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Here In HICO

We haven't figured out yet the hidden insinuation in a remark directed toward us the other day. Discussing some important deal with Jim D. Wright, we were handling the situation with all the diplomacy of a Chamberlain and all the close-lipped discretion of a Coolidge—we thought.

About the time we were most proud of our accomplishment, Hoard Randsal put in the question, "Why don't you put up a broadcasting station?" Seeing how red our face got, he immediately explained that he hadn't noticed we'd been talking, but merely asked the question in all seriousness, with a neighborly interest in our business welfare.

Another fair-weather friend has just had our household equanimity. This stool-pigeon, if we ever find out who he is, has something coming that we hope will get him into an equal amount of trouble.

After having enjoyed the firemen's banquet to the utmost last Friday night, we were departing and decided a word to Miss Wagstaff, who superintended the preparation of the excellent meal served by the home economics students, would be in order. As usual, we put our foot in our mouth.

"Everything was fine," we said in our customary meek manner. Then, since the statement needed a little elaboration, we added, "We're going to send the wife up here to learn to cook like this."

If things in this week's paper don't read right, blame it on a gentleman from Waco. He sold us a new typewriter Tuesday, and we can't get the thing into high gear. However, don't get the idea that Remingtons are not good typewriters, for in the deal we accepted the Remington agency.

Possibly when we get this one broken in we will like it nearly as well as we did our old one, which we operated by the sight system.

For instance, there was the place somewhere around the 's and 'r's where we laid a lighted cigarette once, and we didn't have any trouble keeping our directions in that vicinity. The 's and 'r's were slantwise and it was not necessary to look closely to know which letter we were hitting. Also the paper slipped out before we got to the end of the sheet, and it may be necessary to stretch this column to accommodate the longer copy turned out by the new mill.

If there were any sentiment in the system of a hard-boiled newspaperman (we ought to be hard-boiled—we stay in hot water all the time) we might think back over the highlights of the past ten years and be impressed with the tragedies, the joys, the sorrows, the progress and the local history of various sorts that we have recorded on the old typewriter, and be tempted to preserve it as a keepsake. In fact, since we've mentioned it to ourselves, we believe we'll have the old mill fixed up and keep it for our very own. The old expression, "My daddy was a square shooter and he left me his gun" is brought to mind by the fact that our daughter, approaching high school age, has put in an order for a typewriter. Maybe we can make a deal with her to take over the one we're retiring. But we hope it will be applied to more useful tasks than filling up space with a lot of hot air like this. What do you think? Please don't answer.

FIREMEN MEET TO EAT

And Enjoy Association With Guests in Annual Banquet

The newly-finished home economics cottage at Hico High School was the scene of the annual firemen's banquet Friday night, Jan. 5, where a delicious meal was served by Miss Iris Wagstaff, teacher of home economics, assisted by a number of her students. Arrangements for the affair had been made by Rufus Phillips, chairman of the banquet committee of the fire department.

J. W. Leeth, fire chief, served as toastmaster, and called upon several present for talks, interspersing interesting and timely remarks about local and state affairs pertaining to fire prevention among the extemporaneous speeches, which began with a short expression of appreciation from Mayor L. N. Lane. Mr. Leeth showed that fire losses in Hico had been cut down materially within recent years to the point that last year only \$1200.00 worth of insured property was destroyed by fire. He also pointed out that instead of a fifteen per cent penalty, Hico property owners were now allowed a fifteen per cent credit on their insurance premiums.

Clarence Spaulding was recognized as being the oldest fireman in years of service, present, but as usual declined an invitation to talk. He is a charter member of the Hico Volunteer Fire Department.

Richmond Herrington was awarded a sack of flour for the best attendance during the past year, having a record of attending 41 of the 43 meetings. Bryant Lively was given second award of a sack of groceries for having attended 37, and John L. Wilson drew a sack of groceries for being third in attendance with 35. There were eight or ten who had attended 35 of the meetings, and Mr. Leeth stated that attendance in general had been very commendable.

Those present included: Chief Leeth, Sherman Roberson, Chief Dowell Henderson of the Hamilton department, J. C. Barrow, Ray D. Brown, Rev. Alvin Swindell, Mayor Lane, Bryant Lively, Frank Thompson, Ollie Davis, Herman Munnelly, Durward Lane, John L. Wilson, R. L. Heiford, Mrs. J. R. McMillan, Mrs. Annie B. Currie, Mrs. V. H. Bird, Junior Bird, Miss Dorothea Holladay, Charlie Meador, Ernie Jacobs, Rev. J. C. Mann, Roy French, Richmond Herrington, Willard Leach, J. N. Simpson, Rufus Phillips, Clarence Spaulding, E. H. Persons, and L. B. Bowman.

Open Nursery At Rising Star
Mr. and Mrs. John Y. Waldrop and daughter, Alice, moved the first of this week to Rising Star where Mr. Waldrop has opened a new nursery. Mr. Waldrop has moved quite a bit of stock from the nursery of his father, J. W. Waldrop, here to his place at Rising Star, where it has been transplanted for future sale.

To Run Again



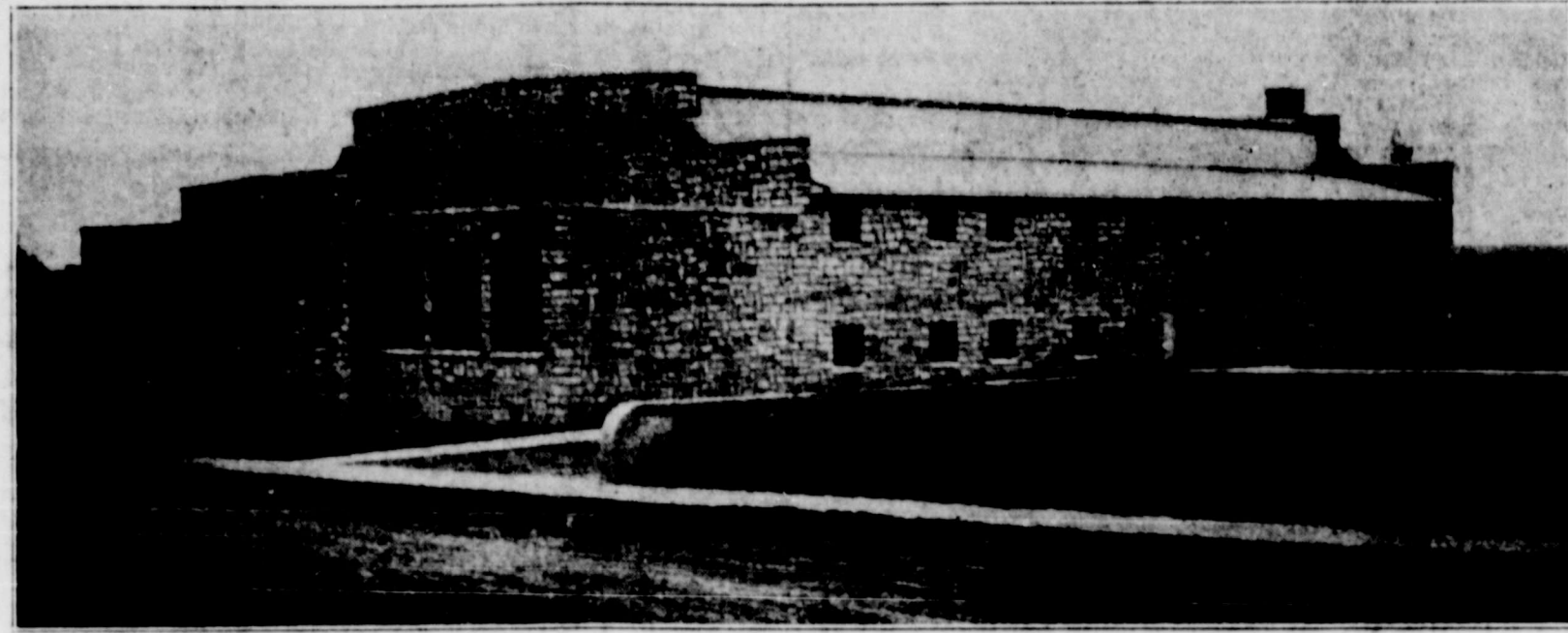
J. MANLEY HEAD

Announces Candidacy For Second Term As State Senator

J. Manley Head of Stephenville, State Senator from the 21st District of Texas, this week authorized the News Review to announce his candidacy for re-election. "I am basing my candidacy for re-election on my record which I have made in the Senate during my tenure of office," said Mr. Head in a letter authorizing the announcement. It is his intention at a later date to elaborate on his platform, a statement of which will appear in the columns of the News Review.

Mr. Head stated that he had hoped to be in Hico and this part of the district this week, but that as he was to be out of the State, he would come down at the first opportunity. He asks that the voters keep his candidacy in mind, and that when he can be of service to them in his present official capacity they call upon him.

NEW GYMNASIUM RECENTLY COMPLETED AT HICO HIGH SCHOOL



—Photo By Forgy

NEW HOME ECONOMICS COTTAGE



—Photo By Forgy

School's Building Program Gives Kids of Community A New Deal

Children of this section who are now attending school or plan to do so in the near future will be fortunate in having available for their work and play two new structures, pictured herewith.

The top picture shows the large new gymnasium, now completed and providing a convenient place for basketball and other play, as well as a vocational agriculture room and a band room at the front.

The lower picture shows the new Home Economics building, modern and well equipped, where students of this subject are finding the details of home-making a pleasure, under the direction of Miss Iris Wagstaff.

INDUSTRIAL CENSUS

In This County Will Be Handled By Edgar B. Pruitt

The National Government Business, Industrial and Manufacturing Census conducted every ten years was started last Tuesday, Jan. 2. For this work in Hamilton County, Edgar B. Pruitt, well-known business man and teacher of Hamilton, is the enumerator appointed and is now actively engaged at the task which he expects to complete in about sixty days. He was appointed to the place by Jesse C. Shipman, supervisor of the census for the 17th congressional district.

In Hico Wednesday making inquiries preliminary to beginning his actual work, Mr. Pruitt pointed out that he would be the only one employed in this particular phase of the census. He advised that those interested in securing employment in the regular census, which will start about April 2, apply to Mr. Shipman at Abilene.

The census work in which Mr. Pruitt is engaged is on a much larger scale than ever before. It takes in every business establishment and manufacturing concern, without any consideration of size—the big department store will be included as is the little hamburger stand, the big cotton mill, or the little manufacturing plant. To have this census as correct as is humanly possible, it is absolutely necessary that the enumerator shall have every cooperation. The figures will be taken from the books, or, if that is not possible, as close an estimate as possible will be made. All information will be absolutely confidential. The Census Department or any of its employees will not be allowed to give information to any one except as prescribed by law.

Census reports are required by Act of Congress. This act also makes it unlawful for the Bureau to disclose any facts, including names or identity, from census reports. Only sworn census employees will see your statements. Data collected will be used solely for preparing statistical information concerning the nation's population, resources, and business activities, and cannot be used for purposes of taxation, regulation or investigation.

Everybody is urged to greet the enumerator cordially when he calls and give him all the information he asks for.

EDGAR B. PRUITT

Will Make Political Announcement In The Near Future

Edgar B. Pruitt will be kept quite busy during the next few weeks, and upon completion of the census work, he expects to make public a formal announcement of his intention to run for County Clerk of Hamilton County. People generally anticipated his final entry into the race since he received such encouragement as a close second in the last election. He insists that his friends keep this future announcement in mind.—Hamilton Herald-Record.

FOOTBALL BANQUET

To Be Held Jan. 25; Dutch Meyer To Be Main Speaker

Supt. Ray D. Brown Thursday announced that Hico High School's annual football banquet would be held Thursday night, Jan. 25, in the band room of the new gymnasium. Coach L. R. (Dutch) Meyer of T. C. U., Fort Worth will be the main speaker, and an interesting program is planned.

Mr. Meyer bring with him a motion picture film of the football championship game played in the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans between Carnegie Tech and T. C. U. a year ago.

The banquet committee announces that there will be plates available for a large number of local citizens, and requests that reservations be made at once. The charge for single plates will be \$1.00 or \$1.50 per couple.

Seeks Re-Election



H. WILLIAM ALLEN

Asks Voters To Nominate Him For 2nd Term As District Atty.

H. William Allen, now serving his first elective term in the office of district attorney in Hamilton, Coryell and Comanche Counties, this week authorized the News Review to place his name in its announcement column as a candidate for a second term.

Mr. Allen, a native of Hamilton County and descendant of a prominent family, had previously served an appointive position in this office, and has had a great deal of legal experience through private practice.

In making his announcement, Mr. Allen pointed out that the district court convened in Gatesville Monday morning, and that he would be prevented by his duties from coming in person to this end of the district soon. As soon as he can do so without neglecting the affairs of his office he plans to see as many of the voters as possible.

BASKETBALL

Drawing Large Crowds To New Gymnasium Almost Nightly

The Hico High School boys and girls basketball teams took their first games on the county round-robin schedule by easy margins from the two Hamilton teams Tuesday night. The scores were: Hico boys, 29, Hamilton boys 12; Hico girls 22, Hamilton girls 8.

Blue Ridge won from Springdale in the rural school division game at the new gym on the same night. The games were the first of a series to determine four Hamilton County basketball championships.

The Hico teams will play their second game with Carlton tonight at the Carlton gymnasium. Carlton has received mention with Pottsville as having one of the best teams in the county.

On Monday night, Jan. 15, John Tarleton College and the Baylor University Freshmen will meet in the Hico gymnasium for their second game of the season. The Tarleton team previously won from Baylor by 8 points. On the same night high school stars from Carlton, Alexander, Fairy, Ireddell and Hico will play the Tarleton second string.

Joe King of Stephenville, member of the National Association of Approved Basketball Officials, will officiate in the Tri-County basketball tournament to be held here January 18 through January 20. Engraved statuettes will be awarded to the championship and runner-up teams at the close of the tournament Saturday night.

Teams from Stephenville, Fairy, Carlton, Comanche, Kopperi, Dublin, Alexander, Pottsville, Jonesboro, Custine, Exant and Hico have accepted invitations to enter. Season tickets may be purchased from any member of the athletic committee.

Leaves Hospital

Mrs. B. W. Stewart was carried in the Barrow ambulance to her home in Abilene Thursday after her release from the Stephenville hospital where she has been confined for several weeks following an operation. Mrs. Stewart is the daughter of Mrs. W. E. Russell of Hico.

WEATHER

Report For Past Week Submitted By Local Observer

The following report, submitted by L. L. Hudson, gives conditions locally as reported to the Chronological Service of the Weather Bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture:

Date	High	Low	Prec.	Day
Jan. 3	54	27	0.00	pt cdy
Jan. 4	49	35	0.12	cloudy
Jan. 5	39	31	0.00	cloudy
Jan. 6	36	31	0.50	cloudy
Jan. 7	36	25	0.00	pt cdy
Jan. 8	39	18	0.00	cloudy
Jan. 9	48	27	0.00	cloudy
Total precipitation so far this year, 0.62 inch.				

ERATH COMMISSIONERS

Hear Delegation Seeking Funds For Chalk Mountain Road

County Judge Wallace Scott and the four commissioners of Erath County told a delegation appearing before them in Stephenville Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock that they would cooperate in every way within their power toward securing right-of-way for Highway No. 228, the Chalk Mountain Road, in their county, but that the present condition of the county's finances would prevent them from participating except on the same basis upon which right-of-way had been secured in other parts of the county. They urged donation of right-of-way by interested landowners wherever possible.

The delegation, headed by J. N. Russell, president of the Hico Chamber of Commerce, as spokesman, was composed of a number of citizens from Hico, land owners in the southeastern part of Erath County, and citizens from a number of other towns interested in securing early construction of the road.

Mr. Russell presented the delegation's case to the court, contending that there was an actual need and demand for the road, not only from local people, but from the traveling public in general and the State Highway Department in particular. Previously a trip had been made to Austin to appear before the commission, and that body told that delegation that when the road was designated the commission meant to construct the road. He gave the results of work that had been done by the local committee, headed by Dr. H. V. Hedges, as president of the Chamber of Commerce, and by Mark Waldrop as chairman. There are 25 pieces of property involved, and Mr. Russell delivered to the court signed deeds for twelve of these. He stated that the committee had gone as far as it could, and plead for the court to take up where it had left off and secure the right-of-way so that an early start might be made on actual construction. Others present were then invited by the court to present their views.

Mayor L. N. Lane of Hico called attention to the importance of the road, as did Mayor Henry Clark of Stephenville, who has lent a lot of assistance to the committee in interviewing landowners and laying the ground work for the project. Others heard from Wers Mark Waldrop of Hico, C. A. Bridges and Bill Roden of Glen Rose, Cecil B. James of Hamilton, Kal Segrist of Hico and Dallas, Rev. Alvin Swindell of Hico, Arthur Eldson of Hamilton, and E. H. Persons of Hico.

Segrist pointed out the interest of Dallas in the road, which would fill in the first of three gaps on the proposed Dallas to Del Rio Highway. The other two are between Hamilton and Goldthwaite, and between San Saba and Mason. He showed where construction of this short gap would be an entering wedge toward bringing the important through highway to an early completion, and pointed out that this would open up a large territory south of Stephenville for prospective students of Tarleton College. As an ex-student of Tarleton, a property owner in this section of the State, and a member of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, he urged the commissioners to do everything within their power to secure the remainder of the right-of-way and assure construction of the road, pledging at the same time his cooperation as a member of the State Legislature in every worthwhile project that might come up for attention.

Sam Russell, district court judge of Stephenville, added his voice to those who had preceded him, and requested the court to cooperate in any way they could in this important project, as did other citizens of Stephenville and Erath County.

O. R. WILLIAMS

Seeks Re-Election To Office Of Co. Tax-Assessor-Collector

I take this manner of announcing to the people of Hamilton County my candidacy for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor-Collector, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.

I am now serving my first term in the Tax Assessor-Collector's office, but before being elected by the people in 1938, I had served three years as deputy in this office. Considering that, and my other business experiences, I feel that I am well qualified to discharge the duties required by the big volume of business of the Tax Assessor-Collector's office of Hamilton County.

If elected I promise to serve the interests of the voters to the very best of my ability. It is, therefore, on my personal merits and past record in public life, that I ask for the kind consideration of the public in seeking re-election to a second term in office.

Thanking everyone for all courtesies shown me and my office personnel in the past, and offering my most cordial appreciation in advance for any favors you may confer in the future, I am,

Very truly yours,
O. R. WILLIAMS.

Offers Candidacy



WELDON BURNEY

Asks Re-Election To Legislature From 94th District

Weldon Burney of Evant, representing the 94th district composed of Hamilton and Coryell Counties in the state legislature, early this week announced his candidacy for re-election to the office which he has held for the past two years.

During his two years in office Mr. Burney has been active in the affairs of the state and has been liberal in giving both his time and efforts toward securing legislation which he thought beneficial, not only to the people of Hamilton and Coryell Counties but to those over the entire state.

Mr. Burney, who has become well known to the people of Hico during the two years he has served them will have a more detailed statement to make at a later date.

HILLS OF DESTINY

BY AGNES LOUISE PROVOST



CHAPTER III SYNOPSIS

Lee Hollister, returning unexpectedly from a trip abroad to the Circle V ranch, his home from childhood, is troubled by signs of neglect. He is upset, too, when he meets Slanty Gano, a trouble maker whom Matt Blair, owner of the ranch, had run off the land in times past. Slanty is now manager for the old Ceballos place. Joey, prospector befriended by Matt, breaks the news that Matt is dead; he had killed himself. Joey says the ranch is going to ruin under Lawler, manager appointed by Virginia, Matt's daughter, who is living in New York with her aunt and uncle. Lee goes east to get her.

All day long she had been rushing from one thing to another, riding, swimming, aquaplaning, lunching with a crowd at the beach club, off to the country club to watch the tennis try-off, dancing, meeting new men, off to somebody's house, and more dancing, and everybody drinking too much. In a little while she would be dressing again for dinner and a moonlight cruise on Mr. Bradish's new yacht.

She tossed her hat on a chair, kicked off her pumps, slid out of her dress and left it in a heap on the floor, and for the first time relaxed with a long sigh of relief. What was the sense of tearing around all day, meeting a lot of people you only half liked, and never having a minute to yourself? She stared moodily at the floor.

Although no one outside would have guessed it, this was one of the grey days, when everything was flat and there was a sickening emptiness where one part of her life had been.

On the table beside her bed lay a little pile of papers. There was a scrawled report from Lawler, the new manager, there were bewildering columns of figures that represented Matt Blair's confused affairs; there was a letter urgently advising her to sell before the deterioration of a once prosperous property became too evident. Beside them was a memorandum of Milton Bradish's offer, the whim of a rich man to lavish money on a show ranch in the place where he had once been poor.

There was a tap at the door. She said "Come!" and Anna appeared, visibly flustered.

"There's a gentleman downstairs, Miss Virginia."

"But I said that I wouldn't see anybody."

"Yes, Miss Virginia, but—" Anna hesitated and looked worried. Callers at the Archer home politely accepted the dictum delivered at the door, but this one, in spite of the fact that he had come on foot instead of in the latest model roadster, and wore a good but unobtrusively ready-made suit of clothes, had somehow an air of taking it for granted that his wishes would be complied with.

"He said he hoped you would be home pretty soon, because he had come a long way to see you. He said to tell you it was Lee Hollister."

"Oh—Lee!" Virginia sat up suddenly. "Why didn't you tell me before? Tell him—no, help me, Anna. I'm in a frightful hurry."

Downstairs Lee looked critically around the room into which the maid had reluctantly shown him. Everything spoke eloquently of well served ease and expensive idleness. Not at home! He was certain she was and he meant to stay until he saw her. He stationed himself at a window overlooking the semicircular drive.

"Making sure that I don't run away?"

He swung about quickly. "I wasn't taking chances," he drawled.

Outlined against the dull blue hangings he saw a slim and lovely figure, a girl with hair of burnished copper, dark-lashed eyes of clearest grey and a vivid mouth.

She met him with both hands out, impulsively.

"I just had come in," she explained confidentially, "and told Anna that I wouldn't see anybody." Her mouth dropped suddenly. "Oh, Lee, I haven't seen you since—since it happened."

"I didn't know anything about it, or I'd have come before this. I've come to take you home, Virginia."

"Oh, no!" She looked faintly startled and drew back.

"Why not," he asked bluntly. "It doesn't need me!" She shook her head vehemently. "I need father, and he's gone. What do I know of ranches and cattle?"

"You'll learn, and you'll have friends to help you. I can tell you some things about the Circle V right now. I don't think you can possibly know about them, or you would never let them go on."

There was a shade of annoyance in the lift of Virginia's delicate brows.

"You're just the same Lee, aren't you? All right, let's sit down and get it over. What am I to be scolded about?"

The light tone warned him that Virginia didn't mean to be scolded at all, and he grinned back at her. Virginia hadn't changed much. He leaned forward and began to tell of the conditions that he had found at the Circle V.

"I know it needs your father," he finished, "but Matt is gone, and it's your responsibility now. The

glance on both sides. Each would know the other again.

In her own room Virginia hurried from her the dress that she had chosen so carefully. Lee had been brutal, abominable! How dared he say that she was not loyal to her father's memory?

A shirker... The land Matt Blair had labored and fought for—had died for. The words spun around in her head, around and around, endlessly persistent.

Over there was the bell that would bring Marie, the maid that she and her aunt shared between them. Marie would pack for her swiftly, if she really decided to go.

"Marie, I want you to pack these things—" She looked up from a reckless, hurrying of silken garments. It was not Marie but Anna who stood in the door.

"Mr. Stanley Bradish is below, Miss Virginia."

Virginia remembered. Stanley

Circle V needs somebody with a real interest, and not a shiftless loafer who either can't or won't see that he is running it into the ground."

"Really?" Virginia was angry and hurt. "I employed Mr. Lawler on the advice of my friends, and see no reason to question either their motives or his. However, it scarcely matters. I have a good offer for the place and I expect to at least concede my right to dispose of my own property."

"Absolutely. But I have a right as Matt's friend to tell you that your loyalty to him can't amount to much if in a few months you can throw aside the work of his lifetime, the land he labored and fought for, and loved better than anything on earth—except you!"

He heard her quick gasp.

"And you're going to sell him out for a little pocket money—for this!" His brief gesture contemptuously indicated the room, the house, all of her life here. "That's the best you can do for him, after all that he sacrificed for you."

"Oh, you're intolerable!" Her eyes blazed; she spoke in a breathless, unnatural way. "Whatever I may have done, or failed to do, is between my father and myself."

"All right," he said laconically. "I see I was mistaken. Mistaken in you. But before I go I want to give you one question to ask of yourself. Why is it that the Circle V, one of the best ranches in the state, should be going to pieces now, just when somebody else wants to get possession of it? I'm going back to find the answer, if you won't. Goodbye."

He turned with a brief nod, not even waiting for a reply, and went out.

As the outer door closed after him he paused with a deep, releasing breath and a frown for his own hot-headedness.

A car flashed into the drive and a young man stepped out. The newcomer looked with casual interest at the man who had just come out, at the straight figure, the ready-made suit, the bronzed face—the weather bronze, not sunbath tan—small things stamped him as an outsider and an alien here. Lee returned the glance with a brief stare. Unconsciously, involuntarily, it was a measuring

wanted her to go out on the yacht with him before the other guests arrived.

"Oh! Tell him I'm sorry, but I can't go."

Mrs. Archer was coming down the hall. She interposed quickly. "Surely you can get ready, darling. It's only a little early. I'll send Marie to you right away."

"No, thanks, Aunt Adele. Just tell him I'm sorry, Anna, but I can't come at all. I'll write him and explain."

"Virginia, what can you be thinking of?"

Virginia's hands clenched at her sides. The tears still shone in her lashes. "I'm going west tomorrow—I've got to. Please don't ask me to talk about it."

The days and nights on a transcontinental train were monotonous, but they gave Virginia time for thought. Her first anger at Lee dwindled and receded as a clear little brook returns to its coming back, not to obey Lee Hollister's high-handed commands, but to show him that he was wrong. After that she would do as she pleased with her own property.

At Saunders Lawler was there to meet her, so was Curly, sunburned and grinning, waiting to take her checks and help pack that had been good enough for Matt while Virginia was away.

Only once did Lawler, a lank, big-boned man with pale eyes and

straggling moustache, proffer a remark of any moment. They were jolting over a peculiarly atrocious bit of road.

"Bad goin'," he jerked. "I hope the millionaire that's buyin' your place will fix up this road."

"I haven't sold yet," she replied coldly.

"Oh, I thought you was goin' to." A glaze seemed to have come over Lawler's pale eyes.

She did not reply, and they rattled and lurched on. The foot hills were opening up before them; they dived suddenly from prismatic brilliance into shadow, and then climbed again, through a narrow defile to a suddenly widening gap, into the Valley of the Sun. Up there was the old ranch house and, on the porch, hobbling excitedly on rheumatic feet, a little, wizened old man.

"I knowed ye'd come back, Honey! I knowed it! There, now, there!" But a proud young head that bowed to no one had dropped suddenly against Joey's deplorable flannel shirt. "There, there," Joey cooed. "You'll be glad ye've come. It's been awful lonesome without ye. If that ornery young nuisance of a Lee Hollister hadn't come pesterin' around again, I'd have gone plumb out of my head."

The moment of abandon was brief. She raised her head.

"Well, he ain't exactly here, but he drops in on me now and then."

Joey shot a shrewd glance at her, but Virginia made no comment. Lawler, for the moment disregarded, had come up with her bags and was evidently waiting to go in with her. She dismissed him carelessly. "Thanks, Lawler. You may leave the bags here; Ling will look after them."

She left him, glowering and discomfited, while she greeted Ling. Joey followed the manager with malicious glee.

"Pretty fine to have the boss back, isn't it?" he asked slyly.

The afternoon had been long. Virginia had worked energetically, setting herself to unaccustomed tasks. In the midst of unpacking there had been an interminable hour of going over dreary details and bewildering accounts with Lawler. The Circle V was not making enough to cover operating expenses and the interest on a burden of debt.

This was the story again, leaving Virginia depressed and dispirited, and glad to see Lawler leave. She called back to Ling that she was going to see Joey, and walked slowly toward the horse corral.

(To be continued)

Good Crowd At Roping
Mrs. Pauline Hubbard was in Hico this week and reported that there was a fair crowd at the Simpson Johnson place on January 1, although a number who had intended to attend were prevented from doing so by other matters. This is the second of these ropings staged at the Johnson place, and as soon as the weather gets warmer and they can plan interesting events they hope to make an announcement of another and invite the public out.

There were a number of people in attendance from other places, among them Mrs. Hubbard's mother, sister and brother, Mrs. John Hudson, Doris and John Melvin Hudson, of Hamlin; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, Mr. Johnson's brother, and family of Hamlin; Mr. Johnson's son, Conn Johnson, his wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Punk Snyder, of Melvin.

Call A To Moody
Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Teague left Wednesday morning for Moody immediately after receiving word that Mr. Teague's mother had been stricken with paralysis. They were accompanied as far as Valley Mills by their son, Buddy Wilson, who remained there with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Teague had not returned at noon Thursday and no word had been received as to his mother's condition.

PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY

Celebration Plans for This County Shaping Up Fast

The local organization for the celebration of the President's birthday, January 20, has been formulated and plans are under way for gala entertainment in Hamilton County to raise funds in the campaign against infantile paralysis. Dr. R. A. Kookon of Hamilton, county chairman, has issued an appeal to local citizens to join in the campaign by volunteering their services so that celebrations may be held throughout the county.

Mrs. C. R. Edgar has been selected as county vice-chairman to organize and promote women's activities. Mrs. Dan Wilkerson has been named secretary and treasurer. All are residents of Hamilton.

This committee will have complete charge of all activities to be held in the county in the fifth annual drive for funds for afflicted infantile paralysis victims here and for preventive measures to reduce the toll of the devastating disease. Fifty per cent of all funds collected will remain in the local community to aid home cases, being administered by a local chapter organized for that purpose.

The local organization is working under authorization of the official state committee, headed by W. L. Clayton, Houston, chairman. Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel, honorary chairman, and composed of 32 prominent citizens from every section of the state.

Singing Next Sunday
An all-day singing will be held at the Methodist Church at Clair-etie next Sunday, Jan. 14. All singers and others interested are invited to attend.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Paid Political Advertising)

The News Review is authorized to announce the following candidates for office, subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries in July, 1940:

Hamilton County

For State Senator, 21st District: **J. MANLEY HEAD** (Re-Election)

For Representative, 34th District: **WELDON BURNBY** (Re-Election)

For District Judge: **R. B. CROSS** (Re-Election)

For District Attorney: **H. WILLIAM ALLEN** (Re-Election)

For District Clerk: **C. E. EDMISTON** (Re-Election)

For County Judge: **J. B. POOL** (Re-Election)

For Sheriff: **HOUSTON WHITE** (Re-Election)

For County Clerk: **IRA MOORE**

For County Treasurer: **MRS. W. B. TUNE** (Re-Election)

For Co. Tax Assessor-Collector: **O. R. WILLIAMS** (Re-Election)

For Commissioner, Prec. 3: **R. W. (Bob) HANCOCK** (Re-Election)

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IREDELL ITEMS

By MISS STULLA JONES, Local Correspondent

Mrs. Emma Savage was in Hamilton Saturday.

Mrs. Henry Loader has returned from Plainview, where she spent the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Little and children, John D. and Wanda, spent Sunday with their daughter and sister, Mrs. J. D. Kilton of Hico.

Bruce Chaney, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Chaney, is very ill in the Clifton Hospital. It is hoped he will recover soon.

Mrs. Cora Mitchell and sons, Rex and Roi, attended the funeral of Mr. Mangum of San Antonio, Sunday. He and his wife have visited here some and he was known here. He married a niece of Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Emma Planigan. She has the sympathy of her friends in the loss of her loved one.

Harris Tidwell and Jewell Ramage returned Wednesday to A. & M. College, after spending the holidays here.

The weather the past few days has been very cold. All kinds of weather have prevailed. It has rained and snowed some Saturday. Sunday was a bright day, but very cold, and today (Monday) is clear and is not so cold.

Mrs. Parnage and Mrs. J. M. Blue were in Waco Wednesday.

Mr. Tom Baine and nephew, Wesley, and wife, all of Waco, visited here.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. McCreary and Mrs. Noah Little spent Sunday night with their parents and also visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Little live in Dutra.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pylant took their son, Bernice Ray, to Dallas this week to a hospital. He has an infected foot.

Mrs. Ernest Allen and daughter, Pauline, attended the funeral of their grandfather, Mr. Ballard, near Hamilton Wednesday.

Mrs. Ellen Harris is visiting her

Walter, in the Black Stump community. Mrs. Harris has been ill but is getting along fine now.

Mrs. Emma Miller, who lives in the Spring Creek community, visited here with friends this week.

Mrs. Ralph Bradley visited her father, Mr. Long, of Bluffdale this week. Her father is ill.

Mr. Alfred Hardwick of Meridian was here Saturday and while here he visited Mr. and Mrs. Dearing.

Faye and Jap Fallis visited their sister in San Antonio the past week.

Travis Huckaby left Wednesday, Jan. 3, for Amarillo to secure work.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tidwell and baby vacated the farm house on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tidwell and moved to the Woody farm a mile from town, better known as the Tidwell place. I have spent many happy days there when I was a child.

Mr. Falls and W. R. Goslin were in Gorman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Conley and Mrs. Clem McAden were in Dallas Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McLoughlin and daughter, Miss Lovilla Joe, came in Sunday from Oregon, New Mexico, to visit relatives. Charlie went on to San Antonio Monday.

Mrs. Floyd Hodges of Stephenville is visiting her sister, Mrs. Laswell.

Rev. Smith delivered a good sermon to a very good crowd Sunday, for the day was very cold. At the night service a love feast was held with a small crowd. Every one enjoyed the service.

A man, his wife and daughter, came in January 1st with a talking picture show and showed all week. His shows are fine and enjoyed by all. He will come back here and show Wednesday night of every week. He promises to have shows that everyone will like. The tent will be on my va-

cant lot. It is heated up with two big stoves.

Saturday afternoon was very bad. Not many people in town, so the news is a little scarce.

Howard Myers of Dallas bought the farm of Mr. and Mrs. John Prater.

Wilson Phillips returned from Stephenville Monday, where he had his tonsils removed.

Altman

By MRS. J. H. McANALLY

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Allen, who had been visiting relatives here last week end returned to their home in Dallas Monday.

Ernest Hyles visited his brothers at Union Monday night.

O. R. Clifton was a Hamilton visitor Monday.

Mrs. Dock Morgan received a message Sunday that her father, A. J. Robertson, had passed away at Ruidosa, N. M. They left immediately and remained there until the body was brought to Carlton for burial.

Mrs. Doyle Partain of Possum Kingdom Dam is visiting in the home of her mother, Mrs. S. C. Rallsback.

Moving was the order of the day in this community last week. The Ruddle family moved to the place vacated by the Ira Brown family, the Calder family on the Whisenant place, Mr. and Mrs. John Fulbright and daughter where the Calder's vacated. Mr. and Mrs. Grady Land and daughters to the Mobbey place vacated by the Earl Fine family.

The Bluebonnet Club met with Mrs. J. E. Hyles Wednesday, Jan. 3. A business meeting was called by the president, Mrs. O. R. Clifton. The secretary, Mrs. D. D. Waldrop, gave her report and each member gave a report on what they had accomplished for the club the past year. 2704 containers filled by the club ladies, 295 lbs. of peaches dried 235 lbs. of dry peas and beans, 24 cup towels made, 6 quilts pieced, two quilts quilted in various members' homes by the club. The club members pieced on a quilt for Mrs. Hyles.

Refreshments of cake and grape juice were served to the following members: Meses. D. D. Waldrop, J. H. McAnally, S. C. Rallsback, R. W. Bingham, J. W. Moore, O. R. Clifton, Cullen, Les Bingham, and Misses Glynn McAnally and Myrl Clifton and the hostess, Mrs. Hyles.

Two new members were added to the club, Mrs. Cullen Bingham and Mrs. Les Bingham.

Millerville

By CHAS. W. GIESECKE

The rains and snow of last Friday and Saturday wet the grounds and retarded farming operations.

Mr. Phipps and family of Iredell and Mr. Pace and family of near Iredell are new comers since Jan. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Thornton and children have moved to their farm recently purchased from J. T. Burkett of Hico.

C. L. and E. R. Conner were attending to business in Stephenville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Conner have recently moved from Seymour to the Conner farm. Mr. Conner has run a garage in Seymour for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Giesecke have gone to Cuero where he has a job on the REA lines in that section of the state.

J. W. Higginbotham was in Dublin Monday attending to business.

Thomas Loden of Hico is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Loden.

Wesley McCollum of Hamilton was in our midst recently. Wesley has a farm here but works on the highway out of Hamilton.

E. N. Lamb of Chalk Mountain will preach at the church next Sunday. Come. You have an invitation.

Gordon

By MRS. ELLA NEWTON

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Newman and sons moved to the Hanshaw house, vacated by Luther Koonsman and family. Mr. and Mrs. Howell and children have moved to the house vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Newman.

Reba Nell and Tressie Perkins were guests of Mrs. Ella Newton and family Sunday.

On Saturday, Dec. 23, Miss Loraine Tidwell of Boling and Mr. Joe Goyle of Adicks were married in Waco. Loraine was born and reared in this community, having spent most of her girlhood days here and at Iredell. She is well known here and has many friends. She was graduated from Iredell High School, and has attended college the remainder of the time until her marriage. It is not our pleasure to have known the groom, but we judge from the choice he made that he is a fine and industrious man. They have the best wishes of their many friends for a long and happy married life.

Duffau

By DOROTHY DESKIN

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Anderson and sons, Dwayne and Clinton, of Johnsville visited Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Anderson and family Sunday.

R. O. Wyszog made a business trip to Stephenville Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Starnes of Smith Springs spent the latter part of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Deskin, Bobbie and Maxie Juan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Fouts and daughter, Pearl, and son, John E., visited Tuesday morning with their daughter and sister, Marie, of Iredell. Mrs. Fouts and Pearl accompanied Marie to Stephenville Tuesday afternoon.

The Duffau P. T. A. are sponsoring a play entitled, "Mystery at Midnight" Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Anderson and son, Jackie Dean, were guests of her parents Sunday night.

Alva Deskin was a dinner guest of Mrs. Deskin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Roberson, of Hico Tuesday.

Rev. Barker of Brownwood filled his regular appointment here Sunday and Sunday night.

Mrs. Jack Meador of Hico spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Lackey, and brother, A. T. Jr.

T. L. Thompson and Joe Mayfield of Claiborne were in our community Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Deskin had as supper guests Saturday night Misses Doris and Vivian Gunn, Mr. Bert Pack and Son Starnes of Stephenville and Mr. and Mrs. Vern Starnes of Smith Springs.

Clairette

By NILA MARIE ALEXANDER

Our school opened last Monday with a good attendance after having celebrated the Christmas holidays.

Miss Lila Sherrard returned to Fort Worth Sunday to finish her beauty course.

Miss Mary Jo Alexander spent Monday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Sherrard, visited Mrs. Sherrard's brother, J. B. Salmon, last Friday. She is in the hospital at Dallas.

Mrs. Conda Salmon was taken to the doctor at Dublin last Friday.

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 - J. E. Harrison, Asst. Cashier
 - E. H. Randals, Jr., Clerical
 - Bookkeeper

Flag Branch

By HAZEL COOPER

Miss Doris Minges returned to school at Denton Tuesday after having spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wash Minges.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Burks and two children spent Wednesday morning with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lester of Rocky.

Bud Dotson spent Wednesday morning with John Cooper.

R. D. Ford was in Stephenville on business Wednesday.

Bob Moore and Ray Huffman visited Bud Dotson and Will Flannery Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Craig and little son, Bobbie Ray, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Craig Sunday.

Cecil McCoy of Dunigan spent Thursday night with his sister, Mrs. Bessie Bandy and family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Minges spent Wednesday morning with Mrs. Mollie Graves and Hugh Meadows.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Craig and daughter, Elouise, spent a while Sunday night in the Bud Dotson home as their baby was sick. We are glad to know it is much better at this writing.

Hog Jaw

By OMA ROBERSON

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Lambert visited with Mrs. Lambert's brother, Bud Britton, and family last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Johnson and Miss Eunice Lee of Clairette assisted several ladies of this community to make over a mattress for Mrs. Tom Loden Thursday of last week. Two more mattresses will be remade Thursday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Roberson and Mrs. Will Roberson of Vera visited in the home of Mrs. P. E. McCreary and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Higginbotham and family moved last week to the Prairie Springs community, Henry Mackey and family of Clairette have moved to the Hunter farm.

Arthur Howerton of the CCC camp at Dallas spent several days here last week with his father, J. G. Howerton and family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Roberson and daughters, Dolores and Bobbie Louise, of Hico spent Sunday with Mrs. J. W. Roberson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Parr of Colorado City visited while Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Parr's sister, Mrs. O. C. Lambert and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gady Samuelson of Cranfill's Gap were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Jackson and Mrs. E. K. Ridenhower.

Falls Creek

By LULA MAE COSTON

Jim Jameson spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Jameson.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williamson of Hico visited her mother, Mrs. W. Foust, Tuesday.

Mrs. H. G. Coston, who was on the sick list, is improving.

Miss Oletha Blakely of Fairy spent Tuesday night with Imogene Jameson.

Several in our community attended the ball games at Fairy Tuesday night.

Those who visited in the H. G. Coston home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Simons and daughter and Rev. Swindell of Hico.

James Blakely of Fairy visited in Jameson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Trammel and daughter of Old Hico visited Mrs. W. Foust Saturday night.

DUFFAU SCHOOL NEWS

P. T. A. Gives Mystery Play "Mystery At Midnight," a three-act play that keeps one shivering and mystified from beginning to end, will be given at the Duffau Gym, Saturday night, January 13. This play is sponsored by the Duffau P. T. A. and an admission charge will be made.

There will be no end of laughs at Energinie, a fat Negro woman, and Rasmus, a small Negro man. The part of Energinie is played by Pearl Fouts and Bobby Deskin plays the part of Rasmus. Oscar, a big, slow, clumsy man, played by G. B. Strother, is another very comical character. Other members of the cast are Rathburne, played by Elworth McAnally; Mrs. Wentworth, played by Mrs. Estelle Deskin; Barbara, played by Dorothy Flowers; Alma, played by Mrs. Blanche Jones; Parker, played by Estel Moser; Dick, played by Alfred Jones; and Letty, played by Joyce Fallin.

Basketball Games

The Purves boys and girls teams will play the Duffau boys and girls teams Friday night, January 12, at the Duffau gymnasium. The Duffau outsiders will also play the Stephenville outsiders in a game that promises to be fast and evenly matched.

The Duffau gym has two large new gas heaters that were installed this week, making the building very comfortable.

Tournaments

Friday and Saturday, January 19 and 20, Duffau is holding a tournament for the two-teacher schools in Erath County. Trophies will be awarded both for the girls and for the boys teams that win.

On Saturday, January 27, there will be a tournament for the boys outside, or outlaw, teams of Erath County. Individual basketballs will be given the winning teams in the tournament. Those wishing to enter this tournament should write Mr. E. E. Moser, Duffau, Texas, and full particulars will be sent.

Dr. W. W. Snider

DENTIST - DUBLIN, TEXAS

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Gilmore

By MRS. RUBY JOHNSON

Mrs. Ersie Hendricks of near Hico was visiting her sister, Mrs. M. H. Johnson, Thursday afternoon.

Earl Patterson went to Clifton last Tuesday after his wife and baby who have been visiting Mrs. Patterson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Duke, for the past several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Hathcock were in the Unity community Sunday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hathcock.

Visitors in the Forrest Todd home Sunday night were: Jiggs Parker of Pikeville, Miss Jimmie Hanshaw, and John K. Myers of near Iredell and Marcelle Johnson.

I. E. Johnson and family of Greyville were Sunday dinner guests of M. H. Johnson and family. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Ersie Johnson, who had spent the past few days with M. H. and family.

E. B. Thompson and wife, also Charlie Tolliver and wife, were visiting Leonard McLendon and family of Greyville Thursday, and while there helped them kill hogs.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Patterson and little son, Kenneth Earl, were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Patterson, near Hico.

TRUTH

Today's popularity of Doan's Pills, after many years of world-wide use, surely must be accepted as evidence of satisfactory results. And favorable public opinion supports that of the able physicians who test the value of Doan's under exacting laboratory conditions. These physicians, too, approve every word of advertising you read, the objective of which is only to recommend Doan's Pills as a good diuretic treatment for disorder of the kidney function and for relief of the pain and worry it causes. If more people were aware of how the kidneys must constantly remove waste that cannot stay in the blood without injury to health, there would be better understanding of why the whole body suffers when kidneys lag, and diuretic medication would be more often employed. Burning, scanty or too frequent urination sometimes warn of disturbed kidney function. You may suffer nagging backache, persistent headache, attacks of dizziness, getting up nights, swelling, puffiness under the eyes—feel weak, nervous, all played out. Use Doan's Pills. It is better to rely on a medicine that has won world-wide acclaim than on something less favorably known. Ask your neighbor!

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For myself, I have been with the bank over thirty-two years and at our Stockholders' meeting yesterday I was elected as President. I started to work with the bank on September 1st, 1907.

Mr. Woodward was elected Cashier. He has been with the bank since October, 1917, or over twenty-two years.

Mr. Harrison was elected Assistant Cashier. He has been with the bank since we took over the Hico National Bank on October 4th, 1933. Mr. Harrison has had more than fifteen years' bank experience.

You will observe from our statement of condition on Dec. 30, 1939, that our CASH ON HAND with our United States Bonds totals more than four hundred and twenty-two thousand dollars.

Anyone making inquiry may be advised definitely that the bank will continue to render the same conservative service as it has for the past fifty years, and we express the earnest wish that we may continue to be favored with your business with full assurance that your every interest will, at all times, be rigidly safeguarded.

Yours very truly,
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Hico, Texas, Friday, Jan. 12, 1940.

OUR PATTERNS AMERICANISM

The commonest complaint about the way things are done in America, voiced by numerous well-meaning people who feel the urge to make other people over, is that we have no system or pattern to which everybody has to conform. So many of them set about trying to make a plan or pattern to govern the lives of everybody. These earnest folk, usually very young and not very well versed in the peculiarities of human nature, often call themselves "liberals" or "radicals." As a matter of fact, they are really conservatives. They want to set up a completely ordered world in which nothing will ever be changed, once it is established. The changes they propose in the American system are, indeed, radical departures from conditions to which we are accustomed, but they are not radical in the true sense of going to the roots of whatever is wrong with things as they are. And they certainly are not liberal, for the essence of liberalism is the fullest tolerance of everybody's liberty to think as he pleases, act as he pleases and vote as he pleases, without compulsion from any source. The true spirit of Americanism is that sort of liberalism. It is disorderly, in the sense that there is no fixed and unchangeable plan about it. But the absence of a fixed program or of any unchangeable plan or program is Americanism itself. Once the idea takes hold—which it is not likely to do—then human affairs can be regulated and made to conform to a design for living laid out in advance for everybody. The end of democracy is approaching. No single individual ever conducted his life according to a predetermined plan. No group of individuals has ever succeeded in agreeing upon and following a pattern of common action and conduct. Only a dictator backed by armed force has ever succeeded in molding a whole people to a common standard or compelling them to live by orderly rules.

Mrs. K. L. Browne, of Kansas City, Kansas, who used to collect pitchers has switched to buttons and recently she exhibited 31,000 of them at a hobby show. And she said that she had more at home.

TRUTH about ADVERTISING

By CHARLES B. ROTH

JUST WHAT IS GOOD WILL?

A FEW months ago, according to that beguiling writer, Bruce Barton, a large factory caught fire. It burned to the ground. Sirens shrieked. Crowds milled. Firemen fought the flames. Newspaper reporters scurried here and there after stories. Consternation reigned. Amid all this confusion the most serene man in sight was the president of the factory, the man who should have been the most excited. Alighting from his car, he strolled over to where that which he had spent years in building was becoming a total loss. He was calm, at ease, undisturbed.

A newspaper man spied him, asked him why he was no more concerned. He explained that the loss was fully covered by insurance and that, besides, the most valuable asset of the business hadn't even been touched by the fire. "To what asset do you refer, Mr. Burlingame?" "Why, to our good will. We can build a new factory—now we'll have to. We can buy new machinery—better machinery than was in the old plant. As long as the good will of a business is intact, nothing else matters," he concluded. He was right. The most impor-

to begin with. Pile these slices up being sure that the light and dark breads alternate. Be sure, too, that each slice is buttered evenly and is cut accurately. Otherwise the slices won't stick. Wrap the loaves tightly in waxed paper and put in a cold place for an hour or longer. Then slice about one-fourth inch thick and you have your checkerboards.

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Here's a smart new way to make the tailored coat dress, on class shirtwaist lines, that you simply can't live without. It's indispensable every season of the year, for home wear and business both. 8605 makes up with just the right crispness in wool crepe, flannel or flat crepe. Make it with matching or contrasting collar, and take your choice of long or short sleeves. Pattern provides for both. This easy pattern is an alluring invitation to beginners. It's so easy! A few darts and a few gathers—that's practically all the detailing there is to it. The step-by-step chart shows you just what to do!

PATTERN 8578—This twin fashion looks adorable on little 1-to-5 tots—it's so simple and so smartly designed. Sister's frock is a button-front style, very easy to put on and to iron. Brother's suit is just as straight and tailored as his Dad's. Trimmed only with plain cuffs and notched collars, both are ideal for kindergarten and play. And if you know any busy mother with youngsters in this size range, she will certainly bless you for making them something to wear—it will delight her as well as them. Jersey, flannel, linen and pique are practical fabrics for this twin-style. It is very easy to make.

For PATTERN, send 15 cents in coin (for each pattern desired) your NAME, ADDRESS, STYLE NUMBER and SIZE to Patricia Dow, Hico News Review Pattern Dept., 115 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Leap Year Hopefuls



THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Jan. 10.—Both the seriousness of the shadow of war which hangs over the whole atmosphere of official Washington, and the sincerity of the Administration's efforts to do everything consistent with its neutrality program to bring about peace between the warring powers of Europe, are attested by the appointment of the first United States Ambassador to the Vatican in 72 years. From 1848 to 1867 this country, like all other nations, maintained a diplomatic representative to the Holy See, entirely apart from the minister to the Kingdom of Italy. But the temporal domain of the Pope was ended in 1868, the Papal States were absorbed into the Kingdom of Italy, and the head of the Roman Catholic Church became the "prisoner of the Vatican" until the differences between the State and the Church were smoothed out by Premier Mussolini and the independent nation of Vatican City, with the Pope as its temporal ruler, was set up in 1929.

By the appointment of Myron C. Taylor as "Peace Ambassador" to Vatican City the President has joined the 25 other heads of nations whose influence is being united with that of the Catholic Church in the effort to bring about a settlement of the European situation by the moral pressure of the forces of organized Christianity, of which the most powerful in the nations of Central Europe is unquestionably the Pope and his following.

Able As A Negotiator

By picking Mr. Taylor for this new post, the President has chosen an Ambassador of whose qualifications little can be said in

criticism. Mr. Taylor was formerly chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, and is recognized in the world of business as a man of high standards of honor and fair dealing, and especially able as a negotiator. Born and bred as a Quaker, and so imbued with the peace-loving tenets of that sect, Mr. Taylor is now a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He is, however, a personal friend of the present Pope who, as Cardinal Pacelli, visited the United States several times and was a guest at Mr. Taylor's New York home, and has also been his guest at the villa which the new Ambassador maintains in Italy. The efforts of the Pope and of the heads of the other Christian sects to discover a formula whereby "peace with honor" can be negotiated between the warring powers, are beginning to be regarded in Washington official circles as offering almost the only hope of ending the war without terrific losses, human and economic, and consequences in which the United States could not escape involvement.

Revival of Spiritual Interests

That serious men of affairs, in public and private life, should turn to the ideals of religion in time of crisis with serious hope that this approach may be effective, is an interesting commentary upon the widespread revival of interest in spiritual things which is being manifested in America and the rest of the world. There is no doubt that more and more men in high places have become convinced that no lasting peace can ever be had except on the basis of the elemental principles common to all religions.

Revival of Spiritual Interests

In announcing the appointment of Ambassador Taylor, the President called upon the churches of all creeds to join in the effort for peace in which he is cooperating with the Vatican, and especially asked the Rev. Dr. George A. Buttrick, president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, and Rabbi Cyrus Adler, president of the Jewish Theologi-

Fought Near Coast

The naval battle between the Admiral Graf Spee and a British cruiser squadron was fought almost in sight of the capital of Uruguay. A British cruiser chased a German cargo ship to the very entrance of the harbor of Port Lauderdale, Florida. Another British cruiser was lying in wait for the German luxury liner Columbus less than 250 miles east of New York, when the liner's captain decided to sink her rather than run the risk of being sunk.

Instances of naval operations by both sides within the three-hundred mile "safety zone" which the recent Pan-American conference marked out as the limit within which warlike activities would not be tolerated have stirred the nations of Central and South America as they have never been stirred before to cooperate with the United States. The protest sent by Washington to London and Berlin is being supplemented by individual protests from the other American nations, and a general conference of Pan-America is expected to discuss ways and means of making such protests more forceful. Nobody in Washington objects to Britannia ruling the waves; indeed, the hope is unanimous that she can keep on doing so. But the warning is clear that we don't want any fighting in our own backyard.

Dale Carnegie 5-Minute Biographies

Author of "How to Win Friends and Influence People."

KATHERINE HEPBURN \$10,000 For One Day's Work — Yet She Crosses In the Steerage

One night not so many years ago of course she was right, dead right. She became a fancy skater and a fancy diver, and her golf is so good that she nearly took it up as a career instead of acting. All this training helped her to make good in her first big Broadway hit as the leaping Amazon in The Warrior's Husband. And what a lively Amazon she made. Her performance was so striking that Hollywood heard about her, gave her a screen test, and sent her a telegram asking how much salary she wanted. Hollywood thought she would ask two hundred or possibly two hundred and fifty a week. So when her agent wired the Hollywood executives that Miss Hepburn would be willing to come for fifteen hundred a week, they thought it was a typographical error. They wired to the agent and asked if the telegraph company hadn't added an extra cipher by mistake. Back came the answer, stinging hot: "No, I am the one that made the mistake. Fifteen hundred a week is too little." She has made seven trips to Europe in the steerage; and she made one trip in the steerage even after Hollywood had paid her fifteen hundred a week. She doesn't like to waste good money on a first-class passage when she is positive beforehand that she is going to be so sick that she doesn't know whether she is traveling in a ship or on a Sletland pony. She's a sharp girl when it comes to a bargain. After she had finished the picture Spitfire, and fulfilled her part of the contract, it was discovered that another scene had to be made. She was called back; and it is said on good authority that for one day's additional work, she received the tidy sum of ten thousand dollars. She is probably the only girl in history who ever did that. And as one Scotsman, another, Katie—congratulations!

TWO SIDES To Every Question

By Lytle Hull PETROLEUM VERSUS SUBMARINES Unless radical changes occur in the conduct of the "strange war," the victory would appear to depend upon the economic and physical staying powers of England and Germany. It is obvious that if Germany is able to sink enough shipping to starve England before England's blockade can do the same to Germany, England—with France—will be compelled to sue for peace. But the word starvation, as applied here, does not pertain to the stomach alone. There is another substance almost as vital as is food to the prosecution of modern warfare, and that is petroleum. Without this fuel, no army today can combat a force which is supplied with it. Aviation is essential for both offense and defense. Long range gun fire depends almost entirely upon observation. Defensive barrage is checking and breaking up of troop concentrations depends upon such observation. Defensive barrage is likewise regulated from above. If one side acquired complete mastery of the air, this war would be won by that side on the field of battle, regardless of Maginot and Siegfried lines. Airplanes must have fuel to fly. In these days, troops are carried from place to place in motor lorries. Guns, large and small, are hauled principally by tractors. Food supplies, field kitchens, ammunition—practically every necessity used at the front or in the rear, is hauled by automotive machinery. The old army mule lived on corn and oats; automotive machinery needs oil. Submarines can buzz around on the bottom for a while with electric power, but it takes oil to make that power, and oil to run these ships any distance on the surface. The actual consumption of petroleum in Germany in the year 1938 was 7,600,000 tons, or 55,000,000 barrels. Germany's internal production capacity from liquefaction of coal (1 ton of oil from 6 tons of coal); from Oke Benzol and from the oil fields near Hamburg, amounts to 3,800,000 tons. There is available to Germany from Rumania 1,600,000 tons, but with the Danube frozen part of the year, and because of inadequate rail transportation, it is doubtful if she could move more than 1,000,000 tons in any one year. The amount which she will obtain from Russia is supposed to be negligible. To sum up: Germany's normal consumption of petroleum is 7,600,000 tons per annum. Her known available supply amounts to 5,400,000 tons, or 2,200,000 tons short of requirements. Her reserves of this essential commodity are unknown, but from figures based upon known imports prior to the war, they are not supposed to amount—at the very most—to normal year's requirement. Experts estimate that Germany would have to consume 13,000,000 tons of petroleum if she were prosecuting the war "at full blast," but that even during this deadlock she is using more than in normal times. In the judgment of these experts, one year of war will bankrupt Germany insofar as petroleum is concerned, and they don't believe she can carry over very far into a second year unless some completely unexpected source of supply is made available.

Six Inch Sermon

REV. ROBERT H. HARPER The Problem of Forgiveness. Lesson for January 14: Matthew 18:15-19:30. Golden Text: Matthew 6:12. Peter was a practical man and more than once he exhibited bookkeeping spirit. Recall how he once asked the Lord: "What shall we have therefore?" Now he asks if he should forgive until seven times. Going beyond the teaching of the rabbi, he doubtless thought he was doing well. The Master's answer does not mean we should forgive 490 times and stop, but that forgiveness should be unlimited. Jesus does not sanction keeping books with God. Doing good of any kind should never have an end. Christians in the midst of manifold needs should never be willing to "call it a day."

Mark the contrasts in the parable Jesus relates. The king forgave a debt of fifteen MILLION dollars; the forgiven servant went out and throttled a fellow servant and demanded payment of fifteen dollars. Even greater is the contrast between the enormity of our sin which God forgives and the things we should forgive. Now Jesus says God will not forgive us if we refuse to forgive. Few men will deliberately cross a deadline. Will you allow a man whom you refuse forgiveness to stand between you and the gate of heaven? Surely not. Rather, with heart filled with joy because God forgives you, may you love even the man who wrongs you—to himself, and because, unknowing, he speeds you on your way toward the Perfect Day.

The House of Hazards

By Mac Arthur



Local Happenings

Mrs. M. Hoffman and Mrs. M. Hoffman left Tuesday morning for Bakersfield, California, for a visit with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hollis and baby son, Spencer Hugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Avery Thompson of Idalon were here last week visiting his father, W. L. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. George Stringer, and other relatives.

John Blake of Brownwood, publisher of County Progress, the official publication of the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas, was in Hico for a short time Monday on business. While here he visited at the News Review office.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wall and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Rainwater and daughter, Nancy, of Brady, were Sunday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rainwater and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Shelton, of Mr. Wall's father, S. W. Wall, and sisters, Mrs. W. E. Petty and Miss Annie Mae Wall.

FIREBOYS

Elect New Officers in Meeting Last Monday Night

Will Leeth was re-elected chief of the Hico Volunteer Fire Department at their regular meeting for election of new officers Monday night at the City Hall.

Herman Munnerlyn was elected first assistant chief and Ollie Davis second assistant chief. Richmond Herrington was re-elected to the office of secretary-treasurer. Other officers were filled by Frank Thompson, trustee for three years; J. D. Lane, trustee for two years; John L. Wilson, trustee for one year; Sherman Roberson, L. B. Bowman, and Earnest Jacobs, entertainment committee; and Clarence Christopher, captain of the department.

Other business transacted included the re-instatement of Ripsey Newton as a member of the department. Mr. Newton, a former member, recently moved back here. It was also voted to hold future meetings in the hall on the second floor of the City Hall.

Each member of the new department will soon be sporting caps with coversalls to match if plans approved Monday night for purchasing the new uniforms materialize. The uniforms are to be worn only on special occasions, when the fire department meets in a body, or when they appear as a group at public affairs.

E. H. Persons
HICO, TEXAS
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

"IT CAN HAPPEN HERE"

An After Christmas Meditation by Methodist Pastor

One would scarcely believe it could happen anywhere in America but it did happen almost next door to us.

In a neighboring rural community a Christmas tree was planned for Friday night at the schoolhouse. Some thought it too pagan just to have the Christmas tree with no fitting religious program to give it a semblance of recognition of the Lord's birthday. They planned a very brief program.

The chairman of the board of trustees said to them, "Aw, what did you fix up that program for? We just come to have a good time." He and two other middle-aged men, leaders of the community, stayed outside with a crowd of boys, shot fire crackers and otherwise carried on until the program could scarcely be heard.

Some would be deeply pained but none surprised when told that a fifteen-year-old daughter of that trustee, given the Lukan Christmas story written on a piece of paper, to read, said afterward when talking about it, "Why, is that in the Bible?"

One, even in Hico, was amazed when told, seemingly for the first time, that Jesus was born in a manger.

If that can happen next door to us had not some of us who are looked to as community leaders, and especially those who may be looked to as leaders of religious life and activity, better think twice as to how we recognize or fail to recognize our Lord's birthday? If Jesus were in that community would he say again: "If the blind lead the blind shall they not both fall into the ditch?"

The shepherds and the Wise Men, they who had ears for the song of angels and eyes for heaven's star, went far to worship Him and to lay precious gifts before Him. Many today went far but not to worship Him. We went seeking our own pleasure. Churches all over the country closed their doors on Christmas Sunday, either all day or for one service. Those services that were held were entertainment committee; and Clarence Christopher, captain of the department.

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JOTS....

Jokes & Jingles

-BY-
JENNIE MAE

We are going to give Morgan Moon some of our lessons in sales resistance. He went into a local department store Wednesday to sell the manager a grease job and failed, but they sold him a pair of gloves before he could get out.

The cute little brunette taking Mamie Wright's place at the Buckhorn Cafe is Myrtle Cooper, who moved here several weeks ago with her parents from Sweetwater. By reason of her exceptionally friendly personality and remarkable ability for catching and remembering names we have no cause to doubt that she'll go along.

Pete Turner has in his possession (or did have the first of the week) a five cent piece made in 1835 and would like to know how much more than a nickel it's worth. He was showing the coin, which is smaller than a dime, to a lover of old coins when the latter remarked, "Boy, that's the kind of coins I dream about." At this we put in, "Humph, the money I dream about is bigger than that." Pete shares our opinion also.

Devoted to the candidates who must be wanted to reply similar questions or more times: "I thought you if you were a politician replied: "If I were the Angel Gabriel you wouldn't even be in my precinct."

A card from Mrs. T. U. Little of Stephenville acknowledging a gift subscription of the News Review sent her by Mrs. H. N. Wolfe, our mutual friend, has come to our attention. Addressed to "Roland, Jennie and Rollie", the card reads us greetings for the year 1940 and says that the News Review was the nicest present the writer received for Christmas. She had intended giving it to the family for Christmas when along came Santa in the person of Mrs. Wolfe with the desired gift. Mrs. Little is chief cook for eleven boys, working hard and liking it, she says. "But Rollie", she adds, "you and Rollie may be like the man who met an old friend on the street for the first time in several years. The friend asked, 'Well, Bill, how is Nettie? I suppose she has a lot of work to do keeping house for you and the eight kids.' To which Bill replied: 'No, to tell you the truth Nettie plays half the time. She never gets up before 5 in the morning and she is through by 8 every night. Nope, you don't catch me letting my wife work hard.' Jennie Mae knows what I mean though." You can bet we do, Mrs. Little.

Workers' Meeting Will Be Held in Hamilton Next Monday

The January Workers' Meeting of Hamilton County Baptist Association will be held Monday, Jan. 15, in the First Baptist Church of Hamilton, according to an announcement sent out by Rev. T. Lynn Stewart, the Hamilton pastor. The program is as follows:

10 a. m.: Song service.
10:15: Devotional.
10:30: "The anguish of God for the children of men."
10:55: "How much do we care?"
11:20: Special music.
11:25: Sermon, "Alive through Christ."
12:00: Lunch.
1 p. m.: Board meeting and W. M. U.
2:00: Inspirational message.
2:45: Announcements and adjournment.

Library Thanks Donors

The sponsors of the Hico Library wish to thank Mrs. John Rusk for her recent donation of fourteen boys' books and the Chamber of Commerce for their donation of two dollars a month toward the purchase of new books. Four new books have also been added to the library shelves. They are: "Next to Valour" by John

BIRTHDAY BALL
Will Be Held Again This Year in Meridian High School Gym

A repetition of last year's successful Birthday Ball for the President is believed assured by the securing of Jack Amberg and his famous Crazy Hotel Orchestra to furnish music and entertainment. This musical organization was an outstanding hit last year, and this year will bring in addition to their full coterie of instrumental and vocal specialists, the well-known radio comedy team, Sugar Cane and February, in a black-face act, and Loraine Miles, country fiddler, all of whom are favorites with radio fans throughout the Southwest.

The Meridian High School gym, with accommodations for 1500 persons, will again be the scene of the Birthday Ball. Parking space with ticket-taking and patrolling the grounds in charge of the Meridian Fireboys will again function smoothly as last year.

Tickets will go on sale throughout the county in the next few days.

Snow

Have your Kodak loaded and ready for a snow picture or any other quick picture you may have to make. The Super XX films are especially fine for making pictures in dull light. We keep them in all sizes.

THE WISEMAN STUDIO
HICO, TEXAS

Jennings, a story of the French and Indian War; "The Redlander" by Sigman Byrd, a story the scene of which is laid in the piney woods of East Texas and in Austin; "Mr. Emmanuel" by Louis Golding and "Escape" by Ethel Vance, both stories of modern day in Germany, both of timely interest.

Red Odell To Attend T. C. U.
A. C. (Red) Odell, star back on the Hico Tiger team last year, but who suffered an injury at the first of the season which kept him out of most of the remaining games, was in Fort Worth Wednesday, accompanied by Supt. Ray D. Brown and Coach J. I. Grimland, for an interview with Coach Dutch Meyer of T. C. U.

It was announced upon their return to Hico that arrangements had been made for Odell to attend T. C. U. beginning next Fall, and that he was assured of a try-out on the football squad.

New Family Moves In
Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Pixley and family of Amarillo, who last year bought the Anderson place on the Fairy road, formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Busby, moved in last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pixley looked over a number of places in nine states before definitely deciding on their present location, and have told their neighbors that they have come to this section to make permanent citizens.

Change in Show Schedule
E. H. Henry, manager of the Palace Theatre, announces that beginning this week there will be five changes of programs weekly at the local theatre.

The only change that will be made in the regular schedule is in the week-end performances. Saturday midnight's film will be shown Sunday afternoon, and the film for Sunday night and Monday night will be the same.

Jolly Neighbors Club Met Wednesday With Mrs. Hanson
Mrs. Harold Hanson was hostess to members of the Jolly Neighbors Club at her home for an all-day meeting Wednesday.

Two quilts were quilted and a delicious lunch was enjoyed at the noon hour.

Those present were Mrs. Vernon Jenkins, Mrs. Audie Clark, Mrs. O. E. Whitson, Mrs. A. O. Thompson, Mrs. Yates Clayton, Mrs. O. Longboam, Mrs. Bill Luckie, Mrs. Fred Rainwater, Mrs. Jesse Rainwater, Mrs. James West, all members, and Mrs. Andy Hutton, Miss Margie Hutton, and Mrs. Coy Parks, visitors.

The next meeting will be held the third Friday in February at the home of Mrs. Yates Clayton.

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We believe we have something very special to offer you in this new line of hose we have added. Sheer and serviceable, every pair of these hose are made for longer wear.

Special
79c to \$1.00

BUILD UP STRENGTH

— With —
UPJOHN'S VITAMIN COMPOUNDS

We have a good supply of these nationally-advertised remedies.

STOCK YOUR MEDICINE CHEST NOW!

—for emergencies that should be cared for with diligence. Minor wounds that the children are always getting may prove serious if neglected. So be prepared at all times with a full medicine chest.

VISIT OUR
SODA FOUNTAIN
REGULARLY
You are always welcome!

THE DRUG STORES
Porter's Drug Store
"In the Center of Hico's Business Activities"

FLASH!

WHAT'S NEWS — At Petty's In New Spring 1940 Merchandise Just Arrived!

New Shining Patent SHOES

In Pumps, Toeless Ties and Straps, and that new, comfortable low heel for wear on all occasions.

YOU ARE INVITED TO LOOK—
A PLEASURE TO SHOW YOU!



See table of close-outs on shoes

NEW TOP-COATS

New colorings that are so flattering and attractive for Spring wear. Materials are soft and rough—whichever you prefer for your particular need.

SPECIAL CLOSE-OUT ON ONLY 7 WINTER COATS AT

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Thus in 245 of Texas' 254 counties, business, government, tax collector, wage earner, farmer and rancher receive their part of the oil man's expenditures every month in the year.

Even the dry holes (52,000 drilled to date at a cost of a billion dollars) contributed their share of employment and wide distribution of money.

Last year land owners received 50 million dollars in lease rentals and bonuses alone.

In many counties where oil is a major factor, local government receives as much as 80% of its total tax revenue from the oil business.

Then, too, the State collects 45% of its tax money (exclusive of the gasoline tax) from the oil man. In 1938 this was 32 million dollars.

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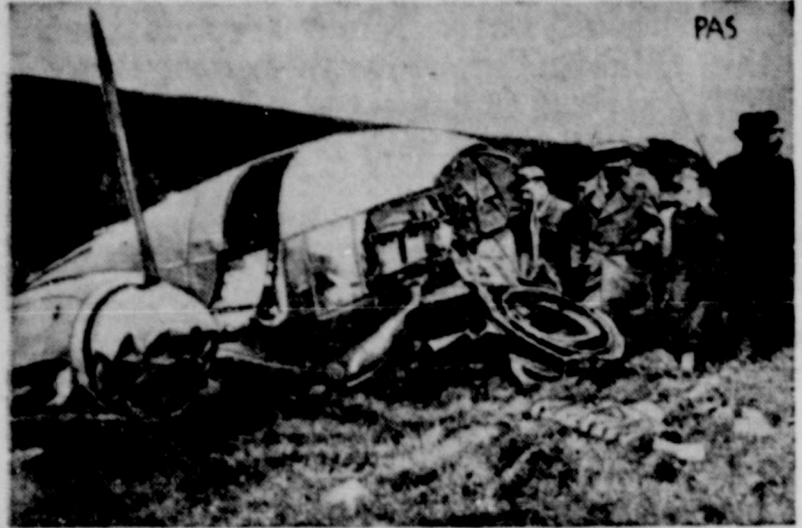
News of the World Told In Pictures

Adopted by Town



NEAR WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va.—'Buckie,' six-months-old deer that was raised from the age of one month by a local cow, shown with Keith Matheny and his sister, Jo Ella, on their farm. The deer has been made the legal ward of White Sulphur Springs. He will stay on the farm until a permanent home is built for him.

Plane Brought Down on British Soil



DALKEITH, SCOTLAND—Royal Air Force men examining the smashed cockpit of the German plane which was forced down on the hillside near here after a recent battle over Humber, near Edinburgh. Two of the Nazi crew were killed and one wounded. The navigator was unhurt. This photo was passed by the British censor.

Going Off Duty Near Dutch Frontier



SOMEWHERE IN THE NETHERLANDS—A patrol marching out of an inundated sector near the Dutch border after being relieved of their turn on duty. Further flooding of territories near the German border was reported along with an armed clash between German officials and Netherlanders.



NEVER CRITICISE THE RESULTS OF ACTION... JUST BLESS INTENTION!
MANY A GREAT MAN PASSES THROUGH THIS WORLD THAT WE NEVER HEAR 'BOUT 'CUZ CIRCUMSTANCES FAILED 'T TEST 'EM.

Their Future in Hands of the Court



ST. LOUIS, Mo. . . . Because their parents can barely support nine other children, these 6-months-old triplet sisters, LaVerne, Laura and LaVonne Stillman (left to right), daughters of Mr. and Mrs. James Stillman of this city, may be separated by adoption. The case is under consideration of the Juvenile Court here.

Justice Butler Dead



WASHINGTON, D. C.—Pierce Butler, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, who died during his 73rd year.

Reunited After Voyage



NEW YORK CITY—"Rolf," German shepherd dog, who arrived here alone aboard the S.S. Penland from Brussels, Belgium, is shown with his master, Dr. Lodewyk Lek, a Hollander. Dog and master will travel to California shortly.

Rockefeller—Riveter



NEW YORK, N. Y. . . . John D. Rockefeller, Jr., as he drove the last rivet in the last column of Rockefeller Center's fourteenth and final building at a ceremony recently marking the completion of the center's eight-year construction project.

Cornhusking Champion



LAWRENCE, Kansas . . . Lawrence Pitzer, Indiana farmer, became new king of the cornhuskers by outshucking the pick of eleven states in the national contest here recently. He husked 28-1/2 bushels of corn in 80 minutes.

Grand Champion



LOS ANGELES . . . "Oregon Supreme," 1,000-pound Hereford steer shown at the 14th Annual Great Western Livestock Show, after he was judged the Grand Champion of the show. He is shown with his owner, Bill McDonald, a 19-year-old 4-H Club member of Dalles, Oregon.

Cigarette Shield



ENGLAND . . . An A. R. P. worker with his home-made shield to enable him to smoke while waiting for the "All Clear," without having any glow come from his cigarette. The covering is an aluminum tube with vent holes and it fits onto the holder.

Used Bow and Arrow



STAR LAKE, Michigan . . . Charles Payne, huntsman of Walkerville, Michigan, pictured with his catch, a fine, 135-pound, four-point buck deer, brought down with bow-and-arrow.

Perfect Legs



HOLLYWOOD . . . Virginia Gilmore, 21, former San Francisco shop-girl, was recently awarded the annual Physical Culture Foundation cup for the most perfect legs. Miss Gilmore was "discovered" by Samuel Goldwyn four months ago, and has played a bit part in "Raffles."

To Meet Louis



NEW YORK CITY—Artur Godoy, Chilean heavyweight shown as he arrived here today with Mrs. Godoy on the S.S. Uruguay. He will fight Joe Louis for the heavyweight title on February 8th.

Spear-Gun Fishing



MIAMI, Fla. . . . Spearing fish under water with a newly developed rubber spear gun is the newest piscatorial sport here. You have to hold your breath, dive, look around for a fish, aim and fire all in less than a minute. The new guns and masks were invented by a Miami University student, Chenuit Elmore. Miss Nankivell is just coming up from spearing a snook under water.

Slays Former Suitor



DALLAS, Texas . . . Shown as she was questioned at Police Headquarters here is Corinne Maddox, 26, daughter of Roger Maddox, a member of the Board of the National Bank of Commerce, who shot and fatally wounded a former suitor. Blazing away with two guns the girl followed the man as he ran on a street of downtown Dallas. In her reported confession to police Miss Maddox said the attorney caused her great mental anguish. Coffman was charged with assault to kill when he allegedly attacked Miss Maddox last May.

Passing Sensation



COLUMBIA, Mo.—Paul Christman, University of Missouri backfield sensation whose accurate passing has won him acclaim and earned him one of the highest ratings in the middle west. Many football observers say he is a sure bet for All-American honors this season.

Crochet Champ



NEW YORK, N. Y.—John Miller, 58-year-old ranch hand of Sacramento, Calif., who won the special "For Men Only" prize in the Third National Crochet Contest, shown with his prize-winning entry, a bedspread. Miller told reporters: "I started crocheting when I was five years old. From the age of 15 to 25 I couldn't take the kidding and quit. After that I decided to let them laugh."

Starts 'Immortal' Life



OAKDALE, Long Island, N. Y.—Five-months-old Baby Jean has been adopted by the Royal Fraternity of Master Metaphysicians who will attempt to raise the child with "immortality" as their goal. The child's parents, too poor to bring her up, asked the organization to take care of her as they see fit. The child will become a strict vegetarian, following the practice of the organization's members. Followers of the movement are firm believers in reincarnation.

Follow the Leader



SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND . . . Tanks and trucks have not entirely ousted horses from army service. These animals are being trained to ford a stream as part of their "conditioning" for service with the British Expeditionary Force on the Western Front. Passed by British Censor.

Kiddies Have the Gold Fever, Too



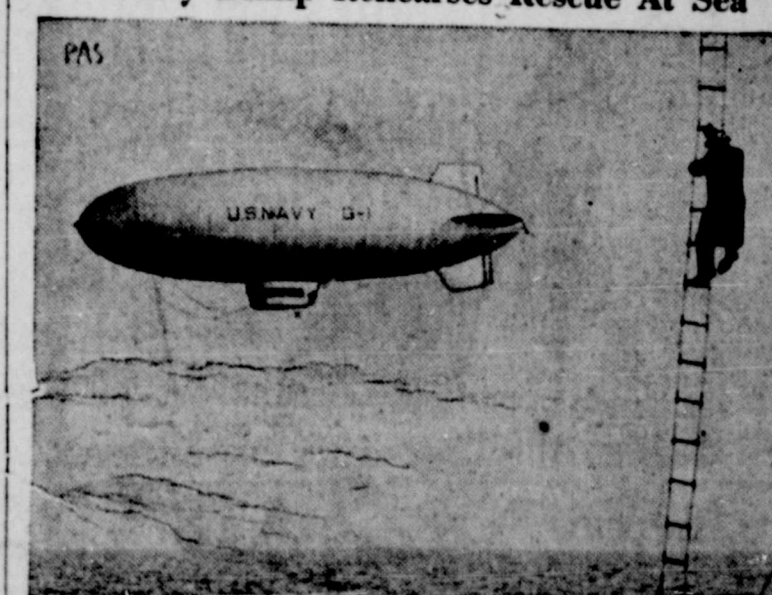
ALHAMBRA MINE, Kelsey, Calif.—Young Ronnie and Jimmy, sons of Alhambra mine superintendent Ray Henriksen, do a bit of prospecting in the dumps of the Alhambra mine, where recently was discovered a new million dollar gold ore vein.

Rich Gold Lode Uncovered in Georgia



DAHLONEGA, Ga. . . . Armed with rifles and shotguns, guards are shown before the entrance to the century-old Calhoun gold mine at which work has started. The mine was found to contain rich bonanza ore assayed at \$60,000 per ton, and classed with the famous Comstock Lode in Nevada. The land in the area is under private ownership, hence making "claim staking" impossible.

Navy Blimp Rehearses Rescue At Sea



LAKEHURST, N. J.—Captain Anton Heiner, U. S. Navy, climbing a rope ladder to the blimp J-4, overhead. U. S. Navy blimp G-1, which watched the "rescue" operations, is shown in picture.

Britain Fights the U-Boats



OFF THE ENGLISH COAST—British sailors aboard destroyer engaged in the fight against submarines shown hoisting an "ash can" (depth charge) into place.

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Sixth Grade Sunshine Mann
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Interesting basketball...
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one had a lot of fun. At 3:45 the...
meeting adjourned...
M-

BAND NEWS
band played at the basket-...
game Wednesday night be-...
tween Hico and Shive. All of the...
members were in full uniform to...
rate the first game in the...
gym. It played also at the...
between Hico and Aleman...
ay night...
the band has moved into its...
in the gymnasium. There is...
a small cloak room for the...
age of instruments...
M-

LADY IN THE HALL
e Lady in the Hall has de-...
d to give some timely defini-...
tions to those who want them...
honestly—Fear of being caught...
ood sport—One who will al-...
s let you have your own way...
ron—One who is content with...
one mind...
simist—One who sees things...
y really are...
ch—Follow who will gladly...
own your life for the school...
science—The voice that tells...
ot to do something after you...
done it...
Mrs. Segrest, how many sides...
a circle have? ...
Why a circle doesn't have...
ides...
M-

I'm so sorry Mrs. Segrest...
circle has two sides. An in-...
an outside...
Eugene Lane, what makes...
noise than a pig in a sty? ...
hog in the same place...
Eugene, that is too bad. The...
is two pigs...
golden, what's smaller than...
a mouth? ...
flea...
ut, You are all wrong. It's...
oes into it...
hat bird is very rude, Mr...
ell, I guess it's a magpie...
o. It's a mocking bird...
lan, when will water stop...
down hill? ...
hen it freezes, of course...
ad, Allan, you will have to...
M-

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Juniors downstairs where they will not disturb us or we them.

—M—

SEVENTH GRADE
Our class has elected new offi-
cers. They are as follows: Pres-
ident, Rudy Segrest; Vice-Pres-
ident, Curry Polk; Secretary, Wal-
ter Ramey; and Reporter, Caro-
lyn Holford...
Jimmie Lois Seay spent the week
end in Clairrette...
We had nine hundreds in spell-
ing this week...
We have started to work on the
interscholastic league and are go-
ing at it with mighty force...
M-

SIXTH GRADE
Lucille Killebrew was out of
school all last week because of ill-
ness...
We're starting a campaign to
get the sixth graders to brushing
their teeth. We started with only
ten brushing their teeth and all
but six brushed their teeth today...
There were ten who went to Sun-
day School...
Lorene Hyles visited her grand-
parents in Carlton...
Milton Rainwater was in Aus-
tin one day last week...
Joyce Lively had a birthday on
January 8th...
Thomas Ray Coston got a new
air gun for Christmas and he's
been practicing shooting it at Wil-
ma Hyde...
If anyone wants to know what
Mr. Jackson does to boys disturb-
ing class you might ask Vernon
Brewer or J. R. Glover...
Miss Milhollin asked Barton Ev-
erett to give the parts of the verb
burst. He replied burst, bang, pop...
M-

FIFTH GRADE
Fifteen pupils made a hundred
in spelling last week...
Nelda Seay spent Saturday and
Sunday with her grandmother...
Stella Barnett spent Saturday
with her cousin, Margie Lea Par-
ker...
We have a new pupil. Her name
is Winnie May Greer...
M-

FOURTH GRADE
Allene Herring visited her
grandmother and grandfather Sun-
day...
Bobbie Jean Jaggers visited her
sister Sunday...
Wilks Dean Hancock visited her
aunt who had her hip broken...
M-

THIRD GRADE
Priscilla Cooley started to school
in our room last week. We now
have thirty pupils enrolled in our
section...
Patricia Ann Roberts visited her
aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Har-
ris, in Stephenville Sunday...
Clarice Walker, Lula Bell Adki-
son, and Loyd Simons were absent
Monday...
Loris Oakley's uncle, Jake
Thompson, visited her Monday...
Kenneth Wren went to see his
Grandfather McDowell in Duffau
Sunday...
Elizabeth and Priscilla Cooley
visited their grandparents, Mr. and
Mrs. M. T. Bailey Sunday...
The following pupils made 100
in spelling: Kenneth Wren, Dolores
Roberson, Fred Spinks, Joan
Houston, Nelson Ables and Jim-
mie Hyde...
M-

FIRST GRADE
Mrs. Jackson
Wanda Jean Carpenter visited her
Grandfather Barbee Sunday...
Max Roberts, Grace Addison, and
Itha Mae Hall were absent one
day on account of illness...
Marie Pruitt's Grandfather How-
erton visited her Sunday...
Terry Roberts went to Stephen-
ville Sunday...
Altha Hale spent the day with
Mary Ruth Childress Sunday...
The following children went to
Sunday School Sunday: Barbara
Rodgers, Mary Ruth Childress,
Doyle Jones, Alpha, Nelpha, and
Itha Mae Hall, Billie Dee Snoddy,
Don Doty, Betty Jo Hicks, Mildred
Thompson and Wanda Jean Car-
penter...
One of the most patriotic women
in France is Mme. Francois Tour-
nay, of Poinceau, who has thirty-
eight sons, grandsons and sons-
in-law in the army. It is said that
the French government will be-
stow a medal upon her for patri-
otism in sending them all to the
front...
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lasting monuments...
M-

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POPULAR PEOPLE
IN THE PARLOR THERE WERE
THREE
HE, THE TABLE LAMP, AND
SHE
THREE'S A CROWD, NOW
THERE'S NO DOUBT,
AND SO THE TABLE LAMP
WENT OUT...
M-

POPULAR PEOPLE
The past week has not seen one
bit of dirt or news in the making...
Maybe it's the arrival of the mid-
term examinations; we don't know...
At any rate the news this week is
not at all newsy. Perhaps we'll
have more next week...
M-

JUNIORS
The entertaining committee of
the Junior class has decided to pre-
sent a play one morning in assem-
bly which is a one-act play...
Wednesday, a class meeting was
called and the business of the class
was discussed...
Monday is moving day for the
Juniors. We are moving to the old
Home Economics room where we
will have a front view of the street
and we can see what all is going
on outside...
M-

SOPHOMORES
By the time this is read we shall
have finished our mid-terms and,
of course, passed or flunked; the
former, we hope...
And here, on the verge of an
entirely new semester, let's resolve
to do better than ever before...
During our last semester the
Sophs stepped up and made our-
selves known in high school by
winning several contests. May we,
in the future, go onward and up-
ward in our studies as well as in
our other activities. And hence-
forth let us do our best for the
glory of our class and our school...
We hope our room shall be more
peaceful since the removal of the
Juniors downstairs where they will
not disturb us or we them...
—M—



FINNS mystical
Nobody who knows the Finnish
people can fail to admire their ra-
cial qualities of honor, high moral
standards and industry. There are
half a dozen Finnish clubs and so-
cieties in New York where I have
frequently been a guest at parties
of various kinds. The more I see
of Finns the more I like them...
When I was a boy in a New Eng-
land seaport town I used to hear
seafaring men express great re-
spect for the Finns as sailors, but
they often stood somewhat in awe
of their supposed ability to work
magic. It is an old superstition
that a Finn can raise a gale by call-
ing on the ancient gods of the
people, and shipmasters used to be
wary of offending a Finnish sea-
man...
To many people there seems to
be something mythical in the Finn-
ish character. They really are un-
like any other people except their
racial cousins of the eastern Bal-
tic shores and the other members
of the Finno-Ugric race of North-
ern Asia. The Finns came out of
Asia into Finland about 12000 years
ago. Ever since then Russia and
Sweden have been fighting to gain
control of their country and the
Finns have fought many wars with
both...
CHRISTIANS Independence
The Finns brought with them to
Europe an ancient religion much
like that of the American Indians...
When the Swedes invaded and con-
quered Finland in 1157 they had
brought an English bishop with
their army. Bishop Henry remained
and began a mission which re-
sulted in the general conversion
of the Finns to Christianity. He
was killed on one of his trips to
a lonely region, was afterwards
declared a Saint by the church and
today Saint Henry is the patron
saint of Finland...
Many Finns relapsed into pagani-
sm after St. Henry's death, and
in 1209 another English missionary
Bishop Thomas, took up Henry's
work and not only brought the
whole people into the Christian
fold, but encouraged them to fight
for their independence against
Sweden...
There has been a great revival
of the spirit of Christianity in re-
cent years in Finland and in Swe-
den. The long-time dislike of the
two peoples for each other has
given place to mutual tolerance
and respect. Sweden was the first
of many nations to offer aid to
Finland when the Russians invad-
ed the country a few weeks ago...
HIAWATHA folk lore
The Finns brought from Asia the
folk-lore of their ancestors handed
down from generation to generation
by word of mouth, and taking the
form of poetical narrative, in a
rhythm peculiarly their own...
Just about a hundred years ago
a Finnish writer went all over the
country getting the old people to
recite the fragments of the ancient
myths and legends. The 12,000 lines
of verse which Dr. Elias Lonnrot

collected he wrote in the form of a
great national epic poem, called the
"Kalevala."
A young American poet, Henry
Wadsworth Longfellow, read the
Kalevala saga, and got the idea of
a similar collection of folk tales of
the American Indians. He wrote
them in poetical form, in the iden-
tical rhythm of the Kalevala, and
called the poem "Hiawatha." It was
the first poem in the English lan-
guage written in the ancient Finn-
ish meter...
The publication of the Kalevala
was the beginning of modern Finn-
ish literature. The nation has pro-
duced many great writers since
then and one of the greatest mus-
ical composers in the world, Dr.
Jan Sibelius...
CHAMPIONS sports
One of the roads by which the
Finns have come into world-wide
fame in recent years is through
their skill in athletics. The world's
records for three-mile, four, five
and six mile runs are held by Finns
and Paavo Nurmi, who has run
many races in America, holds the
world record for an hour's run...
Looking over the list of world
champions in the Olympic games
for the past forty years I found the
names of Finns like Nurmi and
Kohlenmainen as winners in almost
every year, with Finland discus
throwers, javelin throwers, and
participants in other sports figur-
ing often as winners against the
athletics of the whole world...
Finland had high hopes of get-
ting the Olympic games for 1940
which had been scheduled for Jap-
an. Japan is out, and now it looks
as if Finland might be out, un-
less the rest of the world comes
to her rescue and succeeds in driv-
ing the Russians out of the coun-
try. The World War of 1914-18
caused the cancellation of the
Olympic games for 1916. It looks
now as if the present war might
make it necessary to drop another
four year sporting event...
HONOR courage
Finland has endeared itself to
America because it is the only Euro-
pean nation which has paid its
debts, and its installments on the money
lent for war and rehabilitation
purposes. The Finns borrowed no
money from us during the war,
but after the war we supplied them
with about 44 million dollars
worth of food. They paid 36 mil-
lions in cash and gave us notes
for the remaining eight millions...
There is talk in Washington of
either cancelling the remaining
Finland debt, or in some other way
showing our national sympathy for
them, as England, Sweden, Norway,
Denmark and other nations are
doing. The Finns high sense of
honor has won them the respect
of the whole world...
Not since the invasion of Bel-
gium by the Germans in 1914 has
a small nation's plight aroused
such a universal wave of genuine
sympathy. And, like the Belgians,
the Finns have proved their cour-
age and their fighting qualities in
resisting the invaders...
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Farm Security Administration

— BY —
C. P. EMMETT
County Supervisor

A great deal of pleasure and satisfaction is derived from the fact that the records of the Farm Security Administration in this county reveal that the program has been a success.

As Congress goes into session to consider the needs of the various governmental agencies, we can hear the expression, "Another sum of money has been appropriated that we will have to pay in the form of taxes." Yes, that may be so in the case of the appropriations for the Farm Security Administration. It is true that there are allocations made to the FSA every year, but there is nothing said about the repayments that are continually flowing into the treasury from the loans that have been made. District XI of the FSA and of which Hamilton County is a part, has paid back over 100% of the current maturities. If these funds were made revolving, it would not be necessary for Congress to make additional appropriations. Since the loans are extended over a period of years, the borrower is enabled to make his repayments without jeopardizing his farming interests.

We cannot over-emphasize the benefits to the farmer that are being derived from the farm and home plans. These plans set out a definite goal and a purpose to an end, and it is very gratifying to know that the major portion of the borrowers are carrying them out satisfactorily. Without the guidance of the farm and home plans the farmer would likely be no better at the end of the year than he was previously.

Realizing the needs of the farmers of this county, the FSA officials have recently strengthened the local personnel by adding two more workers. This assistance will enable the applicants to receive the service that they deserve and are entitled to. Every low income farm family that has not already made arrangements for this cropping year is invited to make application at the local Farm Security office at once.

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ERATH COUNTY

Electric Cooperative Association is Looking Forward

G. A. Tunnell, project superintendent of the Erath County Electric Cooperative Association, has sent the following news letter:

A telegram was received approving R. W. McKinney Construction Co. bid on "B" section. Mr. McKinney has advised that he will be in Stephenville the latter part of the week to arrange for construction on this job.

Mr. Jack Covington, Resident Engineer, reported all survey work was completed January 15, and he expected to have maps drawn so that work orders may be issued within the next few days.

Mr. T. A. Smith, General Supt. of H. J. Hall & Co., was in the office last week and advised that he would immediately start on the clean-up work on the original project. Mr. Pat Alexander will be foreman and was expected in Stephenville Friday. Mr. Simmons has been transferred to check with Mr. Alexander. Your service will be interrupted at times, but they hope to start at the ends of the lines and move in toward the sub-station to eliminate as many interruptions as possible. This work will require several days by H. J. Hall & Co.

Money allotted to Texas by the Rural Electrification Administration is helping bring electricity to 64,096 farm families in this state to improve farm management and boost farm income. It was revealed today in a broadcast of REA activities in the "United States Government Reports" weekly series presenting the Federal Government Agencies.

Texas' share of REA funds was given as \$20,304,685. With the assistance of REA, it was pointed out, 58 farmer-owned and farmer-operated rural electric cooperatives have been established in this state.

Approximately 1,700,000 farms—or 25 per cent of the total for the United States—enjoyed the advantages of high line electric service at the beginning of 1940, it was stated. This is well over twice the number of farms having such service before the REA was established in 1935.

"The task into which REA swings at the beginning of 1940," said REA Administrator Harry Slattery, "is to make electric service of the utmost use and profit to those new users, and to extend service to many thousands of additional farms."

The broadcast, entitled "An Idea in Action," told the story of the aims and accomplishments of REA in Texas, and was arranged by Frank White, State Director for the Office of Government Reports.

Animal husbandry is a very pleasant and interesting occupation for women, according to Miss Muriel King Hill, who has been manager of a herd of fine cattle for more than a dozen years at Yonkers, N. Y. In this important capacity she has seen members of her famous herd win coveted blue and purple ribbons of honor time after time.

Miss Hill says that there are a number of women serving as herd managers, while others are breeding horses and dogs. And she has had women assistants from many of the eastern states. The average pay for an assistant is about \$30 a month, with board and lodging included, and for a herdsman, \$75 a month with perhaps a cottage of her own.

Until recently hotel housekeeping jobs were open to women from fifty to sixty years of age, but now the demand is for women of from thirty to forty, according to hotel managers.

Mrs. Mattie Crotty of Rockford, Ill., has a tiny button from the dresses of each of the Dionne quintuplets.

Palace Theatre

HICO, TEXAS

THURSDAY & FRIDAY—

"DRIMS ALONG THE MOHAWK" Historical drama. A pictorial record of the plight and hardships of the Mohawk Valley pioneers against Indian raids during the American revolution. Starring Claudette Colbert, Henry Fonda. In technicolor.

SATURDAY MATINEE & NITE—

"TIMBER STAMPEDE" Western. George O'Brien outwits the bad men in this thriller with his six guns blazing. Lots of action and plenty of gunshooting in this rip-roaring western.

SAT. MIDNITE 10:30 p. m., SUN.

MAT. & NITE. 8:30 p. m. & MON.

"THE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES"

Mystery. A murderous fiend runs amuck in the tower of London, in his attempt to steal the crown jewels, to the complete bafflement of the great Sherlock Holmes. Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce, and George Zucco.

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY—

"SIBORITY HOUSE"

Comedy drama. Presents a celluloid argument against the existing dangers of snobbishness among college sororities. Starring Ann Shirley, J. M. Kerrigan, Barbara Read.

NEXT THURSDAY & FRIDAY—

"REMEMBER"

Comedy. Gici marries her fiancé's friend. When a rift occurs, the ex-fiance patches things up for the married couple. Robert Taylor, Greer Garson, Lew Ayres.

American Food Service Baffles Spanish Refugee



"You Americans make things so hard," says Conchita Genoves, Spanish refugee at Texas State College for Women, as she sits down to eat and is confused at finding meat and vegetables on the same plate. In Spain only one item of food is served at a time. One does not have to think—"will I eat this first or that?" An exchange student recently enrolled at TSCW, Conchita was forced to flee Spain last February with her mother and two brothers, who are now in Mexico. Her father is still a political prisoner in Spain.

FARM FAMILIES

In Many Sections Of U. S. Now Enjoy Electric Service

Approximately 1,700,000 farms, or 25 per cent of the farms in the United States, enjoy the advantages of high line electric service as the New Year dawns. Harry Slattery, Administrator of Rural Electrification, estimated today in a year-end summary of progress.

This is well over twice the number of farms—743,954 or 19.2 per cent—having such service shortly before the Rural Electrification Administration was established in 1935.

The building and energizing of REA-financed systems, increasing gradually through the early years, mounted to a high peak in 1939, with service extended during the year to approximately 225,000 farm families and other users.

This means approximately 1,000,000 persons, or one for every 30 seconds the clock ticked off from the beginning to the end of 1939.

"A year's work upon which REA looks with pride and satisfaction," Mr. Slattery commented, adding:

"The task into which REA swings with the New Year is to make electric service of the utmost use and profit to these new users, and to extend service to many thousands of additional farms."

The 225,000 rural users connected in 1939 brings the total of users receiving service from REA systems to approximately 400,000. Mr. Slattery pointed out. Of the 683 such systems, approximately 509 are in operation, with 180,000 miles of lines energized, in 44 states. In a forty-fifth state, New Hampshire, a new system is under construction.

Meanwhile, under the stimulus of the Rea program, the utilities have greatly expanded their rural service since 1935. Construction by the utilities was especially active in 1936 and 1937. Since then the accelerating REA program has sustained the rate of increase in rural electrification against a slackening of utility construction. Mr. Slattery's summary continued:

"The percentage of farms electrified as of New Year's Day for the past 5 years is:

1935	10.9
1936	11.6
1937	13.4
1938	18.2
1939	20.6
1940	25.0 (est.)

"The number of connections to REA lines at the year-end—400,000—compares with 176,000 one year ago and 44,000 two years ago. Of the present number 86 per cent are farms; 6 per cent are non-farm residences, and 8 per cent are commercial and industrial enterprises and public buildings.

"To achieve the rapid expansion in service which took place in 1939, construction has progressed at a rate of nearly 400 miles of line per working day, during periods of favorable weather has averaged more than 500 miles per working day, and for considerable periods a rate of more than 560 miles per working day has been maintained. The construction volume has been equivalent to one average system completed per day. By the year end 180,000 miles were in operation; mileage sufficient to span the continent from Washington to San Francisco 60 times. In addition 60,000 miles were under construction.

"Twenty-one REA cooperatives have grown to million-dollar size. The largest in amount of funds is the Thumb Electric Cooperative in Michigan with \$2,050,000; in number of members receiving service, The Pioneer Electric Cooperative in Ohio with 3,600 users; and in length of line, the Federnales Electric Cooperative in Texas, with 1,700 miles. The average size REA Co-op has an investment of 400,000, and serves 1,200 users from 400 miles of lines. Since 88.4 per cent of REA borrowers are

cooperative, these figures may be taken as typical of the REA program.

"Our total allotment of funds for electrification stand at approximately \$273,000,000. "During the year the first REA project in New Hampshire was begun thereby bringing the total of States benefitting from the program to 45. Only Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut have no projects, although more than half the farms in Massachusetts and Connecticut are reported to have no high-line service.

"Of the total allotments, less than 3 per cent have been used for the construction of 36 small generating plants. Two of these are located on islands, one off the Atlantic Coast and the other two off the Pacific Coast in the Puget Sound area. The total generating capacity provided by the REA financing is 26,500 kilowatts. The cost of these plants will be 5 1/2 million dollars, which is approximately two-thirds the amount REA systems will pay to outside suppliers of wholesale power during 1940.

"There is a substantial increase in the use of electric appliances, including the farm appliances that make it possible for many farmers to use electricity at a profit to themselves.

"Consumers on nine REA systems were canvassed on appliance ownership in January, 1938, and again in July, 1939. During this period the number of consumers more than doubled so that the net increase in the average time each consumer had been using electricity was 10.7 months.

"The percentage using refrigerators was nearly doubled, moving from 21.9 per cent to 39.3 per cent. Water pumps increased from 19.8 to 27.1 per cent. Cream separators increased from 14.1 to 20.5 per cent. Increase in the use of other farm appliances have been slow but persistent. Portable motors, brooders, and poultry lighting are coming into more general use."

Want Ads

For an electric radio cheap, see M. P. Walker. 34-2p

FOR SALE: 2 milk cows. N. M. Hipp, Route 1. 34-2p.

FOR RENT: 80 to 95 acres of land to man with tractor or good teams. W. C. Sellman, Rt. 5, Hico. 24-1p-tfc.

MAN WANTED for Raleigh Route of 300 families in East Hamilton County. Write today, Rawleigh's, Dept. TXB-353-SAL, Memphis, Tenn., or see F. E. Lynch, Clifton, Texas. 35-4p.

FOR SALE: 15 late model horses. Work single or double without any trouble Aubrey Duzan. 34-tfc.

FOR SALE: 50 ricks wood, \$1.50 rick. Barrow Furniture Co. 32-tfc

FOR ELECTRICAL WORK of all kinds see J. R. Bobo. 14-tfc.

Application for Medicinal Pharmacy Permit, at the building known as the Dr. C. M. Hall Building at the corner of Pecan and North First Streets, Hico, Texas, by J. B. Ogle, owner of the Corner Drug Company. 35-2c.

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Nancy Hart's HOME NEWS

Food For Convalescents

Nearly every home-maker learns sooner or later how difficult it is to cater to an invalid or a convalescent who cannot have the food that is prepared for the family. Hearty, savory dishes made of meats and vegetables as well as such desserts as pastries and hot puddings have no place on the invalid's tray, but many families demand these concoctions for everyday fare with the consequence that special dishes must be prepared for the invalid.

The returning strength of a person who has been ill often vitally depends upon a good appetite, so that every effort should be made to tempt the invalid to eat well and regularly. The patient's appetite usually is capricious and far bound to spend hours racking her brains for something to cook that will be inviting and nourishing. Variety and the element of surprise are highly important. Meal times are veritable oases in the monotony of the invalid's day, but if egg and toast always appear in the same form, the patient can't be expected to wax enthusiastic about them. Unless the doctor has ordered a liquid diet quite a wide choice of foods is permitted.

Milk may well serve as the basis of the convalescent's diet. However, it should be supplemented with fruits. Pure orange juice, diluted grape juice and lemonade are particularly desirable and available. Canned and stewed dried fruits also can be used.

The person who does not like milk to drink should be served cream soups, vegetables in well made cream sauces and desserts made with milk and eggs.

Never serve a sick person anything that is not perfect in its way. If the custard is over-baked and seems watery, don't serve it.

To Be Heard Over Radio La Verne Savage, daughter of R. M. Savage of Hico, will be heard in a broadcast over the WRAP radio station, Saturday, February 3, at 9:00 a. m. Miss Savage is a member of the Tarleton Chorus who will sing on the Tarleton College hour at that time.

Professor R. Berton Coffin of the Tarleton College Music Conservatory has charge of these broadcasts. "The programs," he stated, "are a part of our plan to interest every Tarleton student in some extra-curricular activity, whether it be singing, playing in an orchestra, or engaging in athletics." Performing on the radio, according to the Tarleton music teacher, offers wonderful training to a college student in the use of his voice and in emotional control.

Director E. R. Eudaly of the state extension service told Texas hardware dealers Wednesday farmers are missing a bet by not putting more acreage in pasture and raising more cattle. He spoke at the forty-second convention of the Texas Hardware and Implement association at Dallas. He said: "There is untold opportunity for this state's farmer to grow grain and other feeds and then stock his land with cattle. The average farmer thinks the value of his acreage is too valuable to waste on pasture, but experiments in Europe have proved that money can be made by the division of farms into live stock food acreage and pasturage for cattle."

The News Review is to announce the following for office, subject action of the Democrats in July, 1940:

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For Representative, 94th WELDON BURNEY (Re-Election)

For District Judge: R. B. CROSS (Re-Election)

For District Attorney: H. WILLIAM ALLI (Re-Election)

For District Clerk: C. E. EDMISTON (Re-Election)

For County Judge: J. B. POOL (Re-Election)

For Sheriff: HOUSTON WHITE (Re-Election)

For County Clerk: IRA MOORE

For County Treasurer: MRS. W. B. TUNE (Re-Election)

For Co. Tax Assessor-Co O. R. WILLIAMS (Re-Election)

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