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## COVEY-BRISTER AND GENTRY-THORP IN RUN-OFFS AUGUST 24

In the Irion County run-off election August 24, Sam Covey and S. T. Brister will face each other for the Commissioner Precinct 1 office, and Tyson Gentry and Joe Thorp are the opponents in the Commissioner Precinct 2 race.

In state campaigns Beauford Jester lead the first primary in the governor's race by a good margin, but faces a run-off with Homer Rainey.

Other run-off races are between Allan Shivers and Boyce House for lieutenant governor, J. E. McDonald and R. E. McDonald for Commissioner of Agriculture, Tom Beauchamp and Jesse Owens for Judge Court of Criminal Appeals, Ralph E. Blount, Jr. and Cecil H. Barnes for Representative from the 92nd Legislative District.

Following are results of balloting in Irion County on most offices in the election last Saturday.

Governor—Jester 217, Rainey 146, Sellers 53, Sadler 50, Smith 48.

Lieutenant Governor—House 296, Shivers 95, Mills 60, Winfree 28.

Attorney General—Daniel 223, Neff 291.

Comptroller of Public Accounts—Butler 91, Sheppard 423.

State Treasurer—James 379, Williams 123.

Commissioner of Agriculture—R. E. McDonald 155, Chambers 159, J. E. McDonald 109.

Railroad Commissioner—Culberson 370, Coker 92, Lyons 43.

Associate Justice Supreme Court (Place 1)—Rowland 207, Sharp 257.

Associate Justice Supreme Court (Place 2)—Smedley 260, Hubbard 192.

Judge Court of Criminal Appeals—Baker 227, Owens 112, Beauchamp 109, Dickson 28.

Associate Justice Court of Civil Appeals, 3rd Spr. Jud. Dist.—Hughes 478, Blair 44.

Senator, 25th District—Metcalf 193, Hardeman 342.

Representative, 92nd District—Taylor 120, Blount 205, Barnes 200.

County Judge—W. W. Adams 611, Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector—M. A. Goodall 591.

County and District Clerk—R. E. Key 618.

County Treasurer—Lottie Davenport 616.

Commissioner Precinct 1—Covey 140, Rayburn 13, Brister 114, Burke 95.

Commissioner Precinct 2—Gentry 65, Thorp 48, Bradford 33.

Commissioner Precinct 3—Becton 12, Kessler 72.

Commissioner Precinct 4—Harris 23.

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1—A. H. Bird 53.

County Democratic Chairman—M. H. Carr 54.

Democratic Chairman, Precinct 1—R. S. Williams 21.

Democratic Chairman, Precinct 2—M. L. Brooks 14.

Democratic Chairman, Precinct 3—J. B. Westfall 3.

Democratic Chairman, Precinct 4—B. H. Roark 4.

Constable, Precinct 1—Brister 5.

Constable, Precinct 3—W. C. Doyal 6.

Rev. Roy B. Shilling is proudly displaying an initialed spur clip which was presented to him Tuesday evening by the young people of the Barnhart Methodist Church in the City Park here in Mertzson.

A most successful revival at the Barnhart Methodist Church with Rev. Shilling as pastor, was concluded Sunday and arrangements were then made for the young people to have a picnic and attend the show in Mertzson.

This affair proved very successful with about 40 present.

## LEGION POST WILL BE HOSTS AT BARBECUE MONDAY EVENING

The Burns-Harper Post of the American Legion will be hosts to their wives and families Monday evening, August 5 at the City Park when they will have a barbecue supper in addition to their program in which they will install new officers and initiate members not previously initiated.

W. W. Adams will be installed as the new post commander, with Scottie Houston, 1st vice commander; Jack Benton, 2nd vice commander; Sam Langford, 3rd vice commander; Rev. Roy B. Shilling, chaplain; R. E. Key, adjutant; Wayne Pickett, finance officer; M. A. Goodall, historian; J. T. Bushong, sgt. at arms; Lindly Wood, child welfare officer, and Thurman Jones, service officer.

Post Commander Roy B. Shilling reports that all arrangements are complete and chow line will form at 6:30 p. m. Initiation ceremonies will begin about 8 p. m. followed by installation of officers.

## WEATHER REPORT FOR JULY, 1946

There were 26 clear days and 5 partly clear, with .11 inch rain. Total rain for the year 5.39 inches. Total rain since first of November, 1945, 6.03 inches for the nine months. For the first seven months of 1945 there had been 12.29 inches.

E. O. Deal, U. S. Cooperative Weather Observer.

## TIPS ON FREEZING DAIRY PRODUCTS

Butter, cream and some kinds of cheese may be preserved successfully in a home freezer unit if a few precautions are taken, says Gwendolyn Jones, specialist in food preservation for the A. and Mrs. College Extension Service.

Butter to be frozen should be made from pasteurized milk or cream. If the milk has not been pasteurized the butter gets rancid or acquires off flavors in two or three months.

Prepare and season butter as for eating. Although some authorities say unsalted butter keeps fresh longer than salted butter, Miss Jones says salt will not cause it to get old if the butter is of high quality and is kept only three to six months. Pack in half pound or one pound rectangular molds, wrap in cellophane paper, and package tightly in waxed cartons or clean, dry, plain tin cans. Avoid leaving air space or excess water in the package.

Only the best quality heavy cream should be frozen. In handling milk, avoid containers and equipment which are made of copper or iron. Pasteurize the cream at 175 degrees F. for 30 minutes. Stir well. A teaspoon of salt or a tablespoon of sugar or corn syrup per cup of cream helps to keep a better texture. Chill the cream and then pour it into leak-proof containers to freeze. When ready to use allow to thaw in the refrigerator. This cream does not whip as the original cream does, but it may be used otherwise as fresh cream.

Well-ripened cheese is cut in about 1-4 to 1-2 pound blocks, wrapped in cellophane and frozen. When cheese thaws it dries out rapidly and should be used soon. Cottage cheese does not freeze very well.

Under high-altitude flying conditions, where the oxygen pressure is reduced, persons of more advanced years actually do better than their young colleagues. They are less liable to fainting and collapse because their cardiovascular systems are more stable, and they suffer less loss of memory.

## Uncle Sam Says



You are still getting your after V-J Day. That's putting it bluntly, but I know from experience that you like straight-from-the-shoulder talk. Inflation at home has yet to surrender. United States Savings Bonds are still "War Bonds" in the battle for America's economic stability. You can combat rising prices by taking surplus dollars out of the market place. Your government has provided a safe, profitable vehicle for saving these extra dollars—United States Savings Bonds. By investing in Savings Bonds regularly you are building a better America and a better life for you personally.

## CURTIS MARTIN BARN DESTROYED BY FIRE

The Curtis Martin barn was completely destroyed by fire Thursday night a week ago. As far as can be determined the fire was started by spontaneous combustion in the part of the barn where hay was stored.

A passer-by on the highway saw the fire, let the cow out of the barn and notified Mr. and Mrs. Martin.

A washing machine, several quilts, and some canned goods were among articles destroyed by the fire.

Among the men who helped and among the spectators there was a general feeling of helplessness to fight this fire. If it had been the home it would have been destroyed as was the barn. There was only a weak pressure of water from their home water tank to fight the fire. It seems that the county if not the city could afford to buy a truck equipped with chemicals to fight a hazard such as this.

Among the spectators there was reminiscing of fires which they, as individuals, had suffered but which the general public has forgotten. If enough of these individuals would get together maybe something about getting a fire truck could be accomplished.

A fire truck would not only afford some means of fighting a fire but insurance rates would be lowered here.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH CLEARING GROUNDS

The First Christian Church is clearing and leveling its property this week. Ground is being cleared for a parking lot and leveling of the lot being done. Trees are being pruned, and a new water well has been completed.

At the services last Sunday Sylvia Rutledge sang a solo, and included among visitors to services were G. C. Magruder of San Angelo, and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Steger and daughter, Adalou.

Nature provides a compensation for the early decline of our physical forces by increasing our mental abilities with the advancing years.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Stratton arrived home last Friday from a vacation trip.

## Barnhart News

By MRS. ALMA TARVIN

The Methodist meeting closed Sunday night after a very successful week's services conducted by the pastor, Rev. Roy B. Shilling of Mertzson, with 12 professions, 9 additions to the Methodist Church and 3 going into other churches. R. E. Key, county clerk, assisted with the singing. There was a basket dinner on the grounds Sunday and the baptizing at 2:30 Sunday afternoon. The Vacation Bible School closed Friday. New members added to the Methodist Church were: Mrs. Everette Roe, Inez Roe, Lola B. Roe, Franklin Roe, Mrs. C. B. Becton, Alton Harriss, Clinton Tarvin, Laddie Linticum and Joe Roy Collins. Going into the Baptist Church are Lorena Peck, Claude Kilpatrick and into the Church of Christ, Lucy Ann Hinde.

Mrs. Midge Hukill has been spending the past few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Parry. Mr. W. E. Hukill joined his wife here for the week end. Their home is in San Angelo.

Mrs. Jack Wilson of Mereta visited in the T. E. Strother home last week.

Robert Armstrong of Big Lake is visiting at the Westfall ranch at present.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Curtis Mitchell and daughters, Patricia and Shelly, were visitors in Barnhart Sunday. Mr. Mitchell was formerly school superintendent here. They now reside in San Angelo. Mr. Mitchell is still with the Board of Education.

Sgt. Bruce J. Everetts spent the week end with his family. He is stationed at Randolph Field, San Antonio.

Mrs. Ted Atkins and children, Sonny, Margie and Jimmie, spent a week visiting Mrs. Atkins' mother recently.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Porter were in from the ranch for a few days last week in time to vote in the election.

Assisting Chairman T. E. Strother with the election Saturday were Mmes. Bart Westfall, Roy Collins and Boss Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Johnson returned Friday night from a 20 day trip through California and other states on to Utah, where they visited Mrs. Johnson's parents. They spent some time with Stanley and Marion Franks and daughter in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Neville Davis and Mary Ann drove over to Bronte and visited with the Howard Brocks Monday evening.

Billie Kilpatrick is now employed in the oil field at Iraan.

Herman Moore was in town this week attending to his interests here.

On Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock the young people met at the Methodist Church to leave in a crowd for the City Park at Mertzson for a picnic. The boys entertained the girls after the Vacation Bible School. Mrs. Bode Owens, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hinde and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin furnished cars for the trip.

The boys furnished the sandwiches and drinks and ice cream were furnished by the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Shilling. Those attending were: June and Bode Owens, Tommie Clint Owens, Virama Strother, Bobbie and Lola B. Roe, Lucy Ann Hinde, Sue and Beth Shilling, Margie Coffee, June Caruthers, Donna Marie Turner, Patricia Mitchell from San Angelo, Beth and John Werst, Janet and James Parry, Lad Linticum, Clinton Tarvin, Roy Shilling, Raymond Atkins, Jackie Grace, Alton Harriss, Claude Kilpatrick, Ervin Newman.

The young people of the Barnhart Church presented Rev. Shilling with a Spur Clip, with his initials. Following the picnic at the park the crowd attended the Drive In Theatre. All reported a fine time and thanks to Bro. and Mrs. Shilling for making the plans for this good time.

Other parents present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hinde of Fort Stockton and Mrs. T. E. Strother.

Patricia Mitchell from San Angelo

## SCHOOL WILL START HERE SEPTEMBER 2

Supt. Jack McIntosh announced this week that school would open on September 2nd.

A new school bus has been purchased for the school district and is scheduled for delivery about August 20th.

The new bus is a Chevrolet chassis with a 60 passenger Wayne body.

Mr. McIntosh has engaged several teachers recently. Among them are Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Stoetzel, who have accepted positions on the faculty of the Mertzson high school. Mrs. Stoetzel will teach the 2nd and 3rd grades. Mr. Stoetzel will teach in the high school, and will also drive the new school bus.

Miss Elizabeth Cox of Wills Point, graduate of E. T. S. T. C. and Greeley, Colo., State Teachers College, will teach English in the high school.

Mrs. Patty Jones Turner of Eldorado, Ark., will teach public school music and advanced private lessons in piano. She is a graduate of E. T. S. T. C.

Pupils in the Mertzson school who are interested in taking private piano lessons during the coming school year are asked to contact Mr. McIntosh before Sept. 1, so that plans may be worked out in advance of school opening date.

## CLUB ENTERTAINED BY MRS. WERST

Mrs. J. L. Werst, Jr. was hostess last Friday afternoon for her bridge club.

Five games were played with Mrs. J. P. Crews winning high and Mrs. Bert Mayse second high prize for club members; Mrs. Reginald Atkinson high and Mrs. J. T. Davis second high prize for guests and Mrs. E. H. Shafer bingo prize.

A salad plate and iced tea was served to club members: Mmes. Bonnie Wilson, E. H. Shafer, Bert Mayse, J. P. Crews, R. S. Williams, M. L. Van Court, Lum Trainer, Leta Crawford, H. M. Noelke, Mae Sheen, and guests, Mmes. J. T. Davis, Joe Shaw, Preston Dudley, Reginald Atkinson, Joe Thorp, Russell Trimble and Bill Gunter of San Angelo; Tommie Hayes and J. O. Lusby of Big Lake.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

"For the time is come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begin first at us, what shall be the end of them that obey not the gospel of God?" 1 Peter 4:17.

Come to the morning service, and let us meditate on this great question. The evening subject will be, "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." We believe you will enjoy these services.

A welcome awaits you.  
W. A. Record, minister.

## THE METHODIST CHURCH

After being out of town for several weeks, the pastor will be back in the regular services Sunday, August 4th.

We have just closed what was said to be the best revival in years at Barnhart.

It is expected that all regular members will be back in their regular place of worship Sunday morning. All are welcome to worship with us.

Roy B. Shilling, Pastor.

FOR SALE—Six-room house, on two lots, unfurnished. All modern, newly finished inside, close to school. See owners: Mrs. Daisy Loftin or Mr. Jess Mabry in Mertzson.

is spending the week with Lucy Ann Hinde.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hinde of Fort Stockton were guests this week in the A. C. Hinde home.

Attend The Fellowship Supper Next Thursday Night, Aug. 8th, High School Cafeteria, 7:45 P. M.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

U. S. Acts to Move Consumer Goods to Market; British Press Drive to Boost Postwar Exports

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 (EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.)



American troops go into action in troubled port of Trieste to break up clashes between Italian and Yugoslav factions demonstrating for control of city. Bitter fighting between both elements continued despite Big Four effort to preserve peace by internationalizing area for 10 years. One G. I. has been killed and another wounded while trying to maintain order.

INVENTORIES:

Hit Hoarding

Hitting at the withholding of merchandise from the market in anticipation of higher prices, Civilian Production Administration drew up stringent inventory controls on manufacturers of electrical appliances and other scarce goods.

At the same time, CPA disclosed that exports may be limited if shippers move out a flood of goods at high prices to badly depleted foreign markets. Restoration of OPA price control would make such a step unnecessary, it was said.

Under CPA regulations, inventories of finished goods would be restricted to 30 days. Included are refrigerators, furniture, washing machines, electric ranges, sewing machines, vacuum cleaners, cameras, asphalt and tarred roofing, insect screen cloth and galvanized ware.

Production material and parts also must be held to minimum needs to prevent heavy buying against possible future price increases.

PRICE CONTROL:

Union Pressure

While house and senate conferees were striving to work out a compromise OPA bill satisfactory to the President, both the AFL and CIO exerted strong pressure for reasonable pricing of consumer goods.

Addressing the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees in Detroit, Mich., AFL President William Green pledged his organization's support in the battle to save OPA and backed up the union's threat to seek higher wages in the event adequate legislation is not shaped.

Meanwhile, local leaders of the CIO-United Automobile Workers rallied their membership for a buyer's strike throughout the country ordered by UAW Chief Walter Reuther. As the drive was to get underway, Dun & Bradstreet figures showed that the weekly index of 31 food commodities had soared to \$5.20, only 1.2 per cent below the \$5.30 peak of 1919. Since expiration of OPA controls, prices had rocketed 19 per cent, it was said.

MINE FOREMEN:

Win Pact

Paving the way for recognition of unionization of foremen in coal mines, pending court approval, the federal government signed a contract with John L. Lewis' Clerical, Technical and Supervisory Workers covering 146 employees at four bituminous pits of Jones & Laughlin Steel company in Pennsylvania.

In reaching an agreement with Lewis as operator of the mines under seizure orders, the government stipulated that the contract could be voided in the event that a federal court of appeals issued an injunction against the action. Coal operators long have deferred recognition of a foremen's union, asserting that supervisory personnel were

a part of management handling production in the companies' interest. Under the pact negotiated by the U. S. and Lewis, foremen were given wage increases totaling \$1.85 a day plus overtime after 40 hours. The terms were made retroactive to last May 22.

ARGENTINA:

Friendly Dispute

Although remaining a fast friend of Great Britain, Argentina promised to take its dispute with London over possession of the strategic Falkland islands off the southern tip of South America to the United Nations next fall for settlement.

Long held by the British in the face of Argentine protests, the Falklands lie astride the Straits of Magellan and Cape Horn leading from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans. While Britain, as a major sea power, has held on to possession of the Falklands because of their command of an important water route, Argentina considers them essential to its national security.

Aside from their strategic value, the Falklands are of little importance, being a cluster of barren, gloomy islands.

BRITISH TRADE:

On Rebound

Known for their genius for commerce, the British are making brisk efforts to revive and expand their postwar trade, which economists agree must surpass prewar levels if Britain is to reduce its wartime export debt and preserve a high standard of living.

In one of the first steps toward rebuilding its trade, Britain concluded bilateral monetary agreements with the countries of western Europe and Czechoslovakia for payment of goods. Reaching behind Russia's "iron curtain" in the Balkans, the British have been negotiating for an exchange of goods with Romania, Bulgaria and Hungary.

Always a large exporter to South America, Britain has sent a special business mission to the continent to drum up trade and clear the status of British investments. Whereas British exports to Argentina totaled 80 million dollars before the war, London hopes to increase shipments to 120 million dollars by next year.

JUSTICE:

Free Spy Suspect

The jury had just returned a verdict of not guilty on five charges of spying against 30-year-old Nicolai Redin, Russian naval lieutenant. Elated by the finding, the stocky defendant rose to his feet, crossed to the jury box and shook hands with the seven men and five women.

"Ladies and gentlemen of the jury," he said in heavily accented tones, "I want to thank you for the fair trial I have received here in America." Then shaking hands with Judge Lloyd Black, he declared: "The friendship between our two countries has existed and will exist."

Redin's acquittal followed Judge Black's censure of the prosecution for building up the international aspects of the case, with their implications of U. S. and Russian differences. Arrested in Portland, Ore., last March as he was about to board a ship for Russia, he was charged with obtaining and attempting to transmit secret plans of the new 14,000-ton destroyer tender, USS Yellowstone.

POLITICS:

Beat Wheeler

Political observers studied the campaign in the Democratic senatorial primary in Montana for a clue to the cause of defeat of the veteran Burton K. Wheeler, with a variety of reasons appearing to contribute to his downfall.

Since the rugged veteran led the non-interventionist cause before Pearl Harbor, the Japanese attack on the U. S. and the swing of American sentiment toward effective world co-operation were seen to have acted strongly against him. But because of the closeness of his defeat, the CIO-PAC fight against him, the opposition of the powerful railroad brotherhoods and the diversion of the main strength of the Democratic organization to his opponent, Leif Erickson, could have weaned enough votes away from him to spell defeat.

Winding up 24 years of senatorial service, Wheeler said: "... The people of Montana have been very good to me. ... Those who voted in the Democratic primary have relieved me of a great responsibility and a lot of work. ... Probably I have lost many supporters because I did not go along blindly with a Democratic administration in the last few years, but I could not sacrifice my principles. ..."

Return Talmadge

Georgia's gubernatorial election shared the national spotlight with Montana's senatorial race, with fiery, red-suspended Gene Talmadge making his bid for a fourth term on a platform of "white supremacy."

Despite the fact that his No. 1 opponent, James V. Carmichael, rolled up an impressive popular vote, Talmadge took an early lead in the decisive unit voting in which winners are determined by the number of counties they carry.

Against a background of a U. S. Supreme court decision opening Democratic primaries in the South to Negroes, and another court ruling forbidding segregation on interstate buses, Talmadge conducted a vigorous "white supremacy" campaign. With Georgia's state administration under retiring Gov. Ellis Arnall making no effort to curb the colored vote, more than 100,000 Negroes flocked to the polls, separate booths being set up in some election stations.

Browder Book Salesman

Once head of the Communist party in the U. S. before his deposition because of his advocacy of working relations between the classes instead of rivalry, Earl Browder returned from a six-week visit to Rus-



Earl Browder

sia as official representative of Soviet publishers in this country.

Setting himself up in an office in New York, Browder told reporters he would seek to develop better understanding between the American and Russian people through the exchange of literature. In addition to handling Soviet publications, he will sell U. S. books to the Reds.

POLAND:

Protests Election

Vice Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, who returned to Poland after the war to represent the moderates in the Soviet-sponsored provisional government, had his first open tiff with the new regime over the conduct of the recent elections.

Because of the stringent censorship of the Polish press, Mikolajczyk aired his grievances to foreign correspondents. Exhibiting a thousand partially burned and destroyed ballots, which he said had been salvaged from sewers, he charged that numerous such ballots marked against the government-backed proposal for a single legislature had been counted out. Reports from local committees in 12 cities, including Warsaw, showed 85.54 per cent of the people against the proposition, which the government declared carried.

While the election commissioner denied the charges, he admitted that in some places ballots were removed from polling places to other stations for counting, and some provinces had barred members from Mikolajczyk's moderate Peasant party from voting commissions

Washington Digest

Scientists Favor Unhampered Freedom in Research Work

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The bomb which leveled Hiroshima and has since been echoing in the Pacific did something to congress that could not have been done before the explosion.



It induced the senate to loosen the public purse strings to the extent of voting to subsidize a national scientific research foundation. Scientists don't have many votes, so the persuasion couldn't have come by way of a lobby. The public imagination had been stirred. Suddenly the layman realized that science was a powerful factor in war. He realized too that perhaps men who could smash the atom and make it smash the enemy, might learn how to use the powers of the sleeping giant—atomic energy—for the good as well as the ill of mankind.

At this writing congress has not completed action of the bill but probably will have done so by the time these lines are read. The idea of a national research program seemed very good to me. Therefore, I was somewhat surprised to hear a pharmacological authority of my acquaintance say that passage of this legislation "would be as destructive in the field of science" as the bomb was in the midst of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. He made the observation in a group, several of whom were scientists. His hearers appeared to echo his sentiments—sentiments which I later learned he had set forth in the recent Bulletin of the American Association of University Professors. He (Dr. Theodore Koppanyi) said: "In an analysis of the bill, a basic wrong immediately leaps to the eye. This is the assumption that scientific research can be 'initiated' or 'prescribed for.' If this assumption could be grounded, the natural sequel to a national research foundation would be federal foundations to 'initiate' and 'prescribe for' the composition of music, the painting of pictures, the writing of poems, and the establishment of social controls and education, for science is probably the most personal and individualistic of all human endeavors. No agency, however authorized and directed, can develop a national policy for scientific research."

Difficult to Pass On Projects

The theories and ways of thinking of scientists, Dr. Koppanyi explained, (and his colleagues agreed) are as diverse as the world itself.

"How can we set up a court with the power to pass on what is good and what is not good for science?" he asked, and then he turned to me with this question: "Would you approve of having a member of your profession—a commentator or news-writer—appointed by a President of the United States, as head of a similarly selected group of your colleagues who were made privy to private government information, which was barred from other speakers or writers?"

Naturally I said: "No." (That would be the end of the freedom of the press and radio.)

Then Dr. Koppanyi concluded: "You can spend a lot of money and get no return. But if you trust in human ingenuity, motivated by desire of public service, the love of science, recognition, and maybe selfish aims alike, you will have done more for basic science than you could ever do with billions of dollars of federal money."

Social Science Study Lags

Spokesmen for the so-called social sciences (the study of people, of individuals and groups) were loud in criticizing the omission from the bill of provisions for research in this field.

An engineer spoke for the social scientists in these words: "We've gone miles ahead in our study of inanimate things, in physics, chemistry and the other sciences that deal with inorganic matter, compared to our advancement in the study of human beings—why they act the way they do under given conditions, their relations to other individuals and to groups, and the action of the groups in relation to each other."

He spoke of the recent pogrom in

Kielce, Poland, where the Jews were attacked and killed. It all started from a false rumor, a planted rumor. The very same thing, the engineer pointed out, touched off the riots three years ago in Detroit. Those are known facts but there is very little public knowledge of what causes such action, how it can be prevented.

Possession Is Law to Russ

Russian expropriation of Austrian property and her delaying tactics in the setting of the peace conference to date seem to be predicated on the theory: Why start any discussions of who gets what if you can operate on the old theory that possession is nine points of the law?

Possession is an important factor. Take the recent experience of a Philadelphia horse. Around midnight one night a horse walked into a residential district and began devouring gardens of dahlias, morning-glories, snapdragons and other flowers. The infuriated householders tried to shoo the horse away, but he kicked at them and went right on expropriating the bourgeois blooms. However, in the good old American tradition, a policeman appeared with a rope and lassoed the beast. He was removed to the police stables where he couldn't exercise a veto on this purely procedural process.

This subversive tendency in the animal world was revealed in another part of Philadelphia at about the same time. Returning from a week-end, a householder and his family who had started a counter-revolutionary campaign against what they thought to be a harmless mouse, found a large-sized rat in the trap they had set. The rat with the trap attached as a minor incumbrance went right after the family which climbed tables and chairs. This time when the cop came he felt aggressive warfare justifiable and finished the rat with his reactionary night-stick.

Congress' Work Is Never Done

Congressmen invariably come to work January 14 brisk of step, bright of eye, confident they'll have all the bills passed, all the necessary business disposed of by July 1 at the latest, so they can go home to their fences.

The old timers, of course, know they are just kidding themselves.

Business is never completed by July 1, though they work from sun to sun for, like woman's, congress' work is never done. Consequently, fishing trips, motor jaunts, and important electioneering have to be postponed while house and senate members labor in Washington heat to complete last-minute legislation.

This year, it was the OPAgony that fevered congressional brows late into July. Debate was so furious, night sessions were so frequent that I wasn't surprised when I heard a man in the visitor's gallery of the capitol ask: "Why did they wait so long to get at the OPA bill? Seems to me they always have a lot of stuff left to do at the end of a session that they could have taken up earlier. Do they always let it go so long that these closing days sound like a rowdy jam session?"

I reported this remark to a man who knows Capitol Hill, as you and I know the short-cut home.

"There are no jams in congress," he answered as he inhaled another tablespoonful of the famous senate restaurant bean soup.

"Not even on OPA?" I modestly needed.

"No," he said, "but I'll admit they came to a near-jam when they had to work like the dickens to get the bill to the President before the OPA expired. But they did get it to him (he was talking about the first OPA bill)—and it was better than a lot of people had expected. That was no jam."

"What is a jam then?"

"What we used to have in the days of the lame-duck session," he came back promptly. "Then congress had to adjourn on March 4. A one-man filibuster could stymie legislation up to midnight of March 4, and it would never be passed. Then congress might act hastily, and perhaps unwisely, to meet its inexorable deadline."

A jam, then, is when congress is forced to precipitate action, or to no action. That's a congressional opinion.

I'd still like to hear what Harry Truman would define as a congressional jam-up.

THE LITTLE MAN BEHIND  
THE BIG SYSTEM—  
HORSE SENSE

# HARGRAVE'S

Mertzon - - - Texas

A LITTLE STORE KNOWN  
FOR 200 MILES WEST—  
HORSE SENSE

WE HAVE MIGHTY NICE BUSINESS You Made It So — Thank You

Over half a century behind the counter — with big concerns in Texas and out of Texas

We Receive Goods Most  
Every Day—Our Wholesale  
Connections Are the Best!

EXPERIENCE IS OUR RESERVE STOCK

Some Goods Hard To Get—  
Still We Have Lots of Goods  
You Need—See Us!

We have lots to learn — We know all of that—Any darn fool ought to know it

APPRECIATION DAYS  
Aug. 7th and 8th  
2 Days  
COME—  
WE EXPECT YOU!

WE'VE HAD REVERSES—LOTS OF THEM. WE ALWAYS COME BACK  
FIGHTING—WITH HAND FULL OF ACES. DOWN, YES, LOTS OF TIMES,  
BUT ON MY FEET BEFORE HE SAID 10—NEVER OUT. NEVER WILL BE—  
WHEN IT DOES COME—ST. PETER WILL DO THE COUNTING—

Horse Sense - Experience - And Work - Wins  
--A Perfect Team--

Horse Sense  
FRIENDS, EXPERIENCE  
AND HARD WORK  
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AUG. 7th and 8th—HARGRAVE'S STORE

AUGUST 8th  
FREE  
12 Pair Nylons

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Foster and two children are now residing here, having rooms at Mrs. Kiser's. Mr. Foster is employed with the Southern Geophysical Co. crew working around Mertzon and will be here six or seven months. Anyone knowin' of a house or larger apartment for rent for this family call the Star office.

Mrs. Jack Downs and children, Fane and William, arrived home Wednesday from ma visit in Fort Stockton with Mr. Downs' parents. A niece, Patricia Minear, accompanied them home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Farrington and Louise are now enjoying a vacation

trip. When last heard from they were in Fort Davis. They visited relatives in Balmorhea and planned to go on to Albuquerque, N. M., to enter a horse in the races.

Minnie Jo Evans returned Monday from Dallas where she has been visiting her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Shafer and family left Monday on a vacation trip. They planned to go to Colorado and perhaps on to Oregon.

Claude Rawls, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Rawls, has returned to his ranch home near Stiles after a three weeks' sojourn in a San Angelo hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyson Gentry and children left Wednesday for a few days at the Pasiano Baptist Encampment near Alpine. They plan to return home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey DeLong returned Friday from a short vacation trip.

## PRODUCE SPECIALS

Cabbage Colorado Green, Firm Heads ..... lb. 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c  
Corn Fresh From Arden Irrigated Farm ..... 3 for 14c  
Lemons California Sunkist ..... doz. 29c  
Lettuce California Fresh and Crisp ..... head 12<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c  
Watermelons Black Diamond Hot or Cold ..... lb. 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c  
Potatoes U. S. No. 1 10 lb. mesh bag ..... 49c  
Carrots ..... bunch 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c

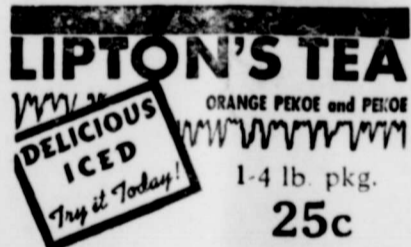
DUE TO ARRIVE—PLENTY OF CALIFORNIA BARTLETT PEARS, APRICOTS, NECTARINES, PLUMS, THOMPSON SEEDLESS GRAPES, RED MALAGAS and BLACK RIBIER GRAPES. Yes, sir, all the market affords.

## MARKET SPECIALS

Chuck Roast ..... lb. 33c  
Club Steak ..... lb. 55c  
Pork Chops ..... lb. 49c  
Fryers Fresh Dressed ..... lb. 69c  
Plenty of Box Cheese

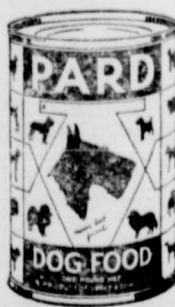


5 lbs. 36c  
10 lbs. 69c



Post Toasties

11 oz pkg 11c — 6 oz. pkg. 7c



8 1-2 oz. pkg. 12c

## BAKERY SPECIALS

TenderKrust Bread 1 1-2 lb. Loaf ..... 15c  
Two Tone Layer Cake Chocolate and White ..... 59c  
Dutch Holland Bread ..... 12c  
Assorted Cookies ..... doz. 15c  
Coffee Hills Bros. 1 lb. .... 32c  
Sugar Pure Cane 5 lbs. 37c - 10 lbs. 74c  
Shredded Ralston 12 ounce pkg. .... 12c  
Club Soda Water Canada Dry 28 ounce glass ..... 20c  
Honey Pure Ext. San Ann 2 lb. glass ..... 59c  
Chopped Ham Swift's 12 ounce tin ..... 42c  
Hilex ..... gal. 39c  
Asparagus Milford, Cut Green No. 2 can ..... 39c  
Plenty of PINTO BEANS, NEW CROP RICE, BLACKEYED PEAS, AND CORN MEAL PROPRIETARIES  
Epsom Salt Dow Needle Crystal ..... 5 lbs. 19c  
39c Medicinal Isopropyl Alcohol ..... 19c  
50c Syrup Black Draught ..... 39c  
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FRIDAY-SATURDAY SPECIALS

# Returned Veterans Aid Outlook For Elderly U. S. Farm Couples

## Alabama Brothers Show Success in Postwar Venture

Return of veterans from the armed forces is aiding the financial outlook for many an elderly U. S. farm couple.

Take the Bowdens in Coffee county, Ala., for example. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bowden are 69 and 63 years old, respectively, and, because of their age, were not able to make the most out of the farm they were operating when their sons were in service.

Upon their return from the armed forces, Lynn and Oren Bowden shouldered the job of making a living for the family and increasing dividends from the farm. Their first objective was to buy the farm, thus raising themselves and their "old folks" out of the tenant farmer class.

Since many elderly farmers and their wives also are looking to their sons to take over the home farm, the story of the Bowdens is related to show what can be accomplished.

Actually the story has its beginning in 1936 when, as the elder Bowden frankly admits, "we were down and out and had to struggle to make ends meet." Unable to get credit from regular lenders for purchase of feed, seed, fertilizer, equipment and other farm needs, the Bowdens resorted to a government agency, now the Farm Security administration, to secure the necessary funds. Along with the funds came instruction in sound farming practices, which enabled the Bowden family to improve the efficiency of their operations.

A period of progress followed, but the advent of war disrupted all the family's plans. Both Lynn and Oren were called into service, resulting in an acute lack of help on the farm. Lynn, 44, veteran of both world wars, entered the army in 1940 when the Alabama National Guard was called into service. Oren, 31, also was a member of the National Guard and entered service early the following year. A temporary re-



**SEEK EXPERT GUIDANCE**—The Bowden brothers and their parents have proved that they are good farmers, but they frankly admit they don't know it all. Here James S. Pridgen, Coffee county, Ala., FSA supervisor, shows Lynn and Oren Bowden how to treat seed peanuts to prevent damp rot after they are in the ground.

spite was gained when Oren was placed on inactive duty to help run the farm, but he later was called back into service.

Upon their discharge early in 1943, both brothers returned to the family farm. Intent on purchasing the 360-acre farm, previously rented by the family, the brothers arranged the necessary financing with Farm Security administration, which permits 40 years at 3 per cent interest for repayment of farm purchase loans. A major factor in the family's success was the diversified farming plan which the agency helped the family to map out.

Faced with a \$4,800 debt, contracted in purchasing the farm, the Bowdens embarked on an ambitious farm program designed to wipe out the debt in shortest possible time. Within a year they had paid off more than half the debt. Today, only three years later, the final payment has been made to the govern-

ment agency and the Bowdens are full owners of their land.

With 160 acres of the farm under cultivation, the Bowdens produce peanuts as the main cash crop. Carrying out their plan of diversified farming, they also have cotton, hogs and 12 head of beef cattle, principally of the Black Angus type. To develop their herd, they recently purchased a purebred Angus bull.

In 1944, the Bowdens marketed 20 tons of peanuts, \$600 worth of hogs, and \$60 worth of cattle. They had 15 other hogs left over for marketing by the end of that year as well as 12 stock hogs and 2 milk cows. Sale of chickens and eggs also added to farm returns.

Marketings the following year included 20 tons of peanuts, 4 bales of cotton and about \$588 worth of hogs. After these sales, they had 24 Duroc shoats, 4 brood sows and 30 pigs on hand as well as their beef cattle.

The "old folks" are helping the veterans progress in their farming venture. The elder Bowden raises garden produce, selling \$112 worth of cabbage from a few rows in his garden last year. Intent on increasing the returns, he has planted six 80-foot rows of cabbage this year. Mrs. Bowden also is active in work around the house and garden.

Size of the family also has been increased. After the last farm payment was made, Oren was married and brought his wife to the family farm home.

Today the Bowdens are considered successful Alabama farmers. Each member of the family does his proper share of work and all reap the benefits of good living on a well-operated farm. Furthermore, the elder Mr. and Mrs. Bowden can take more time to enjoy the peace and security of farm life now that their boys, like so many others, are home again from the war.



**PIGS BOOST INCOME** . . . Oren Bowden is shown here with brood sows and some of the young porkers which will be ready for market in the fall. Returns from cattle and pigs increase earnings on the Bowden farm, which is operated on a well-rounded diversified farming plan.

## Loans to Veterans for Farm Purchases And Operating Costs Reach High Peak

Setting a new high in Farm Security administration loans to veterans, 5,400 ex-servicemen were financed in purchase of farm operating equipment or family farms within a two-month period, according to figures released by department of agriculture.

The loans, made during March and April, constitute nearly a third of the total number the agency has approved for veterans during the last two years, FSA Administrator Dillar B. Lasseter announces.

Declaring that the agency expects the record lending to continue, Lasseter reports that more than 20,000 veteran applications now are being processed in county offices.

More than 16,000 veterans already have received FSA assistance. Approximately 1,000 of them obtained farm purchase loans under terms of the Bankhead-Jones farm tenant act from an earmarked fund set up by congress. The rest have loans to buy machinery and livestock or for other operating needs.

Soaring real estate prices and lack of productive farms for sale have handicapped veterans in their quest for farms, Lasseter says.

## Guidance Plan Aids Farmers Getting Loans

Individual guidance in good farm and home management practices is provided by Farm Security administration with all loans, the department of agriculture emphasizes.

Each loan, the department reports, is based on a sound plan for farm and home management that is worked out by the borrower and his family. The plan shows items the farmer intends to raise, his estimated operating expenses and income he may expect to make.

A FSA supervisor, schooled in efficient farm methods, helps each family make and carry out the plan. He will supply information on how to select and care for livestock, plan crop rotations and put other good farm methods into practice. In most rural counties a home supervisor, trained in home economics, also is available to assist the family.

Main objects of the guidance plan, according to FSA, are to help the farmer "get the most income from his work, obtain a good living for his family and repay his loan."



**CARES FOR CABBAGE** . . . Most of the gardening on the Bowden farm is done by J. W. Bowden, 69, father of the Bowden brothers. Here he is working among his cabbages, which netted \$140 in 1945.

# AROUND THE HOUSE

Rice water is saved to starch collars, lace edgings and dainty things.

Soak heavily sized new dish towels in warm sudsy water overnight. Removes stiffness.

A piece of greased candle wick can be used temporarily as a gasket for a leaking radiator valve.

Cauliflower leaves cooked until tender and served with butter taste like brussels sprouts.

When cellar drainage is not practicable because the floor is below the water level, your move is to make walls water-tight. Sealing of cracks calls for the use of concrete or bituminous materials.

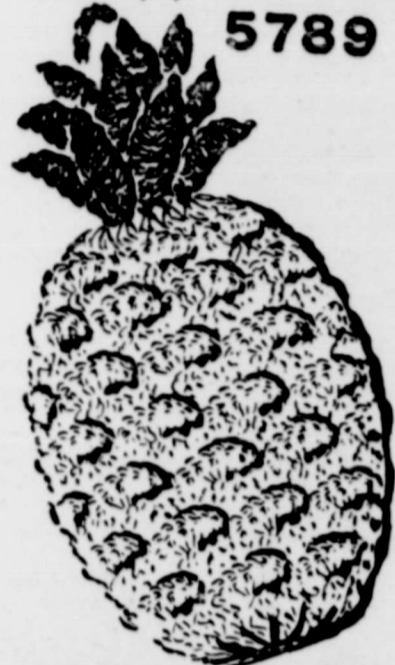
Carpet sweepers will not give perfect service unless cleaned regularly.

Use dental floss for sewing on buttons. It is strong and unequalled for hard wear. Use an embroidery needle and thread it double.

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Foster D. Snell, Inc., well-known consulting chemists, have just completed a test with a group of men and women suffering from Athlete's Foot. These people were told to use Soretone. At the end of only a ten-day test period, their feet were examined by a physician. We quote from the report:  
**"After the use of Soretone according to the directions on the label for a period of only ten days, 80.6% of the cases showed clinical improvement of an infection which is most stubborn to control."**  
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H. J. R. NO. 10  
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION  
proposing an Amendment to Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto Section 52, providing a Retirement, Disability and Death Compensation Fund for the appointive officers and employees of the State; limiting the amount contributed by the State to such Fund; providing for investment of Fund with certain exceptions; prohibiting recipients of benefits hereunder from receiving other direct aid from the State; authorizing counties to provide and administer such a fund for appointive county officers and employees after favorable vote in a county election for such purpose; limiting the amount contributed by the county to such Fund; providing for investment of Fund with certain exceptions; prohibiting recipients of benefits from said Fund from receiving other direct aid from the State; and providing for an election, necessary form of ballot, and publication on the question of adoption of this Amendment.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto Section 52, which shall read as follows:

"Sec. 52 (a). The Legislature shall have the right to levy taxes to provide a Retirement, Disability and Death Compensation Fund for the appointive officers and employees of the State; provided that the amount contributed by the State to such Fund shall equal the amount paid for the same purpose from the income of each such person, and shall not exceed at any time five per centum (5%) of the compensation paid to each such person by the State, and shall in no one year exceed the sum of One Hundred and Eighty Dollars (\$180) for any such person.

"All funds provided from the compensation of such person, or by the State of Texas, for such Retirement, Disability and Death Compensation Fund, as are received by the Treasury of the State of Texas, shall be invested in bonds of the United States, the State of Texas, or counties or cities of this State, or in bonds issued by any agency of the United States Government, the payment of the principal of and interest on which is guaranteed by the United States, provided that a sufficient amount of said funds shall be kept on hand to meet the immediate payment of the amount likely to become due each year out of said Fund; such amount of funds to be kept on hand to be determined by the agency which may be provided by law to administer said Fund; and provided that the recipients of benefits from said Fund shall not be eligible for any other pension retirement funds or direct aid from the State of Texas, unless the Fund, the creation of which is provided for herein, contributed by the State, is released to the State of Texas as a condition to receiving such other pension aid.

"(b). Each county shall have the right to

provide for and administer a Retirement, Disability and Death Compensation Fund for the appointive officers and employees of the county; provided same is authorized by a majority vote of the qualified voters of such county and after such election has been advertised by being published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in said county once each week for four consecutive weeks; provided that the amount contributed by the county to such Fund shall equal the amount paid for the same purpose from the income of each such person, and shall not exceed at any time five per centum (5%) of the compensation paid to each such person by the county, and shall in no one year exceed the sum of One Hundred and Eighty Dollars (\$180) for any such person.

"All funds provided from the compensation of each such person, or by the county, for such Retirement, Disability and Death Compensation Fund, as are received by the county, shall be invested in bonds of the United States, the State of Texas, or counties or cities of this State, or in bonds issued by any agency of the United States Government, the payment of the principal of and interest on which is guaranteed by the United States, provided that a sufficient amount of said funds shall be kept on hand to meet the immediate payment of the amount likely to become due each year out of said Fund; such amount of funds to be kept on hand to be determined by the agency which may be provided by law to administer said Fund; and provided that the recipients of benefits from said Fund shall not be eligible for any other pension retirement funds or direct aid from the State of Texas, unless the Fund, the creation of which is provided for herein, contributed by the county, is released to the State of Texas as a condition to receiving such other pension aid.

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of this State at an election to be held throughout the State in November, 1946, (being the 5th day thereof) at which all ballots shall have printed thereon:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide a Retirement, Disability and Death Compensation System for the officers and employees of the State of Texas and authorizing counties to provide such system for the appointive officers and employees of the counties of the State of Texas;"

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide a Retirement, Disability and Death Compensation System for the officers and employees of the State of Texas and authorizing counties to provide such system for the appointive officers and employees of the counties of the State of Texas."

Each voter shall scratch one of said clauses on the ballot leaving the one expressing his vote on the proposed Amendment.

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for said

election and shall have the same published as required by the Constitution for Amendments thereto.

According to an opinion by the Attorney General of Texas:

H. J. R. No. 49  
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing an Amendment to Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 7-a; providing that subject to legislative appropriation, allocation and direction all net revenues derived from the taxes, except gross production and ad valorem taxes, levied on motor fuels and lubricants and motor vehicle registration fees shall be used for the sole purposes of acquiring rights-of-way for and constructing and maintaining public roadways; for the administration of laws pertaining to traffic and safety; and for the payment of principal and interest on county and road district bonds or warrants voted or issued prior to January 2, 1939, and declared eligible for debt service prior to January 2, 1945; providing that one-fourth (1/4) of such net revenue from the motor fuel tax shall be allocated to the Available School Fund; providing and insuring that each county shall never derive less revenue from motor registration fees than the maximum amounts and percentages of such fees allowed to be retained by each county under the laws in effect on January 1, 1945; and negating any interpretation of this amendment as authorizing the pledging of the State's credit for any purpose; providing for the submission of this amendment to the voters of this State preceding the form of ballot and printing for the proclamation of the election and the publication thereof.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new section to be known as 7-a and to read as follows:

"Section 7-a. Subject to legislative appropriation, allocation and direction all net revenues remaining after payment of all refunds allowed by law and expenses of collection derived from motor vehicle registration fees and all taxes, except gross production and ad valorem taxes, on motor fuels and lubricants used to propel motor vehicles over public roadways, shall be used for the purpose of acquiring rights-of-way, constructing, maintaining, and policing such public roadways, and for the administration of such laws as may be prescribed by the Legislature pertaining to the supervision of traffic and safety; and for the payment of the principal and interest on county and road district bonds or warrants voted or issued prior to January 2, 1939, and declared eligible for debt service prior to January 2, 1945; providing that one-fourth (1/4) of such net revenue from the motor fuel tax shall be allocated to the Available School Fund; and provided, however, that the net revenue derived by counties from motor vehicle registration fees shall never be less than the maximum amounts and percentages of such fees allowed to be retained by each county under the laws in effect on January 1, 1945. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as authorizing the pledging of the State's credit for any purpose.

Sec. 2. The foregoing Amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at the General Election to be held in November, 1946, at which all ballots shall have printed thereon the following words:

"FOR the Amendment to the Constitution of the State providing that subject to legislative appropriation, allocation and direction all net revenues derived from taxes, except gross production and ad valorem taxes, levied on motor fuels and lubricants and motor vehicle registration fees shall be used for the sole purposes of acquiring rights-of-way for and constructing and maintaining public roadways; for the administration of laws pertaining to traffic and safety; and for the payment of principal and interest on county and road district bonds or warrants voted or issued prior to January 2, 1939, and declared eligible for debt service prior to January 2, 1945; providing that one-fourth (1/4) of such net revenue from the motor fuel tax shall be allocated to the Available School Fund; providing and insuring that each county shall never derive less revenue from motor registration fees than the maximum amounts and percentages of such fees allowed to be retained by each county under the laws in effect on January 1, 1945; and negating any interpretation of this amendment as authorizing the pledging of the State's credit for any purpose.

"AGAINST the Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas providing that subject to legislative appropriation, allocation and direction all net revenues derived from taxes, except gross production and ad valorem taxes, levied on motor fuels and lubricants and motor vehicle registration fees shall be used for the sole purposes of acquiring rights-of-way for and constructing and maintaining public roadways; for the administration of laws pertaining to traffic and safety; and for the payment of principal and interest on county and road district bonds or warrants voted or issued prior to January 2, 1939, and declared eligible for debt service prior to January 2, 1945; providing that one-fourth (1/4) of such net revenue from the motor fuel tax shall be allocated to the Available School Fund; providing and insuring that each county shall never derive less revenue from motor registration fees than the maximum amounts and percentages of such fees allowed to be retained by each county under the laws in effect on January 1, 1945; and negating any interpretation of this amendment as authorizing the pledging of the State's credit for any purpose.

Each voter shall strike out with pen or pencil the clause which he desires to vote against so as to indicate whether he is voting FOR or AGAINST said proposed amendment."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have same published as required by the Constitution for Amendments thereto.

S. J. R. No. 5  
A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas authorizing the Legislature to appropriate Seventy-five Thousand (\$75,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay claims incurred by John Tarleton Agricultural College for the construction of a building on the campus of such college pursuant to deficiency authorization of the Governor of Texas on August 31, 1937.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That the Constitution of the State

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 Joe McKee to L. W. Kirk, Lots 22, 23 and 24, Blk. 22 in Orient addition of Barnhart.  
 K. N. Jones to Mack Van Court, irrigated farm, 2 miles southeast of Mertzton.  
 Wednesday, July 24, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Morgan observed their 48th wedding anniversary.  
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 "When I was at the party," said Betty (aged just four),  
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 And all the other little girls began to laugh but me—  
 I didn't laugh a single bit," said Betty, seriously.  
 "Why not?" her mother asked her, full of delight to find  
 That Betty—bless her little heart—had been so sweetly kind.  
 "Why didn't you laugh, darling, or don't you like to tell?"  
 "I didn't laugh," said Betty, " 'cause it was me that fell!"

"A Printer's Prayer" makes use of terms that are connected with the work and equipment of a newspaper composing room:  
 "To the Great Printer Who prints in all colors of the rainbow and Whose type faces are stars and clouds, autumn leaves and sunbeams, snowflakes and flowers, this is my prayer:  
 "That I may set up my life to the measure of a man; that I may have the courage, win or lose, to follow the rules of the game; that I may point my life toward the things that count; that I may lock up within my heart idle tales, gossip and words that hurt; that I may make ready for the opportunities to serve that come my way; that I may register in my memory the splendor of sunsets, the glow of friendships, the thrill of great music, and the mental lift of inspiring thoughts; that I may press forward in the spirit of adventure toward the new horizons of achievement; that I may also consummate worthy accomplishments; that the impressions that I make on the white pages of time may encourage, cheer and inspire all those who cross my path; that I may bind together in my own life all those positive qualities that make for happy, creative, triumphant living; and finally, O Master of Printers, help me avoid the disgrace of making pi of my life and guide me safely around the yawning mouth of the hell box."

Early days in Texas are described by Mike Campbell of Stamford, well known newspaperman:  
 "My maternal grandparents settled at Dresden, Navarro County, in 1844, on land granted to the Republic of Texas. Our family still has that old document with Anson Jones' signature. The settlers made annual trips to Houston, in wagons drawn by oxen, for supplies, usually taking two months to make the round trip. There was not a fence between Dresden and Houston, except rail and brush fences around small fields and corrals.  
 "In those days, wild horses, cattle and wolves roved over the prairies. Prairie chickens were plentiful.  
 "My grandfather owned a slave who made all the shoes and boots. Cowhides were of the utmost use in

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the early days. They furnished shoes, harness, bull whips, chair bottoms and hinges for doors; and sometimes vessels for carrying water were made of leather.  
 "The Meltons were also early settlers in that section. Ethan Melton married my grandmother's sister. My great uncle, John Welch, told me of the Battle of San Jacinto, and the capture of Santa Anna. He related:  
 "Deaf Smith and I had been looking after some pack mules, and as we walked up to where General Houston lay, some of the boys led up a Mexican, dressed in the uniform of a private, facing the general. The Mexican made a sign with his hand and General Houston answered with his hand. About that time, some other Mexican prisoners exclaimed, "El Presidente! El Presidente!" Then we knew we had Santa Anna."  
 "Nestling in a little valley north of old Dresden lies the Melton cemetery, fringed with wild plum and persimmon thickets. There sleep pioneers,

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CHAPTER I

Outside, the sidewalks were damp and slippery. It was late February. The sky was blurred with an approaching storm. McCale walked up Stuart street slowly, stopping to buy an early morning paper at the corner.

He'd just had some mid-morning coffee with a couple of erstwhile private "eyes" and they'd told him in great detail of how Miss Adelaide Bigelow, of the Bigelows, had been traipsing from office to office for the "right" detective. Just what she needed a detective for, they didn't know, but it looked promising.

To McCale it looked like hokum; besides, he wasn't interested. He did not, at the moment, realize that the first pebble had started to roll, that even then he was being gently prodded into the relentless avalanche of a big case. He stopped for cigarettes at a drug store and stood at the counter idly turning the pages of the newspaper.

On page ten, Mrs. Atkinson Keye, socialite, was off to Reno again. Business as usual. A Mrs. Mulligan of Roxbury had given birth to her twelfth child. And, wait a minute, under a misty photograph of a very debby deb, the caption: "Lydia Prentice of Marlborough street and Magnolia, one of the bride's attendants at the wedding next Saturday of Veronica Perkins Bigelow to Curtin Vallaincourt."

So that's all it was. A society wedding. He laughed soundlessly as he thought of Leach and Garity making a big story over some old blue-blood who was, no doubt, looking for a couple of dicks presentable enough to mingle with a crowd of gilt-edged guests, while they kept a sharp eye on the wedding presents. He did not have to be much of a sleuth to figure that one out. He chuckled at the mental picture of either of his so-called pals straining to look "to the manner born" in such a situation.

How McCale Became a Private Detective

As he folded the paper, his eye caught a word or two in the gossip column, "After Dark." It read: "At the Latin Quarter last night Curt Vallaincourt, the handsome lad who is to middle-aisle it with Veronica Bigelow next week, waited in vain for her to appear. He ended his vigil by lapping up Zombies with Shari Lynn, the "torchy" singer from the floor show. We didn't know they knew each other."

McCale frowned at the last allusion. Too bad these keyhole lads had to spice everything up so.

McCale's office and living quarters combined were on St. James street, a bit far uptown for that sort of thing. They were in a block of old brownstone houses, the last that remained in that vicinity. Here, while they lasted anyway, McCale was able to cling to the illusion that he was a cut above the average detective. He had worked his way through a Midwestern college. He took summer courses here, there, and wherever he heard of something that might interest him. And he was interested in many things.

He woke one morning knowing that detection would be his career.

Then he took a course in criminology at a famous university, sat in at lectures at police college, talked himself into a job with a run-down detective agency. After that, he had set himself up as a private investigator. Cynical over police methods as he found them in practice, sick to death of the strike-breaking jobs, the divorce work, the undercover bribery, the questionable ethics of many of the men masquerading as honest investigators, it was the only thing for him to do. Only a few clients had come his way. But it was worth it.

McCale was small and dark and smoothly articulated. His hair was shiny and black; his eyes, inclined to be withdrawn one minute, would quicken with a peculiar glint the next. His mouth was too large for the countenance it graced, and, in repose, a trifle sardonic. But when he smiled or laughed, it lit up his whole face in a most disarming way.

He was nearly at his own doorstep when he noticed it. An antique limousine, broad in the beam and high in the tonneau, was drawn to the curb before his door.

McCale opened the waiting-room

door and stepped inside. The room was empty. The faded carpet and real leather chairs stared at him blankly. The wine velvet draperies were pulled back to let in what daylight there was. There were fresh yellow flowers in a squat white bowl on his secretary's desk, but she wasn't there.

He was thinking that it looked very quiet, very nice, not like a detective's waiting room at all, when Ann Marriot came in. She closed the door of the inner office, giving him a warning look.

Ann Marriot was the type of girl you might pass by at a first meeting, but when you knew her better, you became aware of her attractiveness. Her features were nice—gray eyes set far apart; a straight but not too small nose, and a good-sized mouth. She ran to intelligence and tweeds and her ash-blonde hair always imparted the fragrance of



"Miss Bigelow?" His sharp eyes took her in at a glance.

carnations. McCale caught a whiff of it now, as she handed him an engraved calling card.

It read: Adelaide Perkins Bigelow.

Wealthy Old Lady Appears Troubled

"Miss Bigelow is waiting in your office," said Ann.

"Why in there?" McCale asked, lowering his voice.

"Well," she answered, flushing slightly, "it's nice in there. There's a fire in the grate and the big chair and—books and things."

"Ah, I see. You are duly impressed by the royal presence."

"Not at all," she rather snapped. "She's quite nice. Did it occur to you I might want to impress her?"

McCale smiled. "Bless you, my child," he said as he went in.

A little old lady, quietly dressed, turned in the act of reaching for a book, to face him.

"Oh," she said, nearly dropping it.

"Miss Bigelow?" His sharp eyes took her in at a glance.

She was small, almost birdlike, and nervous in a fluttery way. She had a fine, delicately modeled face, too delicate, perhaps, to be imposing. Yet there was evidence in her carriage and in her manner of dignity and stubborn strength. McCale was aware, too, of a certain uneasiness, a lurking apprehension behind the too bright eyes that he could not attribute to surprise at his sudden entrance nor to her being out of her milieu in a detective's office.

"I was interested in your library," she floundered. "I expected you—"

"To look quite different?" McCale frowned. "More like a doctor or college professor, perhaps?"

"Why . . ."

"That's all right. None of us can choose his personal appearance. If I could, I'd be quite a different-looking person, I assure you."

There was something ingenuous about the way he said it. Then he smiled and everything was quite all right.

"It isn't that at all." She was just as candid. "You're quite nice-looking, really. It's just that all the detectives I've ever seen—that is—er—heard about—are rather big and brutal-looking—and tough."

McCale wanted to answer that, all things considered, he was probably just as tough—that he just wasn't big. But he didn't.

She seemed, for a moment, at a loss to begin. The old eyes searched his anxiously, and were withdrawn, as if the brain behind them was confused and helpless. He knew that there was desperation there, that it was difficult for her to play a part, but that she had determined to play it. He waited, and the silence in the room lengthened.

"My niece is to be married next week, Mr. McCale. Perhaps you have heard of her?"

"Yes," indeed. Veronica Bigelow. Her pictures are very lovely," He'd never seen one!

She brightened considerably. "She is lovely. My favorite niece. Mr. McCale. She'll be very wealthy, too. My brother's child. The wedding, of course, will be at Trinity but the reception is to take place at the family's town house. There are a great many beautiful and priceless gifts on display. They will have to be guarded night and day."

Guarding Gifts Pays Well

"The police," ventured McCale. "Pshaw! The police." She became more assertive. "We don't want plainclothes men all over the house. They'd stick out like sore thumbs. I want someone quiet and unobtrusive—just—just someone—"

The old voice faltered and trailed off.

McCale looked at her attentively. "Of course. I'm quiet and unobtrusive and inclined to be helpful."

She dropped her eyes. "I—I think you're the man I want."

"It doesn't exactly take brains to watch over a table of wedding presents."

"I know that. But if something were stolen, if something did happen, you'd have to investigate, wouldn't you?"

McCale glimpsed then, for an instant, the whirlpool of events to come. There was something in that remark alone that piqued his curiosity.

He made up his mind. "That will be twenty-five dollars a day," he said, and added meaningfully, "for guarding the wedding gifts."

But she would not rise to his bait. She searched a moment in a large black bag that hung from one arm. A hundred-dollar bill crackled as she put it on his desk.

"A retainer," she said.

"One moment. Miss Marriot will give you a receipt."

"Never mind. It isn't at all necessary. Will you come to tea this afternoon, at five?"

"To tea?"

"Yes. Please do." The tired old eyes pleaded with him. "The family—you should know them by sight—and there might be something to talk over—some arrangements you might want to make."

"Why, yes," he agreed, sudden intuition quickening in his mind. She seemed relieved; turned to go.

"One moment. Miss Bigelow. You'll want me to assume responsibility—when?"

"Oh, right away." That look had come back into her face again. "Immediately."

"But the wedding is—"

"I know. I'd feel safer"—she taught herself—"that the gifts would be safe if you were to take charge today. They keep arriving—more and more—most valuable, some of them."

He cut in on her embarrassed floundering. "Very well. I'll see you at tea. That's all you want to tell me?"

She looked wretched. "That's all," she said.

The door closed quietly after her. McCale stood staring thoughtfully into the fire. He heard Ann Marriot say good-morning and the outer door shut.

"She's a nice old thing," said Ann Marriot. "I hope you weren't curt and distant with her. She seemed to be in trouble."

"She wants me to guard her niece's wedding gifts."

"But . . ."

He shrugged. "I took the job." He flipped the hundred-dollar bill under her nose.

"Nice big retainer. Funny. She seemed sort of lost to me."

"Ann," McCale said, "that old lady is frightened!"

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Lesson for August 4

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JESUS AND THE SABBATH

LESSON TEXT—Exodus 20:8; Mark 2:27; Matthew 12:9-13. MEMORY SELECTION—This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24.

"The Sabbath was made for man," and was ordained of God for the good of man's body and soul. It was intended to be a day of glad fellowship with the Lord.

Since the Sabbath—the seventh day—was essentially one of rest and worship, the principles which surrounded it and directed its life may be applied to our day of rest, which is the first day of the week—the Lord's day.

I. A Day of Holiness (Exod. 20:8).

God gave his people a holy day to balance up their days of labor and to bring blessing to their souls. On that day he decreed that they should come apart from their labors, turn from secular interest and turn their hearts and minds to the unseen and the eternal. Man would become so engrossed in the things of this world that he would soon forget; therefore, God commands him to stop and worship. That should be sufficient to cause his people to "remember" the day "to keep it holy."

Notice that the day of rest was to be not only for the family, but also for servants and for visitors. The employer who unnecessarily operates his factory or office on Sunday violates this commandment. Note also that the man who is to rest on the seventh day is supposed to work on the six days. Some neglect to do both.

This matter of keeping the Lord's day holy is one which has tremendous implications in the lives of our children. Many men and women who have had built into their own characters the stalwart virtues nurtured by family attendance at divine worship have not only forgotten their own continuing need, but are destroying the interest of their children in church attendance.

It is serious enough to go astray in one's own life, but to lead one's children astray is an appalling responsibility. Let's keep the Lord's day as a holy day.

II. A Day of Helpfulness (Mark 2:23-28).

The formalists of Christ's day, the Pharisees, had overlooked the heart of God's law and the holy living which it was intended to produce, and had bound up even the observance of the sabbath (which was intended to be a day of rest and gladness) in such a mass of technical "thou shalt not's" that it was a day of fear.

The accusations against the disciples because they had taken and eaten grain was not on the ground that they had stolen, for the law (Deut. 23:25) guaranteed that right to the one who passed through his neighbor's field. The Pharisees contended, however, that the disciples had worked on the Sabbath in picking and hulling the grain.

God's laws are helpful laws, and it is only when men pervert them, or add to them their own traditions and interpretations, that they become burdensome to anyone who is God-fearing and obedient.

III. A Day of Healing (Matt. 12:9-13).

Jesus made it clear that healing of the body (yes, and of the soul) was most appropriate on the Sabbath day; in fact, that is the very day for it.

The healing of the man with the withered arm revealed that back of the Pharisees' professed concern for the Sabbath was a real hatred for Christ. It is an appalling thing that in the house of worship on the very Sabbath day, these men, outwardly so religious, were plotting against our Lord.

Jesus cuts across human hypocrisy and hatred to declare that the true keeping of the Sabbath is to do the work of God. No work of necessity (like plucking the grain) or of mercy (like healing the withered arm) is ever out of place on the day of rest.

A word of caution is needed, for some have sought to interpret this Scripture as providing biblical ground for doing all sorts of things on their day of rest. That day is for man's good, not for his destruction. His greatest good is served by rest, worship, spiritual development, Christian fellowship, and the doing of deeds of necessity and mercy.

The desecration of the Lord's day in our time is a serious matter.

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A youngster returned from summer camp. His fond parents were very interested in hearing how he had spent his vacation and asked him dozens of questions, one of which was: "How on earth did they manage to wake 350 boys every morning?"

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"At first?"

"Yeah, but after a while they couldn't find the mouthpiece of the bugle."

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Sincerely,

**PENROSE B. METCALFE**

W. H. Williams, accompanied by his son, Stokes Williams, is staying for an extended time in San Antonio for medical treatment.

One really has to go window-shop-ping nowadays if he is trying to build a house.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Curtis of Carlsbad, New Mexico, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Oral Thorp and family.

Some people are as bad as an old vacuum cleaner when it comes to collecting dirt.

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There was a fellow who was so narrow between the eyes that he could look through a keyhole with both eyes at the same time.

And all of us have known men who make a good first impression but they can't maintain it—they are superficial. When you go through their front door, you're in their backyard.

Abreast of the times: In Mineral Wells, there is the Atom Cafe.

"Growing Old" by Robert C. Medaris:

They say that I am growing old; I've heard them tell it times untold In language plain and bold. But I'm not growing old; This frail shell in which I dwell Is growing old, I know quite well, But I am not the shell.

What if my hair is turning gray? "Gray hairs are honorable," they say; What if my eyesight is growing dim? I still can see to follow Him Who sacrificed His life for me Upon the Cross of Calvary. Why should I care if Time's old plow Has left its furrows on my brow?

Then how can I be growing old When safe within my Saviour's fold? Ere long this soul shall fly away, And leave this tenement of clay; "This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise To seize the everlasting prize"; I'll meet you on the streets of gold And prove that I'm not growing old.

**SOFTBALL INTEREST INCREASING HERE**

A softball game with the Barnhart team has been tentatively set for Monday afternoon about 5 or 5:30 o'clock if arrangements can be completed. This game will take place before the American Legion barbecue.

Interest in softball has increased lately in Mertzon and a number of players have been practicing daily. Anyone interested in playing softball is invited to come out and practice at the City Park about 6 or 6:30 every evening. Bring your equipment if you have any.

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Mrs. Ferrel McInnis visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Treadwell in Menard one day last week.

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HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers

Fruit	Preparation Required	Processing	
		Hot Water Bath Time in Minutes	Pressure Cooker 5 lbs. - Time in Minutes
Apples	Wash, pare, core, cut in pieces. Drop in slightly salted water. Pack. Add syrup. Or boil 3 to 5 minutes in syrup. Pack. Add syrup.	25	10
Apricots	Wash, halve and pit. Pack. Add syrup.	20	10
Berries <i>except Strawberries and Cranberries</i>	Wash, stem, pack. Add syrup or water.	20	8
Cherries	Wash, stem, pit. Pack. Add syrup.	20	10
Cranberries	Wash, remove stems. Boil 3 minutes in No. 3 syrup. Pack.	10	
Currants	Wash, stem, pack. Add syrup or water.	20	10
Figs	Put in soda bath 5 minutes, rinse. Pre-cook 5 minutes in syrup. Pack, add syrup.	30	10
Grapes	Wash, stem, pack. Add syrup or water.	20	8
Peaches	Peel, pack, add syrup, or pre-cook 3 minutes in syrup, pack, add syrup.	20	10
Pears	Select not overripe pears, pare, halve, pre-cook 3 to 5 minutes in syrup. Pack. Add syrup.	25	10
Pineapple	Peel, remove eyes, cut or slice. Pre-cook in No. 2 syrup 5 to 10 minutes. Pack with syrup.	30	15
Plums	Wash, prick skins. Pack. Add syrup.	20	10
Quinces	Wash, pare, cut in pieces. Pre-cook 3 minutes in syrup. Pack, add syrup.	35	15
Rhubarb	Wash, cut into pieces. Pack. Add syrup.	10	5
Strawberries	Wash, stem, pre-cook gently for 3 minutes in syrup. Remove from syrup and cool. Boil syrup 3 minutes. Add berries and let stand for several hours. Re-heat. Pack.	20	8
Tomatoes	Scald 1 minute, cold dip 1 minute, peel, core, quarter. Pack.	35	10

Can Fruits and Berries This Easy Way (See Recipes Below)

Fruits A-Plenty!

Among the most envied women the past few years were those with large stocks of their own canned fruit. Yes, commercially canned fruit has been a mighty rare commodity during the war, and it's still scarce. If you plan now to do your canning, you'll be among the lucky homemakers when shortages really become acute during the fall and winter.

There are few pleasures greater for the cook than those jewel-like quarts and pints of luscious fruit on the pantry shelf. And besides, it's very easy to can fruit because they are acid and easy to preserve.

Selection Important.

I can't stress too highly the importance of having the freshest possible produce for canning purposes. Perhaps it is best pointed out in this way. You know the rapidity with which fruit spoils as soon as it is picked. You also know how important it is to have unspoiled fruit placed in a can because it easily spoils when preserved if there are bacteria there that begin working. Blemish-free fruit will take less time to put in cans, and the chances of spoiling are cut down. Besides that, the appearance of the fruit is better.

Freshly picked fruit and berries, young, tender and full ripe, are the best ingredients for canning recipes. Under-ripe fruit does not have mellow flavor, and over-ripe fruit will be mushy. That's why the "prime condition" of fruit is so important. Look out for bruised spots, signs of decay and other injuries. All these things have a great bearing



LYNN SAYS:

Here are some canning pointers: To guide you in the approximate number of jars you should have, you'll want this guide. To make one quart of canned fruit you will need these amounts of fresh fruit:

2½ pounds of apricots; 1½ pounds of cherries; 2½ pounds of peaches; 2 to 2½ pounds of pears; 2 medium-sized pineapples; 1½ to 2 pounds of plums; 1½ pounds of rhubarb; and 3 to 3½ quarts of strawberries.

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Making the Syrup.

Fruit may be canned in just plain water, but if you have any sugar at all (those extra canning stamps for sugar!) make a syrup, even if a very thin one for canning fruit. The syrup mellows them and brings out true flavor.

Here are some proportions for the lighter syrups which are popular this year:

Light: 1 cup sugar, ¾ cups water.

Moderately light: 1 cup sugar, 2 cups water.

Medium: 1 cup sugar, 1½ cups water.

To make the syrup, combine the sugar and water and allow to boil for five minutes, without stirring. Remove scum and use to fill jars. You'll need from ¾ to 1 cup syrup for each pint of fruit after it's packed in the jar.

If desired, juice may be extracted from fruits and berries by crushing, heating and straining. No sugar is needed.

Use it as you would syrup.

In making syrup, one-half corn syrup may be used with one-half sugar. Honey may also be used, but it does darken the fruit and emphasize the flavor.

Methods of Packing.

Fruits may be cold-packed for canning prior to processing. This means that raw fruit is packed cold into the jars, then processed in the boiling-water bath or pressure cooker. This is suitable for many fruits and berries, and is usually used by women who have a lot of canning to do.

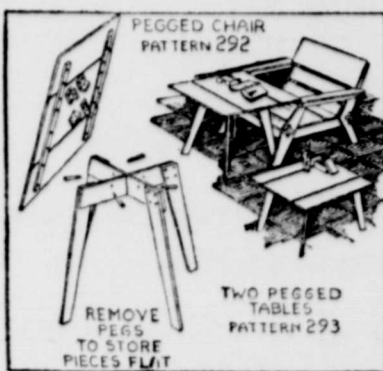
The hot-pack method is sometimes used for fruits. This means pre-cooking the fruits in the syrup a short time before packing in the jars and processing.

The open kettle method gives beautiful fruit, but is not often used today because there is too much danger of contaminating the fruit after it is cooked and transferred to the jars. In this method the fruit is cooked thoroughly in an open kettle in the syrup and then placed in the jars and sealed.

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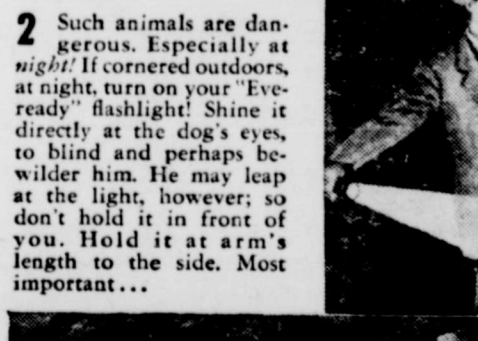


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**To The Citizens Of Irion County:**

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**To The Voters Of Precinct 1:**

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Carrots	bunch	6 1/2c	Ground Beef lb.	29c
Lemons	Calif. Lge. Size doz.	29c	Pork Roast lb.	39c
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