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Bill Ray Wright Killed When Hit By Automobile

Billy Ray Wright, 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wright, was killed instantly Wednesday afternoon about 4 o'clock, when he was accidentally struck by an automobile while crossing the highway 5 miles north of Spur.

Young Wright had been let out of a car at the crossroads, down which he lived, and began to cross the road when the accident happened.

It is believed that a second car that had stopped so that boy might cross in safety, hid him from the view of a third motorist who wrecked his auto in the attempt to miss the youth.

Death came instantly and the body was brought to Curry Funeral Home pending funeral arrangements.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p. m. Thursday, May 29.

Surviving are: the parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wright; one brother, Therman; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ace Wright, Cleburne; and Mrs. Sarah Earls, Caddo, Oklahoma; Mrs. T. L. Elkins, Spur; Mrs. R. D. Wright, Cleburne; William Earls, Abilene; Lewis Earls, Caddo, Oklahoma; and other relatives and friends.

Texas Home Defense Guard Receives New Uniforms

Interest in the Texas Home Defense Guard is steadily increasing; the majority of the company is already fitted with uniforms and new members appear at every meeting. To members who do not have uniforms yet, they are being supplied by B. Schwarz & Son, and arrangements have been made with all tailor shops to put insignias on.

Meeting dates have been changed to the following schedule:

Manday and Wednesday nights at 8:15 in the old Farmall building.

Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 6:00 at the Postoffice.

Sundays at 4:00 p. m. at the high school.

Patton Springs School Graduates Class of '41

The Patton Springs High School will graduate 26 seniors on Friday, night, May 30, 1941. This is the largest class ever to be graduated from this school since its consolidation in 1934-35.

The following list shows the graduates in numbers by years for the whole life of the consolidation:

1935, 13; 1936, 9; 1937, 15; 1938, 18; 1939, 22; 1940, 19; 1941, 26.

Total graduates in 7 classes, 122; 48 boys and 74 girls.

Around 25 per cent of the boys have attended college from one to four years, while around 20 per cent of the girls have attended college from one to four years, of the classes of 1935 to 1940 inclusive. Perhaps 30 per cent of the 1941 class will attend college.

The honor students of the class of 1941 are:

Bettie Jo Glazner, valedictorian; 4 year average 93.6.

Della Dean Baxter, salutatorian; 4 year average 92.8.

Leone Rogers, third; 4 year average 90.0.

The highest ranking boys are: Weldon Miller, 4 year average 82.1.

R. B. Thanisch, 4 year average 81.6.

The average grade for the 4 years of high school for all 26 graduates of 1941 is 81.2 in all subjects taken by the group.

Three out of 26 ranked in the level of 90's or above.

Twelve out of 26 ranked in the level of 80's.

Eleven out of 26 ranked in the level of 70's.

Truman Wallace came in Monday from his farm home near McAdoo and spent several hours in Spur buying supplies of Spur merchants and greeting friends.

Smith & Adams Add Tires for Tractors

P. A. Smith and Frank Adams, operators of the O. K. Tire and Service Station, this week added a line of tractor tires to their already comprehensive business. The tires are Riverside brand, a product of, and purchased through, Montgomery-Ward. Small tires for the front wheels of tractors have been stocked and Messrs Smith and Adams state that they are able to give quick delivery on the large tires.

Experiment Station Moisture Tests Prove Plentiful

Soil moisture determinations are made at 39 places, to a depth of six feet, on the Experiment Station at Spuh on the 20th of each month from April through October. On May 20th, there were 6.26 inches of moisture available to plants. The first three feet were filled to near field capacity, while the next three feet can still hold a total of 1.24 inches before reaching field capacity. The total amount of water available to plants in the soil at the present is about all that is required by cotton to produce a normal crop if not wasted.

Water that is stored to a depth of 4 to 6 feet in the soil is within reach of roots and will do much to prevent shedding of squares and bolls in August when surface moisture becomes depleted.

When the available water was over 4 inches at planting time, according to station records over a period of years, there were 14 good crops (over 200 pounds of lint per acre), 15 fair crops (from 101 to 200 pounds), 2 poor crops (31 to 100 pounds). This average yield of lint cotton was 229 pounds per acre when this excellent moisture condition prevailed at planting time.

J. W. Meadows Attends Funeral Of Brother

J. W. Meadows, of this city, was notified of the death of his brother, Jim Meadows, of Houston, Wednesday May 21. Mr. Meadows left immediately for Houston.

Mr. Meadows has not yet returned and no details have been learned other than the fact that his brother had not been known to be ill and his death very sudden and unexpected.

Applications for Flying Cadets are Being Accepted

Qualified young men who intend to submit flying cadet applications in the near future or who already submitted them and are waiting for a reply, will be interested to hear that an air corps officer will be assigned to special recruiting duty at Lubbock, as flying cadet officer and will arrive on or about the 24th of May for a two-weeks stay.

It is the intention of the war department to train students from individual colleges and cities as particular groups. Each group will be designated as a flying cadet and must consist of twenty qualified applicants. For example, a group from Lubbock would be known as the Lubbock Flying Cadet Unit and all the group would be assigned to the same elementary flying school and the same class there at. Every effort will be made to insure that the members of a group finish their flying training together.

Arrangements have been made to have a flying cadet examination board visit each of the colleges and universities, that forms a unit, in conjunction with the visit of the flying cadet officer. Thus, a young man submitting his application at that time will be spared the expense and delay of going to San Angelo or Ft. Sill, Oklahoma for his examination. This arrangement, it is believed, will allow young men to submit their applications who otherwise could not spare the time or the expense of a trip to Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Cross Services Held In Dickens

Funeral services were held for L. F. Cross, 75, at the Church of Christ in Dickens, Tuesday, May 27 at 3:00 p. m., Wade Banowsky speaking the rites.

Death occurred at his home in Dickens, Sunday, May 25th from strangulation. Interment was made in the Dickens Cemetery; Campbell Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Surviving are: the widow, Minnie Bell Cross, six daughters, Mrs. Ella Capshaw, Mrs. Dora Slatter, Mrs. Mattie Watkins, Mrs. J. A. Ramsey, Mrs. L. N. Harrison and Mrs. D. Fuutler; and two sons, Elmer and L. Emette Cross.

Pallbearers were: Fred Christopher, T. B. Haney, R. O. Williams, Paul Loe, E. J. Offield and D. I. Loe.

Flower bearers were: Yvonne Cross, Mary Anna Alvis, Pavillos Alexander, Eula Merrell and Opal Alexander.

Levi Houston Cross was born near Fayetteville, Tennessee, October 9, 1865. He was a member of the Church of Christ, having joined in 1913.

Mr. and Mrs. Cross had lived in Dickens County for only five months, having settled in Dickens in January 1941.

Red Cross Office Now Located in Davis Building

The Dickens County Chapter of American Red Cross this week moved their headquarters from the Jones building on Hill Street to the Davis building, formerly occupied by Garner Grocery, next door north of the city office, where headquarters will be located in the future.

Mrs. E. D. Cook, production chairman of the chapter, has announced that the office will be open Saturday from 2 to 5 o'clock to receive finished goods and to issue materials to any of the ladies working on the projects.

NOTICE

Some Class A-1 men are having difficulty in securing work because they are subject to induction in the near future. If any of these would like to volunteer and be inducted for their training right away there is a place for one to go with two other volunteers on June 16th.

Any boy desiring to do this should get in touch with the local board immediately.

Dickens County Local Board,
Dickens, Texas.

Shipyards in Need Of Men to Build More Boats

Sam G. Wynn, manager of the Lubbock office of the Texas state employment service stated today that he has requests for workers experienced in building of wooden and steel boats and ships. Many boats of varying design and size are being built in Texas for national defense.

Mr. Wynn said that the employment offices are unable to locate sufficient experienced workers for this type of construction. Any person who has had experience in the building of boats or ships and is interested in working in one of the Texas shipyards should make application at the Texas state employment service located at 1207 13th Street, Lubbock.

A representative of the service visits Dickens each Thursday morning between the hours of 10:45 a. m. and 12 noon for the convenience of those people residing in Dickens County. He may be contacted in the county courthouse. Information regarding available jobs, their location and pay may be secured there.

Mr. and Mrs. Hansford Ousley, of Fampa, are spending this week vacationing. Mrs. Ousley and baby are spending the time here with her father, Luther Powell and her many friends in Spur, while Mr. Ousley, his father, County Clerk E. J. Ousley joined a fishing party at Lake Kemp.

Jack Rector Suffers Severe Foot Injury

Jack Rector, well known city employee, was brought to the Nichols Sanitarium Saturday morning for surgical attention of a foot which had been caught and badly torn by a cable at the water well being drilled by the city.

Mr. Rector was standing near the cable pulling machinery when his trousers were caught, pulling his foot into the machinery, and although his foot was severely torn, no bones were reported broken.

At this time Mr. Rector is reported to be recovering satisfactorily.

Long Term Loans Again Available To Farmers

Loans with which worthy tenant farmers may buy family-size farms are again to be made in Dickens County, according to an announcement received today from J. Otha Winslar, Jr., Farm Security Administration supervisor.

For the second year, Dickens County has been designated by Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard as one in which this program will operate. Loan which bear three percent interest and are repayable over a 40-year period are to be made to worthy tenants, sharecroppers, and farm laborers to establish themselves on their own land.

"This program is very important now that we are engaged in this defense work," Mr. Winslar said. "Ownership of land by people who farm it is a good defense against foreign 'ism' as well as possible invading armies."

Loan applications may be had from the Farm Security office located on second floor of Bank Building, Spur, Texas.

Both white and Negro farmers are eligible for these loans.

Public Welfare Staff Of This Area Holds Meeting In Spur

Old Age Assistance and County Welfare staff members of area 32 of the Department of Public Welfare met in Spur Wednesday, May 28, for an area staff meeting.

Members here Wednesday were representing ten surrounding counties: Dickens, Crosby, Kent, Motley, King, Floyd, Cottle, Garza, Stone-wall and Brisco.

President of U. S. For Parity Loans To Farmers

Following is a telegram received by R. R. Wooten, of McAdoo, and which contains news of the parity loan bill, passed this week by the president:

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R. R. Wooten,
McAdoo, Texas.

Have this minute received the following telegram from the President:

"The WhiteHouse, Washington, D. C. Honorable Lyndon Johnson, Austin, Texas, I have received your telegram and I am very glad to tell you that I am approving the parity loan bill which you have so ardently supported. I do so of course with the distinct understanding that parity payment appropriations will be limited in such a way that the sum of these payments plus the loan plus soil conservation payments will not in fact exceed parity. Parity returns to the farmer have been our goal for eight years and this measure now greatly helps our farmers. I hope this finds you well an entirely recovered. Franklin D. Roosevelt."

This is another example of how we can get the job done for Texas.

Lyndon B. Johnson.

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Mmes. Cullen Payne and small daughter, John Edwards and J. C. Reynolds, of Dickens, were shopping with Spur merchants and visiting with relatives and friends while in Spur Wednesday.

Spur Rodeo Assn. To Give \$1,500 In Prizes June 20-21

J. A. Brown Dies At Home in Spur

Funeral services were held for J. A. Brown, 67, at the First Methodist Church Monday, May 26, at 4 p. m., Rev. H. L. Thurston, officiating.

Mr. Brown had been a resident of Dickens County for the past twenty-three years and having lived in various sections and countless friends who mourn his passing.

Death occurred at his home in Spur Saturday, May 24. Interment was made in Spur Cemetery under the direction of Campbell Funeral Chapel.

Pallbearers were: Joe Long, J. W. Henry, Hobert Lewis, John King, W. F. Gilbert and M. A. Lea.

Flowers bearers were: Mesdames W. F. Gilbert, J. C. Keen, G. S. Link, M. A. Lea, Joe Draper, Joe Long, J. D. Powell and Mrs. Cole.

Surviving are: the widow, Mrs. Bertie Brown, two daughters, Vivah Lue Sprayberry, Girard; and Mrs. Wille Bethel, New Harmony; Indiana; one son, James Charles Brown, White River; one sister, Mrs. Beulah Scott, two brothers, M. E. Brown, Oliver Springs, Tennessee; and A. R. Brown, Atlanta, Georgia; and six grandchildren.

John Alexander Brown was born in Rhea County, Tennessee, November 30, 1874. He became a member of the Methodist Church at the age of 19, and kept his religion throughout his life.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown and family came to Dickens County in 1918.

They lived for a time at Soldier Mound, later moving to Elton. Mr. and Mrs. Brown came to Spur in 1933 and made their home here since that time.

NEW AMERICANS

Mr. and Mrs. Pink Wilmon are the parents of a son, born Thursday, May 22, at their home at Afton. The infant was named P. A. Wilmon, Jr. The mother and son are doing nicely according to Dr. J. F. Hughes, attending physician.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ray Elmore at a Lubbock hospital Tuesday night of last week.

Selective Service Announces 16-17 Call for June

State selective service headquarters today announced the army's sixteenth and seventeenth call for Texas' 351 local boards for 2,319 trainees to be delivered for induction during the period June 11 through June 19.

General J. Watt Page, state director, said that 214 negroes have been selected to meet the sixteenth call on June 11, and the seventeenth call, 2,105 white men will be inducted between June 12 and 19.

When these two calls have been completed, Texas will have 29,704 men in training under the selective service act. Texas is credited with 825,429 men registered last October, and the quota assigned by the war department for the first year of the program ending June 30 is approximately 33,213 trainees.

General Page said that Texas leads the nation in number of men furnished the armed forces. In addition to the 29,704 men called under selective service, Texas has more than 30,000 men—all volunteers—serving in the army, navy, marine corps, national guard and coast guard.

Miss Joyce Collier arrived from California Tuesday for an extended visit with her mother and sister, Mrs. Blanch Collier and Jean, and other relatives and friends.

W. F. Markham, of Highway, was a business visitor to Spur Wednesday.

The West is still the West—although Dickens County has undergone countless changes since its organization in 1891, the Spur Round Up third annual radio will revive the atmosphere of the early days, and recall memories to the "ol timers" of days of the open range.

The fifteen hundred dollars, in purses and prizes, will attract the best amateurs for miles around, some of whom can hold their own with the professionals, and who will provide plenty of entertainment for all. Performances will be held afternoon and night, June 20 and 21.

Prize List Announced
Amateur radio contest, \$1,500 purse and prizes. \$100 cash given away daily.

Bareback bronc riding contest—\$15, \$10, \$5. Entrance fee two days \$5 not added (Day Monday only).

Calf roping contest—\$30, \$20, \$10, \$7.50. Entrance fee two days \$7.50, not added.

(White face calves)—Best average, four shows, \$135.00 saddle.

Saddle bronc riding contest—\$30, \$20, \$10, \$7.50. Entrance fee two days \$7.50, not added. Best average four shows \$50 cash.

Old man's calf roping contest—Must be 55 year of age or more to be eligible, \$15, \$10, \$5, entrance fee two days \$5, not added. (Day money only).

Wild cow milking contest—\$30, \$20, \$10, \$7.50, entrance fee two days \$7.50, not added. (White face cows) best average four shows \$135 saddle.

Girls' roping contest—\$15, \$10, \$5, no entrance fee. (Day money only). (White face calves).

Bull riding contest—\$30, \$20, \$10, \$7.50, entrance fee two days \$7.50 not added. (Brahma bulls). Best average four shows, \$50 cash.

Cow Girls' Sponsor Contest
First prize \$130 saddle, second prize \$30 boots, third prize \$15 spurs.

Judges to be selected by Radio Association, all contestants must agree to ride in all parades and grand entry connected with the rodeo, and abide by all rules and regulations of this association, the decision of the judges must be final, any argument with the judges or officials of the association will disqualify contestant from any contest and entrance fee will not be returned under any circumstances.

Cowboys on the black list of the Cowboys Turtle Association and Rodeo Association not eligible to enter. If one should enter under false representation or otherwise and if same comes to light he will immediately become disqualified for further participation, and no entrance fee will be refunded.

All entries must be in by 11 o'clock a. m. June 20. Positively no entries will be accepted after this hour. Telegrams, telephone calls and letters accepted until and including 11 o'clock a. m. June 20 but not later.

Library to Remain Open Until July 1

Announcement has been made here by Mrs. M. H. Brannen that the Dickens County Library will remain open until July 1 under the present system of sponsorship. Whether or not funds will be provided by the WPA to continue to keep the library open is not known at this time, however, funds are being raised locally, through donations, to either continue the project, should the WPA fail to do so, or to purchase new books to aid it.

Mrs. Brannen stated that in either event, the library is in need of all the help you can give it, and that all donations will be appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Abernathy, of Souldier Mound, were among the business visitors to Spur Wednesday afternoon.

Joe Purcell, of Clairmont, was greeting friends on the streets of Spur, Wednesday of this week.

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U. S. Faced With Strike Menace

Our nation is face to face with labor conditions which threaten its future.

Labor dictatorship which can force men to leave their jobs regardless of their own wishes, the welfare of the nation, and in defiance of government itself, is inexcusable.

After all, it is the men, women and children in the United States whose lives, liberty and happiness are at stake in our preparedness drive. No labor dictator can save them from an aggressor, if his acts cause a breakdown in our defense ability. Witness the fallen countries of Europe.

The public favors good wages, fair hours, the best working conditions, and everything within reason that labor has stood for. But, it will finally turn on corruption and arrogance in labor management which threatens the life of a nation, and the right to work for the safety of home and family.

Hundreds of thousands of boys from homes throughout the land are training for the army. Ask them if they have enough rifles, machine guns, airplanes, tanks, anti-tank guns, anti-aircraft guns, enough ammunition for practice—enough of anything?

The boys in training are offering their lives for the nation. Strikers who are deferred from military service at high pay, who shut off coal supplies and manufactured products which are indispensable, actually imperil the lives of the boys who are serving their country for \$30.00 a month.

Commenting of methods for remedying this intolerable situation, the New York Times says editorially that the President should permit the National Defense Board to intervene in any existing or threatened labor dispute on its own motion without having to wait for the Secretary of Labor to "certify" a dispute to it.

Second, Congress should enact a law for defense industries paralleling the Railway Labor Act which requires employers or representatives of workers to give "at least thirty days' written notice of an intended change in agreements affecting rates of pay, rules or working conditions," during which time collective bargaining conference should be held or the service of the Mediation Board utilized. While no positive legal penalty is suggested for striking in defiance of such provision, it is pointed out that a negative legal penalty seems essential, namely, that workers striking in defiance of such provisions should lose the right under the Wagner Act to still be considered employees of the company against which they struck.

Concluding its suggestions, the Times said: "While strikes should not be outlawed, neither should they be encouraged by governmental policy. State and Federal labor laws should be revised where necessary to embody the principle that while men are free to quit their jobs at will, they are not free to forcibly prevent other men from taking those jobs. On the same principle employers should not be prevented from offering those jobs to men willing to take them. This means that mass picketing and violence to workers who attempt to enter a plant must not be tolerated by local authorities or by local law. It means also that Federal law should not in effect condone or encourage such violence."

These are moderate suggestions that our lawmakers must heed if they honestly want to curb the strike evil and reduce the danger of irremediable loss to our country.

Government Lifts Restrictions On Castor Bean Crop

At the request of the defense commission, and to help meet army and navy requirements, restrictions on the growing of castor beans have been modified and farmers will receive payments under the AAA farm conservation program on five acres or 5 per cent of their cultivated land if such acreage is planted to castor beans. The announcement was made by B. F. Vance, state AAA administrator, at the Northeast Texas AAA workers' conference in Dallas.

The modification of the AAA farm conservation program follows closely the announcement made last week of the formal organization of the Industrial Farm Crop Association of Texas.

The lifting of the AAA restrictions on the growing of castor bean crops (culminated two years of effort by Mr. Van Over, temporary president of the I. F. C. A., to gain recognition of the need for domestic castor crops and to seek local production of such crops. In 1939, Mr. Van Over addressed a meeting in Washington, D. C., at which 40 members of the U. S. senate and house of representatives were present, and at that time requested that castor trees be taken from the restricted list of farm products.

The present supply used by the army and navy and by American industrial firms is grown entirely in foreign countries and every effort will be made by the Industrial Farm Crop Association of Texas to encourage American farmers to produce this industrial and defense crop locally.

Research and test plantings made throughout the United States during the past ten years under the direction of Mr. Van Over have proven Texas to be the best suited of any state in America for commercial growth of castor bean plants, it was revealed. "Texas' first crop of castor beans has already been produced and results have been successful enough to warrant the building of a mill for processing castor beans in this state," Mr. Van Over stated. One processing mill is already under construction to care for the new industrial crop and is scheduled to begin operations on or about July 15. Other mills at several locations are being planned at this time.

Both Mr. Vance and Mr. Van Over warn farmers against planting seeds until test plantings have been made and soils and beans analysed after such test crops are grown.

Mr. Van Over said: "No farmer should plant even one acre of castor beans until he has determined, through the planting of plots, the kind of beans most suitable to his land, and until he is sure that processing plants are available within reasonable distance."

The Industrial Farm Crop Association, organized to encourage the production of industrial of chemical crops in Texas and to bring new revenue from this source to both urban and farm areas, is preparing to provide pilot plot lots of selected castor seeds especially adapted to Texas climate and soils, to farmers throughout the state. The seeds will be distributed by the association through local chamber of commerce, county agents, banks and leading citizens in the various rural communities. Full instructions on the growth, cultivation and harvesting of the test seeds are being prepared by the association.

Industrial and farm leaders are being asked to become charter members of the association to encourage the production of chemical and industrial crops in Texas, it was pointed out. Headquarters of the association are located in the Wholesale Merchants Building in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dickerson spent several days in East Texas the first of last week on a prospecting trip. Mrs. Dickerson returned Thursday to Spur leaving Mr. Dickerson in Tyler where he has a lucrative position and where he will remain for the present.

Civilian Service For Red Cross Is Explained

The Red Cross has developed plans for supplementing ambulance facilities when the number of injured to be moved or hospitalized exceed the facilities of the locally available ambulances. Red Cross truck-ambulances have been developed to provide transportation facilities for injured persons; these improvised ambulances to be manned by adequately trained volunteers. These plans are being worked out in the several Red Cross services primarily concerned, including disaster relief, first aid, water safety and accident prevention, nursing and volunteer special services.

Other plans include: Extension of the basic first aid, water safety and accident prevention training, and increasing the number of and an extension of highway first aid stations and mobile emergency first aid units.

Organization of Red Cross volunteer first aid detachments in mills, factories, hotels, office buildings, colleges or other similar establishments, to combat fires, explosions, and similar emergencies.

Volunteers number over 1,000,000 giving service in production rooms making surgical dressings and refugee garments; in ambulance driving and first aid to the injured; in canteen work; as nurse's aids to volunteer in hospitals.

Disaster preparedness and relief institutes being conducted at strategic points to instruct chapter volunteers in methods of relief and rehabilitation for families and individuals suffering from the effects of floods, tornadoes, fires and other natural disasters as well as those occurring in industries.

Number of food and nutrition courses being increased to improve general health.

Number of Red Cross home nursing courses being increased to supplement regular nursing services in the event of epidemics.

Enrolling a limit number of physicians and dentists for possible service.

Participation of Junior Red Cross members in community programs.

Strengthening Red Cross chapters adjacent to new cantonments and naval stations, or expanded industrial plants, in order that these chapters may participate in cooperation with other local agencies in health and social service measures.

A decrease of 77,000 farms in Texas occurred from 1930 to 1940, according to census figures. In 1930, a total of 495,489 farms were tilled in the state, and ten years later there were only 418,002 farms being cultivated.

Laughing Around the World With IRVIN S. COBB "But the Telephone Is Quicker"

By IRVIN S. COBB. OWING to the introduction of the telephone throughout the civilized world, mankind has benefited in the rapidity with which an interchange of human thought is accomplished. Distance and time are annihilated and a conversation can take place as though the two speakers



were face to face. The surest thing you know. For instance, get this one from Scotland: "Are you McDonald?" asked the first voice traveling over the wire. "Aye." "Sandy McDonald?" "Aye, Sandy McDonald." "Sandy McDonald of Glenkirk?" "The same." "The mon wi' the gude thirst?" "Aye. All of thot." "This is McTavish." "Well?" "Sandy McDonald, you owe me eight shillings!" "... All richt, I weel tell McDonald when he cooms hame." (American News Features, Inc.)

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Love had a week-end guests Friday to Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Cline Edmonds and children, Tommie, Leon and Virginia Love, of Borger.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Copeland returned Friday from a ten days fishing trip and visit with relatives in Leon County. Mrs. Copeland visited a brother, Watson of Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Sparks, good farmers out Highway, were buying supplies of merchants and visiting with friends in Spur Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stovall returned last week-end from a visit to the health resort city, Hot Springs Arkansas.

Farmers Have Two Jobs to Help With National Defense

In a recent address, Fred R. Sexauer, president of the Dairymen's League Cooperative Association, said that farmers have two jobs before them now: First, they must produce this nation's food, and food for export; second, they must insist upon prices sufficient to keep food production at the necessary level, and to maintain the farm population's standard of living.

This doesn't mean that the farmer is out to profiteer and to cash in on the nation's emergency. It does mean however, that the farmer can not be expected to pay higher wages to labor, higher taxes to government, and higher prices for supplies of all kinds without receiving a proportionately higher return to what he sells. The farmer is not a magician; he can't produce money out of the air.

The big job of the farmers' marketing co-ops now is to establish an equitable relation between operating cost and selling cost. Agriculture remains the backbone of the nation. If it starves, we'll all starve with it.

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You can't lose when you trade with the MUNICIPAL LIGHT & POWER PLANT. This is a home-town institution with no out-of-town executives to pay. And the profit from this enterprise is used to reduce taxes in Spur.

Municipal Light, Power, Gas and Water Plant

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United States Scientists Renewing Drive Against Dreaded Paralysis

By John J. O'Neill

With every available weapon of medical science, a relentless war is being waged against one of man's most dreaded enemies—infantile paralysis—and financed and directed by the people as a whole, is providing one example of how a democracy can organize against an enemy.

Successful campaigns have been waged against other diseases, such as that against smallpox some decades ago, and more recently those against liphthia and tuberculosis, but most efforts of this nature have lacked such full public participation. The campaign against infantile paralysis has been organized on a purely democratic basis, with all of the forces available continued in close co-operation.

An unusual emotional appeal has added impetus, since President Roosevelt has suffered from infantile paralysis, and under his leadership the public has rallied to do its part with "miles of dimes" that finance the war against an enemy that cripples when it does not kill.

Half of the gifts is used to aid victims of the disease in the areas in which they are contributed, and the other half is made available for the national campaign of research into its causes and means of preventing the ailment and providing effective treatment.

The national campaign is in the hands of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, organized Jan. 3, 1933, under the sponsorship of President Roosevelt, who in an earlier statement said: "I firmly believe that the time has now arrived when the whole attack on this plague should be led and directed, though not controlled, by one national body. And it is for this purpose that a new national foundation for infantile paralysis is being created."

Basil O'Connor, a New York lawyer and lifelong friend of the President, accepted leadership in the campaign and took the position of president, working through a board of trustees composed of thirty-five representative individuals from all parts of the United States. The first funds were received in June, 1933. The national group received the total collections for that year, \$1,010,378, but in the following year \$600,000 went to the national organization and \$727,173 to local relief.

It was decided to confine the work of the national organization to scientific research in cause, prevention and treatment through existing institutions, making funds to carry on particular investigations available to scientists already established in these fields.

To determine how best to tackle the general problem, a veritable house of wisdom was assembled by Mr. O'Connor. Leading scientists in every field which could offer aid were called to New York, and out of this conference came a "blueprint of battle."

This house of wisdom comprised thirty-eight outstanding medical men and other scientists. Its general advisory committee consists of Dr. Irvin Abell, of Louisville, then chairman of the Board of Regents of the American College of Surgeons; Dr. Frank H. Lahey of Boston, then president-elect of the American Medical Association; Dr. Philip Lewin, of Chicago, associate professor of orthopedic surgery, Northwestern University Medical School; Dr. Thomas Parran, Jr., of Washington, Surgeon General of the United States; Dr. Max M. Peet, of Ann Arbor, Mich., chief of the neurosurgical section, University of Michigan Medical School; Dr. Thomas Rivers, of New York, director of the Hospital of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research; Dr. Nathan B. Van Etten, of New York, then president of the American Medical Association and Paul de Kruif, of Holland, Mich., secretary.

Other members comprised the committees on virus research, research for the prevention and treatment of after effects, nutritional research, public health (epidemics), education and medical publications. A variety of approaches to the

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By Frank J. G. Duck, Secretary
Farm Electrification Bureau

ASSUMING that your service entrance is of the correct capacity, your next concern is the proper wiring of your home and buildings to permit the convenient, safe and economical use of electricity. As can be appreciated, this requires detailed and careful planning with your contractor or power company.

Voltage Drop is Wasteful
Although mention previously has been made of the disadvantages of wires that are too small, the reasons therefor have not been discussed. However, as properly-sized wire is one of the most important parts of the entire electrical system of your farm, some understanding of "voltage drop" is essential.

When current flows in an electrical circuit, the resistance of the wires causes a drop in the pressure (voltage). As a result, the voltage is lower at the outlets than it is at the point where the circuit originates. This "pressure drop" must be kept reasonably low if lamps are to provide full light, if the range, iron or toaster are to deliver full heat, and if other appliances are to give satisfactory performance.

The wires from the central distribution point to the home should be of such size that the voltage drop, at maximum load, will not exceed 2% of the voltage at the source (the point where the power company's wires join yours). If you adhere to the recommendations which follow, there will be no excessive voltage drop in the wiring of your home.

Enough Outlets Imperative
Second only to the correct-sized wire for your comfort and safety is an adequate number of convenience outlets (for plugging in various appliances, portable lamps, etc.) and sufficient properly-located switches.

Every room should have enough duplex (double) outlets to enable you to operate small appliances and portable lamps at any point you desire. As the average appliance and lamp is fitted with a six-foot cord, its operation will be limited to a span of twelve feet if only one convenience outlet is provided. This also will prevent the operation of additional equipment unless wires are strung along the floor or baseboard and under rugs—an unsightly and dangerous practice.

Except where proper overhead connections are provided for the operation of a washing machine, ironer or iron, drop cords should never be used as they, too, are unsightly and dangerous. Nor should toasters, vacuum cleaners, curling irons and similar appliances be connected to a lamp socket.

Switches for lights should be located on the walls near room entrances and so placed, about four feet from the floor, that they will

(This is the third of a series of nine articles on the proper wiring and lighting of the farm)



Right-sized bulbs are as important to good lighting as correct lamps.



Locate all wall switches so that you never need walk in the dark.

not be obstructed when doors are opened. The primary purpose of switches is to control the light behind as well as ahead of you. To do this, you should be able to turn on the lights at the top or bottom of stairways, in the attic, basement, halls or garage from a remote point. Three- or four-way switches sometimes are required for this purpose as they permit the light to be turned on at one point and off at another, or vice versa.

The first and most obvious of all benefits of electricity in the farm home is lighting. But because it is so obvious, its importance in conserving eyesight may be overlooked. Also, it should be noted that there is a vast difference between ordinary and good electric lighting, and that the best results cannot be obtained without conscientious effort

on the part of your electrical contractor or the power company, many of which employ a lighting expert whose advice is available without cost.

Intensity of light is measured in "foot-candles"—the amount of light cast on a surface by a "standard" candle placed one foot from it. As a practical example, the light within the shade of a tree on a bright summer morning is 1,000 foot-candles. That is good light. But the average person does not realize that he often reads fine print at night with an illumination of only five foot-candles or even less. Authorities are agreed that an illumination of about 20 foot-candles is essential to the comfortable and eye-safe reading of a newspaper or for sewing.

I. E. S. Lamps Are Eye-Savers

There is now available, in floor, table or wall model, a new and reasonably-priced type of portable lighting unit designed according to standards of the Illuminating Engineering Society and known as the IES or "Better Light—Better Sight" lamp. It has an open top and a reflector, thus giving a larger amount of indirect light for general illumination. Using a 100-watt bulb, this type of lamp will provide an illumination of about 20 foot-candles at a distance of two feet.

Remember that the amount of light decreases rapidly as the distance from the lamp increases. Also, that the color of the paint or paper on the walls and ceiling appreciably affects the effectiveness of the lighting. White, cream and other light shades are the best reflectors.

A final point. When, with the help of your electrical contractor, dealer or power company representative, you select the lighting fixtures for the various rooms of your home, be sure that you install the proper-sized lamp bulb to give you ample light for every purpose.

Scout Cubs And Dad To Camp Post

Cubs and their dads inaugurated the summer camping season at Camp Post, 3 miles southwest of that town, May 24 and 25 when Dads and Cubs registered Saturday for an overnight encampment.

Dads brought their sons, at the rate of \$1 per person including Saturday supper, Sunday breakfast and dinner.

Sunday the Executive Board of the council met at 5 p. m. for a barbecue at Camp Post, with Marshall Mason as host to the men and their wives. Camp Staff for the summer period which starts June 1 also met.

On June 1, Sunday, the first group of Troops will register for a seven-day period, ending June 7. Scouts will come from the Northwest, Northern and Eastern district, including towns of Dimmitt, Plainview, Silvertown, Tulia, Quitaque, Petersburg, Sudan, Amherst, Muleshoe, Littlefield, Matador, Spur, Dickens and Roaring Springs.

Second period will be June 8 to 14, for southern district troops. Third period is June 15 to 21, for Central district and Northeastern districts. June 22 to 23 is the Negro camp.

Camp staff is filling out well. Paul Eubanks, Matador and Schmidt will direct the camps. Harold Holmes, Abilene, will act as waterfront safety director while others are also named. Fee is \$5 and \$6 per Scout, the first fee charged when the troop brings its tentage. Scouts must have a physical examination and are rechecked at camp.

Improvements this year include new wash racks, a trading post, better water system, better shelters for the troops and outdoor fireplaces.

Other camping periods this summer for the South Plains Council are July 6 to 16, at Camp New Mexico, in the Sacramento Mountains and Philturn, July 20 to 30, in northern New Mexico.

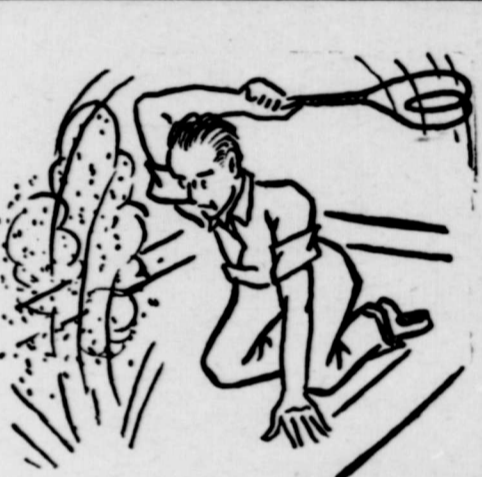
Miss Bernice Alexander, teacher in the public school system, of Sweetwater, returned Saturday to spend the summer vacation at home. Accompanying Miss Alexander to Spur, was Ike Day, of Kenedy, who spent the week-end and until Monday here, a guest in the R. L. Alexander home.

Other visitors in the Alexander home this week were Harry Campbell, of Sweetwater, a Tuesday morning breakfast guest and Mrs. Ray Stokes, also of Sweetwater, who spent several days visit here the first of the week.

Bryon Haney, merchant of Afton, was a business visitor to Spur Monday.

More than 30 Texas fraternal organizations have been invited to participate in Fraternal Day at the 1941 State Fair of Texas which will be observed on Monday, October 6. The Woodmen of the World has accepted the invitation and will hold a uniformed body competition on Fraternal Day.

workers themselves had so much voice in the development of their research projects; in no other foundation have scientific men had such unquestioned general support."



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problems involved were worked out on the co-ordinated plan for forty-four grants of money were made for research in institutions in all parts of the country. The grants up to the present time total \$1,230,369.

Infantile paralysis is caused by a virus, an organism which occupies a peculiar position half way between living organisms and dead molecules and possessing the attributes of both. Epidemics appear sporadically, usually remaining localized. Exactly how the disease is transmitted is unknown. It is not one of the common illness, about 10,000 cases a year being a high record, and is fatal only in a small percentage of cases, but it leaves its victims with crippled, atrophied limbs. Contrary to its name, it does not limit its victims to children, although they comprise the largest percentage.

Major Problems Remain

Although much research work was done under other plans before the national organization was formed, the major problems still remain unsolved.

Any success achieved in the fight against infantile paralysis is certain to strengthen efforts to combat other virus diseases; likewise, studies of other diseases may give the clue to the cure for infantile paralysis. All viruses have much in common, remaining inert until they enter living protoplasm and then multiplying rapidly. The infantile paralysis virus prefers nerve tissue. The reason for this is unknown, and there is a suspicion that the body may produce the virus spontaneously. There are indications that the body provides natural immunity against the virus and that those who fail to develop it become susceptible to its active attack. Deficiency in sex hormones appear to produce susceptibility and dosage with them to provide immunity. Perhaps a deficiency of one of the vitamins or essential minerals or amino acids may render individuals susceptible to the disease.

Nerve disorders are associated with many kinds of diseases, and atrophy of muscle tissue is produced by causes other than infantile paralysis.

Viruses appear to be complex chemical molecules, but have the power to reproduce themselves out of the protoplasm in the cells from which the body builds its living structures. In this activity the viruses are not very different from the

genes in our chromosomes which carry the inherited pattern of our lives and fill out that pattern by the chemical activity they carry on, using the protoplasm of the cell as building blocks for the constructing the vital structures through which we manifest life.

Plan Kept Elastic

Because of this intermeshing of various disease processes and natural physiological processes, and the intimate relationships of the various diseases to each other, any solution of one important problem, such as the cause and cure of infantile paralysis, is likely to have far-reaching benefits in many other fields. For this reason the medical advisory committee is planning its battle along the broadest possible lines. The plan, however, is elastic as that

new lines of research can be started as quickly as new developments dictate.

Mr. O'Connor plans to have the trustees, advisory and medical committees and the scientists carrying on the researches get together once a year to report and draw up new plans. The first such meeting was held in November of last year in New York. For two days a series of conferences of this "house of wisdom" was held. In concluding the conference, Mr. O'Connor said:

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Social Happenings

Rose-Spratt Wedding Rites Read Sunday At McAdoo

The wedding of Miss Katherine Rose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin C. Rose of McAdoo and B. C. Spratt of Ralls, son of Mrs. B. C. Spratt of Herford, took place Sunday morning at 9 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents.

Rev. J. A. Branaman officiating with the single ring ceremony.

Daisy Jo Rose played the processional, "The Bridal Chorus" from Lohengrin (Wagner) and "I Love You Truly" during the ceremony.

The altar was banked with floor stands filled with yellow gladioli.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a navy blue alpaca frock made with unpressed pleats and a matching jacket trimmed with white lace collar and cuffs. Her corsage was of gardenias and for "something old" she wore a locket belonging to her great grandmother.

Miss Jaunita Rose, the only attendant wore a navy and white jersey frock with a corsage of yellow roses.

Mr. R. C. Mitchell of Lorenzo served Mr. Spratt as best man.

At the reception following the ceremony the bride cut a three tiered cake. Mrs. Robert Meeker of Wilson, served the cake and Mrs. L. G. Harmon of Lubbock, presided at the coffee service. The bride's table was covered with a lace cloth and centered with yellow iris on a reflector bordered with white flowers. Crystal holders with blue tapers was on either side of the centerpiece.

Wedding and reception guests were from Ralls, Wilson, Lubbock, Lorenzo, Herford and Hobbs, New Mexico.

The couple will be at home in Ralls following a short trip to New Mexico and Colorado.

Mrs. Spratt is a 1935 graduate of the home economics division at Texas Technological College. She has been teaching home economics at Ralls for the past four years.

Mr. Spratt is a graduate of West Texas State Teachers' College at Canyon and for the past two years has been band director at Ralls.

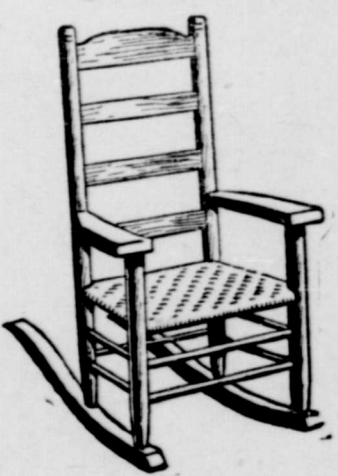
Miss Jean Engeland Is Honored With Sunday Breakfast

Mrs. L. D. Ratliff entertained with a breakfast Sunday morning at 9 o'clock at her home, 322 East Second Street, honoring Miss Jean E. Engelman who is a member of the graduating class of Spur High School.

An arrangement of pink roses in a flat blue bowl formed the centerpiece for the table. Corsages of sweetpeas were placed at each plate. Place cards were handpainted girl graduates.

Grapefruit juice, fried chicken and hot rolls with pineapple marmalade was served to the following guests: LaVorse Lee, Alliene Morrow, Marjorie Bell, Betty Woodrum, Ida Lee Golding, Louise Ince, Oudia Lisenby and the honoree Jean Engelman, to whom Mrs. Ratliff presented a gown and robe set.

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Nell Morgan Weds At Las Cruces, N. M. James A. Bridges

Miss Ruby Nell Morgan became the bride of Corporal James A. Bridges, Saturday, May 10. The ceremony was read before an altar in the Saint Paul's Methodist Church in Las Cruces, New Mexico, by the Reverend Clyde K. Campbell.

Attendants were: Miss Roe Graham, of Los Cruces, and Mrs. Nathan Smith, of El Paso.

The bride wore a pink alpaca dress with navy blue accessories and a corsage of pink caranations.

Mrs. Bridge graduated from Spur High School with the class of '37, and attended Texas State University the following year. She is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Pearl Morgan, of Espuela community.

Coporal Bridge is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bridge of Afton, and is with the First Signal Troop at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Mrs. Marion Hurst Honored at Shower

Mmes. H. Hodges, George Sabriel, C. D. Copeland and Lee Snodgrass were co-hostess at a lovely party and stork shower honoring Mrs. Marion Hurst Thursday, May 15, at the Hogges home 408 North Trambell.

The refreshment plate served carried open face sandwiches, fruit punch and mints with rose buds for plate favors.

Those present and sending gifts were:

Mrs. J. W. Carlisle, Mrs. Foy Vernon, Mrs. Steve Carlisle, Mrs. Will Watson, Mrs. Chap Reese, Mrs. Geo. Nally, Mrs. Arthur Duncan, of Jayton, Mrs. J. D. Hopkins, Mrs. Laura Latham, Miss Alba Cozby, Mrs. Jack Senning, Mrs. J. J. Mecom, Mrs. R. J. Bell, Mrs. George S. Link, Sr., Mrs. A. C. Hull, Mrs. E. S. Lee, Mrs. J. H. Dobbins, Mrs. Mike Harkey, Mrs. J. E. Morrison, Jr., Mrs. Charlie Fox, Mrs. Paul Loe, Mrs. Alvis Wilson, Mrs. Henry Gruben, Mrs. C. E. McCellan, Mrs. Rhada Boothe, Mrs. Lester English, Mrs. Cecil Addy, Miss Skeet Read, Mrs. W. F. Neaves, Mrs. Joe Jeffers, Mrs. B. T. Moore, Mrs. W. D. Blair, Mrs. D. I. Loe, Mrs. T. B. Haney, of Afton, Mrs. M. H. Castlow, Mrs. Luther Caraway, Mrs. Ab McClanahan, Mrs. H. A. Boothe, Mrs. W. F. Gilbert, Mrs. Frank Gay, Mrs. Estelle Peninger, Mrs. Jack Reiter, Mrs. Shorty Copeland, Mrs. B. W. Howard, Mrs. W. C. Gruben, Mrs. Jerry Ensey, Mrs. Leo Petty, Mrs. I. E. Abernathy, Mrs. Elbert Hurst, Mrs. Charlie Holman, Mrs. O. L. Kelley, Mrs. Neal A. Chastain, Miss Hazel Turpen, Mrs. Loyd Wolfe, Mrs. Andy Hurst.

Mrs. J. L. Smith, Mrs. M. F. Boze, Mrs. Ray Brazile, all of Abilene.

Mrs. C. H. McCully, Mrs. Dilard Williams, Mrs. Charlie Kearney, Mrs. Walter Jimison, Mrs. P. A. Ramsely, Mrs. Fletcher Ballard, Mrs. Cecil Scott, Mrs. Willie McCombs, Mrs. John King, Sr., Mrs. Dick Speer, Mrs. Lynn Buzbee, Mrs. W. A. McAlpine, Miss Kathleen Kelley, Miss Carolyn Kelley, Mrs. Truett Hutto, Mrs. W. A. Bell, Mrs. Leon Reagan, Mrs. Vernon Campbell, Mrs. Cecil Caplinger, Mrs. Vela Turpen, Mrs. Henry Alexander, Mrs. Floyd Smith, Miss Mildred Williams, Mrs. Lawis Lee, Mrs. Horace Hyatt, Mrs. Bill Davis, Mrs. Al Bingham, Mrs. M. B. Meador, Mrs. L. W. Langston, Mrs. O. P. Meador, Mrs. C. H. Elliott, Mrs. James B. Reed, Mrs. M. C. Golding, Mrs. D. J. Dyess.

Mrs. G. W. Justice, Mrs. Claude Neavens, of Jayton, Mrs. W. T. Andrews, Mrs. Edna B. Daniel, Mrs. F. W. Jennings, Mrs. Wilson Justice, Mrs. Cal Martin and hostesses Mrs. Horace Hodges, Mrs. Lee Snodgrass, Mrs. C. D. Capeland; Mrs. George Gabriel.

Miss Aycock Honored With Shower by Mrs. L. D. Rankin

Mrs. L. D. Rankin, 1507 Avenue N, entertained with a shower recently to honor Miss Winifred Aycock, bride-elect of Cary Lodal. Assisting in entertaining were Misses Maurel Rankin and Grace Ball. The wedding is to take place June 5 at the Rosebud Methodist Church at Rosebud.

Members of the house party were: Mesdames C. G. Decker, Ed Neill, Fred Aycock and Miss Peggy Carle. Guests included Mesdames Otis Taylor, R. V. Kimmel, Ollie Lodel, of San Antonio, Hattie O'Hair, J. I. Greña, Willie Thomas, S. M. Reed, Dr. Bessie League; Misses Fay Turner, Jeannette Kelly, Ethel Green and Ruth-Keeter.—Lubbock Avalanche.

Dodson-Powell Nuptils Read Saturday by Dr. White at Abilene

High noon marriage Saturday of Grace Dodson and Charles A. Powell, Jr., took place in the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. R. White on the campus of Hardin-Simmons University, Dr. White university president, reading the service.

The bride wore a blue and white ensemble.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Dodson, of Spur, Mrs. Powell was for two years a student in Hardin-Simmons. She is now employed in the office of Col. Charles McKemp, and Major Henry A. Harding at Camp Barkeley. She was sophomore editor of the Brand, student publication at Hardin-Simmons.

Young Powell, who will be graduated with a major in government with the June class at Hardin-Simmons, is a son of the Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Powell, of Rule, former residents of Abilene.

Attending the wedding were the bride's sister, Helen Lodson, Lucille Harris, Mrs. John W. Odam, Earl Crawford and the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. Joe Self, and Mr. Self.—Abilene Reporter.

1933 Study Club Meeting

The 1933 Study Club met Tuesday, May 20, for the closing meeting of the year in the home of Mrs. J. L. Koonsman, of Dickens.

Early summer flowers were used in the house decorations and for the centerpiece of the luncheon table.

The luncheon menu consisted of fried chicken, new potatoes, English peas, vegetable salad, fruit salad, lettuce, tomatoes, olives and pickles, with a dessert of strawberry short cake and cream.

Following the luncheon the president, Mrs. John C. Ramsay, called the meeting to order and Mrs. J. C. Payne led the program for the afternoon. Each member answered the roll call telling her favorite program of the year. Mrs. W. F. Gilbert, delegate to the convention, gave the highlights of that convention in her report. After the report the club enjoyed a few minutes intermission in preparation for the installation of new officers.

The retiring president, Mrs. Ramsay, presented each of the outgoing officers with a joke gift in token of her appreciation of their service during the year. New officers installed were:

President, Mrs. W. F. Gilbert.
First Vice-President, Mrs. J. H. Miles.
Second Vice-President, Mrs. Lonnie Lewis.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Thurmond Moore.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. S. Thompson.
Reporter, Mrs. Coy McMahan.
Treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Koonsman.

Those attending the luncheon were: Mesdames John C. Ramsay, W. F. Gilbert, J. H. Miles, Thurmond Moore, C. H. McCully, De Arthur, Wm. C. Starcher, J. C. Payne, Lonnie Lewis, O. R. Cloude, Foy Vernon, Coy McMahan, George Gabriel, J. L. Koonsman and C. S. Thompson.

Mrs. Gruben Hostess To Blue Bonnet Club Last Thursday

The W. C. Gruben home decorated with a profusion of spring roses was the scene of a lovely party Thursday of last week when Mrs. Gruben was hostess to her Blue Bonnet Club entertaining with four tables of 42.

The guest list reads: Mmes. O. C. Arthur, T. H. Blackwell, W. S. Campbell, E. L. Caraway, Era Foster, B. F. Hale, O. L. Kelley, George S. Link, E. C. McGee, Kate Morris, P. C. Nichols, A. M. Walker, W. R. Weaver, W. F. Gilbert, club members, and Mmes. T. C. Ensey and Lura Glasgow guests.

Ice cream and cake was served at refreshment hour to guests named and hostess, Mrs. W. C. Gruben.

Triple Trey Bridge Club Entertained by Mrs. Thompson

Mrs. H. B. Thompson was a delightful hostess Saturday when she entertained with a two table bridge party Saturday afternoon, a courtesy to her Triple Trey Club members.

Roses and snapdragons in a variety of colors was used efficiently as room decorations.

Mrs. Mac Woodrum received high score favor.

A salad refreshment plate and iced tea was served to the following club members and guests: Mesdames E. D. Englemen, Martin Pope, Alph Glasgow, Berford Johnston, L. D. Ratliff, Mac Woodrum, Sullivan and the hostess, Mrs. Thompson.

Spur Inn is Scene Of Bridge Party Friday Afternoon

Highlighting the social activities of the week was the eighth table bridge party Friday afternoon, at the Spur inn hosted by Mmes. L. D. Ratliff, E. D. England, and George Glover.

A decorative arrangement of roses, snapdragons, nasturtiums and larkspur transformed the party room into a veritable flower garden. Party favors went to Mrs. F. W. Jennings, high score, Mrs. Mac Woodrum, second high and Mrs. H. P. Gibson, binggo. Others playing were: Mesdames A. C. Hull, Burford Johnston, W. T. Andrews, C. H. Elliott, Cecil Godfrey, Chas. F. Hardwick, Ann B. McClure, Henry Alexander, Martin Pope, Roy Harkey, Hill Perry, Guy Karr, Alph Glasgow, W. A. McAlpine, Neal A. Chastain, O. B. Ratliff, Tom Posey, Lynn Buzby, Thurman Green, E. D. Cook, R. E. Dickson, Turner, H. B. Thompson, G. B. Wadzeck, Harvey Giddings, T. E. Milam, Jack Jennings, Crit McDonald.

A salad refreshment plate with hot coffee was served to the guests named and hostesses, Mmes. Glover, Engleman and Ratliff.

Hill Perry Bridge Party is Delightful Affair Tuesday

The Hill Perry home was the scene of a delightful social occasion Tuesday evening when Mrs. Perry entertained with a six table bridge party.

Guests included her 1925 Bridge Club members, Mmes. R. R. Wooten, Henry Alexander, C. L. Love, T. E. Melan, W. A. McAlpine, A. C. Hull, James B. Reed, McClure and Miss Hickmann and other guests. Mmes. Lynn Buzee, C. F. Hardwick, Burford Johnston, Mary Putman, E. D. Cook, Neal A. Chastain, Harvey

Holly, Truman Green, George Glover, Tom K. Posey, Harvey Giddings, Alph Glasgow, Crit McDonald, Guy Karr, Jack Christian and Roy Harkey.

Snapdragons, larkspur and cut roses were used as room decorations, adding a note of beauty to the party and home appointments.

Party favors went to Mrs. Love for club and Mrs. Cook, guest.

A salad refreshment with iced drinks was served.

1925 Bridge Club Entertained by Mrs. McClure

Mrs. Ann B. McClure entertained Friday evening at her home 103 East Hill Street with two tables of bridge having as guest members of the 1925 Bridge Club.

Cut roses were used as room decorations. Mrs. Henry Alexander received high score favor. Others playing were: Mmes. F. W. Jennings, Tom Milam, Hill Perry, James B. Reed, W. A. McAlpine, Miss Hickman.

Miss Beatrice Darden and Wynell McClure assisted in serving.

Duck Creek H. D. Club Met With Mrs. Sullivan

Am I a Good Citizen? was the subject of the Duck Creek Home Demonstration Club which met with Mrs. Fannie Sullivan May 26.

The club sang, "God Bless America." Each member present answered the roll call with, "What do I do to show I am a good citizen?"

Mrs. Vernon Gregory gave an interesting report of the last council meeting.

Mrs. D. G. Harris gave a talk on, "Am I a loyal American?" Mrs. Fannie Sullivan discussed, Teaching children to be good citizens.

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Mrs. Virgil Smith's Beauty Shop

Mrs. Jess Bradley gave a talk about Our Flag, and Mrs. Lance Smith gave the work of Florence Nightingale and read a story of her childhood.

Mrs. H. M. Hogan was a new member added to the roll. The next meeting will be with Mrs. D. G. Harris, June 9.

Refreshments were served to: Mesdames D. G. Harris, W. A. Webb, C. R. Bennett, W. J. Driggers, Vernon Gregory, Jess Bradley, Samantha Smith, H. M. Hodges, Lance Smith, J. A. Swaringen and the hostess, Reporter.

Miss Ruth Cowan, of Texas Tech, returned Wednesday for a few days vacation before returning for the summer semester.

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Behind The Scenes In American Business

By JOHN CRADDOCK

New York, May 29.—PRICE PATERN—Thus far commodity prices are following much the same upward course they took in World War I, despite much effort at price control. On the basis of the Department of Labor's wholesale price index, covering just about everything, commodities as a group have climbed 12 per cent during the first 20 months of this war, against a rise of 16 per cent for the similar period of 1914-16. Raw material costs are up 18 per cent, against a rise of only 11 per cent at this stage of the "other" war. Prices of farm commodities, textiles, hide-leather products, foods and house furnishing goods have shown sharper gains. On the other hand, prices of manufactured articles have moved up 9.6 per cent, against 14 per cent in 1916. And in metals and chemicals the picture is vastly better. Due largely to government regulation, metals and metal products have risen only five per cent in 20 months, whereas in World War I they ballooned by 34. The U. S. chemical industry was in the "infant" stage in 1914, and we were much dependent on imports. The chemical and drug prices skyrocketed 125 per cent then, have been held to a mere 11 per cent rise thus far in the present hostilities.

VITAMINS AU NATURELLE—Last year we Americans spent over \$100,000,000 for vitamin capsules; this year the figure will probably be even higher. Nevertheless, the department of agriculture says that at least every third one of us lives below the dietary safety line. Poverty alone can't be blamed, it says, for surprisingly large numbers of middle and upper income bracket folks don't get enough vitamins—they may be "full," but still they're not really fed. Which is one reason for the government's food-defense program, designed to tell everybody just how vital vitamins are. First nation-wide participation by private business is the campaign launched by the A. & P., the country's largest food distributor, to boost consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables, where you "get your vitamins naturally." With commercial production of perishables hitting 1,500,000 carloads, valued at \$1,600,000,000 to \$1,800,000,000 annually—and still increasing—the drive is expected to be the fore-runner of similar cooperation by other distributors which will prove of material aid to farmers through broadening markets for their products.

CREDIT TIGHTENING—There's been talk of need for discouraging consumer purchases of some non-defense goods, to (1) keep demand from out-running production and further hiking prices; and (2) to hold demand for non-defense goods so that more productive capacity would be available for defense goods manufacture. Fitting into this picture is action of two biggest mail order houses to tighten up on consumer credit. They're reducing the three-year time payment now permitted on durable goods items by requiring larger "down" and monthly payments. So far as a quick check-up showed, big department stores had not yet taken similar steps, mainly because they seldom have time payment plans running over 24 months, anyway. At the same time the American Bankers Association circulated a suggested schedule of terms for time sales financing on household appliances, equipment and furniture, auto accessories and transportation. It recommends minimum down payments of 15 to 33 per cent, and terms of 12 to 14 months. More drastic tightening of such terms—and more widely applied—would result if OPM decided that sales of such items need to be held down further, to conserve steel and other metals for defense.

RFFC RUBBER—The Reconstruction Finance Corporation last week announced an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for construction of four synthetic rubber factories with a yearly capacity of 2,500 long tons each.

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They are to be leased to B. F. Goodrich, Firestone, Goodyear and U. S. Rubber and will be designed so that yearly capacity can be stepped up quickly to 10,000 tons per unit. The RFFC move highlights the brilliant record scored in synthetic rubber's first year in the automobile tire field. B. F. Goodrich, which only last June brought out the first synthetic rubber tires ever sold to the American public, now reports that several thousand of these tires "are giving satisfactory service on the highways" while several hundred leading corporations are putting them on light trucks and company cars. To dispel any overconfidence, however, it should be pointed out that the combined initial production of 10,000 tons a year is a little more than 1 per cent of the 725,000 long tons of crude rubber which the nation is expected to use this year. The 10,000 tons would last less than a week at the current average use of 67,271 tons per month. Private expansion of synthetic rubber produced for tires is hampered by the fact that the cost of synthetic is considerably higher than the price of natural rubber, currently 24 cents a pound. For other uses, however, the various companies have developed an estimated 1941 production of between 10,000 and 15,000 tons of oil-resistant varieties of synthetics.

CONSERVATION—The speed with which aluminum has "gone off to defend its country" has required real ingenuity of many civilian users to adjust their operations to a supply of civilian metal greatly diminished by priorities. In thrifty New England, though, the problem seems in one way to solve itself. Michael A. Conner, motor vehicle commissioner of Connecticut, which adopted permanent aluminum license plates in 1937, says the 220,000 pounds of the metal in the plates of the state's 400,000 cars actually conserve metal. He points out that the generally tight metals situation makes it highly unlikely that the state, even if it wishes could change over now to steel tags, for these would require 450,000 pounds of steel each year. Only a little more than 35,000 pounds of aluminum will be needed for new license tags this year. Steel plates Connecticut formerly used cost 17 cents in 1936. Aluminum plates cost 22 cents in 1937, but most of them are still in use.

AXIS POLITICAL AIM—The charge that German and Italian-dominated airlines in Latin America are an arm of the axis force on political missions in this Hemisphere is made by C. V. Whitney, chairman of the board of Pan American Airways. He has learned, he says, that every Fascist pilot is committed to spread axis political gospel, and says it is an open commercial secret that many of the axis airlines are highly unprofitable enterprises, kept afloat only by subsidies from Berlin and Rome. Mr. Whitney, one of the founders of Pan American, says that up to the beginning of 1941, nine axis-controlled airlines were still operating without hindrance over strategic routes of South America. These planes, he adds, fly a total of 21,762 miles and are linked with Berlin and Rome by the Italian transatlantic airline, LITA, which regularly crosses the South Atlantic to the Coast of Brazil.

NOT COMPLACENT—Most strongly-worded warning yet given public as to need for being ready and willing to crimp on standard of living in order to help defense is that of W. L. Batt, deputy director of production division of OPM. He stated "very simply" his opinion that "we cannot produce the vast quantities of fighting equipment that must be produced, and at the same time preserve our standard of living in terms of automobiles and electric conveniences and leisure hours." He pleaded for hustling ahead on all fronts—managerial, labor, governmental—to get things done, let wage, tax, jurisdiction and all other adjustments be worked out afterwards, so that quibbling over them wouldn't delay defense work. Finally, he said we must "beware of self-congratulation, and we must avoid the complacent notion that all is going well."

BITS O' BUSINESS—Nation's department store sales still up and up, 16 per cent ahead of last year for last four weeks. Railroad freight traffic up-jumped to new high for the year, and highest for any May



The House That Didn't Burn

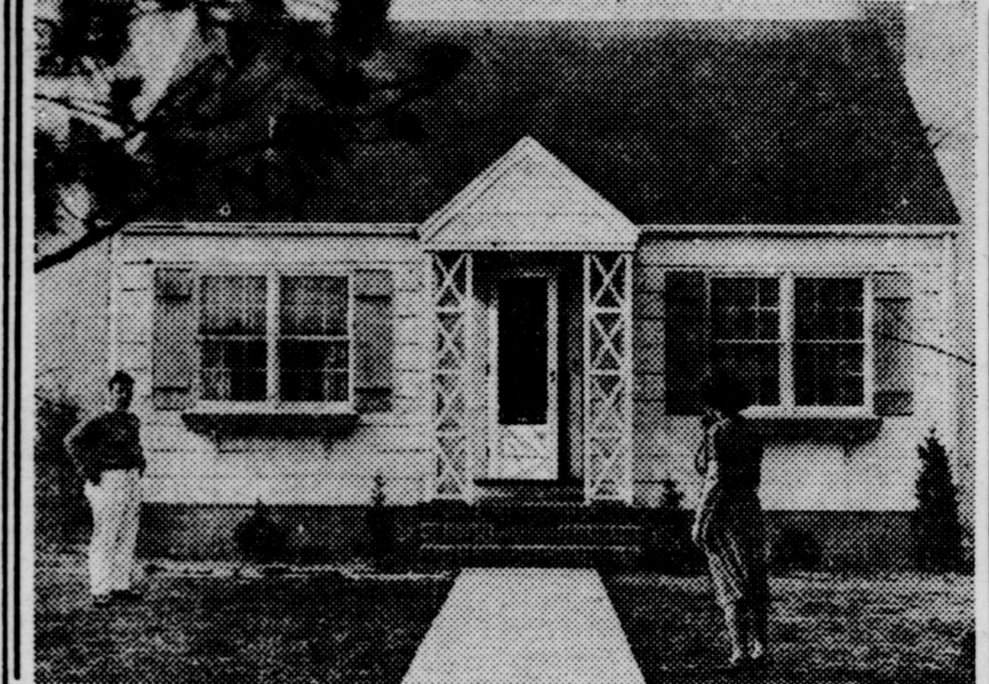
THIS bright new house withstood a sea of fire.

Though flames licked at its walls, and showers of sparks and glowing embers fell on its asphalt shingled roof, it successfully withstood the full fury of a rampaging forest fire that laid bare and black the countryside around it.

It happened only a few weeks ago on Long Island, within 50 miles of the teeming city of New York. A forest fire was sweeping through the pine forests, engulfing trees, brush, grass—everything combustible—that stood in its path. Relentlessly, it moved upon this nearly-new cottage. Firemen worked feverishly to turn it aside—to stop it, but to no avail. The flames came on, finally wrapping long, whip-like fingers around its walls and roof.

Step by step the firemen were forced back. The house was now barely visible as a country photographer, recording the progress of the fire, took one last photograph before fleeing with the others.

A half hour later he returned. But instead of the seared, gaping hole in the ground, with its gaunt chimney, that he expected to find, there stood the house, apparently untouched. Inspection revealed only two cracked basement windows and slightly blackened walls. The re-



(Above) This picture, showing the flames already whipping around the house, was taken only a moment before it was completely obscured by dense smoke. (Below) This was taken when the photographer returned a half hour later, expecting to find the house burned down. Instead, he found that the fireproof siding and the fire-resistant asphalt shingled roof had saved the house from damage.

mainder was in perfect condition, although it stood at the forefront of a black, charred field that had once been forest and garden.

Only one thing had spared this home, firemen explained. That was its fire-resistant exterior, which

turned away the flames after all other means had failed. Asbestos-cement siding on the walls, and fire-resistant asphalt shingles on the roof had performed a miracle rescue—one that every home owner might well study.

week since 1930. Department of Labor figures show general cost of living went up one per cent from mid-March to mid-April (seems as though it was more, doesn't it?). General wages have been rising faster, though, producing a net gain of 19 per cent in purchasing power, according to some statistics. April residential building was highest since July of 1929.

THINGS TO WATCH FOR—Air-conditioned auto house trailers, with insulated walls and everything... Theatre television may be a regular feature, nation-wide, by fall, since two chains are testing it and recent large screen televising of the Billy Rose-Ken Overlin boxing match by NBS went over well on Broadway... More nylon-bristled toothbrushes; they say 45 per cent of all molar-scrubbers made in this county this year will have that kind of bristles.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Haven, of the Soldier Mound community were among the business visitors in Spur Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. McGuity and sons, of the McGuity Ranch, ten miles southwest, of Spur, were among the business and pleasure visitors to Spur Monday afternoon.

Texas produced 3,000,000 more bushels of corn in 1940 than in 1939. The 1930 census showed a corn production of 66,251 bushels while that of 1940 showed a total of 69,49,829 bushels.

Texas Horses Win Many Races Over The Nation

Austin, May 29.—That Texas is an ideal place in which to raise fine horses is proved by recent victories of Lone Star thoroughbreds on tracks all the way from Kentucky to Illinois, Rhode Island and Massachusetts—but not in their home state, for Texas has not yet passed Rep. John Bell's bill to legalize horse racing and provide \$2,500,000 for old age pensions and the public school fund.

Fifteen thousand persons saw Valdina Myth capture the star attraction of closing day at Churchill Downs, the Kentucky Oaks, for 5-year old fillies. E. F. Woodward of Houston, owner of Valdina Farms, had both the winners and the third place entry—Valdina Orphan and Valdina Alpha—in a race for 2-year olds at Churchill Downs.

Mill Iron, owned by Reynolds Bros., ranchers of Fort Worth, has had remarkable success, the 2-year old winning one race and coming in second in two others, all in a space of 12 days.

The H & H Stock Farm of Beeville had a winner, Off Guard, at Churchill Downs, and Be Blue, owned by T. H. Heard, Jr., the H & H trainer, also came in first there.

Brown Blizzard, a 2-year old belonging to A. H. Sumerlin of Midland, romped home first after having taken third money three days earlier at Sportsman's Park, Illinois. Other Texas horses capturing recent

honors included entries belonging to George McCamey, Fort Worth; Mrs. Edward Haughton, Sr., Dallas, and Kenneth Murchison, Dallas. Queen Es, owned by Warren Wright (owner of Kentucky Derby winners, Whirlaway) won a featured race at Churchill Downs, the animal having been bred by G. F. Shreiner of Kerrville. Racing fans are hopeful of seeing the horse racing bill pass this session.

Mr. and Mrs. Murry Lea and son, Kenneth, of 2 miles south of Dickens were visitors to Spur Monday morn-

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The Mexicans have a proverb for it:

Guests and fish stink on the third day.

He who would be rich has not to pile up money but to diminish his wealth.

It is a bad hen that feeds at home and lays abroad.

If the pitcher knocks the stone or if the stone knocks the pitcher, it is equally her for the pitcher.

He who will revenge every affront means not to live long.

Laws, like the spider's web, catch the fly and let the hawk go free.

By night, all cats are gray.

Keep yourself from the anger of a great man, from the tumult of the mob, from foals in a narrow way, from a widow that has been thrice married, from wind that comes in at a hole, and from a reconciled enemy.

Over the hill trailed a man behind a mule drawing a plow. Unexpectedly the plow hit a root; the mule stopped and the man began to grumble as he fixed the harness:

"Bill, you are just a mule, the son of a jackass, and I am a man made in the image of God. Yet here we work, hitched up together year after year. I often wonder if you work for me or I work for you. Verily, I think it is a partnership between a mule and a fool, for surely I work as hard as you do, if not harder. Plowing or cultivating, we cover the same distance but you do it on four legs and I on two, therefore I do twice as much as you.

"Soon we will be preparing for a corn crop. When the crop is harvested, I give one-third to the landlord for being so kind as to let me use a small speck of God's earth. One-third goes to you and the rest is mine. You consume all of your portion except the cobs while I divide mine among nine children, six hens, two ducks and a banker.

"If we both need shoes, you get 'em. You are getting the best of me and I ask, is it fair for a mule, the son of a jackass, to swindle a man, the lord of creation, out of his substance?"

"Why you only help to plow and cultivate the ground and I alone must cut, shock and husk the corn, while you look over the pasture fence and hee-haw at me. All fall and most of the winter, the whole

family from baby up picks cotton to help raise enough money to pay taxes and buy a new set of harness and pay the mortgage on you. And what do you care about the mortgage? Not a thing, you ornery cuss. I even have to do the worrying about the mortgage on your tough, ungrateful hide.

"About the only time I am your better is on election day, for I can vote and you can't. And after election I realize that I was fully as big a jackass as your papa.

"And that ain't all, Bill. When you are dead, that's supposed to be the end of you. But me? The preacher tells me that when I die I may go to hell forever. That is, Bill, if I won't do just as they say. And most of what they say keeps me from getting any fun out of life.

"Tell me, William, considering these things, how can you keep a straight face and still look so dumb and solemn?"—(Quoted from Lon Boynton's Lamar County Echo).

"I have a friend in this great city that has no end; Yet days go by and weeks rush on, And before I know it a year is gone. And I never see my dear friend's face.

For life is a swift and terrible race.

He knows I love him just as well As in the days when I rang his bell And he rang mine. We were younger then.

We were not busy, tired men— Tired of playing a busy game, Tired of trying to make a name.

"Tomorrow," I say, "I'll call on Jim. Just to show that I am thinking of him."

But tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes, And the distance between us grows and grows.

Around the corner! Yet miles away! "Here's a telegram, sir."

"Jim died today."

And that's what we get and deserve in the end—

Around the corner, a departed friend!

(Arthur unknown)

The King Ranch must be the center of the world because it is as flat as a floor and the sky comes down at an equal distance all around. Its Vastness offers a series of pictures as one traverses it.

Over there is the Santa Gertrudis ranch-house (which can be seen from the highway)—a grand old building with a castelike tower. Younger is a Mexican cowboy who barely leans over to unfasten a gate of the Santa Gertrudis breed—animals of maroon hue with a splotch of white face, and a hump on the shoulders, (a reminder of the blood of the Brahma cattle from India), and with broad, table-like backs. They look as sleek as contenders for

A 'Jitney' Goes a Long Way in Defense Army



Photo courtesy Collier's, The National Weekly, and Charles Kerlee

Typical of nightly gatherings in Army cantonments from coast to coast is the convivial group pictured above. Uncle Sam's new fighters relax in true American fashion after a hard day on dusty drill fields.

UNCLE SAM'S new defenders make only \$21 a month—but that buys for them a lot of luxurious essentials at a nickel a shot.

These Army lads have discovered that commonplace luxuries of civilian life are actual necessities for relaxation from service routine and they're satisfying most of their desires for five cents.

That old "jitney" stands up as a major spending item in the Post Exchanges, the modern canteens that have been installed at most of the Army cantonments. A bar of candy, a package of chewing gum or a bottle of their favorite soft drink costs only a nickel but they're worth their weight in gold when the gang is relaxing after

the championships in the judging at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show.

Many of the Mexicans are members of families that have lived on the ranch for four or five generations. A contrast is furnished by two of these—fat George Gracia, with gray mustache, who moves with dignity; and wiry little Maurelio, a lad of not more than 10, who is as much at home on a horse as a Hawaiian youngster is in the water—and he has been ever since he was 5 and used to shimmy up into the saddle by the extensive use of his toes: In fact, when Trainer Egan gave Maurelio his first pair of shoes, the boy had to develop a new technique.

But there he is on a well-trained pony whose presence helps to reassure the high-strung young thoroughbreds that are being taught how to enter the starting-gate and how to go from the post at full speed, preparatory to carrying the King Ranch colors on tracks in California, Florida and elsewhere—but, of course, not in Texas because the law bars races here.

You would enjoy seeing "the Congressman's horse." He belongs to Congressman Richard M. Kleberg and, with a vaquero in the saddle—the Congressman was in Washington—the handsome creature made a long circle, changing gait from time to time; then he would check speed; go on an in-and-out course; pivot; turn around and around; then back up for 75 feet, then turn and

back up to the starting point. After that, he sidestepped the width of the padlock and, at last, knelt and allowed his rider to step to the ground. You would want to wave your hat and say "Bravo!"

Everybody knows that the ranch was established by Captain Richard King, who made a fortune on the Rio Grande more than three-quarters of a century ago and that the brand is the running W or "little snake," as the Mexicans call it.

But perhaps everyone doesn't know that Robert J. Kleberg, Jr., who is at the head of the ranch, sent to Africa and obtained Rhodes grass, a tall hardy species which thrives in its new environment.

Because Ceasar Kleberg, down at Norias, and others responsible for the management of the ranch are firm believers in wild life conservation, there are numerous deer, turkeys and quail.

All the way to Argentina, the ranch sent for a specially-constructed chure. It is made of iron wood. (You needn't be ashamed; I had never heard of it before, either). The wood is almost as heavy and durable as iron. There is an elaborate device of steel which clamps an animal into position so that dehorning or whatever is called for can be done readily.

Younger is a pen but—unlike the ones around railroad depots—it is round. That's to keep the cattle from "cornering" up, it is explained.

Southern Wildlife

Turkey Planting Pay Dividends

Austin, May 29.—Increases of from 200 to 400 per cent as a result of the planting of turkey in managed areas by the Texas, Game, Fish and Oyster Commission are noted in reports of game managers to the executive secretary of the commission here. As reported recently, an area in Robertson County produced more than 300 wild turkeys from a planting of sixty-one gobblers and hens. Other interesting figures, which prove that by providing proper food and cover, game can be brought back, are reaching the game department office.

The department has set up a score of turkey and deer restoration areas throughout the state by supplementing commission funds with federal aid money. An area in Wharton and Colorado counties was stocked with a total of fifty birds, seven males and forty-three females. Eight months later a census of the area disclosed that there were at least 147 turkeys on the land. That is an increase approaching 200 percent, and it is certain that all of the turkeys on the area could not have been seen while the count was in progress. The area contained 8,225 acres.

From a stock of six males and forty-seven females placed on an area in Goliad County has come a crop of 250 birds, an increase of nearly 400 percent.

An original stock of five males and forty-six females released on the Lorraine turkey restoration project in Jackson County produced more than 150 birds, a count eight months later disclosed.

All the areas are new projects of the Texas game department and are now little more than a year old. Birds to be used for restocking areas are trapped by department employees and transported all over the state to sections where the birds once thrived, but from which they have been shot out.

Rattlers Can Kill Quickly

That rattlesnakes can be deadly and that their poison can act very quickly is reaffirmed by a report of a Texas game warden. While patrolling near Pearsall recently the warden saw a large calf reach down to take a bite of grass, jump and then run toward him. The calf dropped within ten feet of the warden after running seventy-two paces and was dead within five minutes. Two cowboys nearer the calf than the warden when it was struck found a six and a half foot black diamond rattler which had fourteen rattlers. The warden killed it.

The snake evidently had not struck at anything for some time and its poison sacks were filled with venom.

Passes Reduce Salinity

Passes cut through the islands along the Texas Gulf coast to reduce the salinity of the Laguna Madre, the best natural spawning bed for fish along the coast are accomplishing their purpose, a report of the marine biologist of the game department indicates. Tests made in the lower Laguna Madre three weeks after the pass at Murdock's Landing was cut showed that the salinity of water had been reduced in some places from 55.5 and 58.5 to as low as 33 which is below the salinity of sea water. To what extent the large amount of fresh water which has poured into the Laguna from land has helped the situation is not known, but the volume of water coming from the land has been large.

Remember to take a boy or girl fishing with you whenever you can.

A total of 51,729 persons are employed in 12,970 Texas schools and colleges to teach 1,464,802 pupils.

The national beef cattle shows will be held at the 1941 State Fair of Texas. The National Hereford Show for which the "World's Largest State Fair" offers \$30,000 in premiums will be one, and \$10,000 in premiums is offered winners in the National Aberdeen-Angus Show.

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FABLES IN SLANG

By GEORGE ADE

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WHEN HE ARRIVED THEY PUT HIM IN A GUEST CHAMBER TO SNOOZE WHICH HAD RIBBONS RUNNING THROUGH EVERYTHING

WHEN THE POOR GAZABO TRIED TO TURN IN THAT NIGHT HE FOUND 6 TO 8 MATTRESSES ON THE BED

HE MANAGED TO GET IN A WINK OR TWO BY DIVING TO THE HARDWOOD AT 2 A.M. AND NEXT DAY BEAT IT BACK TO POVERTY GLADLY!

MORAL: THE SOFT LIFE MAY BE A HARD ONE AFTER ALL!

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Cause For Worry

By Gene Byrnes

"YOU'RE CRAZY! THIS IS BEXTER TIGHT CHICKEN WIRE! POP SAID SO HIS VERY OWN SELF"

"LIKE SUGAR IT IS! SEE? THERE'S SOME LIKE CHICKS OUT OF IT AWREADY"

"THAT'S NUTS! THEY'LL SOON GROW SO BIG THEY CAN'T GO THROUGH"

"YEAH! BUT SUPPOSIN' THEY GROW BIG WHILE THEY'RE ON THE OUTSIDE. THEN HOW'LL THEY GET IN"

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23 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of The Texas Spur, published 23 years ago this week. Oran McClure, Editor and publisher.

J. A. Legion and wife who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Taylor, returned Wednesday to their home in Oklahoma.

Miss Nettie Wenkler, of Croton, is in Spur this week the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. A. Koon.

Ed Lisenby has been using a stick and a crutch this week as the result of sticking a nail in his foot.

Dr. M. L. Pierce and wife returned this week from a fishing trip and visit with relatives at Ponta.

Wednesday of last week Warren C. Squires, postmaster at Afton and Miss Lydia McCormick, daughter of Mrs. J. W. McCormick, was married at the home of the bride's mother, near Afton.

Uncle Ed Denson, of Highway, was a business visitor to Spur Saturday.

N. Q. Branner and L. N. Reter made a business trip this week to McAdeo and other Planes towns.

Mrs. W. P. T. Smith and son, Buran, of west of Spur, were in the city Monday shopping.

The following sixteen drafted men of Dickens County were called for military service and entrained at Spur Wednesday for Camp Cody, near Deming, New Mexico:

- James Bringly Carlisle
- Dave Wyatt Taylor
- George Edwin McCellan
- Louis Oliver Blakeley
- George Kennedy
- Omer Jesse Denson
- Charles Edgar McCellan
- Fred Ross Harrison
- Dallas Herbert Giddings
- Charles Homer Jackson
- Walter Clifford Stokes
- John Quincy Adam.

Also three volunteers accompanied this increment:

- Lonnie Royalston Havkey
- Charles McLaughlin
- Silas Hubbard Scuthall.

Mr. and Mrs. Chalk Brown, of the 24-Ranch in Kent County, were in Spur Friday.

E. F. Simmons and family, of Tulla, spent Saturday and Sunday in Spur, with his brother, J. P. Simmons and wife.

Carl Douglas, of the suburbs of McAdeo, was in Spur Friday.

The Hon. A. J. Hagan, of near Jayton, was a pleasant caller at our office while in Spur Wednesday.

Mrs. E. C. Edmonds and children, left Tuesday for Fort Worth, where she will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Connell.

Misses Robbie and Dannelita Stander, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McNeil, of the Alamo Stock Farm the past week.

W. F. Cathey, of near Dickens, was a business visitor in Spur Monday.

J. L. Karr, of Espuela, was a pleasant caller at our office while here Thursday.

W. L. Grubbs, of Red Mud, was a business visitor Saturday.

Chas. Whitener returned Friday from Dallas where he underwent an operation for relief of a disease of the jaw bone.

W. L. Thannish was in Spur Wednesday to bid the soldier boys "good luck" as the entrained for Camp Cody.

Personal

Miss Isabell Campbell who will receive her degree Monday night, June 2, from Southwestern University, arrived in Spur Wednesday for a few days visit. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Campbell, will accompany her to Georgetown this week-end to be present for the graduation ceremony Monday night. They will return to Spur Tuesday accompanied by another daughter, Miss Bonnie, who has completed her freshman year at Southwestern University.

Mr. and Mrs. Buel McDaniel had as guests Sunday her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bond and family, of Abilene. Mrs. Buel McDaniel and children, Glen, Dink and Helen and Miss Lorain Bond are going Sunday to Eastland to spend two weeks visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bond and numerous other relatives and friends at that place.

Spencer Sullivan who has been connected with a tailoring establishment in Abilene the past three months, came in Friday for a few days visit with his mother, Mrs. Fannie Sullivan of Gilpin and other relatives and friends in and near Spur.

Mrs. Oscar Brittan returned to Spur Wednesday from a brief visit with relatives in South Texas. Mrs. Brittan visited in Galveston with Douglas Brittan, naval recruiting officer, who left Tuesday for his station in St. Louis, and with Chester Brittan at Goose Creek. Other points of visit were Austin, Georgetown and Brownwood.

Mat Howell, one of the good farmers in the Red Mud section of the country, was a pleasant visitor in our office while in Spur Wednesday.

Mr. Howell recounted some of his experiences in West Texas and New Mexico during the forty-five years since he came to Texas, a seventeen year old lad from his native land, Washington County, Arkansas. County Commissioner M. B. Gage, was greeting friends in Spur Wednesday.

Elmer C. Stevens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Stevens of the north part of Dickens County and who was in military training at Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, was injured when a motor exploded last week, killing eleven men and wounding a number of other soldiers.

John Low came in Monday from his ranch home and spent the day in Spur on business and greeting friends.

Carl Patton arrived Wednesday from Camp Travis to spend a ten days furlough in Spur with relatives and friends.

T. C. Cochran who has been spending several weeks in Hot Springs, Arkansas, for the benefit of his health returned to his home in Spur Tuesday.

Horace Carter and wife, of Peacock, were guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Caraway the first of this week.

All men who have become twenty-one years of age since June 5, 1917, must register on the 5th day of June, 1918.

Rev. M. L. Hardin preached at Lost Lake Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

W. F. Godfrey, R. F. Rogers, Ned Hogan and E. L. Caraway returned Saturday from Electra where they spent a day or two looking into the oil development situation.

J. B. Morrison was here Saturday from his ranch home 12 miles southwest of Spur.

Wm. Randall, of Steel Hill, was in Spur on business Tuesday.

West Texas College Will Sponsor Pan American Course

Canyon, May 29.—An intensive short course designed to acquaint club women and others with nations south of the United States will be held at West Texas State College on June 25-27 under the auspices of the Seventh District, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs.

It will be called the Latin American Institute and will be combined with a Senior Club Institute on the last day. Club women who are assisting in plans for the institute are: Mrs. H. F. Godeke, of Lubbock, district president; Mrs. W. N. Stokes, of Amarillo; chairman of international relations; and Mrs. T. V. Reeves, of Canyon, program chairman.

The geography, racial problems, social changes, resources, art and politics of Latin American countries will be discussed by widely-traveled members of the college faculty. Lecturers will include Miss Darthula Walker, head of the department of geography; Dr. L. F. Sheffy, head of the history department; Miss Mary E. Hudspeth, head of the Spanish department; Miss Ewna Graham, professor of mathematics; Miss Isabell Robinson, head of the department of art; and Prof. H. Condron, head of the department of government.

Scores of club women and others are expected to come here for the short course. Registration, meals, lodging for all sessions will be \$5, or registration for lectures only will be \$2. Single lectures will be 25c.

Motion pictures, an art exhibit, Spanish dances, recreation, and talks by Latin Americans will be added to the program.

Craig Parsons and daughter, of Calgary, were shopping and buying supplies while in Spur Wednesday morning.

Dennis Harkey, Dickens abstractor, was a business visitor here Saturday of last week.

Mrs. Emma B. Russell, of Dry Lake, was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office while in Spur Wednesday morning.

Miss Beatrice Darden, of Waco, who has been visiting relatives and friends in Spur and Lubbock, with her aunt, Mrs. Cowan went to Denton today (Thursday).

Miss Darden will meet her mother at that place and return to their home. Mrs. Cowan will return her daughters, Ruby and Emily, students in T. S. C. U. to Spur Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pinnell, of Decatur, Louisiana, were recent visitors to her mother, Mrs. Mattie Lisenby and other relatives in Spur, Abilene and Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bradshaw, recently of Austin, are making their home in Spur now, both having employment with the Hill Top Cafe.

Pete is well known throughout Dickens County and has an established reputation as an excellent cook, having cooked in a number of the best cafes in this section of the country.

We join in welcoming the Bradshaws back to Spur.

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Santa Fe Operating Income for April Shows Increase

The Santa Fe's net railway operating income for April was \$2,337,657, according to a statement released by President Edward J. Engle today. This is an increase of \$1,531,761 compared with April, 1940.

Gross for the system was \$16,378,347, an increase over April, 1940, of \$3,348,490, or 25.70 per cent. Operating expenses were \$12,429,004, an increase of \$1,420,127, or 12.90 per cent over the same month of 1940. Railway tax accruals were \$1,696,818, an increase of \$469,548, or 38.26 per cent.

The Santa Fe Railway Syster carloadings for the week ending May 24, 1941, were 21,851 compared with 18,373 for the same week in 1940. Received from connections were 7,295 compared with 5,237 for the same week in 1940. The total cars moved were 29,146 compared with 23,610 for the same week in 1940. The Santa Fe handled a total of 30,070 cars during the preceding week of this year.

For carrying first class mail, the railroads receive an average of about 1-5 of 1 cent per letter, or approximately 1-15 of the postal revenues collected by the government on this class of mail according to the Association of American Railroads.

Minister's Alliance Will Meet Monday

The monthly meeting of the Ministers Alliance is Monday, June 2, at 10:00 a. m. The meeting will be held at the First Presbyterian Church. All ministers of Dickens County are welcome.

Presbyterian Church

John C. Ramsay, Minister

10:00 a. m. Sunday School, Cap McNeill, Superintendent.

11:00 a. m. Morning worship and the word. Sermon: "God's Security for the Believer."

3:00 p. m. Outpost Sunday School.

7:00 p. m. Young People's League, Bertha Nelle Walker, President.

8:00 p. m. Evening worship and the word. Sermon: "The Lord, Only When He Can Be Found."

Mid-Week prayer meeting Wednesday.

You are cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Forster Jones, of the Jones sheep ranch near Fredericksburg, spent several days here and at Fall this week looking after property interests and visiting Mr. and Mrs. Paul Loe and other friends.

Eric Ousley, of Dickens, was greeting friends on the streets of Spur Saturday.

Robert McAteer, of Sroton, was greeting friends on the streets of Spur Wednesday.

Mrs. White Moore, of the Moore Ranch, ten miles west of Spur, was shopping in Spur Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gilbert combined business and pleasure in a day spent in Lubbock Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Rankin and children, of White River, were among the business visitors in Spur Monday.

Misses Louise McLaughlin, Ruby Callahan, Dessie Mae Wallace, Winnie Lee and Mozell Baum, were pleasant callers at our office while in Spur Monday and Wednesday.

Miss Grace Foster, student in McMurry College, Abilene; was one of the early arrivals home for the summer vacation, arriving Tuesday afternoon.

Faqua Family Holds Annual Reunion Last Sunday

For four years now, the western branch of the Faqua family, has been having a reunion or get-together of all their families. They started meeting at the eldest child's home, and on or near their birthday, so no set date in the year is set. This year their meeting was held with Lon Fuqua and they decided to invite everyone who cared to come, especially old acquaintances, and was set for last Sunday, May 25.

It rained so much everyone was so afraid they would not get to go and some of the kin across the rivers did not and were missed, but 99 relatives, friends and neighbors gathered and had a wonderful day together.

Of the old Fuqua family there remains six children, all were present except one, the youngest, Mrs. R. G. Smith, known as Jettie, three of their children were across the river and were present, Ernest, Irma and Nell. Edd Fuqua, wife and two daughters and their families, Hubert Howell, his wife Loise and three sons, Ray Stoneman, his wife Bessie and six sons.

Mrs. Audrey Grubbs, her daughter, Iva Jane, also Thelma, her husband, Lawrence Fitzgerald and their four children, Smith their son, Billie and Al Smith his wife and four children.

Lon Fuqua, his wife and three children, Flora, Ross and Alfred Fuqua, his wife and three children.

Addie Lewis, her husband Walter Lewis, Foy and Fay, the twins at home and Ina Howell with her husband Clark, and three children.

Of Jettie Smith's family only three children were present, Ernest, Irma and Nell. Matt Howell and wife who are parents of Alfred Fuqua's wife, and Clark Howell.

Mrs. Ruth Fry and eight of their children. Charles McClain, wife and three children. Allene Combs.

Granny Buttler, Jack Rankin, Cap Baize, his wife and four children.

Mrs. Monterey Cary and two children, Gordon and Ida Lee.

Glee Sweeney, his wife and daughter, Peggy. Lee Williamson, his wife and four children. Loyd Evans, his wife and four children of Spur.

Bro. Henson, his wife and son, of Spur. All the rest of the crowd were of lower Red Mud and Catfish, except Jack Rankin, who lives in Verbena community. Games were enjoyed, a sumptuous dinner served out under the big tree. Then when everything was cleared away, Bro. Henson (who is the Methodist circuit preacher) preached a sermon to all after which we adjourned to meet next time with Mr. and Mrs. Addie Lewis, who is next eldest.

All had a good time and hope to meet with them next year.

A Friend.

Bob Hohm, of Highway, was greeting friends in Spur Wednesday.



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Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Malone returned Monday from Winters where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and daughter, Dorothy Nell Malone.

Dorothy Nell accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Malone to Spur and will spend a week or ten days a guest in their home and visiting other friends in Spur.

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