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Economic Highlights

As Felix Morley points out in "Nation's Business," we have so far taken three major steps in our effort to contain communism. The first was the Truman Doctrine, with its military aid to Turkey and Greece. Next came the Marshall Plan, now officially known as the European Recovery Program, with its multi-billion economic aid to 15 Western European countries. Finally, we have the recently signed Atlantic Pact, whose purpose is to form a defense line in Europe to bar the Red tide.

Mr. Morley writes, "Obviously these three steps form a series of hastily concocted emergency measures, impossible to dignify as a carefully planned policy. If the purpose was to contain communism within a certain geographical area, then we should have established eastern as well as western boundaries. The final debacle in China is painful evidence that communism is not being contained. And if Asia goes red, the cost of subsidizing a line of independent outposts in Western Europe

will soon become prohibitive, even for the fabulous wealth of the United States."

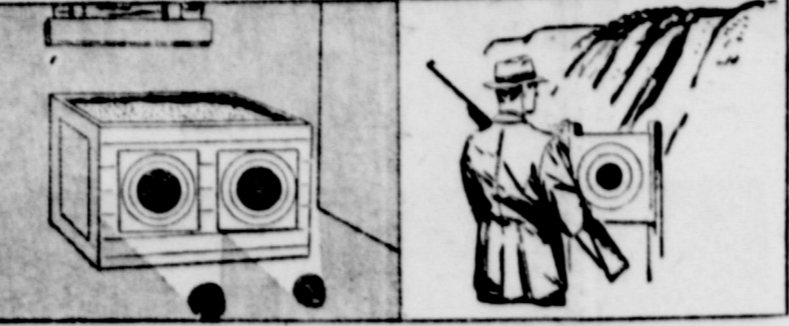
It would be folly to minimize the reverse the western powers have received in China. At the same time, it is easy to exaggerate the possible immediate effects of the great victories the Chinese communist armies have won. A red China is a very different thing, for example, than a red France or a red Italy would be. The Chinese communists, so far as anyone can see, have neither the intention nor the means to do much for communism as a world-wide force. They have before them a staggering task — to attempt

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HOW TO SHOOT A RIFLE

By ARTHUR E. COOK
 National and Olympic Rifle Champion



Where To Shoot

Finding a safe place to shoot is most important. A safe shooter is a skillful shooter—he knows where every bullet is going and he has a backstop behind his target to stop the bullet. This applies both to hunting and target shooting. And no matter what kind of shooting you intend to do, get your practice on the target range. It is the only good way to learn the basics.

For beginners I recommend firing at 50 feet, the standard indoor distance. Later you can increase to 60 and 100 yards, the standard outdoor distances. The illustration at left above shows a safe bullet stop for a 50-foot range in your basement or shed. Fill a large packing box or crib with sand and place it in front of a solid brick or masonry wall. Board-up all windows with steel or one-inch hardwood. Reinforce the front of the box and arrange lights as shown. Sand about eighteen inches from front to back will stop .22 caliber bullets, but remember to repack it regularly.

Outdoors select a steep hill or bank which is free from rocks and hang your target in front of it. Build a simple frame to hold your target; don't tack it to a tree or the bullets will ricochet dangerously.

Best of all join or form a rifle club in your community or school and build a real range. You will quickly become safe and skillful.

(This instruction based on the booklet "HOW TO SHOOT A RIFLE," published by The National Rifle Association, Washington, D. C.)

Never point your gun muzzle at anything you do not intend to shoot!

to organize and to pull from the depths of poverty and oppression, a vast, over-populated nation which is largely illiterate, and measured by current western standards, is almost wholly primitive in living and outlook.

The main energy of the masses of the Chinese people is pretty much absorbed in seeking a place to live, a daily ration of rice, some relief from murderous and unproductive toil. The past governments have been incredibly corrupt. Government officials, the war lords, the commercial interests — all have exploited the nation unmercifully.

Gone by reports from American businessmen and reporters in Shanghai since the communists took over, a real effort is being made to eliminate graft, and the old system under which no one could do business in China without bribes. At the same time, these reports emphasize that the new administrators are inexperienced, that it is difficult to find anyone with real responsibility and that administrative problems are a long way from solution.

Communism is not being contained. But it is finding the path far from smooth.

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Church of Christ Camp Meeting At Sheffield July 8-17

The Pecos River Church of Christ Camp Meeting opens today (Friday) near Sheffield, Texas, and will close Sunday, July 17.

Dillard Thurman of Fort Worth will preach and Roland Boring of Lockhart will be in charge of the singing.

Those attending have been asked to bring shelter, bed and bedding as there are not sufficient cabins for everyone. All meals are served free.

Local people planning to attend the camp meeting include Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Allen and Miss Anna Lee Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Don Allen and Vicki, Mr. and Mrs. John Hardgrave, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hardgrave and son, and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hardgrave, Ruby Jean Bell, and Mary Lou Cargile.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. House and sons, Colby and Tommy, left Saturday for Leming and Car-

rizo Springs to visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Beldier of Brackettville have returned to their home after visiting here in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Kerr, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Habbo boys have moved into the Bendele home which bought recently.

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Texas Veterans Free To Select Privately Owned Land Tract For Farm or Ranch Home

By BASCOM GILES
Commissioner of the General Land Office

Second of a series of articles on the Veterans' Land program.)

The recently enacted legislation permitting the Texas Veterans' Land Board will be the means of fulfilling the dream of thousands of veterans for a farm or ranch home of their very own, one of the most attractive features of this bill is that section which permits a veteran to personally select a tract of land suitable for agriculture or grazing held in private ownership in any part of the State. It might be owned by a corporation, or by kinship, or by a corporation, but matters not to the Board, it will matter to the Board that the veteran feels ready to take possession of the land, that it will serve his needs; that it must be at least half of the mineral interest unencumbered and that the value is worth the asking price. The veteran has made his selection, the Board will be to the Board with a complete description of the tract and the price he is willing to pay for it. At the same time he files an application with the Board, he pays to the Board his initial payment of NOT less than ten per cent of the total purchase price. In the event the application is approved, the Board will advance the veteran's money will be repaid and he will be free to take possession of the land.

The Board has appraised the land and approved the application for the loan for the balance, the veteran will be required to pay the balance in three years at three per cent interest. After the first year he will be required to pay the balance in three years at three per cent interest.

Operation of this part of the veteran purchase plan will eliminate the necessity for migration of veterans from one part of the State to another as a majority of the purchasers will select land adjacent to their homes where they are already familiar with production conditions. This factor will serve to lessen chances of failure.

Under the provisions of this section a veteran may purchase a tract of land up to \$10,000.00 but he will be required to tender the difference above the \$7,500.00 state finance maximum.

Another provision of the bill, sponsored by Senator John Bell and Representative Reuben Senterfitt, permits a veteran to purchase a tract of land owned by the State when such tracts are offered through duly advertised sales. The purchase will be made through sealed competitive bids with the award going to the highest bidder. To make the contract valid the minimum five per cent down payment will be a company the bid. Proper application forms will be furnished by the Board on request. Each veteran will be limited to one purchase. However, he will NOT be limited as to the maximum amount of land he may be able to purchase under the full loan of \$7,500.00.

The term "state owned land" does NOT include Public School Land but will include land acquired by the State from other state or federal government agencies, or from individuals or corporations for the purpose of resale to Texas veterans, since the inception of this legislation.

Under the terms of the bill, veterans with combat connected disabilities will have a 90 day priority in financing, during which time non-disabled veterans applications will be held in abeyance.

NOTE: (In the next issue Commissioner Giles will tell of the requirements for qualification for a farm or ranch home and the protection provided the veteran under the legislation.)

Huntin' Gun' Relates Stories Of Guns, Gunners

Times received a publication of a new book by Walter Rodgers, "Huntin' Gun' and is glad to recommend the book to gun enthusiasts and sportsmen. The book published by The Sports Press, Washington, D. C. "Huntin' Gun' is a collection of odd hunters with their methods of shooting and would astound the marksman in both style and substance. All of the stories are the necessity of "gun for maximum efficiency complete satisfaction on the part of the owner of the weapon." Rodgers says that you don't have to have "gun feel," you can kill under conditions that a ballisticsian would call impossible — and your performance from your gun at a manufacturer's salesmen wouldn't dare to tell you the stories that Rodgers emphasizes his idea of "gun feel" was the time when he was hunting a proven marksmanship a deer hunt, he left his rifle at camp because of timidity in pitting it against the larger rifle of his opponent. When game was scarce and the hunter picked his target and downed it he shot from an unusual distance the long ride back from the camp and the reward of packing the fresh venison was rewarded. On the trip Rodgers was admiring the gun and the prowess of the hunter and as always, Rodgers yearning to try his hand with the weapon. On approaching the owner on the subject he was very disappointed to find he couldn't shoot the gun. Rodgers says that he got the feel of it. Why? His friends had brought a round of ammunition! "gun feel."

The book is well illustrated with drawings that are very true to life taken from the American West. The book sells for \$2.50 and orders may be given to the publisher's office.

Add Salt To Water To Supplement Loss From Perspiration

AUSTIN, July 7—A deficiency of salt in the human system can cause serious consequences, and for this reason Dr. George W. Cox, State Health Officer, advises every person whose work is such that it causes excessive perspiration to add a pinch of ordinary salt to each drink of water taken during the day.

Farmers, mechanics, carpenters, construction men and all others whose work causes them to sweat profusely are in danger of having their body content seriously depleted, and as a result may suffer from heat cramps or heat fag. Salt is a prominent constituent of sweat, and when the thermometer hits the high register, the human body may lose as much as 40 to 50 grams of salt during a single day.

In many industrial plants, the workmen are furnished with and urged to take a tablet of pure salt or a mixture of salt and dextrose with each drink of water. Many find this a pleasant way of taking extra salt, but others prefer to add the needed amount of extra salt to their food and drink.

"Take your extra salt in any manner that is agreeable to you," says Dr. Cox, "but take it. Heat cramps are very painful and exhausting. They are characterized by cramps in the abdominal region, headache, and in severe cases there may be nausea and vomiting. Body salt losses occur without the knowledge of the individual until a deficiency exists; then the abdominal muscles begin to cramp."

According to the state health officer, it is a wise precaution to keep the body supplied with salt, and thus avoid much possible suffering and loss of time from heat cramps.

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MRS. ERNEST DANIEL PIPES, JR.

Pipes-Copeland Wedding Thursday In San Antonio

Miss Margaret Copeland became the bride of Ernest Daniel Pipes, Jr., last Thursday evening at the Unitarian Church in San Antonio with Dr. N. W. Lovely officiating.

Miss Copeland is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Joseph Copeland and Mr. Pipes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Pipes. All reside in San Antonio.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a full-length gown of shell pink nylon net over a matching taffeta slip. Her finger-tip veil was caught to a Mary Queen of Scots headdress and her bouquet was pink Rose-lif roses in cascade effect with white tulle.

A reception on the church lawn followed the wedding. The couple left on a two month tour of Mexico and will spend two weeks in New York before going to Boston where he will do graduate work at Harvard University.

Mr. Pipes is the grandson of the late Mr. Luella Lemons and well-known here. After graduating from the Lamar High School, Houston, he attended Rice Institute and graduated Cum Laude from Trinity University in June. The bride, a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School, is also a graduate of Trinity.

Mrs. Carlton White was among the out-of-town guests at her nephew's wedding.

DAUGHTER BORN TO MR. AND MRS. B. M. WILKINSON

A little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wilkinson, former residents, last week.

Mrs. Wilkinson has been in an iron lung in a Houston hospital for several weeks, a victim of polio. The condition of Mrs. Wilkinson and daughter is reported to be favorable.

Mr. Wilkinson is a nephew of Mrs. Henry Wise and the family moved to Encino with Mr. and Mrs. Wise several months ago.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Monroe and family of Iran spent the Fourth holidays here with his mother, Mrs. M. G. Northcut, and Mr. Northcut.

Mr. and Mrs. George Geaslin and son, George Holmes, Jr., of San Antonio were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Northcut last week.

Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Robertson returned Saturday from Austin.

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where they visited with their son, W. W. Robertson, and family. Billy Robertson, their grandson, who has polio is not seriously ill and it will be several days before the after-effects of the disease can be known.

Guests of Mrs. J. D. May last week end were Mrs. Harvey Krauss, Mrs. B. F. Pontius and Mrs. H. H. Sharp of El Paso.

Mrs. Carlton White went to San Antonio Monday to visit with relatives for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Turner, residents of San Antonio, visited friends here over the week end.

Mrs. Don Allen and daughter, Vicki, visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Smith, in Colorado City over the week end.

Wayne Carmichael of San

Antonio was a week end guest at the R. N. Allen ranch. He preached at the local Church of Christ Sunday.

Edward Wheeler, a student at Texas Tech in Lubbock, spent the week end here with his mother, Mrs. Grace Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Courtney bought the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hardgrave and moved in last week. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Frazier have moved into the Courtney home.

Mrs. J. R. Blackwelder has returned home after spending several weeks in Del Rio with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. Riley Dunman, and infant daughter.

Mrs. L. E. Dunbar and two children of Kerrville are guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Mullings.

Capt. and Mrs. Frank G. Snow and baby of El Paso were guests of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Stumberg, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Harkins and son of Sheffield were week end guests of relatives here.

Miss Peggy Robertson of El Paso is a guest of her cousin, JoAnn Lemons, and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McElroy and children, Gail and Butch, of San Antonio spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. White, and other relatives.

Mrs. Claude Hill returned from Amarillo where she had taken her son, Claude, Jr., for medical check up. Her brother-in-law, E. H. Bennett, accompanied them home for a few days visit.

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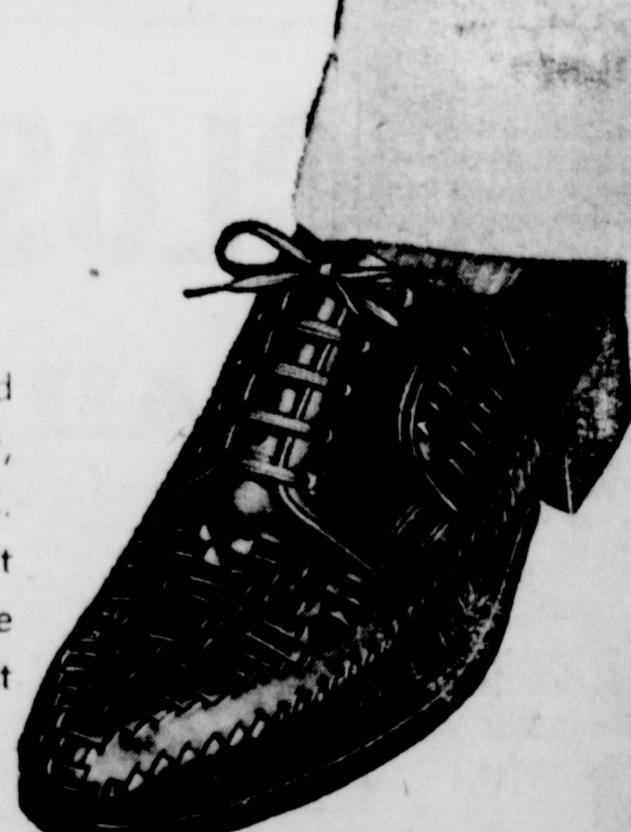
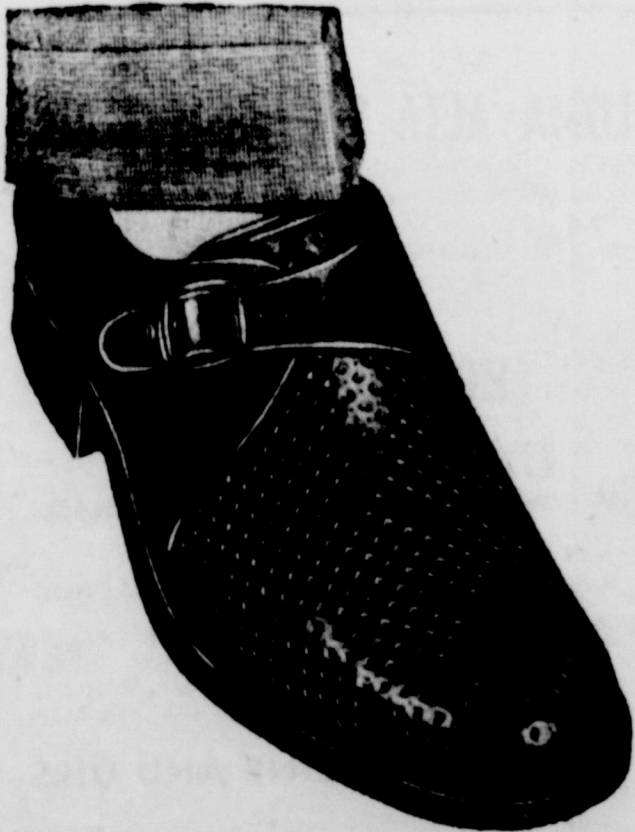
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