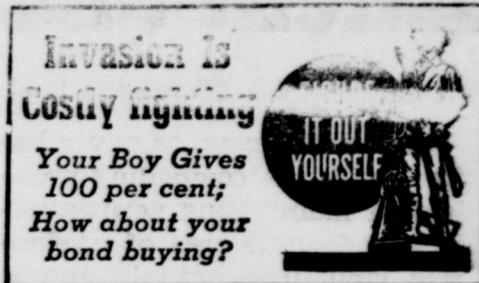




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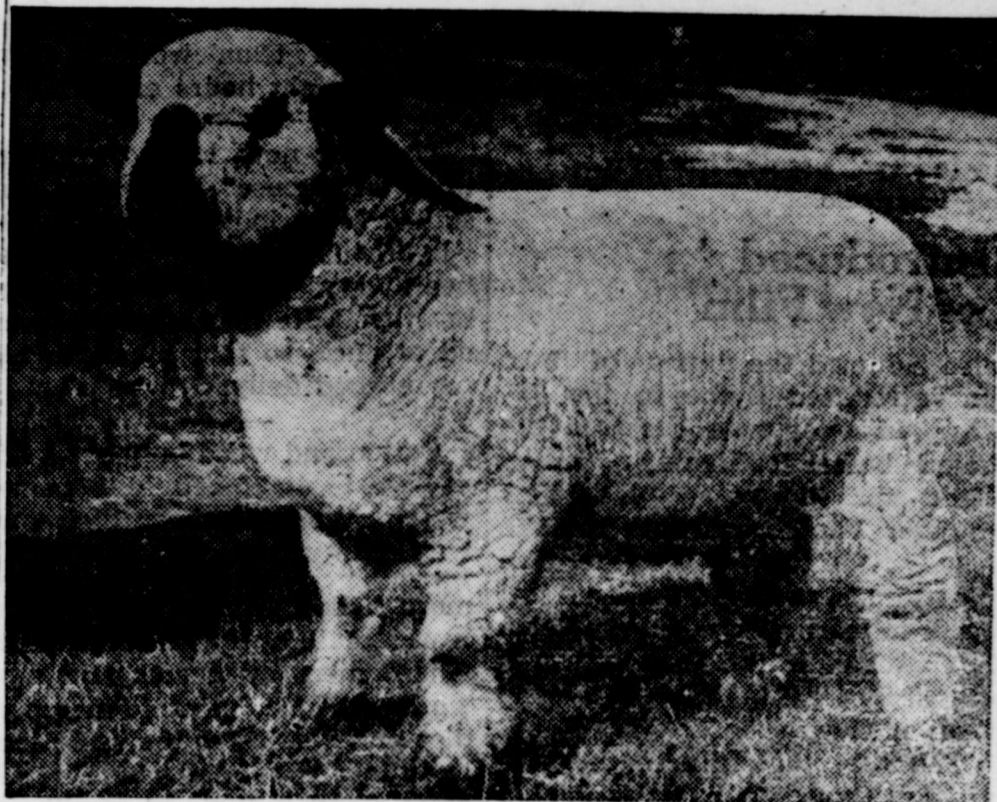
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BO-PEEP — A WAR BOND EWE



STANTON, VA.—This prize Hampshire ewe lamb netted total war bond sales of \$917.225.00 when auctioned under the auspices of the American Hampshire Sheep Assn. at the Eastern Stud Ram sales here recently. The ewe was then donated to the Virginia Polytechnic Institute of Blacksburg, Va. in appreciation of their work for the sheep industry in that vicinity.

Funeral Service For Henry Bingham Held Sunday Afternoon

Funeral services for Henry Ivan (Chalk) Bingham, 40, who died Saturday July 17, at 6:00 p. m. in the Nichols sanitarium from a brain concussion, caused when thrown from a horse, were held at the First Baptist church in Spur Sunday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock, with Rev. Herman Coe, pastor of the church, and Rev. J. V. Billberry, personal friend of the family, officiating.

Chandler Funeral Home had charge of arrangements. Interment was in the Spur cemetery in the family burial plot beside his two brothers and father. The father preceded him in death some six years ago, and a brother, Jeff, who died about eight or nine years ago, and an infant brother.

Pall bearers were Tom Cheyne, Bud Morrison, Robert McAteer, Charlie Finch, Buck Sadler and Marion Jordan. Honorary pall bearers were Guy Cheyne, Odie Finch, Jim Wyatt, Bob Dixon, Glenn Pickets and Joe Callis.

Mr. Bingham was born in Clairmont, Kent county, October 10, 1903, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Bingham. Mr. Bingham was the third member of his family to meet an accidental death. His father was killed in a train accident six years ago at Kilgore, and his younger brother, Jeff, was killed in a car accident about nine years ago near Odessa.

Survivors include his widow and two small daughters; mother, Mrs. Fronia Bingham; two step daughters, Bertie Bell and Velma Nell Glenn; one step son, Billie Glenn of Spur; a sister, Mrs. Jonnie Miller of Orange, and Mr. and Mrs. Al Bingham of Spur, and other relatives.

MACK HARVEY VISITS SISTER HERE LAST WEEK

Mack Harvey of Ringgold, Texas, brother of Mrs. Robert Cannon of Spur, spent a few days here with his sister while en route to his home at Ringgold after having completed a course in Radio Mechanics at Texas Tech. He is awaiting his call to service in the Signal Corps Reserves.

Mrs. Cannon has one brother, Lois Leroy Harvey, reported missing in action, but has been given up as lost by relatives. He was in the Merchant Marines.

GOES TO DALLAS FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION

W. J. (Scotch) Bill Elliott was taken to Dallas last week for medical attention. Mr. Elliott has not been so well of late and it is hoped that he will soon be fully recovered.

Auxiliary Jewel Marcy, Mrs. D. L. Boothe.

Mrs. D. L. Boothe, Mrs. N. C. Patterson, Mrs. C. H. McCulley, W. M. Hazel, C. E. Morgan, Mrs. D. B. Ince, Dr. M. H. Brannen, W. W. Garner, Mrs. Truett Hutto, Mrs. Mary Dunn, Mrs. M. A. Lea, Jernie Koonsman, Mrs. Murry Lea, Roy Ward, Mrs. Fannie Sullivan.

Old-Age Assistance Checks for July Now Being Mailed

AUSTIN, July 16.—Federal funds for payments to old age assistance recipients, needy blind, and dependent children were received today by the State Treasury. Officials of the Department of Public Welfare stated that as many checks will be placed in the mails each day as can be handled by the post office and the Treasury Department. Ordinarily it takes at least six days to handle the 183,220 old age checks, the 4,485 checks for the blind, and the 11,908 checks for dependent children. "The Welfare Department will place the checks in the mail just as fast as they can be handled by the postal authorities and the Treasury Department."

The checks for old age assistance, needy blind, and dependent children were held up because of the delay in the receipt of federal funds. The federal money was not received because of the recent hold-up in many federal appropriations and the fact that the new federal fiscal year began on July 1st.

Funeral Rites For Pioneer Resident At 6:00 P. M. Today

Funeral services for Mrs. Ella Hufstader, age 73, will be held today (Thursday) at 6 p. m. at her home, with Rev. C. V. Allen in charge of the services.

Mrs. Hufstader had been in ill health for some time, and was in a Wichita Falls hospital at the time of her death. She was converted and joined the Church of Christ at the age of 15, later was married to J. D. Hufstader in Wood county Nov. 21, 1897.

She is survived by her husband, two brothers, C. B. Powell of Forney, J. Vernon Powell of Spur, and a number of other relatives and friends.

Interment will be in the Spur cemetery, with the Chandler Funeral Home in charge.

Slayton Minister To Preach at Church of Christ Here Sunday

Lurl Nesbitt, minister of the Church of Christ at Slayton, will preach both morning and evening at the Church of Christ in Spur, it has been announced.

The morning service will be at 11 o'clock, and the evening service at 9 o'clock.

Bro. Nesbitt is an able speaker, and those without other church affiliations are invited to hear him.

Randal Hawk Wins Mechanics Rating

LUBBOCK ARMY AIR FIELD, July 21.—Pvt. Randal R. Hawk of Dickens has just completed an intensive course of school at this twin-engine air field and has been awarded a rating as airplane mechanic.

The son of Mrs. Lillie M. Hawk of Dickens, he graduated from high school in Dickens and was an employee of the State Highway Department when he entered the Air Forces. He and his wife now reside in Lubbock and he has a brother who is stationed in Missoula.



Joe P. Gilbert, third class petty officer, stationed at Houston, accompanied by Mrs. Gilbert visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gilbert here last week. Mrs. W. F. Gilbert accompanied them to Carbon where they will visit with relatives for a few days.

WAC Auxiliary Bernice Alexander, stationed at Fort Riley, Kan., visited her parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Alexander, here last week. She returned to her station Saturday.

Pvt. Aubrey McGahey has been transferred to Asheville, N. C. where he is secretary in the Weather Wing there. Pvt. McGahey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam McGahey of Spur.

Pvt. D. C. White of the Air Corps, stationed at Shepherd Field, is spending a 10-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. White of Dickens.

Sgt. Billy Harris of the Engineers Air Corps, stationed at Camp McCoy, Wis., is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Harris of McAadoo.

Pvt. Jerry Hahn of the Air Corps, stationed at Rapid City, S. D. Air Base is spending a 13-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hahn of the Highway community.

Pvt. Weldon McClure left Saturday to return to his station at Camp Forest, Tenn., after spending a seven day furlough here with his mother, Mrs. Ann M. Clure.

Pvt. Raman Hermandes of the Air Corps, stationed at Hereington, Kan., is visiting his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Harmandes on a 15-day furlough.

Word was received from the War Department that Second Lt. Francis H. Paronto was missing in action. Lt. Paronto has been in the service for about 13 months. He was a pilot on a B24 and was stationed in the southwest Pacific. Lt. Paronto is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Paronto of Salina, Kan., and is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cooner of Spur. Mrs. Paronto is here with her parents.

Word was received Saturday by Kermit Cunningham from the War Department that his brother, Corp. Raymond Cunningham, who was a Japanese prisoner, had died.

Corp. Cunningham was well known here having lived for many years in the Croton community. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cunningham of Quamado. Corp. Cunningham entered the service in 1938, and served in the U. S. under General Wainwright, then when sent to the Philippines in 1939, he again served under General Wainwright. He had been a Japanese prisoner since the fall of Bataan.

Pfc. Bill Laine, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Laine, received his gunner's wings and was promoted to private first class at Kingman, Ariz. air school June 15. Bill is now located at Buckley Field, Colo., where he qualified as expert in Rifle Range, making 178 hits out of a possible 200. At the time he volunteered he was a Junior at Texas Tech in February, 1943. By changing his course at school he could have been delayed in entering the service but said when some one might ask where he was during the war he wanted to say, "I was in the tail end of a plane giving 'em what they had coming." This is the spirit that will win a war.

Sgt. Ernest Wadzeck, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Wadzeck of Samford, died at a base hospital of injuries received in a plane crash July 10. He was with a troop carrier squadron, stationed at Alliance, Neb. He was a 1941 graduate of Stamford high school and joined the Army Air Forces in June 1941. Sgt. Wadzeck was a cousin of G. B. Wadzeck of Spur.

Sgt. Lee McClung of the 59th Mess Squadron, stationed at Amariillo Air Field, is here visiting his brother, Bill McClung and

Governor Pic LaMour Guest At Rotary Club Assembly Meeting



ENGLAND—"Flak Jackets" are what the well dressed air crews are wearing this season and for the duration. T/Sgt. J. W. Fawcett, of East Orange, N. J. (left) and Sgt. E. L. Frederick, of Norwalk, Conn., demonstrate the sleeveless, light but strong armor. Made in two sections, the jackets cover back and front from neck to waist and can be slipped off quickly in an emergency. U. S. Army Air Force crews are now being provided with the protection while on operations.

Telephone Officials Honor J. C. Keen On His 58th Birthday

Last Wednesday the local Telephone office staff and out of town officials gathered in a surprise birthday party for J. C. Keen on his 58th birthday at the Keen home.

At this time the Bell Telephone company presented Mr. Keen with a certificate of award for a life time of meritorious service. The presentation was made by H. P. Teasley, district plant chief of Abilene, a personal friend of Mr. Keen.

Mr. Keen retired from the telephone service June 24, after 34 years of service, 25 of which were spent in Spur where Mr. and Mrs. Keen have not only promoted telephones, and straightened out the troubles pertaining to them but have been instrumental in promoting the good things of the town.

After the picnic-supper which was prepared and served by the local telephone staff, consisting of fried chicken and all that goes with it, was over, they presented Mr. Keen with a collection of man's apparel, of bright colored ties, gary sox and handkerchiefs, and once again Mr. Teasley presented Mr. Keen with a gift of a seal-skin bill fold which contained a paid up membership card to the Telephone Pioneer organization. Only those who have had as much as 25 years of service are eligible for membership.

Occasions like this speak of the high esteem in which people are held.

Those present for the occasion were H. P. Teasley, district plant chief, of Abilene, J. L. Jennings, toll plant supervisor of Dallas, A. J. McCorkle, Division transmission supervisor, of Fort Worth, Mrs. Truman Gabbert and two sons of Lubbock. Miss Mona Lawrence, Mrs. Loreta Beeson and small son, Robert, Mrs. Lillie Fern Willard, Edith Marcy, Hazel Turpin, Bobbie Lou Watters, Mrs. M. A. Lea, and Mr. and Mrs. Keen.

Flash! Maybe Two!

Raul English came rushing up to a Texas Spur reporter Wednesday morning shouting: "Big news story for you. Just received S. O. S. call from Haskell stating arrival of Stork expected any moment. It's going to be two boys, I know," he said. But whether stork brings extra grocery clerk material or a future First Lady will be reported next week.

TO PREACH SUNDAY

Rev. John Winslow of Lubbock will preach at the Episcopal church Sunday, July 25, at 3:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

family, on a nine-day furlough. Sgt. McClung has been in the service for eight years and stated if we believe what the Japanese say, it may be a long way to go yet.

Sgt. W. M. Hunter Jr. is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hunter, Sr.

M. W. (Pic) LaMour, governor of the 127th district, was honor guest at an enthusiastic assembly meeting of the Spur Rotary club at the home of President and Mrs. Jack Christian Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 11:30 o'clock.

Governor LaMour made an interesting talk to the assembly on Rotary and Rotary work, imparting much valuable information on how a Rotary club might render a better service to the community and accomplish the most good.

The directors of the club at the assembly voted to adopt and operate on a budget plan for the ensuing year and appointed a budget committee to work out a budget for the club. The committee is composed of Oscar McGinty, chairman, Bill Andrews and Elton Cook. Also a budget of \$5.00 per month was voted for a club publication.

It was also voted at the meeting to adopt the Junior Rotary scheme wherein one member of the Senior class of the Spur high school will be a guest of the club for each of the nine months of school.

The directors also voted to place a "Fellowship" book in the place of business or office of a Rotarian each week, and it will be the obligation of each member of the club to go in and sign this book in the furtherance of a better fellowship among members of the club. Placing of the book will be rotated each week.

Preceding the assembly meeting, a delicious chicken barbecue dinner, prepared by Mrs. Christian was served in the beautiful and spacious grounds in the rear of the Christian home. The menu consisted of barbecued chicken, barbecue sauce, baked beans, garden salad, rolls, ice cream and ice tea. Mrs. Christian was assisted in preparing and serving the dinner by Mrs. Mack Woodrum and daughters, Billie and Betty, and Mrs. E. D. Engleman. A patriotic scheme was carried out in table decoration, and miniature calendars bearing a cut-out emblem of Rotary International in blue and gold at the top, with the meeting time of the club and the name of the club president—Jack Christian—just beneath the emblem, served as plate favors.

Those registering at the meeting were: Dr. O. R. Cloude, Dr. J. F. Hughes, Bob Weaver, Bill Andrews, Oscar McGinty, O. B. Ratliff, James B. Reed, O. C. Arthur, Chas. Taylor, E. D. Engleman, L. D. Ratliff, Elton Cook, W. F. Gilbert, Rev. Herman Coe and H. G. Hull.

Governor LaMour will be guest speaker at today's luncheon. He has an interesting message to bring and President Jack Christian urges a 100 per cent attendance today that all Rotarians might get the benefit of this message.

Other Spur folks who are members of this organization are Spencer Campbell Jr., V. C. Smart, Richard Gibson, Ernest Kearney, E. D. Engleman, and J. L. Garner. "Happy landings" friends.

Local Merchants Off To Market This Week

Three of Spur's four dry goods merchants have gone to market this week to purchase fall merchandise for their stores. Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Golding of B. Schwarz & Son are shopping the Fort Worth and Dallas markets and expect to return Friday.

George Gabriel of the Fair Store, spent several days first of the week in the Dallas market, going from there to St. Louis to shop the markets there. He is expected to return next Wednesday or Thursday.

Henry Alexander is in the Fort Worth and Dallas markets. He is expected to return today (Thursday).

Miss Julia Mae Albin arrived in Spur last Friday from Washington, D. C., where she has been employed for the past two and one-half years in secret government work. Miss Albin has won much recognition in her line of work, having received a number of promotions. At present she is supervisor of other employees with 20 people working under her. Her office is in the Pentagon building, one of the largest office buildings in the world. Miss Albin left Monday for Oklahoma City where she will visit her mother, Mrs. H. O. Albin, for a few days before returning to Washington.

RETURN FROM VISIT

Mrs. John C. Ramsay and daughter, Elizabeth, returned Saturday from Laredo and San Antonio where they have been visiting relatives and friends for several weeks.

Come on and join the Farm Bureau, your friends need you as a member.



M. W. (Pic) LaMour of Graham, pictured above, governor of the 127th district of Rotary International, who will be guest speaker at today's Rotary luncheon at the Spur Inn.

Extent and Annual Cost of Erosion

(From the 1940 Report of the Chief of the Soil Conservation Service)

Confronted now, as never before, with the compelling problem of maintaining permanently an adequate area of productive land, it is entirely appropriate to review here the scope and intensity of the erosion problem in the United States. Such a review has particular significance when erosion facts are directly related to an appraisal of the land resources of the country.

Most of the erosion has taken place within the past 100 years. In that relatively short time it has affected in some degree more than a billion acres—more than half the land of the Nation. No State has escaped the inroads of this threat to productive agriculture, and valuable soil has been washed or blown from virtually every important agricultural community.

Approximately 50 million acres of once-productive cropland have already been ruined for any further immediate cultivation. Another 50 million acres of cropland are in a condition almost as bad. Half to all the fertile topsoil has been removed from still another 100 million acres of cropland. Together, this means that cropland equivalent to the combined area of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Missouri, has been seriously affected by erosion.

There are approximately 361 million acres of medium-quality

land shortage unless erosion is effectively and promptly halted. Erosion must be halted not only on the good land, but on the medium-quality cropland, and on large areas of forest and grazing land as well, if we are to support our population adequately and counteract the growing menace of floods and silting.

The farmers and ranchers in the Duck Creek Soil Conservation District are doing something about the erosion problem on their farms. From July 1, 1942 to July 1, 1943, there has been 137 farmer-district cooperative agreements signed which include 87,265 acres.

From January 1, 1943 to July 1, 1943, there has been approximately 400 miles of terraces constructed in the district. These 400 miles of terraces terraced 6,800 acres of land and put on the contour the same acreage. According to Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin No. 587, terracing and contouring will increase cotton yields 48 pounds per acre.

If all the land that has been terraced were planted to cotton this would increase yields 316,400 pounds for the district. If this cotton were sold at 20c per pound, this would increase the income of the district \$63,280 or a total of \$158 per farm for the 394 farms that the district has soil and water conservation plans worked out on.

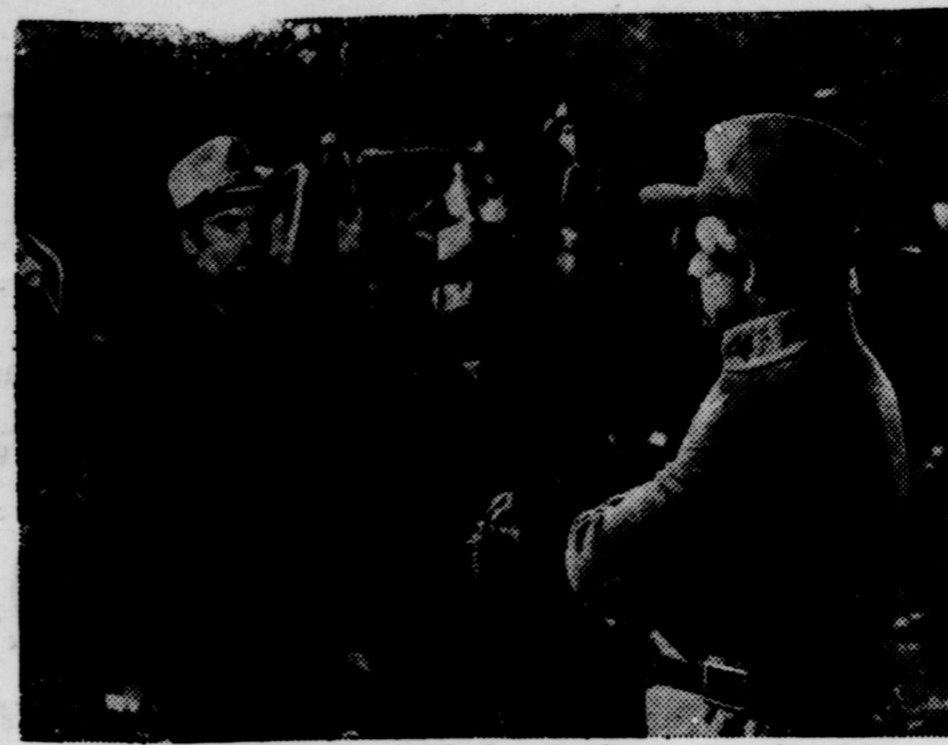
The actual fact is that the United States may eventually be face to face with a serious

ity to poor cropland, including that which could be brought into cultivation with reasonable practical cost. All of the cropland in this category, however, is erodible.

Of the present cropland area of approximately 415 million acres in the United States, only about 342 million acres can be classed as really "good" land. The other 73 million acres is either too worn by erosion, too steep, or for some other reason too unfavorable for profitable cultivation, and should be devoted to grass, trees, or other types of protective vegetation.

By reasonably feasible irrigation, drainage, and clearing operations, another 70 million acres of good, erosion-free land might be developed. Coupled with the 62 million acres of this type of land now in crops, this would give the country only 132 million acres of good non-erodible land for crop production—approximately one acre for every member of our population and not nearly enough land to support and maintain present living standards.

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A tense, gripping moment in "Ox Bow Incident," a saga of lynch law from the 20th Century-Fox studio.

Newest, Oldest Actors Introduced By Henry Fonda on Set of New Film

Henry Fonda never quite made the grade as a reporter, his first ambition, but he still has a nose for news. He saw a good yarn in the cast that supports him in "The Ox-Bow Incident" and, in true journalistic fashion, lost no time in bringing the newsworthy persons together.

They were Henry Davenport and William Eythe, who are featured in the 20th Century-Fox picture version of the action-packed best-seller by Walter Van Tilburg, which opened at the Palace theatre Wednesday-Thursday. Where does the yarn come in?

Well, the veteran Davenport was acknowledged the first actor ever to set foot in what is now Hollywood; and young Eythe, a brand new truant from John Steinbeck's Broadway production of "The Moon Is Down," is probably the latest to invade the film colony.

As the star of the film, Fonda

also assumed the duties of host an introduced Eythe to the 76-year-old actor who has trod the boards before footlights and klieg-light for 65 years. In a few minutes Fonda was able to take leave of the two. For Eythe, who despite his brilliant start is still eager to learn, was soon completely engrossed in the friendly words of wisdom being offered by the dean of Hollywood actors.

The film that utilizes the services of these two has been hailed by many as one of the best to come out of Hollywood in months. Demon Runyon places it on a par with "The Informer."

The two share featured billing in "The Ox-Bow Incident" with Lana Andrews, Anthony Quinn, Mary Beth Hughes, Henry Morgan, and Jane Darwell. The film was directed by William A. Wellman and produced by Lamar Trotti, who also wrote the screen play.

MANY SCHOOLS BURN

More than a million dollars worth of schools are destroyed by fire per month. To replace these buildings will require approximately four million dollars worth of critical materials—materials that could have gone into the manufacture of planes, tanks, battleships and guns. WPB has urged all schools and colleges to take fire prevention action.

INTERESTING FACTS

Two men working one hour on the big army C-87 transport planes now effect the complete fire change which used to require a six-man team working three shifts of eight hours each.

The first new, low-cost, miniature "lighthouse" has been installed at an industrial plant. The "lighthouse" emits ultraviolet health rays to keep war workers healthy. Fifteen people are treated at once, so that hundreds can be reached daily.

Cotton and wood pulp are being utilized to make cellulose sponges which absorb 20 times their own weight in water and still float.

more strikingly than in the great world of industry and economics where men, by genius and hard work, produce desirable merchandise and wealth at the same time and thus pave the way for still more merchandise and wealth. Its a beneficent circle wherein lies future hope, not only for Americans, but for the peoples of all the nations of the world!

There will be a call meeting of the officers, directors and committees of the Roaring Springs Old Settlers reunion at the Pavilion in Roaring Springs Saturday, July 24, to complete plans and arrangements for the reunion at Roaring Springs on Thursday, August 26. All are urged to be present.

O. C. Haile, Pres.

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Spur Laundry-Cleaners
PHONE 62

Who are non-essential travelers?

You are the judge of whether or not your trip is essential—and your judgment is what our government is relying upon.

Please consider these points when you think of traveling on the railroads this summer and for the duration:

- Your trip may take a Pullman berth or chair car seat needed by men in uniform traveling under orders.
- Your trip may delay war workers, not in uniform, in reaching their vital jobs.
- Your trip may deprive men and women in the service of a furlough trip to visit their homefolks. If you do take a trip, plan for it in advance, travel light, consider taking a box lunch to avoid delayed meals in the diners, and make up your mind to put up with certain inconveniences and crowded conditions.

WHAT ABOUT VACATION TRAVEL?

Vacations should be spread out over the year, not confined to summer months.

A vacation trip should be confined to one round trip only, starting and returning on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Travel in chair cars whenever possible, and please carry only one piece of luggage.

Consult your Santa Fe Agent about your travel plans. You'll find his friendly advice helpful.



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THIS BUSINESS OF Living
BY SUSAN THAYER

"To Him That Hath"

"But after the war what chance will there be for the United States to get back its export business and sell manufactured goods to other nations?" asked my young neighbor, who is trying to understand the part that industry plays in the life of the nation as well as in her own home.

"They'll certainly need plenty of new things in Europe and Asia," I reminded her, "especially in those countries that have been bombed. They'll need clothes and food and houses and bridges and machines, just to mention a few items."

"But most countries have developed their own manufacturing facilities the past few years. Russia, for instance, and Australia; even India. And someone told me that they've just built a big steel mill in Brazil. What chance will our industry have to send its products to countries that can make them themselves?"

Then I explained to her a strange industrial paradox. The more a nation manufactures, the more it can buy from other nations. You see, making things creates wealth and it's only when people have wealth—or money—that they can buy from others.

"Take that steel mill in Brazil,

for instance," I said. "It will produce rails for the much needed extension of the railways of South America at a price they can afford. And when that extension is made there will be a demand for locomotives and cars and wheels and other kinds of hardware essential to the operation of a railroad. Then, too, the mill will mean hundreds of small new factories, each will need machine tools. Then houses for the families of workmen will have to be built and furnished. And when these workmen begin to have more money to spend they'll begin to buy other things, many of which will be marked 'Made in the U. S. A.'"

"I see," said my young neighbor, looking out thoughtfully across her garden already yielding its increase, "the more people make, the more they can afford. And the more they can afford, the more they are able to make."

All of which reminds me of something that was said more than two thousands years ago when the parable of the talents was told. Do you remember the statement that "to him who has it shall be given?"

It's a truth that can be proved in many phases of life but in none

of Dickens, and other relatives and friends.

Miss Lois Elmore of Portland, Ore., is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Elmore for a few weeks. Miss Elmore is employed in the Kaiser shipyards there.

Miss Mary Draper spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Draper of Spur.

The Baptist meeting that has been in progress the past two weeks, closed last Sunday night with six additions to the church, and one conversion.

S. A. Carroll has a most interesting and unique collection of guns, that looks as though each might have a history as old as the old musket gun carried by our Puritan ancestors.

Mr. and Mrs. Yarbor, accompanied by Mrs. McCain and small son, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cverstreet over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cozby of Lubbock visited Mrs. Essie Meadows the past week end.

Mrs. Frank Speer left Friday for California to be with her daughter, Mrs. Lois Buford, who has recently had an appendicitis operation.

The water pump that was returned to the factory for repairs was installed last Sunday and the people of Dickens are assured of a more plentiful water supply during the remainder of the summer.

Mrs. Clarence Littlefield and children, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Littlefield, arrived Monday from Los Angeles, Calif. Mrs. Clarence Littlefield and children

will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Rogers of the Croto community. Mr. and Mrs. Littlefield will remain here for the present.

Pvt. Jack Partridge of the Air Corps, stationed at Childress, is here visiting his mother, Mrs. Jack Partridge Sr., on a furlough.

Pvt. Bernard Mayo arrived here Monday morning on a furlough to see with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Mayo. Pvt. Mayo is with the Engineer Corps, and is stationed at Austin.

Pvt. Randall Hawk, son of Mrs. Lillie Hawk, who graduated last week from the Lubbock Air Field as a mechanic of the ground crew of the Air Corps, was the only boy from Dickens county to complete this training at this time.

Harold Blair and J. J. Combie left last Friday for a fishing trip in Motley county, where they stayed until Sunday. These fishermen report a nice catch and stated if the mosquitoes, gnats, flies, and red bugs had not kept them such close company they might have been able to fish in more comfort.

Soldiers Advised To Tell Girls The Whole Truth

(By TOMMIE CROSS, Fresno, California)

Sir, I want to get the attention of the many girls and soldiers who read this column, girls who have broken hearts, broken perhaps by some soldier who had a sweet heart or perhaps a wife back home, and of the soldiers who broke these hearts, or have the opportunity to break someone's heart now.

Many girls have had their hearts broken by fickle, heartless, lying, two-legged wolves called soldiers. My best friend, a pretty young girl of 18, has had her heart broken twice in the last few months. Love is blind and she could not see until it was too late these "wolves" are just "shooting her a line." One of the men is engaged to a girl living somewhere else and the wife of the other one showed up suddenly.

I have known many honest, true soldiers and there are many, believe it or not. Every one loves honesty and loves best the honest person. To those who are honest—stay that way; to those who are not—you had better change your ways!

I have heard some boys say, "Well, I'll probably never see this girl after I'm shipped out of here." Wouldn't you hate to have it on your conscience that you were the cause of breaking someone's heart? Maybe, too, you have a sister or know a girl who is just a good friend of yours. Think of how angry you would be if someone should treat her that way.

Poys, tell the girls the truth. It may hurt a lot to admit you have a wife or sweetheart back home but believe me it will hurt a lot worse later on. I know you're lonesome for comradeship and perhaps you think a girl will have nothing to do with you if you tell her you are engaged or married. But you will be surprised how much truthfulness on your part will be appreciated by both the women at home and the ones you meet while you are in the service.

DICKENS NEWS ITEMS

Pfc. Cecil Nelson of National Yellow Stone Park, Wyo., of the Infantry, stationed at Camp Barkley, is visiting in the home of Miss Faye Waller of Afton this week, and was in Dickens Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Ousley accompanied Fred Harrison to Oklahoma last week where Mr. Harrison's mother is seriously ill. Mr. and Mrs. Ousley will visit with their son, Sgt. Joe Ousley of the Will Rogers Field. Sgt. Ousley expects to be transferred soon.

Mrs. Dennis Harkey left Monday morning for Abilene to spend some time with her daughter, Mary Lee, who has been ill for the last few days.

Mrs. Charlie Brindell of Colorado is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Koonsman east

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Lesson for July 25

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BIBLE TEACHINGS ON THE COST OF DRINKING

LESSON TEXT—Deuteronomy 21:18-21; Proverbs 23:20, 21; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. **GOLDEN TEXT**—Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?—1 Corinthians 6:9.

Billions of dollars—how many we cannot say—make up the annual cost of liquor to America in dollars and cents. Terrifying as it is, that stupendous waste is but a drop in the bucket compared with the moral and spiritual degradation, the sorrow and suffering, the poverty and distress, which must be added into our liquor bill.

For it is not only a matter of dollars, but of blood and tears, or destroyed usefulness, lost virtue, wrecked homes, and so on and on and on. We go right on paying the bill, allowing ourselves to be misled by clever propaganda, and skillfully manipulated statistics—or it may be our sheer indifference. When will America awaken!

Our lesson faces us with the cost of this despicable traffic in the life of the individual to the social order, and in the light of eternity.

I. The Personal Cost (Deut. 21: 18-21).

Liquor destroys individuals relentlessly, rapidly, and effectively. Have we forgotten that fact?

The passage in Deuteronomy presents a drastic remedy for a dreadful situation. Drink and gluttony were recognized as the deadly instrument which would bring a boy to the place where he was incorrigible. Stubborn, rebellious, and disobedient, his parents were to bring him to the elders for a final judgment.

If one thinks the penalty too harsh, he must remember that it was established in the early days of Israel when it was necessary for God to use such drastic remedies to stamp out incipient evil.

It must be remembered that in ancient Greece weak children were left out to die, and in Rome a father could at will put to death even a grown up son.

The point of this scripture for us is that a life of debauchery (and it can start with just a glass of wine) leads to the ultimate destruction of life. It is far too high a cost to pay for a sinful indulgence.

II. The Social Cost (Prov. 23: 20, 21).

Drunkenness and gluttony lead to poverty and rags. The intemperate man cannot keep up with the high cost of supplying his growing appetite. Even as he tries to satisfy his insatiable demand, it also renders him unfit to earn a living.

So the vicious circle works its way around, and stops not until the drunkard totters off in his rags, unless perchance some loved one or friend takes care of him.

Do we not all recall how families in our own communities have been ruined and become charges upon the county or charitable organizations because of the destruction wrought by a father who was a winebibber.

Not only does it bring poverty upon families, but it reduces able and gifted men to shambling wrecks and thus deprives society of the benefit of their lives and service.

A present-day illustration is the unsolved problem of absenteeism for days after pay day in our essential industries. Again we say the cost is altogether too high; let us get rid of this monster before it destroys us!

III. The Eternal Cost (1 Cor. 6: 9-11).

Money lost is serious. Life lost is far more serious. But the saddest cost of all is the eternal damnation of the drinker's soul.

We quote from Dr. Horace Martin these stirring and meaningful words: "It is my calm judgment that any man who names the name of Christ should take an attitude of horror and disgust at the liquor traffic and the use of liquor as a beverage. There are at least three places in the New Testament where the Bible says that no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God.

"If any man takes that statement seriously he must think twice before he refers to the use of liquor in a joking manner, or in any way condones the use of alcohol as a beverage" (Lesson Commentary).

Drunkenness is a foul and sinful thing, classed by the apostle Paul with the lowest of human vices. Review the list as it is given in verses 9 and 10 (and by the way notice the other sins mentioned there), and place drunkenness in its proper classification.

Call it what it really is—sin, and then call on the One who can save from sin. You will then be washed from your sin, sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus (v. 11). In Christ there is hope for the drunkard. A spiritual revival is the real answer to the liquor problem. Let us seek to promote it even as we at the same time give ourselves to an intelligent and constructive battle against this destructive force in the life of our nation.

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Some men are like the fly that sat on the hub of the revolving chariot wheel and said, "What a great dust I raise."

Last summer, I met: Orville Stites of Donna, the "strawberry king"—he had 100 acres in the berries;

Fireman Dick Sullivan of San Angelo, whittling a little wooden boot in a leisure moment—Chief Biggs' department has sent these souvenirs to all parts of the United States;

District Attorney Fred Erisman of Longview, who gives a barbecue each year to the high school graduating class—the Longview Lens humorously commenting, "About 10 years more and Fred will be a cinch for any office he runs for; there will be enough high school graduates who have eaten his barbecue to put him over";

And District Clerk E. W. Pickett, a former baseball player, who

made the location for an oil well in the most unusual way in history—he threw a baseball and the spot where the ball hit the ground was where they put the derrick. Hit oil, too! It was no doubt the smallest tract that a wildcat was ever drilled on. Usually, a wildcatter gets up a block of several thousand acres—a few hundred, anyway. This one was drilled on a five-acre lease.

One of my favorite vaudeville performers, years and years ago when there was vaudeville, was Walter Kelley, known as the "old Virginia Judge." He was seated on the bench, gavel in hand, and was so gifted as a mimic that he could play all the characters. One case was that of a negro who had acquired a college education up North and when the judge said, "I fine you \$10", the defendant said, "Yes, sir, I've got it right here in my pocket." The judge continued, "—and 30 days in jail." Then peering over his glasses, he asked, "Have you got that in your pocket, too?"

Can you recall when "electrics"

were in use? They were rivals to the automobile but were propelled by electricity, (I suppose by means of a battery), instead of gasoline. There were no fumes and they glided silently by. They were glassed in (in a day when the autos were open affairs); they steered with a stick and, instead of a horn, were equipped with a pleasant-sounding bell. The driver usually was a pretty lady and there was a little vase with a rose. Ah, those were the days of romance!

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The farmers shoulder the hoe to provide for the soldiers to shoulder the guns. Everyone is counting on the farmers for food, and American food will win this war. American food goes into every battle to help us get closer to the day of victory. We must all get behind the farmer and aid him in his job, because he in turn is helping us no matter what our work might be. His manpower is short and his equipment is scarce. His hours are long and tedious, but he must not give up the job. The goal set by the Food for Freedom Program will cover the needs for everyone and the farmers will see to that. A way to simplify this demand would be to form a co-op and the farmer would find it easy to get what he needs by going to the headquarters. In this way everyone helps the other fellow when he needs it. Meet your goal for '43 and win the war.

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The Pendulum of Competition

Figures released by the Department of Commerce comparing the sales of chains and independent stores during recent years, and particularly during the past few months, should teach every lawmaker in the country a lesson—regulation and taxation should never be used to favor any particular group over another in a free competitive system.

A few years ago a hue and cry was raised for enactment of punitive tax laws against chain stores on the ground that the chains were driving competitors out of business, even though the facts belied such claims. Many state laws were passed deliberately designed to cripple or destroy chain store efficiency. But fortunately, the chain stores survived these legislative attacks. And now, according to the official figures of the Department of Commerce, the competitive pendulum, the movement of which no politician can predict, has swung far in favor of the independent merchant. In food stores in the first quarter of 1943, the independents' dollar-volume was about 30 percent over the same quarter in 1942, whereas chain volume was off about one per cent. In the first quarter of 1942, the independents did 60 per cent of the nation's total retail food business. In the first quarter of 1943, they did 66.5 per cent. In 1933—ten years ago—their share was 55.9 per cent.

This shift in the buying habits of the public is not the result of any drop in efficiency on the part of the chain stores. It is partly the healthy ebb and flow of trade that normally takes place when consumers are free to buy where and when they please. It is partly due to the war emergency and accompanying gas and tire shortage which has favored the corner grocery. It is partly due to the fact that independent merchants have taken a few leaves on customers service from the chains' book of success.

Whatever the reasons, the fact remains that the chains, having passed through a period of spectacular growth during which they lifted the entire distribution industry to new heights of efficiency, are now the stable foundation of modern merchandising. In the long run, independents and chains alike will prosper to the benefit of consumers—providing the politicians do not stop the pendulum of competition.

Why Private Enterprise?

A leading industrial spokesman recently declared that: "Unless the tax laws are modified to take into account rehabilitation needs and creation of reserves, then when the war is over there are going to be many distressed plants." The same opinion has been repeated time and again. But the men who have expressed it invariably make one grave mistake. They expect the public to be concerned over "distressed plants," before they hammer home the eternal truth that the public actually has a greater interest in the plants than the owners, for the very simple reason that such plants contribute to private employment, stable prosperity, and are essential to the operation of representative government.

No one cares particularly what happens to industry from the standpoint of industry itself. But everyone should care immensely what happens to industry once it is clearly understood the part industry—free, private industry—plays in maintaining an economic and political system which guarantees liberty and equal opportunity to the individual citizen.

Private industry is the primary source of jobs. It keeps the door of opportunity open to millions of American citizens. It rewards those who work and produce. It does not interfere with political convictions. As a result, our people are the most independent people in the world. They will retain their independence only if they retain private industry.

Due to the war, nearly one-fifth of the productive capacity of this country is now owned outright by the government. In plain words, a fifth of industry is already socialized. When the war is over this area of socialism will either expand or be gradually replaced by private ownership. If it is not replaced by private ownership, the American people will eventually lose their freedom. They will work for a single monopolistic employer, the government. A gang of bureaucrats will demand political allegiance as the price of a job.

The public must eventually recognize these truths, just as it must recognize that when a plea is made by a business man in favor of post-war rehabilitation reserves, he is talking about something that involves the future of the nation—not just an industry bank book.

While Others Cheer

When the prospect of peace becomes more real, literally hundreds of millions of people will stand ready to join in a deafening tumult of relief and happiness. Victor and vanquished alike will revel in a reunion with loved ones.

But there is one group whose shouting will be muted—the doctors. For them the job of rebuilding the shattered wreck that humanity has made of itself and of the world, will begin. Many of them will not be able to return home. They will have to stay in far away places battling as they never battled during the war, against disease and starvation. They will have to work against time to develop new aids and new techniques in a world-wide struggle to control the spread of fearsome maladies. These men in white know that the war has created medical problems which if not solved could easily make the war itself look like a pink tea. No, the doctors will not cry out in care-free happiness when this war ends.

Laymen, who know so little of the grim task the doctors face, should endeavor to ease their burden whenever possible. The standards of our medical men are high. They serve rich and poor alike to the best of their ability, and the ability of American doctors is not surpassed. We should reflect soberly on these things in the years ahead when the doctors will be fighting the greatest battle of all time—for us—and pause before heeding an insatiable howl for an impossible medical Utopia under the banner of social reform.

Prepare for the Future

Unless far-sighted legislation aimed at post-war expansion of commercial aviation is enacted by the United States, "our present great aerial effort will be scattered to the four winds of heaven and our national security will again be jeopardized," says Col. Edgar S. Gorrell, president of the Air Transport Association of America.

Pointing out that the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938 had made it possible for the United States to build the worldwide air transportation system that is proving invaluable in the war emergency, Col. Gorrell recommends the Lea-Bailey Bill.

"Unless it is enacted, and enacted wisely, there is grave danger that private flying will be crippled; the aeronautical training schools of the country will go bankrupt and close at the signing of the armistice; the aircraft manufacturers will be practically out of business for seven or eight years subsequent to the war; the airlines of the country will be subject to destructive competition; our nation's largest industry of today will be headed for the rocks of destruction, and our leading pilots, mechanics and other skilled heroes will be destined to walk the streets jobless."

Col. Gorrell points out the great changes that have taken place in aviation since 1938. These changes are the principal argument for modernizing and making equitable the legislation and regulation under which commercial aviation of the United States must carry on and meet world competition in the future.

There Always Will Be God

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Nor cut off His supplies;
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His righteous laws still potent,
And "Father" still His name.

Though we face war and struggle
And feel their goad and rod,
We KNOW above confusion
There always will be God.



PETROLEUM

Uncle Sam has an oil shortage to worry about. This is not the first time but surely it is the worst time one ever developed. Our war machine will not work without oil. On all previous occasions when petroleum got scarce the price advanced and lured venturesome prospectors to the wilds to "make hole" and look for more. They call it wildcatting. But wildcatting is not active now because oil prices do not justify the expense of drilling in unlikely locations and prices are not rising. They are caught under OPA price ceilings.

A thumb-nail sketch of the national picture is this: Prospecting does not pay. No matter how much undiscovered oil there may be under ground somewhere, producers must keep their drilling close to proven acreage when prices are low. Unfortunately for everybody, oil prices were depressed just before the war. When the government stabilized prices in general, the oil price was away down, and it has not been allowed to rise since. Now the artificial restraint is about to create a crisis; a crisis for every ship and plane, tank and jeep in U. S. service.

Hunting For Oil.

Some oil producers are big corporations, some are small companies and some are private individuals. Big concerns with enough capital to operate on a large scale could (if priorities permitted) send drillers and tools to many doubtful, scattered locations and maybe strike oil in a few months. They know however that hit-or-miss wildcatting costs more than it yields, even when prices are good. They have records of oil prospecting in many states for many years.

Big concerns, by the way, don't do much wildcatting. Many stockholders make them conservative. They don't take long chances. They buy wells rather than drill them. When it comes to finding oil, private individuals are the champions. They locate more than half the new oil fields; have found two thirds of known oil reserves. These men are pioneers. They are not rich and there are less than 20,000 of them. Of all producers, these can least afford to wildcat at today's pegged prices.

Prices Too Low.

It is no guess that oil prices were frozen abnormally low. The figures are official. The U. S. Department of Labor, for example, has chosen 1926 (a good year for just about everybody) and called it 100 percent. Prices any time since compared with 1926 as normal. And with the first quarter of 1943 the average all-commodity price was 104.0 percent or 4 percent above 1926. Soft coal, at that time was 115.2, farm products 122.8, lumber 134.6, and wages 170.4 but oil, by government order, remained at 58.9. This explains why wildcatting is off.

When future historians are seeking to illustrate how a government bureau can deadlock an industry and stop a nation's progress, this will be an example. It was easy to do; just a matter of making it impractical for pioneers to engage in private enterprise

JUST HUMANS

By GENE CARR



"That's a Shaky Business, Kid!"

Plant Poisoning

Summer is here, and with the change in season comes the desire to get into the open country. But there are some penalties the unwary may face, among them being exposed to plant poisoning of the skin. There are many such poisonous plants, chiefly poison ivy, poison sumac, poison oak, poison vine, primrose and smartweed. Some of us can be exposed to contact with any or all of these plants and suffer no ill results. Others exhibit varying degrees of susceptibility. Then again, some persons seem to be immune for a time, only to be affected by exposure at another time. It all seems so changing, so haphazard, but the fellow who is affected by poison ivy, for instance, quickly learns there is no doubt in his case.

Prevention.

The most sensible thing to do,

with their own money; a matter of holding down the price of oil while letting all the oil man's costs rise. Government subsidy has been suggested by OPA in recognition of needed relief. This would be not only a ruinous blight to oil production but a further threat to private enterprise, the foundation of American prosperity.

Killing Initiative.

Government subsidy discourages individual initiative in any industry, but every taxpayer in America has good reason to fight government wildcatting on a basis of opposing wanton waste, whether he is interested in private industry or not. Think of the artless parasites who would "qualify" as drilling contractors overnight if Uncle Sam should assume the suggested 66 2/3 percent of dry-hole losses.

Petroleum demand is at an all-time high today because of war, and wildcatting is the only known way of discovering the needed new fields. Producers do not however need subsidy nor any such tinkering as the farmers have had to endure. An increase in the oil price, say 50 cents a barrel, would bring in plenty more wells, quicker and cheaper than any form of mollycoddling.

selves and are not known to be immune, the removal of the deposited plant poison as soon as possible after exposure is the first step. This can be done by scrubbing with strong or laundry soap and water away from the exposed parts, that is, from the elbows or wrists down. This should be followed by a wash with alcohol or gasoline (not leaded). A full bath with soap and hot water is also desirable, plus a complete change in clothing. Such clothing as has been contaminated by contact should not be worn again until washed.

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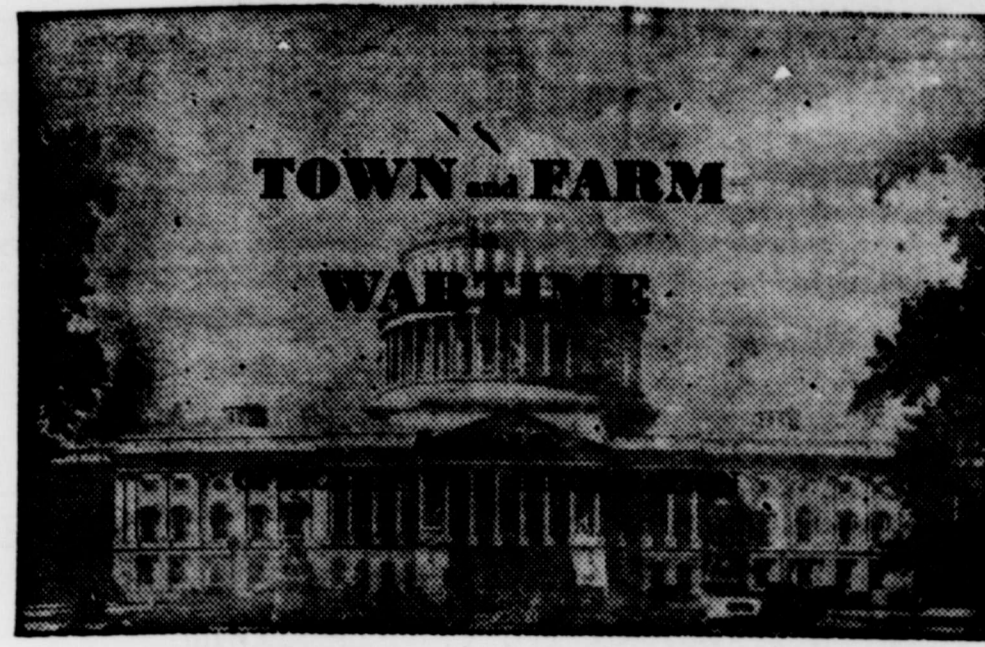
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RATION REMINDER

GASOLINE — "A" book coupons No. 7, good for four gallons each outside the East Coast shortage area, must last through September 21.

SUGAR — Stamp No. 13 good for 5 lbs. through August 15. Stamp Nos. 15 and 16 are good through October 31 for 5 lbs. each for home canning purposes. Housewives may apply to their local ration boards for more if necessary.

COFFEE — Stamp No. 22 (1 lb.) good through August 11.

FUEL OIL — Period 5 coupons valid in all zones through September 30. Period 1 coupons in new fuel oil rations became valid July 1 and are good for ten gallons each.

SHOES — Stamp No. 18 (1 pair) is valid through October 31.

MEAT, ETC. — Red stamps P, Q, and R, good through July 31.

PROCESSED FOODS — Blue stamps N, P, and Q, remain valid through August 7.

SOLDIERS' LIFE INSURANCE

Soldiers—at home or abroad—are reminded that less than three weeks remain in which they can get National Service Life Insurance without a physical examination. Until August 10, 1943 every applicant will be accepted regardless of the individual's medical condition. After August 10 a rigid physical examination will be required.

PROGRAM TO AVOID CLOTHES RATIONING

A program to make clothes rationing unnecessary, recently announced by Donald M. Nelson, chairman of WPB, contains these six points: (1) increased production, (2) orderly and adequate distribution, (3) more "volume" merchandise, (4) allocation of materials to essential needs, (5) increased imports of burlap, and (6) proper care of clothing by consumers. There is an adequate supply of textiles to meet civilian needs, the WPB has determined.

FARMERS WILL GET GASOLINE

Farmers are entitled to first call in receiving motor fuel when they present valid 'E', 'R' or bulk coupons or ration checks which are issued pursuant to Ration Order 5-C of the Office of Price Administration. Dealers (whether retail or wholesale) must accord them this privilege. This means, that if necessary, the dealer shall not deliver any motor fuel for any non-agricultural or non-military use until these preferred demands have been "satisfied"—statement by Acting Petroleum Administrator for War Ralph K. Davies.

DAIRY PRODUCTS SUPPLIES

Civilians will get 8 of every 10 pounds of butter produced in the year which began July 1, the War Food Administration has announced.

IN MEMORY OF GRANDPA WILLIS

How our hearts ached when the dark clouds hovered over us and the death angel carried Grandpa Willis away with them on June 18. How we miss those footsteps and the voice that is stilled—the voice we loved to hear. There is a place vacant that never can be filled. We are often made to wonder why our loved ones must say good-bye, but farther along we will understand why. We will know all about it by and by. But our great loss is heaven's gain, and I know the angels are rejoicing because he fought his fight and gained the victory and has come home to be with them forevermore.

EGG SUPPLIES HOLD EVEN

About the same quantity of eggs will be available to civilians in the 12 months beginning July 1, as in the same period last year, the WFA has indicated. Of a total of 5 billion dozen eggs, civilians will get 3 1/2 billion dozen.

SOLDIERS SEND MONEY BY RADIO

American soldiers overseas except those in Alaska, Hawaii, Panama Canal Zone, and Puerto Rico may now send money home by radio. In a recent week more than 9,000 soldiers sent nearly \$1,000,000, in amounts of \$10 or more, with no maximum limit. Money may be transmitted to an individual payee, or to a bank. The process is speedy and sure. If a soldier desires to do so, he may also purchase war bonds by this method.

FROZEN FOOD LOCKER PRICES

New operators of frozen food lockers must charge prices in line with those charged by firms in business in March 1942, the OPA has ruled. Prices charged by new frozen food locker plants will be investigated and adjusted by the OPA according to prevailing prices for similar services in the same locality in March, 1942.

NO CORN FOR LIQUOR

Corn cannot be used for manufacture of distilled spirits and high wines, a recent directive of the War Production Board says. The action was taken to conserve stocks of corn for essential purposes, although the amount of corn saved is likely to be small because distillers already had shifted largely to the use of wheat.

MORE COMMUNITY-WIDE PRICES

OPA will continue to establish community-wide prices on foods sold at retail, even though it has recently issued over-all fixed mark-up regulations. The housewife cannot easily tell whether a storekeeper has made his prices by the markup method, and that is the reason OPA will proceed with community-wide maximums.

NO COTTON QUOTAS FOR 1943

The War Food Administration, on recommendations of the Agricultural Adjustment Agency, has announced that there will be no marketing quotas for the 1943 cotton crop and that no quotas will be in effect for the 1944 crop. On July 1, farmers were cultivating about 8 million acres less cotton than the acreage permitted in 1943, and about a million and a half fewer acres than they were cultivating on July 1, 1942.

FARM LAND VALUES

Farm land values on March 1, 1943 were higher than they were in 1942, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics said, in explaining that the index of average per acre values had risen to 99. (1912 to 1914 equals 100). The index of average per acre values in March, 1942, was 91. A low point of 33 was reached in 1933 in the aftermath of inflation started during the last war. One anti-inflationary force at the present time is the fact that many farmers have been using a considerable part of their cash income to pay off mortgage debts.

8 MILLION POUNDS OF WASTE FATS

American housewives salvaged almost 8 million pounds of waste kitchen fats in May—highest total since the fats and grease salvage

FARM BUREAU GOALS

Farmers will feed our armed forces, our civilian population, and our fighting allies in 1943 just as they did in 1942.

Presented below in condensed form is a list of major objectives of the Farm Bureau in 1943:

1. Work untiringly for an early victory in the war and a lasting peace.
2. Bring about full agricultural production in 1943.
3. Fight to have all groups share the burdens and sacrifices of war equally.
4. Continue support of the national farm program under the Agricultural Adjustment Act with its companion measures covering soil conservation and price stabilization by means of commodity loans and other price supports under the Steagall Act.
5. CONTINUE EFFORTS TO HAVE MADE AVAILABLE TO FARMERS ALL ESSENTIALS, INCLUDING MANPOWER, NECESSARY FOR FULL PRODUCTION.

Do Your Part to Help Bring About These Objectives by Joining

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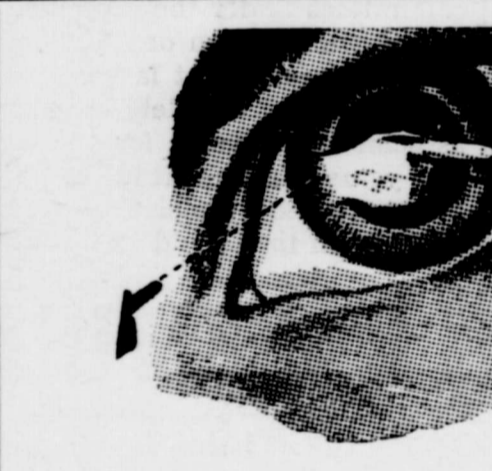
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New Eyes Are Scarce as Hens Teeth!

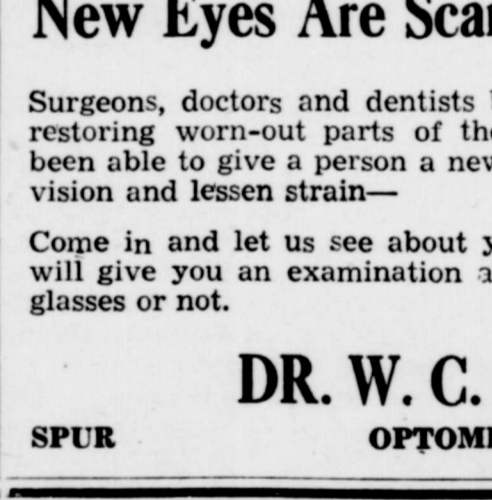
Surgeons, doctors and dentists have accomplished wonders in restoring worn-out parts of the body—but they have never been able to give a person a new pair of eyes. Glasses correct vision and lessen strain—

Come in and let us see about your eyes, don't put it off, we will give you an examination and tell you whether you need glasses or not.



THE HUMAN COMEDY

Adapted from the METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER Picture by BEATRICE CAMMER



"Soon as we win the war Ma, he'll be home."

The Macaulay family in the little town of Inesca, California, represents a familiar family pattern everywhere. Matthew, the father, has been dead two years. The eldest brother, Marcus (Van Johnson) is in an army camp. As Homer (Mickey Rooney), gapes fondly at Marcus' picture he realizes that now he is head of the family.

"And you've got just the voice for the singing telegrams."

Homer is excited because of his after-school job as a messenger boy. Tom Spangler, manager of the office (James Craig), gives him instructions. He's to be quick but he's not to kill himself. He's to be polite. Above all, he's never to lose a telegram. Old Willie Grogan, the telegrapher (Frank Morgan), has taken a fancy to the boy.

"I do not understand. Read it for me."

One of Homer's first errands is the delivery of a telegram to Mrs. Sandoval (Ann Ayars). It is from the War Department. Her son, Juan, has died in battle. Dazed, she rocks an imaginary infant in her arms... her dead Juan. The grief Homer sees is a terrible, new experience for him... a first glimpse of the world's sorrow.

"I shall expect great understanding from you, Homer."

While sharing a pie with Grogan, the latter philosophizes—dying for a good cause is always worthwhile. Homer learns that part of his job is to look after Grogan, revive him with water and coffee when the old man has been drinking too much. Bewildered, Homer hopes he won't fail his kind friend. Read the next exciting episode.

SPECIAL SUBSCRIPTION OFFER

The Texas Spur Two Years For \$1

The shortage in newsprint is becoming more acute. The large daily newspapers have discontinued accepting new mail subscriptions. While weekly newspapers have not been affected by any newsprint regulations, it is possible they will be forced to remove all subscribers from their list within the next few months who are not paid in advance. For that reason we are making this special

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Personal Mention

Mrs. Mozelle Ensey of Los Angeles, Calif., came in last week to visit for about three weeks in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Powell. Mrs. Ensey is the former Miss Mozelle Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Powell. She is visiting relatives in Fort Worth this week.

Mrs. Grissom of McAdoo was a business visitor in Spur Monday.

Mrs. W. B. Francis Jr., returned from Springfield, Colo., last Friday where she had been with Mr. Francis who is working through the harvest months there.

Join your neighbors as a member of the Farm Bureau.

Miss Dollie Jo Thanisch returned to Spur Sunday after spending a 10-day vacation with relatives in DeLeon and Rising Star.

Mrs. Ora Pearl Kinney left Monday for San Diego, Calif., where she will visit for several weeks with her husband, Sgt. Kinney.

Bryan Jenkins, who has recently been employed in the Jimison barber shop here, left Monday for San Diego, Calif., where he has accepted employment. His family will join him at a later date.

Norton Barret of Stamford, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Barret here over the week end.

Mrs. George Glover returned last week from a week's visit in Herford.

Judge and Mrs. H. A. C. Drummert were over from Dickens Saturday.

Mrs. M. L. Kelley and daughter, Betty Lou of Austin, are visiting Mrs. Kelley's sister-in-law, Mrs. T. H. Rigsbee of Afton. Mr. Kelley is the former superintendent of the schools at Patton Springs and they both have many friends in the Afton community.

K. of P. Lodge 419

Meets Every Monday Night.
SPECIAL MEETING MONDAY NIGHT JULY 26.

The Farm Bureau needs you as a member, join today.

The hail badly damaged some farms in the Duck Creek community last Friday. It was reported that the Vernon Gregory and Driggers farm were in the center of the heaviest part of the hail storm.

Mrs. Willie Allredge of McAdoo was shopping in Spur last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dunlap of Girard were trading in Spur last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Petty and family returned to Spur last week after an absence of three weeks spent in the region around Albuquerque, New Mex., where they were looking over the country with a view of locating, but failing to find what they wanted they will once again become permanent citizens of Spur. And Spur is glad to welcome them back.

Join the Farm Bureau today—they need you.

Miss Lurline Cherry of Odessa visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Cherry, here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonnie Sparks of the Highway community, were trading in Spur Saturday.

Mrs. J. W. Lemons, Mr. and Mrs. Stiles, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lemons and small daughter, Martha Sue of Lubbock, visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Laine and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Woods one day last week.

Mrs. A. E. Garrett of San Antonio visited her mother, Mrs. C. H. Floyd of Elton, last week.

Mrs. Janie Barrett has arrived in Spur to spend the remainder of the summer, and at present is in the home of Mrs. M. A. Lea.

The Farm Bureau is urgently in need of more members, won't you join today?

Mr. and Mrs. James Lee Wilson of Pecos announce the birth of a son on July 6, and it has been named Jimmie Phil.

Miss Pearl Matthews of Dallas visited here several hours with her sister, Mrs. W. C. Gruben, en route to the mountains in New Mexico where she will spend a few weeks vacation.

The Farm Bureau needs you as a member—join now.

To Demonstrate On Freezing Foods

Miss Ida Lee Golding accompanied Lt. Speer and family to Dallas last week where she will visit a few days before going to Houston for a visit with relatives for a week or so.

Mrs. T. J. Arbuckle of Haskell spent a three-day visit here with her sister, Mrs. Kate Morris last week.

Mrs. O. A. Lambert and small daughter, Orvin Nell of Lubbock, accompanied by Mrs. M. S. Lambert of the Wichita community, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Legg and family last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Perrin and daughter, Danna Ruth, of Pampa, visited Mrs. Perrin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Lambert of the Wichita community last week.

They also visited several hours in Spur last Thursday. Donna Ruth will visit for a few weeks before returning to her home.

Join the Farm Bureau today. Miss Tommie Denison of Haskell has recently been employed at the G. F. Wacker store as saleslady.

Mrs. Herschel McAlpin returned to Lubbock Monday after a week end visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe McCombs. Mrs. McAlpin has recently accepted employment at the Lubbock Air Field.

Mrs. Fannie Sullivan and granddaughter, Davie Sue, were business visitors in Dickens Monday.

Miss Lou Emma Shugart left Monday morning for Lubbock, where she will spend two weeks visit with her sister, Mrs. Pauline Powell.

Bailey Henderson of Silverton, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. W. H. Landress of New Mexico, spent last week with their father, L. M. Henderson of Spur.

Miss Kathleen Cercey of Lubbock spent a week end visit here the guest of Miss Neta McCombs. Grant Hellem left for California where he will be employed in the ship yards at Harbor City.

Mrs. Henry Simmons and two sons left for Floydada Monday to visit with Mrs. Simmons' mother, Mrs. H. A. Finley, who is ill.

Mrs. C. R. Teague and son C. R. Jr., of Nocona, are here visiting Rev. and Mrs. Herman Coe and daughter, Charmain. Mrs. Coe is the daughter of Mrs. Teague.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shugart and daughter, Virginia Ruth, left Sunday for Fort Worth to look after business affairs.

Frank Adams and family spent the week end in Kress guest of Rev. and Mrs. Lee Ervin.

You couldn't belong to a better organization than the Farm Bureau; join today—they need you.

Mrs. J. B. Dean left Tuesday for Pine Camp, N. Y. to join her husband, Pfc. J. B. Dean, who is stationed there in the Field Artillery.

Picnic-Supper for Pfc. Weldon McClure Last Friday Evening

Friends gathered at Lovers Hill last Friday evening for a picnic-supper honoring Pfc. Weldon McClure, who was returning to his station the next day.

After the aroma of boiling coffee whetted the appetites of the crowd, the picnic meal was spread, which consisted of an abundance of fried chicken, potato and fruit salads, deviled eggs, pickles, olives and potato chips, fresh peas, cornbread, hot rolls, iced tea and black coffee.

As the moon rose in all its glory the crowd grew reminiscent, and much talk of those "old days" took place. Before departing the friends said good bye to Pfc. McClure who expects to be sent over seas before long.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Tang Smith and small daughter, Ann, Mrs. Ann McClure and Wynell, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Koon and son, Jimmie, Mrs. Neitha Campbell and son, Sherry, and Miss Dorothy Love.

The Army now has a new simplified foot measuring machine which measures both feet at once and assures a more accurate fit of soldiers' shoes.

A newly perfected tire kit for loosening airplane tire beads from the rims, solves the formerly difficult problem of changing plane "flats."



Mrs. Agnes M. Marrs, pictured above, county home demonstration agent, will give a demonstration of "Freezing Foods" Friday, July 23, at 2:30 p. m. at her home at 508 N. Williams St., in Spur.

Women 'Soldiers' To Report on Progress At Dallas Meeting

Rural women who are fighting the Axis with War Bonds, pressure cookers, and sharp hoes will report their progress at a wartime convention of the Texas Home Demonstration association scheduled in Dallas August 17-19. "The Battle on the Home Front" will be the theme of their meeting, says Mrs. Agnes M. Marrs, county home demonstration agent.

Plans for the convention were made at a recent session of the executive committee held in Dallas. Executive members predict that approximately 300 delegates of the association's 48,000 will come to share their ideas, despite the pressure of war work on the farm and in the home.

Each county is allowed three voting delegates. Dickens county will be represented by one or more delegates.

Mrs. W. G. Kennedy of Hamilton, the association president, has announced that the convention will be streamlined in accordance with war demands—no banquets or elaborate entertainments. Speakers will be drawn largely from the association's membership, and one feature of the program will be a pageant portraying the association's activities during the last year. Skits will be presented by the 4-H, marketing, education and recreation committees under the direction of Mrs. Leon Sullivan of Ellis county, vice president at large.

An election to determine the association's officers for the next two years also is scheduled. This is the association's first convention to be held in Dallas.

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FOR SALE: 166 acre farm one mile east of Dry Lake school. Also 163 acre farm eight miles north of Spur. See Mrs. Kate C. Buchanan. 38

LOST: Gray blue Jersey cow, 13 years old with crumpley horns. Reward for information leading to her recovery. E. L. Caraway at Spur Motor Co. 38c

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Should Dust Cotton For Insects At Regular Intervals

Cotton insects do not appear with any degree of regularity. On that account, says Chas. Taylor, county agricultural agent, it does not necessarily follow that you should start dusting because your neighbor is dusting his cotton.

A grower should examine his cotton weekly until it is ready to pick and make an infestation count of insects. In that way a farmer is in position to know the condition of his field and decide whether his cotton needs poisoning.

Before dusting for fleahoppers the terminals of one hundred consecutive plants should be examined and both the wing and wingless counted. Fleahoppers are green bugs about the size of a gnat fly which feed on the tiny squares, principally on top of the cotton plant. If 15 or more fleahoppers are found per hundred plants, dust with twelve to fifteen pounds of dusting sulphur an acre, Taylor says. Check for fleahoppers damage as long as the cotton is putting on squares and dust at seven day intervals until the count drops below fifteen per cent.

When the plants have an average of four to six squares about one-third grown or larger, start checking for boll weevil damage. The easiest method of checking is to walk diagonally across the field and pick an equal number of squares from the bottom, middle and top of the plants until one hundred have been collected. If ten out of the one hundred squares have been damaged by feeding punctures or egg stings, then dusting with five to seven pounds of calcium arsenate will pay. Repeat the application at five day intervals until the damaged squares drop below ten per cent.

Leaflet C-182, "Guide for controlling cotton insects," and information on the supply of calcium arsenate may be obtained free from the county agricultural agent's office.

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We hope that every one will cooperate in this, and we can send out a large shipment to the boys in service.

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THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

I get sorta in a lather about a sales tax every time I see people spending money like it grew on trees. A sales tax would cost me some mazzuma but in the long run it will cost me and everybody else more, if we don't have a tax now. If Uncle Samuel don't get this surplus dinero, somebody else will. The night spots, or any place that will open up a door, gets business.

A thirsty gent making 100 per week don't give a hoot whether a bottle of hooch is 3 dollars or 4 dollars. Or a dinner at 85 cents, if it was 95 cents by tacking on a 10 per cent tax, would not slow down anybody. You could set up a roulette wheel, and if the police did not get you, you would go to town.

But I am hopeful. Congress has its tail over the dashboard and is showing a touch of ginger and gumption. They are starting to trim off a few government frills and fancy notions—maybe a sales tax will be next.

Yours with the low down,
JO SERRA.

RECORDS!

Owing to the fact that everybody is very busy at present, phonograph records are coming in but just a bit slow. Let's try to put a little more time on this worthy cause, and bring more records. Remember that no one is making any money from this; it is strictly a patriotic cause. They go to the men that are fighting for our freedom and country.

The Boy Scouts will help us out on this, and will try to come around to your house here in Spur about Friday 30th, and if you have any to go, just leave them on your front porch and they will pick them up.

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Cliff Bird.

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F. L. Thomas, Chief of the Division of Entomology, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, A. and M. College, has recently reported that cotton growers of this and other states are faced with a grave situation due to their inability to obtain poison. Dealers are reporting that they are unable to get delivery from several large manufacturers.

We will do everything possible to get all the calcium arsenate that will be needed locally, but we can't guarantee that our efforts will be successful should the local demand become heavy. A few cans put in your barn now is excellent insurance not only against insect infestation but also against the war time shortage.

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