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COGITATIONS and APHORISMS of JODOK

Well, I declare! It is just too bad, but I had not intended to meddle with politics again this week, but there have been so many things taking place during the past week, that it seems that I must have a little something more to say about them.

For instance! I see the State Legislature is still after Governor O'Daniel's scalp, in trying to belittle him in the eyes of the "rank-and-file" of the people, as Mayor Reeve would put it. Now, what I cannot understand is, why do not these "politicians" that compose the General Assembly of this State, cease their political chicanery and make an effort to work in harmony with the Governor?

He was the choice of the people for the position he now occupies, or at least, it so occurs to me, for when a man in a 12-man race for the office of governor receives more votes than all the other eleven, he surely must be the choice of the people. And is sufficient evidence that the people wanted him, or the principles for which he stood; or, putting it a little different, they did not want any of the other eleven men or the principles for which they stood.

They were all known to be chronic dyed-in-the-wool politicians and it appears that the people of the State were tired of that sort of men as their high officials. Therefore, being the choice of the people, why do not the "politicians" law makers seek to work in cooperation with him, and give the people what they voted for, or as nearly so as they can? It is true, that, so far as I have ever been able to learn from what I read in the papers and hear on the streets, none of these legislators have ever claimed to be statesmen—just politicians—and their only boast, and claim as to fitness being that they "beat their opponents in the election", which means "I am a clever politician and a good vote-getter", but why cannot they lay off their politics long enough to give their constituents—the people who voted for them—a square deal by supporting the "people's choice" for their governor?

One writer in the daily papers stated that, Governor O'Daniel not being a politician, does not have the backing of any one of the political factions or cliques to support him, and therefore has little chance of accomplishing very many of the beneficial reforms that he has planned. In that respect, as I see it, he occupies a unique position.

It occurs to me, therefore, that Governor O'Daniel is left playing a "lone hand", as we used to say when we were playing the old-time game of "euchre". And he is, in reality, a "lone star" governor of the "Lone Star State." Yea, verily.

I also notice that the quarrels and variances among the men who are holding the highest positions in our government, within the gift of the people, are still going on, and I had intended to mention that also, but the thought recalls a cartoon I saw at one time when the automobile was just winning its way to popularity.

It was during the time that gasoline was not so refined as it is today, and the exhaust from the automobiles created a most unwholesome or unwelcome odor. The cartoon showed a skunk at one side of the road with his tail hoisted over his back as if in the act of making an attack upon an enemy, when an automobile passed him and the fog from the exhaust pipe drifted over him. And the skunk was represented as saying in a most disgusted manner—"What's the use?"

And so I have felt about making any remarks about these conditions which I have just referred to. But it does mortify me, as it seems that it should every other patriotic citizen of our great country, to have the men who occupy the highest positions in our land, resort to the pettiness of the nursery or street-urchin quarrels and epithets. But, I suppose, such is politics and not statesmanship.

I have often thought that anyone can see and hear all that is worth seeing and hearing out on the street corners, if he will but stay there long enough, but I have found out that this is not the case.

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WHAT HAVE I Contributed to My Community

Webster's definition of a dream is "sleep's fancy" but I cannot quite agree with him.

To my mind a dream is a vision that should be turned into reality. A dream is a picture of something that should be desired, something that should benefit either the individual or the community in which he resides. And usually, we find that if it is a benefit to one it is a benefit to both.

Money is worth very little if there is not a vision, a dream if you please, behind it to make it purchase the picture. Time is worth very little if it is not connected with a dream because without the dream time cannot be applied in a systematic way to produce. Only when we add the money plus the time plus the vision can definite results be accomplished.

So what have I contributed to my community? Very little. It is true that I have donated every time some one came around and asked. It is true that I have been persuaded by some friends to take a little time of and in a half-hearted way go with them to talk to the rest of the people about a project that seems to be worthwhile, but while making the rounds I was thinking not of what could be accomplished but on the time it was taking from my business and the money I was spending. Of course the proposition didn't get over very big because the other people were just like me. They were figuring the money and the time and never looked for the picture.

A business man starts with a small capital and he dreams of a larger business, and he works to that end. A school teacher dreams of an education for his or her pupils and plans that it may be accomplished. A farmer buys a few cows with a vision of the returns at a later date and cares for them so that it comes true.

What have I contributed to my community? If just money, I have contributed nothing because it accomplished nothing. If time only, nothing, because the time was wasted. If just the dream, nothing also, and Webster was right for I have truly become just

Sleep's Fancy.

HEREFORD GETS LEGION MEETING

One of the biggest Legion meetings will be held at Hereford, Texas on Tuesday, February 21st, at 8 p. m. when the 18th District holds its regular monthly meeting. These meetings are held each month and the Local American Legion Post Commander urges every Legionnaire to be present at this meeting. The last meeting was held at Amarillo with 523 present.

This meeting is being dedicated to Boy Scouting. Jack Schultz, Follett, Texas, District Scout Chairman of the American Legion will introduce C. H. Walker, of Pampa, Past President of Adobe Walls Council and National Council Representative, Boy Scouts of America.

The Hereford Legionnaires are planning a big feed and a dance free to all visiting Legionnaires. Besides Mr. Walker's speech there will be a short business meeting.

Mrs. John Deaver, Memphis, 18th District President of the American Legion Auxiliary will preside over the Auxiliary units. Charlie Maisek, of Pampa, 18th District Commander. The American Legion will preside at the business session. Membership prizes will be given to individual Legionnaires who have secured 3 or 5 memberships during February, according to their Post's quota.

Mr. Dixon, who has been in very poor health for the past several months, but is now gradually improving, was able to be down town a while Tuesday afternoon. He is now making his home with Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Drake.

Don Isidro and Frank Miller of Clovis were Friona visitors, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Warren were transacting business in Farwell, Friday.

Wade Wright returned to Friona Wednesday. He has been employed in Elroy, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dixon and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dixon were Amarillo visitors, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Lange were Clovis visitors, Sunday.

Livestock Show Officials Complete Details.

The officials and committees of the Parmer County Livestock Show that will be held at Friona on Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4, met at Bovina last Saturday and completed all details for the coming event, in matter of department superintendents, entry classes, judging, prizes, etc.

Following is a complete list of the details as worked out and decided upon by the officials and committees:

The first and most important rule drawn up by the committee was the one governing the date of entry, which specifies that "all entries must be in the barn by 12:00 noon Friday, March 3rd, and remain in place until 4 p. m., Saturday, March 4th."

Further information on this rule reveals that any entry not in barn by twelve o'clock Friday will not be judged, and entry cards will be cancelled, entries must be postmarked not later than midnight, February 23, being mailed to Howard Morris, Friona.

Due to the fact that space for the show is limited, an attempt will be made to oversee the stock to be entered and pick the choice quality, and the committee reserves the right to cancel applications due to lack of display room.

Personal ownership of all animals exhibited is being required this year. In the breeder's division, out-of-county breeds are invited to show stock which will not be entered in competition with Parmer county animals, provided there is sufficient space for such exhibits.

Each boy exhibiting must certify that he is a member of 4-H club and/or an F. F. A. club in high school, and that he has owned the animals to be shown on or before February 25, 1939.

Each contestant will be allowed only one entry in a class, but may enter as many different classes as he desires, with exceptions applying to the swine division litter class and the fat-calf division.

In cases where there is only one exhibitor, and no competition, the judges shall award one premium, on the merit of the exhibit. Only one grand champion award will be given an individual, in case of duplication, the second place winner will receive the first award, but not the ranking or the ribbon.

All entries from 4-H or F. F. A. boys must be from boys enrolled in Parmer county schools and/or clubs, though not necessarily residents of Parmer county.

The judges for the show are Dr. F. G. Harbaugh, associate professor of animal husbandry, Texas Tech; Tom Caldwell, dairy herdsman, of Tech and Miles Milhoan, National Shorthorn judge, of Wildorado, Texas, and their decisions will be final.

In the junior boys' division, Dr. Harbaugh will judge the swine; Milhoan the fat calves; and Caldwell the dairy calves and sheep.

For the men's show: Milhoan will judge swine and shorthorn cattle; Caldwell, dairy cattle and sheep; and Dr. Harbaugh, horses and beef cattle.

Following are the various classes drawn up, with the separate numbers and markings entrants are asked to observe when filling in entry cards:

JUNIOR BOYS' SHOW

Swine Division

C. L. Vestal, Superintendent.

Truit Johnson, Assist. Supt.

J. T. Gee, Advisor

Class 1—Fat Pig Class

Class 1a, Berkshire; 1b, Chester White and O. I. C.; 1c, Duroc-Jersey; 1d, Hampshire; 1e, Poland-China; 1f, Spotted Poland-China.

Class 2—Fat Litter (must have or more pigs in litter)

Class 2a, Berkshire; 2b, Chester White and O. I. C.; 2c, Duroc-Jersey; 2d, Hampshire; 2e, Poland-China; 2f, Spotted Poland-China.

Class 3—Sow and Suckling Pigs

Class 3a, Berkshire; 3b, Chester White and O. I. C.; 3c, Duroc-Jersey; 3d, Hampshire; 3e, Poland-China; 3f, Spotted Poland-China.

Class 4—Open Gilt (any age)

Class 4a, Berkshire; 4b, Chester White and O. I. C.; 4c, Duroc-Jersey; 4d, Hampshire; 4e, Poland-China; 4f, Spotted Poland-China.

Class 5—Bred Gilt

Class 5a, Berkshire; 5b, Chester White and O. I. C.; 5c, Duroc-Jersey; 5d, Hampshire; 5e, Poland-China; 5f, Spotted Poland-China.

Class 6—Bred Gilt (any age)

Class 6a, Berkshire; 6b, Chester White and O. I. C.; 6c, Duroc-Jersey; 6d, Hampshire; 6e, Poland-China; 6f, Spotted Poland-China.

Class 20a, Holstein; 20b, Jersey; 20c, Milking Shorthorn.

Class 21—Senior Heifer (calved before March 1, 1938)

Class 21a, Holstein; 21b, Jersey; 21c, Milking Shorthorn.

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China.
Class 6—Bred Gilt (any age).
Class 6a, Berkshire; 6b, Chester White and O. I. C.; 6c, Duroc-Jersey; 6d, Hampshire; 6e, Poland-China; 6f, Spotted Poland-China.

Beef Calf Division
J. R. Bates, Superintendent
Macy Roberts, Assist. Supt.
Jimmie Wiman, Advisor.

Class 10—Fat Calf (all breeds competing).

Dairy Calf Division
R. L. Faith, Advisor

Class 20—Junior Heifer (calved after March 1, 1938)

Class 20a, Holstein; 20b, Jersey; 20c, Milking Shorthorn.

Class 21—Senior Heifer (calved before March 1, 1938)

Class 21a, Holstein; 21b, Jersey; 21c, Milking Shorthorn.

Sheep Division
Glenn Williams, Superintendent

James Ford, Assist. Supt.
J. W. Greene, Advisor

Class 30—Fat Lambs

Class 30a, Rambouillet; 30b, Muttons, (all others)

Class 31—Pen Fat Lambs (3 in Class)

Class 31a, Rambouillet; 31b, Muttons (all others)

MEN'S SHOW

Swine Division
F. T. Schlenker, Supt.

Only Registered Breeds To Be Shown

Class 200—Junior Sow Pig (farrowed after Sept. 1, 1938, and before Dec. 1, 1938)

Class 200a, Berkshire; 200b, Chester White and O. I. C.; 200c, Duroc - Jersey; 200d, Hampshire; 200e, Poland-China; 200f, Spotted Poland-China.

Class 201—Senior Sow Pig (farrowed after April 1, 1938, and before Sept. 1, 1938)

Class 201a, Berkshire; 201b, Chester White and O. I. C.; 201c, Duroc - Jersey; 201d, Hampshire; 201e, Poland-China; 201f, Spotted Poland-China.

Class 202—Female One-year-old and under two (farrowed after April 1, 1937 and before April 1, 1938)

Class 202a, Berkshire; 202b, Chester White and O. I. C.; 202c, Duroc - Jersey; 202d, Hampshire; 202e, Poland-China; 202f, Spotted Poland-China.

Class 203—Female Two years old and over (farrowed prior to April 1, 1937)

Class 203a, Berkshire; 203b, Chester White; 203c, Hampshire; 203d, Poland-China; 203f, Spotted Poland-China.

Class 210—Junior Boar Pig (farrowed after Sept. 1, 1938 and before Dec. 1, 1938)

Class 210a, Berkshire; 210b, Chester White; 210c, Duroc-Jersey; 210d, Hampshire; 210e, Poland-China; 210f, Spotted Poland-China.

Class 211—Senior Boar Pig (farrowed after April 1, 1938 and before Sept. 1, 1938)

Class 211a, Berkshire; 211b, Chester White and I. O. C.; 211c, Duroc-Jersey; 211d, Hampshire; 211e, Poland-China; 211f, Spotted Poland-China.

Class 212—Male One year old and under two (farrowed after April 1, 1937 and before April 1, 1938)

Class 212a, Berkshire; 212b, Chester White and I. O. C.; 212c, Duroc-Jersey; 212d, Hampshire; 212e, Poland-China; 212f, Spotted Poland-China.

Class 213—Male Two years old and over

Class 213a, Berkshire; 213b, Chester White and I. O. C.; 213c, Duroc-Jersey; 213d, Hampshire; 213e, Poland-China; 213f, Spotted Poland-China.

Class 214—Male One year old and under two (farrowed after April 1, 1937 and before April 1, 1938)

Class 214a, Berkshire; 214b, Chester White and I. O. C.; 214c, Duroc-Jersey; 214d, Hampshire; 214e, Poland-China; 214f, Spotted Poland-China.

Class 215—Male Two years old and over

Class 215a, Berkshire; 215b, Chester White and I. O. C.; 215c, Duroc-Jersey; 215d, Hampshire; 215e, Poland-China; 215f, Spotted Poland-China.

Class 216—Male One year old and under two (farrowed after April 1, 1937 and before April 1, 1938)

Class 216a, Berkshire; 216b, Chester White and I. O. C.; 216c, Duroc-Jersey; 216d, Hampshire; 216e, Poland-China; 216f, Spotted Poland-China.

Class 217—Male Two years old and over

Class 217a, Berkshire; 217b, Chester White and I. O. C.; 217c, Duroc-Jersey; 217d, Hampshire; 217e, Poland-China; 217f, Spotted Poland-China.

Class 218—Male One year old and under two (farrowed after April 1, 1937 and before April 1, 1938)

Class 218a, Berkshire; 218b, Chester White and I. O. C.; 218c, Duroc-Jersey; 218d, Hampshire; 218e, Poland-China; 218f, Spotted Poland-China.

Class 219—Male Two years old and over

Class 219a, Berkshire; 219b, Chester White and I. O. C.; 219c, Duroc-Jersey; 219d, Hampshire; 219e, Poland-China; 219f, Spotted Poland-China.

Class 220—Female One Year old and under two (calved between Mar. 1, 1937 and March 1, 1938)

Class 220a, Angus; 220b, Hereford.

Class 221—Senior Heifer Calf (calved between March 1, 1938 and July 31, 1938)

Class 221a, Angus; 221b, Hereford.

Class 222—Female One Year old and under two (calved between Mar. 1, 1937 and March 1, 1938)

Class 222a, Angus; 222b, Hereford.

Class 223—Female Over Two Years (calved prior to March 1, 1938)

Class 223a, Angus; 223b, Hereford.

Class 224—Junior Bull Calf (calved between Aug. 1, 1938 and Nov. 1, 1938)

Class 224a, Angus; 224b, Hereford.

Class 225—Senior Heifer Calf (calved between Aug. 1, 1938 and Nov. 1, 1938)

Class 225a, Angus; 225b, Hereford.

Class 226—Junior Bull Calf (calved between Aug. 1, 1938 and Nov. 1, 1938)

Class 226a, Angus; 226b, Hereford.

Class 227—Senior Heifer Calf (calved between Aug. 1, 1938 and Nov. 1, 1938)

Class 227a, Angus; 227b, Hereford.

Class 228—Junior Bull Calf (calved between Aug. 1, 1938 and Nov. 1, 1938)

Class 228a, Angus; 228b, Hereford.

Class 229—Senior Heifer Calf (calved between Aug. 1, 1938 and Nov. 1, 1938)

Class 229a, Angus; 229b, Hereford.

Class 230—Junior Bull Calf (calved between Aug. 1, 1938 and Nov. 1, 1938)

Class 230a, Angus; 230b, Hereford.

Class 231—Senior Heifer Calf (calved between Aug. 1, 1938 and Nov. 1, 1938)

Class 231a, Angus; 231b, Hereford.

Class 232—Junior Bull Calf (calved between Aug. 1, 1938 and Nov. 1, 1938)

Class 232a, Angus; 232b, Hereford.

Class 233—Senior Heifer Calf (calved between Aug. 1, 1938 and Nov. 1, 1938)

Class 233a, Angus; 233b, Hereford.

MAYOR'S TEXAS DAY PROCLAMATION.

Designating February 26th to March 4th as Texas Week

WHEREAS, the State of Texas is an empire within itself, vast in its area, unparalleled in the glory of its heroic deeds and romantic history, unrivaled in the splendid progress of its brilliant past and living present, and unmatched in the marvelous opportunities it has in store for its citizens over in the future; and

WHEREAS, we are approaching the date, March the Second, which marks the birth of Texas Liberty and the beginning of the Republic of Texas, and its subsequent entry into the Sisterhood of States of this Union; and

WHEREAS, there is a movement throughout this State that TEXAS WEEK, beginning February 26th and closing March 4th, 1939, be properly observed in commemoration of the birth of the Republic of Texas;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, F. W. Reeve, Mayor of the City of Friona, in accordance with Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8, of the Forty Second Legislature, proclaim TEXAS WEEK and invite our citizens to observe TEXAS WEEK, not as a season of holidays but as a week of better work and better living;

FIRST, I urge every home, office, place of business and industry, every public and private school to fly a Texas Flag each day during TEXAS WEEK and;

SECOND, I urge all schools and colleges to observe TEXAS WEEK with appropriate assembly programs, make TEXAS WEEK education week and book week; hang Texas pictures in home, school and office; plant trees and flowers and dedicate them; and make patriotic pilgrimages to places of historical significance and;

THIRD, I urge the people in the arts and industries, professional pursuits, clubs, conventions, churches, lodges and other assemblies to render appropriate programs during TEXAS WEEK; and

FOURTH, Let us carefully consider more plans for a further industrial development of our state. By putting to use our abundant natural resources, Texas may soon be a leader in industry as well as in agriculture; and

FIFTH, We Texans should cooperate in the growing movement for the preservation of scenic beauty and wild life in our state. Texas is an exquisitely beautiful state and only by the support of every loyal Texan can the beauty be made to endure and

SIXTH, Let us all, for the brief space of TEXAS WEEK, extol the cultural and spiritual values of the romantic traditions of our history and dedicate ourselves to the lofty ideals of statesmanship, character and leadership which our forefathers exhibited in their lives consecrated to liberty, happiness and service.

F. W. Reeve,
Mayor of the City of Friona.

ARTHUR CUSTER BENDER

Arthur Custer Bender was born in Calloway, Custer county, Nebraska, January 27th, 1884, and departed this life at his home near Friona, Texas, February 7th 1939, at the age of 55 years and 10 days.

In about 1900 he moved with his father and mother and family to Eastern Oklahoma near Vinita, then known as the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory. Shortly thereafter moving to Northwestern Oklahoma, then Woodward County, where he spent his early manhood days.

He was married about 1910 to Miss Bertha Proctor, who preceded him in death nearly ten years. To this union Mrs. born two children—Clara, now Mrs. Arlie Green; and Nadean, now Mrs. C. H. Irwin.

Shortly after his marriage he moved to Beaver County, Oklahoma, where he lived until 1928, when he moved to Friona, Parmer County, Texas, where he lived until his death.

Among nearest relatives he leaves to mourn his passing, two daughters, Mrs. Arlie Green of Friona, Okla.; his mother, Mrs. A. N. Bender, of Fargo, Okla.; one sister, Mrs. J. H. Latta, of Fargo, Okla.; and three brothers, Lloyd M. of Fargo, Ok., John, of Friona and W. O., of Phoenix, Arizona.

Guy Bennett, manager of the Friona Wheat Growers elevator here was a business visitor in Amarillo Tuesday.

A Minute With CHARLEY DEE

"COMMONISM" NOT "COMMUNISM"

Both Communism and Socialism have used Acts 2:44 as a basis for their desired reforms. The verse reads, "And all that believed were together and had all things in common." This situation in the early church reveals the tendency to take extreme views and set up unusual forms of service in a social and religious community. These church people were willing to GIVE that other people might have their needs supplied. For the most part, Communism would TAKE what others have, that its devotees might have and use it for themselves.

Dr. I. W. Johnson has suggested that "Commonism" is a better word for describing the social movement in the early church. This may not be a good word in the judgment of the best writers and speakers in our language, but I think it quite expressive of an idea. "All things in common", not in "commune." Herein lies the difference between Christianity and modern, pagan, political and social movements which are seeking to overthrow Christianity by a false interpretation and application of a very fundamental principle of public welfare. If one may use the word "Commonism" to describe a great spiritual effort to share with others, we might begin by saying "Commonism" builds and "Communism" destroys; "commonism" lays up in store, and "Communism" confiscates; "Commonism" seeks to administer for the universal needs of mankind; and "Communism" seeks to lay hands upon the possessions of others for the satisfaction of a dictatorial aristocracy.

It is not the function of the church to propagate any of the political doctrines which dethrone God and make the state supreme. But it is the duty of Christian men and women to be able to discriminate between pagan and Christian ideology in modern society. Christianity should contend for proportionate opportunity for all people, irrespective of racial

THE LIFE OF THE PARTY

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CHAPTER V—Continued

"It doesn't follow, then," Rex persisted, "that the children of such a patient would be in danger of inheriting insanity?"

"It certainly doesn't. That brain disturbance is a temporary condition," replied Dr. Crosby. "Nothing retroactive. The children of such a patient should be in no more danger of inheriting their mother's insanity than you are or I am. Such cases of insanity," he developed, warming a bit to the theme, "are matters of internal infection—of poisoned gland conditions. You wouldn't understand them. We don't understand them any too well ourselves. But we do know that particular type of insanity isn't hereditary. And the patient often makes a full recovery from it."

The doctor rose.

"Helen, may I use your telephone?"

Hale grinned apologetically. He had made himself something of a nuisance.

"Thanks most awfully." He got up also. "Now for the gaieties of life," he sighed.

Rex made his farewells, and started back to the Camp through the woods. It was almost six o'clock. Approaching a deep clump of trees through which the narrowing path ran he stopped short for a moment at the sound of voices. His feet had made no noise on the sandy soil. Through an opening he saw an impressive little picture twenty feet away. It was composed of an empty basket, a tiny new grave, a red-eyed Jane and a small, alert man, thin-faced and furtive-eyed. The man was smoothing fresh earth above the grave, whistling under his breath as he did so. His cheerful notes were in sharp contrast to the bereaved expression of Jane's face and the nature of the digger's occupation.

"Beat it now," Jane said ungraciously. "I don't want you hangin' around here."

"What's the idea?" the man asked reproachfully. "Ain't I come along jest in time to dig this here grave? Ain't I been mother's little helper? All right. Gimme a break. I gotta finish the business this funeral delayed."

Jane straightened from her tragic droop. Her manner was that of one ready and willing to go into action.

"Jim Haines," she broke out, "you ain't goin' to do no business here. How many times have I told you that?"

The man stamped the fresh earth into place about the grave, and straightened slowly. He handed Jane the shovel he had been wielding and showed her a row of discolored teeth.

"Is that so?" he asked cheerfully.

"Now I'll talk. I don't leave these woods till I see one of them old dames. Get me?"

Hale had recognized the fellow. It was the unpleasant stranger he had seen in the moonlight the night of his arrival. He had been having some sort of rendezvous then with Miss Hosanna. What association could he have with the "old dames"? Hale pricked up his ears and listened shamelessly.

The man went on.

"Get this, too, Baby. The dame I'm out for is the one from N' York. I do wanta see the fat old dame you work for. She's a tight-wad, she is. All she give me las' time was three dollars. Three dollars! Said it was all she had!" He spat disgustedly. "The other dame's got the right idee. She coughs up a five spot."

"Jim Haines," Jane said firmly. "You know what I'm goin' to do to you? I'm goin' to put you in the hands of the po-lice."

"Says you," Haines was still good-humored.

"I tell you I am. I ain't goin' to have you sellin' that filthy stuff here. If Mrs. Spencer Forbes wants it, let her go in town and get it like she used to. I ain't goin' to have Miss Hosanna gettin' into no trouble for her, even if Mrs. Spencer Forbes is a sick woman, like she says she is."

He yawned. "Hop it, Baby. I bet that Forbes dame is thinkin' 'bout me this minute. You're keepin' her waitin'."

"I'll hop it," Jane added, incisively. "I don't care if you are my husband. I'm tellin' the po-lice."

"Yeah? An' what's goin' to happen to our angel child when you do that, my girl? She'll like visitin' Daddy at Sing Sing, she will. She'll like leavin' that boardin' school she's in. Say—" suddenly the man, good-humored up till now, became venomous. "If I hear any more talk about the po-lice I'll shut that trap of yours for good," he snarled. "Now be on your way."

"Wait a minute, Haines." Hale stepped from behind the trees and faced the startled couple. "Better run home, Jane," he advised. "I've a few private words for your husband's ear."

Haines was squirming, looking around him like a cornered rat.

"Shut up, Haines. I'm doing the talking. One minute, Jane. I've a

question to ask you. How much dope has this man been supplying to Halcyon Camp?"

"Only a little, sir. Just a little bit for Mrs. Spencer Forbes. It wasn't nothin', really. Only I hate to have him sellin' it to anyone—"

"Listen, Big Boy, I ain't got 'nuff outa that dame to buy me a pack of cig'ettes," Haines volunteered shrilly. "I wouldn't waste no time on her—only I got other customers right near here."

"Shut up. You say Mrs. Spencer Forbes doesn't take much, Jane. How much does she take? How often does she get it? I want the truth."

"Only 'bout twice a month, Mr. Hale. Honest. And only a couple powders then. I heard her tell Miss Hosanna she'd never be a addict. She says she knows too well what it means. She takes it as a spree-like—oncet in a while. You know, sir. The way men gets drunk."

"She's all right," Haines contributed eagerly. "She's a baby at it!"

"That's why we're not going to let her go on. Now, Haines, here's

sailed him, he was not alarmed nor suspicious. Several glasses of iced tea and one long glass of ice-water, drunk in quick succession on an extremely hot day, might upset the most accommodating stomach. Nevertheless the paroxysms were horribly severe and growing more so. The world turned black. He had just time to reach for a flask of brandy on the shelf above his wash-bowl before he felt himself falling. He went down with a crash and heard that, too . . . Then, in some black and distant world he was fumbling with a flask, trying to get the cap off it, trying to raise it to his mouth. He got a little of the brandy. It didn't help much. He lost it almost immediately, in another rending paroxysm of nausea.

His mining experiences in remote places had taught him something of first aid. By the time the dinner gong sounded he was able to summon Banks and tell him almost naturally that he was a bit under the weather and would not appear



"You ain't goin' to do no business here."

my last word to you. If I ever see you around this camp again, or talking to any of the people in it, I'll give your name to the police and they'll give Jane the third degree and get your address. We won't have any more dope peddling in this part of Long Island. Have I made myself clear?"

"What right—" Haines broke into a whine. "Say, I'll keep off your place all right. But I tell ye I got other customers near here."

"If you like we'll walk over to the police station now, I'll show you there what right I have," Hale said cheerfully. "Want to come?"

Haines gave him a black look.

"Another thing," Hale went on. "Don't send anyone else in your place. I'll be on the watch. The next man that shows up with dope will go straight to the station house. The day after that we'll have you there, too. I needn't remind you, Haines, that the police don't like dope peddlers. They don't like them at all. Now clear out."

Haines looked at him a moment, his flat head lowered. Then he turned and disappeared among the trees. A little later Hale heard the rattle of his car starting on its return journey through the woods.

CHAPTER VI

Hale deliberately avoided the members of the house-party when he got back to the Camp. He heard their voices in the living-room as he entered the hall. They were having tea and cocktails; but he went up to his room. As he opened the door he cast an apprehensive glance around him. There were no notes or dead animals in sight.

Relieved, he crossed the room to the closet, changed his coat for a thin blazer and his shoes for slippers, and started back toward the davenport between the windows. His idea was to stretch out there, relax, and make some plans for the evening. On the way he stopped and poured out a glass of ice-water from the thermos bottle that always stood on the table at the head of his bed. It was a day that called for cold drinks and Mrs. Nash's iced tea, excellent though it had been, had not wholly quenched his thirst. He drank the water almost at a gulp, went on to the davenport and stretched himself out on it at full length. The moment of comfort he experienced as he did so was the last he enjoyed for several hours.

Almost immediately he was in the bathroom, actively and most violently ill. At first, even during the paroxysms of acute nausea that as-

at the table. He sent his apologies to Miss Hosanna, and added that later in the evening he would come down.

He locked the door to discourage callers. An hour later he found an empty bottle in the bathroom, sterilized it, and took it to the carafe for filling. It was possible, of course, that in New York he had eaten something injurious; but if so it was not probable that it would have waited this long to inconvenience him. He inverted the carafe over the bottle and stared. Only a few drops came forth. The carafe, which heretofore had always held several glasses of water, today had exactly one—just enough to fill the glass that stood beside it. He had filled that glass and drunk its contents. The few drops remaining in the bottom were hardly enough, of course, for a satisfactory analysis. Nevertheless, he added them to the drops from the carafe, corked the bottle securely, and hid it in his traveling case. His mental processes were clearing. No one had meant to poison him; but someone had desired to make him desperately sick and had certainly succeeded in doing so.

A little after nine o'clock he went down to the living-room. He found

however, on the tacit understanding that a change might mean something worse. When, at Mrs. Nash's suggestion, the affair became an old-fashioned "barn dance," Hale led forth Miss Hosanna and took her triumphantly through a quadrille. He was feeling more like himself, but what he really wanted was his bed.

It was Miss Hosanna who gave him his accolade that night. She had been delighted by the interest Mrs. Spencer Forbes had shown during the evening. Again and again he had observed her sitting quietly in her pet chair, watching her friend with the rapt expression she usually wore when that friend talked. It was increasingly clear that anything which pleased Mrs. Spencer Forbes enchanted Miss Hosanna. When the group parted on the upper landing Miss Hosanna looked at Hale with real emotion in her pale eyes.

"Are you sure you feel quite well again?" she asked anxiously.

"Perfectly sure, Miss Hosanna. I'm all right now."

"You have brightened us up so much," she said. She added unexpectedly, "I begin to wonder how we got along without you."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Bluegill Hooked on Artificial Fly Found as Sporty as the Black Bass

When the average fisherman thinks of game fish he usually associates the term with stream trout or black bass. The so-called pan fishes of our inland waters, bluegills, sunfishes, perch, crappies and rock bass, are essentially food fishes to him, possessing very little fighting spirit or gameness, writes Albert Stoll Jr., in the Detroit News.

Still, many have watched families fishing from docks and out of flat-bottomed rowboats and noticed that all thoroughly enjoyed hauling in wriggling perch and side-sailing bluegills. They appeared to find them sporty, especially the children, and best of all a toothsome, sweet fish for dinner.

Many of us can find sporty qualities in most any species of fish, while others must either play a large brook trout on a dry fly or hook into a record tuna or sailfish to get a thrill. But once for once a one-pound bluegill hooked on an artificial fly and light fly rod is just as sporty as a six-pound small-mouthed black bass on the end of the line. No trout fly fisherman ever experienced more excitement when he

hooked into an oversized rainbow or brown than the pan fish angler when he fights a big bluegill on light tackle.

This type of fishing is becoming popular. There was a time when the bluegill fisherman used nothing but crickets, grasshoppers and worms as bait, fishing in deep water, but today he flicks a fly in the shallows as he would for bass and generally returns to shore with a fine string.

The Pony Express Stations

At first the Pony Express stations covered 25 miles apart. Each rider covered three stations, or 75 miles daily. Later intermediate points were established. The route of the rider was sometimes doubled, or even tripled, owing to unforeseen circumstances. In changing horses, saddles were not changed. The stationkeeper was required to have a pony ready, bridled and saddled, one-half hour before the express was due. Only two minutes was allowed for the change. But the ponies of the western express were finally defeated by the machine age.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Reviewed by CARTER FIELD

No chance for Joseph P. Kennedy to succeed Henry Morgenthau Jr., as secretary of the treasury . . . Mr. Kennedy, it seems, is all washed up . . . Big insurance companies next concern to be investigated . . . Vermont governor stirs up New Deal over flood control.

WASHINGTON.—Joseph P. Kennedy will not be secretary of the Treasury while Franklin D. Roosevelt is President. This will remain true whether Henry Morgenthau Jr. retires or not. In the language of the war d politicians, Kennedy is washed up so far as this administration is concerned. Morgenthau is just as strong as at any time in the last few years. If he retires at all it will be of his own volition.



J.P. Kennedy

The driving force behind the move to get Morgenthau out of the treasury does not come from the White House. It comes from Henry Morgenthau Sr., father of the secretary. The elder Morgenthau thinks Henry has given enough of his time to the government. He is proud of his son.

Although the secretary of the treasury has never made any public statements which seemed to disapprove of any New Deal policies, always was extremely loyal to the President, and carried out White House orders to the utmost of his ability, nevertheless he has stood out as one of the sound apples in the New Deal barrel. As one or two New Deal critics have put it, he has seemed to be a sane man entirely surrounded by crackpots.

In most of the battles waged inside the New Deal on spending, pump priming, relief, taxation and harassing of business, Morgenthau has always been on the conservative side fighting as long as there was a chance, but loyally obeying the decision, once F.D.R. made it.

On Side of Orthodoxy in Fights on Fiscal Affairs

Most important of all, the news of these encounters, these fights of Morgenthau on the side of orthodoxy in fiscal affairs—as for example budget balancing—never came from Morgenthau. It is very probable that Morgenthau's battles inside the New Deal would never have become known had it not been for his opponents in these battles, who fed the stories out to sympathetic newspaper men while they were still hot with indignation against Morgenthau's stubborn arguments in favor of the old-fashioned thrift theory of economics.

Incidentally, Morgenthau has been almost a lone wolf. Even some of those who agreed with his economics, for example Jesse H. Jones of the Reconstruction Finance corporation, have not liked him overmuch.

But through it all Morgenthau has remained the close friend of the President. Mrs. Morgenthau has been the close friend of Mrs. Roosevelt, and of their loyalty and devotion there is no question whatever.

Joe Kennedy, curiously enough, has not seemed to realize in what a whispering gallery he was living. This is strange, for he was obliged to listen to volumes of advice about the dangers of what he might say while the State department was giving him the college course in diplomacy to which it subjects all political appointees in the diplomatic service before permitting them to sail for foreign capitals.

Kennedy, it is very reliably reported, has made some very pointed remarks about the New Deal to certain American friends. And these, with extraordinary promptness, have been repeated to F.D.R. by gentlemen who would be pleased to have Kennedy's foot slip.

Big Insurance Companies Soon to Be Investigated

Very shortly the monopoly investigating committee will turn its attention to the big insurance companies. Ever since there has been a New Deal there has been an eagerness on the part of the left wingers to get after these huge financial institutions.

The two things that will be gone into very thoroughly, according to the frank statements of those interested, will be the investment policy of the managements of these companies, and the loans that the companies make on policies. A bitter battle is expected here, for the insurance companies have a good deal of the pride of authorship or achievement, so to speak, in their investments, and they feel very strongly against liberalizing their policy loan system.

This last can be dismissed so briefly that it will be stated first. Insurance officials usually favor a 4 per cent interest rate on such

loans. There are two major considerations. One is to make the loans easy to obtain. That is for the policy holder's benefit and to make the holding of policies an advantage. But the other is to make the interest rate high, so that the borrower will have an incentive to pay off the loan, thereby clearing his policy, and thus maintain the maximum of insurance protection, which of course is the main object of the policy, and the main business of the company.

New Dealers do not like the high rate, because one of the objectives of New Deal economics is to put interest rates down. This policy has already hurt the insurance companies enormously. It has reduced the interest rate on bonds which formerly paid much greater sums into the insurance company treasuries. As a natural result, this has reduced very heavily the dividends paid to policy holders, or credited on their policies in the form of additional insurance.

Terrific Falling Off of Investment in Utilities

Not only has New Deal policy reduced the rate of interest on government bonds, but it has reduced the interest on the bonds of private corporations. This phase was "planned" that way. But another phase was not. Yet as a result of government competition with the electric industry there was a terrific falling off of new investment in the utilities, and as a result of S. E. C. restrictions and other New Deal activities, private corporations issued so few new bonds that it became a problem for the insurance companies, or for that matter any investors, to place their funds.

As a result, bonds already outstanding, which were known to be good, advanced in price, thus lowering the return on any new purchases that the insurance companies might make.

Aiken Stirs Bitterness Inside New Deal Circles

There is more bitterness inside New Deal circles over the stand taken by Gov. George D. Aiken of Vermont on the flood control and power situation than is generally realized. The real tip-off of the feeling is revealed in the outburst on the floor of the house, just after Aiken took his stand, by Rep. John E. Rankin of Mississippi.

Rankin charged that Aiken was making a bid for the Republican presidential nomination, with the backing of the "New England power trust."

Rep. Charles A. Plumley of Vermont defended his governor's attitude, saying that it was a question of whether the federal government had a right to take state property without the state's consent.

Actually neither presented the whole picture, and the White House is not giving it either. Boiled down, New England has a serious flood problem. It is bigger than any one state. Headwaters in both New Hampshire and Vermont pour into rivers, particularly the Connecticut, which flood out territory in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Hence there is plenty of reason for regarding this whole Connecticut valley as one problem, and a federal problem, rather than a problem for the individual states concerned. Actually there would be no dispute about this if it were not for the power angle.

Would Make Connecticut Valley Miniature T. V. A.

But the New Deal would like to make a miniature TVA of the Connecticut valley. Whether it goes far or not, it is determined to control the power situation involved in any dam construction for the purpose of flood relief. The purposes of the administration are perfectly simple. It wants to handle that power. It wants to fix rates somewhat comparable to TVA rates.

It is not surprising that the White House and public power advocates do not understand this situation. On the surface it would seem as if most of the New Englanders, and particularly the Vermont consumers, would be as eager for cheaper electric rates as the people of the Tennessee valley towns. But for some reason there is very little evidence of this, despite the allegation that the electric rates in Vermont are much higher than those charged by the private companies in the Tennessee valley prior to TVA.

But an extraordinary states' rights feeling has developed in Vermont. They will do their own regulating, they seem to say.

It may be recalled that a while back Governor Aiken was hailed in many quarters as a new type of Republican, a member of a progressive group which was going to lead the G. O. P. out of its reactionary morass. In fact he was frequently mentioned as a presidential possibility.

So the fact that he is attacking the New Deal on the electric power question, which is one of the very first among the many "progressive" issues, is very annoying to the White House, to Sen. George W. Norris, who himself was once regarded as the liberal White Hope of the Republican party; and to John Rankin, leader of the utility bankers in the house.

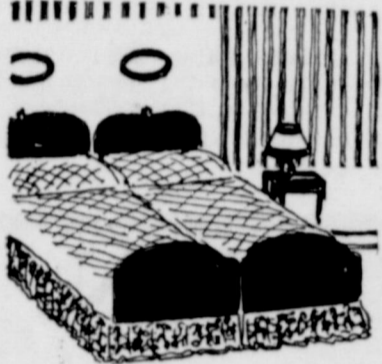
Enthusiasm, Not Money, Needed For Real Home

By BETTY WELLS

Eloise has that knack of enjoying life. Oh, she has her troubles and meets them with more fortitude than a lot of the rest of us, I often think. But she finds so much pleasure in everyday living . . . and after all I guess that's the only happiness we can be sure of—and some way when people get a kick out of little joys, the big ones take care of themselves.

You can tell, just going into the house, that Eloise is a gay soul—that she takes pains about fixing up the place and running it smoothly and jauntily.

Her bedroom is a pride and joy. She's just done it over in pink and mauve. There is a pink dado with pink and white striped wall paper above. To give the bed importance she has papered a plain pink panel in the center of one wall that looks almost like an alcove. The carpet



Framing the bed with beauty.

in the room is deep mauve, almost a powdery grape tone. The bedspread itself is plain pink quilted chintz with a flounce of flowered chintz which has a mauve ground and pink flowers.

Sheer white curtains made full and ruffled, two easy chairs in the flowered chintz, a dressing table skirt of the pink quilted chintz (made with a gored flare), accessories of amethyst glass . . . and isn't that a charming room! I forgot to say that the window shades are of flowered chintz too.

Eloise has papered the sides of the dresser drawers in the striped wall paper then made pads for the bottoms of the pink quilted chintz. The closet boxes are all papered in the pink and white stripe while the walls are lined with pink quilted chintz; with hangers covered in mauve velvet and clothes bag of the flowered chintz.

It takes enthusiasm and eagerness to do all that . . . they are qualities more important than energy or a bulging budget.

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A SINGING PECORA



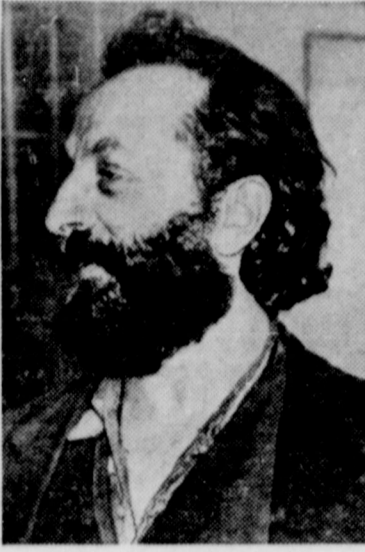
Louis Pecora, son of New York Supreme Court Justice Ferdinand Pecora, joins the ranks of sons and daughters of prominent families who have become entertainers in New York's fashionable supper clubs.

Unusual Name Unites Brother and Sister

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—A brother and sister separated since childhood when the sister was adopted have been re-united through their unusual surname—Wildbahn.

Dorothy Wildbahn communicated with the attorney here who signed her indenture papers nearly 40 years ago. Although he could not remember the transaction, the unusualness of the name prompted him to question his next door neighbor, E. W. Wildbahn.

CONTENTED PRISONER



Detroit, Mich., police recently arrested a good natured, bearded and ragged old man on a charge of vagrancy. When the judge asked him his name, he replied that it was plain John Doe. He was found sleeping peacefully in the cold on a sidewalk, and is happy with all his present attention.

Find Indian Sculpture Cut in Face of Ohio Cliff

GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.—The chiseled outline of an Indian's head and feather headdress have been discovered on a rock cliff at "Vanden's Point," home of Homer W. Walter, president of the Gallipolis chamber of commerce.

The head came to light after rains had washed silt and moss away from the face of the rock. Evidence of a former Indian village has been found in a nearby cave, officials stated.

The Ohio Archeological and Historical society will attempt to determine the authenticity of the head, it is said. They will make a report in the near future.

Danny Meadow Mouse Teaches Four Little Mice a New Game

By THORNTON BURGESS

WHEN at last Danny and Nanny Meadow Mouse were sure that Farmer Brown's boy had gone away they sat down and talked things over. Nanny wanted to move right away. "Why, that dreadful giant may come back any minute and carry our babies away!" said she. "We must be very careful."

Danny shook his head. "No," said he. "If he meant to take them away he would have done it when he had them in his hands. Besides, didn't he put our house back and then put back all the corn stalks? If he had meant us any harm he wouldn't have done that. Do you know, Nanny, I believe that this is the safest place anywhere for us."

Nanny couldn't make herself believe so, but she didn't know of any place to move to, and so finally she agreed that they would stay there until the babies were big enough to travel. So she at once began to patch up the roof where Farmer Brown's boy had broken it open, and presently it was quite as good as before. But though nothing happened, and Farmer Brown's boy kept away, Nanny could never feel quite easy. Danny did, however. He had heard all about how Farmer Brown's boy had set Chatterer the Red Squirrel free after catching him in a trap, and how he had taken care of Mrs. Grouse when he found her a prisoner under the icy crust during the terribly cold weather of the winter, so now Danny made up his mind that Farmer Brown's boy was really a friend and not an enemy at all, and he didn't worry about him any more.

But he had other worries, did Danny Meadow Mouse. You see, those four babies Teeny, Weeny, Midget, and Mite, grew very fast and it didn't seem any time at all before they were poking their funny little blunt noses out of the door of their little house the minute the backs of their father and mother were turned. This made Danny and Nanny very anxious, for they were afraid that while they were away after food the little scamps might stray off and get lost. Then, too, those precious little scamps did a lot of squeaking and squealing as they played together, and this made their father and mother so anxious they didn't know what to do. You see, they were afraid that someone with sharp ears would happen along and hear. But nothing they could say to Teeny, Weeny, Midget and Mite, and not even boxing their ears, made a bit of difference. You see, they were so full of life and fun that they just had to make a noise.

It wasn't long before they were playing all about in the old pile of

50,000,000 Ruined Acres Menace U. S. Agriculture

Soil Depletion Cause of Alarm to Conservation Officials As Experts Conduct Survey; Erosion Termed Most Serious Offender.

CHICAGO.—Fifty million acres of America's 600,000,000 tillable acreage of farm land have been completely ruined for agricultural purposes.

This alarming situation was disclosed in a study of soil depletion recently made by the Middle West Soil Improvement committee, based on surveys conducted by Dr. H. H. Bennett, chief of the U. S. soil conservation service of Washington, D. C.

"An additional 50,000,000 acres, it is estimated, are seriously damaged," says a report issued here by the committee, "and a very large additional acreage has suffered a marked decrease in soil fertility."

"Six principal factors are responsible for these losses. They are erosion, leaching, the removal of harvested crops, livestock and livestock marketing, oxidation of soil organic matter and fire.

Serious Offender.

"Erosion is the most serious offender. Annually in harvested areas alone, erosion removes 2,500,000 tons of nitrogen, 900,000 tons of phosphorus and 15,000,000 tons of potassium—the three major plant foods which make the production of crops possible.

"Harvested crops rank next in depleting the soil and are responsible for taking out an additional 4,600,000 tons of nitrogen, 700,000 tons of phosphorus and 3,200,000 tons of potassium.

"The total annual loss from the

soil of these three chemical plant nutrients, due to all the destructive factors are 16,000,000 tons of nitrogen, 2,500,000 tons of phosphorus and 36,200,000 tons of potassium.

"The necessity for an ever-increasing program of soil conservation is indicated by the fact that fertilizers and manures are believed to restore only 18 per cent of the annual nitrogen loss, 44 per cent of the phosphorus loss and about 6.8 per cent of the potash loss. Restoration from other sources reduces the annual net loss to 2,700,000 tons of nitrogen, approximately 1,200,000 tons of phosphorus and over 30,000,000 tons of potassium.

To Combat Depletion.

"Practical results on millions of American farms of the restoration of fertility and crop productivity by means of an intelligent program of fertilizer use, offers the surest means of combating the depletion of our soils. Yet the need of a more universal use of commercial plant foods is shown by the fact that the consumption of fertilizers in the United States annually is at the rate of about 7,200,000 tons, or only one and one-tenth tons per farm.

"The campaign to promote soil conservation has enlisted effective support from the U. S. department of agriculture, from soil scientists, teachers, experimental stations and county agents who are interpreting to farmers the latest discoveries concerning soil fertility. Moreover, fertilizer manufacturers are doing their part by giving farmers the benefit of all available information about fertilizers and their proper application."

HEALTH

● Metrazol treatment may replace insulin shocks in treating mentally ill.

—By Dr. James W. Barton

WHEN a leg or arm is so badly injured or poisoned that life is threatened, the patient's family does not hesitate to permit it to be removed by surgery. When the mind is so badly afflicted that the patient is unable to take his place in the community and the physician wishes to use the new treatment—large doses of insulin—that causes shock which is sometimes followed by a cure, the family are often afraid to permit their loved one to undergo this method of treatment. Despite brilliant results in many cases, there have likewise been many failures and also other cases where the improvement lasted but a short time.



Dr. Barton

The most satisfactory results have been obtained where the mental symptoms have existed for months instead of years.

What may prove effective in the treatment of these mental or "behavior" cases is metrazol (a heart and lung stimulant), which is now being tested in various parts of the world. Dr. A. M. Wyllie in Glasgow Medical Journal reports his results in a series of 20 cases of dementia praecox. These patients live in a persistent dream state which totally unfit them for the work, cares and duties of life. Their scheme or system of life satisfies them, however.

Test Cases Show Improvement.

There were 8 women and 12 men in Dr. Wyllie's series of cases and physical improvement was observed in 17. Those that were very much underweight gained weight rapidly, gaining from 14 to 21 pounds in two months. Their appetites improved and their complexions became healthier. These 17 patients also showed mental improvement, that is, they showed more common sense, more ability to face the real facts of life. One patient who had been mute for 10 years was enabled to speak. The others became less absorbed in themselves and spoke more freely. Some of the patients who were previously idle were induced to occupy themselves. A patient with profound melancholia greatly improved; two with persistent stupor showed slight improvement.

I am recording the above results so that families and patients themselves may be willing to undergo this treatment if so advised by their physicians. It is certainly worth while. "Owing to the simplicity and safety of the metrazol treatment, it may replace treatment by insulin shock."

Nervousness, Tension Disrupt Normal Working

A large industrial organization in an endeavor to find out why so many of their leading employees failed to keep their work at a high level and finally dropped out of the organization, engaged a professor of economics to investigate. He found that while domestic unhappiness was a big factor, the great cause of failure to continue work on a high standard was ill health.

In other words, an individual with brains and ambition can go only as far with his work or career as his body will take him. And the unfortunate part of this lack of health is that so much of it is due to nervousness and tension which disrupt the normal working of the various organs.

Recently in the Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases, Sir Farquhar Buzzard, professor of medicine, University of Oxford, said that one-third of all the sickness in Great Britain was due to causes that were not really organic. If he should be placed at the head of a great business organization, the first thing he would do would be to take on a whole-time medical psychologist to study his employees and their conditions in health and deal with all cases of nervous disorder as they arose. The sick roll would rapidly become smaller.

Health of Worker Important.

Fortunately, medical schools are now so fully aware of the importance of the health of the worker to himself and to his employer that more time is given to this subject than ever before. So helpful have been the findings by laboratory examinations—blood count, X-ray, kidney, liver and gall bladder, and other tests—that there was danger that the body, not the mind, was receiving all the attention. As an upset mind can cause an upsetment of the various organs and the body processes to the extent that heart, blood vessel, stomach and other symptoms occur, it is only common sense that the upsetment of mind should be first treated, if these symptoms are to be made to disappear.

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DOAN'S PILLS

64,156,895 ATTEND CHURCHES THROUGHOUT THE NATION

NEW YORK.—The total membership of churches in the United States is 64,156,895, according to Information Service, official weekly publication of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. Of these 52,379,579 are more than 13 years old. The total number of churches in this country is 248,410. There are 200 different religious bodies.

were assembled by Rev. Dr. Herman C. Weber, editor of the Year Book of American Churches, who is considered an outstanding authority in the United States on religious statistics.

ters of the council, 297 Fourth avenue. "Every effort has been made under his direction to insure accuracy and comparability and the figures represent the most adequate and reliable material now available."

about 960,000. The number of churches in 1937 showed an increase of 1,743. "Significant of the trend toward church unity is the fact that 97.3 per cent of the total membership is in the 50 larger bodies—all with membership of 50,000 or over," the statement announced.

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I was down as far as Merle Sylvester's big shop the other day and I found Merle busily engaged at making a couple of big tractor wheels from concrete. The hub was of steel, and I suppose the spokes were of steel, but they were not visible as all the space between the hub and the big rubber tire was filled with the concrete. Merle said this concrete was firm and would give weight to the wheel, which weight produces more traction for the machine.

Merle has his big arch-topped shop well divided inside so that each department occupies a place to itself, and the whole interior is neatly and attractively decorated with bright paint. A neat office department occupies one of the front corners, and the whole shop is typical of good planning and arrangement.

Just across the street at Brookie's filling station, three or four young men were as busy as pigs digging peanuts, all about various jobs about the business, and they appeared to be really busy. Brookie himself, was not there, and as the other young men seemed to be so busy, I did not tarry long to disturb them.

Then as I wandered back toward my usual haunts at the corner of Sixth and Main, I dropped in at the Reiser grocery store, and here again, I seemed to have dropped in on a real mart of business, as the store had a goodly number of business customers and all the attendants, including the proprietor and Mrs. Reiser and all the clerks were almost too busy to take note of my presence, but I finally made a few purchases and departed.

But I must not overlook my good friend, Ray Landrum, and his picture show, the Regal Theatre. While the skating rink was here, Ray cut out three nights of his program—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday—as he said so many of his customers were going to the rink that he could not make operating expenses on these nights, and as he could not afford to operate at a loss, he just cut out those three nights, but since the rollers are gone, Ray has again installed a full-week program again and I hope he makes a go of it.

Ray has been showing some mighty good pictures, and especially during the past few weeks, and he had one of them again on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights of this week. If you like good pictures, you should keep tab on Ray's programs, which you will see in the Star each week.

And then just think what our American Legion boys are doing, in the way of building a lodge home for their order. They have built only the basement portion of the hall thus far, but they will soon have it ready for occupancy and use, and will then rest for a while before building the hall proper. They are deserving of praise for their pluck and perseverance, and I, for one, believe in handing it to them.

Then, I am told that my good friend Oscar Lange has instituted in his modest way, a movement which, if carried out as he designed, may lead to one of the biggest things in the way of progress, that has ever been started at Friona. The beginning of this move was mentioned a few weeks ago in the columns of the Star, and when I have learned the roughly all the details of the plan, I may give them to our good people here in full detail.

But, I have just learned that we have right here in our midst, a natural-born cartoonist, and it may be possible that sometime in the future, the Star may be able to give its readers some samples of his work. I always have believed in encouraging natural talent in all worthwhile lines, and my sympathies are also with the local "infant industries" and both of these may be combined in this instance.

And there is another thing that has been brought to my attention, which occurs to me to be absolutely unjust, and that is, that each one of

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SIXTH STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church School, each Sunday at 10:00 a. m.
Preaching Services, 11 a. m. and p. m., each Sunday.
Young People's Meeting, 7:15 p. m. each Sunday.
Mid-week Prayer meeting, Wednesday nights, at 8:00 o'clock.
L. C. Chapin, Minister.

FRIONA METHODIST CHURCH "The Friendly Church"

Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Church Services 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Group meetings 6:45 p. m.
A group for each age division, including adults.
Women's Special meeting, Mondays, 3 p. m.
L. L. Hill, Pastor.

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Church services at 11 o'clock, C. Carl Dollar, minister; Mrs. F. W. Reeve, pianist; Milford Alexander, chorister.
Young People's meeting held each Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock.
Monthly business meeting, Monday night after each third Sunday.

BAPTIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Services:
Bible School 10:00 a. m.
Preaching Services 11:00 a. m.
B. T. U., 6:45, Evening.
Preaching Services 7:45, Evening.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday Evening, 7:30.
W. M. S., Tuesday, 2:30 p. m.
Joe Wilson, Pastor.

Notice of Services

Summerfield Baptist Church
Sunday school each Sunday at 10:00 a. m.
Preaching each second and fourth Sunday at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
W. T. Legg, Sunday school director.
Thurman Atchley, B. T. U. director.
Rev. H. B. Naylor, Pastor, Evangelist.

Lazbuddy Baptist Church
Sunday school each Sunday at 10:00 a. m.
Preaching services each first and third Sunday at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
G. C. Tiner, Sunday school supervisor.

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH NOTES

Sunday school will be held at 10:00 o'clock and preaching services at 11:00 o'clock each Sunday morning. As yet we have not arranged for any night services.
E. E. Houlette, Pastor.

BUILDING CHURCH AT LAZBUDDY

The people of the Methodist congregation at Lazbuddy, have begun the erection of a commodious church building at that town.
Reports are that they are meeting with most encouraging results in their efforts.

our good people who are employed on the WPA are assessed the sum of six dollars a month from their pitiful pittance, to supply equipment with which to carry on their work all of which is for the benefit of the public, and least of all, perhaps, for the men who are doing the work. It just occurs to me that, since the work they are doing is for the benefit of the public, that same public should at least provide the equipment necessary for them to do the work.

And here is a good joke which I have just read in a column in the Texas Parade, entitled "Friend Jasper", and written by Harvey Briggs, which reads as follows: "Talking on, he said, 'You know, it sure is a good thing those Dione quintuplets were born in Canada. If they had been born in this country, the New Deal would have plowed two of them under.'"

But I must close now as I will have barely time to catch the mail with this if the train is on time. There were another two or three good jokes, also by "Jasper", but they will have to wait till next week.

LIVESTOCK SHOW OFFICIALS COMPLETE DETAILS

Class 224a, Angus; 224b, Hereford.
Class 225—Senior Bull Calf (calved between March 1, 1938 and July 31, 1938).

Class 225a, Angus; 225b, Hereford.
Class 226—Bull One year old and under two (calved between March 1, 1937 and March 1, 1938).

Class 226a, Angus; 226b, Hereford.
Class 227—Bull Over Two Years.
Class 227a, Angus; 227b, Hereford.

Dairy Cattle Division (All Breeds Except horthorn)
J. R. Schlenker, Supt.
Class 230—Senior Heifer (calved after March 1, 1938).

Class 230a, Holstein; 230b, Jersey.
Class 231—Cow over one Year and Under Three (calved between March 1, 1936 and March 1, 1938).

Class 231a, Holstein; 231b, Jersey.
Class 232—Cow over Three Years (calved before March 1, 1936).

Class 232a, Holstein; 232b, Jersey.
Class 233—Senior Bull Calf (calved after March 1, 1938).

Class 233a, Holstein; 233b, Jersey.
Class 234—Bull over One Year and Under Three (calved between March 1, 1936 and March 1, 1938).

Class 234a, Holstein; 234b, Jersey.
Class 235—Bull Over Three Years (calved before March 1, 1936).

Class 235a, Holstein; 235b, Jersey.
Milking Shorthorn Division
L. F. Lillard, Supt.

Class 240—Senior Heifer (calved after March 1, 1938).

Class 241—Cow over One Year and Under Three (calved between March 1, 1936 and March 1, 1938).

Class 242—Cow Over Three Years (calved before March 1, 1936).

Class 243—Senior Bull Calf (calved after March 1, 1938).

Class 244—Bull Over One Year and Under Three (calved between March 1, 1936 and March 1, 1938).

Class 245—Bull Over Three Years (calved before March 1, 1936).

Horse and Mule Division
Draft Breeds Only
Tom Foster, Supt.

Class 250—Horse (female).
Class 250a, foaled after March 1, 1938; 250b, foaled between March 1, 1938 and March 1, 1937; 250c, foaled before March 1, 1937.

Class 251—Horse (male).
Class 251a, foaled after March 1, 1938; 251b, foaled between March 1, 1938 and March 1, 1937; 251c, foaled before March 1, 1937.

Class 252—Mules (any sex).
Class 252a, foaled after March 1, 1938; 252b, foaled between March 1, 1938 and March 1, 1937; 252c, foaled before March 1, 1937.

Following is the list of prizes that were laid out for the show:
Ribbons will be given all winners this year, with a purple ribbon designating the grand champion, and the familiar blue, red and white for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the breed divisions.
In addition to the ribbons, the following list of prizes were given by the directors:
Grand champion of all breeds in the fat pig division will receive a

registered Spotted Poland-China gilt, donated by F. T. Schlenker; reserve champion will receive 500 lbs. grain; and 3rd place 300 lbs. grain. Champion of each breed will receive ribbon.

Pat litter group: grand champion A-type hog house, donated by Cicero Smith Lbr. Co., Bovina; reserve champion, 1000 lbs. grain; 3rd place, 500 lbs. grain. Ribbons for breed champions.

Grand champion of the sow and suckling pig group will receive a self-feeder, donated by Rockwell Bros., Friona; reserve champion, 750 lbs. grain; 3rd place, 500 lbs. grain. Ribbons to breed winners.

For the open gilt class, the grand champ will receive 500 lbs. grain, reserve champ 400 lbs. grain and 3rd rank 200 lbs. grain, with class winner ribbons given.

A self-feeder, donated by the Kemp Lbr. Co., Farwell, will go to the champion of the bred gilt class; while to second place will go 500 lbs. grain and supplement; to third place 200 lbs. grain and protein supplement; and to breed winners, ribbons.

Bred sow: grand champion, self-feeder donated by Panhandle Lbr. Co., Texico; 2nd place, 400 lbs. grain; 3rd, 300 lbs. grain; ribbons for individuals in breeds.

Breeders' Division, swine: ribbons will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranks, with grand champion being chosen.

Boys Fat Calf Division: Grand champion will receive grooming set; 2nd place, halter; 3rd, insurance policy; 4th, halter; and 5th, halter.

Men's Beef Cattle Division: grand champion will be selected, and ribbons given 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each group classification.

Boys Dairy Calf Division: Grand champion will receive a milk pail; champion each breed, ribbons.

Men's Division (other dairy breeds) only straight-bred cattle allowed: grand champion will be selected, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for breeds picked.

Men's Division, Shorthorn classes: same prizes as for dairy breeds.

Boy's Sheep Division: Grand champion, blocking set; reserve champion, 300 lbs. grain; 3rd rank, ribbon. Ribbons for breed winners.

Grand champions will be picked in the horse and mule division, as well as in the mens' sheep division, it was learned, but these have not been definitely announced.

WEATHER AT FRIONA

During the past week there has been not much change in weather conditions here. Not so cold for a while, but ice has formed each night except Monday night.
No moisture has been received and, while the wind has been a little boisterous on one or two days, nothing serious has happened thus far.
It is reported that some fields of wheat were badly damaged by the windy day of about two weeks ago.

ENTERTAINMENT AT OYSTER DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Landrum entertained with an oyster dinner, Sunday. The shipment of oysters was a surprise, coming Saturday from Mr. Landrum's grandfather, W. S. Dixon, who is spending a portion of the winter on the coast at Rockport, Texas.
Guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dixon and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dixon.

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

LAKEVIEW NEWS

Mrs. Ben Jones and son, Newell, were back in this community on business, Monday. They had dinner with Mrs. E. H. Cummins.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robason and children, of Littlefield, spent Sunday in the Dudley Robason home. The E. H. Cummings were callers in the afternoon.

Mr. Ray Smith spent Sunday in the Dick Habbinga home.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Guinn, of Muleshoe, visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Guinn and family over the weekend.

Mr. Wayne Melton and mother, left Thursday for Colony, Oklahoma, to visit relatives for a few weeks.

Mr. J. M. Gilmer, who has been visiting his son at Muleshoe, is spending a few weeks with his daughter, Mrs. Guinn.

The school boys and girls had their Valentine box at school, Tuesday afternoon.

The Lakeview boys' ball team played Summerfield Friday afternoon, winning 15-3.

The bad dust storms of the last few days have done quite a lot of damage to the wheat, as well as giving quite a bit of grief to thehousewives.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Miller, who have been living on the irrigated wheat farm near Hereford, moved back to this community last week.

Mrs. V. F. Parson spent Monday in the L. M. Crow home.

Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Jones have moved to their farm near Portales.

W. M. U. REPORT

Womens' Missionary Union met on Tuesday, February 14th, at the church for the regular monthly missionary program. There were sixteen members and two visitors present, and a very interesting program was rendered on "Prayer and Missions."

On Tuesday, February 21st, Circle No. 1 will meet with Mrs. Orville Stevick and Circle No. 2 will meet with Mrs. Pete Buske. The Bible lesson will be the book of "Esther."

Please notice that on Tuesday, March 2nd, we are invited to Bovina for an all-day meeting, that week being the regular time for the "Week of Prayer" program. The Friona W. M. U. will give the program. It is hoped that a large number will attend.

Dewey Ferguson of Clovis, transacted business here, Wednesday.

Lillian Rainey and Katherine Guthrie were the guests of Edith Galloway in Clovis, Thursday. Miss Galloway is attending a business college there.

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FORMER RESIDENT WRITES THE STAR

The following letter was received at the Star office from one of Friona's former residents, who asks that the Star be sent to him at his new address.

The letter reads:
Mr. John White,
Dear Friend:
Will you please send me the Star to this address, as I have changed my address and want every one I like to read the Star. It is short but interesting.

Your friend,
J. R. Walker
North Taylor Bld. Rt. One,
Mission, Texas.
Mr. Walker is an old-time plainsman and was for many years one of the most popular and highly esteemed citizens of Friona and vicinity. He has until recently, been living at Harlingen, where they moved a few years ago for the benefit of Mrs. Walker's health. He is a regular reader of the Friona Star.

Jake Saunders, of Slaton, traveling representative of the Kerr Paper Co. of Amarillo, was calling on his customers here last Friday.

Judge F. T. Schlenker, of the Rhea community, was a business visitor in Friona Tuesday.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS

Bovina Club
The Bovina home demonstration club met Thursday, February 9, with Mrs. N. E. Bonds. There were thirteen members present. Miss St. Clair presented a very interesting demonstration on "Background of Kitchen." The next meeting will be with Mrs. W. O. Cherry. There will be a demonstration on "A quart of milk a day, and not a drop is drunk."

Oklahoma Lane Sr. 4-H
The Oklahoma Lane Sr. 4-H club girls met in the club room, 41st Friday 3, with the agent, Miss St. Clair, in charge of the demonstration on "How to Make Aprons."

Those present were Avis and Ruth Donaldson, Lois Robertson, Alene and Oleta Thompson, Sula Moore, Marguerite Smith, Lois McGuire, Mary D. Christian, Ida Gene Berry, Grace McGuire, Rita Wilkinson, Frances Roach and Dorothy Foster.

Rhea 4-H Club
Our last meeting was held at Rhea school house on February 7. Miss St. Clair and Mrs. Alderson met with us.

Our club was 100% in bringing sewing boxes and bandanas, and cloth for our aprons. Each girl seems to be very interested in her work.

Rhea girls are going to work hard with the other girls in the county to sell names for the county friendship quilt.

This club meeting, the gift was given to Elenora Schueler.

All the girls have made their scrap books except two. They will get their books finished as soon as possible.

3-M Club
A large group of "3 M" club members met in the Oklahoma Lane club room, February 7, and enjoyed a very good demonstration, given by Mrs. Arthur Bolton, on meat substitute.

The next regular club meeting will be held February 21, at 2:30. We are urging all club members to be present, and all others who are interested in the club work are welcome.

VISITING RELATIVES HERE

Lyman Murphy, who formerly lived with his grandfather, the late L. H. Hart, north of town arrived here Friday for a visit with his uncle, Leon Hart and family, and his aunt, Mrs. Grace Hart and family.

Lyman has been away from Friona for several years, and may remain here should he secure employment.

FARM SECURITY NEWS

Dried Fruits
February is the time when most of the nation has but small choice in fresh fruits. The level of apples in the family apple barrel is sinking and the canned fruit shelves. It is the time when, for variety's sake, homemakers like best to turn to the nation's other fruit supply—the dried fruits.

Dried fruits are excellent foods. In minerals, especially iron, they outshine the corresponding fresh fruits weight for weight. Dried apricots are very rich in iron, and dates, figs, prunes and raisins also supply this essential mineral. Figs are a good source of calcium.

The dried fruits are also rich in certain vitamins. Prunes are an excellent source of Vitamin A, and also supply ribbo flavin (vitamin G). Dates furnish both vitamin A and thiamin (vitamin B). Dried apricots and yellow peaches retain part of their original rich store of vitamin A, while figs supply both vitamin A and vitamin B.

It makes for good dietetics as well as good eating to squeeze some lemon juice over a dish of prunes, for dried fruits lack the ascorbic acid (vitamin C) that makes fresh fruits so valuable in the diet. A daily supply of this vitamin is essential because it cannot be stored in the body.

A perfect dish of breakfast prunes, glistening and plump, with the rich flavor shared by both the fruit and the juice is worthy of a cook's best effort. In her aim to restore some of the original tenderness and juiciness to the fruit, the homemaker will find it handy to know her prunes. So much moisture has been added to some prunes in packing them, that they require only half an hour's soaking. Others are so dry that they must be soaked over-night before they take up enough water to make them plump. Some of the more moist prunes sold on the market are so tender they require no cooking at all, only brief soaking.

Whether sugar is added depends partly on taste, partly on variety. In California, very sweet prunes are dried, while Oregon and Washington prunes are of the more tart Italian type. A bit of salt always will help "round out" the flavor.

Generally the most satisfactory procedure in cooking prunes is to wash them carefully in hot water, first, then drop them into boiling water and allow an hour for them to plump up. Next simmer the prunes in the same water for half an hour, adding a little sugar, if desired, during the last few minutes of cooking. Always use the soaking water for cooking to save every bit of the flavor.

Prunes can be cooked to plumpness without soaking, but you lose flavor and waste fuel in the process. As for the other fruits, most dried apricots require no soaking, simply start the cooking in boiling water and simmer 30 minutes. For figs, start the cooking in cold water and simmer 20 to 30 minutes to tenderness. Peaches are best if soaked in cold water for half an hour and cooked 15 to 20 minutes.

For variety add a slice of lemon or orange to prunes or cook and serve apricots and prunes together. Prunes are excellent spiced and served with meat. For spiced prunes, simmer part of the time with a bag of whole spices—allspeice, cinnamon and cloves are good, and add a little vinegar during the last few minutes of cooking.

LOCAL POST INVITED TO HEREFORD

The following card has been received by Selden Warren, bearing an invitation to the local American Legion Post to attend the next district post meeting to be held at Hereford on February 21st, which is Tuesday of next week:

Hereford, Texas, Feb. 10, 1939
Your Post and Auxiliary are requested to be the guests of Post 192, Tuesday, February 21, 1939, at the monthly social meeting of the 18th District.

Feed, Charlie's Hour dance. Theme "Americanism." Time 7:30 p. m.
J. R. Lipscoms, Commander.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Warren and son, A. V. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Settle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Crow and family, and Misses Eva and Gladys Settle were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Settle Sunday.

Howard Morris, president of the Parmer County Livestock Show, and Prof. J. T. Gee were among the Friona people who attended the committee meeting at Bovina, last Saturday.

That Reminds Them

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NANCY CAROLINE HARPER PASSES AWAY AT MAUD, OKLA.

Nancy C. Harper, the daughter of William Tarkenton and Nancy Young Tarkenton, was born near Mountainview, Arkansas, March 7, 1855. She attained young womanhood in her native state. There she met and married William G. Harper in 1874, at the age of 19 years. They soon moved to Illinois, locating near Chicago. After spending a few years in Illinois, they returned to her native state, locating within a few miles of her birth place. There they lived many years and reared their children, four in number, two girls and two boys, to maturity. One girl died in infancy. Her husband and oldest daughter Mrs. Josephine Scott, of Peoria, Illinois, preceded her in death, both having died in the early part of 1933.

In the autumn of 1909, Mrs. Harper moved to Maud, Pottawatomie Co., Okla., where she resided almost continuously for about 16 years, after which she made her home, except for short intervals, with her son, J. J. Harper, of Maud, Okla. Mrs. Harper was converted and united with the Free Will Baptist Church at Rushing, Arkansas, more than 50 years ago, where her membership remained. She was stricken with paralysis January 27, 1939, and died without having regained consciousness. She died as she had often expressed a wish, "just to go to sleep and never wake." Mrs. Harper was the youngest child in a family of twelve children, all of whom preceded her in death.

She is survived by three children, J. J. Harper of Maud, Okla.; C. H. Harper and Mrs. Arizona Beene of Friona, Texas. Five grandchildren, and six great grandchildren are left to mourn her death as "a mother among mothers."

All of her children were with her during her last illness.

She departed this life Feb. 4, 1939, at 10 o'clock, at the home of J. J. Harper, southwest of Maud, Okla., 10 years, 10 months and 28 days old.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at the Friona Baptist Church, by Rev. Jones.

The Ogee Funeral Home, of Maud, Okla., had charge of arrangements. Interment was made in Friona cemetery.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Green and family,
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Irwin,
John Benger and family,
Lloyd Brewer,
Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Slagle of Panhandle, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Slagle, Sunday.

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Background for the Coming Crisis: France vs. Italy in Mediterranean

Rebel Victory in Spain Leaves Il Duce Free to Press Demands

By JOSEPH W. LaBINE

As the first month of 1939 drew to a painful close all Europe sat watching bombs burst over Spain. Barcelona, the Loyalist capital, fell by inches before Rebel troops who claimed to be Spaniards but came largely from Italy and Germany. One of the closest observers of this holocaust was Edouard Daladier, premier of France.

For M. Daladier knew that once Barcelona fell, Italy's hands would be freed from their Spanish obligation. Then Benito Mussolini would be ready to press the program of expansion which he hopes will make Italy the dominant nation of the Mediterranean.

France would be the chief victim of this expansion because French and Italian interests clash at several key points in northern Africa. Each wishes to rule the Mediterranean, France because she has done so for 20 years, and Italy because her Fascist government believes this is Italy's "destiny."

What of the Future?

Most questions are therefore pushed to the front as Spain's civil war draws near its inevitable Rebel victory. Will the romantic Mediterranean be Europe's next battleground? Will France and Italy come to blows over proprietorship of Tunisia, Corsica, Nice and Savoy? Will their conflict over Suez canal proprietorship and the Addis Ababa-Djibouti railroad draw Great Britain into the battle?

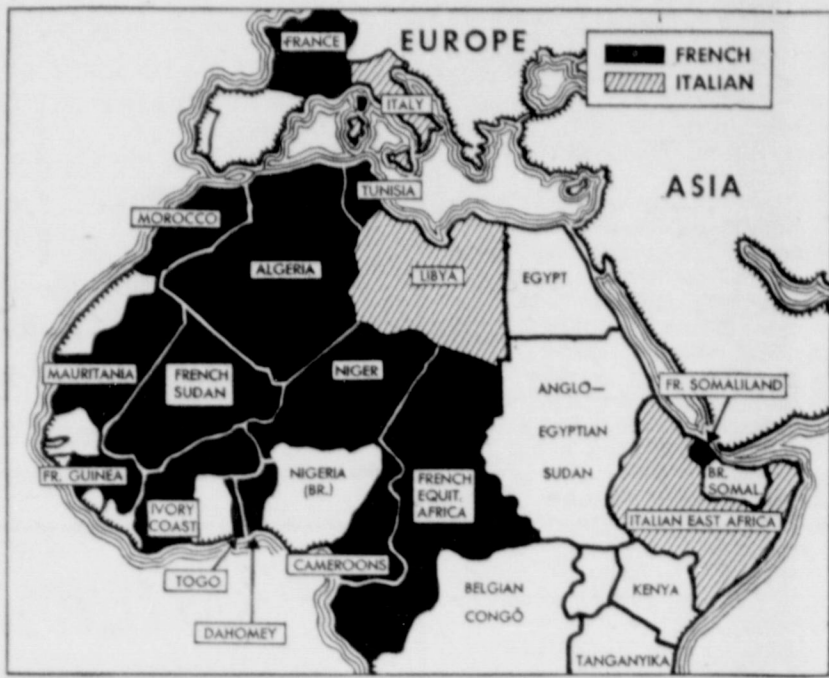
The background for this crisis-to-come dates to 1915. That year, in the treaty of London, England and France won Italy's aid against the central powers by promising to split Germany's African colonies should the Allies win.

That Italy once had a grievance is the opinion of most European observers. At Versailles the treaty of London was completely overlooked. Not until 1924 did Great Britain get around to ceding Italy the unimportant territory of Jubaland, and that under protest. Stubborn France held out until 1935 when Premier Pierre Laval agreed to give Italy a worthless strip of desert south of Libya, another between French Somaliland and Italian Eritrea, and the island of Doumeirah.

Treaty Never Ratified.

The Mussolini-Laval treaty had few merits and even less honor. It was never ratified and therefore the ceded territories have never been turned over to Italy.

Since 1936 Italy has been busy consolidating her Mediterranean gains and fighting the Spanish civil war. If the past two years have nurtured imperialistic aims in the



THE MEDITERRANEAN—Map showing how France and Italy now dominate north African lands, also how Italy, by gaining control of Tunisia, could easily shut off commerce through the sea by a blockade.

Fascist breast they went unspoken because Mussolini knew he was too weak to fight.

But last year's German-Czech crisis changed that. One of its most outstanding results was the shift of European domination from France and Britain to Italy and Germany, resulting in a subsequent parade of Franco-British "appeasement" offers. Today Mussolini is in a posi-

Adolf Hitler plucked territorial plums at the other end of the Rome-Berlin axis. Mussolini has always given the Reichsfuehrer his moral support but in return Italy has received nothing. If Mussolini wishes to retain his dictatorship he must soon begin asserting himself for new colonies.

Germany is willing that this should happen. It would be advantageous for Hitler to have world attention focused on a Mediterranean conflict during the next few years while he proceeds quietly to carve a Nazi-dominated republic out of the vast southeastern Ukraine. Meanwhile Berlin could conveniently send Nazi "volunteers" to aid Italy without risking official involvement.

Italy's campaign thus far has been very crude. It began last November 30, an especially bleak day when France was quaking in fear of a complete labor strike and when Premier Daladier was clawing tooth and nail to stay in power after France began feeling the disastrous backwash of the Czech crisis. For the first time since 1936 a French ambassador was in Rome, Andre Francois-Poncet having been shifted from Germany to Italy after Paris belatedly recognized Mussolini's Italian conquest.

'Tunisia! Nice! Corsica!'

M. Francois-Poncet celebrated his arrival by attending a session of the Italian chamber of deputies where Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano (Mussolini's son-in-law) was to make a speech. Hardly had his address started before two deputies jumped to their feet and began yelling "Tunisia! Tunisia!" From the galleries came cries, too, not only for "Tunisia!" but also for "Corsica! Nice! Savoy!"

Though he sat quietly through the demonstration, M. Francois-Poncet lost no time demanding an explanation. Italian officialdom disowned all responsibility but the controlled Fascist press picked up the echo from the chamber of deputies and has been amplifying it ever since under direction of Propagandist Virginio Gayda.

There have been daily threats; there have been insults, such as that in the Rome newspaper, Il Tevere, which pictured 40,000,000 Italians "spitting" on France while "the Third Republic (France) is patiently wiping her face with newspapers." There have been well substantiated reports of Italian troop concentrations on the west frontier of French Somaliland.

The net result has been to defeat Italy's purpose. France, only a few months ago torn by strikes and ready to oust Premier Daladier, is today better united than at any time in the past five years. Desperately proud, the French now dislike to discuss the settlement proposals Paris first made last summer, because such discussions would leave the impression that France yielded to force.

France May Yield.

These proposals, incidentally, are substantially what many observers think Italy is hinting for today in her diplomatic fashion. They include Italian participation in administration of the Suez canal, Italian control of the railroad leading from Italy's Addis Ababa to France's Djibouti on the Red sea, and more privileges for Italian residents of Tunisia.

But if Mussolini presses his advantage after Barcelona, and if Germany wins not only the Ukraine but her African colonies lost during the World war, the Mediterranean will almost positively be the scene of Europe's next fireworks. Britain would be drawn in because she could not afford to have her "lifeline" broken by Italian capture of Tunisia. This would enable Mussolini to throw a blockade from Tunisia to Pantellaria island to Sicily, completely controlling traffic from Gibraltar to the Suez canal.

Such possibilities are admittedly more theoretical than practical. But within a few weeks the story of peace or war on the Mediterranean may be told.



M. FRANCOIS-PONCET—France's new ambassador to Italy, the first since Mussolini invaded Ethiopia, who was greeted in the Rome chamber of deputies by demands for French territorial concessions. He listened quietly, then left.

tion to dictate the outcome of the Spanish war. Moreover he can afford to stick out his neck on territorial demands against France, knowing powerful Germany stands behind him.

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Only Clergymen Were Immune From Comic Valentine of 90's

Why St. Valentine's day should at once be an occasion for tearful sentimentalism and raucous buffoonery is not the mystery it appears at first glance.

The bleeding heart decorated with old lace and scented with lavender—once a favorite token of love—sprang from an early Roman festival in honor of the goddess, Februa Juno, which Christians abolished by way of making it less objectionable. But then it became too sentimental, which paved the way for the cheap comic valentines which sprang into favor late last century.

As celebrated in England and Scotland, St. Valentine's day brought maids and bachelors together at a festival where they drew lots to discover which maid would be each youth's "valentine." These imaginary engagements lasted for a year, during which the young man was bound to the service of his valentine. Sometimes they ended in real engagements but more often one or the other party was dissatisfied with his lot. This gave rise to a custom of ridiculing the valentine custom,



The sentimental valentine, heavy with lavender and old lace, which grew from an early custom.

ably expressed by the satirist, Alexander Pope: "You struttin' cockatoo of man You are my Valentine, I know. And for a year I'll have to see Your face and form wh'er I go. But get this through your leather pate— A year is all you'll get of me, For after that you'll get the gate And never mair my face shall see."

In later years St. Valentine's day has developed into a time for exchanging gifts, though the comic valentine has retained most of the favor it enjoyed 30 or 40 years ago. In those days nobody in the community was immune from receiving one of these anonymous shafts of criticism except members of clergy. The name, Valentine, comes from a religious of the Third century who reconciled lovers by his interest in their lives. Because of this interest, and because his life ended in martyrdom, he became the patron saint of lovers.



A comic valentine, first popularized late last century.

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Rev. Joe Wilson, pastor of the local Baptist church, spent Tuesday at Hale Centre, in attendance at the regular Workers' Conference. He reported a most enjoyable and helpful meeting.

Mr. Morris, of Wichita, Kansas, representing the Western Newspaper Union, was a business visitor here Saturday, and favored the Star office with a brief visit.

HEALTH NOTES

AUSTIN—"Perhaps no more convincing example of the value of applied public health measures exist than the success achieved in combating typhoid fever," declares Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

In 1900 typhoid fever mortality in the United States totaled 35,000. In terms of illness, this means that approximately 350,000 persons, or one out of ten, contracted typhoid fever in that year.

"Since then typhoid fever death rates in the urban centers have steadily declined. Texas cities and communities are reporting less and less typhoid due to mass control in purifying water and milk supplies, providing adequate sewage disposal, and widespread typhoid vaccination.

The rural areas of Texas are still beset with the typhoid problem, however, as shown by the fact that the greatest percent of the 379 Texas who died of typhoid in 1937 were from the rural districts.

Drinking water is a potent source of typhoid in rural areas. Protecting the water supply against polluted underground seepage and surface drainage is fundamental.

If the supply is a well, the top should be made of concrete and the casing watertight from the top down to the compact soil. A solid base pump should be installed in such a manner that will prevent any contamination from entering the top. Where a cistern is used, the same care should be exercised to prevent any outside dirt pollution from reaching the supply.

A second and important source of typhoid fever is the fly. Having access to filth it spreads the germs of typhoid fever in milk and food.

In this connection, it is essential that the rural dweller maintain a sanitary privy. This may be in the form of a septic tank or a pit privy. The point is, however, that it should be fly-tight. If it is not, the present is an ideal time to take the necessary precautions and thereby anticipate the typhoid fever season. Moreover, the privy should be located in such a way that it will not endanger the source of drinking water; preferably, it should be at least 100 feet away.

Vaccination against typhoid fever by your family doctor is economical, safe and sure. Everyone should give attention to this important preventive measure before the advent of the typhoid season, for certain protection in rural areas, and on vacation.

Carl Maurer made a business trip to Tucumcari, Friday.

Mrs. Edna Redfern went to Albuquerque, Tuesday, where she has accepted a job with a cosmetic firm.

J. B. Buske returned to his home in Abernathy, Saturday.

J. B. Crow attended to business in Amarillo and Plainview, Saturday.

Henry Clements of Dimmitt, transacted business in Friona, Wednesday.

M. A. Crum transacted business in Amarillo, Tuesday.

Mrs. A. A. Crow and daughter, Juanita, went to Lubbock, Tuesday, where Juanita is entering the Rock Sanitarium.

Webb Thompson, Wilburn Carlton, and Leslie Ford went to Portales Saturday to skate. Webb will be employed with the rink next week.

Mrs. C. L. Lillard attended to business in Hereford, Monday, and visited her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Woodford.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Weir of Hereford, were the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Weir, Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Osborn, who was called to Electra to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, is expected to return home today. Mr. Osborn, who accompanied her to Electra, returned home last week.

Mr. Gray, representing a Burial Association, of Plainview, was a business visitor here, Tuesday, working in the interest of his company.

Shelby Ann Jersig is slowly recovering from injuries received in a bicycle accident.

Billy Rolison, of the Rhea community, was in Friona, Monday.

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Messrs. W. E. Stark, Loren Stark and Curtis Jordan, of Woodward, Oklahoma, spent the weekend here as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne B. Stark.

The first named is the father of W. B. Stark. They departed for their home, Sunday.

AWAY VISITING RELATIVES

Mrs. J. M. W. Alexander accompanied by her son, Milford, and Mrs. James Bragg and small son, Clyde Ray, departed Saturday for Central Texas where Mrs. Alexander will visit for a short time with her mother. She will also visit her son, Lex, at Dallas, before returning home.

Mrs. Bragg will visit during the time with Mr. Bragg's parents. Milford returned home, Tuesday.

Messrs. F. W. Reeve and Guy Bennett attended a district meeting of the Grain Producers Association that was held at Dimmitt, on Wednesday of last week.

WATER RISES NO HIGHER THAN ITS SOURCE

"You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear" and "a crop is no better than its seed" are equally true sayings. It is one of the most expensive "economies" (?) on the farm to plant poor seed and spend a whole season's work making a poor crop. It costs only a few cents an acre more to get the best seed available for crops like corn, sorghum, melons, tomatoes and a great many others. The difference may run into dollars on cotton, clover, alfalfa and small grains but the pay off at harvest time far beyond the extra cost.

But what is "good seed?" First, it is clean seed, unmixed with weeds or other crop seed. Second, it is pure seed; that is it is bred to produce true to its name and character. Third, it is a variety adapted to the soil and climate where it is to be grown. Fourth, it is high in germinating power.

But how are we to know all this? Most of the guesswork is eliminated by purchasing only seed which is bagged and properly labeled. Every state has seed labeling laws, and the tag tells (1) percentage of foreign seeds present, (2) name of the variety, and (4) its percentage of germination. As to (3) its adaption to locality, the buyer must know by experience, or look up the records from the nearest agricultural experiment station.

On the question of purity there is a further safeguard in buying seed officially "certified" or "registered" in the name of its breeder or grower. This information is on another tag, usually colored to indicate different grades. The highest grade is that which came last from the breeding block, the second grade is usually a year farther removed. The reputation of the breeder is back of this tag, and it also carries the assurance of the certifying authority that the seed has been grown under its rules and inspection.

It is a risky practice to buy bulk seed either from someone traveling through the country or from a local seed store. If it turns out to be good the buyer is lucky; if not, he has only himself to blame. The seed peddler may be honest and the local merchant who has to face his customer surely wouldn't knowingly misrepresent his goods. But the source of the seed is unknown, its purity is a matter of faith, and there is no germination test, reliable local merchants would prefer to handle only properly tested and labeled seed, but for the "bargain hunters" who have a dime and lose a dollar by insisting on cheap (?) seed.

It is too late to buy seed when planting time is at hand. Buying ahead insures getting the best you are willing to pay for, while last-minute buying sometimes means taking Hobson's choice. Read the tags buy the best seed available, have it ready—and then don't treat it like a step-child. Good seed is worthy of a good seed-bed; a good stand depends on good germination and a good seed-bed; and a full crop is impossible without a good stand.

Mrs. Ethel Galloway of Clovis, spent the weekend with her father, Ben Galloway, here.

THE TEXAS ALMANAC

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