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Support of National Programs

November 9.—Further support of the National war and post war programs was advanced today that 65 4-H boys and girls had been selected for educational awards, of which the winner will receive a merit from Fred G. ...

Calvin K. Cranson, La Junta; Wayne Surchera; Irene Carol Plag; and Marguerite Poin...

Buddy Gene Bragg, Tall Tanner, Route 1, Ida; Jack Holland, Kress; ...

officials certifying the basis of their past activity in this territory in C. W. Ferguson, state club ...

will be afforded an educational trip to the 4-H Club Congress to be Chicago December 3rd to

Damages in Plainview Area

varying from a quarter to two inches with hail damage to the cotton in all over the Plainview area ...

east of Plainview two inches of rain fell. Lakes that Monday were almost full ...

LOTMENTS ARE ANNE FOR TEXAS

Texas cooperatives have loan allotments for and other developments ...

the Belfalls Electric Co., Inc., Rosebud, Milam \$30,000; DeWitt County ...

of the law is not then what about ignorance law-makers?

President Roosevelt and Senator Truman take lead in Tuesday's Election for President and Vice President of the United States for the next four years



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT



SENATOR HARRY S. TRUMAN

Southwestern Sun Carnival Dec. 29 to January 1

El Paso, November 9th.—The Southwestern Sun Carnival Association opened headquarters today for the tenth annual Sun Carnival, which will be celebrated here December 29th through January 1st.

The 1945 Sun Carnival schedule calls for the El Paso Symphony Orchestra concert on December 29, coronation ceremonies on December 30, a parade on December 31, and the Sun Bowl football game on January 1st.

The Sun Queen and her princesses and duchesses will be honored guests at the concert. On the following evening, the Sun Queen will be crowned at elaborate ceremonies, with her duchesses and princesses from neighboring communities in attendance.

Because of war-time conditions, the spectacular parade that always marked the Sun Carnival will again be omitted. However, there will be a parade this year, but along less ambitious lines. Details of this parade are being worked out by the Old-Timers of El Paso.

Teams have not yet been selected for the Sun Bowl game, annual gridiron classic which has developed into one of the nation's outstanding bowl games. It is contemplated, however, that two of the top-ranking service teams will be lined up against each other in the battle for the Sun Bowl championship trophy. Tickets for the football game are already on sale.

At the same time, the Chamber of Commerce is broadcasting a warning throughout the East and Mid-West, urging Sun Carnival visitors to obtain confirmation of hotel reservations before leaving for El Paso.

POSTOFFICE WILL BE CLOSED SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

The local postoffice will be closed Saturday, November 11, in observance of the holiday. No rural or city mail will be delivered. The office will be open from 3 to 5 p. m. to serve the public, Mrs. Barbara Smith, stated.

MASTER SERGEANT TRUMAN E. DUNN STATIONED IN ENGLAND

An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station, England—Master Sergeant Truman E. Dunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh L. Dunn, Floydada, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal while serving as a Flying Fortress crew maintenance chief of the 401st Bombardment Group (H) command by Col. H. W. Bowman, Arlington, Va.

The citation accompanying the award reads: "For meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Crew Chief of a heavy bombardment airplane. M-Sgt. Truman E. Dunn has displayed an exceptionally high degree of technical skill and efficiency in maintaining his airplane in excellent condition during the period from 5 January 1944 to 22 September 1944. By his superior mechanical ability, he has maintained his aircraft in such a manner that combat crews have never experienced a mechanical failure.

M-Sgt. Dunn has by his leadership and devotion to duty, inspired his ground crew to an exceptional degree of thoroughness. His extremely capable and untiring efforts have been the main contributing factors in his aircraft maintenance record of 54 consecutive missions without a mechanical about. The tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty displayed by M-Sgt. Dunn reflect the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States."

Sgt. Dunn received his specialized training at Geiger Field, Washington, and Great Falls, Montana before coming overseas last Fall. He was inducted in the army at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, January 11, 1942.

The health of the school child was discussed by the Texas Inter-professional Commission on Child Development in conference at the University of Texas recently. W. R. Bodine of the State Department of Health reported that a study of 354 Anglo-American children in an Austin school showed 58.7 per cent needed medical attention; 59 per cent needed visual attention, and 92 per cent needed dental attention.

Oil Operators Oppose Ratification of Treaty

Austin, November 9.—All three of the Texas regional chambers of commerce have voiced emphatic opposition to the Anglo-American Petroleum Treaty which is now pending before the United States Senate for ratification.

Ray Leeman, executive vice president of the South Texas Chamber of Commerce, pledged the efforts of his organization to defeat ratification of the treaty which would place the oil resources of the United States at the mercy of foreign oil manipulators, saying:

"This Anglo-American petroleum treaty is dangerous. It was framed without discussion with petroleum industry leaders or the public. It is simply another device to attain federal control of American industry and is being used as a legal expedient for the creation of a federal power over and in excess of the constitutional powers of the Congress. Moreover, it violates the existing American system of giving to the states the rights of conservation regulations. We are in opposition to and shall continue to oppose this movement."

Opposition of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce was voiced in this statement by Joe E. Butler, president:

"I am opposed to Anglo-American Petroleum Agreement for the reason that I object to permanent government control in fixing prices and production allocations leading to legalized cartels and would mean complete destruction for independent oil operators, in my opinion."

M. C. Ulmer, president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce said his organization is unalterably opposed to ratification of the petroleum treaty. Ulmer said:

"Apparently forthcoming peace terms will be on world wide basis effecting production, commerce and trade between nations, and until these world wide policies are settled, we think it unwise to now enter into any agreement pooling

CORPORAL CLAYTON D. CUMBIE IS STATIONED IN SOUTHERN FRANCE

An Advanced Thunderbolt Air-Drome in France—When Corporal Clayton D. Cumbie of Route two Floydada, Texas, arrived in Southern France, he came with a veteran fighter-bomber group which was the first to operate from newly taken Riviera Air Shrips. The group, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel William R. Nevitt of Houston, Texas, recently passed its 2,000th mission total, during which time vast amounts of enemy equipment has been destroyed or put out of action, since the beginning of the Mediterranean campaign.

Corporal Cumbie arrived overseas with his group on December 26, 1942, landing in Africa, and later was among the first to go ashore in Sicily and Italy. His job as a telephone switchboard operator is an important one in the efficient operation of the unit.

Corporal Cumbie, whose mother, Mrs. C. A. Cumbie, resides near Floydada, attended Floydada High School and Wayland College in Plainview. He was engaged in farming before enlisting in the service at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, December 29th, 1941, shortly after the rights of conservation regulations. We are in opposition to and shall continue to oppose this movement."

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our oil resources with other nations as proposed in the Anglo American Petroleum Agreement."

Each of the regional chambers of commerce are circulating petitions and indications are that many thousands of Texans will take this opportunity of adding their protest to the ratification of the Anglo American petroleum agreement which leaders of the oil industry and members of the Texas Railroad Commission say will jeopardize the economic life of the State through foreign manipulation of the state's oil resources.

Cotton Purchase Program for 1944 Available

Full parity price to farmers for their 1944 crop of cotton is assured under the new Commodity Credit Corporation purchase program regardless of whether or not it is under a government loan, Paul Snodgrass, chairman of the Floyd County ACA Committee, said today.

The CCC will purchase all cotton for which a loan rate schedule has been announced, offered to it up to June 30, 1945. The cotton will be purchased at the following prices: (basis, middling 15-16 inch) October, 21.73 cents per pound; November, 21.78; December, 21.83; January, 21.88; February, 21.93; March, 21.98; April 22.03; May, 22.08; and June 22.13

The five point increase per month has been added to the price as allowance to the farmer for storage and carrying charges.

Other highlights of the purchase program are:

1. Premiums and discounts are the same as those of 1944 loan program, based on middling 15-16 purchase rates, gross weight.
2. Purchasing agents, mostly local banks and warehousemen, will be approved by CCC.
3. Purchasing agents will buy at CCC prices if warehouse receipts and sales agreement are turned over to them within 10 days after issuance. Agent's fee of 50 cents per bale will be paid by CCC.
4. Purchases will be made only from farmers who produced cotton in 1944. Cotton must be stored in CCC-approved warehouses.
5. Farmers with cotton in loan may sell it to CCC by repaying their loan.

A comparison of the returns from the loan program and the purchase program is as follows:

Purchase Program—500 pound gross weight bale of 15-16 middling white cotton produced in Floyd County and offered to a purchasing agency in Floydada.

500 X \$0.2178 (price for November)=\$108.90. Under purchase program the gross weight is used. Title passes to purchaser.

Loan Program—Same 500 pound bale, 480 (less 20 lbs. tare) X \$0.10445. Under loan program net weight is used. Producer retains title to cotton.

The CCC is making these purchases to carry out provisions of legislation enacted by Congress directing the president to take "all lawful action" to assure producers parity prices for their cotton.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOE D. MONTGOMERY IS AWARDED AIR MEDAL

An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station, England.—Second Lieutenant Joe D. Montgomery, 26, of Floydada, Texas, and Anchorage, Alaska, has been awarded the Air Medal for "courage, coolness and skill" displayed on bombing attacks over Nazi Europe. The airman is co-pilot at the Eighth Air Force B-17 flying fortress group commanded by Colonel P. Bostrom, of Bangor, Me.

Lt. Montgomery is the son of Mrs. Mary A. Dorsey, of Floydada, and his wife, Mrs. Ebba Montgomery, lives at 703 L Street, Anchorage. Prior to entering the army air forces in October, 1942, he was employed by the U. S. Engineers in Anchorage.

The nation's tallest monument is on the battlefield of San Jacinto, in Texas. It is 567 feet high, or 12 feet higher than the Washington Monument.

Importance of West Coast Naval Activities Stressed

Stressing the importance of West Coast naval activities, Rear Admiral F. G. Crisp recently said that even after the war with Japan ends there will be "a tremendous job of reconditioning and modernizing units of the fleet for a considerable period of time."

Admiral Crisp, Director of the Division of Shore Establishment and Civilian Personnel, pointed out that in testimony before Congress last month Rear Admiral James M. Irish said that the Navy Department expects the Pacific War to extend well into 1945.

"Even if large numbers of naval combat vessels are decommissioned, such decommissioning itself requires large numbers of civilian workers and long periods of time," he stated.

"Civilian workers at West Coast naval establishments may be assured that activity at these establishments will be continued at a very high level for a long period in the future," he said.

He quoted from a recent speech by Artemus L. Gates, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air, and said that the four Naval activities on the West Coast are performing a highly important role in the War.

"The magnificent effort which American submarines have accomplished in wearing down the Japanese Navy and Japanese shipping could not be accomplished without the maintenance which these submarines receive in West Coast naval establishments," Admiral Crisp pointed out.

"Even though ships of the Navy may not suffer battle damage from enemy action, their effectiveness against the enemy can be assured only by the repairs from operational wear, and by conversion to make possible the latest advances in war equipment. The force power which American forces can direct against Japanese aircraft is the result of the installation of improved anti-aircraft guns and fire control equipment on these ships while they are available for operational or battle damage repair."

Admiral Crisp also spoke of the important job of naval ammunition depots, supply depots, and air stations on the West Coast. Following up Admiral Crisp's statement that the Pacific Fleet must be properly maintained, a Civil Service Representative will be in Plainview interviewing Shipyard and Aircraft workers who want to go to California or Washington and help get the job done. Mr. Roland A. Beckman may be reached at the U. S. Employment Office, 111 West 8th st., November 10th and 11th, and full information concerning job openings, wage rates, free transportation and guaranteed housing may be obtained there.

JAMES T. BISHOP REPORTED ON CASUALTY LIST ISSUED NOVEMBER 8

The Navy Department casualty list for publication in afternoon papers of Wednesday, November 8, 1944, includes the name of one Floydada boy:

BISHOP, James T., Private, first class, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve. Wounded. (Previously reported wounded on report of Naval casualties for March 3, 1944.) Mother, Mrs. Nell Bishop, Floydada.

Most candidates maintain there are too many laws; then proceed to outline a few that need to be passed.

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Second Lieutenant Victor Eldon Green Finishes Class

Victorville Army Air Field, Victorville, California, Nov. 9.—Augmenting the striking power of the Air Forces, another class of bombardiers was placed on active duty today as flying officers in the United States Army Air Forces.

Trained as bombardiers, the graduates of Victorville Army Air Field, a station in the AAF Training Command, are also qualified gunners and navigators. Each officer to complete the 18-week AAF course is capable of performing all three assignments aboard a medium bombardment plane.

Col. Earl C. Robbins, commanding officer at the field, presented the men with their newly won rank, while Col. Daniel B. White awarded the graduates the silver wings symbolic of their position in the Air Forces.

Among the men to graduate at Victorville was: Second Lieutenant Victor Eldon Green, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Green, Route Three, Floydada, Texas.

Lt. Green is a graduate of the local high school and Wayland College at Plainview. Prior to entering the AAF he was employed by the Produce Buyer Peoples Produce Company in Plainview.

He has one brother, Jimmy, who is a member of the AAF.

COMMUNITIES ADJACENT TO AIR FIELD WARNED NOT TO CONTACT FRAGMENTS

Communities adjacent to Childress Army Air Field were advised today by Col. John W. White, commanding officer, for their own safety to make no contact with bomb fragments found in outlying fields.

"While most of the bombs fall on the target areas," the colonel

explained, "emergencies often make it necessary to release bombs over the open prairies. When this occurs it is possible that neighboring farmers often find parts of the bombs."

Colonel White warned that these fragments contain explosive charges which do not always go off upon striking the ground. "Instead of exposing yourselves to needless danger," he advised, "notify by telephone or post card either Capt. Fancher S. Archer, ordinance officer, or Lt. Vann B. Mitchell, bomb disposal officer, of the exact location of the bombs. In this way personal contact with the bomb needn't be made by civilians, and the danger will be removed in the fastest possible way."

Livestock Reported in Good Condition

Texas livestock continued to be in generally good condition at the close of October, according to a report by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics cooperating with the A. and M. College Extension Service. Ample range feeds were in prospect for most parts of the state. Brisk marketings of cattle and calves prevailed, featured by a heavy volume of calves and a large proportion of cows. Cattle and calves continued to move into small grain pastures in the Panhandle. Marketings of sheep and lambs were moderate, with feeder demand light, but the movement of hogs was slow in spite of an active market. Outbreaks of "sleeping sickness," in eastern and coastal sections were checked by preventive measures, the report said.

Just about the time we learn to make the most of life, most of it is gone.

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Texas 4-H'ers Show Importance Of Organic Matter in the Soil



Doyle Lee Jobs (left) and Lane Dixon, of Eastland county, one of the 4-H teams demonstrating need of organic matter in soil.

A PROGRESSIVE move made by 4-H Clubs to prevent soil erosion and improve crop yields in Eastland county, Texas, promises to become a statewide practice.

Three trained teams of 4-H boys recently demonstrated the importance of organic matter in soils before meetings of farmers, agricultural workers and businessmen in the county, as well as at the District Encampment and Achievement Night. Samples of the county's blow sand and clay soils were used in the demonstrations.

The demonstrations served to show that when barnyard manure, weeds and decaying plants are added to soils low in organic matter, much more water from rain-falls is retained for crops, and erosion from blowing and run-offs is appreciably reduced. The necessity for strip cropping peanuts with crotalaria, cow peas and sorghum along with the use of cover crops, to maintain the organic content of the soil to increase yields and to control wind and water erosion was stressed by the youthful demonstrators. They also pointed out that organic matter

in soils provides a haven for highly essential worms and bacteria that act upon and decay the residue, which produces a storehouse of nitrogen, available phosphate, potash and other plant foods.

The teams comprised Doyle Lee Jobs and Lane Dixon (above), William Clements and Clayton Lee Henderson, and Alonzo Prickett and Loyd Simpson, of the Gorman, Morton Valley and Nimrod 4-H Clubs, respectively. The boys are enrolled in the 1944 Firestone 4-H Soil Conservation Activity conducted by the Extension Service of the State Agricultural College and USDA cooperating, which is designed to interest rural young people in the farm family program of preventing soil wastage and deterioration by practicing approved conservation methods.

Vocational agricultural teachers, Soil Conservation Service, AAA and the Farm Security Administration cooperated with the 4-H Clubs in the program. As a result, it is estimated two carloads of Austrian winter peas and hairy vetch will be sown this year. In addition, rye seed will be sown on at least 20,000 acres of peanut land.

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Hereford Association Hold Show

November 9.—Carloads began rolling into the grounds this week for the Pan-American Hereford Association to make up an exhibit of 495 head, the largest number of registered animals anywhere in the Western States this year.

Positive proof that this is the Hereford world of the owners of these animals, as well as holders of grand champions and first place awards in all classifications, all won in the opening of the season, including the one at Lincoln, Neb., Toronto, Atlanta, Tulsa and the finale of the 1944 show will be held November 11 and 12, with only topping entries gone before in number, and quality, but \$20,000 premium list.

Of the entries have by Four-H Club members young exhibitors will be the entire show. In these youngsters, invitations to all the Four-H members in all of the 252 counties of Texas to be special guests of the opening day. Reception received by Jack B. ... of the Four-H committee indicate that between 3,000 and 4,000 of the boys will be present. Special arrangements is being planned in ...

William M. Randolph Passes Away Sunday

From the Lockney Beacon: William M. Randolph died in the Plainview Hospital Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock after an illness of seven or eight years. His condition became worse Monday of last week and he was carried to the hospital Friday where he succumbed Sunday.

The deceased had been making his home the past few months with his mother, Mrs. H. C. Randolph and his sister, Mrs. Albert Mize of the Cedar Hill community. His home, prior to April 1 of this year, was at Oklahoma City.

Mr. Randolph was born near Anson, Jones County, Texas, on December 7, 1886. The family moved to Floyd County and settled in the Cedar Hill community in 1898. Mr. Randolph and family moved away in about 1916, living in New Mexico and Oklahoma. His wife died in 1921.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Fred Wolcott, Como, Colorado, and Mrs. Oleta Carter, Oklahoma City; his mother, Mrs. H. C. Randolph of Cedar Hill; two sisters, Mrs. W. B. Wilson of the Fairview community, and Mrs. Albert Mize of Cedar; four brothers, Everett of Abilene, Albert of Lubbock, Lawrence of Cedar Hill and Lewis of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Funeral services were conducted at the Lockney Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock with Rev. Joe Wilson of Sundown bringing the sermon. Crager Funeral Home of Lockney were in charge of arrangements. Interment was in the Lockney cemetery.

Twenty-eight University of Texas students have been selected as members of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. In this group are 16 girls and 12 boys.

Bindweed Become Major Problem In Gray County

Bindweed has become a major problem in Gray County, with several thousand acres heavily infested, so several demonstrators now are testing methods of control under the supervision of G. T. Hackney, county agricultural agent for the A. and M. College Extension Service. Complete results will not be known until next year's growing season, but some success already is evident.

One entirely new method of control on extremely small patches is being used by Stanley Kretzmier

who lives about five miles northwest of Pampa. He digs holes with post hole digger and fills them with crude or burned lube oil. He is hoping for success in proportion to the labor involved.

Other farmers are using a new commercial weed killer, ammate, which is an ammonium sulfamate compound. This is being tried on the plains in Johnson grass control as well. Hackney says it goes into solution easily and has been used in various strengths and on the weeds in several stages of growth.

John Rapstein who lives 20 miles north of Pampa has been trying a method used widely in Kansas. He is intensively cultivating 30 badly infested acres.

During the 1943 season he cultivated the tract 17 times, and through the spring and summer of the present year he cultivated it seven times. When the acreage last was inspected few bindweed sprouts were showing. Hackney says. Mr. Rapstein believes cultivation eventually will control the weed, but in that area the method exposes the land to wind erosion, a serious disadvantage. He has

used various types of equipment including a rod weeder, tandem disk, home plow, and one-way plow.

Dr. John H. Frederick, professor of transportation and industry at the University of Texas, has accepted membership on the aviation committee of the Texas Post-War Economic Planning Commission. He is one of 15 members. Gibb Gilchrist, president of Tex-

as A. and M. College, is chairman of the commission.

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A Raw Vegetable Salad
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Texas Farmers are Getting the Job Done on Time

Good weather and patriotism have enabled Texas farmers to harvest much of their crops in recent weeks, but a few counties remain ed on the critical list in later Oc- tober.

The farm labor office of the A. and M. College Extension Service says 24,000 migratory workers are in the Plains Country, but the de- mand for feed shockers, tractor drivers, cotton pickers and pullers still is great. Crosby county re- ports more cotton open and less labor than at any time in its his- tory, while some farmers in Gar- za county are said to have more than 200 bales open in the fields.

In the Trans-Pecos irrigated re- gion, Reeves and Ward counties are in the most serious condition, while Runnels and Coleman are problem counties in the rolling plains. Insufficient labor in Har- deman county means the gins can- not operate at full capacity.

Aside from problems, county agricultural agents and other la- bor workers have interesting sto- ries to tell of how farmers are meeting their needs. Bee county's farm labor clerk says local ran- chers are operating ranches varying from 2,000 to 30,000 acres stocked with high grade cattle with only one or two hands, while previous to Pearl Harbor they used 20 to 30, according to seasonal demands.

Some of the Callahan county schools have been dismissed to en- able the students to pick cotton, while in Parker County school su- perintendents have streamlined schedules to allow children to get to the fields shortly after noon.

Something near total mobiliza- tion has been achieved by County Agricultural Agen Elmo V. Cook of Taylor county. Two hundred students and faculty members, most of whom were inexperienced at pulling, from Hardin-Simmons University harvested 15,912 pounds in one day, while 11 Abi- lene high school students pulled 9,000 pounds one Saturday. Cook also has placed students from two other colleges, members of the city police force, inmates from the county jail, 150 prisoners of war, and more than a hundred negro servicemen from Camp Barkley.

Handling and Curing Sweet Potatoes

College Station. — Noting that digging time is at hand, E. A. Miller agronomist for the A. and M. College Extension Service cau- tions farmers not to toss their sweet potatoes around. As bruised potatoes are hard to keep, he ex- plains, they should be handled as carefully as eggs during harvest- ing.

Miller offers some further coun- sel on harvesting with emphasis always upon extreme care in han- dling the roots. After removal from the upturned hills two rows should be laid carefully together, he says. If the sun is hot the po- tatoes should be placed in crates at once and covered with vines to prevent sun scalding which ruins their keeping qualities.

After the surface of the potatoes dry they should be graded and placed carefully into crates and hauled to the curing house in a vehicle with good springs to pre- vent jolting and bruising. If the wagon lacks springs a layer of hay or potatoes vines in the box will relieve the jarring considerably.

The potatoes, Miller says, should be mature when dug for storage. When the cut surface dries within a few minutes after exposure is a sure-fire indication of maturity. As a further safe- guard the vines should not be re- moved immediately after early frost and the potatoes dug as soon as possible. Potatoes with weevils or dark, sunken spots should be stored since bruised or diseased



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