFA Week February 21-28 with Silver Anniversary celebrations.

FFA Week is observed traditionally during the birthday week of George Washington, America's first scientific farmer. It was more

than a century after his death that many of his agricultural practices, such as contour planting, crop rotation and other soil conserving methods, were put into general use.

The 40,000 Texas Future Farmers are high school age boys enrolled in vocational agriculture courses where they study practical, scientific methods of farming and receive leadership training. Each boy is required to have a supervisory farming program of livestock, poultry or crops under the direction of a vocational agriculture

teacher who is an agricultural college graduate.

Members of the Texas FFA, who make up almost one-eighth of the total FFA membership, will join with other Future Farmers in each of the 48 states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico to observe National FFA week with special programs, movies, demonstrations, skits, newspaper stories, and father-son banquets, according to an announcement made by Vannoy Stewart, state FFA adviser.

In their farm training, Future Farmers study new technical farming processes and problems which will confront them when they become full-time farmers, and then put their training into practice on their school and home farms. The boys participate in area and state judging contests in dairy, meat, dairy products, livestock and poultry. Each Future Farmer is given the opportunity to work for three degrees which are Chapter Farmer, Lone Star Farmer, and American Farmer — the highest degree awarded by the FFA.

The leadership training which Future Farmers receive in the FFA organization prepares them to take part in public meetings, to speak in public and to preside at meetings. As a part of their leadership training, teams from Future Farmer chapters take part in

broadcasting, chapter conducting, FFA quiz and farm skill demonstration contests at area and state meetings. The boys also compete for state and national awards in public speaking, farm electrification, farm mechanics, soil and water management, and farm safety, and for scholarships to agricultural colleges.

Texas Future Farmers are continuously being taught that a farmer is the operator of a highly complicated business and that he must be highly trained in more phases of endeavor than in most any other occupation. In caring for their investments valued at more than 14 million dollars, the FFA boys are receiving very good training for becoming the experts they must be if they want to be successful farmers. The Texas Future Farmers own beef cattle valued at more than three million dollars, a vast over two million invested in dairy cattle, and two million in swine. Their poultry projects are worth around \$800,000 and their turkey projects are worth about \$230,000. They have invested more than \$570,000 in sheep and goats.

Last year, the Texas FFA members planted 15,000 acres of corn and 25,000 acres of cotton. Other projects include raising horses, rabbits, wheat, oats forage, fruit, potatoes, melons, vegetables and peanuts.

7 Years—6 Times More Rural Telephones



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led's district. Centered in this legislative switch is Judge T. M. Collier of the 91st Court. Collier took office January 1, and formerly served three terms in the Texas House of Representatives. His would be one of the shortest district judge tenures on record if the Burkett bill were to become law. Regardless of the outcome of the Burkett court bill controversy, it is certain that judicial redistricting on the state-wide basis will create more than a small amount of legal arguments.

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ment was also started to encourage turkey growing among 4-H Club and FFA boys and girls.

The March meeting of the group will be held in Clute and will include talks and discussions on processing, freezing and storage of turkeys.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hinkson and children were the guests of Mrs. E. L. McMillian over the weekend.

Mrs. Saunders Gregg and her brother, L. N. Thompson are visiting relatives in Shreveport and Marlin, La.

Dr. and Mrs. Marshall E. Jolly are in Austin on business.

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VIC FLINT

By Michael O'Malley and Ralph Lane

Comic strip panels with dialogue: 'JUST AS THE SURPRISED FLAG SETS READY TO FIRE AGAIN, VIC SWINGS FROM HIS HEELS...', 'HELP!', 'IT'S FLAG, WHICH MEANS FLAT MUST STILL BE ALIVE, I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE!', 'AS GIBBY AND VIC SLUG IT OUT IN THE PARKING PLACE', 'LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE LIKE MOMENT'S SILENCE', 'WOW! YOU'RE A WARRIOR! WHAT FLAG WAS THAT? FOR KILLING THE KILLER LIKE THIS!'

ALLEY OOP

By V. T. Hamlin

Comic strip panels with dialogue: 'SURE WE'RE IN A MESS, BUT I CAN ONLY DO ONE THING AT A TIME, SO MAKE UP YOUR MINDS... DO I TRY TO RESCUE WONMUG OR GO ROUND UP DINOSAURS?', 'WELL, SINCE THE TIME-MACHINE SEEMS TO BE UNDAMAGED, I'D SAY GO AFTER DOG!', 'OH, MY STARS, ALLEY OOP, BEHOLD! LOOK!', 'ALL RIGHT, GET WITH IT!', 'OH, MY STARS, ALLEY OOP, BEHOLD! LOOK!', 'WELL, I SHOULD HOPE NOT, ALL RIGHT, SHOOT!', 'YES, OR, THIS IS LIVING! HEY, WAH!', 'YOU HAD IT THAT WAY BEFORE, BUT WHEN YOU ACTIVATED THE CHAMBER, YOU GOT DINOSAURS!', 'ACCORDING TO THIS, I'M RIGHT ON DR. MONMUG!', 'I FORGOT TO LOCK THIS DINGUS! THAT WON'T HAPPEN THIS TIME.', 'WELL, I SHOULD HOPE NOT, ALL RIGHT, SHOOT!', 'YES, OR, THIS IS LIVING! HEY, WAH!'

BURKETT—

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on the amount that would be saved if the courts are consolidated. They also said that while the special committee bill will propose court redistricting, there is a good chance it can be "suitably amended" in committee hearings. "Our object is not to abolish the Eastland Court, but to add to its district and also the district of the 90th court," one spokesman said. "Shackelford County could be added to the Eastland Court district and Throckmorton County could be added to the Young-Stephens court.

"This would equalize the court loads and equalize the judicial districts. Why should Mr. Burkett's Bill be passed now when the special committee's bill is a chance to build up our court district instead of tearing it down. Surely it is a waste of time and money to consider these single-shot bills now when a state-wide bill will be com-

ing up soon." Attention of other legislators likely will be focused on the Burkett bill. Rep. Mack Allison has both Young and Stephens Counties in his district. Burkett commented that Allison favors his bill. Young County is in the senatorial district of Senator George Moffett, whom Wasoneller said opposes the Burkett bill. Shackelford County is in Senator Harley Sad-

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'53 Hybrid Corn Program Plans Are Announced

Texas developed corn hybrids, last year, despite unfavorable growing conditions in most sections of the state...

Texas, young and old, by participating in the 1953 Texas Hybrid Corn Production Program will get their shot at being named the "Texas Champion Grower of the Year."

The association program, says E. A. Miller, extension agronomist, is demonstrating the productive ability of Texas hybrid corn...

The state, for contest purposes, has been divided into four areas and awards will be made by the sponsor to the five top growers...

All participants must enroll with their local county agricultural agent. A minimum of one acre must be planted to one of the following Texas corn hybrids...

In last year's program, says Miller, Texas Hybrid 30, which was available for widespread planting for the first time, demonstrated its productive abilities under adverse conditions...



THAT SCOWL MAKES HIM HAPPY—Hert Brandt, above, likes his picture of a disgraced Eisenhower. It was named best-of-show in a competition held by the Press Photographers Association of New York...

Peace Makers At UN Meeting Are 'Gun Toting' Lot

Most of the United Nations delegates who loudly cry for world disarmament in their General Assembly sessions will be carrying concealed guns, daggers, swords and other sharp weapons...

duced good yields in the 1952 program, says the agronomist.

Miller suggests that persons interested in participating in this "more corn on every acre" program contact their local county agricultural agent for complete details and recommendations on how best to carry on a corn production demonstration.

GRAYSON'S SCOREBOARD

Jockey Colony's Strange Birds Come in Many Shapes, Sizes

NEW YORK—(NEA)—There was a discussion not long ago of some little-known industries around the race track by which showup men make their living.

There was mention of the bloke who holds the recall flag and waves it to signal the jockeys when, maybe once every dozen or so years, the field goes away in a false start.

"These are," relates Everett Clay, who heads Hialeah's silvering department, "strange birds around a race course. The jockeys."

To elaborate on his discovery, Mr. Clay produces some highly interesting twists after canvassing the nearly 200 riders at Hialeah this winter. Take it from Clay, jockeys are a breed apart from the common taxpayer.

"The ladies of the house would positively drool if they saw Logan Patcheller order a pair of shoes," points out Clay. "He says, 'Size two, please.' Steve DiMauro has the largest feet among the jocks. He takes only a size seven."

CONN MCCREARY stands only four-foot-seven, yet he wears a size 7 1/2 hat. Hence his nickname, The Head.

"Sammy Williams looks too big to be a jockey. And at 124 pounds he is, but Sammy can melt off nine or 10 pounds as easy as you please simply by stepping into a sweat box. While Sammy is taking it off, little Lewis Williams would like to put weight on. He weighs only 94."

Jimmy Nichols, a real clever reisman, is one of the jockey colony's tallest operatives at five-feet-eight, head and shoulders above McCreary.

Jockeys, despite occupational hazards, aren't nearly as superstitious as, say, ball players. Some of the more dedicated of the latter have been known to wear a single pair of socks all season just to keep a batting streak alive.

Perhaps by custom more than superstition, jockeys are careful to put on their left boot first, but few of them wear good-luck pieces and such.

In horse racing, all the swamis are in the grandstand.



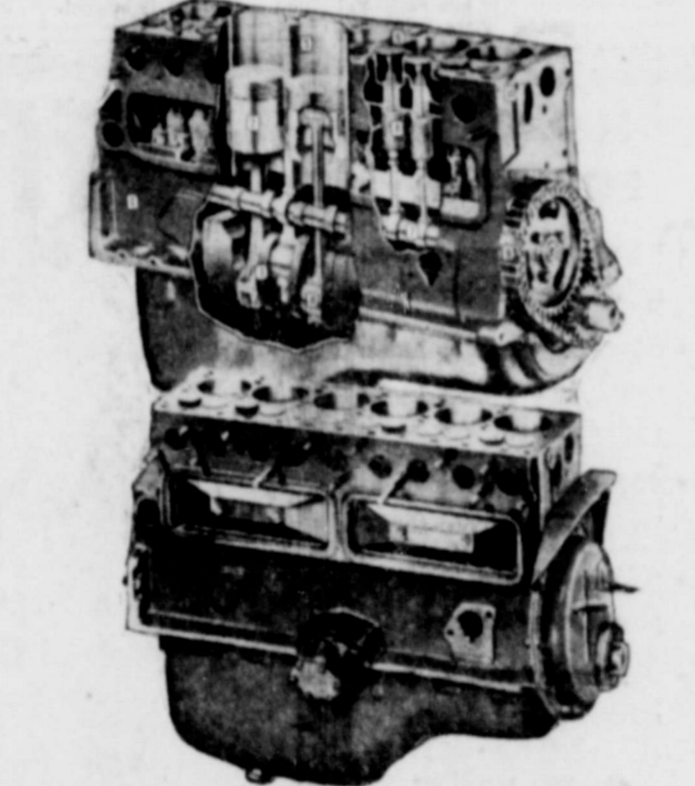
NEW UN CHIEF?—Lester B. Pearson, Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs, may replace Trygve Lie as UN Secretary General. Secretary Lie has long been in the bad books of the Russians, but they have indicated they would accept Pearson for the job. At present he is President of the UN General Assembly.

Advertisement for Southwest School of Printing, featuring an illustration of a printing press and the text: 'To parents who wonder... Are you wondering what your high school son is to become?' and 'SOUTHWEST SCHOOL OF PRINTING'.

Advertisement for Elgin watches, featuring an illustration of a watch and the text: '\$33.75 For an ELGIN'.

Advertisement for Lydia Pinkham's Compound, featuring an illustration of a woman and the text: '"Hot flashes" of Change of Life stopped or strikingly relieved in 63-80% of the cases in doctors' tests!'

Advertisement for Montgomery Ward, featuring the store name and address: '407 MAIN Phone 447'.



Advertisement for Motor Sale, featuring a list of cars and their prices: 'MOTOR SALE PRICES CUT—LIKE-NEW MOTORS GUARANTEED LIKE NEW CAR'.

Advertisement for car financing, featuring the text: 'BUY ON TERMS—PAY ONLY 10% DOWN WARDS WILL INSTALL AT MODERATE PRICES'.

Moroccan independence may kill them; Latin American policies are accustomed to shooting in their own legislatures; and delegates from the Far East prefer carrying daggers and pistols to taking any chances.

Most weapon-toting delegates comply with diplomatic protocol as well as merican laws in requesting permits through the State Department, continues the magazine, which passes them on to New York City's 4th Deputy Police Commissioner. Permits are usually granted for these firearms, but there's always the chance that a delegate will not apply for a permit, in which case a State Department officer holds the weapon in custody until the diplomat leaves the country—if the gun is discovered. Most

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of the UN members cleverly bypass the need for a firearms permit by carrying other weapons and using ingenious ruses to conceal them. For example, India's Krishna Menon, author of the UN Korea peace plan, is said to carry a sword in his cane.

In spite of these armed UNers, concludes People Today, John Cosgrove, Acting Chief of UN Headquarters Security Section says "We have little trouble—nothing serious. Our 150 guards carry no guns, just billies. If necessary, I can kill a man with a newspaper."

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