

This column has been given a false.

The pecuniary stipend of the conductor has not been increased—no, not that. But the make-up man has elevated the starting place in the interest of mechanical improvement, and also because he is a thrifty individual and got tired of all this blank space at the top of the paper going to waste. That proves that at least one follower thinks that this stuff is better than blank space. You guys who have been doodling all over the top of the paper in the past will have to find another clear spot somewhere to mess up.

Part of the inspiration for the change came from J. Johnny Bowman of the Henderson Daily News, whom we mentioned in this column last week. Johnny intimated that we were old fogies for not changing up our front page, so just to prove something or other we have taken the hint. It probably won't last long.

Customers and visitors who thronged our office last Thursday, by the way, have our everlasting thanks for having shown up on that particular day.

Bowman, on a previous visit here, hit the town on a dull week and spent a day and a half in the same spot, claiming afterwards that he saw only two people enter the office. We got even with him on that score later when we visited his sanctum in Henderson and hung around to see how he occupied his time.

Two people showed up for conferences with him. The first one we learned through discreet and stealthy eavesdropping, was a book agent with one of those chances-in-a-lifetime. The second gentleman was trying to sell some rags for use in the back shop, but was having a hard time convincing Johnny that the buttons were to be weighed in also.

In a post-Thanksgiving visit to relatives in Dallas, we had a little time on our hands and went down to Care Davidson's place of business for a cursory inspection of his quarters and the way he handled his business.

Carl, an old Hamilton County boy who is making good in the big town, has bought a lot of eggs from right around Hico. He has been in the business for several years, and has worked up a clientele in Dallas that demands a quality product. But he says that conditions in and around this place are not the best, and that he is unable to get the quality of eggs that formerly were procurable here.

As a friend of local farmers he says he likes the local people fine. But as a buyer of quality eggs he says he's afraid the farmers are letting a good thing get away from them when they fail to keep up quality.

At the Chamber of Commerce meeting last week, the efficient secretary, Rev. Alvin Swindell, told a story on himself. He said that he was in Houston when he heard of the new Methodist pastor, Rev. F. W. Thrash, being assigned to the local church. He made the remark in a joking way that he was going to call him Thrash. But after arriving home and looking over his fellow "sheep-herders" six feet and something of brown, he promptly changed his mind.

Karl Lovelady, Senator-elect from this district and main speaker at the same C. C. meeting, had a lot to say to the members but ran into a business session that consumed most of the time and had to cut his remarks short. Just to get even with someone, Karl told a story on County Judge J. B. Pool, also present, who had been talking quite a bit about the prospective bond issue in this county.

He said that Judge Pool was sick recently, and called a doctor. Upon arriving the doctor, thinking he had a thermometer, placed a barometer in the patient's mouth and was surprised, upon reading the indication, to find that the instrument said, "dry and windy."

That's Karl's story. We're just passing it on as he told it.

John L. Gorman, ambassador extraordinary for Southwestern Paper Company, in town this week on one of his monthly visits, aroused skepticism and some degree of worry over his condition in the mind of H. E. McCullough, through a story about the boom in Brownwood.

While we never pay much attention to the perennial feud between John and Hugh, we did hear some remark of the former's about \$75.00 a month for one room. Next time we looked around Hugh was leaving out the side door of the Buckhorn, shaking his head. "I'd like to talk with you again in some of your more rational moments, John," was his parting shot.

W. M. Marcum says our presentation of the needs of the sewing room in our last issue was effective and got some good results, but there is still a lot lacking.

He requests that those interested in seeing the project continued drop by the gas office and talk things over with him.

OUR CHRISTMAS EDITION

The Christmas Edition of the News Review will make its appearance next week, under date of December 13th, and present indications are that it will be a creditable one.

Various merchants have indicated their desire to be represented in the advertising columns, and shoppers are cautioned to watch for these messages and read them for they will contain red-hot store news. It is hoped to have every business house in Hico represented in a space in this holiday shopping guide.

The edition will come into the hands of many who are not regular subscribers, and they will be asked to scan the paper carefully, with a view to entering their subscriptions. Those merchants who want representation in this issue are urged to cooperate by giving their copy in early. If you need assistance in preparing your message and are not visited by a representative, just call 132 and look out the door—we'll be on our way.

TEXANS MUST GUARD AGAINST PNEUMONIA DURING COMING MONTHS

Austin, December 4.—From now on until after March, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, states that every one must be on guard against pneumonia. Last year 3,551 Texans died of this disease, and it is believed that many of these deaths could have been prevented had the patient called a physician early.

The onset of lobar pneumonia is usually sudden and is characterized by chills, fever, severe pains in chest, and coughing up of rust-colored sputum.

A person who has suffered an attack of pneumonia does not need to be told how swiftly it attacks. One can be feeling simply chilly and languid. During the next day or two these disagreeable sensations continue, and the average person pays little attention to them. If one has been coughing for several days, he attributes everything to the cold. Then comes a chill, and with it comes pain—not a stitch, but a stab, a continued rhythmic stabbing with every catching breath.

New treatments for pneumonia have been perfected, but to give any of these methods a fair chance of accomplishing a cure, a diagnosis must be made early, preferably before the first chill or at least soon after its appearance.

Pneumonia is spread by contact, but this type of germ does not live long outside the human body. There are thirty types of this germ. Many persons do not realize that pneumonia is a catching disease. Relatives and friends will visit freely the person who is convalescing from pneumonia, although they would not think of sitting in the sickroom of a small-pox patient. Both are communicable and dangerous diseases. Having a physician early when any of the symptoms appear is the best method of stopping this needless loss of life.

Home From Hospital

Mrs. R. W. Hancock returned home last Thursday from the Stephenville Hospital, after spending nine days there receiving medical treatment. Her many friends will be glad to know that she was much improved upon her return home.

Powledges Celebrate 58th Wedding Anniversary At Home Place, Where They've Gathered 38 Crops

"Miss Sallie and I quietly celebrated our 58th wedding anniversary last Friday and Saturday" was the explanation given this week by L. A. Powledge in answer to a query as to why he was stepping so pert and sassy. Mr. Powledge, prominent farmer of this section for the past half century, was in a reminiscent mood, and when questioned further about his private affairs disclosed some interesting information about his and his good wife's past history.

"We were married on the 29th day of November, 1882, at Walker County, Georgia," he continued, and spent part of our honeymoon at Lookout Mountain, overlooking Chattanooga, Tennessee, which is only a short piece from the place we were married." Mr. Powledge went ahead to tell about having gone up to Walker County from Meriwether County, his native home, and spent five years farming. "My wife was so young they wouldn't let her leave home," he said, "so we just got

Ruby Lee Ellington Member of JTAC Girls' Band



Ruby Lee Ellington of Hico has the unusual distinction of belonging to one of the few all-girl bands in the south. At John Tarleton in Stephenville where she is a student, Ruby Lee was selected to play a clarinet in the unusual group. Conducted by Harold J. Bihum of the Music and Fine Arts Department, the smartly uniformed musical unit led by three dazzling drum majorettes is fast growing a reputation throughout West Texas. Ruby Lee is the seventh girl on the second row.

Members of the band are as follows:

Front Row (left to right) Har-

old J. Bihum, Director; Irene Lloyd, drum major from Bronte; Nina Quinney, Colorado City; Edna Joyce Gribble, Wellington; Coral Rushing, Lueders; Ernestine Teaff, Knox City; Dorosee Wilson, Leaday; and Louise McLain and Lucille McHargue, drum majorettes from Midland.

Row 2 (left to right) Ann Me-glasson, Meridian; Hazel Hulise, Stephenville; Ina Rickett, Star; Mary Elizabeth Hearn, Eastland; Zena Bollin, Knox City; Othine Maulden, Balmorhea; Ruby Lee Ellington, Hico; and Doris Gates, Baton Rouge, La.

Row 3 (left to right) Betty Jo

Reid, Santa Anna; Dorothy Hemphill, Hamilton; Dorothy Slaughter, Stephenville; Betty Burgess, Stephenville; Reta Parker, Novice; Billie B. Steward, Eldorado; Florence Thwaatt, Gouldbusk; June Holton, Thornton; Emma Mae Ellis, Waco; Clarice Harper, Wellington; Martha Carlisle, Kopper; Monreva Bagley, Lometa; Margaret Pearce, Brady.

Row 4 (left to right) Bouiah Godwin, Lometa; Alice Bell, Floydada; Marguerite Kelso, Gatesville; Elaine Garvey, Stephenville; Ruby Sims, Woodson; Margaret Browning, Cross Plains; and Helen McLeod, Trent.

S. S. Workers To Meet

An all-day meeting in the interest of Sunday School work for Hamilton County Baptists will be held at Hamilton Thursday, December 12th.

A meeting like this will be held that week in every one of the 110 Baptist Associations in Texas. Speakers will be Rev. C. A. Powell of Rule, and Rev. J. P. King, Walter Leach and Mrs. Joe Trussell of Brownwood.

This meeting will take the place of the regular workers meeting for this month, according to an announcement given out by Rev. Alvin Swindell, county chairman.

Dial In On Home News

Hico News Review subscribers may hear items from this paper by the Suburban Editor over WBAP-KGKO, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram stations on the following schedule: Thursday, 10:45 a. m. via KGKO, 750 kilocycles; Sundays: 10:15 a. m. via WBAP, 800 kilocycles.

This program cooperates with more than 100 Texas newspapers and will soon celebrate its 200th presentation.

Enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hanshaw and son, Newburn, and Rush Hanshaw, all of Hico, were guests of Mrs. J. C. Hanshaw of Iredell for dinner last Thursday when they celebrated the second Thanksgiving. All of the latter Mrs. Hanshaw's children except one were present, and about forty-five guests enjoyed the delicious dinner.

Lighting Contest Entries Needed

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

In next week's issue of the News Review will be published letters from the children of Hico and this community to Santa Claus, provided we receive a sufficient number of them to warrant the trouble.

The letters should be plainly written and addressed to Santa Claus Editor, News Review, Hico, Texas. If mailed, they also will be accepted if they are brought to the office.

Now, kids, if you want to write Old Santa a letter and get it printed in this paper, better sit down right now and start on it. All letters received up to next Monday night, Dec. 9, will be used if there are enough of them. Those coming in later will probably miss connections.

We hope there will not be any efforts to get funny with a bogus Santa Claus letter, as we sometimes see the case upon such occasions. All letters will be strictly censored.

With the curtain drawn early this week on the Christmas scene, strings of vari-colored lights went up over the city, merchants went to work fashioning the proper setting for the annual visit of that All American man, S. Claus, and citizens were urged to cooperate with the Chamber of Commerce in the Christmas lighting contest to make Hico a glittering mecca for hundreds of holiday visitors.

As an added incentive toward making Hico a city of bright lights unparalleled by any of its size in the State, cash awards totaling \$30 will be offered for the prize-winning entries in two divisions—one for residences and one for business establishments. Prizes of \$10 and \$5 will be given first and second place winners in each classification.

Any resident of Hico is eligible to compete. The only qualification is that they notify the contest committee of their intention. Rev. Alvin Swindell, Dr. H. V. Hodges and Mrs. S. E. Blair are members of the committee. Impartial judges will base their decisions on the originality of the arrangement, expression of the Christmas spirit and utilization of surroundings, each counting one-third. Contestants are asked to bear in mind these considerations when arranging their lighting displays. They need not be elaborate or expensive, but the ingenuity of the contestant should be exercised in devising his entry along the lines suggested above.

A limited number of folders on Christmas lighting suggestions and advice on arranging the lighting displays may be obtained at the power company office here.

Attend Masonic Meeting

Marvin Marshall and Guy Eakins were in Waco Wednesday attending the final day's ceremonies of a three-day meeting of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas. Masons of every degree and representing even the remote corners of Texas assembled for the series of Masonic rites.

It was estimated that more than 1,000 of the state's lodges were represented by delegations which in some instances, were composed of scores of members.

W. A. Rusk Seriously Ill

W. A. Rusk, who has been ill at his home for several months, suffered another paralytic stroke early Wednesday morning and was reported in a grave condition. Mr. Rusk has been confined to his home as a result of a similar stroke he suffered in the summer. He is 74 years old.

Christmas Birds Are Now Moving

Keeping Up With Texas

Home Defense Unit Authorized

Authorization has been received for a home defense unit in Stephenville. Commissioned officers will be L. E. Bredberg, captain; Harry Braeuer, first lieutenant; and H. B. Garrett, second lieutenant. Approximately 72 men will constitute the unit, according to W. J. Wisdom, commander of the Ammon G. Turnbow Post of the Stephenville American Legion.

Galveston To Run Wharves

The City of Galveston, which became owner of the island's historic wharves last Friday, after 86 years of private ownership, launched municipal operation of the extensive properties with the adoption of by-laws and election of officers at a meeting of the board of trustees Tuesday morning. Operation of the wharves, which will handle the wharves under municipal ownership, was outlined in the by-laws. The board will meet hereafter the first Tuesday of each month.

12,566 Guards Now In Service

Maj. Gen. Claude V. Birkhead, commanding officer of the Thirty-sixth Division, Texas National Guard, announced Tuesday a total of 12,566 officers and enlisted men have been inducted into federal service. Included are 757 officers, seven warrant officers and 11,802 enlisted men. After the division is moved to Camp Bowie, near Brownwood, it will be raised to war strength of 18,000, General Birkhead said.

Age Limits Lowered On NYA

Reduction of the minimum age limit for works on national youth administration projects from 17 to 16 years has qualified approximately 127,000 Texas boys and girls for NYA work. J. C. Kellam, state administrator, said this week.

Robbers Punched "Paid Out" Button

Two holdup men who took \$40 from the O'Neill drug store at Palestine Friday night did the job in businesslike fashion. One of them punched the "paid out" key on an electrically operated cash register in which the money was kept.

"Jarring Jawn" Thrown For Loss

Jarrah' John Kimbrough, power man of the Texas Aggies, seldom was stopped when he crashed into an opposing line, but he was set back Monday by Highway Patrolmen T. R. Gallamore and Jesse Hellums. They chased the all-American football player's automobile 19 miles to give him a ticket on speeding charges. The complaint was filed in Justice of the Peace Wayne Lee's court and will come up for trial Saturday.

Bullet Fatal After 51 Years

Henry H. Jacoby, 76, former Dallas peace officer, county tax collector and business man, died Saturday in Dallas after suffering a heart attack a week ago. A son, W. Foster Jacoby, ascribed his father's death indirectly to a bullet wound he received 51 years ago while a deputy constable. The bullet fired by a negro desperado stopped so near his heart that doctors would not chance an operation. The presence of the bullet caused pressure leading to the fatal heart attack, the son said.

Suspension Bridge Breaks

An 11-year old suspension bridge across the Red River, north of Telephone, collapsed Tuesday. The bridge, which cost \$75,000, was clear of traffic at the time. The stator bridge north of Bonham collapsed several years ago.

Wants Quick Action

Brantiff Airways has moved out of its forces of mechanics from Love Field at Dallas to Houston and will move its entire maintenance and operations staff unless the city makes a deal for adequate hangar space immediately. Douglas Wood, district traffic manager, said Tuesday. A pay roll of \$1,000,000 annually is maintained by Brantiff, with 332 employees having headquarters there, Wood said. The force moved to Houston includes twenty-three mechanics who will maintain a temporary overhaul base there. Wood said. Left in Dallas are 129 mechanics, eighty-five pilots, forty-five hostesses and fifty members of the office force.

Local buyers have been busy this week with the opening of the Christmas turkey season, and two dressing plants will be in operation again throughout the current buying season, which is expected to close by the end of next week.

Eight cars of dressed birds were estimated to have been shipped out on the Thanksgiving market early in November, and buyers calculate that there will be about an equal amount left to move on this market. The quality of the bird is said to be higher, due to favorable weather conditions and the additional time allowed for seasoning them.

The price opened up this week at the same figure at which the most of the Thanksgiving birds moved, it is reported, which was 12 cents per pound for toms and 14 cents for hens, delivered at the dressing plants.

In former years, buyers point out, more turkeys were dressed and handled locally, but this was largely due to reaching out further and taking in a larger territory in buying birds which were handled through local plants. Also Hico was one of the first towns in this part of the State where sufficient and adequate cold storage facilities were available for cooling the birds and preparing the cars for shipping.

Most farmers in this section have flocks of turkeys, ranging from just a few birds to large flocks of hundreds, and the money received from their sale is quite an important item in the total revenue received from their farms.

Quite a sizeable sum is also paid out to pickers and handlers by the local plants, where many are provided employment at a time when they are in need of Christmas spending money and the necessities of winter weather.

County's Oldest Native Dead

Hamilton, Dec. 4.—R. P. Rice, 84, oldest native of Hamilton County, a former deputy sheriff and district clerk, died at his home here Tuesday.

He was a retired stockman and landowner and had lived here all his life, except for a few months, when he established a ranch in Fisher County in 1879.

He is survived by two sons, P. M. Rice, former Hamilton County judge, and Roy Rice, Mercedes, and three daughters, Miss Bessie Rice, Waco; Mrs. Carl Embury and Miss Edith Rice, both of Hamilton.

Funeral At Cranfill's Gap

Mrs. Madge Johnston, 79, who died suddenly about 6 o'clock last Sunday afternoon at her home in Cranfill's Gap, was buried in the Morse Cemetery between Cranfill's Gap and Clifton Monday afternoon. Funeral services were held at the Lutheran Church by the pastor, Barrow Funeral Home of Hico had charge of the arrangements.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Johnston is survived by two sons and four daughters.

Former Hicoan In Dallas

E. H. Elkins, renewing for the News Review this week by letter, gives his present address as 1900 N. Haskell.

Mr. Elkins, formerly in the drug business and operator of the Palace Theatre here, has been living in Dallas for some time, since going there from Mineral Wells.

In his letter Earl said, "Hope this finds you all getting along O. K."

Chiropractor's Move Delayed

Dr. A. S. Craver, who was here several days ago and announced that he would shortly move from his present location at Bowie to Hico, wrote this week advising that his plans have changed. "I am very sorry," wrote Dr. Craver, "that I am at least delayed for some time in moving and opening an office in Hico on account of some business matters which I did not expect."

Has New Bookkeeper

Mrs. Clara Duzan, recently of Waco, has returned to Hico and will remain here as bookkeeper for her son at Duzan Motors. Mrs. Duzan has been employed at Waco for several months, although she made her home in this section for a number of years.

COTTON GINNING REPORT

Census report shows that 6840 bales of cotton were ginned in Hamilton County from the crop of 1940 prior to November 14, 1940, as compared with 5830 bales for the crop of 1939.

Very respectfully,  
VADA LOVELESS,  
Special Agent.

# IREDELL ITEMS

By MISS GAZELLA

Mrs. Alvie Wilson left Wednesday for Teague to visit a brother.

Misses Faye Falls and Helen Stephens attended church services in Hico Sunday and went on to Gorman and visited.

Lee McDanel, who is in the Navy, came in Wednesday night for a visit to his parents.

Harris Tidwell and Guy Frank Main, who are in A. & M. College at College Station, spent the holidays here.

Miss Marjorie Tidwell of Dallas visited relatives here Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. P. W. Millon of Glen Rose spent ten days with her daughter, Mrs. L. S. Ratliff.

Mrs. Edgar Sadler and son spent the holidays of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bryan, and other relatives.

Mrs. W. E. Carter left Wednesday for a short visit to relatives in Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis of Tahoka spent the week end here with relatives and went on Monday to Marlin to get their daughter who was there for treatment. They were accompanied by A. C. McAden and Mrs. Scales.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sadler returned Thursday from Dallas, where they visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Elkins and baby.

Mrs. Herman Jacobs and two children of Beckville and her mother, Mrs. Biedsoe of Stephenville spent Friday here.

Mrs. Maness attended the funeral of her brother at Carlton, Mr. Emmett Lovell. Her brother

was on a pick-up holding a piece of beaver board. The pick-up was going down hill and a puff of wind knocked the board off and he fell off and hit the back of his head on the cement. His head was crushed. He lived about an hour, but never spoke again. His age was 35. He has visited his sister here several times, and made a number of friends. Mrs. Maness has the sympathy of her friends in the loss of her brother, who died an untimely death.

Leslie McBeath Jr. of Waco spent Friday night with his grandfather, Mr. McBeath.

Mrs. C. S. Harris spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins of Abilene. Her mother is ill.

Mr. Clanton and Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Sadler were in Dallas Thursday.

Miss Nellie Dunlap and T. M. Davis Jr. of Sanatorium came in Friday for a visit with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kilgo of Walnut Springs spent the past Sunday with their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Johnson and baby are in New Mexico, where he is working.

Mr. and Mrs. Dobia Strickland of Dublin and his sister, Mrs. Munneryn of Hico visited here Saturday.

Lincoln Herring of Burkett spent Sunday night of last week with his sister, Mrs. W. B. Worrell.

Mrs. George Ferguson, Mrs. Talmadge Barnhill and Miss Myrtle Lynch started working in the lunch room at Cranfill's Gap last Monday.

Mr. J. J. Chowning received word that his cousin, Mr. Chowning of Dallas, was very ill. He is manager of the place where Ellis Chowning works.

Mrs. Lee Hudson and daughters, Mrs. Clarence Stroud and baby, and Wynelle Hudson, were in Stephenville Saturday. They were accompanied by Wilma Zell Morgan.

Miss Stephens, who was here last year in the Iredell school, spent the week end here. She is teaching close to Lampasas.

Mrs. Ernest Allen spent Friday and part of Saturday in Fort Worth.

Mr. Merten Bowling of Waco, a former teacher in the school here, was in Iredell visiting this week. His friends were glad to see him.

Howard Myers and Olan Sutphen of Dallas came in Sunday to enjoy the sport of shooting quail.

Miss Pauline Allen is visiting in Fort Worth.

Mr. Ed Stephens and son, Jack,

Helen Stephens and Faye Falls were in Stephenville Saturday.

Miss Kate Harris was in Stephenville Saturday.

Mrs. Quince Fouts was taken to Stephenville Tuesday for treatment. She is some better.

Several young men from Meridian came here Saturday afternoon to advertise the show there, and entertained the crowd with some music on the fiddle, banjo, and guitar, which was enjoyed.

Mrs. A. D. Shipley of Hico was here Saturday.

Mrs. Laswell, Mrs. C. S. Harris and Mrs. Albert Hensley attended the workers meeting at Clifton Monday.

Roy Lawrence, who worked in Tyler, has returned home.

Miss Louise Hensley, who works in Whitney, spent the week end with her parents.

Miss Sue Schoemaker, who is in business college at Fort Worth, spent the week end with her mother.

W. R. Newsom, who works in Brownwood, spent the week end with his wife and son.

Miss Theta McElroy, who has been with Mrs. J. L. Dearing, has returned home. Mrs. Bertha Henderson took her place.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Washington, their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herndon and children of Claremore, Okla., and Mrs. Murphy and granddaughter of Fort Worth spent Thursday with their old-time friends, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Ratliff.

Mrs. W. R. Newsom and son are living in the parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Echols of Brownwood spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Echols, and Mr. and Mrs. McElroy.

Mrs. Loughlin returned Saturday from Brownwood where she visited her father, Mr. Boren, who is ill.

Mrs. Thomas and son of Hico visited her aunt, Mrs. Emma Houston, Sunday.

Mr. John Newsom has been very ill with flu. He is sitting up some. He barely escaped having pneumonia.

Misses Slab Homer, Cob Newsom, Cutter Bradfute and Rob Cunningham and Tab Greenback, all of Waco, spent the week end with Miss Doris Miller.

**Sadie Hawkins Day at KTSC**

Bill Estes, president of student council of East Texas State, has issued a proclamation declaring Thursday, Dec. 5, as the official Sadie Hawkins Day on the campus.

Rainbows may sometimes be seen all day long in Siberia, due to the reflection of the sun on fine particles of snow in the air.

## REDUCED PRICE ANNOUNCED FOR AMERICAN BOY

With the announcement of an enlarged and enlivened magazine, The American Boy, foremost publication for boys ten to twenty, also announces a reduction in its subscription and single copy prices. Hereafter The American Boy will sell for 10c a single copy at newsstands or for \$1.00 a year and \$2.00 for three years on a subscription basis.

In announcing a change in editorial policy, publishers of The American Boy assure subscribers that the established fiction heroes who have made the magazine so popular with young and old alike, will continue to tell of their adventures exclusively in The American Boy. Included in this group are Renfrew of the Canadian Mounted, Connie Morgan and Old Man Mattie, prospectors; Square Jaw Davis, railroad engineer; Jim Tierney, detective; Johnny Caruthers, flyer; Tod Moran, seaman; Alan Kane and Ted Delliver, adventurers in science, and others identified exclusively with The American Boy.

However, with a larger magazine will come new fiction characters and an enlarged sports, defense and adventure program in the non-fiction field. Greater recognition will be given to outstanding boys the country over and an exceptional achievement will be rewarded with the boy's picture on the front cover. This feature was inaugurated with the November issue which carried on the front cover the picture of America's outstanding driver of high school age.

Teachers, librarians, parents, and leaders of boys' groups recommend The American Boy enthusiastically. They have found that, as a general rule, boys who read The American Boy regularly advance more rapidly than boys who do not read it. Through the leadership and sportsmanship of its fiction characters, boys are imbued with a desire to become leaders, to develop the high ideals and courage the heroes themselves display.

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### SINISER CLIPPINGS

It is really gone this time, Jack? . . . No one can say that the Home Economics girls don't learn anything—I have now dressed my first chicken . . . Wayne is champion balloon popper of the Senior class . . . Linguist is one who speaks many languages. Golden goes one better—she writes in many languages . . . Mildred is pretty as a pink with her hair cut short . . . We hope to have many more visitors as cute and entertaining as the one last week, Mickey Simpson . . . Gracie is becoming more popular every day if possible . . . Rubye is all a flutter over the coming Christmas holidays and ? ? ? . . . Nell getting compliments on her pretty new sweater . . . It would be nice if we had a parrot on every floor like the one we had in assembly the other afternoon. Wouldn't it be out of the ordinary to have a parrot tell us where to go? Anyway we paid for this.

### WHAT-NOTS

Mary had a little pony.  
Amy had a little lamb.  
I may think that's phoney,  
But I don't give a d—

The freshman is grassy and grows.  
The Sophomore is sassy and blows.  
The Junior is brassy and dozes.  
The Senior is classy and knows.

### BIRD SHOW

Our program for assembly last week was a bird show from the Society of Zoology at Washington, D. C. Various birds from countries all over the world were represented. Among them were the parrot, the blue, yellow and green parakeets, tallored bird wearing a black suit, white shirt and red tie, and many other interesting birds.

Of most interest to the high school students were the love-birds. I wonder why?

### ENTERTAIN FACULTY AND BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Greenway and Mrs. Angell entertained the faculty and board members with a buffet supper, with different games following. The dinner was served at 7 p. m. in the home cottage.

The guests entered the dining room and "Happy Birthday" was sung by two home-makers, Joyce Gandy and Margie Welborn.

The three-tier cake was decorated with 40 candies, and I bet you can't guess how old Mr. Pinson is. Congratulations, Mr. Pinson. May there be many more happy birthdays in your favor.

The guests were served the main course from the dining room, then after being seated at tables, with lace coverings with the color harmony carried out in green and red, they were served the other courses from the kitchen by the Home Ec. girls.

After the meal, games were played. Some of them were pick-up pappas, black Margie, etc.

Everyone took part in the games and after all these games everyone went home with the knowledge that the Hico school's Pepper-Upper is a little older in years but not in spirit.

### HOME EC. II

Well, we took our six weeks test Tuesday, and we know our grades. Some of them were pretty good.

We had a dinner Friday night for Mr. Pinson, as Saturday was his birthday. After they had all eaten, games were played. The party was over about 11:00 o'clock. Nearly all the teachers and trustees were there.

Boy, nobody knows how we've put our new refrigerator to good use. We could not have cooked our meals Friday night without it.

Martha Faye G.: "June, what is the technical name for snoring?"  
June: "Sheet music."

### HOME EC. III

Our slips are due Wednesday and we are rushing to finish. After Wednesday we will study about dresses, and then will make them.

Maybe a certain girl in a certain class has learned to pull the presser foot down before sewing on a machine, now.

When we totaled our expense accounts, we decided maybe we'd better not spend so much, so we are trying not to this month.

I think nearly all of us are satisfied with our Home Ec. test. Most grades were good.

### SOCIAL WHIRL

The Hi-Steppers met Monday at Nip's and Quata's. After much

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gossip about the "latest", a supper of soup, crackers, hot chocolate, marshmallows, and cookies was served. Afterwards the Hi-Steppers drew names for Christmas and planned a big party for that week. The next meeting will be at Grace's.

Friday night, Hewitt Smith entertained at his home for some 20 guests. We were all glad to see several of our schoolmates there who had been absent from school especially Quata. It seems that "Fris" was in her merriest mood, asking everyone those "riddle jokes", and Wayne felt as if he could "whip" any man in the world. Everyone had a good time and we look forward to a great many more.

Bobby Jones: "I locked the car before I left it, and now, confound it, I've lost the key."  
Dumb Gracie H.: "Never mind, dearie, it's a swell night, so let's just ride home in the rumble seat."

### SPORTS

The basketball boys have been practicing regularly every day. They started the season off with a bang by beating Lingleville with a score of 10 to 8 in a very close and exciting game. The boys that are working out are: Wayne Polk, Sam Abel, Hewitt Smith, Sanky Latham, W. J. White, Dewane Needham, Johnnie Ogle, Pete Russell, Johnny McAnally, Baby Bruner, Roy Thompson, W. G. Cole, Billy McKenzie, Currie Polk, and their coach, Mr. Levisay.

Hewitt Smith: "An awful lot of girls are stuck on me."  
Irlene: "They must be an awful lot."

### GIRLS' SPORTS

The girls' basket ball team went to Fairy Thursday night where they met Jonesboro. Our girls were defeated by a score of 24-12.

Then Saturday the girls went back to Fairy to play in the consolation tournament. Again we lost by a score of 15-6.

The girls on the team are: Martha Faye Glover, captain; Doris Izell, co-captain; Joyce Latham, all forwards. Substitute forwards are Mary Brown, Joyce Gandy, and Dorothy Land. The guards are Norma Ruth Burden, Snooks Johnson, and Loretta Lane. The guard subs are Dorothy Ross, Mamey Jones and Anna Lee Houston. This week the girls play Fairy and Carlton, Fairy Friday night, and Carlton Friday night, at Hico.

Wayne Polk: "You have an advantage over me when we go around together."  
Nell E.: "Why do you say that, Wayne?"

Wayne: "You're in better company than I am."

### SENIOR NEWS

Due to circumstances an apology is required for the absence of the Senior news last week.

Since nothing of importance has happened in December (thus far) we will interview Mildred Bobo.

She is a very unusual character. But she's just a human like everyone else. Mildred has light brown hair, dark brown eyes, and olive complexion. She is 5 feet, 5 inches tall and weighs approximately 110 pounds. She plays a clarinet in the band and is an outstanding student. Her favorite subject is Plane Geometry. Her color is blue. Her food is ginger bread. Her ambition is whatever she turns out to be.

More news of importance brings to memory a party given by Louise Blair last Saturday night. From reports, there must have been a selected group, since the most im-

portant Seniors were present. A swell time was reported by all.  
Do you know why Comanche and Brownwood are the coldest places in Texas sometimes? They only have one blanket between them.

O. D.: "What did the air say as the pin had a boxing match with the balloons?"  
Sam: "It said, 'I guess this lets me out.'"

### JUNIOR NEWS

To start the third six weeks off we have a new pupil, Goldia Hendrix, who has been going to school in Los Angeles, California. Although Goldia is not new to most of us, we are still proud to have her back with us.

We have another new pupil who started about a week ago, Derrill Shipley. Derrill is from Iredell. We are also glad to have him.

Now for some dope on some Juniors who have been here for quite a while. Betty Jo, just what was it in the Sophomore room that appealed to your eye? Could it be a boy from Cranfill's Gap? Paul, why were you so thrilled over having some new students—and especially the girl? Gracie, where do you learn such "ducky" songs?

Everybody has the basketball spirit. There are quite a number of Junior boys and girls playing basketball. Even if all the girls are fussing about their bruised knees, they won't notice it soon.

### SOPHOMORE NEWS

We Sophs have finished our tests.

All those that attended said they enjoyed our party Monday night. We will introduce you to Joyce Black, as we promised last week. Joyce is a 13-year-old brunette. She likes to eat hot dogs, study English and sing "God Bless America." She attended school at Bryson before she came here.

Next week we will tell you about Roy Thompson (maybe).

### HOME EC. II

We are going to finish our garments Wednesday. Because of our test and a few other things last week we didn't see as fast as we expected to.

Our test grades were not so good. We won't embarrass any one by telling the highest grades.

We have two new members. They are Goldia Hendrix and Wilma Jean Griffin.

### FRESHMAN NEWS

We are glad to welcome two new students this week: Wanda Hendrix from Los Angeles, California, and Wilma Jean Griffin from Meridian, Texas. We hope they will be happy here.

We were grateful of a chance to take our Algebra test over. Since nearly half of the class was absent and the grades were so low, Mrs. Segrest gave the test again. We improved a little.

### SEVENTH GRADE

There was a called class meeting of the Seventh Grade Tuesday afternoon. We voted to make a 25c donation to the Red Cross out of our treasury. We also made separate donations of 31c, making the sum 57c in all.

The Sixth and Seventh Grade boys met on the gridiron Friday afternoon. The boys were divided equally into two teams. We all enjoyed the game and have hopes of the Seventh Grade boys becoming future football stars.

### SIXTH GRADE

Jean Hancock's uncle visited her Sunday.

Georgia Nell Lewis went to Stephenville Saturday evening and stayed until Sunday.

Mary Helen Hollis went to Dublin and Stephenville Sunday.

Thomas O'Neil's grandmother visited him yesterday.

Elva Jean Grant visited Gwendolyn Kilpatrick Sunday.

Bobby Jo Tidwell went to Stephenville Sunday.

### FIFTH GRADE

We sure did appreciate the free football game, played by the Sixth and Seventh Grade boys last Friday afternoon.

Helen Holliday visited Katy McDonald of Gatesville through the week end.

Allene Herring's uncle, aunt and

grandmother all visited her Sunday.

Nelda Fay Hulsey's grandmother and grandfather, and her aunt and uncle came to visit her from Rochester.

James Karles went to Stephenville Saturday.

George Lambert visited his grandmother and uncle Sunday.

Mattie Lou Pace visited Juanita Herrin Saturday night.

R. W. French went to a football game Saturday evening.

Dorothy Higginbotham visited her uncle and aunt Sunday.

Louise Higginbotham spent the night with Georgie Lambert last Friday.

Dorothy Brewer went to Stephenville Saturday night, and her grandmother went with her.

We have a new pupil, Charles Lairy, who started to school the first and then went out West to pick cotton for about two and a half months. We are very proud to have him back.

### FOURTH GRADE

J. T. Lanehart from Pecos visited Joyce Thompson this week end.

Betty Fern Pruitt went to Honey Creek Sunday.

Wanda Jean Walker's uncle from Brownwood visited her Sunday.

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### THIRD GRADE

Robert Smith, who was injured slightly when the bicycle he was riding collided with a car in front of the post office last Thursday evening, has returned to school.

Maldee Ash attended the funeral of her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Betty Arizona Chapman, in Hamilton Saturday.

Bertha Jean Connally enjoyed a visit from her uncle, Buck Connally, of Brownwood, last Saturday.

Jimmie Lee Barnett was absent Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Giles Driver visited their grandson, Nelson Ables, last Sunday.

Donald Ray Davis was a Saturday afternoon business visitor in Stephenville.

Sunday afternoon, Patsy Ruth Meador visited her maternal grandmother, Mrs. J. M. Grisham, and Sunday night Patsy was visited by her Aunt Dick Meador of Stephenville.

Joy Lee McLarty, sister of Dean and Jean McLarty, was five years old Dec. 2.

Lorea Oakley's father, who has been working in Arlington, spent the week end here.

Mrs. Louise Baldwin and daughter, Betty, of Goose Creek, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hooker of Dublin visited their nephew, Robert Smith, last week end.

Clarice Walker was a Sunday visitor in Stephenville.

Bobbie Jean Newton enjoyed a visit from her Grandmother and Grandfather Newton of Hamilton. Her little sister, Mary Ann Newton, was three years old Nov. 27.

Billy June Knight visited the new baby at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Drake recently.

Glenna Maude Russell spent Sunday with Mrs. Holliday and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wolfe and son.

Morris Lee, in Stephenville. That night she visited her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Nace Russell.

### THIRD GRADE

We all enjoyed the bird show last week. We are looking forward to seeing the reptiles, because we know they will put on a good show, too.

Vernon D. Holder's cousin, Scrap Franks of Stephenville, came to see him Sunday.

Harold Hancock's uncle, Guy Hancock of De Leon, visited him Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Herring and children of Duffau visited Mildred Herring Sunday.

Wayde and Wayne Jones' uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Elder of Waco, came to see them Sunday. Also another aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jones of Cisco.

Wendall Ray Lively spent Sunday in Valley Mills with his Grandfather and Grandmother Doty.

Hollie Dean Holder's brother, Alton, of Stephenville came to see him Sunday.

### SECOND GRADE

Doyle Jones played with Roy Ross Saturday morning.

Louise Leeth went to her Grandmother Bruner's Sunday.

John Phillips' cousin, Jim Howard, visited him Sunday.

Mildred Thompson visited her Grandmother Leeth Sunday.

Marie Pruitt has been absent for two weeks. We hope she will soon be in school again.

Wanda Jean Carpenter had an aunt from Brownwood to visit her this week end.

Jimmie Lambert visited his Grandmother Prater and his uncle, Mr. Robert Prater, Sunday.

Max Roberts went to see Kenneth Graves a while Sunday afternoon.

Betty Jo Hicks visited a while Sunday with her Grandmother Keller.

Charles Walker went to Clair-ette Saturday morning.

The following pupils made 100 in spelling last week: Doyle Jones, Louise Leeth, Kenneth Graves, Mildred Thompson, Wanda Jean Carpenter, Valmer Norrod, Mary Jane Thrash, Mary Ruth Childress, Bill D. Spinks, Matthew Haley, Jimmie Lambert, Don Doty, Fred Ray Noland, and Minnie Louise Barnett.

### FIRST GRADE

Eugene Barnett had to stay at home last Thursday because he was sick.

Barbara Munnerly visited her Grandmother Martin Saturday night and Sunday.

Dorothy Phipps' cousin, Helen Phipps, is visiting her.

John Earl Thompson's daddy spent the week end in Hico.

These children went to Sunday school Sunday: Andrew Loyd, Billy Joe Luckie, Kenneth Nix, Geraldine Sanders, Earl Cotten, and Dorothy Phipps.

Joyce Adkison's Grandmother Adkison visited her this week.

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Hico, Texas, Friday, Dec. 6, 1940.

October. There is no reason to expect that when numbers have been allotted and drawn there will be any more resistance to the draft.

To us the whole procedure furnishes the most complete refutation of the oft-repeated charge that the young men of America have turned pacifist. The talk about youth's "disillusionment" with democratic ideals and its unwillingness to fight for them turns out to be so much bunk perpetrated by a few academic radicals.

We hope none of the boys who registered the other day will ever have to fight, but we feel that by their very enthusiasm they have established this country as one of the happy nations which in time of peace thinks of war.

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## Back To Barbarism—?



### TWO SIDES To Every Question

"THE NIGGER IN THE WOODPILE"

We often speak with justified pride of the three thousand miles of unfortified border between ourselves and Canada, and we express astonishment over the fact that somewhere in Europe war is certain to occur every few years. There is nothing to be even mildly surprised at in either case. It would, on the contrary, be amazing if matters were otherwise.

There are no age-old jealousies on this hemisphere; no historical causes for friction between its nations. There is no struggle to maintain a "balance of power" and "economics" do not seriously clash. Except for the straightening out of a border line occasionally, we have no territorial quarrels. Our only danger of war therefore would seem to be from without, and the Monroe Doctrine has been so far an effective deterrent to foreign land grabbers—except for the abortive attempts of France in Mexico and Panama. No nation over here wants political control of any other. So we have no reason to fight.

Europe—the entire Eastern Hemisphere in fact—is a "diagrammatical opposite." Her people are much like ordinary human beings (thank you). They are perfectly satisfied to till the soil, spin their yarns, manufacture and sell their wares, raise babies, eat, drink and be merry. But in every government in Europe there is a cancer called by some the "Foreign Office." In the movies it would be "The Villain." This noxious, but necessary evil is the guardian of the archives; of the secret records of plot and counterplot, of balance and counter-balance. It is sign No. 8703 and make her the same outfit.

Ninety-nine per cent of the new governments, which in peaceful nations rise to power in the various nations of Europe, are ignorant of the intricate involvements which seem to guide every move of these "Black Widows." These new young governments take over the reins, intent for the most part upon rectifying the mistakes of their predecessors; upon building up the economic structure of their particular country; upon enriching their people and obtaining peace and happiness for them.

As a rule, all goes well for a year or two and then the "villain" begins to whisper into the ear of the political boss. To Bismarck or to the Kaiser or to Hitler—the tempter recalls the days when the German tribes alone held out against the legions of the Caesars, and when they alone finally crushed the Empire which had conquered all the world except them.

He whispers of the glory of Otto the Great, and the so-named Holy Roman Empire which he and his descendants founded; of the invincible armies of Frederick the Great, and their successful stand against practically all the rest of the world combined. He whispers of further conquest and of the necessity to control the free nations of Central Europe so that Germany is most powerful.

To dazzle the brain of the French statesman—who before he took up politics may have been an honest farmer with no thought (and very little knowledge) of anything outside the geographical boundaries of La Belle France—the wily spider flashes a mental newsreel of the glorious France of Louis XIV; of the Empire carved out by the greatest soldier and by the greatest fighting machine of all time—Napoleon Bonaparte and the Army of France. Why not again—whispers the tempter? Smash this German upstart, and who knows? Free then to control Continental Europe, why should France stand idly by and let her old enemy Britain, profit by those very Colonial gains which she reaped at the expense of France?

But these children in the art of intrigue reckon without the old master. These infants of the German and French Foreign Offices periodically forget the spankings they have received at the hand of their teacher, and again, and yet again, these juveniles drape themselves for punishment over the knees of that Colossus of intrigue—the British Foreign Office.

The Foreign Office is the heart of the British political body. Governments come and governments go, like old clothes, but the Foreign Office goes on forever. It is steeped in, and saturated with, the theory that only by weakening Britain's potential rivals can the Empire hold its position as master of the world.

### DALE Carnegie ASSISTANT SALESMAN

The Schulte-United Retail Stores had become overstocked with Indian moccasins which were meant for sale to boys. They advertised the moccasins in the newspapers, they put signs in the windows, they whooped it up, but the moccasins remained on the counters.

They thought their regular salesman had fallen down on the job, so they took him from behind the counter and put in a man who was supposed to be a sort of Charles Schwab at selling. Still the moccasins didn't move.

Then the company decided to try Elmer Wheeler.

When a mother came in with her son, the salesman held the moccasins up and told the woman they were triple-stitched, that the beads were put on with wire instead of thread, that they were "health shoes" and would help her son's feet to grow properly. Every word was exaggerated. Nothing had been exaggerated. But the moccasins remained just where they were.

A longer selling talk was tried. When the boy's shoes were removed, they were placed about ten feet away so that they could not be reached easily. Then the salesman fired more sales talk at his customers. When they left, the moccasins went "back on the shelf."

Then Mr. Wheeler hit upon a different idea. He decided to sell to the woman's son instead of her. "Son, this is the kind of moccasins that real Indians wear!" The boy's eyes popped out. What! Real Indians! He didn't give a whoop about whether the moccasins were triple-stitched, or whether the beads were put on with wire or thread. All he was interested in was that Uncle Sam wear the same kind that real Indians wore.

The boy was transformed into an assistant salesman! He begged his mother to buy; he teased her. All the salesman had to do was to stand there and hold the moccasins. The boy was doing the selling.

Did it work? Of course it worked! The salesman had the best assistants in the world—the boy customers! From the minute they hit on that simple eleven-word sales argument, the store sold moccasins to three out of every thirteen boys who came into the department. Within a week every moccasin was sold.

Why don't you take advantage of this method? When a boy or girl comes in with a mother, talk the child's language. Put yourself in his place. Make him your assistant salesman. He will do more than all your "triple-stitching-beads-put-on-with-wire-instead-of-thread" talk in the world.

## THIS WEEK In Washington

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—With election anxieties off their minds, Washington officials, in and out of Congress, are turning attention back to the more serious business of defense preparations.

How seriously the international situation is taken by those who know most about it, from this country's point of view, can hardly be put into words.

One has to talk to the men who are trying to build up our national armaments, who will have the fighting to do if it comes to that, who are trying to keep the troubled waters of diplomacy properly oiled, to get a true impression of the gravity of the crisis which confronts the United States, as those who are closest to it regard it. It isn't so much what any of them says, as the way it is said, which impresses the listener.

There is more public attention being centered upon the beginnings of something like mobilizing the nation's manpower than upon what the best-informed men here consider of far greater immediate importance, the speeding up of munitions production. For no matter how fast we can train and equip an army, the prospect of having to send it into action depends upon how fast we can supply Britain with airplanes, powder and shot, ships, food and medical supplies.

That is the official view, not as openly expressed as it might be, but much more openly than it was before election. To all intents and purposes, we are committed to the conflict between England and Germany is none of our concern. We can't afford to let England be defeated, is the way men in high position are now putting the matter. There is no fear of possible adverse election results to keep men's lips sealed now.

It is difficult to offer a picture of the actual progress of the rearmament program. While nearly \$10,000,000,000 of planes, guns, tanks, and other munitions have been contracted for, it will be months, and in some cases years before the materials thus ordered will begin to be delivered. The ones which will come quickest are those for which factories are already equipped and have been turning out the identical articles for some time. That is true in the case of certain types of airplanes.

### Standardization Sought

But it happens that most of our American military planes have been produced, so far, on an experimental basis. Only a few types, mostly of training planes, have been standardized. And American manufacturers supplying planes to make machines different in many important respects from anything American military men will accept.

Now such obstacles are being straightened out. Over loud roars of protest from some of our own military and naval experts, agreements have been arrived at for the reduction of military planes to a limited number of standardized types which will be used by the British as well as by our own forces. Similar agreements are said to have been made in respect of other war supplies, such as tanks, anti-aircraft guns and the like, so that replacements of parts for British equipment can be made by using parts of American weapons.

While there is little in the way of surface indications to suggest that anybody in Washington is concerned greatly over the Japanese situation, there are a good many questions to be answered before anybody can say there is no danger of hostilities between this country and Japan.

The best diplomatic brain in our foreign service is Joe Grew, our Ambassador to Japan. He is understood to have personal access to the Mikado himself whenever he desires it. And the understanding in Washington is that the Mikado is trying to conciliate the war party which is in control of the Japanese government, and if he fails to appease them he is likely to assume his personal authority as Son of Heaven and throw the warmongers out.

### Minor Business Boom

In the meantime, while the National Guardsmen and the recent volunteer recruits of the Army are being housed in encampments reminiscent of World War days, cantonments are under construction for the first batch of draftees and the problem of clothing and equipping them is already starting a minor business boom.

The Army's plan of organization will include drafted men with National Guardsmen, volunteers and the old-line Regulars so that every Army division will contain an equal proportion of all and there will be no such thing as a draftee division when separate drafted divisions were separate from volunteer divisions. Anyway, there isn't a corner of the nation where the people won't be fully aware that Uncle Sam is getting ready for trouble.

**OUR DEMOCRACY**—by Mat

**KEEPING AMERICA WELL**

REED AND GORGAS  
WIPE OUT YELLOW FEVER.

SMALLPOX  
KILLED OR  
MARRIED BY  
THOUSANDS TILL  
THE FAMILY DOCTOR,  
HUMAN BENEFACITOR,  
"SOLD"  
VACCINATION  
TO THE LAND.

BUT DREAD SCOURGES STILL REMAIN. IN  
FIGHTING THEM OUR DOCTORS ARE AIDED BY:

GREAT FOUNDATIONS,  
FINDING CAUSES AND CURES.

LIFE INSURANCE MEDICAL  
EXAMINATIONS AND  
STATISTICS, HELPING  
PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

AN EXAMINATION BY A DOCTOR  
CATCHES IN TIME MANY A  
HIDDEN AILMENT AND MANY A DEFECT.

### The House of Hazards



### MacArthur

In the army of the ancient Republic of Venice is an inscription which reads: "Happy is that city which in time of peace thinks of war."

Some soft-minded sentimentalists refuse to think of war, believing that thereby they will be assured of peace. We have seen what has happened to some countries where such an attitude prevailed.

When the proposal was first broached, last Summer, for the registration of all young Americans of military age and the conscription of many of them for military training, a loud howl went up from the sentimentalists who refuse to face the possibility of war.

Fortunately the sane and sensible view prevailed in Congress, and the nation's first peace-time conscription law was enacted. Contrary to the predictions of pacifists and alarmists, the registration was not accompanied by riots and disorder. Nothing more peaceful or orderly ever occurred touching the lives of 17 million persons on one day than the registration of young men to the registration offices on the 16th of

# Local Happenings

M. P. Walker spent the latter part of last week in Hillsboro on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bellville of Stephenville were here Sunday visiting friends.

**ROSS SHOP, Jewelry, Watch, and Clock Repairing. 14-tfc.**

Mrs. Jessie Stewart of Abilene was a guest several days last week of her cousin, Miss Wynama Anderson.

Miss Wynama Anderson spent Sunday in Stephenville visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Boone and daughter, Mary Paula, of Hamilton were here Sunday visiting relatives and friends.

J. W. Dohoney Jr. of Cleburne was in Hico Wednesday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dohoney Sr.

Rudolph Brown came in Tuesday afternoon from Wink to spend a week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Brown.

Clarence Walker and daughters, Hazel and Gladys, of Bluffdale visited here Saturday with his father, M. P. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Bostick and family of Marshall Ford Dam near Austin were here last week and visited Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Brown.

W. L. McDowell was in Dallas last Friday and Saturday and attended the S. M. U.-T. C. U. game Saturday afternoon.

Carl Moss, who has been employed in Tom Ball for the past two months, returned home Wednesday.

Miss Jewel Shelton spent the week end in Brady visiting her sisters, Mrs. Leslie Wall and Mrs. Leon Rainwater.

Miss Thoma Rodgers and Miss Nettie Rodgers, the latter of Waco, were visitors in Fort Worth last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb McEver spent the first of the week in Hillsboro visiting his parents and other relatives in Waco and McGregor on business.

Mrs. W. E. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. John Clark and daughter, Mary Jane, of Stephenville were business visitors in Hico Wednesday.

**CHRISTMAS POT PLANTS**  
A lovely plant always makes a Christmas wish come true. You will find them at  
**THE HICO FLORIST**  
28-2c.

Mrs. Louise Baldwin and daughter, Betty, of Goose Creek spent the second Thanksgiving holidays here with Mr. Baldwin's father, H. Smith, and Mrs. Smith.

Frank L. Fisher of Beaumont and Charlie Keffer of Wichita Falls spent several days here the first of the week visiting a number of their old friends.

Mrs. Ida Tunnell and son, Ted, of Fort Worth were guests Monday in the homes of her sisters, Mrs. G. H. Anderson and Miss Nettie Wieser.

Mr. and Mrs. Morse Ross and daughter, Shirley Carroll, and Mr. and Mrs. John Rusk spent Sunday in Dallas visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rusk.

Mrs. W. D. Young of Waco spent several days here last week visiting her sister, Mrs. Effie Talley, and Mrs. Anna Driskell and daughter, Pauline.

Miss Saraloe Hudson returned to her teaching duties at Schulenburg Sunday after a holiday visit here with her parents, Mr. and L. L. Hudson.

Short Ratliff came in Tuesday night from Wharton where he has been working for the past few months and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ratliff.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Randalls Sr. and Mrs. Annie Currie were in Waco Sunday visiting A. Alford, who is in Providence Hospital recuperating from an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Porter of Waxahachie were in Hico Wednesday. They were accompanied home by E. F. Porter, who will visit with them for a while.

**CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL WREATHS**  
Wreaths beautiful and long lasting. Call and see a lovely selection.  
**THE HICO FLORIST**  
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Guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Herricks were Mr. and Mrs. Chock Herricks and daughter, Katherine, of Fort Worth. Cecil Herricks of McCombs, and Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Wright and children, who are visiting here from Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shelton and children, Katherine Sue and Robert Lane, have returned to their home in Pecos after a visit last week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Randalls. Mr. Shelton joined them here on his return from a business convention.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Barrow and Miss Mary Jo Alexander spent last Thursday and Friday in Hamlin with Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Barrow and Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Barrow and family.

**FLOWERS AND CHRISTMAS**  
An indispensable combination. Flowers are smart for decorations, smart to wear, smart to give.  
**THE HICO FLORIST**  
28-2c.

G. C. Clapp, who formerly taught in Hico High School, spent several days here last week visiting friends. Mr. Clapp is a member of the Levelland public school faculty.

Mrs. A. Rierison of Stephenville and Mrs. Howard Rierison and daughter, Sonja Ann, of Colorado were guests Sunday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Howard Rierison's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Ross.

Mrs. Isida Faulk left last week for her home in Los Angeles, Calif., after a visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Powers. Mrs. Faulk was accompanied on her return trip by a young lady friend from Comanche.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Armstrong of Fort Worth stopped here Tuesday afternoon for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Gamble. Mr. Armstrong, a contractor, had been to Brownwood on a business trip.

Mrs. Lefty Miller came in Monday from Carlsbad, N. M., for a month's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Herricks, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller and family of the Abee community. Mrs. Miller is the former Miss Lucille Herricks.

Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Persens and little daughter, Helen, of Dallas were here Sunday visiting in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Persens and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Butterfield. They were accompanied home by their niece, Miss Ann Persens, who is their guest this week in Dallas.

Mrs. Jim R. Moss and daughters, Ariens and Henrietta, of Cisco spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blakley of Fairy, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jones and family, and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moss and family. Miss Anna Loue Moss returned home with them for a few days' visit with the Moss family and other relatives and friends.

**Bride Of Morgan Moon Complimented At Shower**  
Mrs. Herman Leach and Mrs. J. T. Eubank were hostesses at a lovely miscellaneous shower Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. E. Waldrop complimenting Mrs. Morgan Moon, a recent bride and the former Miss Doris Helen Johnson of Meridian.

Miss Sarah Frances Meador presided at the bride's book, and Mrs. Willard Leach and Mrs. Jack Malone assisted Mrs. Waldrop in serving.

The service table was laid with a lace cloth and centered with a beautiful bouquet of Shasta daisies and fern.

The guest list included Mrs. Paul Wren, Mrs. Lawrence Lane, Mrs. J. D. Patterson and daughter, Gail, Mrs. Roy French, Mrs. E. C. Allison Jr., Mrs. A. T. McFadden, Mrs. Marvin Marshall, Mrs. S. J. Cheek, Mrs. Sim Everett, Mrs. John Lackey, Mrs. B. B. Gamble, Mrs. Bernice Houser, Mrs. Nettie Moon and Misses Mable Jordan, Hester Jordan, and Jennie Mae McDowell.

Mrs. Leslie Arrant Hostess To Mt. Pleasant Ind. Club  
The Mt. Pleasant Industrial Club met November 27 with Mrs. Leslie Arrant. Two beautiful quilts were quilted, after which refreshments were served to Mmes. Wauwick Ogle, Coy Clark, Coy Smith, Ovie Clark, Arthur Odell, Loyd Needham, Emmett Anderson, Jetty Farmer, Wiley Squires, Ted Arrant, W. T. Slater, John Abel, E. L. Hargrove, H. R. Brummett, Earnest Brummett, Herman Dennis, Walter Abel, Mona Tergerson, A. B. Clark, Nora Needham, and Misses Nora Abel and Willola Slater.

The club was happy to have as visitors Mrs. Squires of Hamilton, Mrs. Tergerson of Cranfill's Gap, and Mmes. Loyd and Nora Needham of Hico.  
**REPORTER.**

**Duffau P.-T. A. Met Last Tuesday In Regular Session**  
The Duffau P.-T. A. met in regular session Tuesday night, Dec. 3. The program was a question bee, with prizes for correct answers, which was enjoyed by all.

The beautification committee asked that a day be set aside for working on the school ground. So Wednesday, Dec. 11, was set as the day.

All patrons are expected to come and bring lunch and implements to work with. Also everyone else is invited to come if interested in improving our school ground. Shrubs are to be set out and walks and flower beds made.

Mr. Eugene Seago, play director of the Duffau P.-T. A., has announced that the play entitled "Calm Yourself" will be given Thursday night, Dec. 19th. Everyone is invited.  
**REPORTER.**

## Duffau Couple Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

The home near Duffau where they have lived for the past twenty-five years was the scene last Sunday, December 1, of a celebration of the Golden Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Bell.

The guests came early in the morning and brought lunch for the noon hour. The morning was spent mostly with everyone saying "Hello," after which lunch was served to Mr. and Mrs. Bell, five of their ten children, sixteen grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and thirty-two neighbors and other relatives.

The afternoon was spent in singing, with a wedding scene carried out by four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren while the children sang, "Put On Your Old Gray Bonnet." The many useful gifts were presented to the honored couple by members of the wedding party.

Before her marriage Mrs. Bell was Miss Mary Sue Campbell, who was born in Virginia on Sept. 6, 1871. Mr. Bell was born December 26, 1868, at Paluxy, Texas. They were married fifty years ago December 4th in Bell County, near Nolanville. Ten children are living. However, only five could be present for the anniversary celebration. They are Mrs. H. A. Daniels, San Angelo; Mrs. Luella Bell, Fort Worth; Mrs. Leslie Kinser, Olin; Mrs. W. E. Ledbetter, Carlton; and Loyd Bell, Belton. The others are Miss Marjell Bell, Mt. Vernon, Alabama; Alvin Bell, Aberdeen, Maryland; Mrs. Gus Frede, Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Clayton Trice, Paluxy; and Mrs. Herman Shipman, Dallas.

**Morgan Moon Wed Thursday To Prominent Meridian Girl**  
Miss Doris Helen Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Johnson of Meridian, and Morgan Moon, son of Mrs. Nettie Moon of Hico, were married Thursday evening, November 28, at 6:45 at the Baptist parsonage. Rev. Alvin Swindell, pastor of the Hico Baptist Church, performed the single ring ceremony.

The bride wore a navy dress with hat and bag to match and white gloves. Her shoulder corsage was of white carnations.

The couple was attended by Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Eubank of Hico.

Mrs. Moon is a graduate of the Meridian High School, Hillsboro Junior College, and attended the University of Texas at Austin. Mr. Moon attended the Hico High Schools and is at present associated with Mr. Eubank in the service station business.

They are making their home in an apartment at the residence of Mrs. E. J. Parker.

**Still Reading News Review**  
Mrs. Ida T. Aiton, writing from Dallas, sends money to renew her subscription to the News Review, saying they have missed it since their subscription expired recently.

Mrs. Aiton is the widow of John T. Aiton, a former publisher of the Hico paper, and now resides at 814 Cumberland St., Dallas.

The service table was laid with a lace cloth and centered with a beautiful bouquet of Shasta daisies and fern.

The guest list included Mrs. Paul Wren, Mrs. Lawrence Lane, Mrs. J. D. Patterson and daughter, Gail, Mrs. Roy French, Mrs. E. C. Allison Jr., Mrs. A. T. McFadden, Mrs. Marvin Marshall, Mrs. S. J. Cheek, Mrs. Sim Everett, Mrs. John Lackey, Mrs. B. B. Gamble, Mrs. Bernice Houser, Mrs. Nettie Moon and Misses Mable Jordan, Hester Jordan, and Jennie Mae McDowell.

**Six Inch Sermon**  
**REV. ROBERT H. HARPER**

A Good Neighbor.  
Lesson for December 8: Luke 10: 25-37.  
Golden Text: Luke 10: 27.

A certain lawyer asked Jesus a question intending, if possible, to confuse the Master. But Jesus turned the tables, became the questioner and drew from the other a wise answer concerning the great command in the law.

Then, as the lawyer was brought to face that command "desiring to justify himself" and pretending not to know the scope of his obligation, he said, "And who is my neighbor?" In answer Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan.

The story indicates that the man who fell among the robbers was a Jew. So the deed of the Good Neighbor, who was of alien race with which the Jews had no dealings, shines all the more brightly as one of pure benevolence. When both priest and levite, religionists of the man's own race, passed him by, the Samaritan stopped in his journey and ministered lovingly unto him.

When Jesus had told the story he asked, "Which of these three proved neighbor unto him that fell among the robbers?" The lawyer could not but answer, "He that showed mercy on him."

Thus did the Great Teacher lead the lawyer to answer his own question. Further, the plain teaching of the story is that our neighbor is the man in need, whom we must love and serve, whether he lives in the house next door or in a hut beyond the sea. This leaves no room for doubt as to the scope of our duty as good neighbors and it sets before us a privilege so broad in its range that we can never lack the opportunity of being good neighbors, of reaching loving hands of helpfulness toward some needy man somewhere.

## JOTS....

Jokes & Jingles

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JEDDIE MAE

Those two men you saw around town the first of the week having the time of their lives were Frank L. Fisher of Beaumont and Charlie Keffer of Wichita Falls, here on a visit with a number of their old-time acquaintances.

Mr. Fisher, who has done quite a bit of traveling in his life time, has about decided that it's a small old world after all. Not long ago he returned to his native Iowa, just to see how faces and the landmarks had changed. While walking through the park he came upon a man sitting on one of the benches—a man he had never seen before—and within a few minutes discovered that the man's wife was the granddaughter of a very old and close friend of his who had lived in a town some miles away from where he was leaving the locality. Mr. Fisher had spent several days visiting his old friends. On another occasion while Mr. Fisher was visiting at a lookout tower with several friends, a lady member of the party, whose father had disappeared a number of years ago, and whose whereabouts were unknown even to her, glanced at a part of the wooden framework of the tower and there was carried the name of her father. How long the name had been there she did not know.

Mr. Fisher, who left Hico in the early 1890's soon after selling the Hico mill and elevator to the Wiesners, can recollect an endless number of similar stories, and he always has an interested audience.

Our secretary (the one who opens our mail) handed us a card this week from Mrs. Willie Platt, who has been traipsing around all over the country and has finally ended up in Lake Charles, La., having a very pleasant visit, but a bit lonesome for all her old friends. Says she is going to New Orleans soon for a visit there.

Wynama Anderson sadly admits that the quaint little Liberty Bell pin, sent her by her sister, was cracked when it arrived.

Charming visitors in our office Monday were Mrs. Ida Tunnell and her son, Ted, of Fort Worth, who came in to renew their subscription. Mrs. Tunnell struck that soft spot in our heart when she complimented most highly our column and says they enjoy reading it very much. We don't know how we will ever get Ted back in a good humor with us, but we're trying to blame our error on his aunt.

Mrs. G. H. Anderson, who really doesn't know how grown-up he is and how near she came to getting us in "Dutch."

Little Miss Muffett Sat on a tuffett Eating her cereal and cream. Along came a spider And sat down beside her And said: "Be sure and save that box top."

J. W. Dohoney, former Hico High School student, now with the Ford Motor Company of Cleburne, stopped in Hico one day this week for a hurry-up job of visiting with a few relatives and friends and paid the News Review for a visit. J. W. said it was impossible for him to get around to seeing everyone, so in order to catch up on what's been happening he ordered the paper sent to him at Cleburne. For good measure we threw in some late information on what a few of his friends were doing.

Congratulations to those looking-ahead, up-to-the-minute merchants who have already arranged attractive Christmas windows and displays. Deserving honorable mention are: The fireside scene at Hoffmann's, those two-room arrangements at Barrow Furniture Co., the cedar-decked gift-suggestion windows at Petty's, electrical

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appliance display at Community Public Service, fruit and candy displays at most of the grocery stores and many other Christmas decorations that lend a holiday atmosphere. We know they must realize that putting the shoppers in the Christmas mood is a solution to the selling problem. Take us, for instance. We are half sold when we see the pretty lights and hear the bells jingling.

Statistical item: It took Claud Christopher and Jack Malone a week to decorate that fireworks store opened by Randals Brothers in the building next door to their grocery store. Criss-crossing that red and green paper is really a job, says Claud.

**Millerville**  
By CHAS. W. GIESECKE

Geo. Phipps and H. J. Howerton and Marion Elkins are building tanks and will soon be ready for another eight-inch rain.

Jim D. Wright and C. R. Higginbotham made a trip to East Texas with some cattle last week end.

Mrs. Delbert and Mrs. Willis Phipps of Unity visited their husbands' parents here Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Phipps, The Phipps men are in Mineral Wells at work.

Uncle Pete Bays is in Waco this week having a growth removed from one of his eyes.

Slim Beckett and family of Gatesville visited his brother-in-law, Edward Williams, and family Saturday night and Sunday.

C. H. Miller was in Strawn and Thurber last Saturday attending to business.

Chas. L. Conner and son, Elbert, and E. B. Conner were in Stephenville last Saturday evening attending a farmers' educational meeting.

Mrs. M. E. Giesecke is in the Salem community this week visiting her sister, Mrs. Dorothy Albright.

Mrs. Frank Rainwater has been quite ill but is improving at present.

R. E. Lowery and son, Charles, who has spent the last two months in different parts of West Texas returned home last week.

Milton Howerton was in Fort Worth last week on business. Stanley Giesecke filled his regular appointment at Hico Sunday. He and his family, after services, visited their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Griffin, at Unity.

**Falls Creek**  
By LULA MAE COSTON

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Fewell and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dohoney spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Allen.

Lola Mae Todd of Fairly spent Tuesday night with Mary Katherine Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Morrison and Erlene spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hall and family of Iredell.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sills and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Nat Grimes and children.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bullard spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tolliver and family of Iredell.

Johanne Stutts of Cameron, Texas, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. W. W. Foust.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Coston and Virginia spent Sunday afternoon in Comanche visiting Mr. Coston's brother and his family.

Annie Mae Tolliver of Iredell spent Sunday with Lula Mae Coston.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Conrad of Meridian spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ryan and son.

Mildred Sanders of Dry Fork spent Wednesday night with Lula Mae Coston.

Mrs. Simmons and daughters of Hico spent Thursday night in the H. G. Coston home.

Joe T. Abel of Fairly spent Tuesday night with David Battershell.

## FUTURE FARMER FEATURES



**Local Chapter Wins Honors In Federation Leadership Contests**  
Wednesday night, December 4, a group of Hico Future Farmers went to the Bosque Valley Federation Leadership Contests held at Iredell. We entered the Senior Chapter Conducting Contest, the Greenhand Chapter Conducting Contest, and the Public Speaking Contest. As a result of our efforts, we won first place in the Greenhand Chapter Conducting Contest, second place in the Senior Chapter Conducting Contest, and second place in Public Speaking. The prizes were one dollar for first place, and fifty cents for each of the two second places. The local chapter has decided to add some money to this and purchase some trophies to show these honors.

Forty boys have taken a test on the History and Constitution of the F. F. A. with all making a satisfactory grade to receive a Certificate of Merit award. We are expecting these certificates in about two weeks. In order to qualify for the certificates, the boys had to make a grade of above "85" on not less than seventy-five questions.

Our projects are making good progress in preparation for our livestock show next spring. In addition to the many pigs and sheep on feed, we have 16 feeder calves and one registered Hereford bull. To feed out these animals, the F. F. A. boys have cooperatively bought seventy-five bushels of corn, one hundred and twenty-five bushels of oats, and two thousand pounds of cottonseed meal to supplement their farm feeds now on hand. We hope the farmers in our community will begin preparation now for cooperating with us in putting on a livestock show next spring by getting their animals ready to enter in the show.

**STANLEY OAKLEY, Reporter.**

**No Sunday Matinee**  
E. H. Henry, manager of the Palace Theatre, has announced that beginning this Sunday, December 8, there will be no Sunday matinee—only the Sunday evening show.

The Saturday midnight show in the future will be the same as that shown on Sunday and Monday nights.

## Manna Want Hico Paper

Rev. J. C. Mann, writing from Granger where he went last month to take over the pastorate of the Methodist Church after having been stationed in Hico for four years, says they have been missing the News Review, and want the situation remedied.

"We have a nice place down here," he writes. "The pastor has a good roomy study with a carpet on the floor, nice new paper on the walls, and even a nice picture. There are several more rooms, and a separate Sunday School room and equipment for the Junior Department, and also for the Primary and Nursery Departments, also a kitchen.

"But we are having lots of fun trying to learn some of the 'foreign' names, such as Knauth, Hruska, Poppelz, Sladeczek, and Mikulencak.

"I preached the community Thanksgiving sermon Tuesday night, and then went to the Moravian Brethren Church and heard a service all in the Czech language."

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- Armour's Star Peanut Butter, full qt. 23c
- Catsup, 14" bottle Blue Diamond 10c
- Raisins, 2 lbs. Thompson Seedless 15c
- Pineapple, cr. or sliced, 10c can—3 for 20c
- Matches, lg. size Diamonds 6 boxes 19c
- Oxydol, lg. size, each 19c
- Soap, P&G or Crystal White, 5 giant boxes 19c
- Texas Oranges, nice size, sweet, doz. 10c
- Texas Grapefruit, nice size, seedless 4 for 5c
- Assortment Canned Goods, values 5c to 10c per doz. 59c
- Lard, Swift Jewel or Vegetole 4 lbs. 35c
- All 5c Candy 3 for 10c
- Fresh Tomatoes, per lb. 5c

**MARKET SPECIALS**  
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Center cut 29c lb. End Cut 25c lb.  
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# HOW TO IMPROVE HICO

Praise it.

Talk about it.

Trade at home.

Write about it.

Take a home pride in it.

Remember it is your home.

Tell of its own business resources.

When strangers come to town, use them well.

Look ahead of self when all the town is considered.

Don't call your best citizens imposters and frauds.

Try to induce others to trade here.

Support the local institutions that benefit the town.

Help your public officers do the most good for the most people.

Don't forget that you live off the people here, and should help others as they help you.

Respect every good citizen in the town, and if there are any others, try to make them good.

But above all **TRADE AT HOME!**

## KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

During 1940 a series of monthly messages, sponsored by local merchants, has appeared in this paper. This is the last of the series—

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By  
CORRESPONDENT

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Warren of Harbin spent Thursday night of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gey.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Curry and children of Blanket spent the week end with his father, Jim Curry, and family of Carlton. Mrs. Lola Lackey, who has been in the Waco Hospital for the past four weeks taking treatments, returned home last week. We are sorry to say Mrs. Lackey is not doing so well.

G. C. Wright and son, Ray Gene, were business visitors in Hico on Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Tull Thompson and children were business visitors in Comanche last Wednesday. They also visited her father, H. F. Elms, of Gustine.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Pollard were in Hico Wednesday attending to business.

Mrs. J. H. Tull and daughter, Mrs. L. A. Anderson, have returned to their home after spending several days with their daughter, Mrs. E. A. Blanchard, and husband of Stephenville.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Montgomery and son were business visitors in Dublin Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Everett and children, Leroy and Shirley Jean, of Las Cruces, N. M., who have been visiting his parents, left Wednesday for their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd A. Funk of Holliday, are the proud parents of a fine baby, who arrived at their home November 22. He has been given the name of Julian Loyd. Mrs. Funk before her marriage was Miss Pauline Morgan.

Mrs. J. H. Montgomery and children of Dallas spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. A. Montgomery and children.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Mote and Mrs. H. Cathey were business visitors in Hamilton Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Everett and son, Barton of Hico, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Everett.

Mrs. Raymond Stephens and mother, Mrs. Prater, of Dublin spent Friday afternoon with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Deared Thompson, and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Grey made a business trip to Hamilton and Iredell Wednesday.

J. O. Pollard and wife spent Sunday with their son, Oscar Pollard, and wife of near Altman.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Richbourg of Hico were here Monday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Smith and her sister, Mrs. Dock Finley and husband. They also visited his sister, Mrs. Sim Everett, and husband.

Harry Stephens of Carlton and Miss Madeline Bratcher of Hagar, N. M., were married Nov. 22 in New Mexico. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Stephens and has many friends here.

We are not acquainted with the bride, but we are sure Mr. Stephens made a good selection in selecting a New Mexico girl for his wife. They are now at home in Stephenville.

Here's wishing for them much success and happiness in the future.

**Clairette**

By  
NILA MARIE ALEXANDER

Brother Broughten, the new Methodist preacher, filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Twenty-one friends, neighbors, and relatives of Mr. E. J. Land, who is in ill health, met and cut and sawed 12 loads of wood for him Monday. He extends his great thanks to each one helping in this good deed.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hub Alexander Friday night were: Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. John East, Mrs. S. O. Durham, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gollightly and children, Joan, Betty and Charles, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Alexander.

Supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roberson Wednesday night were Mr. and Mrs. Otto Love of Duffau, and Mr. Love's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Love, of Alba, Texas.

A large crowd attended the program given by the Sunshine Boys of KGKO last Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Johnson have completed their new rock home two miles west of Clairette

on the Hico-Dublin Highway, and are now preparing to move into it.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roberson and daughters, Rita and Vita, visited Mr. and Mrs. Hood Howerton of Carlton Sunday.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hub Alexander Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Head and children, Mrs. George W. Salmon, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Alexander, and Wilma Louise Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Sherrard and children, Ethridge, Charlene, and Mary Elizabeth, and Mr. Will Sherrard visited Lila Sherrard at Mineral Wells, who is employed at the Palace Beauty Shop.

Nila Marie Alexander spent Saturday night with Mrs. George W. Salm.

Rev. Broughten and his little daughter were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Thompson last Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Starnes of Stephenville spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Lackey.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ben Thornton and

daughter have moved to the farm vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Sawyer.

Lewis Smith was in Hico Friday afternoon.

Georgella Harris is in a hospital in Dallas recovering from an operation. She is reported to be some better, which is good news to her many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Lynch and children spent Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Holland.

Mrs. Perkins received word that her nephew, Tom Frank Priddy, who was seriously injured in a car wreck and was in a Brownwood hospital, is better, which is good news to their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Sawyer and Bryan Smith visited Mrs. Ella Newton and family Tuesday and helped kill and dress a hog.

**Duffau**

By  
DOROTHY DESKIN

Hog killing seems to be the order of the day.

Miss Marjorie Fouts of Iredell visited her parents over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Love visited relatives at Weatherford and Fort Worth Friday night and Saturday. They were accompanied to Fort Worth by Mrs. Love's parents, who have been visiting them.

Miss June Lackey of Stephenville spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Lackey.

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**Buck Springs**

By  
LORENE HYLES

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Knight and children visited Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Stanford and children Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McClendon and children and Mr. and Mrs.

**Gordon**

By  
MRS. ELLA NEWTON

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**SATURDAY MIDNIGHT,**  
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"FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS"  
Weaver Bros. and Elviry

**NEXT THURS. & FRI.—**  
"RANGERS OF FORTUNE"  
Fred McMurray and Patricia Morison

In the future there will be no Sunday afternoon shows. The Saturday midnight show will be the same as that shown on Sunday and Monday nights.

**"THE GREEN HORNET"**  
13 THRILLING CHAPTERS  
Beginning Saturday night, showing every Saturday night for the next 13 weeks.

**Attends Trustee Meeting**  
Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Swindell were in Brownwood last Friday where the Rev. Swindell attended a meeting of the trustees of Howard Payne College. While there they also visited with their daughter, Mrs. Ralph B. Griffin, and family.

**Move To Wickett**  
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wilson, who have been residing on a farm on Route 2 since their marriage in the Spring, have moved to Wickett, where Mr. Wilson is employed in a grocery store and service station. Mrs. Wilson is the former Miss Dorothy Perry.

**Residence Gets Improvements**  
The home of Mrs. E. J. Parker, across the street from the News Review office, is this week undergoing a number of improvements which include minor repairs to the framework and reshingling of the roof.

**To Work in Hamlin**  
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fairley took their son, Curtis, to Hamlin Wednesday where he has accepted a nice position with the American Gypsum Corporation. They also visited relatives while there.

**Want Ads**

BUY, sell or trade through the Bird Land Co. in Stephenville. No deal too small nor too large for us to handle. V. H. Bird and Fred L. Wolfe. 28-1c.

If you are going to raise cotton, raise the BEST. It pays. TEXAS SPECIAL is especially adapted to this locality. S. J. Cheek, Sr., agent. 28-2c.

FOR LEASE: 100-acre farm, 2 miles from Hico; 4-room house. \$70 per year lease. Write Mrs. M. Anderson, 255 Koberlin St., San Angelo, Texas. 28-1p.

FOR SALE: Blue serge suit, \$7.50; dark gray suit, \$8.75; both suits almost new. A bargain for some one. Frank Mingus, Phone 51. 28-1c.

WANTED: Housekeeper, single or widowed, for company and light housework. Nominal pay. Apply after Dec. 22 to Mrs. E. F. Porter. 28-3c.

FOR SALE: Baby beef type turkeys from Sunflower Hatchery stock of Newton, Kansas. \$1 above market price. Aubrey Smith, Rt. 3, Hico. 27-3p.

FOR SALE: 19 acres, 10 in city limits of Hico, 9 out; without buildings on it. M. P. Walker. 28-2p.

FOR SALE: One \$30 overcoat, \$8. Two pair full-lined tweed knickerbockers, size 8, \$1 pair. Everett's Tailor Shop. 28-1c.

WANT TO BUY up to 1000 acres grass land. See Geo. Griffin, Hico Billiard Club. 28-1c.

Be sure and see "The Green Hornet," starting Saturday night at the Palace Theatre. 28-1c.

FOR RENT: Nice apartment, all conveniences. Mrs. Shirley Campbell. 28-1c.

See J. A. McEntire, near Salem school, for BB Stock Turkeys, New blood this year. 26-3p.

FOR SALE: My place in Hico on Duffau road. See Mrs. R. C. Pryor. 28-1c.

FOR LEASE: Pasture for 1941. Everlasting water. 50 cents acre. S. O. Mingus, Route 3, Hico. 27-3p.

FOR SALE: Baby beef bronze stock turkeys. Cheap. Mrs. R. L. Smith, Route 3. 27-1c.

SAVE \$4 per ton on your cattle feed. Book your order today. Mrs. G. C. Keener. 27-1c.

FOR SALE: Boy's bicycle; also high chair. See John Higgins. 1p.

LARD CANS and buckets for sale. Buckhorn Cafe. 27-2c.

FOR ELECTRICAL WORK of all kinds see J. R. Bobo. 1-1c.

POSTED—No bird hunting on the Nelms estate. 21-1c.

**Unity**  
By  
MRS. L. A. COLE

Bill and Gerald Griffis of Fort Worth visited in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Griffis. They came because of the illness of Mr. Griffis.

Mrs. Rance McElroy received word from California that her brother-in-law, Charlie Caudle, was seriously ill.

Mr. Tom Griffis is laid up with a badly infected foot. It seems that he is doing as well as possible, but is having a bad time of it.

Miss Theta McElroy of Iredell is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McElroy.

Elder Stanley Giesecke and family spent Sunday in the Griffis home.

Mrs. Frank Griffis and Horace spent Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Cole.

Mrs. W. M. Griffis and daughter, Mary, of Postville and Mrs. Earl Smith of Hamilton visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Griffis. They are the mother and sisters of Mr. Griffis.

New application blanks are now available for the purpose of securing mattresses. Those that are interested and that are eligible may secure blanks from J. L. J. Kidd.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hicks visited Monday in the Griffis home.

The H. D. Club met in the home of Mrs. Kidd on Nov. 28. The afternoon was spent in setting out shrubs for a foundation in the yard of Mrs. Kidd. New officers elected were: Mrs. Kidd, president; Mrs. Hipp, vice-president; Mrs. Burl Bales, secretary and treasurer; and Mrs. Griffis, reporter.

**Flag Branch**  
By  
HAZEL COOPER

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Ford and Miss Jeanne Parker spent a while Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Bandy and daughter, Juanita, spent Saturday morning in the Earnest Dunlap home.

Alvin Mingus and family visited N. L. Mingus and wife Thursday. While there they helped kill a hog.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Moore of Chalk Mountain visited Clarence Moore and family Thursday. Miss Maxine Moore spent the week end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gostin.

Miss Ella Thornton is spending a while with her niece, Mrs. Eldridge Kimbrow, and family.

Ben Thornton and family moved this week to the Will Helm place vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Sawyer. Mr. and Mrs. Olin Edwards will move to the place vacated by Ben Thornton.

Sam Simpson has built him a goat shed on his place so he can take better care of his goats.

Miss Carrie Virginia Burks spent the week end with her grandmother, Mrs. J. C. Hanshaw, of Gordon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Craig and son, Bob, visited in the Frank Craig home Sunday.

John McCoy and three sons, Alton, Houston and Tommie, and Cecil Daniel of Dunaigan were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Bandy Saturday night.

**Dry Fork**  
By  
OPAL DRIVER

Giles Driver and son, Herman, were business visitors in Hamilton Monday.

Mrs. Truman Lowery and daughter of Olin were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Box and daughter, Dorothy.

Mr. and Mrs. Murrell Abies and sons, Melvin and Roy Allan, and Opal Driver were visitors in Stephenville Friday.

Miss Mills Page Douglas spent Tuesday night with Miss Margaret Barber.

Miss Opal Driver spent Wednesday with Mrs. Hardy Parker at Greyville.

Mrs. Jack Sanders and children attended the skating rink at Fairy Saturday night.

**IT PAYS TO BE CUTE AND SING SO "PRETTY"**  
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5.—Ever wonder what Judy Garland is paid for being so cute and singing so prettily?

Here are the figures, as revealed by her seven-year movie contract filed in superior court recently: \$2,000 per week for the next three years.

\$2,500 for the two years following.

\$3,000 for the last two years.

She is guaranteed 40 weeks' work each year. The contract was submitted by M. G. M. studio because Judy is only 18.

**Ads To Increase**  
ATLANTA, Dec. 5.—Clarence L. Jordan, executive vice president of N. W. Ayer & Son, Inc., advertising agency, asserted here this week that more advertising would be placed in newspapers in 1941 than ever before.

**Bars Criminals From Service**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—War department directed corps area commanders early this week to bar military service to potential draftees who have been convicted of a felony or who are on parole or probation.

**TODAY and TOMORROW**

**RELIGION**  
For three years the Protestant Episcopal Church in America and the Presbyterian Church have been considering merging into one religious body. The project has now been postponed for another year.

With the adjournment, three out of action, of the Triennial Convention of the Episcopalians. There was, however, a great joint meeting of the two sects, and leaders of both are hopeful of eventual union.

There are three distinct branches of the Lutheran church in America. They, too, have been trying to find a common ground on which to merge, as the various Methodist church branches recently did. They haven't quite got to the point of union, but in this great sect there is a widespread feeling that they are getting close to becoming a single church instead of three.

To me every effort to bring religious bodies together seems important. A large part of the disunity in which religion is held in America arises from the great number of sects, differing from each other in no essential particular, but creating the impression that religious people are hopelessly divided among themselves and have nothing positive to offer the seeker for light.

**TOLERANCE**  
What hurts the cause of religion most, as I see it, is the intolerance of members of some sects for those holding a different view from their own on matters of ritual or interpretation. It is every American's right to believe and practice whatever religion he or she pleases, or none at all. That goes without saying. Everyone has a right to try to convert others to his particular belief.

There has never been any doubt in my mind that those rights are conditioned upon respecting the rights of everyone else to worship as he pleases. No American has any right to denounce another because he belongs to a different religious sect. I happen to have been born the son of a Protestant minister, but one of the earliest teachings of my father was that Jews and Catholics had the same right to their beliefs that Protestants had.

The test of any man's religion is not the name of the church to which he belongs but his personal character. I have known men of almost every creed with whom I would not want to be associated in any way. I have known men and women of the finest character belonging to sects with whose tenets I totally disagree. I long ago gave up asking what any man's religion is; all I want to know is what is his personal character.

**CHARACTER**  
"Character" is something which is hard to define. It is the sum of all the qualities which make up an individual's personality. To say that a man has a good character is to say more than merely that he pays his bills and meets his just obligations. Character, in the last analysis, involves doing much more than one is required to do, in holding an attitude toward others in which kindness and justice are mingled.

One has to know a man or woman pretty well to discover all the qualities that go to make up that individual's character. I think one test is contained in Lord Chesterfield's definition of a gentleman. Writing to his son, he said: "A gentleman is one who never gives offense unintentionally." That, of course, implies a constant awareness of the sensitivities of others and a constant alertness to avoid hurting another's feelings.

I begin to be suspicious of a man's character when I find that he habitually criticizes others without sufficient justification, and that he never admits his share of the blame for any trouble in which he may be involved.

**POLITICS**  
We have just come through a political campaign in which, if the charges made by their respective oppositions were true, none of the candidates had a personal character that would make him a fit person for that sort of personal "smearing" has always been considered fair play in politics. No candidate for office ever had such vile and vicious attacks made upon him publicly as George Washington, and none of his successors has escaped.

Modeled after the blanket insurance policies issued high school football teams this year, basketball policies will cover specified injuries, x-rays, fractures, dislocations, sprains and lacerations. Basketball season this year—to open officially after football district championships are determined—will see more than 12,000 high school students representing 1,533 teams, sitting out for practice sessions, Kidd said.

As long ago as the year 4241 B. C., Egyptian priests calculated a year of 365 days, although calendars such as we have now were unknown to them.

Like humans and other mammals, monkeys have two sets of teeth—the temporary milk teeth, and the so-called permanent teeth which replaces them.

citizen. Certainly among those I have known, which include the last ten, none has deserved most of the abuse which has been heaped upon him by his political enemies.

It is an odd quirk in human nature which impels people to accuse those they do not like or with whom they differ on public questions, of all sorts of personal vices and dishonest practices. I have strongly disagreed with the points of view of many public men, and disapproved their conduct of their offices, but that is no reason why I should regard them as personal blackguards and scoundrels.

I would like to see more men in high office follow the example of "Teddy" Roosevelt, who got so tired of slanders, he called him a drunkard that he finally brought one of them into court on a charge of criminal libel. There should be more libel suits in politics.

**Nancy Hart's HOME NEWS**

Christmas preparedness may well begin with the baking of the fruit cakes. It always gives me a comfortable feeling to know that rich and black, my loaves are ripening in their brandy-soaked wrappings against the day I shall want them for gifts and for serving.

Of course you can buy delicious fruit cakes from your baker, and if your time is precious you need have no concern over the necessity of baking them. Place your order with your local baker or with a nationally advertised baking company and be assured that your fruit cake will be most delicious and satisfactory in every respect.

In case you do have the urge to bake your own fruit cake in your own kitchen here's the recipe. This recipe will yield four good sized loaves.

**Rich Black Fruit Cake**  
Two cups shortening (butter and lard mixed), 1 cup brown sugar, 19 eggs, 1 cup molasses, 1 cup fruit juice or brandy, 4 cups flour, 1 teaspoon salt, 6 squares bitter chocolate, 1/2 teaspoon soda, 1 tablespoon hot water, 1 tablespoon cinnamon, 2 teaspoons each cloves, allspice, mace and nutmeg, 2 pounds seeded raisins, 1 pound seedless raisins, 1 pound cleaned currants, 1/2 pound candied cherries, 1/2 pound candied pineapple, 1/4 pound candied orange and lemon peels, 2 1/2 cups blanched and shredded almonds, 2 tablespoons vanilla.

Prepare fruit and nuts. Cut cherries in halves and pineapple in thin slices. If citron and candied peels must be sliced and shredded, warm well before cutting. Mix prepared fruit and nuts and sift one cup of the flour over them. Mix thoroughly.

Cream shortening and beat in sugar. Add prepared fruit mixture and mix well. Add yolks of eggs which have been beaten until thick and lemon colored. Add molasses, chocolate which has been melted over hot water and brandy. Sift remaining flour with salt and spices and add half to mixture. Fold in whites of eggs which have been well beaten. Add remaining flour. Mix and add soda dissolved in hot water and vanilla. Turn into deep pans which have been lined with heavy waxed paper.

If you steam your cake, cover the pans with heavy paper and steam three hours. Remove from steamer and bake 1 hour in a slow oven (300 degrees F.).

If you bake the cake, bake 4 1/2 hours in a very slow oven (275 degrees F.).

When done remove from pans and cool. Roll in a brandy-soaked cloth and then wrap closely in heavy waxed paper and store in a tight tin box. Or you can sprinkle the cakes themselves with brandy before wrapping and storing.

**60c PER PLAYER: COST OF INSURING BASKETBALL TEAM**  
AUSTIN, Dec. 5.—It won't cost but 60 cents per man to insure your high school basketball squad. University of Texas Intercollegiate League officials announced this week.

For the first time this year members of the League basketball tournament may obtain blanket policies to protect their teams. R. J. Kidd, League athletic director, said. Insurance must include all members of a squad under 20, or a minimum of 20 players for teams over that number.

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**LETTERS from Our Readers**

**A NOISE MAKER**  
Burnet, Tex., Nov. 30, 1940.  
Dear Editor:

Well, here comes a reader of The Hico News Review, a weekly we enjoy reading. Read its news columns, its locals, its editorials, its correspondents, its ads, and its Jots, Jokes and Jingles by Jennie Mae. Do not mean to infer her column comes last—it is second only to "Here in Hico" without equal from any other source of reading matter. To Jots, here's here:

Blackbird has long wings. Red bird has a pretty name. Jennie has no wings at all—But writes good just the same.

But shucks, no wonder the reader is smiling. Just think about reading the good old News Review and who's making all this noise. The Good Book says in Romans 13:8, to owe no man anything, but it doesn't say provided so and so. If a fellow wrongfully accuses another, does he owe an apology, or does he not?

Then in Timothy 5:13 the Book advises about tattling, but that takes in the feminine class and doesn't reach your truly—just making a noise, now, that's all.

Anyway we have been accused of almost everything, from making a "Willkie noise" to running around with preachers. But two things we never come under condemnation of—voting a prohibition ticket or endorsing a Republican for any office. We have been bulldozed, held up and held down; stuck for war tax, personal tax, poll tax, excess profit tax, State tax, per capita tax, dog tax and home tax; been crossed and double-crossed, and asked for contributions to Red Cross; been asked to help various societies, men's relief, women's relief, stomach relief and children's relief, headache relief and itching feet relief; and so forth and so on; but was never accused but once of being a Willkieite, but—

If we had been born in Mesquite, spent our school days in Garland, operated a Linotype with foreign keyboard in a "Salt Shaker" office, we might have been the owner and editor of one of Texas' best weeklies in the best town between San Antonio and Stephenville, known as Hico, Texas. You can't always sometimes tell what a fellow will amount to with a good background.

And to ease out of trouble, if Hamilton would move to Hico, it would be a right respectable looking town.

Well, anyway, stammering lips and other tongues and noise-making sometimes helps to remove a sleepy, drowsy feeling.

So, so, what's become of Dink's interesting column we used to read, anyway?

... OLD JIM.

Editor's note: Old Jim down at Burnet will probably hear from Dink, who's hibernating in Hamilton, when she reads what he said about that town. And he may hear from Burnet people when he rates Hico above his home town. The cause for the above outburst was a recent visit by this same fellow, who was accused of being a Willkieite from the noise he was making. We must have hurt his feelings, for he accuses this editor of having been born in Mesquite, which isn't so. But old friends can say things about each other that sound pretty rough, and get by with it. We notice you say you don't sign your name unless you are in some sort of controversy. You may be right there pretty soon, brother. Come again, Mr. B.)

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