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THE FIRST AUTOMOBILES

It was quite a sensation among the pioneers of Sterling when the first home owned automobile came rolling up the dusty road into town.

Although the people had read about automobiles in the newspapers and magazines, but most of them had never seen one. Some of the boys had seen one in Fort Worth when they marketed their cattle, and there were two or three of them in Dallas to be seen when they attended the State Fair.

The late Jerry Rust, veteran telephone man of San Angelo, drove up here in an automobile from San Angelo, and that broke the ice as well as Walter Fisher's head when he took a ride with Jerry and forgot to duck when Jerry drove across a gully in the road.

The coming of the gas buggy was the talk of the whole town and county. Finally, J. L. Glass and Pat Kellis chipped in and bought a used automobile they found for sale in San Angelo.

This first car to be owned and at times operated in Sterling City, was a Pope-Hartford. It was a single seven-inch cylinder motor with a chain drive. The ignition was produced by a group of dry cell phone batteries. It had no top and the door was in the back end. The body was painted a deep red and the car assumed the name of "Old Red" by common consent. This car was equipped with tires that were not much thicker than a rabbit skin. They had a habit of going to the bad at the moment when you felt that you must get there.

"Old Red" didn't have the luxury of a muffler, so when it was cranked and got going, it could be heard for a mile or more. Each explosion could be heard for a mile or more. Each explosion sounded like an old twelve pound cannon and there was where it caused grief among the mules and horses which the people used for motive power for their buggies and wagons. No mule or horse could stand the scent and noise of one of these "devil wagons."

The only thing to do when you saw a car coming was to steer the team to the open country and let them drift. If a herd of cattle met a car, the car usually took to the open prairie and rode it out. Not many cows ever saw an automobile that they were afraid of.

One day, Jeff Glass took me for a joyride up the Garden City road in his car. A little west of Wildcat Mountain, we saw a herd of cattle coming up the road. The foreman of the crew raced in ahead of the herd and met us and requested us to stop and not stampee the herd. Mr. Glass stopped, and while he and the foreman were talking, the cattle came up around the car and sniffed. One old cow tried to lick the grease

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(WNU Service)

Congressman O. C. Fisher Is Home

Congress will take a two months recess. During his recess, Mr. Fisher will establish an office in the Post Office building at San Angelo where he hopes to contact the people of the district and find out their wants, needs and wishes. He also will keep open his office in Washington under the supervision of an able assistant.

Mr. Fisher has supported all appropriations necessary for winning the war in the shortest time.

O. C. Fisher had the courage to work and support the Smith-Connelly Bill which outlaws strikes in plants and industries producing war materials.

So, far the people of this district are greatly pleased for the fine service he has been giving them.

More Land Approved For Conservation

At a regular monthly meeting Monday the Supervisors of the North Concho River Soil Conservation District approved plans on 57,132 additional acres of land, reported Supervisors Zach Jones, L.R. Reed and J. R. Mims.

The plans cover the following places: W. L. Foster Glasscock County ranch, Miss Ethel Foster and Mrs. H. L. Hildebrand Santa Fe ranch, William E. Cushing ranch, N. H. Reed ranch, Roland Lowe stock farm and H. R. (Jake) Wardlaw ranch located near Arden.

These plans were developed from information obtained through detail soils, range, and engineering surveys which reveal the possibilities of making the best use of all natural resources. The purpose of such planning is for the land owner's use in securing maximum production by making good use of all available runoff water, range development, and good land use practices.

Drilling on Deep Test Ready to Begin

Rigging up for the 9,000-foot oil test on the Northeast quarter of sec. 3, Blk. 31, Tsp 5 S, T. & P. Ry. Co. in the J. L. Glass pasture has made good progress this week. They expected to spud in yesterday afternoon.

Cletus Smith brought in a good water well for drilling use at 81 feet. The well tested 30 gallons per minute.

Most of the crew are working out of Sterling City. A good paved road to that drilling site and only fifteen miles to go, makes it very convenient for the workers.

On the Job Again

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Potts and daughter Miss Clemmie Potts of Big Springs, spent last Sunday visiting Mrs. Pott's mother, Mrs. Helen Lyles, and Mr. Potts' parents Mr. and Mrs. Z. L. Potts. Grover Potts who is a veteran of World War I is working in an army aviation plant at Big Spring. His job is folding and packing parachutes. Grover says that every parachute folded means life or death to someone. He says he can't fold and pack a parachute as quickly as some of the workers, but when he fixes one for the boys, his conscience tells him that it will open when the cord is pulled.

Mrs. M. T. Meyer Died Last Sunday

After a lingering illness of several months duration, Mrs. M. T. Meyer died at the family ranch home three miles southwest of Sterling City, last Sunday night at 11:10 p.m. and was buried at the Montvale Cemetery, last Thursday.

Rev. L. O. Ryan, local Methodist pastor, conducted the funeral services at the family home.

Low Funeral Directors had charge of the funeral and burial program.

Active pallbearers were: Lee Hunt, M. E. Churchill, Dr. Wm. J. Swann, V. E. Davis, John Walraven, E. F. McEntire, Ted Brown, and S. M. Bailey.

Honorary pallbearers were: R. P. Brown, E. B. Butler, J. S. Cole, Pat Kellis, D. C. Durham, Harry Tweedle, A. E. Ballou, Will Grosshans, Clyde Bowen, San Angelo, W. F. Kellis, Roy Foster, Rufus Foster, John Dillard, Abilene, A. D. Taylor, Abilene, Green Williams, R. L. Lowe, Fred Allen, R. B. McEntire, Worth Allen, John Reed, W. N. Reed, C. C. Ainsworth, Oran Ballou, Albuquerque, N. M., Homer Pearce, W. Y. Bengel, Sr., and C. T. Sharp.

Survivors include Mrs. R. P. Davis, Mrs. W. H. McDonald, Oscar and W. P. Meyer, all of Sterling City. Three grandchildren: R. P. Davis Jr., El Reno, Okla., Mrs. Hubert Williams, Westbrook, Texas, John Brock of the U. S. Navy; two great grandchildren, Carter and Sue Davis.

In early youth, deceased joined the Methodist Church and during life time she led the life of a consistent Christian.

Big Rains Fall

A big rain fell here last Wednesday. It covered a large area radiating from Sterling City. It began raining here about the noon hour and continued until about 3 p. m.

J. T. Davis, volunteer federal weather observer reported that a total of 4.40 inches had fallen here.

The streets were flooded from curb to curb. Pedestrians were forced to wade the streets. A nine foot rise came down the North Concho. It was the first rise of any

Wins TSCW Award



Miss Frances Wall, Port Arthur, has received the Pauline Bishop Leman trophy at Texas State College for Women, Denton, for her musical achievements. The award goes yearly to the senior who has made the greatest artistic contribution to the college.

consequence in this river during the year.

Taylor Garrett reported 2 1/2 inches fell on the Roy Foster ranch on Sterling Creek. The creek and draws were running and fences were down in places he said.

A big rain fell on the Divide in the vicinity of the Copeland ranches.

Lions Club Hostesses

Mesdames D. Hall, D. P. Glass, Joe L. Snead, and Daisy Smith were hostesses to the Lion's Club in the basement dining room of the Methodist Church last Wednesday.

In the absence of President Lion Dr. Wm. J. Swann, Vice President J. T. Davis presided. And then it rained until the "Budko" would float a warship.

But this had no effect on the presiding officer, for he appointed several committees and boosted the sale of war bonds.

The parents of private Alfred E. Wilson of Snyder, were notified that he was dead. They later learned that their son was very much alive and doing duty at Galveston. Private Wilson in phoning his parents denied the charge.

Boy Badly Bruised When Dragged by a Horse

Neal J. Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Reed, was painfully hurt last Wednesday when he was tangled in a rope and dragged a considerable distance by his frightened horse.

Neal J. and Arthur Philips were riding the range of the Reed Kennibrew pasture about ten miles north west of town when Neal J. roped a sheep. With the rope fastened to the saddle horn, he dismounted and started toward the sheep. The horse became frightened and bolted. The lad became tangled with the sheep and the horse dragged both the boy and sheep a considerable distance over rough ground before Arthur Philip could rescue him.

When young Philip saw Neal J. in peril of his life, he pursued, overtook and sprang from his horse and luckily seized the bridle and brought the frightened animal under control.

Only for the skill and daring of Arthur Philips, it is doubtful if Neal J. would now be alive. The sheep was dead when Arthur got him untangled from the rope.

It was during the heavy rain-storm when the accident happened and help was delayed. When Dr Swann arrived on the scene he found the boy and his pal drenched.

Neal J. suffered many bruises and contusions on his body and perhaps a dislocated knee. It will be many days before Neal J. will ride again.

Entertains Bridge Club

Mrs. W. N. Reed entertained her bridge club Thursday morning. High club score fell to Mrs. E. L. Bailey, and high guest to Mrs. Horace Spalti of Dallas. A delicious luncheon plate was served. Guests present were: Mesdames E. B. Butler, Rogers Hefley, W. S. Nelson, H. L. Hildebrand, Rufus Foster, Lee Augustine, Robert Foster, Sterling Foster, W. E. Allen, Clyde Everitt, C. N. Crawford, James McEntire, Pat Kellis, Bailey, Spalti, and Miss Ethel Foster.

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I DON'T LIKE THAT SONG

I don't like the song of "John Brown" whose spirit is alleged to be marching on. "John Brown's body is moldering in the clay," is all right that is as it should be. The longer that old devil's body molders in the clay, the better it is for all humanity, but let not his spirit march among civilized and christian people, because John Brown was a heartless murderer and traitor. He went about at night and cut the throats of the Doyles and other innocent neighbors because they differed with him in the methods of freeing the slaves. He barricaded himself and gang at Harpers Ferry and defied the United States government. They tried him in court, convicted him and the hangman's rope ended his career. John Brown was an evil spirit escaped from hell to bring sorrow and misery upon the people with whom he dwelled. History does not record a good act of John (Potawatamie) Brown. The younger generation does not understand this atrocious butcher and fanatic, or they wouldn't join in singing praises to a murderous horse thief and traitor. Let his spirit lurk with his body moldering in the clay.—Uncle Bill

All our Allied fronts look good. In order to keep them that way, keep on loaning money to Uncle Sam. Buy bonds and lay up money for a rainy day.

It has been both spoken and written that there are two sides to every question, but if you will think frankly and justly, there is a third dimension to every question: Your side, my side and the right side. The third side is composed of errors to be found in your side and my side.—Uncle Bill

If the boys can leave their jobs, homes, sweethearts, wives and children for you and me, surely we can loan our money so they can have everything they need. Come on, kick in your part. Don't ever let the boys know that we are not backing them.

BUY BONDS. Sterling is a little slow this month in the purchase of stamps and bonds. Sure, you boys did fine in previous months, but we have got to keep it up. Our boys over yonder are fighting and doing a good job of it, but they are looking to us to kick in the expenses and of course we are not going to let them down.

John L. Lewis and his comrades in public treason should be and are classed as public enemies by the masses. The man, or set of men who wilfully holds up, even for a moment the production of a weapon of war at this critical moment, is aiding and giving comfort to the enemy. Such a dastardly thing is treason, and under our laws treason is punishable by death.—Uncle Bill

Japanese Americans From Centers Working on Farms



About 1,200 workers from the WRA relocation centers, all of Japanese ancestry, are at transient labor camps and many more have left the centers to take seasonal and year-round employment on farms. These people were evacuated from the Pacific coast and quartered for a time in relocation centers. Now they are helping in the production of food needed by our soldiers and civilian population, WRA officials report.

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

JULY 4, 1776—
THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS DECLARED:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

JULY 4, 1943— WE, ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THREE MILLION AMERICANS, PAUSE TO HONOR THE SIGNING OF THAT GREAT DECLARATION—TO REDEDICATE OURSELVES TO ITS PRINCIPLES, THAT THESE RIGHTS WHICH ARE THE HERITAGE OF A FREE PEOPLE SHALL BE SAFEGUARDED—HANDS DOWN TO OUR DESCENDANTS.

Points Out Location Where United Nations Prisoners Are Held In Italian Prison Camps



This pretty little Washington Miss is being shown on a map of Italy, locations of Italian prison camps where United Nations prisoners of war are held. The Red Cross volunteer also shows the Washington Miss the contents of the standard American Red Cross prisoners of war food parcel, which the International Red Cross forwards in sufficient numbers to make possible weekly distribution to each American military prisoner. (American Red Cross for the Office of War Information)

The Jap is taught from infancy that when he dies, the home of his soul will be with the emperor of Japan. As a soldier, he is taught to kill his enemy without mercy. If his enemy overcomes him, he must die rather than surrender and become a prisoner. In that case he would be a disgrace to his family as well as all Japanese. So he prefers death rather than captivity. The American is taught to show

mercy when resistance ceases and treat his prisoner with respect and kindness. But the Japs have set the standard and the American must kill him or be killed. It is a war of extermination between the two races. The Americans are beating the Japs at their own game. They are being killed like so many rats in a farmer's barn. It is a hard way, but the Japs would have it no other way. They started it at Pearl Harbor. They are getting what they asked for.—Uncle Bill

THE FIRST

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from the drive chains. The foreman expressed disgust because his cattle were not afraid of the car. Old man Glass showed one of his dry gins, because of the many trips he had taken in "Old Red," he discovered that a cow wasn't afraid of an automobile.

But some of the people at that time were very much prejudiced against automobiles, because they frightened horses and mules. They argued that it ought to be against the law to allow these things to run on the public roads, but progress prevailed. Bills were introduced in the legislature to prohibit automobiles and bicycles from being operated on all public roads. But more and more of these things were put on the roads and the man with the horse and mule had to swallow his indignation.

Our roads then were wagon trails and if a stump or rock was in the road, we went around it.

The News-Record in those days argued the virtues of good roads, but there were very few on my side of the question. Pretty soon most every citizen in the county had a car and soon I had nothing in that line to argue about. These old scouts around Sterling are regular road fools. They would put up their last dollar on good roads.

They know that good roads have been the making of us. They know that good roads have enabled us to have good schools and churches and are the means by which the ranch industry has prospered.

You know it is written in the Book: "Prepare ye the way and make His paths straight."—Uncle Bill

When our house or grass catches on fire, Chief Brown and assistant Joe Emery and the other fireboys get on the job as quickly as the fire-wagon can get there, and they put the fire out pronto. They do this for you without pay. Wouldn't it be fine if we were all as prompt in

paying our part for the upkeep of the fire outfit as those boys are in getting to a fire? If those boys were to loaf on their job as some of us do in paying our part, there would be just cause for a lot of erabbing. Go to the bank and leave your part of the money for the upkeep of the fire department and do it now. The money is badly needed.

Boss at Berger



Head man at the only synthetic rubber plant in the Panhandle, the government's 45,000-ton establishment at Berger, is J. W. Frasche, plant manager. A graduate of Iowa State College, Frasche has been 15 years with the B. F. Goodrich company, which has the responsibility for operating the Berger and Port Neches plants.

Prohibition

They're at it again in America, and even as in the days of World War I we may yet hear that America is Dry.

Most of us in the U. S. armed forces could not be classed as violently opposed to liquor control for most of us believe in moderation. On the other hand, there are few of us who could be included in the group of Americans who felt "the noble experiment" was a huge success.

It is with alarm therefore that we learn of the growing political strength of the anti-liquor crowd in the United States.

Taking advantage of wartime conditions and restrictions the new prohibition group is working night and day for legislation which will give America prohibition in fact if not in name. Using the tactics of the Farm Block, the anti-liquor crowd is tacking on amendments to practically every military appropriations measure in a desperate effort to secure prohibition or the nearest thing to it they can force through Congress.

Rationing is playing into their hands and gives them a good excuse, and no opportunity is missed to use this excuse in their effort to limit the production and distribution of liquor of all types.

We can remember the days of prohibition, when moonshine whiskey made quick fortunes for bootleggers, crooked politicians and dishonest police officials. As a result we claim we know what we want in the way of liquor legislation and feel those at home should wait until we return before instituting further legislation on liquor control.

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I CAN'T RUN OVER NOW AND CALL THEM TO THE TELEPHONE

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Local Items

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Born: On the 10th. at a hospital in San Angelo, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. [Name] a boy.

WANTED: To buy a good used Singer preferred. Will buy used furniture, and anything of value—Sterling Production Works, across street from Baptist Church. 4tp.

Mrs. W. J. Wallace and little Jimmie Lou of Gretna, La., are visiting their mother, Mrs. J. B. Atkinson.

Mrs. Thad Ayres and children of Colorado City are visiting Mrs. Ayres' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Dearen.

Sam Radde and family, of Whittier, visited his brother and sister, [Name] and Miss Matilda Radde, this week.

Rev. B. B. Hestir will preach at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and at night. Everybody is invited.

Mrs. John Reed who has been in hospital at San Angelo for several weeks for treatment of a broken hip, is reported to be rapidly recovering.

Mesdames C. H. Davis, Fred Barrett, Lester Foster and Templeton Foster left for Temple last Sunday for clinical observation at a clinic at that place.

Misses Ruby Lackey, of Albuquerque, N. M., and Shirley Chapman, of Fort Worth, are the guests of their aunt and cousin, respectively, Miss Matilda Radde.

Mrs. Edwin Aiken talked with her husband, Lt. Edwin H. Aiken who was somewhere on the West Coast a few days ago. He reported that he was well and getting along all right.

H. H. Hooker of Eldorado, visited his daughters, Mrs. Clyde Everitt and Mrs. Jack Mims. He was on his return from a visit to his brother J. C. Hooker at Colorado City, who has been ill for some time.

Mrs. C. N. Crawford celebrated her birthday last Sunday with a dinner to her children Mrs. Fred Barrett, Mrs. Ray Lane, and Mrs. D. K. Durham were included as guests in the parental home.

R. P. Brown was carried to Temple last Wednesday night in the Lowe ambulance for medical treatment and observation. Mr. Brown has been ailing for several weeks. He had previously been in the Temple hospital.

Capt. Roger Williams who visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Green Williams here for several days last week, returned to his command last Wednesday. Capt. Williams has seen heavy fighting in the South Pacific in the early stage of the war and is now an aviation instructor at a field in Florida.

Eight skunks invaded the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Dearen last Wednesday night. Mrs. Dearen and her daughter, Mrs. Jack Hill, armed with shotguns poured a barrage on the enemy. Ray Mathis and son, Billy joined in with their guns and when the smoke cleared, there were eight dead skunks on the ground. Last summer, Mr. Dearen killed seven skunks in his yard at one time, which makes 15 dead skunks in two battles.

The Early Bird Gets the Groceries



There are two main reasons for shopping as early as possible each day: (1) You will always find a more complete selection of groceries, and (2) you will get better service for yourself and help your groceryman give better service to his other customers. Of course, it's patriotic these days to carry your own bundles.

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Carolyn Lee

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10:00 Sunday School lesson

11:00 Worship Service

P.m.

7:45 Training union

8:30 Evening worship

Wednesday

P.m.

4:00 Missionary Society

8:00 Weekly Teachers meeting

8:30 Mid-week Devotional

We welcome you,

Claude Stovall, pastor

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Church school 10:30 a. m.

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Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock

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YOUNGSTERS—HELP WITH HOME-CANNING!



Photo Courtesy Ball Bros. Co.

Don't worry if you're too young for the WAACS or WAVES. There's another important job for you. Save all the extra vegetables from your Victory Garden by home-canning. A few jars a day take little time and add up to well-filled shelves by the end of the season. Food costs are high in the stores and may be higher, but food grown at home still costs a few cents a jar.

There's a deep satisfaction in growing and canning your own food. Wait and see. You'll take inventory of your garden each day to see

which vegetables are right for the table and how many extras there are to put in glass jars. Make it a point each day to gather everything at its prime, and make it a point of honor to get the extras into glass jars before they lose freshness.

That's the big secret of delicious, nutritious, home-canned foods—freshness. Home-grown, home-canned foods often have more vitamins than those bought at the store, because they are fresh. And when you get a reliable home-canning booklet, you'll be surprised

at how many different things may be put away for later use in glass jars.

Be sure to have the very best canning instructions and recipes. One fruit jar company offers a Blue Book free with a coupon packed with each dozen jars—or for ten cents if you have no coupon. The instructions are easy to follow. It is not necessary to have elaborate or expensive equipment. Form a canning club and have fun while you can!

HOME-CANNED BERRIES TAKE LITTLE SUGAR

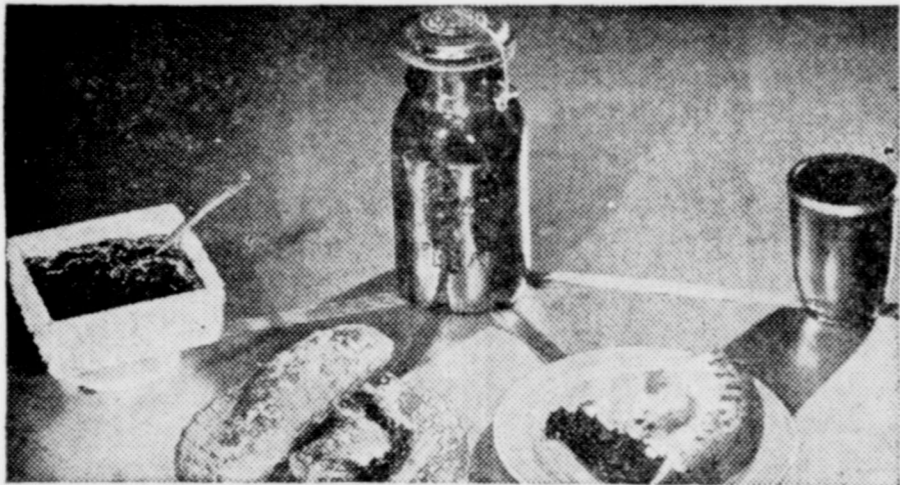


Photo Courtesy Ball Bros. Co.

Home canned berries play leading roles in the pantry because they contribute vitamins and minerals for health, can be used in many ways, and are easy and inexpensive to can.

Blackberries, blueberries, boysenberries, raspberries, elderberries—can them all and others, too, with little or no sugar. Sugar gives them better flavor and more calories, but has nothing to do with keeping qualities.

Berries are too precious to waste and none will be wasted if you will see to it that every step taken is the right one. First of all, wash, rinse and examine your jars. Be sure to inspect the top edges of those to be sealed with glass top seal or two-piece vacuum seal closures because top seals refuse to work unless tops of the jars are perfect. Cover jars, glass lids, and zinc caps with luke-warm water, heat to boiling and keep hot until needed. Wash and rinse rubbers and vacuum seal lids and drop them in boiling water—they don't need boiling unless you plan to do old-fashioned open kettle canning—then they must be boiled a few minutes to sterilize.

Every berry must be fresh, sound, ripe, and firm. Wash them carefully and then take your choice of canning methods.

Gladys Kimbrough, Home Service Director of Ball Brothers Company, prefers to hot-pack berries. This is how it is done. Place berries in a wide, shallow pan; add one-half cup sugar, or less, for each quart of berries; set the pan over low heat and simmer until the berries heat through and the sugar dissolves (remember you don't have to use any sugar); pour the hot berries into clean, hot jars and process five minutes in hot water-bath canner.

If you prefer cold packing, fill a jar about half full with raw berries, then tap it gently on a folded cloth to shake the berries down. When the jar is filled to within a half-inch of the top, add enough hot syrup to cover the berries. Process 20 minutes in a water-bath canner.

Syrup for four quarts of berries may be made by boiling two cups sugar and three cups water or berry juice together until the sugar dissolves. If you are a little short on sugar—and who isn't these days?—try making the syrup of one measure sugar, one measure corn syrup, and one-half measure water or berry juice. This syrup seems rather thick and sweet, but it will become thinner and less sweet after it has been with the berries a few weeks. And if you have no sugar at all, cover the berries with hot berry juice or boiling water; seal or partly seal the jars (follow the manufacturer's instructions) and process 20 minutes in a water-bath canner.

If you want your berries to really star, can them without sugar. Then they can be used as if they were fresh from the patch. The juice can be drained off and used for making jelly. The berries can go into a pie or into jam—a jam turnover tucked in a lunch box will make the noon hour much more pleasant for somebody and surely you need nobody to tell you that jelly and jam are far more delicious when freshly made than at any other time.

Sun Rays May Be Dangerous

Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, today released a statement concerning the danger of over exposure to the sun.

"Sun Stroke is not thought to be due to the heat of the sun, but to certain direct effects of the sun on the human brain. It is likely to occur after the sun has shone excessively on the back of the head and neck. This can be prevented by

protecting the head and back of the neck from the sunshine," Dr. Cox explained.

Dr. Cox asserted that exposure of the skin to the sun has some virtue since the action of the sunshine tends to kill the germs on the skin. Further, sunshine produces vitamin D from the fats in the skin and this product is absorbed and used by the body.

"In general the good effects of sunshine are not due to the heat rays but ultraviolet rays," Dr. Cox stated. "It must be remembered,

however, that it is these same rays which burn the skin and extensive application of direct sunshine to the skin may produce painful and severe burns which actually may endanger life."

The State Health Officer advises those who wish to obtain an extensive suntan to get it by slow degrees. Expose small portions of the skin to the sun for a short period of time. When tanning is established, exposing a greater area for a longer period of time should prove safe and comfortable.

Billy J. Littlefield was bitten by a Black Widow Spider last Wednesday. He suffered great pain until he reached Dr. Swann's office. He responded quickly to the treatment and in a little while he was feeling much relieved.

School transfers of children from one district to another must be made before August 1. The deadline is July 31. Failure to make transfers before August 1, subjects the parent or guardian of the child to full payment of tuition. That is, they will not be entitled to State school money.

Oscar Findt underwent a major surgical operation last Wednesday at a hospital in San Angelo. He was reported to have underwent the operation successfully and at last accounts, he was doing nicely. Mrs. Findt, who is a trained nurse, is with him. Also the children are in San Angelo to be near him.

Miss Nan Findt and her little sister, Jeanette, and two brothers, Billy and Jimmy Findt, who had been with their father, Oscar Findt when he underwent a surgical operation at a hospital in San Angelo last Tuesday. Miss Nan reports that her father is improving rapidly and expects to return home next week.

Tom Dee Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Jeff Davis, writes from somewhere on the Pacific Coast that he is doing fine and likes the Navy. Tom Dee would like a furlough home to visit his folks, but has doubts about it being soon. It will be remembered that Tom Dee was

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