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OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat



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"EACH TO HIS ABILITY... THE SOLDIER CAN FIGHT, THE STATESMAN CAN INSPIRE - IT'S MY TASK TO RAISE MONEY."

ROBERT MORRIS BACKED THE CONTINENTAL ARMY TO THE EXTENT OF \$600,000 - A VAST SUM FOR THOSE TIMES - PART REPRESENTING THE LOAN OF HIS OWN FORTUNE, PART RAISED BY PLEDGING HIS PERSONAL CREDIT, AS HE WENT ALL-OUT FOR THE CAUSE.

TODAY, THE FINANCING OF OUR MILITARY PREPAREDNESS CALLS FOR THE SAVINGS OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE - "EACH TO HIS ABILITY" - AND ALL OF US BACKING THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM WITH THE SAME FAITH THAT LED ROBERT MORRIS TO PLEDGE HIS DOLLARS FOR DEMOCRACY.

Funeral Rites for Tom Fred and L. E. Conger Held Sunday

Victims of Car-Truck Crash Last Friday Near Wingate

Funeral services for Tom Fred Conger, 48, and his son, L. E., 21, were held from the First Baptist Church in Bronte Sunday and burial followed here in the Foster Cemetery Sunday afternoon.

The two were killed instantly on Friday afternoon when their car and an empty pipe truck crashed at an intersection near Wingate. The two Congers and their passenger, Deward Edward Wright, 18, of Humble, Texas, died and the truck driver, James Almer Brown, of Hermligh, were all killed. Brown's body was burned as his truck burst into flames before his body was removed.

The two Congers, formerly of Sterling City, lived near Tennyson in Coke County. Wright, a student in Abilene Christian College, was believed to have been a hitchhiking passenger with the Congers. They were returning home from Abilene. Brown, the truck driver, was returning to Snyder from Winter. He is survived by his wife and six children.

Tom Fred Conger is survived by his wife, two sons, Duane, of Lubbock, and G. W. of Abilene; a daughter, Mrs. Tommy Jean Fowler of Roscoe; and two brothers, Foster Conger of Sterling City and F. D. Conger of Hamilton; and one sister, Mrs. B. A. Austin of Robert Lee.

L. E. Conger was unmarried and lived with his parents. He was scheduled to have been inducted into the Army Feb. 23.

The church at Bronte was over-crowded with friends at the services Sunday. Many failed to get inside. The Congers were well-thought of both here and his home county. The elder Conger was active as a church worker and in community service during his life. His friends held him in high esteem.

Dana Merritt, Warren Carr Married Last Saturday

Rites in Colorado City Church

Miss Dana Marie Merritt became the bride of Warren Eugene Carr last Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the First Methodist Church in Colorado City. Rev. J. E. Shewbert officiated at the double ring ceremonies.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Merritt of Colorado City. Carr is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Carr of Garden City.

Mr. Merritt gave his daughter in marriage. She was wearing a pink linen suit styled with an eon coat. Her accessories were pink and navy and she carried a satin covered prayer book topped with white camellias.

John Gray of Snyder was best man.

Serving as ushers were Jerry Hudson of Midland, Ewing McEntire of Sterling City, John Ryan of Midland and John McCarthy of Midland.

A reception was held in the home of the bride's parents following the wedding ceremony.

After a short wedding trip the couple will be at home in Midland, where Carr is employed by Blackwood and Nichols Company. For traveling, Mrs. Carr chose a navy suit with navy and white accessories.

Mrs. Carr is a 1950 graduate of Texas State College for Women. She has been employed as a legal secretary in Dallas. The bridegroom is a 1950 graduate of Texas Western College.

Lions Club Luncheon

Glenn Del Weimer sang several numbers at the Lions Club luncheon Wednesday. He was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Anna Lee Johnson. The prize went to W. O. Batten.

Guests present were R.B. Fulcher with the State Department of Health, Mrs. Val Melvin, new hospital administrator and Rufus Foster.

The club voted to send flowers to Hal Knight, a patient in the Shannon Hospital in San Angelo, and to funeral services for Lion Dr. Swann's father's funeral services in Aalabama.

Basketball Girls Win West Half of District

The local girls basketball club defeated Water Valley and Merton in District Tournament, February 9th and 10th. In the final game of the round robin, the girls defeated Water Valley on Tuesday, February 13, to gain the title in the western half of the district. The Robert Lee girls won the east half of the district. District winner will be decided in a two out of three series between the two clubs.

The first game in this series was played in the local gym on Saturday night, Feb. 17. The game ended in a tie with the score 24-24. In the 3 minutes overtime Robert Lee scored a free shot to win over the Sterling girls 24-25.

Mellvinia Huff scored 13 points. Darlene McEntire 10 points and Sue Lowe 1, while Hester, and Blair scored 12 points for the opposition. The decisive point was scored by Gartman.

On Thursday night, February 22 the second of the series was played. If there should be a 3rd game the place will be decided by the flip of a coin. Winner of this series will represent the District in Regional playoff in Brownwood.

Dr. Swann's Father Dies

Dr. J. C. Swann, father of Dr. Wm. J. Swann, died in Alabama Tuesday afternoon at 5:30. The Wm. J. Swanns were on their way to Alabama when the death occurred.

Dr. Swann got a phone call Tuesday morning that his father was not expected to live, and he and his family set out for Alabama in the afternoon. The death message came after he had left here.

The elder Swann lived in Wedowee, Alabama. He was in a hospital near there when he died.

Named To Better Pastures Committee

J. T. Davis, local rancher, was named as a charter member of the Pasture Improvement Committee of Texas by Governor Allan Shivers last week. The committee is to be devoted to the improvement of pasture lands over Texas. The organization is on a state-wide basis functioning from the county units upward through the state committee.

Hal Knight Hospitalized

Hal Knight, cashier of the First National Bank here, was taken to a San Angelo hospital Tuesday suffering with stomach ulcers.

Hal was to have a blood transfusion, but it was found to be not necessary. He was getting along all right and regaining his strength.

Sunday Layman's Day at Methodist Church

Layman's Day will be observed next Sunday, February 25 at the First Methodist Church here. Such announcement was made by Roland Lowe this week.

Elton Mims of Water Valley will be the speaker of the morning, said Lowe. Other local laymen will fill out the program.

An invitation to all of the community to attend, was extended.

March of Dimes Nets More Than \$1 per Person In Sterling County

The March of Dimes was a big success here, netting more than \$1 per person in the county. Mrs. M.C. Reed, chairman, said \$1,344.71 was raised. The 1950 census places the population of the county at 1,273. Slightly more than the \$1 per capita was raised.

Mrs. Reed said that the money would be sent to headquarters the first of next week. Any who have not yet made their donations are urged to do so this week-end.

Mrs. Reed expressed her thanks to all the workers and people who made donations. She was well-pleased with the results of the drive. Although the benefit basketball game was not held due to not having two teams to compete, she thought the drive should close. The Red Cross drive starts soon, she pointed out.

Signal Lights Erected

The erection of the highway signal traffic lights was begun on Thursday of this week. The signal lights are being put at three intersections—one at the highway by the Baptist Church, one at the west corner of the courthouse square, and one at the intersection at the Methodist Church.

The highway department is putting up the blinker lights with red blinks on the side street and yellow or caution blinkers on the through highway traffic.

"Covering the County"

By Garlyn Hoffman, Co. Agent.

Clinton Hodges Does Well At San Antonio Livestock Show

The Sterling 4-H boys took 8 breeding sheep and 12 fat lambs to the San Antonio livestock show. The fat lambs show was Saturday. The following are the placings in the fat classes:

Clinton Hodges—4th and tie for 45th in fine wool; 28th and 32nd in Southdown cross. Prize money \$23.00.

Robert Harris—32nd crossbred; Prize money, \$2.00.

BREEDING SHEEP:

Clinton Hodges—Two-tooth ram, 3rd; ram lamb, 4th and 9th; two-tooth ewe, 4th and 11th; ewe lamb, 6th and 9th; exhibitors flock, 3rd; get-of-sire, 6th; pen of lambs, 2nd. Totla prize money \$64.00.

The fat lambs that were taken to the San Antonio Show were the champions and the first five places in the finewool lightweight class. The finewool class at San Antonio had ninety entries. This was the largest of any of the fat classes. The competition was very keen in all classes of livestock. All livestock entries more than doubled over the 1950 show.

The 4-H stock will go to San Angelo Tuesday afternoon. All fat classes will be sifted on Wednesday. Judging of fat lambs will be Thursday, judging of fat calves and breeding sheep Friday and the sale Saturday. Ninety fat lambs and 4 calves will be taken—sixty lambs for the 4H Club and thirty lambs for the general agriculture class.

Our WASHINGTON Letter



A LADY WROTE ME the other day to inquire about the reliability of a certain newspaper writer. "Some of his reporting seems slanted", she said, "and you being in Washington where he is I thought you might be willing to tell me what you think about him."

It would, of course, be impolite for me to appraise the quality of any particular reporter. Actually, most of them who serve here are reliable, particularly among those who write for old-line papers and the news services such as the Associated Press and the United Press.

There are, at the same time, some fly-by-nighters and 'news-slanters', as they are called, who color news to suit their political tastes and act as hatchet men for certain people and groups. That is true, for example, of the Communist Daily Worker writers and it is also true of a scattering of reporters from all over the country, some representing respectable papers. It's found mostly among left-wingers. Not long ago a writer for some Texas papers was found to be a disciple of Alger Hiss! Usually, however, that type does not keep a job with a reliable paper or service evry long.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS has the largest group of writers admitted to the House Press Gallery. They number 89. The UP has 60, and the New York Times alone has 25.

IN TEXAS, A TOTAL OF 19 daily papers have Washington reporters on their payrolls. Tex Easley, of Ft. Worth, is the AP man here and is highly respected for his fairness and accuracy. The Dallas News has three reporters—Walter Hornaday, Barry Bishop and Ruth Schrum, all of whom rise above petty things and report the news objectively. The same is true of the venerable author and writer, George Stimpson, who is listed for the San Angelo Standard Times and who is regarded as an elder statesman among journalists here.

BASCOM TIMMINS IS LIKELY highly respected. He writes col-

Hospital Administrator Named By Board

Mrs. Val Melvin will be the administrator of the new Sterling County Hospital when it opens. It was announced this week by chairman Rufus Foster. Her assistant will be Lynn Boutell.

Both are from Ozona. Mrs. Melvin has been with the hospital in Ozona for the past eight months.

Mrs. Melvin was with Dr. Henry Turner in Oklahoma City before she went to Ozona. She has one son, 13-years old, a student in Chamberlain-Hunt Academy in Ft. Gibson, Miss., and twin sons, now in high school in Perryton, Texas. Miss Boutell is a native of Florida.

DAUGHTER TO THE BILLY CLAYDE DAVISES

A daughter, named Cynthia Gail, was born to Mr. and Mrs. William C. Davis of Clayton, N.M. on Feb. 16 at 11 a.m.

"Papa" Billy Clyde is the vocational agriculture teacher there. Mrs. Davis formerly taught in the Sterling City high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Durham have gone to Clayton to visit the younger Davises. From there they plan to visit the Charles J. HARRISES in Amarillo.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clyde H. Davis of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Mack Woodrum of Lubbock. Mrs. D. C. Durham of Sterling City is a great grandmother.

A sprinkling rain fell just after dark Monday night. Although giving promise of needed moisture for a short while the rain didn't amount to more than a sprinkle.

umns for 21 different daily papers over the nation, including a few in Texas. He, like others who cover a wide field of papers, must hire employees to gather much of the news and report it. It is only natural that some of these measure up and some don't. Until recently he had a man named Leslie Carpenter on his rolls gathering news mostly for Texas papers under Timmons' name. But since February 15, Carpenter is no longer on the payroll of the Timmons' syndicate.

IN WASHINGTON REPUTATIONS of reporters get around rather fast in the tense political atmosphere. The established newspaper men here are generally quite influential. Many of them are taken into the confidence of men in high places and know a lot more "off the record" than they feel free to put "on the record."

But It's True



Clothing for Orphans Homes Wanted

Anyone interested in bringing good use clothing to be sent to the three Baptist Orphan's Homes, please bring such to the Baptist Church next Sunday or Monday. If brought Monday, please bring at 3 or 4 p.m.

ENTERTAINS GROUP WITH QUAIL SUPPER

J. T. Davis entertained a group of his friends with a fried quail supper at his ranch last week. Present were E. O. Hawkins of Dallas, State head of the F.B.I., Ed Dorris, F.B.I. man of San Angelo, Texas Ranger Ralph Rohatch of San Angelo, Bob Hewitt, Chase Holland, Sr., and Chase, Jr., of San Angelo, and Sheriff Henton Emery, Jeff Davis, Jim Hinshaw and the host, all of Sterling City.

Mrs. Henry Bauer's mother, Mrs. Bea Atkinson of Florence, left the first part of this week for her home following a ten-day visit here with the Bauers. On Sunday they all visited Rev. Strauss Atkinson and family in Kermit.

"AMAZING STORY OF PATSY LI" ***** Don't miss the heart-warming story of a little Chinese girl, who was shipwrecked and adopted by the Marines on Guadalcanal during World War II. Learn how she's found new happiness here in America. It will appear in the American Weekly, that great magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

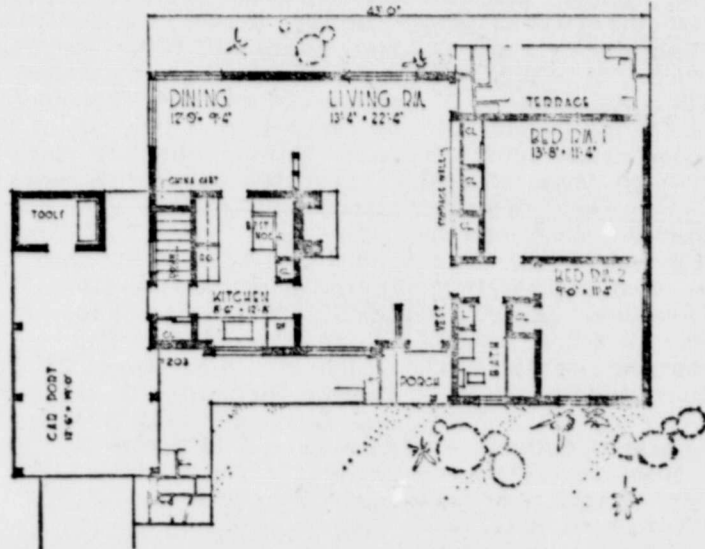
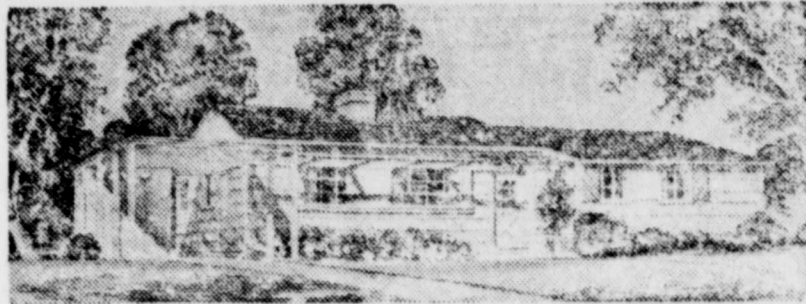
Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Fulcher have moved to Midland from the Stockton ranch. Mrs. G.A. Stockton has moved to Otis Chalk.

It Was a Misprint

Last week in a misprint in our boys livestock show story, we had Riley King paying only \$10 on the lamb that was auctioned off for the boys ranch. It should have read \$50. Our mistake.

For engraved announcements, cards, letterheads and envelopes, see the News-Record. Prices are reasonable.

House Roomy, Economical



Generously proportioned rooms feature this house, designed with an awareness of current building costs. It is Plan No. 203 of Walter T. Anicka, architect, of 617 Forest Ave., Ann Arbor, Michigan. The combination living and dining room affords flexible living area with a view of the garden. Hardwood plywood paneling faced with richly-grained hardwood veneer is specified by the architect for stability and permanence and to create an atmosphere of warmth and comfort. A modern glazed partition, screening the entrance and storage wall, may include a built-in radio or television screen. Bedrooms and bath form a separate unit. All of the wardrobe-type closets have sliding doors of hardwood veneer—affording ease of maintenance which is a feature of all hardwood veneer surfaces. The kitchen contains ample storage space and provides direct

access to the service entrance with its convenient clothes closet and stairway to the basement. A built-in breakfast nook also is provided. Total floor space, with an absolute minimum of hall area, is 990 square feet, a useful figure in arriving at local building costs. Protected by a low-pitched roof of colorful, fire-resistant asphalt shingles, this modest home will blend into the color pattern of its neighbors if situated on a city lot, or will look equally attractive when individually color-styled for an open country setting. The exterior is designed for either shingle or clapboard siding to contrast with the color of the asphalt roof, with an attached car port giving added distinction. (Detailed building plans for this house are available from Walter T. Anicka, 617 Forest Avenue, Ann Arbor, Mich. Refer to Plan No. 203.)

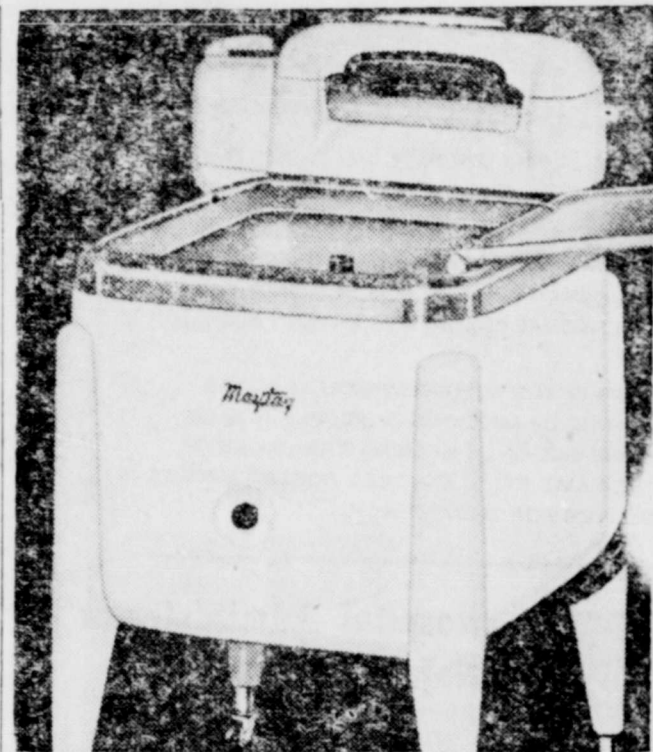
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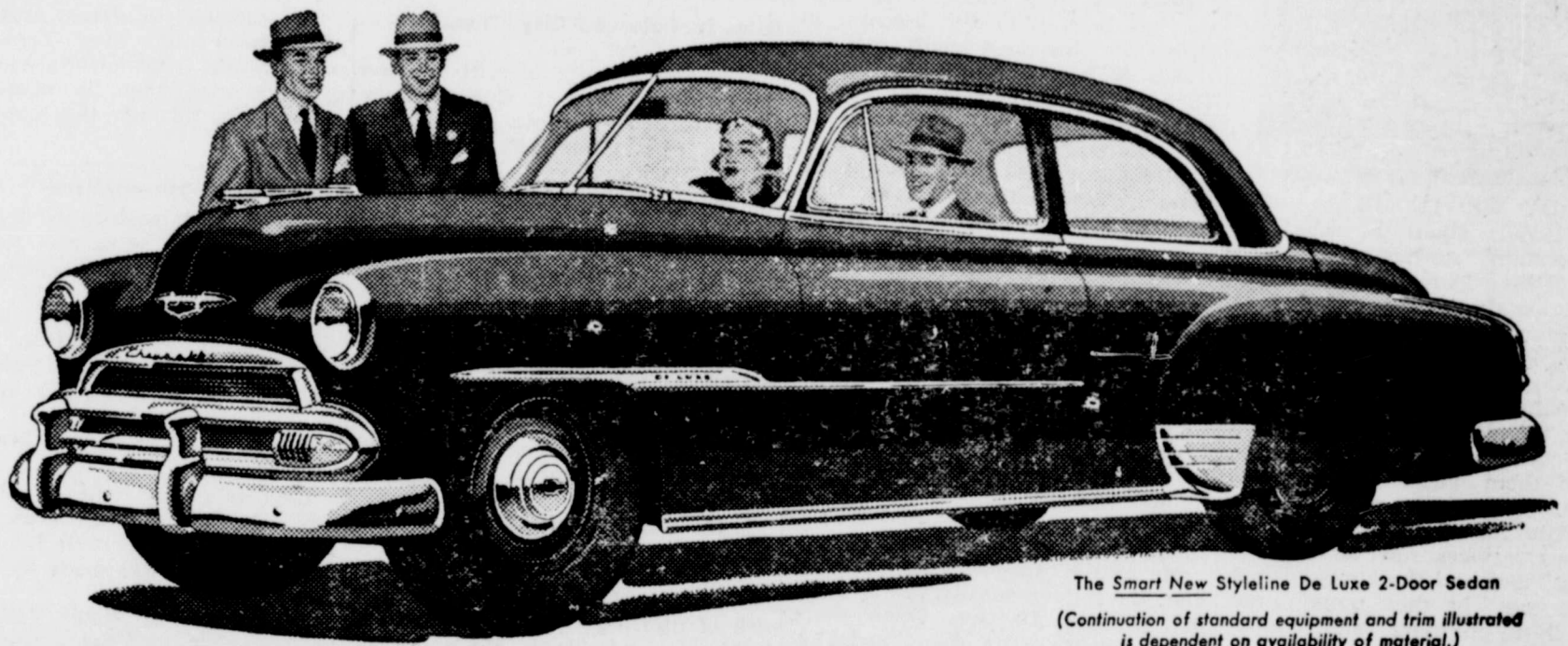
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BUILDING RESTRICTIONS

If everyone uses scarce building materials wisely, more building can be done in Sterling County during the emergency, according to W.D. Farnsworth, local lumber and building materials dealer and member of the Public Affairs Committee of the National Retail Lumber Dealers Association.

"Because of production restrictions adopted to meet the needs of the rearmament program, supplies of certain building products, such as nails, pipe, gutters and downspouts, metal lath and reinforcing steel, are likely to be restricted for some months to come", Mr. Farnsworth said.

"By not using those scarce products unless absolutely necessary, using no more than is required for safe construction, and avoiding waste in their use, the available supply can be made to stretch over a larger amount of construction work and benefit a larger number of local people.

"There should be plenty of lumber, wall board, cement, brick and other non-critical building materials in the months ahead, but the amount of building that can be done will be determined largely by the care with which materials containing critical metals are used in building.

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Streamlined kitchens, equipped with easy-to-clean cabinets and counters, provide adequate storage and working space while reducing steps to a minimum. Materials used for interior finish and decoration are more attractive, and require less attention to stay neat and clean.

A strong exponent of the woman's viewpoint in home planning is Sonia Jean Albert, a young New York architect. While a student at Yale, Miss Albert was runner-up in a national prize home competition. A graduate of the school of Architecture at Yale, she incorporates many "wife-saver" ideas in her designs.

Miss Albert specifies plywood dry-wall construction in house plans because of its stability and economy of application. Sturdy plywood panels, faced with handsomely-grained hardwood veneer in either light or dark woods to blend with furnishings of the home, also are easy to take care of. The architect explains her choice of wood for interiors in these words:

"Paneled walls of richly-grained hardwood plywood give an appealing warmth. And decoratively speaking, they go well with the beautiful new furniture in hardwood veneer, whether it be modern or traditional."

Both Economical, Practical

Miss Albert points out that use of hardwood plywood and wood veneer is economical and practical both in remodeling and new construction. Hardwoods do not mar easily, and the construction of the panels protects them against cracking and splitting.

The young architect prepared the plans for the recent remodeling of her parents' home at Danbury, Conn., actually supervising the work on the dwelling, an old farm house, which was transformed into a modern home. A brick fireplace was the starting point for a solid brick wall across one side of the living room. Bookcases, cabinets and wall paneling of hardwood plywood were installed, together with a built-in television cabinet of hardwood veneer.

Cabinets and counters of hardwood plywood provide ample storage and working space in the modern kitchen, while doors of similar material enclose wardrobes in each of the bedrooms. Flush-type doors, which have a smooth, attractively-figured hardwood veneer surface and eliminate dust-catching moldings, are used throughout the home.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Sometimes Good Intentions Aren't Enough

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"Griffin's farm is a good mile from town," he said. "And by the time we'd dodged all the people on the highway who were going to watch, we hadn't a minute to waste.

"Then blamed if those sight-seers hadn't parked cars right in Griffin's driveway and there was a mob of people milling around the house—just gawking. Joe, tell

folks a fire's no sideshow. Ask 'em to think of the other fellow!"

From where I sit, some of us need to be reminded occasionally that even though our intentions are good we may be unfairly interfering. Whether it's blocking the right-of-way of fire equipment or criticizing a person's right to enjoy a temperate glass of beer now and then—the American Way is to give way, and give the other fellow his fair "share of the road!"

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But It's True

ROSE-TINTED SNOW—FELL IN RESERVE, KANSAS, ON JAN. 9, 1936!! (A BLIZZARD GOT MIXED UP WITH A DUST STORM!)

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WNU Service

Mrs. Ida Bell Bryant, first grade teacher here, spent last week-end visiting in Hillsboro.

J. Fred Hambright has finished his five-year course in geology at Texas A&M College and is now working for the Gulf Oil Corporation in Kansas.

Attend Sixth District Bankers Meet
 J. T. Davis, president, and Hal M. Knight, cashier of the local bank attended the Sixth District Bankers' Meeting in San Angelo the first part of this week.

For wedding invitations, announcements, at-home cards, etc., see the local News-Record shop.

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HEALTH TALKS

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When you get nervous or tired from worry or overactivity, you are frequently aware of the pitter-pat of your heart, the depth of your breathing, and the little occasional coughs you engage in. As automatic actions of the body, those things are going on all the time whether you are conscious of them or not; in fact, you can work up a cough, change your breathing rhythm and detect your heartbeat anytime you might feel inclined to take over conscious control of these operations.

It's when that cough becomes a compulsion, the breathing demanding your attention, and the heartbeat thumping for recognition that you are inclined to consider them as possible signals of distress from your body.

A cough may be considered as a broad hint from the respiratory tract that it thinks it's got something it should get rid of; the respiratory tract can be wrong, of course. But the cough means that air is being forced from the lungs bronchial tubes and all the way up the tract to the mouth, in order to push along something that does not belong where it is. If anything is coughed up, it should be spit out; if nothing is produced by the cough it is called a dry cough.

Dust, smoke, gas, fumes, foreign objects, infections or inflammation along those mucous linings of the respiratory tract may all lead to a cough. Growth along that lining may be responsible and parasites in the lungs will cause coughing. Bronchial asthma, an allergic condition, usually starts off as a tight and dry cough, later becoming loose and wet, bringing up lots of sputum with each cough.

Or a cough may be produced by "something" outside of the respiratory tract, such as the swelling or protruding of some vessel or organ adjoining the tract that might push into the apparatus with which you breathe and make it think it's got something to get rid of.

Bronchial asthma illustrates consciousness of breathing as well as the compulsion to cough. Dyspnea is the medical term for difficult or conscious breathing, the kind that means you go off your automatic control of inhaling and exhaling. After a strenuous session of pitching hay, you expect to breathe heavier, and if the day is very hot, whether you pitch hay or not, you know that you breathe more consciously than in a comfortable environment.

But when the weather or the activity neither can be held accountable for difficult breathing, you are likely to seek medical advice for the cause. Any obstruction or blockage of the wet tubes or organs that make up the respiratory tract will make you conscious of your breathing; just to start at the top, when your nose gets stopped up you don't breathe the same as normal.

Emotions may play an important role in breathing, coughing, and consciousness of heart action. That consciousness of heart action, especially, can become an emotional circle that spirals; for some reason you feel the throb of an excessively fast beating of your heart, you decide something must be wrong, you get more and more worried and pay close attention to your heart, the anxiety and emotion increases the awareness of the throb, and that goes on and on.

That conscious throbbing of the heart is known as palpitation and that rapid beating of the heart is known as tachycardia. There is an old saying that the worse palpitations generally stem from the least serious causes whereas a moderate palpitation may be of much more significance. A sudden step-up in the rate of the heartbeat, which makes you conscious of the rapidity, may mean nothing more than excitement or nervousness, but if persistent or frequent it may be wise, or at least a relief, to have medical attention to rule out the possibility of something wrong, not only with the heart, but someplace else in the body.

Aches and pains and chills and fevers are not conditions that you can normally arouse of your own volition; they are considered broader signals of distress, perhaps, than coughs, breathlessness, or consciousness of heartbeat because the latter group can be called up at the drop of a hat. It is when this latter group gets beyond your control that they fit into signals of distress, signifying medical attention is advisable. And whether they stem from physical or nervous disorders, they come under that heading that any persistent discomfort requires medical attention.

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