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Famous "Wings Over Jordan Choir" Here Jan. 1

Tickets For Choir To Go On Sale Saturday

On Sale at State Hotel

The nationally famous negro choir, "Wings Over Jordan" will be heard in Sterling City at two performances on January 1—at 3:00 p. m. and 8:00 p. m. in the school auditorium. The attraction is being sponsored by the Sterling City Lions Club.

Admission for the performances is to be as follows: Night—reserved seats \$2 plus 40c tax; general admission \$1.50 plus tax; Matinee—75c plus tax. When the 412 seats are sold out ticket sales will be stopped, so if you want a seat, buy your ticket early.

Tickets will go on sale at the lobby of the State Hotel at 10:00 a. m. Saturday morning.

The program for the two-hour concert will be as follows:

"Joy in That Land", "It's Me, It's Me, Standing in the Need of Prayer", "In the Kingdom of the Lord", "I've Been Boked and I've Been Scorned", "Plenty Good Room", "Show Me the Way", "Give Away Jordan", "Trying to Get Ready", "When I've Done the Best I Can", "John the Revelator".

INTERMISSION

"I Am a Poor Pilgrim of Sorrow", "Have You Got Good Religion?", "Just a Closer Walk With Thee", "Deep River", "I'm Gonna Die With the Staff in My Hand", "I Want Two Wings", "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord", "Ave Maria", "He'll Understand and Say, Well Done", "Hallelujah Chorus" or "Old Man River".

Other songs likely to be sung are "Certainly, Lord", "Over My Head", "My Lord, What a Morning", "Steal Away", "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot", "Plenty Good Room", "I Cried and Cried", "Keep Me from Sinking Down", "There is a Balm in Gilead".



REV. GLYNN T. SETTLE, Originator and Director of "WINGS OVER JORDAN"

DAUGHTER TO THE ELLIS LEES
A daughter, named Kathryn Mae, was born to the Ellis Lees in Ballinger on November 27. The Lees formerly operated the dairy here. Mr. and Mrs. Lee have two other children.

The Bill Knights are to move back to Abilene. Bill has been here with the South Texas Lumber Co. for the past two months, and now he is being transferred back to Abilene.

OUR WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER

By Congressman O. C. FISHER

Foot and Mouth Disease

Hearings were held last week by committees of the House and Senate regarding the eradication program for foot and mouth disease in Mexico. Representatives of the Department of Agriculture, who have handled the program for our government, and a number from livestock associations were heard.

As announced late in November, the eradication program in Mexico has completely broken down and all slaughtering has stopped. That was the direct result of a decision made by the Mexican government.

From Texas to urge a resumption of the program in the future, came C. E. Weymouth, President, and Joe Montague, Attorney of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association, who also spoke for the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, and Bob Kleberg of Corpus Christi.

The slaughtering in the infected zone went along well for awhile. Then it is reported that public resentment against killing the oxen and pigs became so intense among the natives that the Mexican government threw up its hands and ordered all slaughtering stopped.

Around a half million head of cattle in the infected area were killed. About an equal number of hogs, goats etc. were destroyed. Our part in the cost of the program amounted to \$36 million.

Fortunately, the infection has been held to a distance of 350 miles of the Rio Grande. A quarantine around the infected area will continue indefinitely, but any future joint slaughtering program will depend upon new negotiations between the governments of the two countries. The resumption of the program is of the highest importance to the United States. In the meantime, the border will remain closed to importation of cattle, sheep, goats, hogs, etc.

Secretary of Agriculture Anderson has indicated the referendum on the question of imposing a quota on the acreage of peanuts for 1948, which the Secretary ordered last July, will be held as scheduled on December 9. Fifteen members of the House, together with Senators George of Georgia and Sparkman of Alabama recently conferred with Anderson and urged him to call off the referendum. I got the impression from the meeting that if the quotas are voted the Secretary will not invoke them during 1948, but will permit unlimited acreage during next year. At the conference it was brought out that the government's peanut purchase and support program during 1947, instead of being a subsidy to the growers, actually made the government a profit of around \$2 million.

STERLING BASKET BALLERS WIN FIRST CONFERENCE GAME

The Sterling Eagles started slow Tuesday night, but took complete command of the last half and trounced the Forsan Buffaloes by the score of 51-22. This was the first conference game for the Eagles and it looks as though they will be the team to beat in the district race.

The Forsan team started in the lead with a 3-0 score in the first minute of play. Tweedle scored two quick baskets and from there on Sterling was never behind. The Eagles held a 12-3 first quarter lead. The Buffaloes pulled up to a 14-9 score just after the quarter and then Sterling rallied again to have a 22-11 score at half-time.

Sterling came back strong in the last half and held a 35-13 lead at the third quarter. Coach Tillerson pulled his main squad at the beginning of the fourth quarter with a 46-15 lead and it ended 51-22.

Tweedle was high point man for Sterling with 20 points followed by Smith and Hudson with eight each.

The Eagles go to Rankin Friday to the Rankin tournament to meet the always strong Big Lake boys at 4 p. m. Saturday. Finals will be Saturday night.

The Sterling B squad lost to the Forsan B club in the curtain raiser by the score of 26-15.

STERLING WINS PRACTICE GAME

The Sterling A and B teams opened the season here last Thursday by taking a doubleheader from the Water Valley Wildcats.

The Sterling A team proved to be too strong for the smaller Water Valley boys and ran up a score of 64-17. Mitchell was high point for Sterling with 16, followed by Tweedle with 14 and King with 12.

In the B game Water Valley held a 13-6 lead at half-time, but the scrapping Eagles came back and won it in the last minute of play by a 14-13 score.

STERLING HOST TO COURTESY

In what appears to be the strongest ball club Sterling will meet this year, will be seen in action on the local court Tuesday night when the Eagles will be out for their second conference win. The Eagles will entertain the strong Courtney Eagles. Coach Tillerson said that whoever won this game would be a definite favorite to win this district title. The Courtney group have their starting lineup back from last season as do the Sterling Eagles. They played with a two point margin last year in their two games. Come out to the ball game Tuesday night at 7. Admission to the conference games is 15c and 25c.

LIONS CHRISTMAS AUCTION NEXT WEDNESDAY

The Lions perfected plans for their annual Christmas auction at the Wednesday luncheon in the community center building. Also plans concerning the Wings Over Jordan concert were perfected.

Lion Worth B. Durham, past president of the club, will act as the auctioneer when the club raises the money for the Christmas cheer. Each Lion is expected to bring a guest to the auction or forfeit a dollar.

A committee from the club to work on the Christmas giving with the help of other clubs include J. T. Davis, Ed. H. Lovlace and Henton Emery.

Lion Ed. H. Lovlace was named to introduce the choir and director Wings Over Jordan on the night of the concert.

The poster and billboard committee as named include Byron W. Frierson, A.T. Bratton and G. W. Tillerson. Ticket sales committee includes Henton Emery, S. M. Bailey, E.D. Lovlace and Joe Emery. Named as ushers were George Blackburn, Walter Duff, Harvey Hennigan, Rogers Hefley, Claude Collins, Roland Lowe and Jack Douthit.

It was announced that tickets would go on sale at the lobby of the State Hotel from 10 to 5 o'clock each Saturday from now until the night of the concert. Reserved seats are \$2.40, general admission \$1.80, tax included, for the night performance and the matinee tickets are 90c tax included.

It should be borne in mind that as soon as the 412 seats for each performance are sold, ticket sales will be stopped.

JUNIOR CLASS PLAY GIVEN THURSDAY

The junior class of Sterling City high school presented their annual play, "Take It Easy" on Thursday night. A good crowd was present.

Appearing in the three act comedy farce were Trinabeth Reed, Flo Marie Thieme, Dick Bailey, Jimmy Findt, Harold Baker, Margaret Ritter, Blaine Mitchell, Joan King, R. B. Mitchell and Buddy Cole.

A slight snow fell in Sterling on Wednesday night of this week. High temperatures melted the snow fast the next morning.

SUGGESTED MENU FOR EGGLSS THURSDAY

- Citizens Food Committee—
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 - BRAISED LAMB SHANKS AND NOODLES
 - 3 lamb shanks
 - 1/2 cup flour
 - 3 teaspoons salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 - 2 tablespoons fat
 - 1 cup sliced onions
 - 1 small green pepper, seeded and sliced
 - 1 1/2 quarts boiling water
 - 1/2 pound wide noodles
- Have butcher cut each shank into 3 pieces. Combine flour with 1 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Roll meat in this mixture, and brown thoroughly on all sides in the hot fat. Then add onions and green pepper, and brown slightly. Add boiling water, remaining 2 teaspoons salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper; cover and simmer for 1 hour. Then skim off excess fat; add noodles; cover, and continue cooking about 20 minutes or until noodles are tender. Serve shanks in center of platter with noodles and gravy around them. Serves 5-6

AAA COMMITTEE ELECTIONS DEC. 17

Sterling County AAA County Committee elections will be held on Wednesday, the 17th of December in the courtroom. Voting hours will be from 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.

The present County Committeemen are Lee R. Reed, chairman, Riley J. Welch, regular member, and Louis F. Hodges, regular member.

Out of the present committee there are only two committeemen that will be eligible for the 1948 program. They are Lee Reed and Riley J. Welch.

There will be on hand in the office a list of all ranchers and farmers who are eligible for committeemen and you may have this information at any time.

Some of the duties of the county committee are as follows:

Develop and administer, under the supervision of the State PMA Committee, programs adapted to the needs of the county; with the aid of the county committeemen (Sterling has only one community, therefore we have no community committeemen) keep farmers and ranchers and others informed of the objectives, provisions and progress of farm and ranch program; determine results of farm and ranch programs in the county; submit reports as required; conduct meetings, elections, referendums, hearings, and investigations; be responsible for the operations of the county agricultural conservation office, employment of personnel, keeping expenses of the program within the county allocation of funds; and cooperate with other farm and ranch agencies and leaders in coordinating farm and ranch programs within the county.

Now, as to who is eligible to vote for these committeemen is another question some of you would like to know. Any person who is participating or cooperating in any program administered during the current calendar year through the county agricultural conservation association may vote in these elections. This includes owners, tenants, or sharecroppers on a farm or ranch on which any of such programs are being carried out. Any such persons are eligible to vote in the elections until such time as it payment or grant of conservation materials or services can be made for the farm or ranch.

Olin W. Nail Is Awarded Doctor's Degree

Rev. Olin W. Nail, Methodist minister at Donna, Texas, was awarded the Doctor of Theology degree at Denver, Dec. 4, by the Iliff School of Theology. Dr. Nail was formerly pastor at Sterling City, Texas. He edited the Texas Methodist Centennial Yearbook in 1934 and published the proceedings of the Rio Grande and West Texas conferences for 1859-1885. He is listed in Prominent Personalities in American Methodism, Who's Who in Texas, and Religious Leaders in America. He served as secretary and editor of the Southwest Texas conference for a number of years. He holds two degrees from Southern Methodist University at Dallas. Dr. Nail's dissertation was on the history of the Methodist Church in Southwest Texas from 1834 to 1946.

Senate Policy Committee



WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Soundphoto)—The policy committee of the U.S. Senate, headed by Sen. Taft, of Ohio, met in closed session to discuss the GOP policy schedule for the special session of Congress. L. to R.: GOP Senators Henry C. Dworshak of Idaho; Homer Ferguson of Mich.; Leverett Saltonstall of Mass.; Eugene D. Millikin of Colo.; Wallace H. White, Jr., of Me.; Robert A. Taft of Ohio, policy leader; Senate President Pro Tempore Arthur H. Vandenberg of Mich.; C. Wayland Brooks of Ill.; Albert W. Hawkes of N. J.; Edward Martin of Pa.; and Raymond E. Baldwin of Conn.

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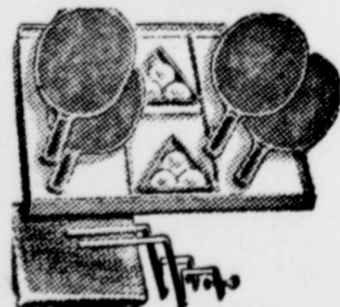
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Wednesday Night Services 7:30.

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ED. H. LOVELACE, Pastor
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Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.

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Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
B. T. U. 6:00 p. m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p. m.

ARE YOU A SOLDIER OF THE CROSS OR A SOLDIER AT THE CROSS?

"They said therefore among themselves, let us not rend it but cast lots for it." John 19:23.

On that eventful day, when Christ Jesus, the Son of God, displayed the fact that he was the Epitome of love when He "His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree" (1 Peter 2:24). As I said again: On that eventful day the soldiers sat there at the foot of the cross and watched this lone pathetic figure of a man from Galilee as he hung upon the nails of the cross.

They sat there that day looking upon the greatest sacrifice of all ages—of His sacrifice the coats of skin made by Jehovah for Adam and Eve spake. Of this sacrifice upon which the soldiers looked, the sacrifice of Abel's accepted offering preferred. To the sacrifice of Christ the sacrifice of Isaac pointed. The lamb, the sprinkled blood on the door post foreshadowed Christ. "And the blood shall be to you a token upon the houses where ye are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you." "Christ, our passover, is sacrificed for us." (1 Cor. 5:7).

The sacrifices for sins and transgresses, the burnt offerings and the peace offerings of old were signs pointing down through the centuries to Christ Jesus as He hung on Calvary's Cross as the greatest sacrifice of all ages. Jesus, the lamb furnished by God for God furnished a sacrifice for us in His Son, Jesus. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) And to you, whether you have your name written high on the social register of Sterling County or whether it be written low, place your name in this scripture just read instead of the "whosoever" and that scripture is as God would have it read. For "God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." (Rom. 5:8) Yes, the soldiers looked upon the greatest sacrifice of all ages there that day.

Not only did they watch Him but they gambled—"Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also a coat. Now, the coat was without seam woven from the tophrough out. They said therefore among themselves, let us not rend it but cast lots for it." (John 19:23-24) I

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wouldn't want to gamble if for no other reason than that the Savior had to look upon gambling in His atoning death.

In a sense the world plays its game today at the foot of the cross. Wherever and whoever you are, you are facing the Son of God and His Cross.

Jesus said, "And, I if I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." and friends, the gospel preachers, the churches and those who love the Lord, are holding up the crucified Christ in the preached word and in their lives, and you must confess Him now as Lord and Savior, or tomorrow as judge. "As I

live, saith the Lord, to me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

Listen, neighbor of Sterling County, don't gamble your soul away, repent of your sins, and come to God by faith through Jesus Christ, God's Son. For He is "The lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world."

So, may I ask you again: Are you a soldier at the cross gambling your life away, or are you a soldier of the cross with eternal life today?

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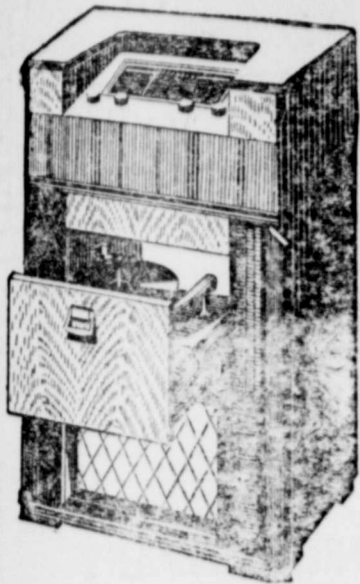
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"Covering the County"

By Byron W. Frierson, Sterling
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William and Bubba Foster with several other men and about 15 dogs caught a male coyote in the Bobs Creek area several days ago. The dogs ran the coyote under a vacant house on the Bill and Lee Reed ranch. The dogs also picked up his mate's trail but to date she is still at large.

Saw a friend of mine the other day who is an entomologist. He told me of some experimental work on grub control. Seems a cow was fed a quantity of some substance. Grubs were later extracted from her hide, and this substance was found in the grub's body. It seemed reasonable that if some substance poison to the grub alone could be fed the cow, grub control would be simplified. Further experiments were made with a substance that seemed certain to kill the grubs. Sure enough, grub kill was better than 90 per cent.

But the cow died, too.

Rotenone is still the best poison available for this work. Be thorough with your treatment and be sure it enters the open grub hole.

Repeat the treatment every 30 days if new grubs keep coming to the top.

If you are planning to sow any spring oats, here are the recommended varieties: Fultex, New Nortex, Ferguson 992, Frazier and Fanota. For spring sowing, plan to seed about 1/4 heavier than fall seeding.

We wrote a farmer in Mitchell County the other day to see if he had any sweet sudan seed. We found out that he not only had sweet sudan seed for sale, but also almost anything else you can think of from a kitchen sink to a Jersey bull.

The Sterling 4-H Club had a field tour of club demonstrations at last Monday's meeting. Eighteen club members were present. Demonstrations visited were Don Gann's calf feeding demonstration, R. B. and Bob Mitchell's lamb feeding demonstration, Alfred Thieme's lamb feeding demonstration, Elroy and Leroy Butler's pig feeding demonstration, Rusty Huff's pig feeding demonstration, Dennis Reed's brood sow, and Clinton Hodges' breeding sheep demonstration.

Paper Cups at the News-Record.

SPEAKS AT BALLINGER CLUB MEETING

Miss Ethel Foster, member of the board of directors of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, past president of the TFWC, and also past president of District 6, TFWC, was guest speaker for the Ballinger Shakespeare Club on Thursday afternoon of last week.

Mrs. Dorsey Read, program chairman, introduced Miss Foster, who gave a short history of the General Federation, and outlined the themes of all the presidents of the GFWC from the first president to the present leader.

Miss Foster has been a club member for many years and she is now chairman of the club program planning of TFWC and also chairman of the Golden Jubilee Endowment Fund.

TWO STERLING STUDENTS ON A. C. C. HONOR ROLL

Two students from Sterling City have been named as honor students in Abilene Christian College, Abilene, Texas for the first half of the 1947 fall semester. Abilene Christian College counts the scholastic top ten per cent of its class as honor students.

Honor students are Bonnie Ruth King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Riley J. King; and David Crossno, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Crossno.

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SUNDAY SUGGESTION

Two-day menu planning that looks ahead to Monday's satisfying Peace Plate is part of today's good eating suggestion from home economists of the Citizens Food Committee's Consumer Service Section. Roast Stuffed Shoulder of Lamb—a meat cut in line with the food conservation program—has a Vegetable Stuffing that spares bread and contributes special flavor with food values.

Sharing the roasting pan and the meat's fine flavor are Pan-Roasted Potatoes. Try a salad of diced canned pineapple and sliced raw cranberries tossed with broken-up lettuce leaves and your favorite salad dressing. For Sunday dessert, serve chocolate or vanilla ice cream.

ROAST SHOULDER OF LAMB WITH VEGETABLE STUFFING

- 1 medium onion, diced
- 1/2 cup celery, chopped
- 3 tablespoons green pepper, chopped
- 3/4 cup raw carrot, grated
- 2 cups soft bread crumbs
- 1 1/4 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1/4 cup melted fat
- 4 pounds shoulder of lamb, (cut with "pocket" for stuffing)

Combine first 10 ingredients. Fill pocket of meat with stuffing. Fasten together with skewers or tie securely with cord. Brush with additional fat. Season with 2 teaspoons additional salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Roast in moderate oven (350° F.), allowing 45 minutes per pound. Serves 6 to 8, with leftovers.

PAN-ROASTED POTATOES: Pare 8 medium potatoes and boil 10 minutes. Arrange around roast in roasting pan and bake 40-60 minutes, or until tender, turning occasionally and basting with fat in pan. Plan so that the meat and potatoes are done at the same time.

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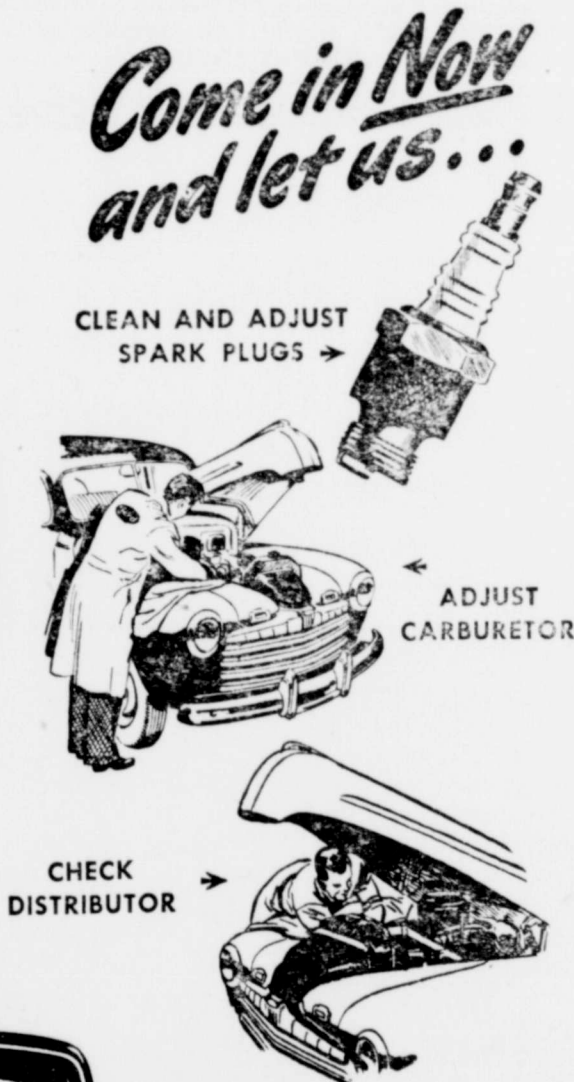
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**Maj. Gen.
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WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Sound-photo) — Former Maj. Gen. Bennett E. Meyers, is shown at the witness table as he faced his principal accuser in the Senate's aircraft investigation, after being denied a court martial which would have blocked civilian action against him. Meyers heard Neil McCarthy, ex-vice president for Howard Hughes, repeat under oath his charge that the former AAF procurement chief asked him for a \$50,000 down payment on a post-war job with the millionaire plane builder.

SATURDAY SUGGESTION

A little hamburger goes a long way in today's substantial Peace Plate suggestion from home economists of the Consumer Service Section, Citizens Food Committee. In fact, the course-in-one dish, Texas Hash, serves 8, and three variations make this a "Must" for the recipe book.

With hearty Texas Hash, serve mixed green pickles and baked potatoes, not forgetting to rub a little fat on skins before baking. For dessert, treat the family to frosted spice cake.

TEXAS HASH

- 2 large onions, sliced
- 2 green peppers, cut fine
- 3 tablespoons fat
- 1 pound hamburger
- 2 cups canned tomatoes
- 1/2 cup uncooked rice
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Cook onions and green pepper slowly in hot fat until onions are yellow. Add hamburger and fry until mixture falls apart. Add tomatoes, rice, and seasonings and mix. Put in large greased casserole, cover, and bake in moderate oven (375° F.) 45 minutes, or until done. Serves 8. To serve 4, divide recipe in half.

Variations:

1. Instead of rice, use 1 cup uncooked spaghetti, macaroni, or noodles.
2. Substitute 1 cup chopped celery stalks and leaves for green pepper.
3. Use 1 teaspoon paprika instead of chili powder.

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By **GEORGE S. BENSON**
President of Harding College
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*Looking
Ahead*

AMONG ALL THE postwar nations, no countries have so quickly restored their productivity without damage to standards of living as have Canada and the United States. These two countries have restored productivity to the 1940-41 level, and in many industries have surpassed this level. It is no coincidence that a recent *New York Times* 22-nation survey showed that except in Canada and the United States, the trend is toward government management of industry.

Countries that are exchanging their freedoms for government controls are not making good postwar records. In general, they are the countries that are crying loudest for help from outside. Those nations which desire to turn everything over to the government for complete control and management are the very countries that are slipping backward. Still, the trend is toward government management of industry.

Public SHALL AMERICA ultimately follow this trend? In my opinion, the public in this country has not yet decided that issue. There are some voices crying loudly for government management. Even our Attorney General points his finger at American industry and accuses it of being responsible for high prices. Political maneuverers may please critical people and get votes, but in making industry unpopular the way is paved for replacing our free enterprise system.

As an educator, I favor that system which will provide the highest standards of living for the masses of the American people. If government management of our industries would provide higher wages, more productivity

and greater purchasing power for each dollar spent, then certainly I would be in favor of it. Actually, our system of private enterprise has put America far ahead of other nations that have tried anything else.

Act With THERE ARE other Wisdom dividends offered by the American way. We have freedoms. We can work at what we please, where we choose. We can speak our minds, assemble in groups as we care to. These freedoms and other liberties we did not have under the control of despotic and dictatorial governments in previous centuries. Why ever, should we want to follow a trend that leads us backward toward new despotism and loss of personal freedoms?

The experience of England should make us pause and think seriously. Those freedom-loving people have not found government management an asset. Their coal production has been extremely disappointing under government management. Rationing has become more and more severe. Burdens of the people have become more and more heavy. Today, the very future of England is threatened by strict government regulation and management of industry.

In this dark hour, Englishmen should study their own history. They will find that whenever their individual freedoms were greatest, it was then their prosperity was the most genuine. If we in America think soberly and act in our best interests, we will act with wisdom to preserve the fundamental patterns of our economy: the right of private ownership of property and the freest possible exercise of private management of our entire economy.

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A Comparison of U.S. and Russian Farm Efficiency



The American mastery of modern farming techniques gives us a big edge in strength over any potential aggressor, according to Dr. Herrell DeGraff, outstanding Cornell University agricultural economist.

This is because farm productivity is an accurate measure of a country's industrial strength as well as the health of its population, he said.

Writing in Steelways Magazine, Dr. DeGraff said, "Russia, for instance, has yet to win the war of steel plows and the efficiency with which they symbolize."

Comparing the agricultural systems of the two countries, he said, "America's basic advantage makes Russia look like a 14-year-old boy pitted against a brawny blacksmith in a weight lifting contest."

"We have to go back to shortly before the Civil War," he added, "to find when the American farmer's productivity was as low as the Russians' in 1938. American agriculture in prewar years turned out six times as much as each worker on the land in Russia."

The use of prewar figures was necessary, Dr. DeGraff explained, for the reason that the Soviets do not give out statistics now. He also said that "even if we had the information, it would hardly be satisfactory to draw a comparison since Russia's agricultural production was far more disrupted by the war than ours was."

Although Russia is the largest nation in the world, containing one-sixth of the world's land area, and with a population one-third greater than that of the United States, agriculturally speaking, Dr. DeGraff pointed out, this nation's output of farm produce in the years for which we have a comparison exceeded Russia's by 50 per cent. Both countries had approximately the same harvested crop acreage, prewar.

"Except in a few operations, Russia's claim to have the most mechanized agriculture in the world is a gross exaggeration," Dr. DeGraff stated. "The bulk of Russian farm work is done by hand while the American farmer, using machines

made mostly of steel, supplied by an aggressive American industry, never ceased to expand the effectiveness of his work."

Dr. DeGraff quoted figures to show that the Russian farmer worked 63 hours before the war to grow one acre of corn, while in this country American farmers worked only 16 hours and obtained double the yield.

Russians, according to the article, required 320 hours to raise and harvest an acre of cotton. American producers do the same in 91 hours. While the farmer in this country labored 9 hours to raise and harvest an acre of wheat, the Russian farmer took 47 hours and even then got less wheat. Sugar beets, potatoes, milk and poultry production all followed the same pattern.

"The great vitality and productivity of American agriculture has been the basis of the rising strength of the nation and the rising standard of living," Dr. DeGraff said. "We now use only one-sixth of the nation's productive effort to provide for this country and still ship 10 per cent of our farm produce overseas."

Production levels in the United States are ever-increasing, Dr. DeGraff explained, "because individuals have had freedom to work and enjoy the fruits of labor. Under that system we have built an economic system that has stimulated production, individually and in the mass."

"The steel industry and other allied industries, making possible such machines of increasing efficiency, constantly reduce still farther the manpower needed to produce food and thus release more men to devise and produce more ways to build higher the level of our civilization."

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TODAY'S TIP ON FOOD SAVING

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Buttered Brussels sprouts or cabbage may be given an added touch of texture by sprinkling each serving with crisp toasted cubelets of bread. Before toasting the bread cubelets, they may be brushed lightly with bacon drippings or melted butter or margarine, or sprinkled with grated cheese.

MONDAY SUGGESTION

Second step in thrifty week-end menu planning, as worked out by the Consumer Service Section, Citizens Food Committee, is a Peace Plate that features Lamb Curry, made with cooked lamb remaining from Sunday's roast shoulder.

Here's a main dish from leftovers that can face family or guests with no apologies, especially when served with mashed sweet potatoes—now plentiful—and apple rings sauteed in a skillet with a little fat and sugar. Wind up with Peanut Butter Blanc Mange, a flavorful dessert that supplies a good portion of the daily quota of milk.

LAMB CURRY

¾ cup sliced onions
1 cup diced celery
1 minced peeled clove garlic (optional)
2 tablespoons fat
1½ cups cubed leftover cooked lamb
1 teaspoon curry powder
2 cups stock from lamb bones or lamb gravy diluted with water
Salt
2 tablespoons flour
¼ cup cold water

Cook the onions, celery and garlic in the fat in a skillet until lightly browned. Add lamb, curry powder, stock and salt to taste. Cover; simmer 30 minutes. If necessary, thicken with the flour mixed with cold water. Serves 4.

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2 cups soft bread crumbs*
1/2 cup milk
1 egg, well beaten
1 tablespoon minced parsley
1 teaspoon salt
Dash of pepper
2 tablespoons melted fat

Drain salmon, reserving liquor. Remove skin and bone and flake the fish. Combine with remaining ingredients and turn into greased loaf pan, 7 1/2 x 3 1/2 x 2 1/2 inches. Bake in moderately hot oven (375 F.) 40 minutes, or until firm in center. Serve with a tasty hot sauce made by stirring 2 tablespoons catchup into 1 cup medium white sauce just before serving. Use the reserved salmon liquor as part of the milk in making the sauce. Serves 4.

*If very dry bread crumbs are used, more milk will be needed to make a moist loaf. With thick slices of the hot Salmon Loaf, we suggest scalloped potatoes and baked Acorn squash, and, for dessert, a tart refreshing lemon-flavored gelatin with cut-up fruit molded in it.

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North Concho River Soil Conservation News

Increased grass cover and spread of the best range grasses is the result which Neill Munn, cooperator with the North Concho River Soil Conservation District, has secured in one year by pasture deferment and cedar eradication. Munn had the cedar pushed on about 160 acres last fall and winter and rested his country during the entire growing season of 1947. In his East Pasture little bluestem, sand dropseed, side oats grama, cup grass and feather bluestem show up in very vigorous and scattered clumps. Many of these bunches are waist high and have produced a good seed crop this year. Grasses occurring in more abundance are hairy grama and buffalo, which are crowding out the undesirable needle grass. Disturbed areas left bare after cedar was pushed have grasses over except in the actual hole from which the trees were uprooted. Munn is stripping seed from side oats grama and little bluestem plants adjoining these areas and scattering the seed on the bare ground. For a number of years Munn has been clearing cedar out of his fence rows and grubbed small invading cedar off his range land. In fact, on one area of deep soil he grubbed all the cedar off several years ago with the thought of putting the area in cultivation. After the cedar was eliminated from competition with the native grasses this area produced so much feed that it was left as range land. There is proof on this ranch that hand-grubbing has a very definite place in curbing the spread of cedar to non-infested areas and in holding down the density of areas already occupied. The pushing done last winter was the beginning of a program to eradicate all cedar from the deep and shallow soil areas of this 5 section ranch.

Clippings of comparable areas in and out of cedar on W.B. Welch's ranch showed over twice the forage production when only a moderate stand of cedar is eliminated. Range with 25 per cent side oats grama, 25 per cent buffalo and 50 per cent needle grass growing in a moderate stand of cedar produced 695 pounds forage per acre. Range with the same grasses growing in like percentage where cedar was eradicated last year produced 1515 pounds of forage per acre.

Munn says, "There is no doubt but that cedar eradication will double the forage production if the better native grasses are given the proper chance to occupy and reseed the range areas."

George O'Barr believes that the primary reason his range country shows a very low per cent of needle grass and generally more than 50 per cent of the higher producing grasses is because he has grazed only cattle on his ranch. In the preparation of his conservation plan O'Barr gave special attention to stopping water concentration in roads, using run-off water from roads adjoining his ranch and to the possibilities of mesquite eradication.

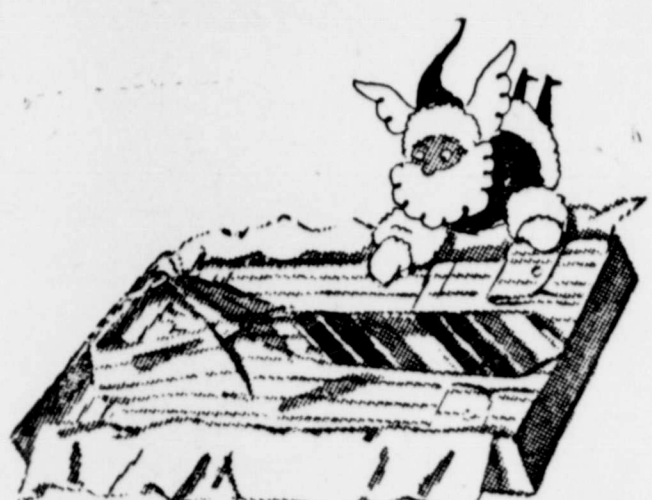
J. W. Cox of Garden City has cleared mesquite from the range land near his irrigation well in preparing the area for seeding to tame grasses.

J. R. Mims, Water Valley, is working out an irrigation system on an old field adjoining his irrigation well.

Leo Radde is planning to plant western wheat grass and oats on the range land disturbed in eradicating cedar. He would like to have planted side oats grama, yellow bluestem, and buffalo grass, but the seed were either not available or prohibitive in price. The oats are expected to provide temporary cover until the native grasses can get started in the 1948 growing season. Radde has made application to the North Concho River Soil Conservation District for assistance in planning a conservation program on his ranch.

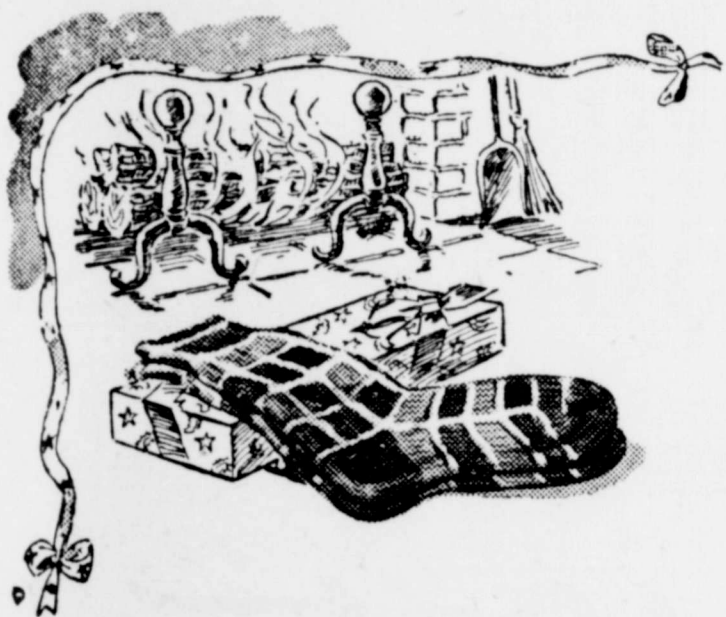
Foster S. Price, district supervisor of Zone 5, attended the State Meeting of Texas Soil Conservation District Supervisors Association at Brownwood this week.

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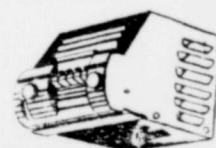
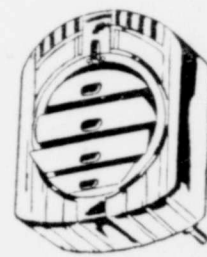
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