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PERSONALS

CALL FOR CIVIL SERVICE WORK

Elmer Green, local radio repair man who has made application for a civil service position with the government, left Saturday for government work at Brownwood.

IT'S GRANDPA HOULETTE NOW

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Houlette, of Claude, N. M., on Monday, Feb. 16, a daughter, Lawanna Ann.

Mr. Houlette is a son of Rev. E. E. Houlette, of this city, who is now advanced to the position of "Grandfather." This, evidently accounts for the additional cheerfulness, noted by his friends, in his usually cheerful and friendly smile, with which he always greets them.

WILL SERVE LUNCHES SATURDAY

The members of the Parmer County Home Demonstration Council announce that they will serve lunches all day Saturday - "Scrap Metal Day," at the Blackwell Hdw. & Furn. Co. store.

HAVE MOVED TO AMARILLO

A letter received from Mrs. Horace Simpson states that the family has moved to Amarillo, and are located at 3508 Taylor Street. She asks that their copy of the Star be sent to them at that address. She says: "We like our new home, but miss our friends in Friona."

C. E. McLean was a business visitor in Dimmitt, Tuesday.

Carl Maurer was a business visitor in Amarillo, Monday.

George Odell has been confined to his home the past several days with an attack of the mumps.

Carl Hall, who for some time past has been living on the Charley Baxter farm two and a half miles northwest of Friona, moved his family back to town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Baxter and family, who have been living at Elk City, Okla., for the past several months, have moved back to their farm northwest of town. While living at Elk City Mr. Baxter was manager of a gin there.

Do not fail to attend the Amateur Night program at the grade school building, tonight.

Parmer County Eligible For Food Stamps

Parmer County representatives Tuesday attended a meeting in Amarillo to consider use of the Surplus Marketing Administration food stamp plan in this county.

According to the Parmer County men, Tuesday's meeting was explanatory, the purpose being to acquaint officials with the operation of the blue stamp food program. Fourteen Panhandle counties were represented and heard SMA officials explain the plan.

Eight Panhandle counties recently added to the program are being served by mail through the stamp issuing offices in Amarillo, and should Parmer County adopt the program it will probably be served in the same way.

Contract signing for participation in the program is expected to be completed by Monday or Tuesday, Claude Hodges of the Amarillo SMA office said.

Mrs. Vohs Will Review "Keys of The Kingdom"

Mrs. A. Vohs of Clovis, N. M., will review the book, "The Keys of the Kingdom," next Thursday night, Mar. 12, at 8:30 o'clock at the club house, according to members of the Junior Woman's Club sponsors of the review.

Mrs. Vohs is an experienced reviewer and the A. J. Cronin novel is one of her favorites, which she has presented many times to club and study groups. The book itself has been on best selling lists for many months and has been everywhere acclaimed for the beauty of its style and power of its message of the importance of spiritual values in a materialistic world.

The price of admission is 25 cents and money received will be used in the purchase of defense bonds.

BUGGY PRICES CREEP UP

A 1925 Model T-Ford with four good tires and only 6,000 miles on its speedometer brought \$47.50 at the C. P. Eskew Farm sale near Shenandoah, Ia. A buggy with a top brought \$22.50.

Wanna Buy a Swoose?



Half swan, half goose, this swoose at Miami's rare bird farm is one of the few of its kind in existence. Kay Paige is feeding the queer hybrid.

USDA Will Encourage Production of Long Staple Cotton In This Section

Joe Earl Wilson Is "Somewhere in Pacific"

Rev. Joe Wilson, pastor of the Baptist Church, received Monday a letter from his son, Joe Earl Wilson of the U. S. Marines. The letter was dated, Feb. 1, and reads as follows:

Dear Folks: Just a word to let you know that I am still O. K. It has been raining here nearly every day. We had about four inches of rain just the other night. Have not been doing any too much work since it has been raining. It sorta hinders our work to some extent. Would like to see the pictures that you took when you were going home, Christmas. There is not too much to write about. We are somewhere in the Pacific Ocean south of the Equator. Tell everyone "Hello" for me.

Love to all, Joe Earl.

Read The Ads In The Star

The Department of Agriculture today announced plans to encourage growers to shift from the production of short staple cotton to the longer staple length in 1942, to make available particular types of cotton needed to meet military requirements.

To encourage this change in planting practices, Commodity Credit Corporation will increase the premiums to be offered on longer staple lengths of cotton under the 1942 loan program. The premiums and discounts that will apply to all grades and staples under the 1942 loan were announced in connection with the program. In addition, it was stated that CCC will support the price of American-Egyptian and Sea Island cotton through a purchase program in order to encourage increased production.

Premiums will be increased on the longer staple lengths of American Upland cotton, official of the Department explained, to enable producers to realize the same per acre return the longer cottons which have low yields, as from the shorter cottons which generally have higher yields. Growers were requested to make the shifts within their present acreage allotments and urged to exercise special care in picking and ginning to secure the highest possible grades which are particularly needed in the war effort.

The premiums and discounts under the 1942 program announced at this time apply to all rain-grown cotton and also to irrigated cotton with a staple (Continued on Back Page)

Tomorrow To Be Scrap Metal Day

Take your scrap metal to the Santa Fe Grain Company to be weighed, then take it to the scrap depot west of Buchanan Implement Co., where a man will help you unload and give you a receipt for all metal deposited.

These final instructions were given by Friona implement dealers who are giving the fullest co-operation possible to make "Scrap Metal Week" an outstanding success here; and reports early this week were that the response to demands for "Scrap to Slap the Japs" would be satisfactory.

"After all, it is merely a business proposition," the implement dealers say, "scrap metal in your field or back yard is doing you no good; it might do lots of good in stopping this war soon if turned into armaments to help America's fighting men."

All persons bringing in scrap will get receipts, which can be converted into defense bonds and stamps when the scrap pile has been sold. Also there are prizes offered for special collections, and every man, woman and child in the Friona territory should be able to help this patriotic undertaking.

Interest Is High In Parmer County Stock Show

Star Leads Field In Saving Paper, At Same Time Increases Local News

Legion Announces Bovina Meeting

Members of the American Legion and all World War Veterans are invited to the next monthly meeting of the Friona post to be held in Bovina at the School building, Tuesday night, Mar. 10, at 8:30 o'clock. Foister Reeder, commander of the Friona post urges the Friona legionnaires and their wives to turn out in full force for this meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Took 25 Years But The Lost Is Found

Took 25 years to do the job, but last week Mrs. R. G. Clenin's wedding ring was found—quite by accident, according to F. L. Reed who made the find on the Clyde Semand Ranch, two miles east of Friona.

Reed, who was working near ranch headquarters saw something shining on the ground, picked it up to find a ring with the name, "Elsie," engraved inside.

Reed, in addition to being a pretty good "finder," was something of a detective for the names of old timers. He recalled that Mr. and Mrs. R. G. (Dick) Clenin lived at the Semand's ranch about 28 years ago. He also knew that Mrs. Clenin's name was "Elsie."

So he took the ring to town, where Mrs. W. E. Goodwine identified it as belonging to her daughter, Mrs. Clenin.

Friona Woman Has Blackout Experience

Mrs. Wright Williams, who has been visiting relatives in Los Angeles, was in the city last week when that much discussed blackout and air raid alarm took place.

The Friona woman wrote that she, her sister and brother-in-law, following instructions for the blackout, crawled under their beds. The alarm lasted for about five hours, Mrs. Williams said, with the entire city plunged into darkness except for the darting beams of searchlights, piercing the darkness to locate the supposed enemy aircraft.

Mrs. Williams will probably return to Friona the latter part of this week.

Get Red Cross Materials From Mrs. R. H. Kinsley

Any ladies of Friona or vicinity, who wish to do sewing for the Red Cross, may get material by calling at the home of Mrs. Pearl Kinsley, it was announced today.

If you are unable to call for the work, call Mrs. Kinsley and she will bring it to you.

DON'T FORGET AMATEUR NIGHT

As was announced in the columns of the Star two weeks ago, the Junior Woman's Club will hold its annual Amateur Night at the Grade School Auditorium, Friday night, Mar. 6, (tonight) beginning at 8:30 o'clock.

Enter a contest and win a prize in cash of Defense Stamps.

Readers of the Friona Star will recall that The Star in December 1941, eliminated the "ready-print" or "canned" pages carried in The Star for several years.

This material, none of which was local, did not in any way alter the local news which The Star carries from week to week, because we merely printed our real news on the reverse side of the "ready-print." In fact, the local portion of the paper was increased from six to seven columns—giving our readers four more columns of local news than in the past, although there are fewer sheets.

The "Canned" section was eliminated as a patriotic answer to the appeal of our government, asking everyone to conserve paper—and we are proud to note that The Star was one of the first newspapers in the country to take this patriotic step. During the past few months many other papers over the country have followed our example. The Star is proud to be a leader in the newspaper field of this country and we want to thank our readers for the splendid attitude which they have shown toward the change.

In the future, as in this matter, The Friona Star will continue in its efforts as a leader, working for the best interests of Parmer County and the United States of America.

4-H Girls Will Learn To Knit

According to Miss Elsie Cunningham, home demonstration agent, Parmer County 4-H Club girls are to learn to knit at their regular club meetings in March. Each girl is requested to bring knitting needles, size No. 6, and yarn to the club meeting. Any heavy left over wool yarn may be used and two or more colors of yarn may be combined if so desired.

Miss Cunningham stated that the girls will be started out on 6 inch squares, which will be given to the British War Relief Society when completed. In this way, every Parmer County 4-H club girl will be taught the principles of knitting at the same time she cooperates in the victory effort.

The squares will be knitted together at the British War Relief headquarters for different sized coverlets, the agent went on to say.

Meetings of 4-H clubs for March will be held according to the following schedule:

- Bovina, Mar. 11, 4:00 p. m.
Farwell, Mar. 9, 4:00 p. m.
Friona, Mar. 11, 3:30 p. m.
Lakeview, Mar. 10, 1:45 p. m.
Larabuddy, Mar. 12, 11:30 a. m.
Midway, Mar. 12, 10:00 a. m.
Oklahoma Lane Juniors, Mar. 9, 11:30 a. m.
Oklahoma Lane Seniors, Mar. 9 at 12:15 p. m.

VISITED IN DALLAS

Mrs. R. H. Kinsley returned last week from Dallas, where she had spent a few days visiting her niece, Miss Grace Boehm. Accompanying Mrs. Kinsley were Mrs. O. F. Lange, who stopped at Mineral Wells to visit her son, Bob Conaway, who is stationed at Camp Wolters, and Mrs. R. T. Slagle, who stopped in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Buford Hughes and daughter, Wanda Ann, returned Tuesday night from Arizona, where they have been visiting for several weeks. They were accompanied by her son, Roy Hughes, and Joel Landrum, who

Interest is high in exhibits at the eighth annual Parmer County Livestock show which started today at the school bus barn and prospects are for a record attendance at the show this year.

Judging will be done this afternoon with four awards to be given in each class at the hog exhibit and five awards in the calf division. Cash awards were listed in last week's Friona Star, and competition for the awards will be keen, with high quality hogs and calves judged nearly equal by most spectators.

Ladies of the Friona Methodist Church served lunch today at the show grounds at the school bus barn, and the Home Demonstration Council will serve lunches tomorrow at the Blackwell Store building.

Other entertainment being provided for stock show visitors is a free picture show, on view all day Saturday at the Regal Theatre. The show is sponsored by Friona implement dealers.

County Council Fixes Budget

The Parmer County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs met in regular monthly session Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Blackwell Hardware Store in Friona. Fifteen women representing seven clubs were present.

The principal business was setting up a budget for 1942 and discussing ways and means of raising funds needed to carry on the program of the Council.

It was decided that each home demonstration club member would donate one dozen eggs or 25c to the treasury. This seems to be the best method in view of the tire situation.

It was also decided that a food sale would be held in Friona on Mar. 7 from 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.

Council meeting time was set for 3:30 p. m. War Time on the fourth Saturday of each month.

Following the regular council a special election meeting was called. Mrs. Will Nittler and Mrs. N. E. Bonds were elected to act as chairman and secretary, respectively.

Delegates elected to represent Parmer County at the District II meeting of the Home Demonstration Association at Lubbock on April 11 were: Mrs. Will Nittler, Bovina; Mrs. Johnnie Bengner, Farmerton, and Mrs. Elsie Barry, Oklahoma Lane.

Mrs. C. A. Guilan, of the Lakeview Club was elected as alternate.

Schleuter Urges Farmers Co-operate in Scrap Drive

Olan N. Schleuter, Chairman of the USDA County War Board, issued an appeal this week to all farmers of Parmer County to gather their scrap iron in order that Uncle Sam may use it in our war efforts.

"Scrap iron depots have been provided at Friona and it is expected that similar depots will be provided at other centrally located points in the county," Schleuter said. "Besides getting a fair price for your scrap iron, every patriotic American farmer will also have the satisfaction of knowing they are contributing toward the war efforts," the chairman continued.

have been in California. Worth Weir has been doing an attractive job of painting and re-decorating at the Rockwell Bros. and Co. office.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lovelless and son, Howard, were Amarillo visitors Monday. Mr. Lovelless returned to Amarillo Tuesday.

Horrors Of A Prairie Fire

By George McLean, Friona, Texas Copyrighted, 1941

The Great Plains were just being settled, and a young married couple decided to move out upon the land and establish a home for themselves.

They started from their eastern home in a covered wagon, camping over night wherever night overtook them. But before they started, someone had told the young lady, that if they slept on a cornhusk bed on the ground, the rattle snakes would not bother her, as rattle snakes would not go near a cornhusk bed. The lady complied with the rules as to rattle snakes, but, as there were fleas on the prairies, she got fleas in her mattress at every place they camped.

A Fire Starts They finally arrived at a point north of Fort Sumner, N. M., and camped for the night, still using their husk mattress for a bed, but by this time it was so filled with fleas, that they were kept awake most of the night fighting them.

The next morning her husband thought he would pull a little joke on her by asking her a riddle—"What is the difference between a snake and a flea?" he asked her. She could not answer it, so he told her—"A snake crawls on its own belly, but a flea crawls on some person's

back." He made the woman mad, and she said she would surely get rid of those fleas, so she set fire to that husk mattress, and from that the fire spread for more than a hundred miles.

That was in 1906, and I lived on the Frío Draw, a few miles north from Texico. It had been

an unusually wet season, and the prairie grass had grown so thick and high, that hay could be cut on low places all over the plains. There was not much farming done there in those days, but I had cut and stacked about fifty tons of this wild hay.

On account of this unusual high grass, we homesteaders were worried not a little about prairie fires, and several of the ranchers had plowed strips of land around our places and had burned the grass between that and the fire guards. We then connected our ranches with these fire guards, with the Capitol Freehold Land and Investment Company, commonly known as "The Syndicate," on the east and Joe Rhea, on the west.

We had just got these guards burned and connected, and all of mine was burned but about a mile, when I was compelled to stop on account of the wind; but the next morning I was there early to finish burning out the guard, and I had just finished it, when I looked off toward the west and saw smoke along the horizon. I knew what that meant, for in Montana, I have seen a large part of that territory burned off by a prairie fire.

Ranch Is Prepared

I immediately began preparing for safety from the rapidly approaching fire by getting everybody in shape to fight it. I had sheep, and as sheep and fires do not mix profitably, I brought them in from the open range and placed them on a field of wheat, which was up and growing nicely. I knew that the fire would not sweep over that green wheat field. (If you were looking for an early wheat field in Curry County, I had one in 1906.)

Everything being in good shape at the ranch, my crew and several neighbors, started out to help fight the fire. When we came to it, we found that the burning front was eighty or ninety miles long, so we had to hunt for an end. We started west, and at a point about where Ruth, New Mexico, is located we found the John DeOlivera and Joe Rhea outfits working along the south wing of the fire, putting it out as they went.

Joe Rhea had a complete prairie-fire fighting outfit, consisting of a large solid tin drag with chains dragging behind it, which was being dragged over the fire by means of two saddle horses, one on each side of the fire line, by a rope, one end of each was tied to the drag, and the other end to the saddle horns. The idea of the large flat drag was to smother out the fire, and the chains dragging behind were to loosen up the cow chips that were burning, and right behind the chains were men walking with sacks or brooms, with which they put out the small fires that had escaped the drag.

By the time I got to the fire, there were ten men in the crew, and by noon there were a hundred men in the fighting crew, headed by Joe Rhea. John DeOlivera drove the water wagon, which contained barrels of water. The men took turns at fighting the fire, and the horses that were drawing the drag, were changed often. South of Hollene the drag broke down, and to get another drag, we killed a large steer and skinned him, using the hide, head and legs for another drag.

About sundown we were joined (Continued on Back Page)

Crop Prospects Brighter With Needed Snowfall

Snow bringing moisture ranging from one-half to more than one inch fell in the Friona territory last Saturday and Sunday to bring vastly improved crop prospects for 1942. Wheat, which was beginning to need moisture, is now in much better condition to withstand the effects of spring winds. Comparatively little wind damage has been reported up to this time; in fact, the ground

is pretty well covered with plant growth which acts as a protection against soil blowing.

Much barley and oats had already been planted before the rains last week and seeding to these crops is expected to go forward rapidly as soon as fields dry off sufficiently for farmers to start work.

Moisture came at a time to increase surface moisture—and sub-soil moisture from fall rains was already good.

Conservative estimators figure that approximately 65 per cent of the allotted acreage in this territory was sown, the balance being volunteer growth. Volunteer wheat is always a question mark, and it is now very thick and has been heavily grazed, which means that the moisture at this time was especially needed for the volunteer growth.

Ranges, already in fair condition, were much improved by the snow received last week.

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## Farmer John SEES THINGS

Yielding to the solicitations of several friends, I am contributing just a little echo of some of my feelings and opinions on up-to-the-minute subjects. For my text I copy from the United States News, under "Trend of American Business."

"Workers and farmers are still using the war to better their positions. Still are trying to gain at the expense of industry and the middle-class group.

"That's the real meaning of the latest wage demand, that government do nothing to stop farm prices from reaching parity.

"Labor is pressing government to decide that industry should grant workers a dollar a day increase on the ground that food prices are rising rapidly.

"Agriculture is demanding of government, that it hold cotton, corn and wheat supplies; that nothing be done to check the farm price rise, because wages are rising.

"It's a political squeeze play. In effect two powerful pressure groups are using government to better their economic positions during war."

The unbridled, unscrupulous labor unions and the farm bloc politicians are both "New Deal" babies. Neither of them are illegitimate. They are both the natural results of the last eight years economic planning. Neither of them are stunted or starved for lack of government coddling. Both have been nurtured with rich government swill, but both are badly spoiled.

With "Mummy" Roosevelt delegated to the back ground, what is to hinder "Papa" Roosevelt from spanking both of them? It's a good while yet before election and, besides, every soldier's mother, father, wife, sweetheart or kinsman wants no stumbling block in the way of the war effort. For America to sacrifice boys in order to appease selfishness at home is criminal.

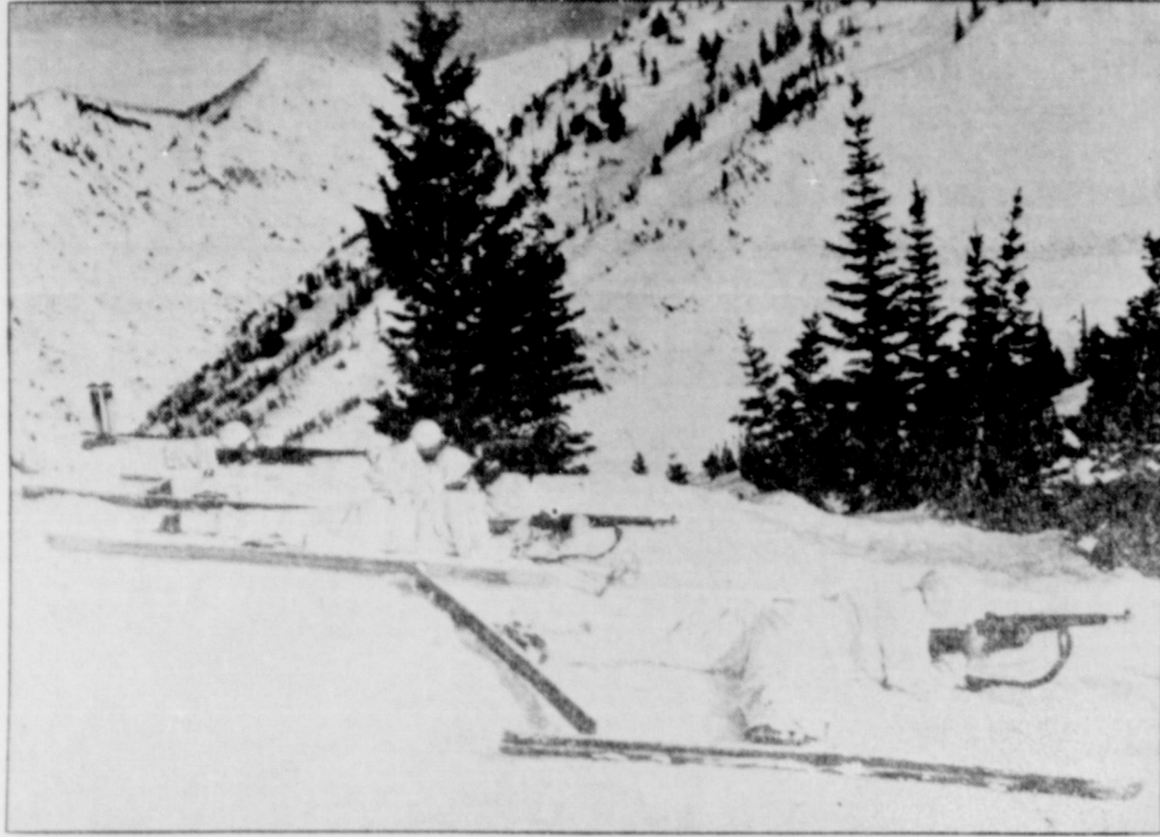
For the President to swat the farmers and ignore the ravages of labor, would certainly give farmers cause to desert their New Deal home. After all, the old-fashioned Americanism in which individual initiative, freedom and competition functioning, is a hard plan to improve on.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
County of Parmer

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Parmer County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on the 19 day of February A. D. 1942, in a suit No. 1126, wherein THE STATE OF TEXAS AS PLAINTIFF, for itself and the County of Parmer, Plaintiff, and The Friona Independent School District, a taxing unit within the boundaries of Parmer County, and the City of Friona, a taxing unit within the boundaries of Parmer County as Intervener, and Impleaded Parties Defendants, and R. B. Hicks, owner, and the Unknown Owner or

## Find the Para-Ski Troopers



Snow furnishes perfect camouflage for para-ski troopers in training near Salt Lake City, Utah. Their white uniforms blend ideally with the terrain, making them difficult targets for enemy fire.

## Revetments Protect Pacific Northwest Coast



Revetments augmented by mobile and stationary anti-aircraft emplacements, are part of the defenses in the Pacific northwest coastal area. On the alert, a gun crew mans a 37-mm. anti-aircraft piece. Planes in the background would be in the air at once in case of alarm.

Owners, and the Unknown Owners of said Unknown Owner or Owners of the Herein described land Defendant, in favor of said plaintiff, intervener, and impleaded parties defendant, for the sum of \$118.02 Dollars for taxes, interest, penalty and costs, with interest on said sum at the rate of six per cent per annum from date fixed by said judgment, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of said judgment rendered in favor of said plaintiff, intervener, and or impleaded parties defendant by the said 69 District Court of Parmer County, on the 28 day of July A. D. 1942, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Parmer County, I have seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in April A. D. 1942, the same being the 7 day of said month, at the Court House door of said Parmer County, in the City of Farwell, Texas between the hours of 2 o'clock P. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of said defendant in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendant, the same lying and being situated in the County of Parmer and State of Texas, to-wit:

BEING all that certain tract and parcel of land situated in Parmer County, Texas, and described by metes and bounds as follows: Being a portion of Section 6, Township (4) South, Capital Syndicate Subdivision, and described as follows, to-wit: BEGINNING at an iron pipe at the original corner of Block 142 in the Wright's South Side Addition to the town of Friona, recorded in Volume 10, page 677, which said addition was returned to acreage by order of the Commissioners' Court of Parmer County, Texas, as recorded in the Minutes of said Court in Book 2 on page 141 and 142; said original corner of Block 142 is 3711.2 feet East and 1791.5 feet

North of the Southwest corner of said Survey (4); Thence, West parallel to the said South line of said survey six (6) 776 feet to an iron pipe set in the South line of the County road; Thence in a Northeasterly direction with the said South line of said road 182.5 feet to an iron pipe set in the ground; Thence East parallel to the said South line of said Survey Six (6) 611.6 feet more or less to an iron pipe at the original Southeast corner of Block 135 in the said South Side Addition to the town of Friona as hereinbefore referred to; Thence South 80 feet to the place of BEGINNING or, upon the written request of said defendant or his attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties and costs;

subject, however, to the right of the plaintiff for any other or further taxes on or against said property that may not be included herein, and the right of redemption, the defendant or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, at any time within two years from the date of sale in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights the defendant or anyone interested therein, may be entitled to, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment, together with interest, penalties and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any,

to be applied as the law directs. Dated at Farwell, Texas, this 19 day of February, 1942.  
EARL BOOTH  
Sheriff Parmer County, Texas.  
By J. C. Wilkison, Deputy.  
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## SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
County of Parmer

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Parmer County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on the 16 day of February A. D. 1942, in a certain suit No. 1127, wherein THE STATE OF TEXAS is Plaintiff, and The Friona Independent School District, and the City of Friona are Intervener and Impleaded Party Defendants, and J. L. Landrum, Owner, and Unknown Owner or Owners, and the Unknown Heirs of such Unknown Owner or Owners of the herein described land Defendants, in favor of said plaintiff, intervener, and impleaded party defendant, for the sum of \$1323.64 Dollars for taxes, interest, penalty and costs, with interest on said sum at the rate of six per cent per annum from date fixed by said judgment, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of said judgment rendered in favor of said plaintiff, intervener, and or impleaded part defendant by the said 69 District Court of Parmer County, on the 28 day of July A. D. 1942, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Parmer County, I have seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in April A. D. 1942, the same being the 7 day of said month, at the Court House door of said Parmer County, in the City of Farwell, Texas, between the hours of 2 o'clock P. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of said defendant in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendant, the same lying and being situated in the County of Parmer and State of Texas, to-wit:

BEGINNING at the South Side of the Santa Fe Right of Way and the West Side of Main Street of the Town of Friona, in Parmer County, Texas; Thence South 134 feet to the North Side of Public Number 33; Thence West along the North Side of said highway 258 feet; Thence, North 126 feet 2 inches to the Santa Fe Railroad Company Right of Way; Thence along the South Side of said right of way in a Northeasterly direction to the place of beginning or, upon the written request of said defendant or his attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties and costs; subject, however, to the right of the plaintiff for any other or further taxes on or against said property that may not be included herein, and the right of redemption, the defendant or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, at any time within two years from the date of sale in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other

and further rights the defendant or anyone interested therein, may be entitled to, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment, together with interest, penalties and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any to be applied as the law directs.  
Dated at Farwell, Texas, this 16 day of February 1942.  
EARL BOOTH  
Sheriff Parmer County, Texas.  
By J. C. Wilkison, Deputy.  
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Total University of Texas enrollment for the current long session is 10,042 individuals, only 104 fewer than for last year.

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5. AIR CLEANER AND BREATHER: Clean air cleaner cup and breather.
6. OIL FILTER AND OIL GAUGE: Check oil pressure, replace oil filter on B, C, RC and WC tractors.
7. SPARK PLUGS: Clean, and readjust spark gap.
8. MAGNETO: Check breaker points, and adjust if necessary.
9. MAGNETO TIMING: Check for proper time, and correct if necessary.
10. FUEL LINES AND FILTER: Clean, and tighten all connections.
11. CARBURETOR: Clean and adjust.
12. CLUTCH: Check free travel of clutch, and adjust if necessary.
13. BATTERY: Check gravity reading, and clean battery connections.
14. BRAKES: Adjust if necessary.
15. LUBRICATION: Lubricate all pressure gun fittings, and check oil level and condition of oil in transmission, differential final drives, steering mechanism and crankcase.

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# SOCIETY

## Hub Club Studies Landscaping

"Landscaping the country home, is very different to that of city homes," said Miss Elsie Cunningham to the Hub Home Demonstration Club, Feb. 27, at the home of Mrs. Will Jones.

"We need windbreaks around the place, and these should have at least five rows of trees. We should know our trees and shrubs before we set them out. They must be far enough from the house to have room to grow."

Program:  
Leader, Mrs. A. H. Boatman.  
Scholarship Girl, Mrs. Lucile De...  
What should be done in the garden this month, Mrs. G. A. Collier.

Those answering roll call were Mesdames G. A. Collier, V. E. Adams, A. H. Boatman, Dorothy Gee, J. W. Shults, Will Jones, Clarence Day, Jess Jones, J. B. Collier, R. F. Jones, and one new member, Mrs. H. D. Mayfield.

The next club meeting will be March 13, at 3:00 o'clock with Mrs. R. F. ones, hostess.

## Mrs. Claude Blackburn Hostess To Parmerton HD

The Parmerton Home Demonstration Club met, Wednesday, Feb. 5, with Mrs. Claude Blackburn.

Miss Elsie Cunningham, Parmerton County Home Demonstration Agent, gave an interesting discussion on beautifying the farm home grounds. Others taking part in the program were Mrs. G. H. Brock and Mrs. Johnnie Benger.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames G. H. Brock, Giles Cobb, C. A. Turner, John Benger, H. A. Hyde, G. L. Mingus and Claude Blackburn, members, and Mesdames M. W. Moody, C. L. Vestal and C. H. Collier, visitors; and the agent, Miss Cunningham.

Plans were discussed for organizing a Home Demonstration Club south and east of Friona. There will be a meeting at the home of Mrs. M. W. Moody, on Wednesday, March 11, at 3:00 p. m., war time, for the purpose of organizing a club. All women living in that community are urged to attend.

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## Test Pilot



A spectacular career in aviation has led Alma Hefflin, 23, of Winona, Mo., to her position as test pilot for the Piper Aircraft plant at Lock Haven, Pa. She has been a parachutist, flying instructor, navigator, and aircraft engineer.

## Pinchley-Reeve Vows Spoken At Denison

Announcement was received here last week of the marriage of Miss Faye Pinchley of Merkel and Mr. Hadley Reeve, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Reeve of Friona.

The wedding ceremony was performed in Denison by a minister who is an intimate friend of both the bride and the groom.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Reeve are teachers in the Perryton public schools and both are continuing their work there.

Mr. Reeve is a graduate of Friona High School and has lived in Friona all of his life.

Navy officials have given orders that 91 Naval R. O. T. C. cadets at the University of Texas will make a cruise this summer with ships of the Gulf Sea Frontier Command.

## Deadly Threat to Enemy



Anti-aircraft gun units on the east coast are prepared to meet enemy air raiders if and when they come. Ready to go into action, each member of this big gun's crew takes his respective position immediately after the first warning.

## Newspapers Say It With Slogans



National defense slogans written by famed sloganizer J. Henry Smythe, Jr., have been sent to newspapers throughout the country, under auspices of the National Editorial Association. Don Eck, executive secretary, receives slogans from Stewardess Lucille Eowman, after they were forwarded to him by the Junior Advertising Club of Los Angeles, for re-distribution to newspapers.

## Nutrition in Defense

By Hereford Home Economics Unit

MEAT, POULTRY, FISH AND CHEESE substituted for meat.) poultry, fish, or cheese.  
HELP BUILD STRONG BODIES For 1 week: 2 or 3 pounds of meat, poultry, fish or cheese.  
As Part of Your Job In National Defense Eat the Right Food. Buy Food Wisely-Prepare Food Correctly and Attractively  
In Buying Meat, Poultry, Fish or Cheese I Should Remember To:  
FROM THE TEXAS FOOD STANDARD  
MEAT: Look at the cleanliness and storage facilities of the market. Learn government meat cuts and ask for: Roasts by weight and cut. Steaks by thickness  
For a good diet I need to include Meat, Poultry, Fish and Cheese. Daily: 1 serving of meat (dried beans, peas, or nuts may be

and cut. Learn government meat grades and try to buy by grade. Choose grade and cut suited to purpose and income.

Look for government or municipal stamp. It means that meat has been inspected and is safe as food.

Consider proportion of meat to bone in figuring cost.

Use cheap cuts sometimes. They are as nutritious as expensive cuts and may be better in flavor.

Buy liver or heart once each week.

Buy roasts and stew meat that are large enough for more than one meal.

### POULTRY:

Buy broilers, fryers, or bakers at the height of the season of each.

Test for a supple wing joint and pliable breast bone. They indicate young tender poultry. Can or freeze chicken at the desired stage of growth, "canned chickens don't eat."

Sometimes use roosters for stewing or serving creamed or in a salad. They are often as desirable as hens and are cheaper. Consider that a crooked breast turkey is usually cheap and of as good flavor as a bird of better quality.

### FISH:

Judge freshness of fish by the fresh odor, firm flesh, especially along the back bone, and bright eyes.

Buy a kind of fish that is suitable for the way it is to be served; for example, baking, red snapper; broiling, trout; frying, fish steaks, catfish.

### CHEESE:

Judge cheese partly by the length of time it has been cured. If it is fairly fresh it is rubbery, lacking in flavor, and becomes tough and stringy when cooked. It is called "green" cheese in cooking.

Consider that a slice of cheese cut from a large cheese is cheaper than packaged cheese.

IN USING MEAT, POULTRY, FISH, AND CHEESE I SHOULD:

MEAT: Learn ways to cook meat that are suitable for different cuts. Vary the cooking methods. Use less-tender cuts for stews, soup, ground meat, etc.

(These in beef include cuts from flank, plate, brisket, neck, shank, and chuck.)

Cook meat at low temperature (300-350 degrees) for roasting. It shrinks less, is juicier, and has better flavor. Be sure to cook pork until it is well done.

Veal and lamb are usually preferred well done.

Use a small amount of meat 2 or 3 times a week rather than a large amount once, if income is limited. Use rice, vegetables, etc., as meat extenders.

### POULTRY:

Sometimes serve poultry meat sliced and use bones for making soup. Use chicken stock for making soup, cooking vegetables, macaroni, rice, etc., and for sauces for vegetables.

Render chicken fat and use it in cooking.

### FISH:

Cook fish at a rather low temperature (bake at 325 degrees). It is done when it separates easily in flakes when pressed gently with fork or knife.

Remember that there is no truth in the popular belief that fish and milk should not be used in the same meal.

Use pink salmon for loaf, croquettes, etc. It is as good as red, and is cheaper. Bones of canned fish should be crushed and used along with the fish.

Never cook oysters and other shell fish so long that they become tough.

CHEESE: Remember that cheese is not hard to digest if used with other foods. It may be if it is eaten in rather large amounts by itself.

Vary the way of serving cheese. Use it in first courses, in place of meat, in or with fruit and vegetable salads, or as part of a dessert.

Store cheese in a cool place, wrapped in waxed paper. In a refrigerator it should be in a covered container. Remove tinfoil before storing if purchased wrapped in it. The tinfoil darkens the surface of the cheese.

Gibson Danes, University of Texas art teacher, is guest lecturer at the Witte Museum in San Antonio each Thursday.

## Want Ads

FOR SALE: Several good milk cows. See R. B. Tedford, 8 miles south of Friona, or 1-2 mile east of Hub. 32-3tp

FOR SALE: A few Buff Orpington roosters, for sale. Price \$1 each. Anna J. Massie, 3 miles north of Friona, on Rt. 2. 31-2tp

We specialize in brake re-lining. Bring in your brake shoes and we will do the rest. Our new burnisher affords 100 per cent contact with drum. MILLER AUTO STORE, Hereford, Texas. ttc

## GOSS'P From Here and There

American college students are divided on whether liquor should be sold near army training camps. A poll conducted nationally and published at the University of Texas shows youth almost evenly divided on drinking, although girls are a few per centage points in favor of prohibition.

Future fraternity pledges at the University of Texas will devote their activities to "constructive defense measures." Fraternity leaders have decided to abandon time-honored procedures in favor of waste paper collections, defense bond selling, and related work in civilian defense.

Plans for the annual election of a University of Texas "sweetheart" call for ballots to be cast on March 16 and 17. Notice of candidacy must be filed in advance, either by the girl or her backers.

Annual spring reunion activities at the University of Texas will highlight the Eleventh Annual Round-up, scheduled for March 27 and 28. The event is sponsored by the University's Ex-

Student Association.

National defense work of the American Educational Theatre Association, of which he is president, is detailed by James H. Parke, University of Texas drama professor, in the current issue of "Cameo," national drama magazine.

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## POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parmar County

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY: A. D. SMITH  
For Sheriff, Tax Collector: EARL BOOTH  
For County Judge and School Superintendent: LEE THOMPSON  
COUNTY TREASURER: ROY B. EZELL (Re-election)  
For County and District Clerk: D. K. ROBERTS (Re-election)  
For Commissioner Precinct No. 1: C. A. WICKARD  
DAVID MOSELEY  
COMMISSIONER, Precinct No. 4: O. M. JENNINGS (Re-election)

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## Scout Leaders At Dist. Meeting

Prominent scout executives of the district were present at a Deaf Smith County district meeting of cubs, scouts, dads and scouters at a chili supper served by the Camp Fire Girls at the Methodist Church Tuesday night.

High ranking leaders in the scouting movement in this territory present at the Hereford meeting were Wilbur Hiatt, chief executive; Chester Dunlap, field executive; Bob Johnson, council committeeman, and L. C. White and John McKnight, well known scouters of Amarillo.

Guest speaker was Dr. Harris M. Cook, of the department of education at West Texas State College, Canyon.

John McLean was chosen chairman and R. J. Richardson and Jerry Blackwell, vice chairmen of the district scouting organization. All men were elected by acclamation. Blackwell is a Friona scout leader.

About 85 scouts and guests were present at the meeting.

## Horrors Of A

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ed by the Capitol Syndicate Cattle Ranch crew, headed by John Armstrong, the district manager for the Syndicate people. Armstrong had a good outfit, and as Mr. DeOlivera was worried about his ranch on the Frio, he turned back; but I went on east with the firefighters and took my turn at fighting all night.

As we were fighting a side fire and not the lead fire, we saw many wild animals, just keeping ahead of the fire. There were coyotes, rabbits, antelope, cattle, horses, and a few deer. They did not seem to know that they could make a dash across the fire line, and thus escape without being burned. Coyotes, that had run until they were exhausted, would lie down just ahead of the fire, and lie there until most of the hair was singed off them, before they would move again, they being almost completely worn out. We knocked several coyotes in the head, that were completely exhausted from running before the fire.

**Wind Changes**

The lead fire had passed along the breaks on the north side of Curry County, and as we had fought the side fire to a point several miles north of Friona, Texas, or, where it is now located, we were working hard to connect our fire-fighting crews again. Then the wind changed to the northeast and the lead fire changed with it and headed southwest, right through the Frio Draw territory. We were right in front of it and my ranch was directly in its path, as it now traveled west and southwest.

I gathered my crew together and started for my ranch, as I knew that all that would save it would be a back-fire at the State Line, where the Syndicate had burned a wide fire guard. We were on good horses and it was about twenty miles to the State Line fire-guard, and we had to ride hard to keep ahead of the fire line. I tied an oiled rope to my saddle and started it ablaze and started a backfire all along those guards that had been burned just a few days before; and that was all that saved my ranch property. It was hard work.

That which causes a prairie fire to travel so rapidly, is that cow chips scattered over the plains, will catch fire and continue burning after the grass has been burned around them. Then the wind will blow the caps off these chips while still ablaze, and carry them far ahead, where they will fall into the grass and start fresh fires in widely scattered spots. Thousands of these fire carriers, blowing ahead of the fire, soon scatter the fire over a large strip of country.

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## McArthur Spikes The Japs!



### My Ranch Escaped

This fire started in the morning, somewhere north of old Fort Sumner, and by three o'clock that afternoon, the fire had crossed over into Texas just east of where Bellview, N. M., now stands. The main path of the lead fire was just south of the Breaks, north of Curry County; but the change in the wind had brought the fire back west and southwest through the center of Curry County, and that is why so many shacks were burned. These shacks or small houses were the temporary homes of homesteaders, who had taken up this land in Eastern New Mexico, from the government, and there was a house on nearly every half or quarter section in that country, where the settlers were making their temporary homes while proving up on their claims, nearly all of which were burned by this prairie fire.

Practically all of the grass in Curry County in New Mexico, and on the greater portion of Deaf Smith and Parmer counties in Texas was burned, so there was nothing left for the thousands of cattle, that were located there, to feed upon. My range was not burned, neither was that of Joe Rhea nor John DeOlivera; but all the syndicate grass was burned, that was north of the Santa Fe Railroad.

This widespread and disastrous fire was immediately followed by a raging blizzard and snow storm, covering the entire plains with a heavy coat of snow. This entire country was fully stocked with cattle, owned by the Syndicate, and it was a pitiful sight to see them starving. North of where Friona, Texas, now stands, was all open country clear to the Cap Rock, some fifty miles north. The Syndicate had thousands of cattle on its land, and John Armstrong, the division manager, at Bovina, Texas, began rushing these cattle off this burned over and snow covered country as rapidly as he could, using every cowboy he could find anywhere. Finally, when enough could not be found in Curry, Parmer and Deaf Smith counties, he began shipping in cowboys by train with their ponies in cattle cars. But to push so many cattle right into the teeth of this howling blizzard was a full sized job.

There were no settlements at that time, for the cowboys to stop at all night, nor any pens to put the cattle in to hold them for the night. And maybe the chuck wagon was twenty miles away, or a good day's journey on a cow pony in that snow. To feed the cowboys was a job; but each morning a buckboard would start out from the cook wagon, and try to find each cowboy and give him some grub. He would wrap up in his slicker, enough grub to last him until the cook's

buckboard got back again, and then tie it to his saddle, and it had to do until the next round of the buckboard. He was pushing a bunch of cattle against that blizzard, and to turn them loose for a minute, they would turn and drift with the blizzard, right over the ground from which every spear of grass had been burnt off.

Hundreds did turn and sneak out of the herd that the cowboys were driving to feed, and in that swirling snow, they could easily and quickly sneak out of sight; but it was only to drift over the country where there was absolutely nothing for them to eat. Hundreds perished. Only the very strong cattle lived until the blizzard was over and they could be gathered a second time and driven fifty miles to feed, every inch of the way, in deep snow.

As my grass did not burn, hundreds of cattle drifted to my place on the Frio. Cattle, that belonged as far away as the north side of the Canadian river, drifted with that storm, and as I had a little grass, they just stayed, and we could not drive them away, for they were starving. The owners finally came to take them home, but they were too poor to drive so far over a burnt country, so they decided to ship them by rail. My crew helped them get them off my grass and move them to a point on the railroad, near where Clovis, N. M., now stands, for shipment.

In the early fall, a man by the name of Green Igo, had come to New Mexico, and saw the wonderfully good grass on thousands of acres of government land. He bought the Jim Stone ranch, north of where Clovis now is, then he shipped three thousand head of two and three year old steers out to New Mexico. He got a full crew of cowboys and dehorned that bunch of steers. He finished the dehorning just a few days before this big fire, and when the blizzard came, that bunch of steers, that had never so much as seen snow before, died like flies when the blizzard struck. No grass, no windbreaks, and no protection whatever, and they just could not live. When spring came, the Igo ranch had just 15 head of cattle left. This broke Mr. Igo, financially and he soon sold the ranch and left.

As we passed over the Igo ranch north of Texico, there was nearly a solid string of dead cattle along the ranch's south fence. Mr. Igo did not even have enough energy left to skin the dead cattle. We got the strays into the cars at Texico, and they were shipped back north to their home ranches. Some had come as far north as Southwest Kansas. But hundreds of them were too weak to ship and they were left to die, as food could not be secured.

The Syndicate people in Texas, along the State Line, were more provident. They let a cattle-skipping contract to Bill Mersfelder, of Bovina, and he had skinning crews out skinning the dead cattle for half the hides. Clark Caine was in charge of the skinning crew just north of Texico. But over in Texas, the way they skinned them was to drive a stake into the ground near the head of a dead brute and they chained the animal's head to the stake and the skin was loosened about the head, leaving the ears with the hide, then it was split along the legs and the under side of the body. A chain was then attached to the hide at the ears and the hide was stripped from the carcass by a team of horses.

John Terry was in charge of the skinning crew east from Bovina, and as there was no Friona at that time, he camped at the railroad bridge, just southwest of the present site of Friona on Frio Draw, and for miles on each side of the draw, there were piles of cattle, where he had tied their heads to railroad fence posts, so the hides could be stripped off by the team of horses. He told the writer he skinned 600 head near that railroad bridge.

Green Igo lost about 3,000 cattle during that storm, and the Syndicate people estimated their loss at 5,000 head. That fire and blizzard were the beginning of the Syndicate selling of its plains land as this experience had convinced them that it was too hazardous to run cattle on the open plains in the winter. They began selling off the plains land to large land speculators first, Joe Rhea, C. T. Herrins, The Littlefield Cattle Co.; then to C. B. Halsell, finally closing out the odd thousand acres blocks to small land speculators like Tounsand Brothers, of Chicago; Swenson Brothers, of Chicago; and George G. Wright took over the selling of what was left on the plains. Such was the fire and blizzard of 1906, and about every twenty years we have another blizzard, but the plow has put the real open prairie fire out of business.

Relative to the first portion of this story, which was originally printed in the Amarillo Daily News, some additional information has been received through a letter, which was received by the editor of that excellent paper, Mr. John McCarty, who has very generously forwarded it to the author.

The letter was written by Mrs. Lora Brown, of Clovis, N. M., who was a small girl at that time and who was an eye-witness to some of the horrible tragedies, which were caused by that same fire. I am pleased to add this information to my story. The letter follows:

Clovis, N. M., Oct. 18, 1941.  
Amarillo Daily News,  
Amarillo, Texas.  
Dear Editor:

I have just read of the prairie fire in this country written by Mr. George McLean. I was just a little girl at that time and went through that fire. Mr. McLean does not make it one half as horrible as it really was. The country around on the plains in Eastern New Mexico was just being settled up. Shacks were in sight from our place in every direction. Father had located and built a two room house. The post office and store were at Bovina, Texas, 35 miles away. My father and older brother hauled all our supplies from Bovina, Tex. They had gone after two more loads of supplies and left mother and a younger sister at our claim on the plains. We had a cow,

two hogs and some chickens to look after. The next morning after father had gone to Bovina, we saw a smoke rising in the West and the wind was getting stronger; but we did not worry, as father had plowed a fire guard around our house and we did not think a prairie fire was much in such short grass, anyhow. As we had not much to do, we just watched the smoke bill up and soon we could smell the fire. A short time later we saw fire away off toward the west; still we were not scared, but it was coming straight at us. We looked up and a cow chip had blown and had lighted on our roof and was burning, and we got busy to put it out. Mother boosted sister and I on top the house to put out the fire, as she handed us up buckets of water to pour on the blaze. Our water gave out and smoke began boiling out of the house. A cow chip had blown inside our house and got in our bed. Nothing could save the house. Mother got us down and we went to dragging what things we could out of the house. Soon everything was burned up. The smoke nearly put our eyes out and we could not see hardly at all. Finally night came. No moon, no stars, just pure black. Our cow and hogs had not burned, but all we had in the house had burned, and our chickens and a large pile of cow chips we had piled up to cook with. We had no bedding and it was cold; but the fire had made us all friendly. The cow finally lay down and we lay down against her to keep warm; then the pigs came and lay down beside us and kept us from freezing. After about a month the sun finally made it around again and when daylight came, everything was gone—burned up. The thirty or forty shacks we had seen the day before, were gone—burned up like ours. Nothing was left but a lake of water about a mile away. Everything had burned but that lake. As we had used all our water trying to put out the fire, everybody was thirsty. We had often driven the cow to that lake to water, but it was not fit to drink. A dead cow on one side and hundreds of cow chips on the other. We had hauled our drinking water from Mr. McLean's well, 35 miles toward Bovina—but water, we had to have. Sister and I took the cow, the hogs and a couple of buckets and made a dash for water at the lake. I took off my shoes and waded in and got a couple of buckets of water. It surely tasted good. I sat right down and drank that soupy water until I nearly busted. Father got in about nine, as he had seen the fire and got scared, and had driven all night to get back; but about all that was left was just us. Everything burnable had burned—no place to live. Dad just took the cow and the hogs to the lake and left them and loaded us in the wagon and made for Bovina and more grub and bedding. We had been hauling drinking water from McLean's, the writer of your story in your paper, so we made for there, 35 miles away. When we got there we found the fire had not burned out McLean's nor Joe Rhea, and I have often wondered why God let us poor settlers burn up and protected big cow ranchers and not burn them up like we were burned. But since reading McLean's story of how they burnt fire guards, then back-fired to keep the fire from crossing the fire guards, I can see how it was they were protected. I think that story of McLean's is wonderful. I am securing extra copies to send to my brother and sister, that went through it and know that McLean wrote a very mild story of the real fire. And the horrors of sitting in pitch dark and wondering if the world was all burning up. To sit huddled up all night and the wind blowing the smoke and quite often smoldering cow chips break into flames, looking like demons' eyes blinking at us, ready to attack us at any time out of the pitch black night is no fun. I can still, after thirty-five years, smell the fire and sometimes wake at night and see the demon's eyes blinking at me as they did that night, long ago, in 1906. Multiply our case by 300 other settlers, that were burned out by that fire, and you will get the horrors of a prairie fire as a small girl saw it. At the same time the large cow ranches saw it, but were protected by burning back fires where protective fire guards had already been burned. You may publish this story of how a real settler saw that fire of which

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McLean wrote.

Mrs. Lora Brown. And so ends my meagre but true description of the horrors, loss and suffering of one of the worst prairie fires that has ever swept over the plains of Eastern New Mexico and western part of the Texas Panhandle. Including also an account of one of the most severe and destructive blizzards and snow storms, that this region has ever experienced.

George McLean.

## USDA Will

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length of 1 1-8 inch and longer. These differentials have been established on the basis of market differentials during the first 6 months of the crop year, with adjustments for the higher costs of producing the longer staple lengths. Premiums and discounts for irrigated cottons having a staple length of less than 1 1-8 inch will be calculated also on the basis of market value and will be announced as soon as studies now in progress are completed.

Location differentials will be based on the relative sales value of cotton in domestic markets. In that portion of the eastern Cotton Belt where cotton is generally trucked to mills, the basic loan rates will vary according to zones which will extend from eastern Mississippi and central Tennessee to and including Virginia. For the western part of the Cotton Belt, location differentials will be based upon actual freight rates to the concentrated mill area.

Growers of American-Egyptian cotton have been asked to increase their acreage to at least 150,000 acres in 1942, and to make a greater increase if seed supplies will permit. Approximately 136,000 acres of this cotton were planted in 1941. In connection with this increase in acreage

producers of American-Egyptian cotton will be protected against serious price declines through an offer by Commodity Credit Corporation to purchase this cotton, having a staple length of 1 1-2 inch or longer, at a price of 35 cents per pound, net weight, for U. S. grade No. 1, 34 cents for grade No. 1-2, 33 cents for grade No. 2, 32 cents for grade No. 2-1-2 and 30 cents for grade No. 3. These prices will apply to cotton stored in warehouses in the producing area. Also in order to protect growers against unwarranted declines in prices and to encourage continued production of Sea Island Cotton have a staple length of 1 1-2 inch and longer, the Corporation offers to purchase this cotton on the basis of 36 cents per pound for cotton of U. S. Grade No. 2 and staple length of 1 1-2 inch, with appropriate premiums and discounts for other grades and for other staple length in excess of 1 1-2 inch.

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- ARMS
- WRISTS
- LUNGS
- LIVER
- STOMACH
- PANCREAS
- SPLEEN
- BLADDER
- RECTUM
- UTERUS
- OVARIES
- TESTES
- PROSTATE
- PISTON
- THROAT
- NECK
- SHOULDERS
- WRISTS
- ELBOWS
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