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Gas Drilling Program Awaits Needed Materials

Wohlford Well Produces 50 Million Cubic Feet Of Gas

Cities Service Wohlford No. 1, located 9 miles south of Stratford in the center of the Northwest quarter of section 349, Block 1-T, ceased drilling with standard tools at 2,700 feet. After acidizing, the volume of gas increased to 50,000,000 cubic feet daily. The Wohlford well is next to the largest gas well completed in Sherman County by Cities Service. The Calvird well produced 60,000,000 cubic feet, while the Davis and Bryan wells produced between 30 and 35 million cubic feet.

Gas in the Wohlford well has a low moisture content and will be piped to the main line as soon as the present mile pipe line contract is completed by Bishop and Locke.

Will Drill New Location

Cities Service has announced their intention to drill at a new location as soon as casing is available. The new well will be completed in the company's project of enlarging their gas gathering system.

Phillips Awaits Pipeline

Officials of the Phillips Petroleum Company, who have a large acreage leased in the county, continue to express the company's determination to drill out their entire lease as soon as they are able to make connections with the proposed Texas-Los Angeles natural gas pipe line.

Drilling, officials state, will begin in the northern part of the lease and continue south until drilling out of the lease has been completed.

Although the drilling program will be governed by conditions which may develop, officials of the company express their belief that at least 50 wells will be drilled to furnish gas for the new proposed pipe line which they believe will be completed although some opposition has been voiced by organizations in Texas and in California.

Will Develop Gas Field

With few exceptions, all wells drilled in the county, have produced a profitable volume of gas. At times there were good showings of oil, and on several occasions, drilling superintendents thought they had found oil in paying quantities but the wells were always plugged back and completed for gas. Pipe lines have provided an outlet for the sale of this commodity.

The current trend gives hope for little interest in oil as the acreage holding companies are drilling primarily to secure gas to be sold at distant points through pipe line construction.

Wells in many sections of the county drilled prior to the pipe line era on the high plains were merely plugged and abandoned.

The Phillips Company has secured options for laying of pipe lines through practically all of its acreage in the county.

Farmers Sign 1946 Work Sheets

Community County Committees of Texhoma, Spurlock and Stratford, representing the County AAA office were in session Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Producers plans were discussed and farmers were signing their 1946 farm plan sheets in rapid succession according to last reports from the office.

Political Announcements

(Authorized Political Announcements subject to the Action of the Democratic Primary to be held Saturday, July 27, 1946.)

For Sheriff, Tax Assessor, and Collector:
JOHN KIDWELL.

For County Judge and Ex-Officio Superintendent of Schools:
L. P. HUNTER.

For District Attorney, 69th Judicial District:
KING PIKE.

For County Treasurer:
MRS. GERTRUDE WOODARD.

For County and District Clerk:
MRS. LELAH BONEY.

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1:
ROSCOE DYESS.

\$20,546.67 Paid County In License Tag Fund In 1945

Sherman County residents paid into their road fund in 1945 a total of \$20,546.67 for car and truck license, all of which remained in the county for use in building the county road system. Collections for the past year were about the highest in the history of the county.

License tags for 1946 must be on trucks and cars not later than midnight April 1 to avoid penalty in securing license and possible fine if operating the vehicle on public highways.

In cooperation with the five-year farm to market road program which will soon be put into effect in the county, residents are urged to cooperate in buying their license in the county as all funds under \$175,000.00 will remain in the county fund for local use.

Owners must have certificates of title for registration or have their Texas license receipt bearing same number as title.

License tags should be secured as soon as possible to avoid the last minute rush.

Panhandle Plains Dairy Show April 13-19

The nineteenth annual Panhandle Plains Dairy Show will be held in Plainview, Texas April 13 to 19, inclusive and will feature the breeds of Jerseys, Guernseys, Holstein-Friesians, and Milking Shorthorns.

Vocational Agricultural students cattle judging contests and Vocational Agricultural students dairy products judging contests will be resumed this year. During the last four years these contests have not been sponsored.

Rites Tuesday For Dr. J. B. Tidwell

WACO, March 20.—Funeral services were held at 4:00 P. M. Tuesday for Dr. Josiah Blake Tidwell, 75, outstanding Baptist leader and teacher for more than half a century, who died at his home in Waco Sunday after an extended illness.

Dr. J. M. Dawson, pastor of the Waco First Baptist church and former student of Dr. Tidwell, conducted the services.

Dr. Tidwell was chairman emeritus of the Baylor University Bible department after serving as its active head from 1910 until poor health forced his retirement last August. He was teacher and counsellor for hundreds of Baptist missionaries and ministers.

He was born the son of a Baptist minister in Alabama in 1870. Soon after he and his bride, the former Miss Kansas Reid, came to Texas, Dr. Tidwell became president of Decatur Baptist College in 1907. He went to Baylor as endowment secretary two years later. A former student, Dr. George M. Humphrey, succeeded him when he retired.

Dr. Tidwell wrote 15 books, three of them recognized as outstanding text in the teaching of theology.

Dr. Robert Baker of Southwestern University recently published a biography of Dr. Tidwell, entitled "J. B. Tidwell, Plus God."

Dr. Tidwell was married to Mrs. Alma Wilson Lyle, formerly of Stratford, in 1926. Mrs. Tidwell was also a teacher in Baylor College.

Air Port Land Being Purchased

Air minded men of Stratford and Sherman County are purchasing the triangle of grass land about one-half mile northeast of Stratford on U. S. highway 54 from W. G. Eller of White Deer, for the site of a local air port.

Measurements of the current site are .7 mile by .57 by .42 of a mile.

Those purchasing the air port site are Joy Smith, L. M. Price, Arthur Ross, G. L. Taylor, R. C. Buckles, Leslie Parker, H. C. Bennett, L. G. Keener, Alan Bryant and Arthur Milton.

REA Lines Should Allow Space For Road Construction

County Judge L. P. Hunter, on advice from the State Highway department, warned farmers who are cooperating in the building of REA lines in the county that these lines should be erected not closer than 50 feet from the section line or the center of the old road.

This warning was given to avoid the moving of highlines when the new proposed farm-to-market road program is put into effect. In most cases the state asks for an 80 to 100 foot right-of-way. Lines constructed too close to section lines along the farm-to-market roads would have to be moved at considerable cost when the highways were built.

At present the State Highway Department is considering the paving of farm to market roads in the county as the next phase of paved highway development.

Delegates Attend WSCS Meeting At Sweetwater

Mrs. Emil Blanck, Mrs. J. K. Richardson, and Mrs. J. W. Rosenberg left Wednesday morning for Sweetwater, Texas where they will attend the annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, meeting there March 20, 21, and 22. Mrs. Blanck and Mrs. Rosenberg will represent the District as district officers and Mrs. Richardson goes as a delegate of the local society.

Basket Ball Boys To Be Feted Friday Night

Stratford Elks, winners of the State 1-B basketball championship, will be feted at a banquet at the Palace Cafe Friday night. L. M. Price and W. N. Price are giving the banquet in honor of the team.

First Baptist Church

Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship Service 11:00 A. M.
Training Union 7:00 A. M.
Evening Worship Service 8:00 P. M.

At the morning worship service the pastor, Rev. Howard Whatley, will speak on the subject, "The Person and Work of the Devil." His subject for the evening will be, "The Greatest Thing One Person Can Do For Another."

We extend a cordial welcome to all who wish to come and worship with us.

Tuesday
The monthly Worker's Conference of the Trans-Canadian Association will meet at Texline Tuesday, March 26 at 10:30 A. M. A number of workers from this church are expected to attend this meeting. The pastor will preach one of the sermons of the day.

Wednesday
The W. M. S. will meet at the church at 3:00 P. M.

The Sun Beam Band will meet also Wednesday at 3:00.

Etter Housing Unit To Favor GI's

There are approximately 200 vacancies in the housing units at the Cactus plant near Etter, County Judge Arthur Ullom of Moore County stated this week. Houses will be rented to ex-service men, families of men in service, and distressed families of disabled war veterans. After the need for housing of families in this classification is filled, the units will be made available to the general public.

Methodist Church

Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
Intermediate MYF 6:00 P. M.
Senior MYF 6:30 P. M.
Evening Worship 7:30 P. M.
Woman's Society of Christian Service each Wednesday at 2:30 P. M.
Choir rehearsal each Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.
Youth play night each Thursday evening at 7:30 P. M.

ELK CITY'S chamber of commerce has pledged \$11,000 to its budget for civic improvement.

305,000 Bushel Elevator Under Construction

Excavation has been completed for the foundation of a new 305,000 bushel elevator on the Rock Island right-of-way south of Main street to be built by the Stratford Grain Company. Chalmer and Barton of Hutchinson, Kansas have the contract.

Earl Riffe stated that he hoped to have the new elevator completed before harvest but that their experience in securing materials gave little hope of being able to complete the elevator at such an early date.

Mrs. Roy Browder Hostess To Priscilla Club Members

Due to one cause or another there were only a few members of the Priscilla Club, who met with Mrs. Roy Browder Thursday afternoon. But we had a very enjoyable time and spent the afternoon visiting. Our main topics were "How to Make Our Children Behave in Church," and the latest style hats. At 5:00 P. M. Mrs. Browder served very delicious refreshments consisting of sandwiches, pickles, potato chips, cake and punch, to Mrs. Wayne Williams, Mrs. John Boney and Royce Faye, Mrs. Oscar Watkins and Marie, and the hostess, Mrs. Roy Browder, Kathy and Ione.

Membership Sunday At Methodist Church

Sunday will be a big day in the Stratford Methodist Church. It has been designated as membership Sunday, the day especially set aside for the reception of new members into the church, and some 43 persons, contacted during the recent Home Visitation effort will be welcomed into Church membership.

We cordially invite you to attend our Sunday School and Church services if you do not already have a church home in Stratford.

The sermon topic Sunday morning will be, "Our Spiritual Manifest," Sunday evening, "A Separate People."



E. A. WOOTEN, President Northwest Texas Educational Conference. See story on page 5.

Phillips Crews Are Testing Shirk Well

Phillips Petroleum Company crews have been here this week testing the Shirk well 5 miles east of Stratford which they completed for gas last fall. Good showings of oil were reported but the well was completed for gas. Drilling equipment still remains at the well site.

Pigman Addresses Lions Club

Jim Pigman, Dalhart, was the feature speaker at the meeting of the Stratford Lions Club Tuesday night. Using "Lionism," as his subject he gave his experiences as a member of the club since 1922. Charlie Lightfoot and R. U. Counts, Dalhart, attended. Other out of town guests were R. M. Spencer, G. K. Deman, R. P. Peck, D. O. Tomlin and Cecil Baer of the Dumas Lions club.

Dumas and Dalhart Lions met with the committees in charge of arrangements for charter night April 1 after the meeting.

Legion Auxiliary Will Be Organized Tonight

Roscoe Dyess For County Commissioner Of Precinct No. 1

Roscoe Dyess is announcing his candidacy for the office of County Commissioner of Precinct No. 1 subject to the action of the Democratic Primary election to be held Saturday, July 27.

In placing his name before the voters, Mr. Dyess states that he has never held a public office and this is his first time to ask for an office. If elected to office, he will cooperate with the members of the Commissioners Court in following a policy of practical business experience in carrying on the affairs of the county.

Mr. Dyess came to Sherman County from Mississippi on a visit in 1936. As he liked the country and the people he selected Sherman County as his home. Since that time he has been associated with the farming and stock raising business.

In asking the consideration of the voters of Precinct No. 1, Mr. Dyess states that if elected to office, he will in carrying out the duties of his office, do his best to fulfill the desires of the tax payers.

Winter Wheat Growing Rapidly In Warm Weather

Green fields of rapidly growing wheat are beautifying the plains with one of nature's most picturesque methods of landscaping. During the last two weeks of warm weather wheat in practically every section of the plains has grown rapidly, blades of wheat in most fields ranging in length from four to six inches.

Moisture two weeks ago ranged from one-half to an inch over most of the territory. Farmers believe that with moderate rainfall during spring and early summer, the crop this year will be better than average.

Although high winds have blown at intervals, very little wheat, except in sandy land districts has been damaged.

Tumble Weeds On Move

Tumble weeds, the age old weed of the high plains, which have laid dormant during a still winter, are breaking loose and blowing into fence rows. Many miles of barbed wire fence has been blown down, while in other cases damage has been negligible. Farmers and stockmen who have used short fence posts during the shortage of materials will have the greatest mileage of fence to rebuild. These short posts, set in the ground 8 to 10 inches, are being torn out of the ground by the pressure of wind on the collecting weeds.

Mrs. L. M. Price Hostess To Inter Se Club

Mrs. L. M. Price entertained the members of the Inter Se Club Friday. Forty-two was enjoyed during the afternoon, Mrs. R. C. Buckles receiving high score.

Mrs. Tim Flores conducted the business meeting. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. W. G. O'Brien; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. R. Pendleton; Reporter, Mrs. G. L. Taylor; and Assistant Reporter, Mrs. Arthur Ross. Mrs. D. L. Buckles is a new member of the club.

The hostess then invited us to the Palace Cafe where a delicious luncheon was served to Mesdames R. C. Buckles, S. J. Calvird, A. E. Pronger, W. G. O'Brien, Tim Flores, A. L. King, A. Ross, G. L. Taylor, Miss Marijo Brown, Mrs. L. M. Price and Lelah Price.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Joe Duby, Friday, March 29.

Harold Bennett Building Toys

Harold Bennett is filling the desire of his 4-year old son, Harold, for toys by building them for him. His most recent construction is a three wheel tractor driven by a small gasoline washing machine motor.

Banquet Opens At Palace Cafe At 8 O'Clock

Wives, mothers, and daughters of members of the Howard Norvel Green Post 262 of the American Legion will be feted in a banquet held tonight at the Palace Cafe at 8:00 P. M. for organization of an American Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. Vera Cusick, 18th District committeewoman, Amarillo, and two committee members will be present as feature speakers on the program to inform the local ladies of the work of the auxiliary organization.

Work of the auxiliary in most organizations is a driving factor in formulating most of the organization's policies and adds much to the entertainment features.

Membership of the local post is now the largest in the history of the organization. As a constructive organization, the work of the legion will be more useful to the town and county during the coming months.

An entertaining program has been arranged for the meeting.

Rev. Eastman Will Remain 4th Year With Christian Church

Rev. G. M. Eastman, pastor of the First Christian Church, was extended an invitation by the official board of the Church Sunday morning to remain as their pastor for another year. The invitation was presented with a substantial raise in salary. Rev. Eastman accepted the pastorate and will begin his fourth year of service here next Sunday.

Aside from his duties at the church, Rev. Eastman has found time to participate in affairs of the community. An organization in which he has devoted much of his time has been the boy scouts.

At the time he came to Stratford there was no scoutmaster and only four tenderfoot scouts were carrying on the organization. Under his direction as scoutmaster the organization now has two Eagle scouts, Billy Reed and Orval Eastman. Owen Gunnels, a life scout, who is on duty with the U. S. Navy, would have also held the Eagle scout honor had he not been in service. Johnnie Lyons and Jimmie Wooten will receive their awards as Star scouts to be presented at a court of honor to be held in the near future. Other boys coming up from the lower ranks will be advanced in rating.

According to statistics only one scout of every 500 becomes an eagle scout. The local organization now boasts of two.

Scoutmaster Eastman and the troop have visited some point of interest during each vacation. Their first trip was to Ceta Canyon, the second to Cimarron Canyon in New Mexico, the third trip to the Davis mountains in southwest Texas and this year they will venture over the border into Mexico at Presidio. On their return they will visit the Carlsbad Caverns.

Victory Clothing Drive Netted 1300 Articles

People of Stratford and surrounding communities gave nearly 1,300 articles of clothing recently to the Victory Clothing drive. About 100 pairs of shoes were in the collection as well as several blankets and quilts. Ladies of the Methodist Church made a collection of 400 garments, which was shipped with that of the Sherman County Committee. This committee wishes to express its appreciation to Mr. Emory Blake who hauled the 25 boxes to the depot free of charge. While the clothing collected is not a large contribution, we feel we have done something for the relief of our more unfortunate fellowmen.

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Christian Endeavor 6:30 P. M.
Evening Services 7:30 P. M.
Choir practice 8:00 P. M. Wednesday.

You are always welcome at any and all these services.

G. M. Eastman, Pastor.



TURNING POINT

By Mary Imlay Taylor

W. N. U. RELEASE



THE STORY THUS FAR: Jim Keller and his sister, Jane, with old MacDowell, the foreman, operate El Rancho de Las Palomas. They are on the lookout for a former employee, Jordan, a drunkard and dope-runner. MacDowell picks up a strange young man in his car. The stranger wants work and Jim needs ranch hands, so Mac takes the new man to the ranch. Jim's friend, Max Stenhart, lies ill with pneumonia in the ranch's sickroom. Old Teresa, the Mexican woman, thinks Stenhart has "got a devil" in him. The newcomer goes close to the sick man's window, waits until the nurse is out of the room, then speaks one word: "Sherwin." The sick man is startled.

CHAPTER II

Her blue eyes widened. Another question was on her lips, but a door opened suddenly and the trained nurse came down the long corridor toward them.

Jane turned quickly. "Anything wrong, Fanny?"

The nurse shook her head. "He's gaining all the time."

"Fine!" Jane turned in an explanatory way to the stranger: "A friend of my brother's, Mr. Stenhart, was taken suddenly ill with pneumonia here; we couldn't let him be moved and he's been having a hard time. Miss Sewell, this is the friend in need who helped old Mac. Mr.—?" she looked around. "Actually, I don't know your name!"

"John," he began, and stopped, momentarily confused.

"But there's more to it than that!" she laughed.

His face burned; he was trying to remember what name he had given old MacDowell; unaccountably it seemed to evade him, and again he hated to lie to this girl.

"Hazlett," he said at last.

Her eyes met his for an instant and he thought there was a questioning look in them, but she wrote his name down mechanically on a slip of paper on the desk.

"John Hazlett," she repeated quietly; then, lifting her honest eyes to his, she added: "that's not your name."

He rolled Jordan over and got his hand almost on his throat, then suddenly they both went over the ledge. Below it, Jane had planted poppies. The two men fell together, struck and unclenched. Jordan leaped up and ran. His antagonist had struck his head on a stone, and there was an instant in which he saw stars and heard the shouts from the house; Jane had roused the vaqueros!

He rose dizzily to his feet, brushed his hand across his eyes, and tried to discern the fleeing figure. The moon was just rising behind the mountains; the sky was silver with it, but the earth was dark, like the bottom of a cup. He ran forward, stumbling now and then on strange ground, but, as the sky brightened, he made out the dark figure ahead of him, still running. He did not know where they were going. Behind them was a confusion of sounds, in front he began to hear the cattle in the corrals, but he kept on.

A flame shot out ahead of him. He made out the stooping figure of a man; something like a torch shot up in the air, hurtled forward and fell blazing. As it fell he saw that the gates were open and things were moving. He heard bellows of terror, saw horns flash in the light of a blazing torch, and the very earth shook under his feet. A flood of dark, seething, writhing shapes poured out. Another torch blazed on the other side, another herd broke loose, the gates caught fire, the night was ablaze with flame and smoke, and bellowing animals were rushing together in a great stampede. One herd rushed at the blaze, another trampled over it, with pounding hoofs and whirling horns; bellowing with terror, the cattle stampeded. In the nick of time, the young man sprang behind a huge old tree trunk and the red stream parted and flowed past him. Dumb blinded him, but he heard the trampling of horses and the shouts of the vaqueros; they were riding down from the house and he caught a wild cry from the man whom Mac had called "Pete."

"By gosh, he's let loose the yearlings; the gates are afire!"

Not only the gates, but some piled brushwood had caught. The flames leaped up ten feet in the wind and sent out long black streamers over the bellowing herd and the wild figures of the riders. The vaqueros shouted and whirled their quirts, trying to stem the tide, but the yearlings were wild. Some of them were splashing and foundering in the creek, some headed straight for the canyons, but a few plunged into the flames and came out smoking and mad. Bellowing with pain and fury, they charged at the shouting herd.

Here a horse was gored, there a rider went down and the horse bolted for the stables. The brightening sky was streaked with

black smoke clouds, pandemonium reigned.

The man who had called himself "Hazlett" straightened against his tree; he saw a riderless horse coming, his bridle flying loose. With a leap he reached the frightened animal's head, caught the reins and clung by main force. There was an instant of intense action, the horse plunging and kicking, then the man conquered and scrambled to the saddle. The flames seemed to have gained new fuel; when they died down in one place, they leaped up in another. Everything that could burn was afire. The wind carried burning brands and tossed them on madly whirling horns, bulls gored each other in sheer terror; the distant ranch-house shone white in the reflection, the mountains loomed black against a silver sky.

The young man who had never seen the like of this before, held in the frightened horse and thrilled with a new emotion; he tasted freedom, adventure, the joy of living. He knew nothing of herding these wild things, but he longed to ride into the midst of it, though he felt his horse trembling under him. Then, in a flash, he saw a big car speeding toward him; the moonlight showed it clearly, when it stopped and a man leaped out and came running into the thick of it. As he came he recognized him; it was Jim Keller! Back before he was expected. A moment before he would have been safe, but the herd had broken, some of the yearlings had turned before the shouts of the vaqueros. With a rush they came straight for the single figure in front of them; in half a second it would be too late! Hazlett had no spurs, but he struck his heels into his horse's sides. Frightened, the animal shot forward in front of the oncoming rush, in front of Jim.

"Keep behind my horse—quick!" The young man felt in his pocket as he saw Jim stop and reel with surprise. He rode his horse across the space and turned to face the danger.

Flame and moonlight outlined the black forms and white horns, fifty-sixty—he could not count them. The earth seemed to shake under them; his horse plunged and he swung in his seat. They were coming, they were almost on him, they would trample horse and rider! Then he did the one thing he could think of, he fired point blank at the front row. There was a terrible plunge and below, and a big steer crumpled and fell to its knees. Its mates fled from it, parting in two streams and flowing on either side. In the center the horse and rider whirled in a wild semi-circle, shielding the man on foot. Again and again he fired, and, when he hit, they gave way, bellowing. Flames were behind them, the vaqueros were shouting on their right; they hurtled themselves at the bridge, jammed it, toppled over and went into the water. As the stream of maddened beasts parted and swept past and left them, the young man dismounted.

"Take my horse, Mr. Keller," he said.

Jim looked up at him, dazed. "Who are you? My God, I was a fool; you saved my life!"

The dawn was breaking behind the mountains when Hazlett limped up toward the house. He had been with the other men in the saddle all night. As the day broke the vaqueros had been able to count the damage—the burning gates and brush, the stampeded yearlings, two horses gored to death and a heavy toll of cattle. Meanwhile, Jordan and his confederates had made good their escape; that hit the enraged cowpunchers more sharply than Keller's losses. Hazlett could hear them swearing in a queer medley of Spanish and English. By this time they all knew of Jim's narrow escape and made room for the newcomer more readily, but they drifted past him now to storm Ah Ling's kitchen. Hazlett came slowly, his eyes on those windows into which he had looked the night before. Stenhart's stricken face seemed to rise before him again. He laughed bitterly to himself, then old Mac, coming out of the house, saw him and stopped to slap him on the shoulder with his well hand.

"Gosh, you're a trump, Hazlett!" he said heartily. "You sure saved the boss. He wants to see you; I reckon you can get any place you want round Las Palomas now!"

Hazlett stared down at the mud and dust that covered him from head to foot.

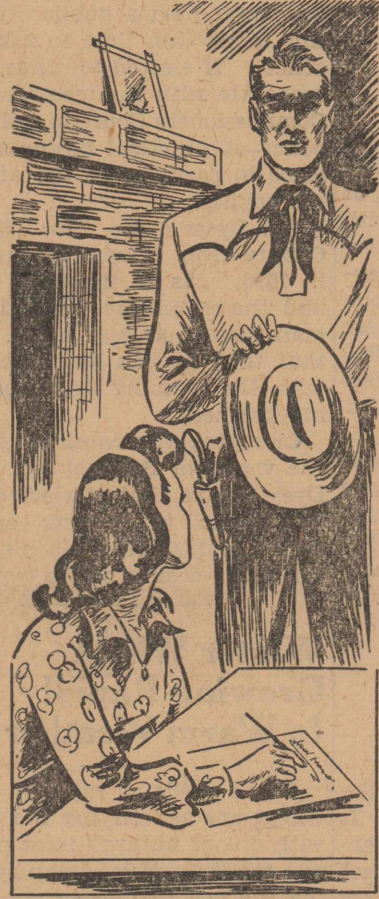
"He nearly broke my head; the honors are his," retorted the younger man grimly.

Old Mac nodded. "That's like him, the fox! Come on over to breakfast after you've seen Jim."

Mac pointed toward the front door and the young man, still reluctant, crossed the wide veranda and entered the hall. There was no one in sight; the sun had not yet topped the mountains and that long corridor was shadowed by day-gloom. Far down was a door that shut in Stenhart! Involuntarily the newcomer took a step toward it, then he heard a quick movement across the hall, a door opened and Jane came to him, both hands outstretched.

"You've made good," she said, her eyes shining, "you've more than made good; Jim told me!"

(TO BE CONTINUED)



HERBERT HOOVER HESITATED

WASHINGTON.—Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson had a hard time at first persuading Herbert Hoover to come to Washington for the food conference. Anderson caught the ex-President at Key West, Fla., where he was fishing. "I've promised my family for seven years to take them fishing," Hoover told the secretary of agriculture, "and now at last here I am."

Anderson, however, emphasized the urgency of the food crisis. "We need your experience and advice, Mr. President," he said. "You can go back to your fishing immediately afterward. But this is a time when your country needs you."

Hoover finally consented to come.

BRICKBATS WIN ELECTIONS

Two of the bitterest opponents on the house floor and in the interstate commerce committee are Representatives Clarence Brown, conservative Republican of Blanchester, Ohio, and Vito Marcantonio, American Laborite of New York City. Off the floor, however, the two respect each other's ability and get along well.

Sitting in the house lobby the other day they smilingly concluded an agreement which will probably never be carried out.

They were talking about campaign expenses, when Brown proposed: "Vito, I've got a suggestion. Why don't we both cut our campaign expenses to the bone? Here's how to do it:

"You go into my district and make three speeches against me. Call me a reactionary, an economic royalist — and anything else you can think of. That'll elect me."

"Then I'll go into your district and make three speeches. I'll call you a Red, a Dago, a new dealer and an anti-Rankinite."

"With the proper literature about you in my district and the proper literature about me in your district, both of us are a cinch for re-election when we do that."

Marcantonio agreed that the idea had merit, and they shook hands on it.

NAZIS REMAIN IN GERMANY

A secret report on failure to de-Nazify Germany has been made to the war department, but is considered so shocking that it probably will be destroyed. It is now in the office of Brig. Gen. Frank A. Meade.

The report shows complete failure to clean out high-ranking Nazis. It also shows a surprising number of so-called German "laborers" who have secretaries and stenographers assigned to them.

This is one of the latest dodges to get around the employment of Nazis by the American army. According to army rules, no former Nazi can be employed in any job more important than that of a "laborer."

Result is that many Nazis are used in important jobs, but listed on the books as "laborers." That is why they are assigned secretaries and stenographers.

These "common laborers" are then put in charge of important manufacturing plants. The report now in the hands of the war department was made by the public safety and inspection division of military government. It may never see the light of day.

HOW WYATT DID IT

If there were more men like Housing Expediter Wilson Wyatt around, President Truman would have easier sailing. The other day in Chicago, Wyatt was guest speaker at a banquet of the National Association of home builders, 3,200 strong, all hostile, all prepared to boo at the man who proposed revolutionary building reforms in order to complete 3,000,000 homes in two years.

As Wyatt arose, the atmosphere was charged with hostility. However, he told stories, explained his program, made no antagonistic statements.

"If you gentlemen are against this program, then you don't understand it," Wyatt said. "It's my fault for not making it clear."

After 45 minutes, having won over a considerable part of the audience, he stopped. Then for 45 minutes more he answered questions. Every inch of the way he fought for his program of low-cost housing for veterans.

Finally, when he finished, every builder in the huge dining room rose to his feet and cheered.

NOW WHITE SPAGHETTI

Some of the strongest opposition to the President's "dark bread" order is coming from an unexpected quarter — spaghetti manufacturers. Spaghetti, macaroni and noodles are made from semolina, a gritty flour made, in turn, from durum wheat.

Semolina millers, as well as spaghetti makers, are up in arms about the "dark bread" order, declaring it will drive them out of business. A number of semolina mills have filed an exception.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D. Of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. Released by Western Newspaper Union.

Lesson for March 24

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A PEOPLE GAINS NATIONAL CONSCIOUSNESS

LESSON TEXT—I Samuel 7:1-8, 13-15.

MEMORY SELECTION—Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people; and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that they may be well unto you.—Jeremiah 7:23.

The most powerful movement for national prosperity is a revival of spiritual Christian living.

Israel had come to the place where the people recognized that they were on the brink of national disaster.

One of the scriptures on revival is II Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

This is the way of revival and prosperity for America, too.

Revival will come when God's people will

I. Seek God's Face (vv. 1, 2).

The ark had been out of its proper place for a long time. The ungodly Philistines had it, but they were glad to return it.

The calamities which befell them speak of distress in the heart of an unbeliever when the presence of God is evident.

For a time the ark was in the house of Abinadab, but even there it was not in its rightful place. Samuel moved among the people, pointing them back to God.

This was his first act of public ministry, but behind that public act is the history of a godly life. Such a man can consistently urge others to turn to God.

The response of the people was wholehearted. They were thoroughly sick of their sin and separation from God. The earnest of their sincerity was their obedience to the admonition of Samuel that they

II. Turn From Their Wicked Ways (vv. 3, 4).

Israel had learned from their heathen neighbors to worship their false gods. These they must put away if God was to bless them.

The same prerequisite to spiritual revival exists today. But some may say, We do not worship heathen gods. One is astonished at the similarity between the ritual of some cults and orders and the ancient religions of heathendom.

The fact is that we have set up many new gods—money, fashion, social position. The command needs to go out again through God's messengers. "Put away the foreign gods."

Now the time had come for God's servant to call the people to

III. Humble Themselves and Pray (vv. 5-8).

Spiritual life thrives on the gathering together of God's people. The crisis in Israel was met by a great convocation of the people. We need to revive the great soul-stirring religious gatherings of a generation ago.

We can get plenty of people together for a football game, but where are the people who should be in our churches?

"I will pray," said Samuel. He was a great intercessor (see I Sam. 15:11; Ps. 99:6; Jer. 15:1). Revival never comes without faithful intercession on the part of those whose hearts are really burdened.

Ask yourself, How much have I really prayed for revival in my church, my community, and my nation? If I should begin to pray in earnest, would not God hear me and answer?

IV. God Will Hear and Forgive (vv. 13-15).

Because his people had sought him in humility and repentance, God forgave and cleansed and gave them victory.

"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear" (Isa. 59:1, 2). God saved Israel out of the hands of their enemies. The Philistines, seeing them gathered together to pray, assumed that they were preparing to fight, and they attacked. In the previous battle at that very spot (I Sam. 4:1-10), Israel had fought with weapons of men and been disgracefully defeated. Now they fought with the weapon of prayer and faith in God, and great was the victory.

America is valiantly battling against the social and economic problems of these distressing post-war days, but one fears that all too often the weapons are those of the arm of flesh which will fail us. Let us look up instead of to one another. "God will save us" (v. 8).

There is an inspiring word of hope here for every troubled soul. You may, like Israel, have fallen into sin. Your life may be defeated. You may be utterly discouraged. Return to the Lord, put away sin, gather with God's people, pray, and God will give you victory, even at the very point of former defeat.

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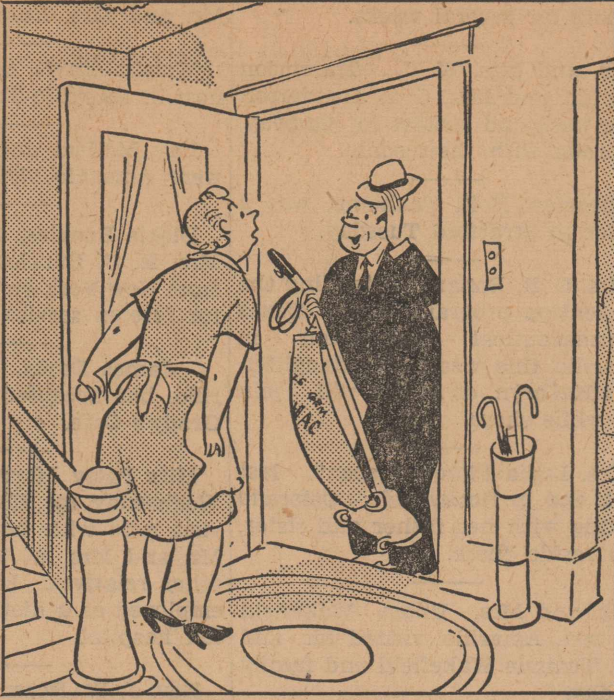
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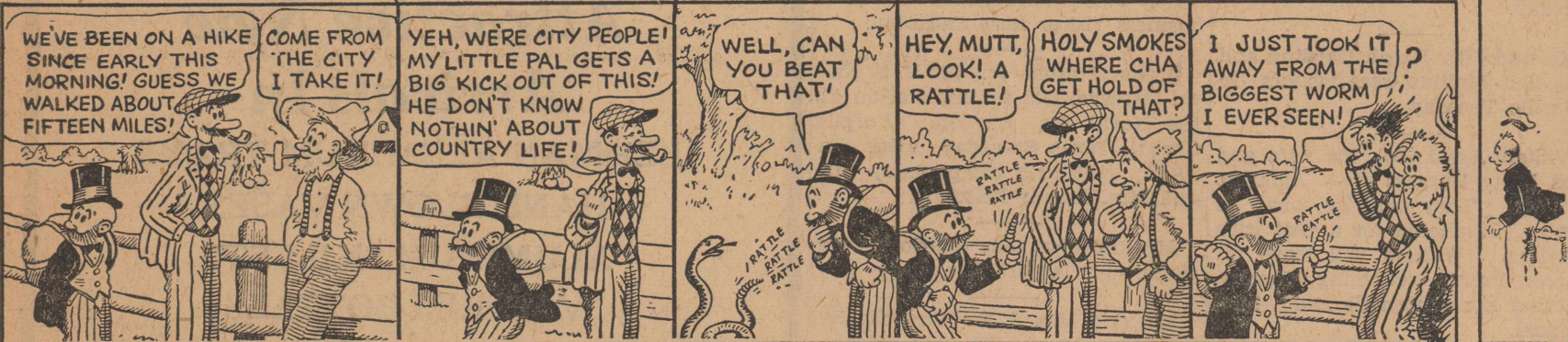
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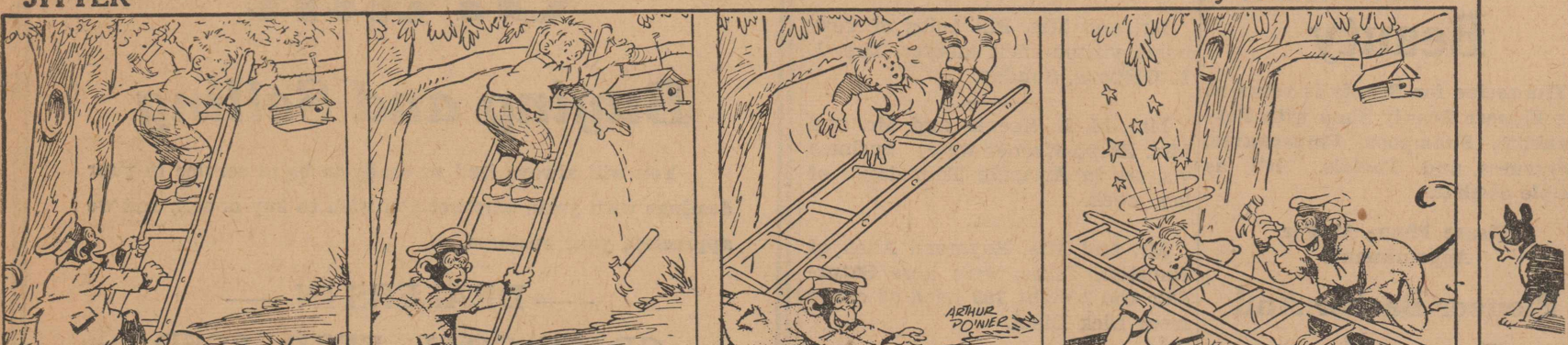
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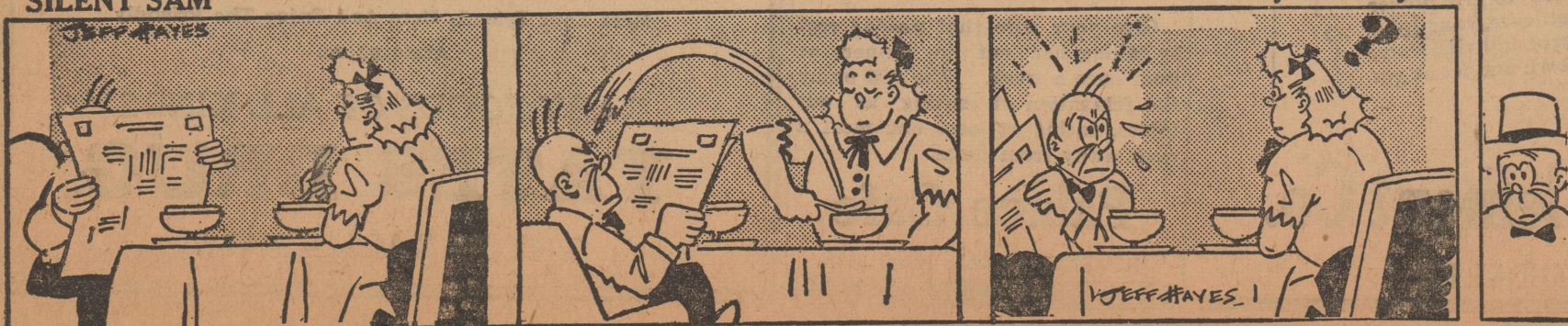
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SILENT SAM

By Jeff Hayes



ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. — Variety is supposed to be the spice of life, but so are arguments in a baseball training camp. The argument this time, including members of the Cardinals and the Yankees, had something to do with brains on and off the ball field.

"Why is it?" one Cardinal wanted to know, "that a fellow can be smart in many ways, but dumb when he gets into football or baseball? Or why he can be pretty dumb until he gets into some athletic competition, when he may be smarter than almost anybody?"

This is a fair question. Does anyone recall the most intelligent member of the old Giant team from 1908 through 1913? I can give you his name. He is better known as Bonehead Merkle — the Giant who forgot to touch second base in 1908. Yet Fred Merkle was the best educated member of the Giant squad. But his reflexes on the ball field failed to operate as quickly as some others who would have been baffled by McGuffey's second reader. Fred had to take time to think things out. You can't do that when split second co-ordination or intuition must rule. For example, Rube Waddell was a mental eccentric. But there were few smarter, once the gangling Rube reached the mound with a baseball in his left hand.

There were two famous ball players who, as far as I know, never made a mental mistake on the field. One was Babe Ruth who came along from an industrial school. The other was Nap Lajoie who was lifted from a cab driver's seat in Woonsocket, R. I., and a trifle later was surrounded and captured by Uncle Egbert Barrow.

Neither needed any college degree to be smart on a ball field. They were born that way.

Grantland Rice

Instinct and Intuition

The athlete who is naturally smart in competition must have a high degree of instinct, intuition and concentration. I know Eddie Arcaro figures it that way in racing.

"You haven't time to think in a split second," he told me once. "There's an opening or there isn't an opening, and you have to make up your mind in a flash. Which means largely instinct for the right things to do."

Ty Cobb had this natural instinct, this ability to concentrate, but Cobb also worked on these natural gifts. "I used to lay in bed at night for hours thinking up plays," he said once. "I planned some of these plays weeks ahead against certain teams."

Old time ball players had no motor cars, movies, night clubs or other distractions to kill time. So many of them thought only about baseball. I mean such men as King Mike Kelly, Kid Nichols, John Montgomery Ward, Charlie Comiskey, Hughie Jennings, Clark Griffith, John McGraw and most of the old Orioles.

The main mental asset in any game is concentration. Many have this needed ingredient more than others. But the art or knack of concentration can also be developed. Concentration means keeping your mind on the job from start to finish.

As Knute Rockne used to tell his squad—"Keep physically relaxed — but mentally alert."

Borowy's Predictions

We caught Hank Borowy on the fly just as he was heading for the Cub camp and Catalina island. "How about Cub prospects?" we queried.

"We'll need all the pitching we can get this season," the Cub star said. "By that I mean most of the other clubs will be stronger where we will have about the same cast. We got little back from the service. The Cardinals, Giants and Dodgers will all be stronger. So will the Pirates, Braves and Phillies."

"We'll be pitching to better hitting strength all along the line, while at the plate we face improved pitching also. That means tough going. A flock of dangerous hitters have been added to the league since last fall.

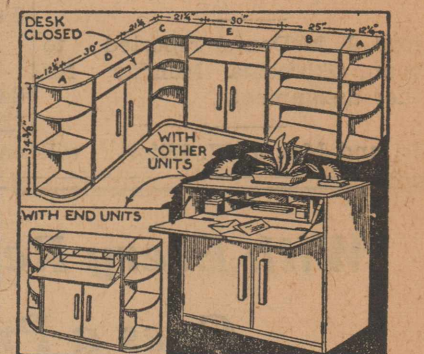
"Hitting in the two leagues? I can't see much difference. I had a better record in the National than I had in the American. But my arm was in much better shape when I joined the Cubs."

I asked Borowy how the National league race looked from his angle. "The Cardinals are the team to beat," he said, "with so much strength at every point. But they can be beaten. I'm sure we'll be up there. The Giants have all the power any team needs at bat, but their pitching is still uncertain. What pitcher can Mel Ott depend on for as many as 18 games?"

"The Dodgers will be better and they were tough enough at times last season. The Pirates will be improved and the Braves will probably be bothering everybody."

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Local News

Mrs. Mabel McEvers of Hoisington, Kansas was a visitor in the J. D. McDaniel home Monday night.

L. M. Price, Louie Green and C. T. Watson returned Tuesday from a fishing trip to Red Bluff Lake in New Mexico.

Lloyd J. McDaniel reported to Norman, Oklahoma Monday for further assignment.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Elliott will

leave the last of this week for an extended rest in Mineral Wells, Texas.

R. L. McDaniel of Ashton, Kansas visited his brother, J. D. McDaniel and family over the week end.

Rev. J. W. Rosenberg is assisting Rev. Marvin Brotherton, pastor of the Texhoma Methodist Church in a home visitation campaign in Texhoma this week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Carter and daughters spent the week end in El Paso and Mexico looking after cattle interests.

Lt. Robert A. Taylor left for Little Rock, Arkansas Sunday. Nancy Jean remained to visit with the Taylors for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Henderson were week end visitors in Ordway, Colorado with their sons.

Sherman Holt, Texhoma, was a visitor in Stratford Tuesday.

Mrs. C. R. Bonar is attending the Convention program of the Texas Pharmaceutical Association in Amarillo this week. Her daughter, Miss Kathryn, of Austin will join her while there.

Mrs. Lydia Elmquist spent last week end in Rockyford, Colorado visiting with her father and sister, who reside there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ullom Wakefield and son, Amarillo, visited Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Wakefield and family Sunday.

Miss Clella Pearson is assisting at the Bonar Pharmacy this week in the absence of Mrs. Bonar. Clella is taking a preparatory course at WTSC at Canyon before transferring to Oklahoma University where she will obtain her degree in pharmacy.

Miss Oleta Gilley visited her grandmother, Mrs. M. B. Green, in Amarillo Tuesday.

Mrs. Grady Mullican was brought home from St. Anthony's hospital in Amarillo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ullom, Dumas, were visitors in Stratford Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harding and Miss Lois Mullins were visitors in Amarillo Tuesday.

William Steel took his wife and Miss Betty Burgess to Amarillo Monday. They went by bus to Clinton, Oklahoma for a visit with relatives. William will leave for Clinton Friday, returning Monday, to bring home his wife and Miss Burgess.

Mrs. M. B. Green was taken to Northwest Texas hospital in Amarillo Thursday of last week. Her condition is considered serious.

Mrs. Roy Denney left Monday night for Tulsa, Oklahoma, to be with her grandmother who is seriously ill.

Joe Brown transacted business in Borger Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carmichael and son of Oklahoma City were week end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kelp.

Wright Davis transacted business in Amarillo Tuesday.

Ray McNeal and Van Boston were Amarillo visitors Monday.

Dickie Buckles, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Buckles, sailed recently from New York on the U. S. S. June for foreign service in the army.

James Davis Mullican, Amarillo, has accepted a position with Grady's Cafe.

Miss Patty Martin, Houston, left Wednesday for Houston, after a visit here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Martin, and other relatives. Miss Martin is employed as a dietician in a Houston hospital.

Rev. J. W. Rosenberg and mother, and son, John, were visitors in Amarillo Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Elliott visited relatives in Amarillo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gunzelman and Linus made a trip to Lakin, Kansas last week to look after some of their farms.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jones, Amarillo, were guests in the home of Mrs. H. M. Brown and Mrs. Mary Holt Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Craig, Plainview, visited relatives and friends here and at Sunray last week end.

Roy D. Schafer, Texhoma, was a business visitor here Saturday.

Arthur Folsom, Jr., 51c U. S. Naval Reserve, left for his station at the Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas Saturday after a 20-day visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Folsom.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Spurlock were visitors in Dalhart Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Marshall, Jr., left Thursday for El Paso, Texas, after a visit with his parents. Staff Sergeant Marshall is stationed at Fort Bliss.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Gunzelman and Marsha Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Shaw, Wichita, Kansas were week end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gunzelman.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Price are in New Orleans for a two weeks visit.

Mrs. Eric Kirkwood accompanied her son, Ernie, to Amarillo Sunday where he went for medical examination and treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lollis of Texhoma visited their mother, Mrs. J. T. Gibbons, Sunday.

Mrs. M. L. Keener and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Keener were business visitors in Amarillo Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Allen of Houston, Texas, were here Saturday and bought 185 head of cattle from Dick Diehl.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kelp are in El Paso, Texas visiting their daughter and family, the Gene Wills.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wiginton returned Sunday from an extended visit in the Rio Grande valley.

Mrs. A. W. Klawetter, Calvert, Texas, is here for a visit with her daughters, Mrs. C. T. Watson and Mrs. W. N. Price.

Mrs. Louie Green and Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Goule were visitors in Amarillo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Plunk and relatives and friends in Stratford family, Amarillo, were guests of over the week end.

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Wooten New President Of Northwest Conference

E. A. Wooten, superintendent of the Stratford public schools, was elected president of the Northwest Conference of education at a meeting of the ninth district held in Amarillo Friday. His election to this office brings to Stratford for the first time the presidency of the ninth district, composed of 23 Panhandle counties.

Mrs. Veola Norman, Mrs. Pearl Mullins, Mrs. Launa Pearson, Mrs. Hilma Cleveland, Mrs. Olive Boston, Mrs. Martha Harrison, Mrs. Louise Williams, Miss Helen Smith, Mrs. Nelle Alexander, E. A. Wooten, Grady Pearson, Maurice Norman, and M. E. Cleavinger, Jr., attended the meeting. Mrs. J. W. Flores and Mrs. Myrtle Pillars were unable to be present due to illness.

Resolutions passed by the organization emphasized interest in a strong international policy and in

continued improvement in the educational system as a basis for solution of national and international problems.

Conference officers elected were: E. A. Wooten, president, Stratford; Miss Dorinda Bond, vice-president, Amarillo; George Graham, secretary, Dalhart; Charles Damron, treasurer, Childress.

In consideration of national problems as they affect the public schools, the conference passed resolutions favoring the efforts of state and federal governments to secure better health care for adults and children and urged support of candidates whose records show consistent support of education, social uplift and child welfare.

The teachers expressed their belief that any program of compulsory military training should be arranged for the minimum inter-

ference with normal educational routine. They favored compulsory training as is absolutely necessary to national defense be given as art of an educational program at high schools, colleges, and in summer camps.

As an emergency measure, the conference endorsed federal aid to education in the various states, and until federal aid is actually available they urge the increase of the Texas per capita apportionment. The current system of distribution of state funds was condemned, and favor was placed on a system based on average daily attendance and class room units.

In following out their program of better support for schools, the conference endorsed higher salaries for teachers, also urged fewer social and community restrictions on members of the profession.

Panhandle teachers urged the adoption of a post-war curriculum placing emphasis on character education, with more studies in the field of social science. Teaching of the Bible in public schools was offered as a direct-counter measure against the wave of juvenile delinquency.

he had returned out of another night.

One of my personal convictions is being justified as rapidly as time can produce the evidence. I have always believed that men use their age to shield them from work as the shadows lengthen. Natural laziness is more apt to affect a man's industry than the advancing years which he is prone to hide behind.

Wealthy and important people require so little to command our friendship that it's true value may become lost in society's hasty opinions.

When love perishes it is like a tree felled by the sharp blade of an ax. It does not wither at once.

Breathing deeply on the siding, the great engine waited for the express. The engineer looked from his cab at the steel-riveted flanks and rested his chin in the palm of his hand. When the silver streak had passed like a rolling comet, the massive black engine moved its ponderous drivers and the long train of freight cars inched forward. Belching steam and smoke in its draft, the engine's boiler fires glowed brighter and the thunder of heavy wheels pushed back all other sound. The cargo of needs for tomorrow moved on into the twilight.

File Discharges

Vernon R. Palmer, Corporal, U. S. Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Palmer, and Virgil R. Chisum, T-4 signal corps, U. S. Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Chisum, filed their discharges from military service with the County Clerk this week.

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TRAIL DUST

(By Douglas Meador)

We light the candles of tomorrow from the flickering fires of yesterday's hopes. The music of new dreams is tuned to the echo of the past's retreating spurs; an old prayer becomes silt in the passing river of time.

Happiness is a commodity which may be paid for at the time of purchase, or obtained through credit that is secured by a mortgage on the future. Interest is based on the quality of happiness and the length of the loan.

Torn by the wind, the dawn's pink flesh quivered and tried to hide its hurt behind the golden sails of a cloud. The plains were drained of life. Retreating down the trackless path of the sky, the moon sought escape like a betrayed lover. A strand of black smoke bent south from the flue of a distant farm house. Sunlight spilled across the land, flowing over the empty pavement and down the bleak lister furrows, to wash into the esuary of years the promises and dreams that had dared to survive beyond the passing night.

New warmth rises from the earth and rouses the sleeping grass to stretch tiny fingers through its brown blanket. Spring measures green dresses for the trees, and white blossoms burst from their secret buds in the red clump of wild plum bushes. The lullaby of new birth is in the song of the wind.

Driving phantom herds across rolling prairies and Valhalla, old cowboys make camp at night and gather around bright fires that shine through the eons of distance. Spur-scarred mustangs graze in remudas that drift toward crystal water holes in valleys of the Milky Way. Cross-legged, with the light of stars in their faces, the riders listen in silent amazement to a new hand from the ranges across the river. They must shake their heads and smile when he tries to explain that a machine is used to flank the yearlings and hold them for the branding iron.

Flouncing in the dust of long-dried tears, the woman's love sobbed it's misery to heedless silence and waited for a footstep at the door. The sound seemed to rise out of slumber or from her heart. When the door opened it admitted the past and compassion for the helpless man staggering from the lash of whiskey. She helped him to the bed and unlaced his worn shoes. The stench of liquor had sullied the room before she could remove his clothing and pull the covers up to his stubbled chin. She lay quiet and listened to his snoring with a prayer on her lips that

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF SHERMAN:
TO THOSE INDEBTED TO, OR HOLDING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JACK DAVIS, DECEASED.
The Undersigned having been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of S. J. (Jack) Davis, deceased, late of Sherman County, Texas, by L. P. Hunter, Judge of the County Court of said County on the 20th day of February A. D. 1946, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to her within the time prescribed by law at her residence in Stratford, Sherman County, Texas, where she receives her mail, this 6th day of March A. D. 1946.
MRS. OLIVE BOSTON,
Administratrix of the Estate of Jack Davis, Deceased.
M-7-14, 21-28.

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Must be on all cars by midnight of April 1st, 1946, or owners will be subject to a fine, and must pay penalty for not buying their plates on time if they continue to operate their cars after April 1.

License tags are now on sale at the office of John Kidwell, Tax Assessor and Collector, in Stratford.

License tags must be bought in the county where you live.

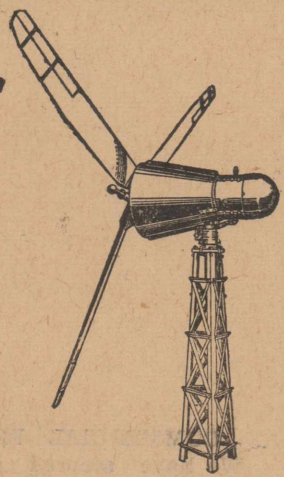
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Everyone is requested to purchase their Plates as early as possible so as to avoid that last minute rush.

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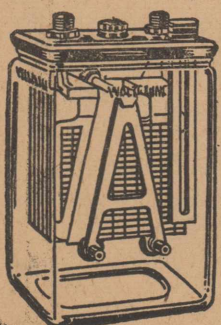
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LOCAL NEWS

David M. Steel has enrolled in Baylor University at Waco, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Harrison were business visitors in Texhoma Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Taylor were visitors in Amarillo Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lovelace and Mrs. Leonard Plunk were Amarillo visitors Tuesday.

Donald Ritchie, San Antonio, came Thursday for a few weeks visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Denney moved to their home on Main street Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Green will move to the house vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Denney.

Mrs. C. T. Watson and Charlotte and Mrs. Joe Duby and Shela were visitors in Dalhart Friday.

H. D. Lewis, Amarillo, transacted business here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smith, Texhoma, were visitors here Tuesday.

Earl Bradley, Dalhart, was a visitor here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jacobs and children were visitors in Boise City Sunday.

Mrs. Zella Tackel and Mrs. Bill Green and son were in Amarillo Monday visiting Mrs. M. B. Green who is in Northwest Texas hospital. Last report her condition was improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Diehl were in Plainview from Thursday until Saturday where Mr. Diehl was receiving cattle.

Dr. J. W. Norvell and Dr. Leta Boswell left Wednesday morning for Dallas where Dr. Norvell will receive medical attention.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McCrory, Anita, Iowa, have been visiting in the home of Mrs. McCrory's sister, Mrs. O. R. Blankenship.

Virgil Chisum and Mrs. Velma Blake were Dumas visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brannan have returned from Mexico where they went to purchase cattle.

Mrs. C. R. Foster and Mrs. Grady Cummings were visitors in Amarillo Thursday.

Mrs. Graydon Gamble and son, Bill, Mercedes, Texas, are visiting in the home of Mrs. W. R. Gamble this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hodges have as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Farley of Quanah.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Brannan spent the week end in Amarillo visiting with his father.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Alexander, Gruver, visited here Sunday with the W. G. O'Briens.

Homer Blake is on his way back to the States from Manila, according to word received by his wife, Mrs. Velma Blake.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Morris and twin sons of San Francisco, California, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Fedric over the week end.

Conlen News

(Too late for last week)

There has been quite a lot of sickness in the Conlen neighborhood. Little Dixie Lee Knight is sick. Little Bobby Stone is in an Amarillo hospital. J. B. Knight is still suffering with a sore jaw, having had some teeth pulled.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis were visitors in Amarillo Tuesday.

A play and box supper will be given at the Conlen school house Friday night, March 22. An excellent program will be rendered. In addition to the good eats, a special orchestra will furnish music.

The community is glad that Mrs. Reynolds is able to be home again after such a long stay in an Amarillo hospital. We hope she will soon be able to be out.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Huff have moved to Childress where they plan to go into business.

The Stone Brothers, who recently purchased the Stone Mercantile operated by Joe Huff for the past two years, have installed a large refrigerator, restocked with merchandise, dug a new water well, and are installing an electric pump. It's beginning to look like an up-town store.

Eligibility Certificates Available

Veterans who intend to take advantage of the free educational and training benefits provided for them by the government should apply for their certificate of entitlement as soon as possible, even if they do not intend to go to the school for several months, Harold E. Van Horn, 502 Oliver-Bakke building, Amarillo, contact representative for the Veterans Administration, said today.

Eligibility certificates may be used for entering colleges in any state or to receive government benefits for schooling under the "on the job plan."

Vernon Palmer Receives Discharge

Vernon Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Palmer, returned home Thursday, having received his discharge from the army. He plans to remain in Stratford during the summer but will perhaps move to Washington to make his home.

The Country Church

Mary Neely Capps, of Tillman County, Okla., very ably presents the case for the country church. She writes:

"There is not a stained glass window in the white country church where I worship. Sometimes I miss the elaborate interior that I once enjoyed in city churches, but this morning I gloried in the fact that the window I faced was clear glass and that the sash was only half shaded. While the sincere, humble preacher brought his message, I gazed upon a gold-and-green-clad patch of buttercups and wondered if transparent tesseræ (pieces of colored glass) could be arranged in a more interesting mosaic. I marvelled at the delicate intricacy of patterns in God's work and the colors brought forth by Nature's alchemy. The preacher was reading the words of a conversation of Jesus with the woman at the well when he said, "It matters not whether ye worship in these hills or in the temple at Jerusalem." Then he was stressing the useful mission of the rural church to the community. I glimpsed a new vision of an enlarged place of service, secretly dedicated my heart anew, and thanked God for his universality and that it is my lot to worship in these hills."

The Low Down From Hickory Grove

You know, this idea of experience being the best teacher, it is sure fire, also it is costly. From the cradle to the mortician we gotta be shown before we believe. Like with your 2 year old off-shoot, you tell him to keep his fingers off the red-hot stove, and he will not rest until he gets singed, and then comes bellowing to his mama.

And the latest is in Great Britain where the younger sprouts on their first chance to vote, they ups and swings the country over to Socialism. The Labor Party, they jolly well call it over there. And now 6 months later, Britishers are clogging the emigration offices in London, wanting to leave the Promised Land, but ships are scarce and they are in for a 12 to 18 months wait for the next boat. New Zealand, and South Africa, and Australia are swamped with applications from the now wise Britons wanting to get away from Utopia and to settle in far away lands.

And here in our own U. S. A. Land of the Free as we sometimes still call it sorta humorous-like, here around Hickory, we are dying to put a finger on the same kind of red-hot stove.

JO SERRA.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
TO THOSE INDEBTED TO, OR HOLDING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF J. K. RICHARDSON, DECEASED.

THE UNDERSIGNED having been duly appointed Administratrix of the Estate of J. K. Richardson, Deceased, late of Sherman County, Texas, by L. P. Hunter, Judge of the County Court of said County on the 18th day of March, 1946, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and Make Settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to her within the time prescribed by law at her residence in Stratford, Sherman County, Texas, where she receives her mail dated this 18th of March A. D. 1946.

MARTHA A. RICHARDSON, Administratrix of the estate of J. K. Richardson, Deceased.

A Charter For Boys And Girls

The culminating high light of the 24th National 4-H Club Congress came when it adopted the following new 10-point charter as a guide every 4-H boy and girl should try to follow in 1946 and all the years hereafter:

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2. Joining with friends for work, fun, and fellowship.
3. Learning to live in a changing

4. Choosing a way to earn a living.
5. Producing food and fiber for home and market.
6. Creating better homes for better living.
7. Conserving Nature's resources for security and happiness.
8. Building health for a strong America.
9. Sharing responsibilities for community improvement.
10. Serving as citizens in maintaining World Peace.

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Armour's	Churches	35
4 Pound Carton	Quart Bottle	
POP CORN	SUGAR	69
Giant Yellow	10 Pound Bag	
Pound	Pure Grape	
ROASTED PEANUTS	JAM	45
Pound	2 Pound Jar	
Wire CLOTHES LINES	CRACKERS	
Each	Sunshine Krispies	17
BLACKBERRIES	1 Pound Box	
No. 10	SPAM	
Tin	Luncheon Meat	33
TOMATO SOUP	12 Ounce Can	
Rancho	CHILI	
22 Ounce Can	Van Camps	27
2 For	15 1/2 Ounce Tin	
Chicken And Noodle SOUP	CORN	
Phillips	Brimfull	25
10 1/2 Ounce Tin	No. 2 Can, 2 for	
Ranch Style BEANS	PEAS and CARROTS	35
Tall Can	No. 2 Can	
2 For	2 for	
VINEGAR	PORK & BEANS	
Quart Jar	Jackson	25
	No. 2 Can, 2 for	

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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

Released by Western Newspaper Union.

COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS OPERATION COSTLY

WASHINGTON. — The degeneration of the superior American efficiency in business into something like Europe before the dictators—where trains did not run on time, telephone service was whimsical and telegraph messages and airmail might be expected to arrive two or three days late—was observed painfully by me in my trip down through the southeastern states.

The railroads are not yet a monopoly in this country, perhaps the people are getting from them as good service as the deficiency of materials and men will permit—or a reasonable approximation in general thereof. However, telephone service is a monopoly. If the citizen cannot get service on one line, he cannot walk across the street and try another. The company has a monopoly of the business; the workers have a monopoly of the work with their unions. This imposes upon them a public responsibility beyond other businesses and other workers, to perform their public service efficiently.

I am not now considering the strike threat issue. I have not investigated merits or demerits of opposing contentions. Yet your house may burn to the ground causing you great and needless loss, if fire calls are not handled promptly because of strike, negligence, inefficiency or any other reason. Deaths may be caused by delays of a few moments in ambulances, operations or blood transfusions. Robbers may make good escapes. All the property as well as the very life of the citizen rest heavily upon the efficiency of this single means of swift communication between people. No company and no group of workers have the right to cause damage and death among the people as a whole for any reason, whether just or unjust. To do so is a violation of every natural law of man and common decency. With the right of monopoly in business and/or work (closed shop) goes a public responsibility which cannot be ignored or avoided for any human purpose.

MONOPOLY DOES NOT IMPROVE VITAL SERVICE

I was forced to muse upon these serious considerations of vital (inalienable?) rights, by my minor experiences of trying to handle my comparatively unimportant business through telephone, telegraph and airmail while away from my office for a few weeks. I found the telephone and airmail wholly dependable. The airmail, of course, is a government monopoly and inefficiency is to be expected from past experience. But I found that airmail special delivery letters, mailed at the same time each day at the same point of origin, would arrive at their destination on schedule only one time out of three. The other two times, the mail would be from one to two days late. I understood then why so many newspapers were complaining about late arrival of mail copy. The post office has plainly failed to recover yet from the war.

Telephoning became an idle but interesting amusement. Each occasion furnished something novel. Out of 10 calls to Washington, I eventually got three through. One was prompt. The other resulted from an hour of effort to get a supervisor, who put it through for me, after my original call and the operator's promise to "call you back in 20 minutes." Both had become lost so deeply that no one around the exchange had heard of it. The third call in the afternoon was completed the following morning. The others never got through for reasons which are not reportable authoritatively by me, but I was told a variety of things: "There will be a delay of 30 to 40 minutes," or "your line is busy," and then a few seconds later: "it does not answer." I could never find out why it could be busy and then in a few seconds did not answer. I soon found out complaining accomplished nothing. Electrical noises would erupt in the phone and deafen my ear if I even suggested such a thing to myself. The only way you could get a supervisor was to work through a friendly operator on a private switchboard who could make just as loud noises as the telephone monopoly.

The sending of a telegram I found to be less of an adventure, and could be done in less than a day. In fact, I have only one complaint against the telegraph monopoly (they apparently gave my telegram to the wrong party on the phone). I will say telegraph service is at least better than when the Postal vacated the field.

But what of the people who deal in important figures of money, men or perishable materials? This is a big nation dealing daily in big matters. What of the national labor leaders trying to call off strikes?

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

U. S. Cracks Down on Russia; British Loan Called Trade Aid; Modify Emergency Housing Bill

Released by Western Newspaper Union. (EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysis and not necessarily of this newspaper.)

DIPLOMACY: Crack Down

First evidence of a stiffening of U. S. policy toward Russia was contained in the state department's warning that this country could not remain indifferent to the Reds' refusal to withdraw from Iran in accordance with an agreement made in 1942 and reaffirmed at Teheran.

Oil-rich, Iran has been prominent in the news since its northwestern province of Azerbaijan moved for local self-rule and Russian troops prevented efforts of the central government to quell the revolt. During negotiations between Russia and Iran for withdrawal of Red forces from the country, Moscow was said to have pressed for oil concessions, held exclusively by the U. S. and Britain.

While the state department's note to Russia emphasized that this country could not sit idly by while tri-partite agreements affecting another nation's sovereignty were broken, it urged the Reds to retire to promote the confidence necessary for fostering world peace.

Having pressed the Russians on the Iranian situation, the state department followed with another protest to Moscow over the Reds' looting of Japanese industries in Manchuria and their efforts to set up a joint Russian-Sino economic rule over the province to the exclusion of other nations.

BRITISH LOAN: Called Aid

Declaring that the alternative to lending financial assistance to Britain was a postwar economic dog-fight, the administration opened its fight for the 3½ billion dollar loan to the United Kingdom with Secretary of the Treasury Vinson and Assistant Secretary of State Clayton endorsing the advance before the senate banking and currency committee.

Vinson and Clayton presented parallel testimony to the solons, asserting that if Britain were unable to obtain dollars with which to buy



Vinson: Warns of Dog-fight.

goods, she would tighten up her exchange regulations and conserve her resources for careful expenditure within a friendly trading bloc. The result would be a return to high tariffs, sanctions and other restrictions which bogged trade prior to World War II and spurred the development of totalitarian economy.

Disclosing that the U. S. had turned down a Russian bid for a six billion dollar loan, Vinson told the senators the administration did not contemplate direct loans to other nations. However, money will be advanced to foreign countries through the Export-Import bank, set up before the war to stimulate trade and possessing limited loaning power of 3½ billion dollars.

HOUSING: Emergency Bill

Though balking against imposition of ceilings on old houses and payment of 600 million dollars in subsidies to building material manufacturers to step up the flow of supplies, the house approved an emergency housing bill giving the government broad powers to speed low-cost residential construction.

Pushed through by a coalition of Republicans and southern Democrats, the bill gives Housing Expediter Wilson Wyatt independent authority to channel building materials into home construction through priorities until June, 1947; set prices for such materials to increase output, and halt the export of lumber or other scarce supplies.

Other provisions of the measure establish preference for war vets in

the purchase of new dwellings; increase the FHA's resources to insure mortgages of ex-G.I.s by one billion dollars, and set ceiling prices on new homes.

BROTHERHOOD: Truman Plea

With former Prime Minister Winston Churchill's plea for a U. S.-British military alliance posing the question of American adoption of the proposal or continued adherence to the United Nations Organization for maintaining world peace, President Truman stood by UNO in an address before the Federal Council of Churches in America at Columbus, Ohio.

Though sponsoring Churchill's speech at Fulton, Mo., Mr. Truman apparently intended to await public reaction to the proposal before taking a position himself. Meanwhile, the President avowed complete support to UNO, declaring that this country expected to defend it and work for its perfection along with the other member nations.

In addressing the 500 delegates, representing 25 million Protestants, Mr. Truman declared that only through the observance of Christian principles could any mechanism for peace be successful. Extending the thought to domestic affairs, he asserted that only through religious fervor could the country develop a social program designed to meet the needs of the mass of people.

In considering the church's position in the postwar world, the council unanimously adopted a resolution condemning any form of racial segregation.

Presenting the resolution, Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin, noted Presbyterian theologian, rapped church organizations themselves for practicing discrimination against Negro and other minority groups. Many church-supported hospitals, schools and theological seminaries were guilty of the offense in varying degrees, he said, and some churches themselves refused to hire people on racial or other grounds.

DENAZIFICATION: Germans Help

To speed the arraignment and trial of between 1,500,000 and 2,000,000 Germans charged with Nazism, U. S. military authorities approved a law promulgated by provincial governments of the American occupation zone providing for prosecution of suspects in local courts.

Applicable to the U. S. zone only, the new procedure is expected to allow rapid disposition of pending cases and removal of much of the uncertainty affecting sectional economy. Germans hope that convicted persons might be substituted for war prisoners presently employed as forced labor by the Allies.

To be tried by anti-Nazi prosecutors and three-man tribunals, defendants will be classified into four broad categories, including major offenders, active promoters of Hitlerism, youthful adherents and nominal party members who joined the movement for business or social convenience. While penalties for major offenders and active promoters include forced labor, confiscation of property and restriction on employment privileges, the other groups would be subject to occupational curbs and fines.

STRIKE: Crisis Brewing

As the CIO-United Automobile Workers strike against General Motors proceeded through its fourth month, pressure grew for settlement of the walkout to avert a crisis resulting from the prolonged idleness of 175,000 production employees.

With the union and management remaining one big cent apart from agreement on wages and both sides indicating no inclination to budge, the city of Detroit appealed to President Truman to personally intervene because the strike was seriously impairing the economic life of the community. To provide funds for growing relief applications, the city authorized an appropriation of \$400,000.

Increasing bitterness developed between the UAW and G.M. over the company's refusal to go above its offer of an 18½ cent an hour wage increase or submit the issue of paying 19½ cents to an impartial arbitrator. With the UAW convention scheduled for March 23 to 31, union spokesmen charged that the company hoped to prolong the strike to create dissatisfaction over present officials and open the way for their ouster.

Japan Again Provides Foreign Outlet for U. S. Cotton

The U. S. is starting to regain an important foreign outlet for raw cotton by means of government exports to Japan, which took one-fourth of shipments of the staple before the war. Until private trading, now forbidden for security reasons, is again permitted, the only way of regaining the Japanese market is through government channels.

Under the program now getting under way, Commodity Credit Corporation stocks of cotton will be shipped to a Japanese governmental agency designated by the supreme commander of the Allied powers in Japan and enough of the textiles manufactured from the cotton will be accepted to reimburse the U. S. in full. Establishment of the supply line will take 200,000 bales of CCC cotton within a month, the department of agriculture reported.

Washington Digest

Housing Bill Suffers Rough Going in Congress

Taft Breaks With Conservatives in Backing Administration Measure; Long-Range Building Policy Asked.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. — It is fully expected that what is left of the plan for settling America's number one problem — the problem of finding a home — will be cut up by congress and pasted together in some new, strange shape by now. If it is still in the works when you read these lines there is a possibility that what finally emerges from the hopper will be more what the patient planners wanted and less like what the various pressure groups wanted.

The interesting thing to me about the debate on this measure in the beginning was this: although the administration features of the bill went squarely against the conservative grain of our conservatively ingrained congresses, it had one champion who usually sits as far away as he can possibly edge from anything of even a pale pink hue.

I refer to Sen. Robert Taft, Republican of Ohio. What Mr. Taft says never falls on deaf ears in the senate even if the ears are doubting ones and sprout from the heads of those cruelly affronted members once referred to as "the sons of wild jackasses." Vox Taft to the conservative is his master's VOX.

The two key features to the administration bill were the subsidy, which would grease the way for quick construction of the lower-priced type of homes, and the price ceiling which would make it cheaper to live in a house than re-sell for profit. That is, the present owner of a house could sell his property for any price he could get without restriction, but owner number two would have to re-sell it for what he paid (plus, of course, reasonable cost for improvements).

These two conditions may have been good or bad. Whether they were or not they were opposed for two main reasons: first, because they were considered "government interference" and therefore radical, and second, because powerful lobbies, the profits of whose principals would have been curtailed, put all the pressure they could on congress.

In spite of the feeling that the spirit of the housing bills was "liberal," if you prefer that word to "leftish" or "New Dealish," Senator Taft supported it. He had made a careful study of housing and come to the mature conclusion that the administration idea, as embraced in the bills introduced by Senator Wagner in the senate and Representative Patman in the house, was as nearly the right sort of legislation as could be obtained. The CIO took the same view.

Now when viewpoints as different as these two arrive at agreement, the simple citizen is inclined to think that their joint approval is pretty sound sponsorship.

Labor Wants Planned Action

The CIO has printed a very businesslike booklet on the subject in which we are reminded that we have always had a housing shortage because our cities just grew like Topsy, that the shortage is steadily growing and that estimates show that by the end of this year almost three and a half million families will be homeless unless they are taken in by relatives or double up with others—as the President suggested they will have to do meanwhile.

The reason that we always had a housing shortage, according to the CIO, is because we never had a housing policy. We have a public school educational policy; a police protection policy; a war and navy policy. As a result, we have a pretty good school system, our police give us reasonable protection to life and property; we have never lost a war nor suffered invasion. But we can't have roofs over our heads.

That is what the current housing legislation is supposed to provide. One more factor may be injected into this controversy which could affect it materially: the veteran, chief sufferer from homelessness, is as yet unorganized. Once organized, he could out-pressure the other pressure groups.

Since I heard forthright speeches of Senator Vandenberg and Secretary of State Byrnes which sounded a sharp warning to Russia that the

United States was ready to carry out its international obligations and use force to check aggression, the following sentence has been before me: "... the American people, now in the height of their might and majesty, are no longer a sovereign nation."

That sentence is from Nathaniel Peffer's book, "America's Place in the World" which the Saturday Review of Literature calls a "stubbornly and trenchant discussion." I agree with that description of the book and believe that what Peffer says is true and that it is vital for Americans to understand why it is true.

Peffer says that we have lost our independence and our autonomy "in that which matters most in the life of the nation—peace or war." And then he shows with his "stubborn realism" how this has come about, how in the beginning (before 1776) America "had no control over its own destiny because it was so weak, now because it is so strong."

And he shows clearly and convincingly that, no matter how anxious we may be to stay out of foreign broils, any major war in Europe or Asia will eventually involve the United States. Our sincere but romantically futile dream of splendid isolation is forever broken.

Must Lose Life To Gain It

Many thinkers have pondered over this question. In tracing America's international affairs, this authoritative and provocative writer traces our course through the great crises whose milestones are marked with the dates 1776, 1787, 1861 and 1941. 1917 was the warning that was not heeded. We were drawn into a war then, not of our own making, but we did nothing to shape world affairs which followed and which, inexorably, drew us for the second time into a world conflict in which we had no direct concern.

It may seem a far cry from diplomatic intrigue and the vicissitudes of human hatreds, organized murder and lust, to the world of the spirit but I could not help thinking as I developed the efforts I witnessed at Nuernberg of a certain text in the Bible; the words of Jesus as recorded in the gospel of St. Mark (XVIII:35), "For whosoever shall save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it."

I am well aware of the fact that the devil may quote the Scriptures with the best of us but I do not think one has to be charged with Mephistophelian tactics when one traces a parallel between the loss of our nation's sovereignty in the sense in which Mr. Peffer expounds it and the loss of our spiritual life in the New Testament sense.

It is needless to iterate here that the principles upon which this nation was founded derive directly from the Christian philosophy. However, we have never fully lived up to that philosophy since we still feel it necessary to indulge in that highly unchristian procedure which I once heard the late Lloyd George describe as "organized savagery"—war. War has always been justified as a measure of defense—defense of our citizens, our territory, our sovereignty.

We have now lost our sovereignty in that we must be willing to die to save it. Let me replace the word "life" with the word "sovereignty" in the rest of the Biblical text, which would then read: "Whosoever (and that means a nation as well as a person) shall lose his sovereignty for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it." Until America and all the nations are willing to sacrifice their sovereignty to a higher, world organization, whose tenets are four-square with the gospel's in proscribing war, we can never hope to win back a sovereignty in accord with the Christian principles which are the foundation of our nation.

A former American military government man says our state department and Britain and France are keeping Russia from searching Nazi assets in foreign countries. It seems strange that if Russia has been sighted in any way we haven't heard about it in a loud voice before now.

BARBS... by Baukhage

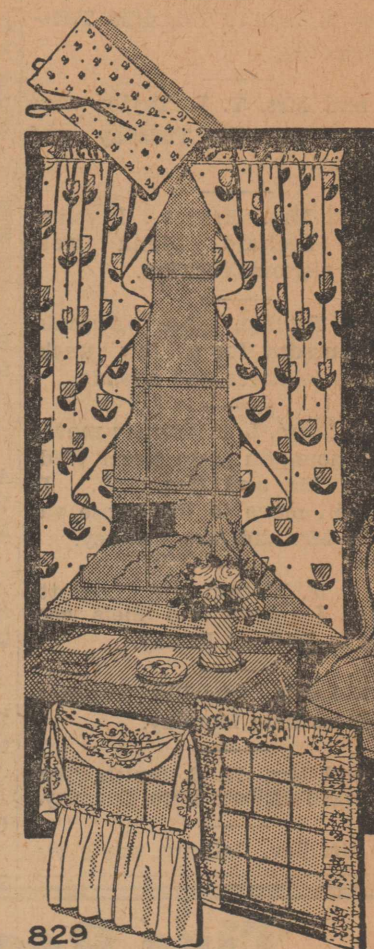
The term "collective bargaining" was first used in London in 1891 by Beatrice Webb and was promptly popularized in this country by Samuel Gompers of the AFL, says a 20th Century fund survey.

Plastics from bituminous coal are now being made into linoleum for floor coverings. Wonder if they'll be in "striking" designs.

People who deal in black markets support the Bill of Rights perhaps, but not the Bill of Responsibilities.

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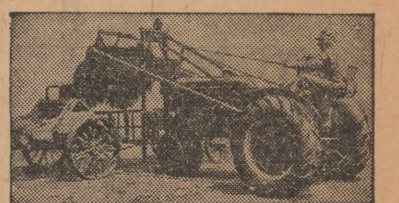
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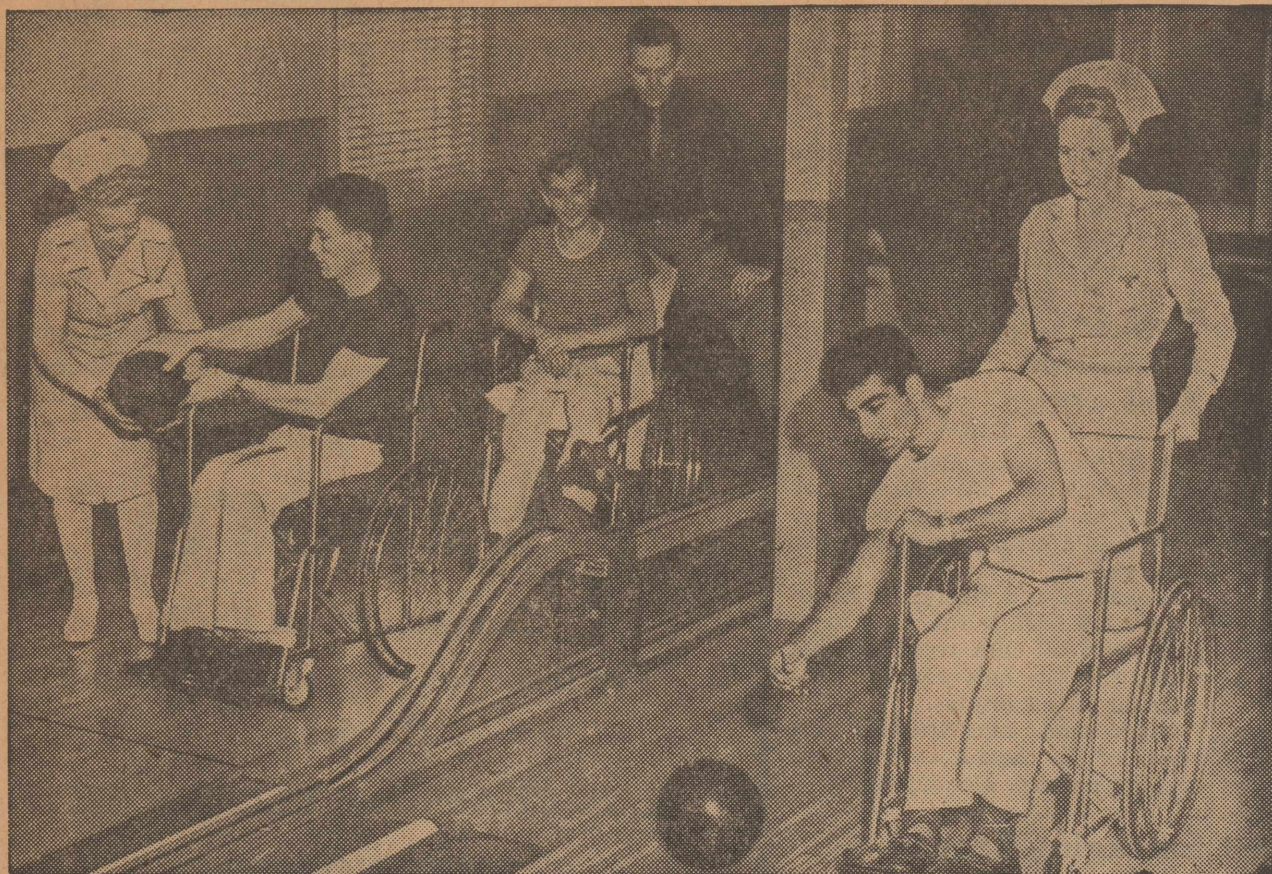
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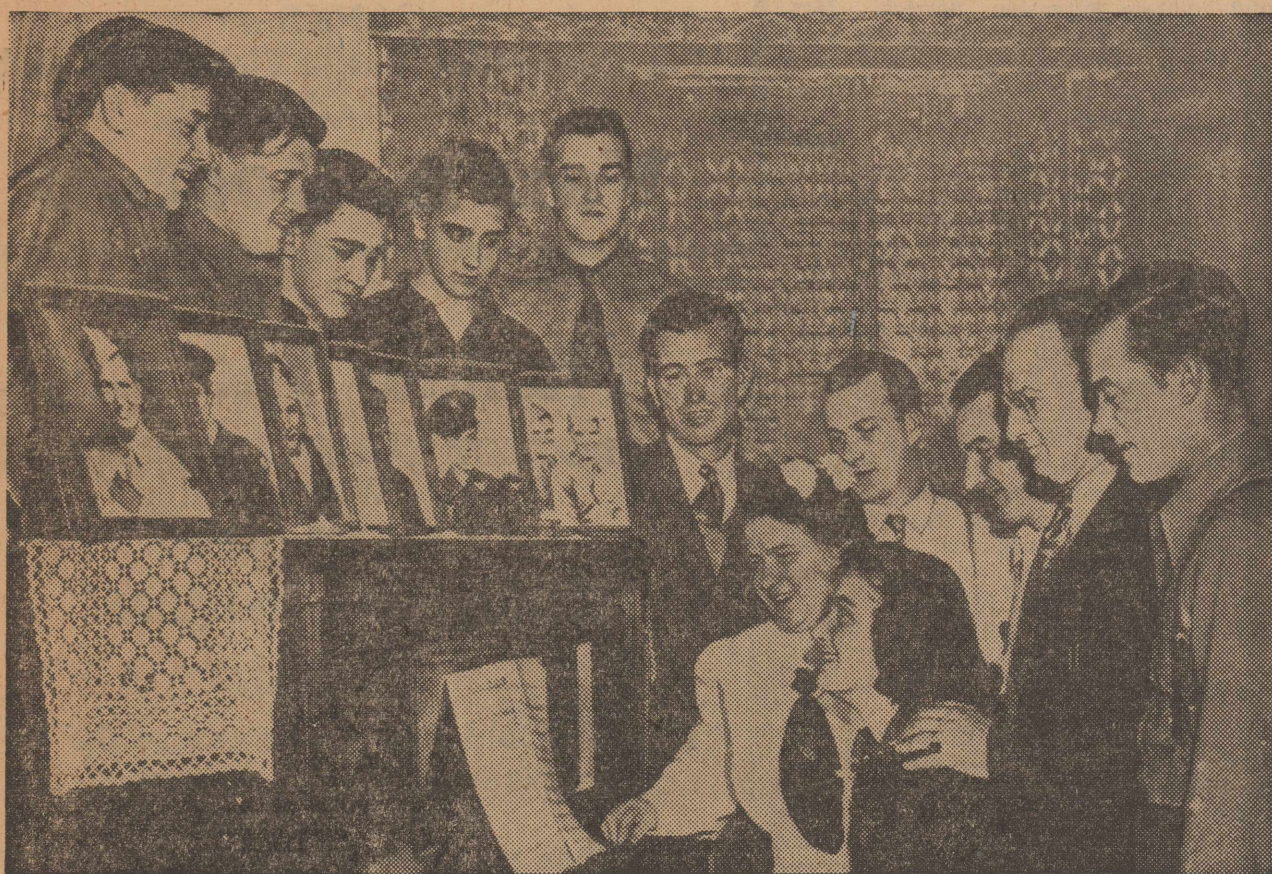
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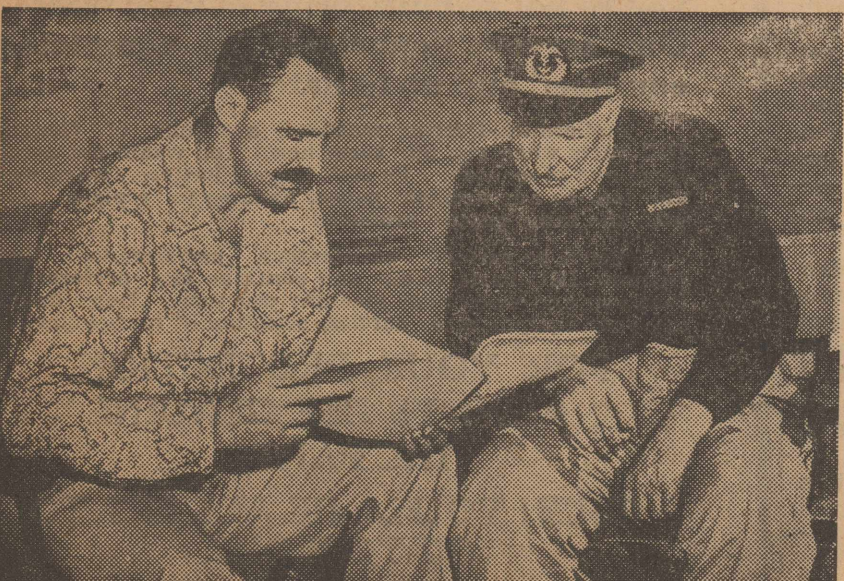
BOWLING CONQUERED BY WOUNDED VETS . . . For thousands of war wounded, the Red Cross insignia is a badge of mercy. They give their services and provide facilities to aid while away tedious hours of hospitalization. Here aided by Mrs. Lucille Carey, Mrs. Marian Lee and Capt. L. J. Sheaffer, are left to right, Sgt. Paul Jackson, Sgt. Robert Abajian and Pvt. George Rodriguez, who are given a chance to continue their bowling in Los Angeles alley. Reports indicate that many of the wounded have become expert bowlers, which also aided in their rapid recovery.



FAMOUS FIGHTING FAMILY REUNITED . . . The famous fighting family of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ostler, Chelsea, Mass., are together for the first time since Pearl Harbor, with the exception of the oldest son, Pfc. Charles, 32, who was killed in action in Italy. The group around their father and mother includes twins, Roland and Robert, twins Richard and Lawrence, George, Donald, Arthur, Howard, Leon and sister Marilyn at piano.



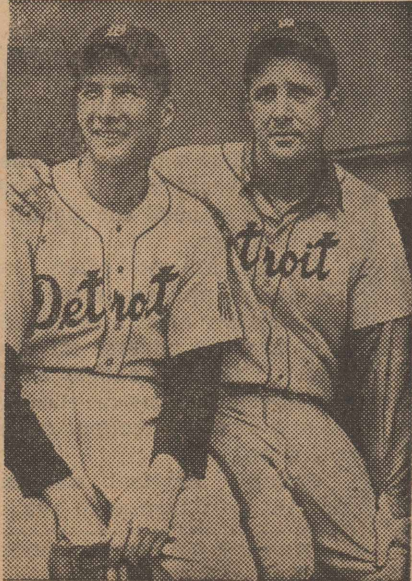
EGYPTIAN STUDENTS RIOT IN CAIRO . . . With demands that the British leave Egypt, students and sympathizers take possession of part of the city of Cairo without opposition from police. The rioters terrorized the capital, many fires were started and considerable damage resulted. Similar riots later broke out in Alexandria, site of a great British naval base. While the riots did not have government backing, little effort was made to prevent or control the demonstrations against the British government.



THIRTY MILLIONS IN GOLD THEIR GOAL . . . Irwin A. Williamson, famed explorer, is shown, left, with Capt. Edward Eriksen, as they planned expedition to recover a reputed \$30,000,000 in gold from the cursed Spanish galleon "Santa Rosa," which has been on the sea's bottom since 1768. Williamson discovered location in 1941 and brought up the ship's bell. Location is somewhere off the coast of Cuba.



PARIS OBJECTS . . . Against Franco executions of 10 anti-Fascists. This mass demonstration was held in Paris demanding an immediate break with Franco.



HIGH-PRICED SPARKPLUGS . . . Harold Newhouser, left, pitcher, and Hank Greenberg, star slugger of the Detroit Tigers, shown together during training at Lakeland, Fla. Their combined salaries are said to exceed \$100,000.

Star Dust

STAGE-SCREEN-RADIO
Released by Western Newspaper Union.

By VIRGINIA VALE
WHAT started as a radio audition script for Groucho Marx a few years ago is now a successful radio show, and will soon be adapted for the stage, screen, television and a comic strip. Irving Brecher, producer of NB's "The Life of Riley," put it into his trunk after Marx used it in try-outs. It stayed there till Brecher heard that William Bendix was being considered for a radio series; then it became "The Life of Riley," developing into one of the top comedy shows on the air.

Ruth Warrick's performance in Columbia's "Perilous Holiday" puts her high on the list of actresses who are getting somewhere. It's her



RUTH WARRICK

first picture break since "Knut Rockne." Pat O'Brien starred in that one, took an interest in Ruth's work and saw to it that Columbia did too.

Following an old European custom, a tiny pig was given Mrs. Paul Henreid on New Year's Eve. The Henreids meant to dispose of it, but their small daughters took things in charge. The pig, Fifi, now lives in a basket in their nursery, and is fed from a bottle. Henreid says that when Fifi grows out of her basket she must go. The children are ominously silent about that.

Dorothy O'Hara designed a lovely evening gown for Diana Lynn to wear in "Easy Come, Easy Go," but Director John Farrow said the girl Diana played couldn't afford such clothes. So Diana bought it; it's the one she wore to that ball at the White House.

When you see Vivian Leigh and Claude Rains in Bernard Shaw's "Caesar and Cleopatra" you'll see the most expensive picture ever made. Not just because it was a six million dollar investment; almost unsurmountable difficulties were overcome. Buzz-bombings, labor shortages, rationing of materials—Gabriel Pascal had to face all of them in making the picture. Months were spent on research; even the constellations are replicas of those that shone in October, 48 B. C. Costumes and sets are authentic in every detail. Even the Sphinx had to be reproduced; the original was too worn.

Janet Blair, Carole Landis, Durante, Hildegarde and other celebrities each contributed a chapter to Abner Silver's book, "All Women Are Wolves." It'll be filmed, probably by 20th Century Fox, who've offered \$200,000 for the screen rights.

Robert E. Donahue Sr., RKO Pathe News cameraman and veteran of 30 years of news coverage, is the first newsreel cameraman to leave on assignment to cover the atomic bomb tests. He expects to spend five months in the Pacific, on "Operation Crossroads."

Gene Autry will have to find a new leading lady—June Storey says she's given up being a horse-opera ingenue. When Gene went into the army, Jane quit, after making 12 pictures with him, and made a radio career for herself. Then she was given an interesting character role in "The Strange Woman," with Hedy Lamarr, and she'll take only good, meaty roles from now on.

Walter Greaza, who's "Inspector Ross" of "Crime Doctor," had to shave off his mustache when he made a commercial movie. Some of the members of the CBS radio show have worked with him every Sunday for the past six and one-half years—but nobody noticed the change in his appearance!

ODDS AND ENDS—Karen Hale, daughter of veteran actor Alan Hale, makes her screen debut in Warner Bros. "Cinderella Jones." . . . Busby Berkeley says that of the 1,500 beautiful girls he's brought to the screen in the last 15 years, 1,491 have deserted films for marriage, motherhood and housewifery. . . . John Morley of "Road of Life," got into radio by a fluke—he walked into an advertising agency to ask for a job and was given an audition. . . . When John Petterson auditioned for the Fred Waring Glee club he was very nervous; Fred suggested a game of table tennis, interviewed him while they played, signed him up.

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To keep uncooked meat in a refrigerator, place it in a dry dish with a loose-fitting lid; cooked meat should be covered tightly to prevent drying.

Prepared mustard and finely chopped sour pickles added to highly seasoned mayonnaise makes a perfect spread for frankfurters and hamburgers.

If the inside of your aluminum kettle becomes discolored, fill with a mild vinegar solution and boil for a few minutes. Wash afterward with soap and water and rinse well with clear water.

On hand-knit or crocheted gloves, leave three or four inches of yarn on the inside of each finger. Catch this lightly in place on the wrong side. When gloves begin to show wear, thread end can be used for mending.

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Until fats and oils can be produced and imported in quantity from the Philippines and other oil producing areas, which may take another year, used cooking fats will be needed to keep industry supplied with essential raw materials for soap, paper, ink, floor covering, fabrics, and leather products, according to the Famine Emergency Committee, created by President Truman.

While the world shortage of fats and oils is reflected in the United States by reduced production of soap, and other industrial products in countries other than the Americas there is in addition a grave

dearth of food fats which are a prime essential to maintain health. The American housewife, after she has gotten food values out of cooking fats, can turn them in for industrial uses. This saving will relieve the great demands needed for industry and provide more food fats for the starving European nations.

It's apparent in an over-all world deficit of fats and oils, such as is reported by the Department of Agriculture that every pound of fat that can be released from industrial use is needed for food. Collections of used kitchen fats are

currently averaging approximately 13,000,000 pounds a month for industrial uses that normally would be wasted.

Most meat dealers are authorized to pay four cents a pound for all used fat turned in.

Conlen Scouts Will Meet Friday Night

Boys of scout age in the Conlen community will meet at the Conlen school building Friday at 6:30 P. M. The meeting will be held for the purpose of registration of the boys and organizing leadership.

U. G. Stone has agreed to act as scoutmaster. J. R. Marshall, R. M. Davis, and J. E. Crabtree will give their assistance in carrying on the organization.

Richard Evans, field scout executive, met with the Conlen boys at the school building in Stratford Tuesday afternoon for an interview to determine as to whether or not they desired an organization.

Max Watkins Falls From Elevator Building

Max Watkins, who fell from the Santa Fe Grain Co. elevator building, where he was working Tuesday afternoon, was rushed to Northwest Texas hospital for observation. Watkins did not believe himself to be injured and his friends say he will be back on the job today. He was doing repair work on the elevator when he fell from the building.

Basket Ball Teams Will Be Honored Saturday Night

Mrs. Glenn Reed and Mrs. John Kidwell will entertain with a dinner for the basket ball girls and boys and their guests at the school house Saturday at 7:00 P. M.

Cowdrey Building New Shelf Space

Carpenters have built new shelving space in the Cowdrey Hardware this week. Mr. Cowdrey is preparing more display space for his merchandise.

Senior Class Preparing Play

Seniors of the Stratford High

School have selected the cast, and are practicing on their play, "Hobgoblin House," which they hope to present the first part of April.

Mrs. Nelle Alexander is coaching the play.

The class play is presented each year to raise funds for defraying expenses of the graduating class.

Oppose Ceiling Prices For Agriculture

State Agriculture Commissioners began arriving in Washington Monday to plan an organized drive against OPA ceiling prices on farm products.

Minnesota and Georgia commissioners are leading the fight to do away with all OPA regulation but agree with the new proposed OPA price on cotton futures.

Congressmen and Senators were guests of the organization at their opening meeting Monday night.

Salvaging Trash

War time need for salvaging much "trash" has brought many thrifty housewives to useful salvaging in peacetime, too, says Mrs. Bernice Claytor, specialist in home improvement for the A. and M. College Extension Service. Mrs. Claytor has several suggestions on what is "useful trash," and she says the rest should be collected and discarded promptly.

Articles usually thrown away often can be saved and used again if there is room to keep them, says Mrs. Claytor. A drawer or a rack may be used to hold wrapping paper and string. An upper shelf may be dedicated to jars and glasses which may prove useful in home canning.

Magazines often are allowed to pile up and fill needed space until the housewife finally decides to throw them out or burn them. A much better plan, says Mrs. Claytor, is to pass them on regularly to the many hospitals, recreation centers or other institutions in need of reading matter.

Many such wastes as papers, cartons, old clothes and rags also can be turned in for peacetime salvage.

Covered storage places need to be arranged for different groups of salvage materials. A waste basket or other holder in every room will save much time. Garbage should be kept tightly covered and disposed of as promptly as possible, and other trash should be burned regularly or kept in a covered container until carried away, concludes the specialist.

veloping serious heart trouble. The individual who goes to the doctor regularly for a check up, without waiting to be stricken by illness, may learn of a heart disorder before it reaches serious proportions.

Many types of heart trouble can be treated effectively if discovered in time. People who have, or have had heart trouble do not necessarily have to lead lives of in-

validism. Certain strenuous occupations may be denied them, but they can still lead normal lives if they follow rules of moderation.

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		ONE CAN FREE		ARMOUR'S Peanut Butter 1 Pound	29

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HEALTH FOR ALL

Heart Care

The very thought of heart disease strikes fear in most people. They think of heart disease as attacking suddenly, with great pain, and as bringing immediate death. This may be true in middle life and old age. However, there are various kinds of heart disease. All of them do not develop suddenly, nor are they necessarily fatal.

Nevertheless, heart disease is one of the most serious health problems in this country. In fact, it is the leading cause of death. In 1943, the last year for which complete statistics are available, it was responsible for 426,391 deaths, or 318.3 per 100,000 population.

Unfortunately, the fear of heart disease is at the root of many deaths from it. Because of fear, people ignore warnings that something is amiss. When they finally do muster the courage to see a doctor, often it is too late.

The body gives various warnings that the heart is overburdened or diseased. Some of these signals are breathlessness after exertion, dizziness, fatigue, vague digestive disturbances, swelling of the feet and ankles and pains in the chest.

Such pains are not always due to heart disease, and of course digestive disturbances may be traceable to any one of a number of causes. But there is no point in ignoring any of these warnings. They may indicate heart trouble. The safe policy is to heed the signals and see a doctor.

Certain illnesses often weaken the heart, and too great exertion immediately after a severe sickness may have an adverse effect on the heart. Caution should be observed especially after an illness due to any of the infectious diseases of childhood.

Periodic physical examinations are the best insurance against de-

NOTICE OF CITY ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF SHERMAN.
Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the City of Stratford, Texas on the first Tuesday in April, which is April 2, 1946, at the City Hall, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, City Secretary, and three Aldermen.
J. R. PENDLETON,
Mayor, City of Stratford.

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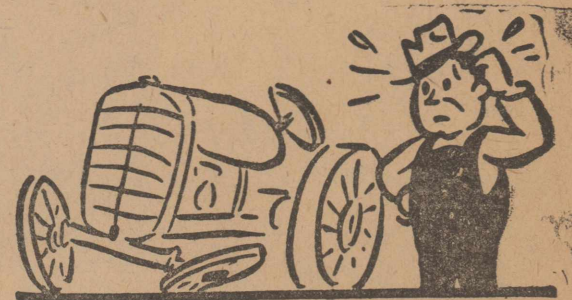
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