

This Week

by ARTHUR BRISBANE

A Fighting American David and Goliath Oxygen for the Patient Tale of a Blind Man

It turns out that the "lone Chinese pilot" who attacked six Japanese airplanes, all by himself, was a young American, Robert M. Short, of Lakeview, Washington.

This young American, member of the United States reserve corps, sympathizing with the Chinese or craving excitement, enlisted as a fighter for China about a week ago and, in an American plane owned by the Chinese, went up after three Japanese bombing planes, piloted by three Japanese pursuit planes. He had brought down a Japanese plane and pilot, two days before, and was himself killed by gunfire from the three pursuit planes. China, it is said, will give the young American a highly honorable funeral and has appointed him posthumously a colonel.

The David and Goliath fight goes on in Asia with Japan as David, but there is a difference, however. The Asiatic Goliath refuses to lie down and die.

A wise American says, "I don't think Japan will have the easy time she expected. Her first wars were too easy. She went through China like a knife through soft cheese, when China was busy absorbing opium forced on her by a 'Christian nation.'"

She went through Russia with ease when Russian grand dukes and others in charge, for the czar, drank more champagne in three months than the rest of the world drank in two years.

China has had warlike exercise in her many internal fights of late, and many Japanese will never return from Shanghai or Manchuria.

In spite of "cash relief oxygen" generously supplied by the government, Wall Street refuses to be cheerful.

After two Americans had finished a two-franc table d'hote dinner in Paris, one said, "That was very good." The other said, "Yes, let us have another."

Perhaps that is how high finance feels about the \$2,000,000,000 table d'hote that the government is handing out.

By the way, short selling of stocks continues cheerfully. Protests of President Hoover against short selling, that undermines public confidence and destroys public values, and regulations made by the stock exchange recently seem not to be taken seriously.

While our government is administering oxygen to banks and other financial institutions to the tune of two or

three billion dollars, Germany's government is buying up German bank stocks and now controls the third biggest of the German banks. Some of American bank stock owners wish this government had had that idea back in 1929, and had bought all the bank stocks.

Those who think it is the business of America to protect everybody, all over the globe, no matter what happens here, should study the case of Chicago's blind musician, Clinton Sabin, who long has played an accordion on the street, collecting pennies, his wife, Eva, guiding him through the crowd. The gangsters wanted to get Albert Bezcar and take him for a ride. So Bezcar told Sabin, and the latter took him in to hide and protect him. It was his duty to help others.

Eva guides Sabin's steps no longer. She went off with Bezcar; at least, that is Sabin's opinion, for they are both gone, and, to make it worse, collections are bad.

The talk of world disarmament is interrupted by France announcing that she will spend for war preparations more money this year than last.

A French newspaper cartoon shows France threatened by huge guns in Russia, other guns and airplanes in Germany, many guns and ships of England, all sorts of weapons in Italy, plus the power of the United States, and writes in large letters on the cartoon: "Et on veut que La France desarme." "And they want France to disarm."

Three detectives from Cleveland and two from the New York force captured a difficult customer in New York. As he walked the street, the five that had waited pounced upon him. One bored the muzzle of a revolver into his neck, the other four with fists and revolver butts, conquered him, and

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Holding Up the Parade



Another Pioneer Is Dead

J. H. Brown, father D. M. Brown and Mrs. W. T. Latham of this county, died at his home near Greenville, Texas, last Sunday, and was buried at the Greenville Cemetery the following day. Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Brown and Mrs. Latham left for Greenville Sunday morning and arrived there in time for the funeral of their father.

J. H. Brown was born in Tennessee November 22, 1850. At the age of 18 years, he was married to Miss Mary Matilda Blackburn, and to this union eleven children were born. Soon after their marriage, he and his wife moved to Texas and settled at Coleman. In 1882 he and his family moved to Sterling County, then a part of Tom Green County, and settled about 10 miles east of here in what is now known as China Valley, where they resided many years.

Besides his widow, now 81 years of age, the deceased is survived by eight children, viz: D. M. Brown and Mrs. Tilda Latham of Sterling City, Ben and Jim Brown of Greenville, Richard Brown of Clarendon, W. T. Brown of Albany, Mrs. Mollie Farris of Coleman, and Mrs. D. T. Lewter of Claude. 31 grand children and 14 great grandchildren also survive him.

J. H. Brown was a good citizen and a consistent Christian. He had been a member of the Church of Christ since he was 36 years old. All of the old settlers here remember him as a most kindly neighbor and upright man.

Two Operations in One Day

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Stockton, who reside on their ranch in the north west part of this county, had an unusual experience on Thursday of last week when they were called to San Angelo because of a surgical operation on their son-in-law, A. H. Fulcher. A short while after the operation, they received a message from Big Spring to the effect that their son, Wallace Stockton, would be operated for appendicitis at that

city within a few hours. They hurried to Big Spring, 90 miles away, and arrived there a few minutes after the operation was completed.

Both patients are reported to be rapidly recovering.

It is not often that parents are called upon to attend two appendix operations in their family on the same day.

V. A. Boys' Win Fourth Place

The following is the record for the car lot of 50 lambs fed by the vocational agriculture class of Sterling high school, under the direction of A. J. Bierschwale, instructor:

Initial weight, each	67 lbs
Total weight	3350 lbs
Alfalfa hay	6650 lbs
Wheat	1650 lbs
Milo head chops	2790 lbs
Cottonseed meal	1650 lbs
Oats	650 lbs
Ground bundle higrari	3400 lbs
Black strap molasses	425 lbs
Limestone flour	100 lbs
Corn	825 lbs
Total amt. of hay	10,050 lbs
Total amt. of concentrates	8090 lbs
Feeding period	105 days
Amt. of hay per lamb per da.	1.9 lbs
Amt. conc'n'ts. lamb per da.	1.54
Total wt. Feb. 27, 1932.	5250 lbs
Average wt. per lamb	105 lbs
Total gain in weight	1900 lbs
Av. daily gain per lamb	3619x lbs
Total cost of feed	\$125.00
Total shrinkage at 6%	315 lbs
Wt. after shrinkage	4935 lbs
4935 lbs. at 5 1/2c	\$271.42
Original value of lambs	\$125.00
Total cost of lambs & feed	\$250.00
Net profit	\$21.42

This car lot of lambs won fourth place and \$15.00 prize at the fat stock show at San Angelo where seven car loads were exhibited.

Our boys state that the trip to this show and the things they saw and learned was worth \$100.00 to the class and they will know how to fit a car of lambs for the show next year.

Judge and Mrs. M. B. McKnight accompanied by their son, Tom McKnight, all of Odessa came in Tuesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Davis.

R. C. Stewart Died Feb. 28

According to a letter to Postmaster Hal Knight from C. B. Stewart of Dallas, his father, R. C. Stewart, died in Dallas on Feb. 28, and was buried at Lancaster, Texas, the following day.

R. C. Stewart was the founder of Sterling City.

He and his wife, Mollie Cooper Stewart were the original grantors of all grounds shown on the original town plat of Sterling City.

Deceased was born in Arkansas in 1860. Came to Texas when a young man and settled in what was then the west part of Tom Green county, now Sterling county. While here, he met and married Miss Mollie Cooper, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Z. Cooper who were pioneers of this community. About 30 years ago, he went to Birmingham, Alabama, where he resided until a short while before his death. He was at Dallas on a visit to his son, Cooper B. Stewart, when he died.

He is survived by two sons, Aubrey C. Stewart of New York City and Cooper B. Stewart of Dallas. Also 14 grandchildren survive him.

"Grill" Stewart was known to every old timer in Sterling. He was very active in the early development of this town. It was partly thru his efforts that Sterling City became the county seat in 1891.

Mrs. Davis Entertains

Mrs. Vern Davis was hostess to the Tuesday Bridge Club March 1st. All table accessories and the refreshment plate suggested the St. Patrick motif of green and white. Five tables of bridge players enjoyed the hostess's hospitality.

After the games delicious angel food cake and brick cream, in the chosen colors, was served the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Bailey returned from Dallas last Sunday, where they purchased a big stock of Spring goods for the Bailey Dry Goods store. Mr. Bailey said he found the dry goods market strong, and some lines making a decided advance in price.

Attend The Road Meeting

A party composed of G. G. Ainsworth, Jerry Brown Jr., F. W. Cole, Henry Merrell, J. T. Davis, R. L. Lowe, O. D. Worthy, W. L. Foster, Claude Collins, Rogers Hefley and W. F. Kellis, attended a meeting of representatives from Abilene, Bronte, Robert Lee and Sterling at Robert Lee last Friday, in the interest of the Butterfield Trail highway as designated from Abilene via Ft. Chadbourne, Bronte, Robert Lee to Sterling City.

This road meeting was held in the district court room of the court house at Robert Lee. Hawley Allen of Robert Lee was called to the chair and the object of the meeting was stated. Quite a number of speeches were made by the various representatives showing the urgent needs of the highway as well as the great benefits that would accrue when the highway is completed.

Secretary Carswell of Chamber of Commerce of Abilene stated that actual work on the ground from Abilene southwest thru Taylor County toward Bronte would begin soon. County Commissioner Title of Precinct No. 1 of Taylor County stated that Taylor County had \$138,000 on hand to begin the work of construction as soon as the engineers had laid out the road. He said the outlet from Abilene to the southwest was needed and that his county was determined to put it thru as soon as practical.

Representatives from Bronte said that most of the citizens of that town would heartily co-operate with Robert Lee citizens in getting the road thru Coke County. Sterling County announced that its County Commissioners were ready to meet them at the Coke County line. In fact, a first class graded dirt road already had been built east to the Coke County line.

In summing up the work, statements showed the right-of-way for the whole route had either been secured or pledged except that part extending from Robert Lee west to the Coke County line. Fred Roe, who owns large holdings in this area, said he was willing to sign up for a 100-foot right of way thru his land. This area thru which the road would run is commissioner's precinct No. 3, Coke County. It was stated that the people of that precinct had not been made aware of the facts, and when once generally understood, they perhaps, would co-operate. A good part of the right-of-way has already been secured for the present route to Sterling City.

It was a very enthusiastic meeting and every one felt that the only problem left was the securing of the route thru princt No. 3 Coke County, and that it would ultimately be done.

Every body went to the 4. H. Club Fat Stock Show. It was the first of its kind ever held at Robert Lee. Those Coke County V. A. boys are making the world sit up and take notice. Their exhibits were hard to beat and would be a credit to any community. It goes to show what boys can do under proper leadership. Hurrah for old Coke!

T. G. Brennand and J. T. Davis each purchased a young Hereford bull at the Fat Stock Show at San Angelo this week. These animals are to be run on their respective ranges with their Hereford herds. They say while the prices of cattle are low at the present time, it is no excuse for not keeping a herd up to a high standard.

Sterling City News-Record

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Garner does not need any boosting in Texas. He carries Texas around in his vest pocket.

The automobile has got war skinned a city block when it comes to killing people. There are more people going around on crutches caused by automobile wrecks than there were when the World War ended. But you can't tell the boys to drive carefully.

"I refuse to believe that the intelligence of the country cannot see that business prosperity must rest on a sounder basis than political favoritism or inspired guidance or interference from Washington,"—Albert C. Ritchie, Governor of Maryland.

Only the very old timers will tell you cannot raise crops on the farms in Sterling. Before it was tried, most any fellow you met would tell you that it was useless to plant a crop here because it wouldn't grow. Today, it is regarded as a very ancient joke when anyone unloads the old gag.

They are still industriously circulating that ancient lie about Uncle Sam throwing Mexico down and taking Texas away from her. As a matter of fact, Texas had been an independent Republic ten years before she was admitted into the Union. When Texas was a Mexican state, Mexico invited people from Europe the United States and other countries to come and settle in Texas. When these people accepted the invitation and settled here, Mexico didn't have sense enough to treat them as she said she would, and as a consequence, these settlers got together and whaled the tar out of Mexico and set up a government of their own and maintained it for more than a decade before Uncle Sam admitted Texas as a state. Why anybody wishes to keep this old lie in circulation is more than the average man can understand.

When once a good road is built as now designated from Abilene to Sterling City via Chadbourne, Bronte and Robert Lee, it will prove a God-send to the people of these towns. The Bronte and Robert Lee farmers need an outlet for their feedstuff and Sterling City needs it. On the other hand those farmers need calves and lambs to run on their stalkfields and Sterling can furnish them. Not only this, it would be the making of a good little town at Edith and another at a point near the Radde, Copeland and Bynum community. These much needed trade centers would materialize as soon as the road is built. John Copeland and Carl Radde own ideal grounds for a filling station, store, postoffice and tourist camp among the cedar clad hills in the edge of the canyons. These grounds include plenty of water and wood for the campers, besides being in one of the most romantic spots in West Texas.

It is being said that Texas has an over production of school teachers, and as a matter of public economy, some of the State Teachers Colleges should be closed. Which ones? Name them, will you? When you have named even the smallest ones for the ax, you will get that same ax where the chicken got it. They wont stand for it?

Through the efforts of our congressman R. E. Thomason and senator Tom Connelly, the abandonment of Fort D. A. Russell at Marfa has been postponed until next year. This is good news to the people living along that part of the Mexican border, because the presence of troops at Marfa keeps Mexican bandits from crossing the Rio Grande and raiding the ranches.

You can't legislate war out of people any more than you can legislate the taste of liquor out of their mouths. At such times when selfish greed and a desire to rule or ruin is eliminated from us, that will be the date on which wars will cease. At such time when we shall educate the taste of liquor out of our mouths, that will be the date on which true prohibition will begin. Neither of these can be expected to rule our conduct by legislation. Only education and sentiment can do it.

Sterling, this winter has been almost exclusively supplied with citrus fruits from the Rio Grande Valley. The grapefruit is of a size and quality that is not surpassed anywhere in the world, and it is abundant and cheap. While the oranges are not as fancy looking as the famous California Navels, yet, they are cheap and of fine flavor. Not only do they bring us fruits from the valley, but they bring us fresh gartruck of the finest quality and cheap. Good roads make it possible for us to have these good things. How times do change!

Have you noticed that things are moving out since John Garner was elected speaker of the House? John has a way of getting things done in Congress that makes the world sit up and take notice. Even the rankest republicans have not learned yet to say "no" to him. He has a way of putting things up to them so honestly, frankly, fairly and squarely that they have not learned to turn him down. Garner is a new and valuable discovery. They discovered him at Uvalde, Texas. It is not strange, for they usually find diamonds in a remote wilderness.

Give a boy or girl everything for which he may ask and he will become an ungrateful spendthrift. No matter how rich you may be, you should teach your children the value of money by working and earning it. Too much money or toys given to children will beget a disregard of their value. The boy who gets the money every time he asks dad or mother for it, will soon learn to depend on them for it, even when they get old enough to earn it for themselves. However, it is good to look after their little financial affairs and see that they are not cramped and broke all the time.

In digging post holes on the old H. T. Davis ranch on the Divide, now owned by W. L. Foster, a bed of pink tinted caliche, or magnesite was encountered. This is a valuable mineral. This form of caliche is not only used for building roads, but the fine pure white or pink tinted plaster is valuable for making building plaster. It is also a form of kaolin from which porcelain or china is made. Watch out for such things, boys and send specimens to the School of Mines at El Paso for identification and valuation. It is time that we are looking for something of value besides grass and water.

Two Chicago Bankers Prominent In Drive Against Depression



Charles G. Dawes (left), Chairman of the New Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and Melvin A. Traylor, Chicago Banker.

CHICAGO and the Middle West have a double interest in the success of the gigantic Reconstruction Finance Corporation which is now being organized in Washington following speedy action by Congress.

Charles G. Dawes, whose name is almost synonymous for the business community of Chicago will sit in the driver's seat as the active head of the great \$2,000,000,000 Federal corporation just authorized by Congress.

Another Chicago banker, a Democrat who is being repeatedly mentioned as a man of Presidential timber, has the distinction of making a vital contribution to the initial strength and success of the Reconstruction Corporation. That man is Melvin A. Traylor, president of the First National Bank of Chicago, who was the first to visualize

and propose that the Reconstruction Corporation render some service to thousands of depositors of small banks which had failed during the past two years. The gist of Mr. Traylor's proposal before a Senate Sub-Committee was that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation be authorized to make loans to closed banks as well as to financial institutions and others needing its aid. Such a step would release substantial amounts of money to depositors whose funds had been "frozen" by the failure of such banks.

Mr. Traylor's suggestion made such an impression that it was embodied in the Bill as finally passed by Congress. He, more than any other man, is responsible for the timely assistance that will now be possible for many depositors of small banks throughout the country.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are authorized to announce the following candidates, subject to the action of the Democratic party:
- For Representative of the 91st District of Texas:
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- For District Attorney of the 5th Judicial District of Texas:
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- For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
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Jerry Brown
- For County Judge:
B. F. Brown
Pat Kellis
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While taking in the Fat Stock Show last Friday, at Robert Lee, we interviewed quite a number of farmers of Coke county. Some were inclined to talk hard times, but every mother's son of them admitted that they had an abundance of food for themselves and feed for their stock. One could tell by looking at these old boys that they were well fed, well clothed and had plenty of terbacker. "No danger of starving," they would say, "my wife has enough eats put up in cans to do us

two years, but what are we to do for money?" Some of them would say that cotton would no longer mean any money to them, so they reckoned they would take the advice of their county agent and plant more chickens, turkeys, hogs, sheep and cows. One of them said, "if we can't sell them, we can eat them." Many of them will lay off from cotton this year.

FOR RENT — Two apartments See T. G. Fullick, at Valley View Inn

Local Items

Jeff Davis and family visited relatives at Odessa last week.

For plowing the garden, hauling and general work, see E. K. Cherry

J. H. and Frank Hefley came down from Big Spring last Tuesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Rogers Hefley.

Miss Azile Burrows, of San Angelo, was the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Slaton, last week.

FOR RENT—Furnished or unfurnished house or apartment. See Mrs. Hoover.

Longfield Stockton was among our pleasant callers last Tuesday. Longfield says the recent rains have put the upper Concho Valley in wonderful shape.

Our public schools which had been closed for the past two weeks on account of scarlet fever, re-opened last Wednesday.

Judge B. F. Brown, who has been suffering from an attack of "flu" for the past several weeks, is able to be at his office this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Davis were in from their Glasscock County ranch last Tuesday to visit relatives and purchase ranch supplies.

A. No. 1 maize heads for sale at \$10 per ton at the barn. W. B. Welch, Sterling City.

Luther Hallmark is still running his laundry at the some old stand. Clean clothes, square treatment and living prices still prevail at this popular institution.

You can't afford to miss "The Big Parade," all talking, at the Sterling Theatre Friday and Saturday of next week. Besides its historical value, it is one of the most thrilling of all pictures.

A Very Busy Woman

FORT WORTH, Feb.—College students who sigh complainingly over the "unreasonableness" of tasks imposed by unfeeling professors should consider the extra work of the daily routine followed by Mrs. Bob Carter a senior at Texas Christian University.

In addition to carrying a regular college course, this young woman drives a bus 62 miles each day, rides eight miles on horseback, does her own housework, and helps supervise the farm on which she and her husband live near Crowley.

Her day begins at 5 o'clock in the morning, when most students are turning over for another two hours of sleep. After breakfast she rides four miles on horseback to a neighbor's house on main road, where she climbs behind the wheel of the Rock Creek and Clear Fork school bus. Then she drives over a 31-mile route and picks up 14 children in time to bring them to Fort Worth for school.

During the summer months Mrs. Carter is a familiar figure riding over the hills and pastures in her community, always ready to help some neighbor herd his cattle.

Last year she taught a country school, and organized a community circulating library of 300 volumes.

Mrs. Carter began her university work at T. C. U. in 1924. She and her husband, who is a chemist in Fort Worth, married during their student days, and since that time she has gone to school intermittently, mostly during the summer. She expects to graduate this June, however, with a major in English, receiving the A. B. degree.

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Prices Up A visit to the wholesale markets revealed that all silk and cotton goods were strong, and reports for this week show an advance. We stocked heavily last week in order to save our customers money, and we believe we have done so.

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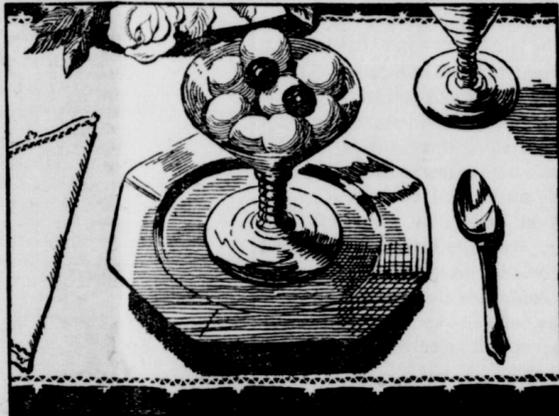
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Eat Your Dessert First

VERY undietetic, you will say. Right. But if you were an oil driller out in the muddy districts where derricks, like gigantic tarantulas spread their spidery feet of steel down seven or eight thousand feet below the surface of the earth to discover—maybe a fortune and maybe a dry hole—you would heartily approve of the oil drillers' slogan, "eat your dessert first." For when accidents happen on an oil job they happen fast, and the men on the job eat their best things first, lest an emergency call should come to cheat them out of their dessert.

But why should some of the most tempting bits on the menu be served last? The present vogue for serving a delicious fruit cup first, or a fish cocktail,

is probably sounded on the oil drillers' psychology.
Fruit Cocktail Supreme: Chill two casaba melons, one No. 1 can of grapefruit juice, one cup sweet cider and one-fourth cup of confectioner's sugar. Cut out the melon meats in tiny balls and fill cocktail glasses with them. Mix the grapefruit juice, cider and sugar, and pour over. Garnish with a red and a green cherry.
Crab Meat Cocktail: Fork the contents of a 6½-ounce can of crab meat. Add two finely chopped hard-cooked eggs and six sliced stuffed olives. Fork in lightly one-half cup of shredded and crisped lettuce, add one-half cup of a good cocktail sauce with a catsup base, and serve in small green pepper cups.*

THE "MORNING AFTER"

Anyone who has indulged in strenuous exertion knows what "getting the second wind" means. There are a lot of people and a lot of industries getting their "second wind" in a business and financial way today.

Those industries and individuals with constitutions strong enough to stand the "reducing process" of the past two years have sweated off their overload of fat, secured "their second wind" and are ready for real work.

There is nothing unusual about the experience we have been through. It was a whole lot like a great national banquet. Most of the guests not only gorged themselves on healthful food, but ate all the indigestible viands they could swallow.

Their "morning after" was inevitable. But it was so severe that many of them are still frightened of all nourishment—good as well as bad.

Retrenchment, economy and starvation diets, now being practiced in the extreme, do as much harm as the reign of gluttony and extravagance that preceded them.

The nation now depends on the men and industries that have their "second wind" and are ready to proceed on a normal diet of production and earnings.

They say that jimferguson is in the race again for governor. His friends are trying to pick a load into the public that jim's wife, Miriam is in the running, but that is all bunk, for jim is the colored gent concealed where the winter fuel is stacked. jim can't hold any office of public trust in Texas because the constitution says that a person convicted of a felonious crime shall never hold office in this state, and jim has been convicted. But the law does not keep him from using a skirt from which to peep about and do business, hence jim's candidacy. This candidate carries a big bunch of votes in his vest pocket, and he will be no joke in the race. He will not run for Congress, because his old side kick, Joe Burkett is in the race for that office.

The Japs may win out in China, but they are beginning to realize that John Chinaman is giving them a run for their money.

KEEP TO THE LEFT

Custom has ordained that the pedestrian on the rural highway, like the vehicles, shall "Keep to the Right." That is proper for the vehicle, but for the pedestrian the right side is the wrong side, according to Maxwell N. Halsey, Traffic Engineer of the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters.

Two thousand persons are killed annually in the United States and many thousands injured because they cling to the ancient custom. They are struck at curves, over the crest of hills and in narrow passes by automobiles coming from behind. Dusk, before the headlight is turned on, is very dangerous, but later in the night, when the silhouette of the pedestrian blends into the background even under the strongest of headlights is the most dangerous time of all.

"Until the states provide sidewalks for the country road, the pedestrian should always keep on the left side," Mr. Halsey declares; "then at least he can see the cars coming and move to safety if the occasion demands it. It may feel awkward at first, but it will pay.

"There are signs of an awakening in this matter. North Carolina, West Virginia, Kansas, Delaware, Massachusetts, New York, and New Jersey have laws which authorize the proper authorities to build sidewalks along highways. In other states, county authorities have been authorized to undertake similar construction."

Remember, when walking on a country road, that the left side is the right side.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BLAMED FOR HIGH TAXES

Blame for the mounting cost of government in the United States rests almost entirely upon State and local governments, rather than the Federal administration, according to Ogden L. Mills, acting secretary of the Treasury.

Between 1924 and 1929 cost of government increased more than \$2,000,000,000.

"Of this huge increase," he says, "only \$200,000,000 is represented by the increased cost of Federal government, the balance being entirely accounted for by increases in State and local taxes." Local governments have expanded "a great deal more than their current revenues permitted and have financed the difference by borrowing on a wholesale scale."

The only effective means of checking governmental waste in the states and cities, says Mr. Mills, is in an aroused public opinion which will insist upon economy.

Tige McDammit says that the fellow who is always beefing about the women spending their time in playing bridge, ought to take a look at the iron washer pitching club in action.

Peter Migosh says that the only dollar that is worth a hundred cents is the one in circulation.

Philip Thompson says that the greatest thrill of his life was when he realized that a certain little Miss who had taken up board on the ranch would soon be calling him Daddy.

Little Sammy Ticklebritches says that he blew his nose very often at school, but it won't stay blowed.

Bramlett Allen says that the guy who is caught in some devilment at school and gets a licking for it, and then gets sore at the teacher, is a piker. He says it is a game, and if you lose, you ought to be a sport and take your medicine and look pleasant about it.

Attended Bible Class at San Angelo Last Sunday

Last Sunday morning a party composed of Marvin Churchill, S. A. Mahaffey, Claude Collins, W. L. Foster, and this writer attended the Business Men's Bible Class at San Angelo.

The trip was made in Mr. Foster's new Lincoln automobile over the new paved highway No. 9 which ate up the distance in quick time.

This class is one of San Angelo's unique institutions. It is maintained for the benefit of the Business men and workers as well as the sojourners from distant points who might wish to attend a place of the kind which is not hedged in with formalities of the average denominational Sunday where people are expected to wear fine clothes and where only members of the church are expected to lead and teach. Here, everyone is welcomed, no matter how he is dressed—not even the preachers are barred.

On this occasion a special program in keeping with the Fat Stock Show which followed the next day, was carried out in true Western style. The class exercises were held in the auditorium of the Hilton Hotel. The lobby of the hotel was fenced with cedar poles to represent a ranch corral and to make the boys feel at home, some calves and sheep were contentedly chewing in a pen on the side.

As we passed up stairs we came to a conventional chuck wagon where everybody was invited to have a big tin cup of chuck wagon coffee and some cakes.

On entering the class room, a cowboy togged out in chaps, boots and spurs made us feel that we were in a cow camp at chuck time.

After some delightful music, we all sang "Sweet By and By" and other familiar songs. Then Rev. Grady Timmons togged out in the costume of a range cowpuncher, laid his quirt on the table and regaled the big class with a talk on the range conflict between Abraham and Lot. It was the best and most unique illustration of life on the range we ever heard. He made it so plain that only for selfishness, that there would be far less trouble in the world.

There were just 521 persons in the class and the exercises lasted one hour and the Sterling City party returned home at the noon hour in time for dinner.

Our party are indebted to our good old time friends, Brown F. Lee, C. A. Broome, Joel R. Barton and the other boys in charge for the hospitalities and courtesies shown us on this occasion.

How times do change! Forty years ago, when Sterling City was just a yearling, it usually took three days to make the round trip from this town to San Angelo, and now it can be made in two hours, or less. If anyone then had told us that we would live to see the day that we would be able to attend Sunday school in that City in the morning and get back in time for the midday meal, we would have thought him crazy. But stranger still, if someone, had told us that we not only would live to see the day that we could attend Sunday school at San Angelo in the morning and get back in time for dinner, but the folks at home could hear every word of the exercises, we would have thought that only by a miracle could this come to pass, and that the days of miracles are past. Indeed, this is an age of strange miracles. Things come to pass that seemed impossible forty years ago.

FOUND—A lady's coat. Call at this office.

Lion's Club Has Interesting Meet

After a two weeks intermission, the Lion's Club held its weekly luncheon at the State Hotel last Wednesday. It was Dr. Everitts day to entertain, and he performed the duty to the benefit and delight of all present, and it is to be regretted that all West Texas could not have heard him.

The Doctor's subject was snakes, especially rattlers, and snakebites. He told of the various species of these venomous reptiles and their habits. He told what to do and what not to do in case one was struck. He gave simple directions in first aid treatment before getting to a physician. The Doctor's long experience, observation and treatment of snakebites, made all feel that he knew what he was talking about. It may be said to his credit that in the last 17 years, he has treated eighteen cases of snakebite in Sterling City without the loss of a single life.

C. W. Webb, field director of the International Lion's Club, was the guest of the club that day. He made a splendid talk on the progress of Lionism.

"Uncle" John Ray was also a guest at the luncheon. After "Uncle" John had eaten, heard the good talks and observed the jolly demeanor of the members, he made applications for membership, because it is "Uncle" John's nature to join those who seek to do good to his fellow man.

Next Wednesday, the Club will entertain the thirteen high school pupils who wrote essays and who are contesting for prizes for the best essay offered by the club. The winners will receive their prizes that day.

If you take the d, e and i from "depression," it will change it to press on.

Mohair Mill

They are seriously considering the establishment of a mohair mill at New Braunfels or some other point in South Texas. If they do, this editor intends to help the enterprise by giving an order for a pair of trousers made from the hair that grows on the back of a billy goat and then call on the readers of this paper to help to pay for them. It is said that it is hard to wear out mohair cloth.

The first we ever heard of goat hair cloth, was when we read the account of the building of King Solomon's Temple at Jerusalem, in which the Bible says, the veils of the Temple were made of goat's hair. King Solomon was rich and able to buy silk, cotton or linen veils, but he wanted the finest and best, so he had them made of goat's hair. No known material is equal to mohair for making fine, durable cloth. It is better and stronger than cotton, wool or silk.

Church of Christ

Sermons for Sunday that will be of interest are: "Teaching God's Word" at the morning hour and "Righteousness of Faith" at the 7:30 p. m. Bible study begins promptly at 10 o'clock. The Lord's supper is had at 11:45.

Young people's Bible class is held at 6:30 on Sunday evenings. The ladies Bible class is held at 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoons.

Visitors, we appreciate your coming. Come again.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
By: Ted Norton

Regular Sunday school and church services will be resumed at all the local churches next Sunday.



COMING!

THE TEXAS FARM and HOME SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION TRAIN

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The program presented throughout this campaign, which lasts for a period of seven weeks, is intended to bring to the farmers of Texas new and practical ideas that will assist them in making their operations more profitable and their living more comfortable. The program, prepared by the A. & M. College, is based on the results of experiments made by the College over a long period of years.

FOUR CARLOADS OF EXHIBITS - A REAL AGRICULTURAL SHOW OF STRONG EDUCATIONAL VALUE. LECTURE BY LEADING FARM SPECIALISTS. AT

Sterling City, Saturday, March 12, 7:30 P. M.
Near The Santa Fe Station

THIS WEEK

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"Smiling Joe" Filkowski, called "Cleveland's most dangerous gunman," was a prisoner.

Filkowski has a record, which includes disarming and capturing two Chicago policemen and then using their automobile to kidnap them. He wounded two other policemen in Ohio. In his cell, much humiliated, he muttered between his puffed up from the blows of defeat: "They surprised me, or I wouldn't be here. I can pull a gun faster than you can wink."

Mme. Gadski, opera singer, is dead, killed in an automobile crash at fifty-nine years of age.

Good music opens the mind to new ideas, as a plow opens the soil to seed, sunshine and rain. Perhaps in heaven somebody will tell Mme. Gadski how much good she did in her life of work as an earnest musician, as Brunenhide, and in other parts.

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It is related that Hercules was travelling along one day when he met a small animal that tried to obstruct his progress. He swung his club and swept it out of his way with a single blow. Later on, this animal appeared before him again, but much larger and stronger. Again he struck it and it slunk away only to reappear in the form of a tall, hideous monster. As he was preparing for a deadly struggle with the monster, one of the gods appeared and told Hercules to step aside and refrain from striking it again. He did so, and the monster shrunk down to its original shape. So it is with some of the enemies we meet in life, the more we strafe them the bigger they get. If we take no notice of them they will soon slink away and trouble us no more.

It is alleged that some candidates in Coke County have had their campaign cards printed in San Antonio. There are two good printing outfits in Coke County that were anxious, ready and willing to have this job. We suppose that those candidates will go down to San Antonio to do their electioneering. Surely they wouldn't ask Bro. West or Bro. Puett to vote for them. Boneheads, did you say? Those candidate pulled the bone that time. Of course a candidate or a county officer has a right to have his printing done where he pleases, but on the other hand the printer people have a comeback where they can hook the candidate in the umbilicus. It pays to get your printing done where the voter lives.

The I. O. I. Club met March 2 and elected officers. It will meet again next Wednesday. —M. E. S.

The people of every section of the United States—and every other country in the world as well—have a vital interest in an event taking place in a city thousands of miles from our shores.

The world disarmament at Geneva not only is destined to lessen the danger of war if it succeeds, it will do more than any other single agency to cause tax reduction. Seventy to eighty per cent of our public money goes to pay for wars, past, present and future. The gigantic expense of armaments constitutes a weighty burden on every pocketbook.

The arms delegates face a great responsibility, and the moral support and good will of the thinking people of the world are with them.

While we are discussing the reduction of taxes and cutting down governmental expenses, we must not forget that if we would prosper, we must have good roads and good schools. Ignorance and bad roads are our most expensive luxuries. Ignorance, superstition and poverty go hand in hand, while lack of roads means poverty to the communities which sponsor them. Good schools and good roads cost money. This money must be raised by taxation, and our chief concern should be to see that we get most for the money we pay in as taxes.

This editor will soon have passed the three score and ten and seven-year mile post. About the first words we can remember hearing was, "hard times and high taxes." During the last seventy years, hardly a day has passed that we have not heard some croaker say, "the times are so hard and the taxes are so high that I don't know what is to become of us." It is the same old tune that has been sung by many generations. We wish they would sing Couie's ditty, "every day in every way we are growing better and better."

Every nook and cranny in the rocky hills in this county should be diligently searched for the hundreds of rattlesnakes which take up winter quarters there. From now until the middle of April is the best time to hunt the reptiles. After that time, they will scatter over the lowlands and do their deadly work to man and beast. Every pastureman should welcome the snake hunters and give them all the encouragement they can.

NOTICE

15 Pound Family Washing
Washed clean, sterilized
For 61 Cents
Wednesdays and Fridays
TROY LAUNDRY

Earthworms sometimes become a menace to gardens, especially where a lot of manure and water used. These worms do not eat plants, but they honeycomb ground with little tunnels so too much air gets in and dries the roots. These can be controlled with a solution of unslacked lime and water spread on the ground. The lime kills the worms and adds value to the soil.

Last week the Navy Department ordered the Atlantic fleet to join Pacific fleet for maneuvers practice. If things keep stirring Shanghai, the American warships will get some real maneuvering practice. It looks now that the Chinaman and the Japs may say something before their argument ended.

Lindbergh's baby boy of four months, was kidnaped from the family home last Tuesday night. We hope they catch the kidnapers and hang them with a strand of barbed wire. Hanging is too good for the devilish baby stealers.

The government cannot prosper without your cooperation. If we are to climb out of depression, we must stop talking and thinking about it and adopt ourselves to present conditions.

Crit Clark was up from his raft on the river east of here last Wednesday. Mr. Clark says the raft and stock conditions were better.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Key visited Lingleville last Friday account of the illness of Mr. Key's sister.

Mrs. Jas. McEntire and child visited relatives at Big Lake last week end.

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