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## Mertzton Schools Will Open 1946-47 Term Monday, Sept. 2

The regular fall term of the Mertzton Public Schools will officially open on September 2nd with registration and issuance of books. Students should complete their work on Monday by noon and the faculty will meet in the afternoon. The faculty will have their first meeting on Saturday morning, August 31st, at 10 o'clock. Plans are complete for late opening on the above date.

The faculty was completed last week and their assignments made as follows:

Jack McIntosh, Supt., Science and Business; C. O. Hunt, Principal, Math, and Coach; Miss Elizabeth Cox, English; Miss Mary Eubank, Spanish; Miss Mary Ann Brown, Homemaking and Science; A. W. Stoetzel, Social Studies and bus driver; Miss Julia Wright, band, elementary, and piano; Mrs. Cecil F. Turner, Public School Music and Piano; Miss Mozelle Taylor, Business and office; Mrs. Roy Shilling, Home room for 5th and 6th; Mrs. Jack McIntosh, Home room for 4th and departmental; Mrs. A. W. Stoetzel, Home room for 2nd and 3rd; Miss Sidona Urban, Primary; Mrs. Lilia Young, Latin American; Mrs. T. P. Lawdermilk, Latin American.

The bus route as established by the board of education begins in Mertzton and goes out the San Angelo highway to the Arden crossing and to Sherwood, down the old Angelo highway to Crews gate and back to Mertzton through String Town. The time of the route will be announced later after the bus has arrived and the timing can be determined. Children riding the bus will meet the bus in the most convenient place for them and will have to be on time as the bus will not wait in any places. The afternoon route will be the reverse of the morning route. Mr. Stoetzel, the bus driver, will be bonded and licensed to operate a school bus.

Meals will be served for the first time on Tuesday. The cafeteria will operate as last year with many improvements. A new 30 ft. Frigidaire has been added to the kitchen. The floors have been painted and the cooks will meet State Health Department requirements for cooks in public places. The meals will still be 20c per day. Meals will be better if a large number of students take their meals in the cafeteria.

Among other improvements that have been made is the addition of several new classes and the plans for the affiliation of at least two classes that have been offered before. New classes for this year will be chemistry, shorthand, and biology. We will seek to affiliate band and choral singing. To al-

## HOGGETTS ENTERTAIN NIGHT BRIDGE CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. Mans Hoggett entertained their bridge club Friday night at their ranch home near Mertzton.

Four tables of players enjoyed the game on the cool screened-in porch, with O. J. Estes winning high prize for club men, Mrs. Stokes Williams high for club ladies and J. L. Werst Jr. high for guests.

Refreshments were served to Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Van Court, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thorp, Mr. and Mrs. Stokes Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hahn, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey DeLong, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Werst, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Estes of San Angelo.

LOST—Shovel and ax, at Fellowship Club barbecue at City Park. Someone probably took them home when cleaning up not knowing who they belonged to. Please return to Joe Thorp.

WANT TO BUY gas logs for fire place. Write Box 25, Barnhart. State price.

FOR SALE—Guitar and case. Call Minnie Jo Evans.

ternate with chemistry is physics which will be offered next year and to alternate with plane geometry will be solid geometry and trigonometry next year.

Much work has been done this summer on the play ground. It has been graded and the rocks (many of them) hauled off. More playground equipment will be on the ground this year. Some swings have been put up and several seesaws have been added. The slide has been moved to the side of the building and repaired. The Goal-Hi stand has been repaired and will be put in use. The tennis courts will be in good shape when school starts and the volleyball courts have been moved and will be ready to play. At least three softball fields have been provided for. There will be a well supervised physical activity program in operation this year. Boxing will be taught the boys and football, basketball, and track will be entered into again for the first time in at least four seasons.

Improvements in the building will include inside drinking fountains, a large fluorescent light fixture in each room, refinished floors, and many minor repairs. Floors in the restrooms have been painted and the back porches have also been painted. Some new equipment will have been added when school starts. The homemaking department is to have completely new stoves, refrigerator, hot water heater, dish washer, washing machine, and electric roaster. This will make our homemaking department as modern as any. The regular teaching supplies have been purchased and in addition some special aids for teachers. All floors have been re-varnished and waxed and the primary room repainted.

The new Latin American school building will be completed about the 15th of September but school for the Latin Americans will begin on September 2nd, the same as the other school. We will probably have school in the old building for two weeks. A definite announcement on this will be made later. The Latin American school will be as modern as can be and one of the best in this section of the state.

Patrons of the school are especially urged to attend the opening of school at 9 o'clock on Monday, Sept. 2nd, and to attend any and all school activities throughout the year. A complete school calendar will be announced soon after school starts. Watch for the school events so you can attend all. There will be a regular chapel program each week.

Bert Mayse reported about a half-inch rain fell Tuesday afternoon on the north side of his ranch next to Mertz ranch. Len Mertz received spotted showers with a half-inch at the house. Lindly Wood received an inch on part of his land and Street Whitley received an inch on part and light showers on other parts of his ranch. The Freitag ranch also received a rain and Raymond Clark got an inch and one-fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. Lum Trainer and David combined business with pleasure when they journeyed to New Mexico last week and enjoyed a tour through the Carlsbad Caverns.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Steger moved Tuesday to their home recently purchased from H. M. Curtis of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

The Play Period this week will be under the sponsorship of the First Christian Church with Mmes. Earl Steger, Preston Dudley, Edward Allison and Bill Freitag working as directors.

Vote for BOYCE HOUSE for Lieutenant Governor.

## NOTICE, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

In the spring the list of subjects that would be taught was set up and students registered then for their fall schedule. The same courses will be offered but teachers are different. If you know you want to change your schedule, it would be well for you to drop by the school one day next week. You may see us there any day from 9 to 3:30. The schedule of classes will be made according to your registration cards.

Jack McIntosh, Supt.

## JOE ROBERT THORP RECEIVES DISCHARGE

Joe Robert Thorp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thorp, arrived home Sunday morning from Camp Wallace where he was discharged from the Navy after 17 months service. Joe R. entered the Navy in March, 1945, and took his boot training at San Diego.

He served on the U. S. S. Vincennes, a 10,000-ton cruiser, for 12 months. When he returned from overseas he was stationed at Mare Island to decommission his ship.

## FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Richie Davis will hold morning and evening services at the First Christian Church Sunday. In the morning services Miss June Owens of Barnhart, a student of music in T. C. U. will render accordion music, and at the evening services a vocal solo.

Mrs. Preston Dudley and Mrs. Edward Allison of the First Christian Church will be hostesses at a picnic at the City Park Friday afternoon for the children of Mertzton 4 to 6 years of age inclusive. Mothers of children who wish to come are urged to call Mrs. Dudley or Mrs. Allison so that they will know how many to expect.

After First Christian Church services Sunday noon the members of the church will enjoy a no-host picnic at the Carr picnic grounds near Sherwood. All members and friends of the church are urged to attend.

## MERTZTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Lemons of San Angelo will preach at the Mertzton Baptist Church Sunday at both morning and evening services. Everyone is invited to attend these services as well as Sunday school at 10 a. m.

Your vote for BOYCE HOUSE for Lieutenant Governor tomorrow will be appreciated.



R. E. "PEPPY" BLOUNT, JR.

Ralph E. "Peppy" Blount, Jr., is a candidate for representative in the State Legislature from the 91st District in the run-off primary election which will be held tomorrow.

His home is in Big Spring and he is also attending the University of Texas at present. Mr. Blount served with the Far East Air Forces as a first lieutenant and was recently presented with the Distinguished Flying Cross in ceremonies at Goodfellow Field.

The 91st District is composed of Tom Green, Sterling, Howard, Glasscock, Reagan and Irion Counties.

## Run-off Election Scheduled Tomorrow; Covey-Brister, Gentry-Thorp In Races

### 54 ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST IN ELECTION

County Clerk R. E. Key reports that before the deadline expired 54 absentee votes were cast in the Democratic run-off election which will be held tomorrow.

Interest in Irion County centers around the commissioners' races in Precinct 1 and 2. Sam Covey, incumbent, led the ticket in the first primary but faces S. T. Brister in the run-off tomorrow. Vote in the first primary was Covey 140, Rayburn 13, Brister 114, Burke 95.

In Precinct 2, Tyson Gentry, present commissioner, is in the run-off with Joe Thorp. Results in the first primary was Gentry 65, Thorp 48, and Bradford 33.

In the state offices Beauford Jester faces a run-off with Homer Rainey for governor. Jester led by a substantial margin in the first primary. Allan Shivers and Boyce House seek the lieutenant governorship; J. E. McDonald and R. E. McDonald vie for Commissioner of Agriculture; and Tom Beauchamp and Jesse Owens seek the Judge Court of Criminal Appeals office.

A hot contest is predicted between Cecil H. Barnes and Ralph E. Blount.

Jr. for representative from the 91st Legislative District. They ran close in a three-man race in the first primary. Following is a sample ballot of the election:

### SAMPLE BALLOT

For Governor:

Beauford Jester, Navarro County  
Homer P. Rainey, Travis County

For Lieutenant Governor:

Allan Shivers, Jefferson County  
Boyce House, Tarrant County

For Commissioner of Agriculture:

J. E. McDonald, Ellis County  
R. E. McDonald, Travis County

For Judge Court of Criminal Appeals:

Tom L. Beauchamp, Smith County  
Jesse Owens, Wilbarger County

For Representative, 91st Legislative District:

Cecil H. Barnes, Tom Green County  
Ralph E. Blount Jr., Howard County

For Commissioner Precinct No. 1, Irion County:

Sam Covey  
S. T. Brister

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2, Irion County:

Tyson Gentry  
Joe Thorp

## Barnhart News

By MRS. ALMA TARVIN

Funeral services were held Monday morning at 10 o'clock at the Baptist church for Jim Shaw, a long time resident of Barnhart. Services were conducted by the former pastor, Rev. W. A. Knight. Mr. Shaw was 67 years of age, and died suddenly Friday morning after being stricken suddenly. He was rushed to a San Angelo hospital, but died shortly after reaching there. He was a member, and a deacon in the Baptist church here.

He is survived by the widow and five children, a number of grandchildren, his mother, Mrs. Martha Jane Shaw of London, Tex., and five brothers, John and W. L., both of Gallup, N. M., P. L. of Barnhart, Glen of Miama, Ariz., and Clint of Rankin; one sister, Mrs. J. H. Goodman of London. The children are Hershel of Rankin, Duke of Eola, Mrs. Tom H. Johnson of Alhambra, Calif., Mrs. Elbert Metcalf, University City, Mo., Mrs. Jack Deschamps, Monterrey, Calif., Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Deschamps were unable to come for the funeral.

Pallbearers were Gene Linthicum, T. C. Harris, V. L. Porter, Neville Davis, A. C. Hinde and Bart Westfall. Robert Massie Funeral Home was in charge. Out of town friends who attended the funeral services were: Mr. and Mrs. L. Q. Sparks, Dr. and Mrs. Helbing, W. Curtis Mitchell from San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Owens of Rankin, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Conner of Toyahvale.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Porter and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hinde attended the Russell and Murphy wedding in San Angelo Saturday night.

In a ceremony performed at the Park Heights Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 5:30, Miss Margaret Doyal became the bride of Stanley Bolin in a double ring ceremony performed by Rev. C. T. Ally in presence of close friends and relatives.

Traditional wedding music was played by Mrs. Cecil Townsend and Miss Jerrie Moore sang "I Love You Truly". Miss Wanda Lee Woodruff was bridesmaid, while Wayne Jordan attended the groom as best man. The bride wore a blue fall suit with black accessories. Miss Woodruff was dressed in pink with blue accessories, with corsages of white carnations.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Massie Club House. Hostesses were Mrs. Ed Bailey and Mrs. Jack Mills. The newlyweds were assisted in receiving by Mrs. Doyal and Mrs. Bolin. While Mrs. Bailey served the two tiered wedding cake and Mrs. Mills ladeled

## SOFTBALL TEAM DEFEATS SANTA RITA

The Mertzton softball team defeated the Santa Rita nine here Sunday afternoon by a 14 to 3 score in a nine inning game.

Playing for Mertzton were Jack Davidson, c; Sonny Adams, p; Bill Freitag Jr., 1st; O. J. Estes Jr., 2nd; Charles Watson, ss; Barbee, 3rd; Buster Adams, lf; Preston Dudley, cf; Buck Bird, rf.

punch, Miss Woodruff registered guests. All the attendants wore corsages of white carnations. The bride is a graduate of Barnhart high school, and has been employed by the San Angelo Telephone Company several years. The groom is a graduate of San Angelo high school and spent several years in service with the armed forces and at present is in school in San Angelo. After a short wedding trip the couple will be at home at 1415 S. Abe St. in San Angelo.

Wednesday night Barnhart played Atlantic No. 16 in a very good game in the Big Lake League, winning by a score of 14-9. This was the first game in which Atlantic No. 16 had been defeated, therefore the Barnhart team was especially proud in winning over them. On Friday night Barnhart defeated Miller 20-2.

Joe Rust from New Mexico was a visitor in Barnhart last Thursday. It was his first visit here in many years, and he came to see after his mother's grave.

Mrs. Floyd Ridley was a recent visitor in her parent's home in Miles and drove over to Abilene for the week end.

Rodeo fans attended the rodeo and roping matches in Ozona Saturday and Sunday.

The V. L. Porter family were in from the ranch for several days the past week.

The T. E. Strother family is spending the week in Eden.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Newman and family and Mrs. Stubblefield spent Monday at their home here. The Newmans have been living at Powell Field the past six months, where Mr. Newman is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Collins and family are visiting Mrs. Dora Collins this week.

Mrs. Violet McMullen is building on a new bath room to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly King are parents of a new baby boy born in a San Angelo hospital Sunday morning, Aug. 11. Mr. King is with a geophysical crew, and they live here in the Taylor apartments. They have one other son, Billie.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

House Group Proposes New Farm Program to Aid Agriculture; Drouth Strikes Mid-West States

Released by Western Newspaper Union.  
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Among big-wigs attending peace parley in Paris are Herbert Evatt of Australia (at left); Georges Bidault of France (top center); Ethiopian representative (bottom center); Paul Henri Spaak of Belgium (top right) and Trygve Lie of Norway.

FARM PROGRAM: New Proposals

A new farm program calling for a combination of sound open market practices and governmental assistance was proposed by the special house committee on postwar economic policy and planning headed by Representative Colmer (Dem., Miss.).

In recommending changes in present farm legislation, the committee urged:

Greater flexibility be allowed in farm prices, especially toward each other.

Supply and demand be given greater opportunity to determine farm prices rather than artificial controls.

Re-examination of the out-moded parity price formula designed to give farmers an income on a par with industrial workers.

Concentration on a long rather than a short range farm program.

For establishing a "floor" under farm prices to prevent a disastrous drop, the committee proposed a support program guaranteeing producers "60, 70 or 80 per cent of parity"; a supplemental payment during hard times to assure a certain percentage of pre-depression income and limits on the rate of decline for a specified commodity in a year.

PARIS:

Parley Gets Going

Settlement of the highly controversial rules procedures enabled the 21-nation Paris peace conference to get underway for consideration of vital issues concerning treaty drafts for Italy, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria.

Agreement to place all conference recommendations passed by a majority vote before the Big Four foreign ministers for their study in drawing up the final treaties represented a major victory for the Anglo-American bloc. Russia had held out for a two-thirds vote on the grounds that decisions should be as unanimous as possible and was supported by a Slavic bloc including Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, the Ukraine and Byelorussia.

While the Anglo-American and Russian blocs were at issue on the voting procedure they readily joined in a decision to open both committee and general assembly meetings to representatives of the defeated nations to place their views before the delegates. There also was agreement on excluding any of the Big Four from the chairmanship of any of the committees to preclude the imposition of their policies and to limit each country to one chairmanship.

DROUTH:

Strikes in Mid-West

Because of an atmospheric quirk, parts of Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and almost all of Michigan have suffered from a severe drouth, with heavy rainfall needed to prevent major corn, pasture and truck crop failures.

As explained by the weather bureau, a low pressure trough exists in a north-south direction

the Great Plains states. Normally, moist air from the Gulf of Mexico would pass into this channel, to be distributed to the eastward. During the last six weeks, however, a strong northerly wind has been blowing in to block the moist air.

Outside of this area, there has been heavy rainfall, especially in the East, the Great Plains states and parts of Iowa and Illinois. To the east and west of the affected air trough, southerly winds are bearing moisture from the gulf.

Corn in the drouth area already has suffered a 10 to 20 per cent loss; seeding of clover and alfalfa in stubble has been retarded, and tomato blossoms are blasting and falling off vines.

CIO:

To Fight Prices

Remaining militant in its postwar program to aid the interests of more than five million members, the CIO announced an all-out drive on rising prices to prevent further depreciation of the workers' dollar.

Revealing that it had given up plans for another big wage drive to win further increases to offset rising living costs, the union stated that demands for more money probably would result in still higher prices.

In forecasting additional price rises of 15 to 20 per cent during the next few months, the CIO said that the corresponding reduction in purchasing power of the consumer's dollar would represent a wage cut of 17 per cent. A successful consumer strike against higher prices would terminate current inflation within the next 18 months at the worst and three to six months at the best, it said.

UNRRA:

U. S. to Quit

Following close upon the blast of Senators Butler (Rep., Neb.) and Ellender (Dem., La.) against use of United Nations relief and rehabilitation funds abroad, Assistant Secretary of State William L. Clayton told the fifth UNRRA council meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, that the U. S. would not contribute additional funds to the agency.

While the senators had charged that UNRRA supplies were being used to bolster foreign governments, Clayton stated that the U. S. was withdrawing future assistance to the agency because the period of immediate postwar impoverishment was passing and the U. S. and other countries had supplied sufficient credit mediums for financing recovery.

No less than 30 billion dollars have been made available for loaning through such agencies as the international bank and monetary funds set up at Bretton Woods, Clayton said. Furthermore, prospective borrowers now can approach wealthier nations for advances if necessary, he added.

In all, the U. S. provided no less than 2½ billion dollars of aid to UNRRA, sufficient for supplies to fill 2,000 cargo ships.

OPA:

More Price Boosts

Reflecting the termination of subsidy payments amounting to \$39,200,000 yearly, OPA boosted the price of No. 2 sized cans of peas and tomatoes two cents and corn and tomato paste one cent. The price of a 14-ounce bottle of catsup was upped one cent along with six-ounce cans of tomato paste.

At the same time, OPA followed its removal of price control from snap beans packed after March 1 by freeing frozen and canned snap beans processed before that date.

While congress had slashed the administration request for two billion dollars for subsidies by half in renewing OPA, the agency had decided to discontinue vegetable payments in July, it was reported. With the lapse of the old price control act in June, subsidies ended on the 1946 pack and later were stopped on the 1945 supply.

Study Meat Control

As the new super price control board undertook to determine whether meat should continue free of price control, packer bids on cattle and hogs dipped in the leading markets upon heavy receipts of low-cost beef and consumer resistance to rising pork prices.

Taking cognizance of department of agriculture charges that whole carloads of meat were spoiling on railroad sidings in the East because of a buyer's strike in protest against high prices, packers stated that present prices including former subsidies actually are lower than under OPA regulation. Because of the large volume of tonnage available, some shipments may be arriving faster than distributors can handle them, it was said.

National Income Near Peak

With disbursements of private industry rising to an all-time high in June, income payments to individuals for the month were at a near record annual rate of \$160,600,000,000, the department of commerce reported.

Included in income payments to individuals are wages and salaries, net return of unincorporated businesses, dividends and interest and net rents received by landlords.

Indicative of whirring postwar industrial activity, wage and salary payments for June were estimated at \$8,701,000,000 and dividend and interest disbursements were put at \$2,263,000,000.

HIGH SEA:

Seek Prize

A British steamship company stood to gain three million dollars and the Latvian captain and crew of one of its tugs another million if their claim to the abandoned 15,000-ton American Farmer cargo vessel is upheld. Boarding the deserted ship 600 miles off of England, the British crew later was forced to give it up to U. S. seamen.

Considered as a prize to anyone picking her up under maritime law, the American Farmer was spotted by RAF planes as she drifted aimlessly after being abandoned by her U. S. crew following a collision with the U. S. William Riddle. Valued at almost two million dollars herself, the American Farmer bore cargo estimated at an additional two and one-half million dollars.

The British tug located the American Farmer after several U. S. vessels had passed the ship up. Shortly after the tug captain had put a crew aboard and started to tow the huge wrize in, the U. S. Ranger drew alongside and sent seamen to take possession of the craft.

HIDES:

Hit Hoarding

Led by Reconversion Director Steelman, the government moved to spur the lagging sale of hides and leather which was said to threaten an imminent shutdown in shoe production.

Declaring that the government would use every means for striking out at hoarders who held back shipments in the hope of raising prices, Steelman revealed that the justice department would investigate rumors that distributors were withholding supplies to gain greater profits and OPA would check inventories so that it could order release of excess stocks.

Reaffirming OPA's determination not to grant further increases in prices of domestic hides and leather, Steelman declared that under OPA ceilings production of these items between V-J day and June 30, 1946, reached the highest level in history. With the temporary lapse in OPA, prices of hides skyrocketed an average of 50 per cent and approximately 900,000 were sold, he added.

Washington Digest

GOP Leaders Intrigue Press With Election Prospects

By BAUKHAGE

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WASHINGTON, D. C. — This weather—in Washington and elsewhere—develops more heat than light. That's a trite phrase, I know,

but it's apropos because heat, rather than light, is always the keyword at this season, politically speaking. Congress accomplished its fade-out rather gracefully, I thought, even if they must have prayed for "forgiveness for 'the things we have left undone'" as fervently as for the things they did which didn't sit too well with their consciences.

And now the voice of the vote-getter is heard in the land.

Radio and newspaper correspondents are being courted by both political parties. For example, recently, a crowd of radio folk was given a luncheon-table look at the vote-getting machinery behind the Republican lines. Our hosts were Republican Chairman Carroll B. Reece at one end of the table, and Republican Campaign Manager Clarence Brown at the other. (A similar jaunt into Democratic territory will be reported in a future column.)

Reece Quiet, Popular Chief

Reece is a slight, greying, quiet-voiced man whose Tennessee accent reminds one occasionally of Claude Pepper in one of Claude's unoratorical moments if you can catch him in one. (Personal confession: I like Pepper and Reece both and so do a lot of people who would be the first to say, "the views of these notables do not NECESSARILY agree with those of the undersigned.")

It is a little presumptuous of me to refer to Reece as "greying" because the year 1889 had to stretch itself from January to December to fill the time-gap between my birthday and his. He has taught in almost as many academic institutions as I have casually attended. He was a battalion commander in World War I whereas I never rose above the exalted station of shavetail, and among his five decorations are the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal and the Purple Heart. He was cited for bravery by a marshal, three generals and a colonel.

Perhaps the same qualities which won Reece his decorations qualified him for his present job. He certainly doesn't lack assurance even if he doesn't rattle sabers in expressing it.

But we are not talking about Reece. We are talking about his job. He is out on the hustings, although his trip, which will take him as far west as Seattle and as far south as Georgia, is mildly camouflaged as a vacation. Anyhow Mrs. and Miss Reece are going along, and a part of the time will be spent at a resort in the Rockies.

Backstopping Reece here in the capital where nobody votes, but where a lot of writers and talkers remain, will be Clarence Brown, representative from the seventh district of Ohio, a state which might be called a latter-day mother of presidents and which right now is looking hopefully over the patterns of maternity gowns.

Brown and Reece complement each other very well. Reece is slight, dignified, soft-spoken. Brown is large, loud enough to be heard in the back row without using the PA system, and hail-fellow-well-met. As "campaign manager" he is going to sweat it out (that is literal) with the rest of the Washingtonians who don't vacate in the summer.

I have a fellow feeling for Representative Brown, tinged perhaps with the natural deference a reporter always has for a publisher. Brown publishes several country newspapers (that's the way he put it himself in the congressional directory) whereas I merely write for "several" besides this one. Also he has three more children than I have. He and I once met on the debating platform, and while I would naturally never admit that I didn't present the best argument, I will concede somewhat grudgingly that Brown's resounding oratory won him the most applause. We

were debating selective service, and I hasten to explain that former Senator (now Supreme court justice) Burton and I had the unpopular side. Anyhow, Brown (may-the-best-man-win) won.

Reece and Brown didn't talk on-the-record at the luncheon but I have a good idea of how things looked to the Republicans at that congenial gathering of radio folk. If the elections were held as of that moment, they claimed, the Republicans would win a majority of seats in the house of representatives and would make very heavy inroads on the Democratic majority in the senate. Since then many of the primary battles have been fought and I'll report the reactions later.

Gallup Poll Heartens GOP

In the first place I understand that the Republicans took considerable satisfaction in the Gallup poll which showed that, excluding the one-party Democratic states, 46 per cent of the persons interviewed showed a Democratic preference and 54 per cent a Republican preference.

The GOP leaders believed they had a good, fighting chance to win 15 to 17 senatorial seats from their opponents. In New York, they say Governor Dewey's good record and the campaign he is planning ought to pull in a Republican senator (they won't say whom). They believe Democratic Senator Mead will have to run or the governorship.

They felt they had a chance in Delaware and West Virginia and that if the ballots were cast at that moment they would win in Mis-



Carroll B. Reece and Rep. Brown

souri (I'm still talking about the senatorial race). They called Montana and Washington probabilities rather than mere possibilities.

O'Mahoney knows he has a fight, they say, and they believe the Republican candidate, John Henderson, has a chance against the popular gentleman from Wyoming.

I heard a lot of talk, too, about the interesting possibility in Connecticut where Repr. Clare Luce was expected to oppose former OPA Administrator Chester Bowles, which would be a colorful affair with all the technical skill of her publisher husband, and all the skill of an advertising man, Mr. Bowles, pitted against each other.

As to the house of representatives, Republican machinery has been grinding in at least 75 districts.

Ol' Kentuck

Bloody Battleground

Kentucky was catalogued as still a dark and bloody battleground. At the time of the luncheon, Representative May's followers seemed to feel, according to press reports, that he was a martyr. If something should come out to change their minds on that score, he might go down to defeat. And we are reminded that, as one Republican put it: "every 20 years or so Kentucky changes its mind."

Other debatable districts were listed in Pennsylvania, Indiana, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia and New York.

What the Republicans seem to count on most is the natural reaction, the "throw the rascals out" theory which Americans always have reverted to after so long a period of any party's incumbency. In addition, say the GOPundits, there are the usual mistakes of the party in power which result in the well known attitude of one of Clarence Brown's constituents who told him:

"I don't know who I'm FOR, but I know darned well who I'm AGAIN."

The Republicans think they have discovered a trend away from centralized government which may turn the voters against the administration and into Republican pastures.

# HARGRAVE'S

Still Buying and Receiving Goods --- Still Selling The Best I Can Buy

Still Appreciating Your Trade and

When It Gets To Where I'm Not Allowed To Appreciate Things

I will not move --- far --- but build myself a little house a little closer in

So I can spend more time in appreciation.

H. J. R. No. 62  
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION  
Proposing an Amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding a new Section to be known as Section 49-b, creating a Veteran's Land Board and establishing a Veteran's Land Fund; providing for an election and the issuance of a proclamation therefor.

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

Section 1. That Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new Section to be known as Section 49-b which shall read as follows:

"Section 49-b. There is hereby created a Board to be known as the Veteran's Land Board, which shall be composed of the Governor, the Attorney General, and the Commissioner of the General Land Office. The Legislature shall provide by law for the issuance by said Board of not to exceed Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000) in bonds or obligations of the State of Texas for the purpose of creating a fund to be known as the Veteran's Land Fund. Such bonds shall be executed by said Board as an obligation of the State of Texas in such form, denominations, and upon such terms as shall be prescribed by law, provided, however, that said bonds shall bear a rate of interest not to exceed three per cent (3%) per annum.

"In the sale of any such bonds a preferential right of purchase shall be given to the administrators of the various teacher retirement funds, the Permanent University Funds, and the Permanent Free School Funds; such bonds to be issued only as needed, in the opinion of the Veteran's Land Board under legislative authorization.

"The Veteran's Land Fund shall be used by the Board for the sole purpose of purchasing lands suitable for the purpose hereinafter stated, situated in this state (a) owned by the United States, or any governmental agency thereof; (b) owned by the Texas Prison System, or any other governmental agency of the State of Texas; or (c) owned by any person,

firm, or corporation.

"All lands thus purchased shall be acquired at the lowest price obtainable, be paid for in cash, and shall be a part of the Veteran's Land Fund.

"The lands of the Veteran's Land Fund shall be sold by the State to Texas Veterans of the present war or wars, commonly known as World War II, in such quantities, and on such terms, and at such prices and such rates of interest, and under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by law; provided, however, that any such lands remaining unsold at the expiration of eight (8) years after the effective date of this Amendment may be sold to anyone as shall be prescribed by law.

"All moneys received and which have been received and which have not been used for repurchase of land as provided herein by the Veteran's Land Board from the sale of lands and for interest on deferred payments shall be credited to the Veteran's Land Fund for use in purchasing additional lands to be sold to Texas Veterans of World War II, in like manner as shall be provided for the sale of lands purchased with the proceeds from the sales of the bonds, provided for herein, for a period of eight (8) years from the effective date of this Amendment; provided, however, that so much of such moneys as may be necessary to pay interest on the bonds herein provided for shall be set aside for that purpose. After eight (8) years from the effective date of this Amendment, all moneys received by the Veteran's Land Board from the sale of the lands and interest on deferred payments, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be set aside for the retirement of said bonds and to pay interest thereon, and any of such moneys not so needed shall be deposited to the credit of the General Revenue Fund to be appropriated for such purposes as may be prescribed by law."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held throughout the State of Texas on the first Thursday in November, 1946, at which election all voters favoring the proposed Amendment shall write or have printed on

their ballots the following words:

"FOR the Amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding Section 49-b creating a Veteran's Land Fund for the purchase of lands in Texas to be sold to Texas Veterans of World War II."

Those opposing said proposed Amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the following words:

"AGAINST the Amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding Section 49-b creating a Veteran's Land Fund for the purchase of lands in Texas to be sold to Texas Veterans of World War II."

If it appears from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast were in favor of said Amendment, the same shall become a part of the State Constitution and be effective from the date of the determination of such result and the Governor's proclamation thereof.

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 and laws of this State.

Sec. 4. The sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury of the State not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

Gilmer James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merrel James, was thrown from a horse Monday and sustained a sprained wrist and cuts around his face.

Dave Parker of Sherwood accepted the job on the county maintenance crew recently vacated by J. Kyle.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Hill and Mrs. Gilbreath and Myrtle of Sonora were shoppers here Wednesday. They were on their way to Kentucky to visit relatives.

Mrs. Jessie Witt, formerly Jessie Shelby, of Liberator Village near Ft. Worth, is visiting Mrs. Oral Thorp.

### NOTICE TO PUBLIC.

My property is posted according to law. "Anyone" Camping-hunting, wood-hauling, handling stock without permission, or in any way trespassing, will be prosecuted. Mrs. Fayette Tankersley Mertzon, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Carr and daughters, Marie and Frances and Mrs. J. D. Wood are enjoying a trip through New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado. They were accompanied as far as Douglas, Ariz., by Mrs. W. J. D. Carr who visited Lou Lambert, her sister, in Douglas.

Miss Frances McDermitt of Cameron and Mrs. Vester Hughes' sister, Mrs. A. E. Prugel and Nancy Ann of Sonora, were visitors in the Hughes home last Friday.

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Lettuce	California	2 for	23c
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Potatoes	U. S. No. 1	lb.	5½c
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Onions	U. S. No. 1	lb.	3c
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Onions	U. S. No. 1	3 lbs.	14c
	Yellow		
Yams	U. S. No. 1	lb.	11c
	Sandyland		
Grapes	California	lb.	19c
	Thompson Seedless		
New Potatoes		3 lbs.	14c
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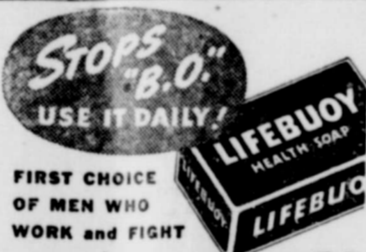
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Chuck Roast		lb.	37c
Cheese	Cheddar and American	lb.	65c
Sausage	Armour's Smoked	lb.	43c
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Almond Macaroons	doz.	25c
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Beans	Brown Beauty No. 300 can	3 for 25c
Peas	Rolling West Sweet Tender. Can	19c
Meal	White Fresh Ground	5 lb. bag 39c
Tuna Fish	Sea Gold 1-2 can	39c
Pi Do	Aunt Ellen's	8 oz. pkg. 9c
Preserves	Ma Brown Strawberry	1 lb. jar 62c
Wax Paper	Cute Rite Lge. Roll	19c
Spinach	Libby's No. 2 can	17c
Insect Spray	Kwik Brand 5% DDT. Quart	56c

### PROPRIETARIES

50c Jergen's Lotion	Plus Dryad Deodorant	39c Plus Tax
50c Pepsodent Antiseptic		39c
39c Medicinal Isopropyl Alcohol 70%		19c
Epsom Salts, Dow Needle		5 lbs. 19c

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**The Home Town Reporter**  
in WASHINGTON

By Walter Shead  
WNU Correspondent

**Weak New OPA Bill Controls By 'Psychological' Means**

ENACTMENT of the new OPA bill, weak as it is, may have a psychological if not an actual hand in controlling prices, this reporter believes. Although it is a hodge-podge of conflicting ideas, it is definitely better than nothing.

As the result of this bill, for all practical purposes, Agricultural Sec. Clinton P. Anderson becomes the new boss of the food price control. Although the law places final authority in the three-man decontrol board, the cumbersome administrative process gives the secretary exclusive authority to recommend to the board. In all likelihood the policy of the board will be set in accordance with the policy of Mr. Anderson.

One of the secretary's well known views is the elimination of food subsidies. As a matter of fact, present prices on foods, except some which have soared beyond all reason and which are in short supply, are believed by the agricultural boss to reflect the ceiling prices of June 30, when OPA control went off, plus subsidy costs. Elimination of government subsidies are believed to account for an approximate 10 per cent increase on foods formerly subsidized, and, with another 5 per cent added on, the prediction is that most foods will level off at about a 15 per cent increase.

**Benefit to 'Little Man'**

This brings into focus again the endless argument, is it cheaper for the general public to pay government subsidies than to pay for a 10 per cent increase in food prices at the retail level? And the answer is, it is cheaper for the little fellow, those millions whose income is \$3,000 a year and under, because he doesn't pay the subsidy in federal taxes.

At any rate, the government at this writing is not paying out a dime for food subsidies on meat or dairy products. Subsidies went out with the old OPA in June. If, however, meat and other products go back under price control, it will be a question for the agriculture boss and the decontrol board to decide whether or not to reinstitute subsidy payments as a policy or to do something else about control. The new law ends all subsidies by April 1, 1947.

The mere fact, however, that the decontrol board has the authority under the new law to reinstate price ceilings without consulting industry or without giving advance notice, we believe will act as a psychological threat which at least will make industry and producers a little cautious about boosting prices beyond reason.

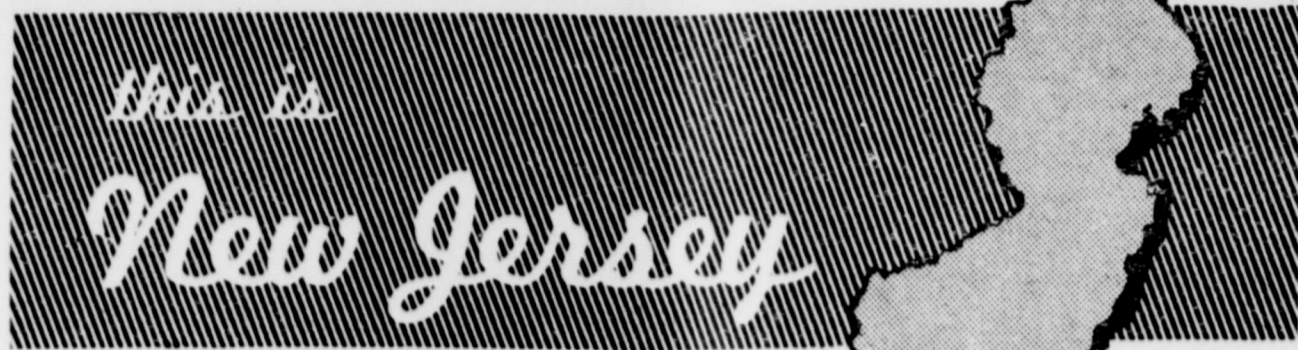
**Opposed to Subsidies**

Farm organizations and the dairy industry have been fighting for elimination of food subsidies for years, declaring that the treasury should not pay the public's grocery bill and that farm produce should go to market and be sold at a fair price fixed by supply and demand. They now have won that fight, at least temporarily. Subsidies are off. These subsidies in two categories have amounted to a little over three billion dollars annually. In theory farmers are supposed to make up for loss of this three billion in increased prices. But will this be true?

There is every reason to believe that the cost of everything the farmer buys will rise considerably. With the old OPA gone, cost absorption by industry is also out and this means quick price gains for many goods to as high as 9 per cent. The farmer gained only 10 per cent by elimination of subsidies. And in addition there will be many increases in manufacturing costs which later will be seen in the retail selling price. . . . fencing, building materials, all kinds of farm machinery, commodities of every description . . . and there are many experts here who predict at least a 15 per cent rise in these things the farmer buys to equal the 15 per cent increase in food costs.

**Farmer May Feel Better**

So the question of whether the farmer is better off with or without subsidies is still a moot question and likely will be. One thing, however, the average farmer, independent as he is, may feel better in knowing that the price he receives from his products, whether they are high or low prices, is not in part a government hand-out.



By EDWARD EMERINE  
WNU Features.

New Jersey, the Garden State, is more than the 80-mile trip from New York to Philadelphia. It never can be appreciated by hurrying through it, or by dashing over to "the Jersey side" for a few hours. But the vacationist and the sportsman, as well as the farmer, laborer, industrialist or home-seeker, will find North Jersey, South Jersey, and all points in between, well worth the time it takes for a visit and inspection. New Jersey is an empire in its own right, the "Mighty Atom" among the states of this nation.

It has great industrial areas where "Made in New Jersey" is stamped on thousands of products. Its agriculture is highly developed. New Jersey provides homes for its own workers as well as for tens of thousands who have a business address in New York City or Philadelphia. It broad highways, each a scenic and historic route, offer motor trips along the coastline of the great Atlantic, or through the hills and valleys, forests and farms, orchards and parks of the interior.

In New Jersey, one may have the bustle of the city, the vibrant life of seashore resorts, or the quietude of quaint, forgotten towns where time has stood still. There is Bordentown, where the 19th century still lives on every street, as well as small villages resting solidly in the pockets of northern mountains.

There is much for every American to re-live in New Jersey, where Gen. George Washington spent a fourth of his career as commander-in-chief during the Revolutionary war. Its scores of historic shrines are rich in early American lore and legend.

**Take Cue From Indians.**

When the early settlers arrived in New Jersey from Europe, they found the Indians growing corn, pumpkins, gourds, tobacco and beans. Taking a lesson from the natives, the settlers cleared the land, imported seed and livestock from across the sea, and developed an important agricultural colony. It became "the Garden State" of the colonies.

Today, New Jersey has prosperous small farms and high types of agricultural specialization. Dairy and poultry farms abound. Small grains and field crops are grown in most parts of the state. Most of New Jersey's farm products are consumed by its own cities, or by Philadelphia and New York. It is but a step from farm to market.

Alexander Hamilton selected the site of Paterson for an industrial city. Early New Jersey scientists and inventors accelerated the trend toward industrialization—John

Despite three centuries of development, about 46 per cent of New Jersey still is in forest! Of great significance are the

plentiful along the southern coast of New Jersey. Atlantic City is known as "the playground of a nation."

Traditionally, New Jersey has been the home of many famous people. James Fenimore Cooper and Capt. James Lawrence of "Don't give up the ship" fame lived next door to each other in Burlington.

Robert Louis Stevenson, when in America, lived at Manasquan. Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton fought their famous duel near Weehawken. George Washington wrote his "Farewell Address" to the army in Berrien House at Rocky Hill. Grover Cleveland, twice U. S. President, was born in New Jersey. Woodrow Wilson was president of Princeton university and governor of New Jersey before becoming President. Walt Whitman's tomb is at Camden. Alexander Woolcott was born in New Jersey. Others are Stephen Crane of "The Red Badge of Courage" and Joyce Kilmer, poet, who wrote "Trees." Many contemporary New York authors and artists live on the Jersey side.

New Jersey is a great state—great in agriculture, in industry, in



**VACATION PARADISE . . .** Nature has provided abundant attractions to beckon vacationists to New Jersey. Sparkling lakes and mountains lure many to the inland areas while the thrill of a seashore vacation draws countless others to the New Jersey coast, with its 120 miles of sandy beaches.

Fitch and Col. John Stevens with their steamboats, and Seth Boyden with malleable iron and patent leather—to be followed later by the genius of Thomas A. Edison, the wizard of Menlo Park.

Today there are heavy industries at Newark, brick and terra cotta works around Perth Amboy, shipyards at Camden, ceramic plants at Trenton, woolen mills at Passaic, textile plants at Paterson, and many others in such cities as Elizabeth, Bayonne and Jersey City. The state ranks first in smelting and refining of copper, dyeing and finishing of textiles, and ranks high in rubber goods production. It is second in manufacture of silk, rayon and chemicals. New Jersey ranks sixth in the nation for value of manufacturing.

Few people regard New Jersey as a mineral state. However, in 1685 iron was mined in Monmouth county, and this basic resource has been mined ever since. Zinc deposits at Franklin Furnace and Ogdensburg, Sussex county, are world famous. Trap rock, sandstone, argillite granite, slate, marble, talc and conglomerate are quarried in New Jersey, and it has unlimited quantities of sand and gravel, lime, greensand marl and peat.

oystermen and fishing captains of the Jersey coast, one of the world's truly great fishing grounds. From Sandy Hook to Cape May, the coast provides every variety of bay, surf, ocean and deep-sea fishing. Delaware bay, too, offers commercial fishing as well as casting a line for sport.

**Three Main Divisions.**

New Jersey might be called a peninsula since, with exception of the 50-mile northern boundary from the Hudson to the Delaware, it is entirely surrounded by water. It has three physical divisions. In the north is a mountainous, lake-studded region known as the Appalachian Highlands. The central or Triassic section, with gently rolling hills, supports most of the state's urban and industrial development. The large southern coastal plain has fruit orchards, market gardens, swamps, pine wastes and miles of beaches and shallow bays.

All of New Jersey that touches the Atlantic ocean is famous for its seashore. Asbury Park is one of the best known of North Jersey coast resorts, with boardwalk and convention hall. Long Branch attracted visitors from Philadelphia as early as 1750.

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**It Appears Ezra Knew Right Tactic**

Down in a certain southern town the prize loafer of the community went away on a trip and returned with a brand-new wife.

"Well, Ezra," remarked the mayor, on meeting the new bridegroom, "so you've gone and got married." Assuming a forlorn air, he added: "And here I am, a lonely bachelor. It seems no one will have me."

"Think I can help you get a wife," Ezra suggested hopefully.

"Really!" cried the mayor.

Ezra glanced around cautiously, then whispered, "Do what I did, Mayor. Go where you ain't known."

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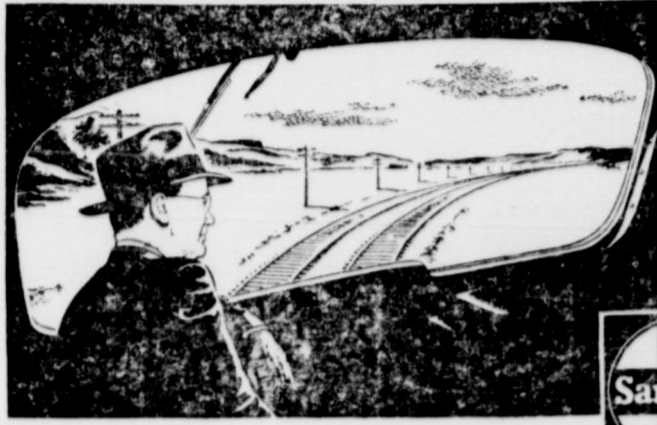
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During the next few months, Santa Fe will announce a number of new features improving its service and equipment. Watch for them.

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Mrs. Jake Linkley and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lindley and son, Jay, attended the Old Settlers Reunion at Brady Sunday.

Mrs. W. W. Carson returned Tuesday from Bloys Encampment in the Davis Mountains where she has vacationed for a week.

### SHOW CALENDAR FOR COMING WEEK

The following pictures are on the show bill for the coming week at the Mertzon Drive-In Theatre:

Saturday-Monday—"Sunday Dinner For A Soldier" stars Anne Baxter and John Hodiak with a supporting cast of Charles Winninger, Anne Revere, Connie Marshall, Chill Wills and others. A 20th Century-Fox Picture.

Tuesday-Wednesday—"Leave Her To Heaven," in technicolor, a 20th Century-Fox picture starring Gene Tierney, Cornel Wilde, and Jeanne Crain with Vincent Price in the sup-

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years, he established an excellent record of public service. A loyal Democrat and native Texan, he is a man of highest character and splendid personality. The majority of Texans believe he will reflect credit and honor on the State of Texas.

Shivers, a war veteran of two years overseas, during which time he earned 5 battle stars, did his best to make this a free country for a free people. He will continue that course as lieutenant governor.

He has conducted a dignified campaign, free of mud-slinging and personalities. His platform appeals to every Texan: Better farm-to-market roads, better salaries for school teachers, enlarged public safety facilities, a thorough public health program, re-districting of the state for legislative purposes, greater aid to the aged, real assistance to war veterans, reorganization of the pardon and parole system, a first class university for the colored, and equal responsibility from both labor and management. He is against a sales, state income or any other form of new taxes.

Allan Shivers will be the lieutenant governor of all the people. In addition to integrity, sincerity and ability, he has a background of training and a record of public service already performed which gives him the right to ask for promotion.

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# Murder in Plain Sight

by GERALD BROWN



Duke McCale, private detective, is engaged by wealthy old Miss Bigelow, to guard her niece's wedding presents. McCale guesses there is something sinister in the situation, and so accepts. He meets Mrs. Sybil Bigelow, the bride's mother, Victoria and Stephen Bigelow, the bride's brother and sister, and Mrs. Stephen Bigelow, a strikingly beautiful blonde woman. Later he becomes acquainted with Christopher Storm, a noted architect, who is too inquisitive to suit McCale. Then he meets Veronica, the bride-to-be, an attractive and intelligent girl, and the bridegroom-to-be, the extremely handsome Curt Vallaincourt, big and masterful. He gives Veronica a strange, meaningful glance.

## CHAPTER IV

When Curt began to take his leave, he doled himself out. Stephen he treated like a brother, Storm as an affectionate friend. It was the women who bit at his heels most avidly. Miss Adelaide glowed, turned coy. Sybil shook herself out of the sulks, simpered. Victoria looked at him hotly, and Karen's eyes kindled with an icy fire.

Veronica waited tolerantly, as if she could well afford to do so. He crossed to her finally in his negligently graceful stride. He took her hands in his big ones and, leaning over, whispered in her ear. She laid her bronze head against the massiveness of his chest for a moment.

Everyone must have heard her say, ". . . But it's all right now, darling. All right. I'm so glad—I was devastated."

Victoria's eyes were half-closed, mere pencil strokes in her Beardsley face, and Karen's only movement was the tapping of a carmine fingernail on the arm of her chair.

Curt kissed his fiancée. And then McCale knew. There was no acting in that kiss. This was no embrace in the thundering animal way of a Tarzan. This was not the selling power behind perfect merchandise. In spite of the stories, in spite of the man's reputation, he was really in love with Veronica Bigelow. It was in his eyes. It was unmistakable. How could anyone in that room not know it?

"You won't need me tonight?" he asked Miss Bigelow.

"No—I think not—" she faltered. "Will you telephone me in the morning?"

"Of course."

"I shall need you," she said with emphasis. She looked older and more haggard in the gloom.

He nodded as she followed him to the door.

"I think I should have one of my operators on duty here tonight."

"Oh, no—it won't be at all necessary."

"—The wedding gifts." There was an oh-so-subtle tinge of sarcasm in his tone.

She smiled uncomfortably. "They'll be all right."

"Very well."

"He was outside, in the corridor. Mr. McCale."

"Yes."

"You saw the bridegroom. What do you think?"

He hesitated. "Very handsome." He knew that wasn't the answer she wanted.

"Is that all?"

"Character? I couldn't say. I simply recognize him as a type—one over which I'm not enthusiastic."

"I watched you this afternoon. You are so calm. Don't you ever get excited?"

He chuckled. "I have a very even temperament."

She looked disappointed, but he would make no further comment.

"Good night."

"Good night."

## Dinner Date at The White Abbey

As he walked cross-town, he felt strangely disembodied, like someone coming from the theater—a theater where one had seen a queerly disturbing drama.

On impulse he entered the first drugstore that he saw. He dialed the Bigelow number, waiting impatiently until he heard Miss Adelaide's voice.

"On second thought," he said, "I've decided that it is necessary to have my assistant in your house tonight. A Mr. Bjorkland. He will report to you at eight. Good night again."

He hung up before she could acquiesce or demur. Then he called his own number. Rocky answered.

"Hello, Rocky. I want you to spend the night at the Bigelows."

"Okay, boss. What's cooking?"

"Something—yes—but nothing that I can get my teeth into. I know there's something wrong, though."

"Do you want me to watch out for anything in particular?"

"No-o-o. Just keep your eyes and ears open. I won't even give you my reactions to the Bigelow clan. I want an unbiased opinion from you in the morning. You're supposed to be guarding those precious wedding gifts. Miss Bigelow will be expecting you at eight o'clock. Ask for her. You'd better run along now and get yourself some grub. Put Ann on the line, will you?"

"The power behind the throne," quipped Rocky, "took her royal departure at the stroke of six."

"Just like that?"

"Yeah. She had a wicked gleam in her eye when she sealed the note she left for you. I'll lay odds that she's up to some deviltry."

"No doubt. Well, I'll be seeing you in the morning. Don't let any of 'em rattle you. Be seeing you. Night, now."

The desk light was on in the outer office. In the small, round pool of light it threw lay a note from Ann Marriot reminding him that he was taking her to dinner. She had underlined the final word—dress.

He went over the events of the afternoon, trying to docket his impressions in some way, to relate them to the dark omen he had carried away from there. He wished Rocky were with him now to talk it over.

He called a cab and rode cross-town, deep in the groove of his mood. They drove up to a row of old brownstone houses which looked deserted, their flat, unlighted fronts a deceptive sepia blank. One of them had an oyster-white door. McCale made for it.



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## Ann Sizes Up the Situation

After a wait of less than five minutes, Ann came from behind a door marked "Powder Room." She was slender and smart in a green draped affair that ended in a lot of gray foam.

They lingered over the exorbitantly priced dinner, McCale preoccupied, bored by the place.

"All right," Ann said finally. "It's not so hot—but I had to see it."

"What do you really think of it?"

"It's fascinatingly—dull. However, that's what it will be like when you marry me. Your week will be all mapped out for you. I'll want to dress up one night and go out to the place of the moment; a regular night for the movies; then we'll have to take in all the good plays; maybe go dancing and—"

"Which leaves—"

"One night a week for me to sit by the fire at your feet while you discuss the intricacies of your latest case. Yes, I know. You're full of the blasted Bigelows now. Tell me all."

"I hope that's only your way of telling me that you're burning up with curiosity."

"And so I am."

He lighted a cigarette and started to recount carefully the affair Bigelow as far as it went.

When he finally paused, she said, "No more?"

"No more."

"So far as I can see from where we're sitting then, there isn't any mystery unless it's your Irish hunch."

"Have I ever been wrong?"

"Oh, you must have been, once or twice."

"But I swear there is something going on there—some deep trouble. I tell you, the whole family has the

jumps. They're shaky, nervy—out of snorts. It sticks out like a sore thumb."

Ann selected a salted nut and bit into it with her strong white teeth. She said, an amused look in her eyes, "What sticks out is that the whole family is crazy about the gorgeous Curt. And he takes the one with the money. He must be quite a boy."

"I assure you he is. Can't you just see them all from my description? The old lady at wit's end; Sybil drowning something or other in sherry; Karen cold and lax, taking it out on the piano; Veronica dazed; Victoria cruel and fighting back; Stephen lost and floundering. Why—"

"Of course, darling. I see them all."

"But what do you think?"

"I think you're smitten with this Karen wench."

McCale roared. "Good Lord, are you jealous? Of me? Now, see here—"

"Of course I'm jealous, you wretch." She wagged a finger at him, then pointed. "And here, if I'm not mistaken, comes another member of our cast."

Lights went down suddenly and a girl stepped into the yellow oval of a spot. She was dressed in some silver business so cunningly draped that it turned her into a shimmering pillar. She had a wide raspberry mouth and dark brown hair with strange lights in it. The saxophones wailed and subsided to a moan. The drums were a tom-tom accompaniment. She stood perfectly still, a cigarette hanging from the corner of her mouth while she sang. Her voice was a husky contralto and she wrenched the lyrics from the commonplace into the realm of the boudoir. It was top-notch old-school singing.

"Wow!" exclaimed McCale. "That's showmanship. What were you saying, my pet, when Love Walked In?"

"That was Shari Lynn."

McCale raised an eyebrow. The girl had walked out onto the floor again to take a bow. She accepted the acclaim in the same slow, sultry way she had sung.

"I hope you won't go into a jealous rage if I say I think she's got something there," said McCale slyly.

"Not at all. She's got something with her, too, if you'll look where she's headed."

McCale turned and saw the top of a curly black head, the set of unmistakable shoulders. He whispered under his breath.

"Curt Vallaincourt," he murmured.

Ann sighed. "So that's the boy himself. I can certainly see why the girls drop their handkerchiefs whenever he goes by."

"I'll admit he's handsome."

"Handsome, darling, is not the word for it."

"Ann, I'm ashamed of you. I did not dream that girls—"

"You listen to me instead. Almost any man with a lot of money is on the hunt for the best deal he can buy. What's the matter with a woman who's got a few million lying around loose buying herself a gorgeous piece of freight—like that?"

He was shocked, even though he knew she was enjoying his reactions.

**Curt Goes to the Highest Bidder**

"That's just it," was his rejoinder. "It's just the fact that it's merchandise that makes it so—so cheap."

"Well, it's perfect merchandise, and any woman—"

"Women are supposed to have morals."

"Phooey, darling. What a million dollars or a real mink will do to a gal's morals just isn't funny."

She'd stuck her chin out with that last observation, and McCale couldn't resist the temptation to take advantage of it.

"I'll get you a platinum fox," he said with a perfectly serious expression.

"You'll do nothing of the kind," she flared up, then suddenly dissolved into convulsive laughter.

It was true, however, that Curt Vallaincourt, that highly salable male, was going to the highest bidder on Saturday next. McCale thought of the clairvoyance that had made him sure only that afternoon that the man was truly in love with Veronica Bigelow. It hardly seemed credible now that he saw him here in a tete-a-tete with Shari Lynn. But there they were, a table or two away, deep in conversation.

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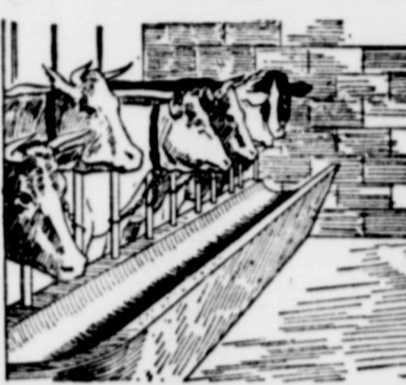
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By W. J. DRYDEN



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### Gems of Thought

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It is one of the beautiful compensations of life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.—Philip Bailey.

Let us look to our country and to our cause; elevate ourselves to the dignity of pure and disinterested patriots.—Henry Clay.

The noisy waves are failures, but the great silent tide is a success.—Phillips Brooks.

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**Barnhart News**

By MRS. ALMA TARVIN

Grave side services for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cox were held in the Barnhart Cemetery at 8:30

Sunday afternoon, Aug. 11, conducted by Mrs. Jim Shaw. Born Sunday morning, the baby, called James Henry, only lived a few hours. The mother is reported as doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Dunkin Sr. were in Barnhart-Monday last week. H. C.

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Jr., who is in Wright's Hospital in Alpine with a broken leg, his reported doing as well as could be expected. H. C. would appreciate some 'fan' mail.

Mrs. D. W. Burks was hostess to her Sewing Club Thursday afternoon a week ago in the home of Mrs. R. S. Neal. Crochet work was studied and refreshments were served to Mmes. Ed Graston, R. S. Neal, Clyde Parry, Saxton, W. C. Doyal, Midge Hukill, E. C. Tarvin, Cal Johnson, W. Kirk, W. W. Kessler, T. E. Strother, Floyd Ridley, Joe Ross, Sam Jeffers, Roy Collins, Dwain Vinson, Misses Margie Coffee and Virama Strother.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Meador spent the week end here recently with Mrs. Meador's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Strother.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ross and Sammie Jo, spent the week end recently in San Angelo with Mrs. Ross' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hageman. Mr. Ross is now employed by the Davis Grocery, any they have moved to Barnhart to make their home. Mrs. Ross is the former Christola Hageman and was reared in Barnhart. Mr. Ross is a discharged veteran, having served in the Army Air Forces during the war.

Mr. and Mrs. Bode Owens were hosts recently to The Gleaners Sunday school class at a picnic in the park near Big Lake followed by a trip to the Ford Theatre to see 'Doll Face'. Attending were Margie Coffee, June Owens, Virama Strother, June Caruthers, Lucy Ann Hinde, Janie Jeffers, Bobbie Roe, Lola B. Roe, Sammie Jeffers, Bode Owens Jr., Joe Roy Collins, Clinton Tarvin, Franklin Roe, Raymond Atkins, Will Kessler, Tommie Clint Owens, Bode Owens Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ridley and Mrs. Violet McMullen.

Recent visitors in the E. C. Tarvin home were Mr. and Mrs. Cody Cardwell and Dudley of Junction and Mr.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clint Shaw from Rankin were visitors in the Jim Shaw home recently.

Richard Lee Davis wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neville Davis that he was to attend the rodeo at Tecumseh, N. M., last week and ride in the parade. Richard Lee has been spending the summer with an aunt and uncle on their ranch in New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Hermon Moore are back home after spending part of the summer in Fort Worth. Mrs. Moore was confined to the hospital there for some time.

Barnhart played Atlantic No. 10 in a league game Friday night a week ago and defeated them 19 to 2. Players for Barnhart were Buster Adams, Cecil Robertson, Neville Davis, Calton Cauthron, Sonny Adams, Everette Roe, John Stewart, E. C. Tarvin, Clyde Parry and R. S. Neal.

Cards were received from Mrs. Nancy Croxdale last week. She was seeing the sights in Chicago.

Mrs. W. W. Houston had as recent guests, her brother, Homer Scott, of Kaufman, and also a cousin, Mrs. Belle McCraw of Lake View. Mrs. Houston had not seen her brother since 1925.

The Baptist meeting will start the

4th Sunday in this month, preaching to be done by Bro. Hays of Eldorado. Bro. Knight will also assist.

The J. C. Harriss family have moved into the rent house belonging to Mrs. Dora Turner.

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Lesson for August 25

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**JESUS AND PURE LIVING**

LESSON TEXT—Exodus 20:14; Proverbs 4:14-23; Matthew 5:8; Philippians 4:8.  
MEMORY SELECTION—Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.—Proverbs 4:23.

Moral corruption has been the ruin of the great nations of the earth, and if history is not to be repeated by the fall of our own nation, we must do something—yes, something prompt and drastic. The breakdown of morals in our land is so evident and so widespread as to give grave concern to social and national leaders. What then, is the Church doing about it?

We do not like to talk about adultery and related sins. We must speak with care and tact, but perhaps the time has come for some straightforward dealing with an unpleasant situation.

**I. Keep Your Home Pure (Exod. 20:14).**

As the divinely appointed center of man's life, the home holds a place of such importance that it is the special target of Satan's offensive. That has always been true, but it seems that in recent years the onslaught against the home has been intensified.

When we realize that in the City of Chicago there is now one divorce for every three marriages, and that the ratio is rapidly becoming lower, there can be no question that divorce is a major evil in our day. Statistics are positively shocking, but they are cold and quickly forgotten. But who can fail to see, and who can forget, the awful woe brought into American home life by divorce.

Bad as it is, the awful effect on parents is nothing compared to the nervous, moral and spiritual shock which comes to children in broken homes. Statistics reveal that now (1946) more than 70 per cent of the juvenile delinquents and young people committed to prison come from homes where divorce has entered to break down and destroy family life.

**II. Keep Your Heart Pure (Prov. 4:14-23; Matt. 5:8).**

Out of the heart are the issues of life (Prov. 4:23); hence it is of the utmost importance that it be kept in purity and devotion to God.

The heart in Scripture does not refer to the physical organ which circulates the blood, but even as that heart is the center of the physical life, so there is a spiritual heart which is the very center of man's inner being.

Evil thoughts, unholy desires and ambitions hidden in the heart will ultimately be revealed in overt acts of ungodliness, unless God is permitted to regenerate that heart and make it clean.

The solution for the problem of impurity is found in our lesson verses. First of all one must avoid the way of the wicked (Prov. 4:14-17). They are so evil that they cannot sleep until they have misled some poor souls and brought them down to their own level (v. 16). They make sin and immorality look mysterious and attractive. Don't be led into sin by the enticement of curiosity.

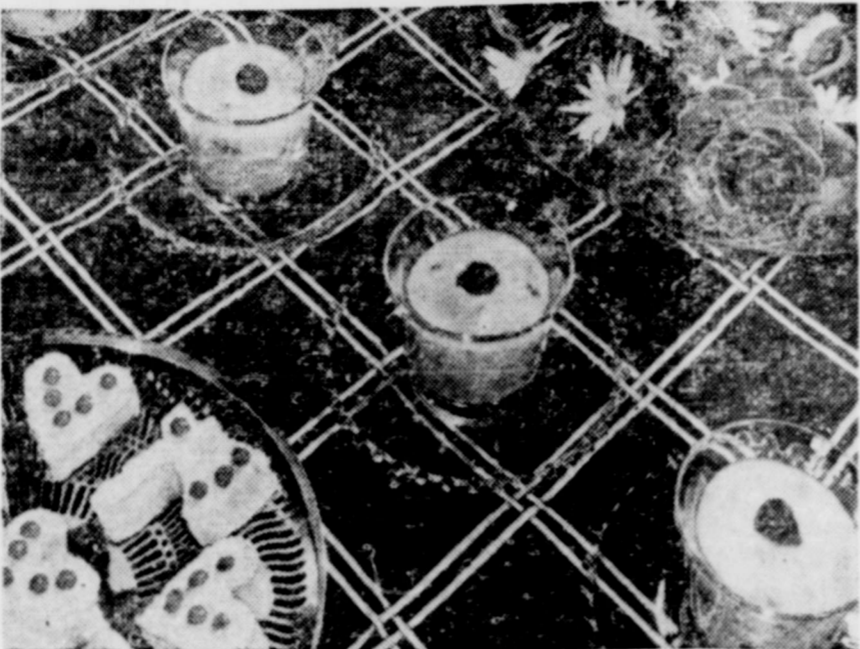
Shun the evil way, which goes down with increasing darkness, by seeking the good way which "shineth more and more unto the perfect day" (Prov. 4:18, 19). The way of life is a bright and shining way. Don't let Satan fool you, young people, into thinking the opposite. It's great to be a Christian!

**III. Keep Your Head Pure (Phil. 4:8).**

The mind of man is quick and active (that is, if he is really alive and awake), and it wants to be occupied with something of interest. The world, the flesh and the devil are keenly aware of that fact and come to fill his mind with allurements to sin and destruction.

Thank God that no one need lack for things that are good, honorable, true and noble to fill and satisfy every mental as well as spiritual interest. God's provision is not limited either in scope or variety. He provides the best, the most delightful, the loveliest and most noble.

Observe that it is for us who know Christ as our Saviour to give ourselves in diligent effort to "think on these things." As we do we shall find that they crowd out our thinking those things which are sensual, selfish or sinful. It is a sound principle of psychology as well as a spiritual admonition. It really works.



**Bread Makes the Pudding!**  
(See Recipes Below)

**Don't Waste Bread!**

Most of us don't think it matters one way or the other whether we throw away a stale slice of bread, but, if each family were to save a slice of bread every day, the amount would feed many millions of hungry families who are less fortunate.

Small families, particularly find that the average loaf of bread dries rather quickly, and there are several slices within the week that are regarded as unfit for sandwiches. But there are literally thousands of uses for such bread.

Why not start on a personal campaign of your own just to see how much you can save by using every scrap of bread well? Spread the word to your friends and neighbors, and let's see if we can't really save food, which is the equivalent of putting dollars and cents in your pocketbook?

Here are ways to use those leftover pieces of bread with meats and vegetables. They stretch these other foods as well as make the dish more savory, which will be of interest to the palate as well as the purse.

**Tangy Cheese Dish.**  
(Serves 8)

- 5 cups toasted 1/2-inch bread cubes
- 1/2 pound American cheese, grated
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 2 1/2 cups milk

Alternate layers of cheese and toast cubes in a greased 1 1/2 quart casserole. Combine beaten eggs, salt, paprika, mustard and milk. Pour liquid mixture over bread and cheese in casserole. Bake in a moderate (350 degree) oven for 35 minutes.

**Meat Souffle.**  
(Serves 6)

- 2 cups ground cooked meat
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 4 egg yolks, beaten
- 2 tablespoons shortening
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 1/2 cups milk, scalded
- 3 cups bread cubes
- 4 egg whites, stiffly beaten

Combine meat, salt, pepper and beaten egg yolks. Melt shortening in a small skillet, add onion and cook five minutes. Pour scalded milk over bread cubes. Combine meat mixture with bread and milk. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour into a greased 1 1/2 quart casserole and set in a pan of hot water. Bake in a moderate oven for one hour.

**\*Baked Tomato Surprise.**  
(Serves 8)

- 2 3-ounce packages of cream cheese
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt, if desired

**LYNN CHAMBERS' MENUS**

- Salmon Salad Potato Chips
- \*Tomato Surprise
- Watercress Salad
- Bran Muffins Beverage
- Blueberry Cobbler
- Cream

\*Recipe given.

**LYNN SAYS:**

**The Know-How of Bed Care:**  
Beds should be cleaned on the day that you give a thorough cleaning to the bedroom. Remove all blankets, sheets and pillows to a chair. Draw the mattress off the bed so that the frame may be dusted thoroughly.

Box springs may be cleaned with a vacuum cleaner, and dust may also be gathered from wire springs with the vacuum. Wire springs may also be wiped with a clean, lintless cloth that has a few drops of lemon oil sprinkled on it.

The mattress should be gone over thoroughly with a vacuum cleaner on both sides. This, of course, may be done on the bed or chair.

Change the mattress pad frequently, and fit the sheets carefully at the corners, tucking them well underneath the mattress when you make the bed.

- 2 teaspoons table salt
- 4 teaspoons salt
- 4 eggs, beaten slightly
- 2 cups dry bread crumbs
- 8 medium tomatoes

Combine cream cheese, milk and seasoning. Add salt to slightly beaten eggs. Place

dry bread crumbs on pie plate. Slice each tomato crosswise into fourths. Place one tablespoon of the cheese mixture on half of the slices. Top each with the other tomato slices. Place toothpick into middle of each "sandwich" to hold tomato slices together. Roll the tomato slices in the bread crumbs, dip in beaten egg and roll again in bread crumbs. Bake on a well-greased cookie sheet in a hot (400 degree) oven for 20 minutes.

**Bread Griddle Cakes.**  
(Makes 14 cakes)

- 2 cups dry bread crumbs
- 2 cups milk
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup finely grated apple

Soak dry bread crumbs in milk to soften. Add salt, cinnamon and soda to bread crumb mixture. Blend thoroughly. Add beaten eggs and apple; mix well. Drop by tablespoon onto a hot greased griddle. Turn over and brown on both sides. Serve with syrup, honey or apple sauce.

Now that so many fresh fruits are in season, you'll certainly want to make good use of them. Fruits combine well with bread crumbs and give a nourishing finale to the lighter meals we are accustomed to eating in warmer weather. Here's a lovely dessert dressed up to fit a queen's table:

**Baked Fresh Peach Macaroon.**  
(Makes 6)

- 6 medium fresh peaches
- 1 egg white, stiffly beaten
- 1/4 cup white corn syrup
- 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 cups coarse dry bread crumbs

Dip peaches in hot water to remove skin. Slowly combine beaten egg white and corn syrup, beating until blended. Add sifted brown sugar and bread crumbs. Cover peach with macaroon mixture. Place on a greased cookie sheet and bake in a moderate (350 degree) oven for 25 minutes.

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**AROUND THE HOUSE**

Before reputting seal the wood with a coat of paint so that the oil in the putty will not be absorbed. Putty, if used over plain wood, may become dry and fall off.

A pair of tweezers is useful for plucking threads that have been caught in sewing-machine stitching.

Rub tin and iron utensils with unsalted fat and they're rust-proof for even a long period of rest.

Don't overcrowd the dishpan. Wash one pan at a time and you'll spare knobs and handles from useless dents and breakage.

For a good swinging-gate support, use an old wagon wheel buried and staked down so the hub is level with the ground. The gate is bolted to the axle, which is then placed in the hub.

Before dyeing a garment, it is best to remove all buttons, buckles, or other trimmings and rip out hems, plaits and linings so the dye can penetrate the fabric more evenly.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benton made a business trip to San Angelo Wednesday.



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- Cabbage Firm Heads lb. 4 1/2c
- Carrots bunch 6 1/2c

**MARKET SPECIALS**

- Chuck Roast lb. 33c
- Calf Liver lb. 47c
- Club Steaks lb. 53c
- Cheddar Cheese lb. 65c
- Bologna lb. 31c

Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Shilling and family visited in Ardmore and Marlow, Oklahoma, last week with relatives. In Ardmore they visited Mr. Shilling's father, L. V. Shilling, and brother, Marvin Shilling. In Marlow they were guests of Mrs. Shilling's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Prestage.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Davenport leave Sunday for Pueblo, Colorado, to make their home. Buster plans to receive "on the job" training as a mechanic.

Mrs. R. S. Williams and Miss Mae Williams of San Angelo left by plane Thursday morning for a vacation in Mexico City.

Vester Hughes returned this week from Salt Lake City, Utah, where he has been attending a National Wool Growers Executive meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sides began additional construction on their home this week. They will add three bedrooms which will make the total of 11 rooms in their home.

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