

EDITORIAL

COMPETITION IS OIL'S HALLMARK

Harold Fleming, a well-known independent reporter of current financial and economic developments, has written an authoritative study of oil prices and competition. After marshalling a compelling array of facts, statistics and expert opinions, he characterizes the oil industry as "one of the most competitive businesses ever seen in all history on the whole face of the earth."

Why should oil be so competitive? Mr. Fleming has this to say: "One explanation is that it has always been too large and sprawling to be controlled, at least for the last 40 years. Another explanation is that oil men have had too much frontier in their blood to yield to government controls except, as in World War II, when they had an even more serious war to fight than their customary competitive war."

"Still another explanation is that the industry started in such a way that its members developed a large vested interest in having the business free of vested interests."

Whatever the explanations may be, wide open competition is the hallmark of the oil industry. It begins with competition for oil-bearing lands. It ends with competition for the customer's favor—whether the oil products involved be gasoline or another of the hundreds of items which are derived wholly or in part from oil. That kind of competition keeps quality up—and prices down.

FAT FOR FOOD

The June issue of Farm Journal featured a brief article by Cameron Hervey under the intriguing title "Fat Is Cheap—Let's Feed It!" It began, "A new wrinkle in feeds may bust wide open one of these days."

"It's the use of non-food animal fats—such as grease and tallow—in livestock and poultry rations. This development may mean better, cheaper feeds—while possibly strengthening the market for animal fats and livestock."

The article was based on information obtained from the American Meat Institute Foundation and other authoritative sources. It has been found that the addition of adequate quantities of these fats to animal feeds makes it possible to grow hogs to market weights in a substantially shorter period of time, and that, in the case of beef, less feed per pound of weight gain is required. Experiments also indicate that fats are valuable in poultry production.

There is a heavy surplus of non-food animal fats available, and the price is low. To quote Mr. Hervey again, "A few days ago, grease and tallow were selling for 3½ to 5 cents a pound. One southern feed manufacturer says that he can afford to use this fat, as long as the price doesn't go above eight or nine cents. One Chicago firm figures that it can break even at 12 cents." This seems to be a new development which has a tremendous potential.

Notes . . .

from the PUBLISHER

The victory over the heights of Mount Everest by the British Expedition two weeks ago has caused quite a bit of theorizing by the experts on why men risk their lives to climb. There is no other sport as packed with danger from all sides as mountain

climbing. Men brave the hardships to reach the summit of a peak where it is impossible to breathe without a mask and where life would be limited to a few hours. About the only explanation I have seen which makes sense is that men climb because they are men. The thing which causes men to want to conquer all things is the thing which separates men from all the other creatures of creation.

Vacation time is here and readers of this column will be visiting and having visitors. This

VANISHING WILL-O'-THE-WISP



paper will appreciate your turning in news of visitors you have in your home. When you make a trip, the paper would like to print an account of that trip; where you went and what you saw. It will add greatly to the reader interest and make a better paper for you.

Air-conditioning is becoming more a necessity than a luxury. Homes with year-round units are becoming more common every day. The cost of such units is not as high as many people think. It is possible to install a unit to cool in summer and heat in the winter for less than the cost of one of the low-priced cars. Builders claim that enough can be saved in new homes by elimination of unnecessary windows to almost pay for installing a unit.

There is considerable speculation over the area as to the final disposition of the dormant Oplin School District. Reports last week were to the effect that a decision would be made in the matter by the County School Board later in the summer.

The annual Texas Press Association meeting was held last weekend in Mineral Wells. Marvin Hunter, former publisher of The Baird Star, continues for another year as a member of the Executive Committee. This was the TPA's 74th convention, and the largest, with over 350 in attendance.

The annual Vacation Bible Schools are about completed. A vote of thanks should go to the people who give of their time to this work. In the churches where I have been a member, the same women do the work of the vacation school year after year. There is a great deal of work and planning to the conducting of a vacation school and the teachers are due credit.

Mr. and Mrs. Cahar Clinton, of McCamey, are visiting a few days with Mrs. J. W. Brown, Mrs. Bertie Evans, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Dickey and daughters, Mrs. Tod Newton and Mrs. Norris Baulch and son, Dusty.

Dr. Leland Jackson, of Denton, was visiting with relatives and friends over the weekend.

M. M. Caldwell and son, Sonny, spent last weekend at Possum Kingdom Lake. They report that fishing was pretty good there.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sammons and children left for Nashville, Tennessee, where Mr. Sammons will report for duty in the Air Force.

Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Betcher and Miss Patsy Betcher, spent the weekend in Odessa.

Jimmy Johnston left Saturday for three weeks at Camp Paluxy, near Bluffdale on the Paluxy River. He was accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Johnson and sister, Nancy, who returned to Baird Saturday night.

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Down Memory Lane

June 17, 1910

Misses Inez and Bess Franklin left Wednesday night for Chickasha, Oklahoma, to visit relatives for a few weeks. Miss Inez will visit in Dallas and Miss Bess will visit in Mangum, Oklahoma, before they return home.

Walton Wagner, of Cross Plains, was in town last week. He is confident Cross Plains will get the Central extension.

J. I. McWhorter and Morgan Stokes were in from the Bayou Wednesday.

Henry Williams, another one of the old timers, was in town last week.

John Blakley and Buck White, of Belle Plain, were in town Wednesday. Buck White, who was the first to discover the boll weevil last year, says there are plenty of them at his farm just waiting for the cotton to bloom.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Walker and daughters, Frankie, Jamie and Catherine are visiting Capt. and Mrs. J. W. Jones at their home on Clear Creek. Miss Bessie Walker, of Rochester, accompanied them.

W. R. McDermott came in Wednesday after a several days absence in the country where he has been farming.

J. H. Terrell spent several days in Dallas the past week.

A small bridge between Baird and Putnam burned Tuesday night and delayed all trains several hours.

Miss Dora Warren is visiting Mrs. Clayton Rockwall at Cisco, this week.

J. L. White and family left Tuesday for Haskell, to visit his daughter Mrs. Newcomb. They will be gone sometime.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bennett, who have made Baird their home for several months, have moved back to Ft. Worth.

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Dave O'Shields of Oplin was in Baird on business Monday.

Carl Mahan with the auditing department of the West Texas Utilities Co., Abilene, was in Baird Monday.

Miss Myrtle Boydston visited Mr. and Mrs. Ben Russell at the farm at Rowden, the past week.

W. K. Boatwright, of Mission, who is visiting relatives here, spent the past weekend with relatives in Graham.

Miss Helen Settle has gone to Texas Tech, Lubbock, where she will attend the summer session.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Ellis and children, of near Putnam, visited home folks Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bowls and little son, W. L. Jr., Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Jones and daughters, Miss Lucille and Fern, Miss Violet Wylie, A. T. Vestal and Gilbert Hinds left Wednesday morning for the Colorado River on a fishing trip. They will be gone until the last of the week.

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The Putnam News

Mrs. John D. Isenhower—Editors—Mrs. E. G. Perkins

Our Service Boys

Pfc. James (Sonny) Taylor graduated from Putnam High School in 1950. His high school years are well remembered in that he was on the football squad when it was one of the best teams in the district. Not only did he excel in football, but he was also a track and basketball star. He was a good sport and was well liked by the student body.

After graduation, he attended John Tarleton College at Stephenville, before entering the service at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. His record in the Army marks one of high grades and cooperation with his higher officers.

He graduated with high honors at Fort Belvoir, Va., on May 27, 1953. He was assigned to overseas duty and is at Camp Stoneman, California, where he will await further orders.

Even though Sonny did not wish to leave his family, it was with gratitude in his heart that he was permitted to be with his wife and small son before reporting for overseas duty.

Good luck, Sonny, we hope you will soon be home.

Scout News

Carroll Taylor has been proudly strutting around lately, the reason -- he has attained the rank of a Life Scout and has also acquired the title of "Uncle." The new little baby is also his namesake.

Mr. P. L. Butler, with Scouts Jack Francisco, John Doyle Isenhower and Pete Mendez, and visitor, James Isenhower, camped at the Isenhower tank Monday night. The boys have enjoyed their camp-outs and urge other boys to join them any night they wish. Why not join the scouts now, then you will get to go camping before school starts. Scout Dan Reed, who has just been made a Life Scout, is at this time working in the grain field for his grandfather. Several of the boys that usually attend these outings are working in the grain fields. Others have just finished sacking grain.

Son Writes Home From Korea

Mrs. Hershel Wagley received a letter from her son, Ervon Brown, who is in Korea. He is in the Navy and stationed on the battleship Brinkley Bass. He writes they were there six days and were fired upon once.

The Brinkley Bass has won the battle stars and in the early spring was in the San Francisco harbor for repairs, but returned to duty in Korean Waters in April, 1953.

August of this year will mark the second year Ervon has served in the Navy.

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The Putnam people will soon have better telephoning conditions.

Mr. Fabian Bearden has been supervising the repair work northeast of here and better telephones will soon be placed in the homes. A complete new system is being placed at Baird which will be completed by the first of August. The completion date for Putnam is not known as yet.

LOCATION MADE FOR DEEP TEST WELL

The Texas Company made a location Wednesday of last week for a deep test well, one mile northeast of the Ellenburger well on the Taylor & Ramsey, 1900 feet from the north, 700 feet from the east line of Section 315 STRR land, Block 5.

Time For Tea

There is still grain to be harvested but John Clements is not going to be the last one through. His grandson, Harold Williams, is helping him. Surely is nice to see Mr. Williams, Patty, Harold and Kay here for a while. Their home here is so lonesome looking to pass without them living there. Mrs. Williams, Betty and Darrell remained at the ranch this week but hope they visit here soon. Every one knows that old friends are the best, but new friends are dear.

You noticed that here and there people are repainting porches. Mrs. Dixon is, and, besides cleaning her lots, purchasing wire with which to fence them, painting, cutting down mesquite sprouts, and crocheting, has not been very busy.

Some one said he saw Ray Green wearing a new green shirt and a red cap. Some think the colors look good but some say he is color blind.

You have noticed how quick the farmers can drive into town on the Moran Farm to Market Road. It has also been a great help for those who have been taking their grain to the friendly little city of Moran.

Have you met some of the old timers there? Mr. Brisco recalls driving a bunch of horses through Putnam in 1891. He knew the Clements well and said that he spent many nights with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pruet, who lived at that time in the two story building in the Colony community.

These friendly people, Mr. Brisco, Mr. Patterson and others make Moran a pleasant place to visit or in which to trade.

This week we are taking tea with Mrs. Bob Clinton. Her tea is ready to serve and the cakes are waiting for you to eat.

Several persons from Putnam attended the program presented at Cisco by the A Capella choir of Southwestern College, Terrell, Texas, directed by Pauline Owens, the daughter of W. E. McMullens former Bible teacher at A. C. C. The McMullens are cousins of Mrs. George Biggerstaff.

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Do Texans Brag?

Do Texans brag? I'll leave it to you. Here is a piece of paper I found all crumpled and torn. It says, "Dear Mom: Well, here I am in that state they call Texas, and if these people have anything to crow about it is either so high in the mountains or so dry it has already blown away, and I will be gone before the summer rains come that will make the grass green again.

Say, I think I see a Texan coming down the street. Yes, it is. He has on cowboy boots, a ten gallon hat on his head, his shoulders are broad, his hips lean. He has a gun hung low on each hip, his fingers seem to brush them as he walks. As he approached me he said: "Say, partner, I notice you are a stranger here. . . Did you know Texas has the highest mountains, the greatest rivers, the biggest buildings. . . and the driest grass in the U. S."

Putnam Personals . . .

Mrs. R. D. Brown and children Nancy and Robert visited with Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Shackelford, Monday.

Ray Green and Harold Williams were business visitors in Cisco Monday.

Mrs. Hershel Wagley received word her grandfather, William Kissel, had passed away. He was 80 years of age, and a resident of Los Angeles, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Shields Heyser of Wichita Falls are visiting Mrs. J. A. Heyser this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Taylor and son, Gary of Weatherford are visiting here this week with his parents Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Taylor. They are on their vacation at the present time.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Taylor and son Dwight of San Antonio visited last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Taylor.

Mrs. Troy Caraway and children are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jobe.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Varner of Baird drove down to see her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee White Sunday.

Mr. Lynn Williams visited his mother, Mrs. Louie Williams last Thursday.

Mr. Everett Williams and children Patty, Harold, and Kay were weekend visitors in Putnam this week.

Mrs. Lulu Dixon and Mrs. J. O. Taylor attended the wedding of Mrs. Taylor's niece, Glenda Yeager on Friday, June 12th. The wedding service was read at the First Baptist Church at Baird, at 8 o'clock.

Frances Cook of Dallas is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Cook, Sr.

Mrs. A. F. Meazel, from Stuttgart, Arkansas is visiting her brother, Mr. Boyce Bolick.

Madge Reed has just returned from a visit with Carolyn Davis who is living at Munday, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Schlittler of Graham visited Sunday in the Buddy Reed home. They were returning from a vacation trip in Colorado.

Mrs. B. E. Rutherford, Laverne Rutherford and Mrs. J. O. Taylor attended the Eastern Star meeting at Baird Tuesday evening. These ladies always enjoy these meetings and the association with Baird people.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Roe and son Charles visited Mr. P. L. Butler last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Gilbert and son, Darrell, from San Antonio, arrived Saturday to spend part of their vacation trip with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Eubanks. They visited with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Francisco Monday.

Jess King, Mr. and Mrs. Slim King and family, from Brownfield, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Donaway, Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Brazil have just returned home after a visit in Houston with their daughter and grandchildren. While there they enjoyed attending the Church of Christ services. They went fishing at Galveston.

Mrs. Lula Fleming, of Abilene, visited with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Fleming and her many friends through the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Roe and family, of San Angelo, were visitors in Putnam last week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lora Everett and Jo Verl went to Marlin last Saturday. Mrs. Everett will soon return to Marlin for major surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Everett and girls of Lubbock spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Burnam and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Everett.

Elsie Lee West visited her cousin Lee Ellen West at San Saba. She returned home this week and her cousin is now visiting her.

Mrs. Jess Whitaker of Anson visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Brazil last week.

J. R. Gunn is working in Abilene at the new school building being erected there.

Mrs. Carl Wallace, who has been visiting her mother and sister, Ruth Yeager, left for her home in Tyler Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Yeager and W. L. Yeager, of near Cisco, visited in the home of Mrs. J. S. Yeager, Sunday.

Patty and Kay Williams were business visitors in Baird Monday evening.

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Mr. Perkins and son, Blaine, were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graham Thursday. Mr. Perkins will preach this summer over a Louisiana network.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Massey are attending to business in Flora, Ill.

Wesley, La Verne and Betty Jo are visiting their brothers, Ray, Charles and Cline Rutherford in Groves, Texas.

Duane Hale visited L. C. and Dorris Lee Donaway, Monday.

Billy Wagley visited Monday and Tuesday with Linda Isenhower.

Patsy Taylor is attending school at NTST College at Denton. Patty Jean Williams is attending Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilson, of Dothan, Alabama, visited from Thursday until Saturday in the home of her mother, Mrs. Fred Heyser. Their son, Randy, who has been visiting with his grandmother for three weeks, returned home with them.

Miss Gwendolyn Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nat Williams of Lubbock, and granddaughter of Mrs. Louise Williams, was a nominee for queen of the District Lions Club, having already been elected Queen of Lubbock.

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Royce White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee White, has accepted a position in the AAA office in Baird.

Mrs. Earlene Clark and daughter, Doris, Mary Helen and Beth Isenhower visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mitchell and Mrs. Henry Mundt in Abilene last Wednesday.

Misses Betty and Ruth Mobley and Mrs. Mable Carrico visited in Gorman, Sunday.

Mrs. Lewis Williams and daughter, Gayle, were business visitors in Abilene last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sargent and daughter, Delores, attended the Sargent reunion held at Jonesboro, Sunday.

Carl White was transacting business in Cisco Monday. Say, Carl, how many eggs did you break on the way over there?

John Clements was a business visitor in Baird last Tuesday.

Ray Wilbanks, of Moran, Stanley Nunley of Baird, Bruce and Harold Wilbanks visited Mrs. May Eubanks last week.

Elison Pruet, Mrs. Earlene Clark and Doris visited Mr. and Mrs. John Allen Pruet and Mike in Cross Plains last Thursday night.

Mrs. Walter Francisco was a hospital patient Thursday and Friday. She returned home Saturday morning and is feeling much better. Mrs. W. A. Ramsey visited with her Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Allen Pruet and son, Mike, of Cross Plains, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pruet last Friday.

Mrs. Oleta Wood and little daughter visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arno Roggenstein, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wingo and three sons, of Atlanta, Ga., were visitors in Putnam, Monday. Marvin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wingo, who formerly lived at Putnam.

Ed Perkins and Fred Graham made a business trip to Rusk last week. Ed visited with his parents before returning home Monday.

Jess Overton spent the weekend with his parents in Grandbury.

Mrs. Grace Miller returned home Tuesday after a visit with relatives in East Texas.

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Historical Notes Of Belle Plain, Callahan Co., Texas

By B. F. Austin, Abilene, Texas

In June 1876, as a boy of seven years of age, my father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Austin, and family of two girls and two boys, together with my oldest sister and her husband J. F. Blakely and family moved to Belle Plain, Callahan County, Texas. The town of Belle Plain was established the year before, in 1875. The two families lived in a two room log cabin and a tent, located about two blocks west of town. We lived there until father built a home which was located on the west side and in the same block where later stood the Callahan County Clarendon building. All of the wall studding and rafter in our home were of cedar, which my father had cut out of the cedar brakes, and the floor sills were hewn out of post oak logs.

When we arrived in Belle Plain the county had not been organized. Callahan City, which was located about six miles northeast of Belle Plain, had one store, operated by Marion Terry, and this town was made the county seat of Callahan County on July 30, 1877, but the first Commissioner's Court of the new county went into session at Callahan City and voted, by a majority of fifty-one votes, on October 13th of the same year to move the county seat to Belle Plain. The Governor appointed a Mr. Brown to be the first judge of the newly organized county. Judge Brown passed away six or eight months later. The Governor then appointed my father T. J. Austin, to serve the unexpired term of Judge Brown. Later he was elected county judge for two more terms.

When we arrived in Belle Plain there were only two stores, in temporary buildings, and one saloon. The saloon was owned and run by J. W. Cheatham and was in a picket house with a dirt floor and an oak board roof. The walls were made of split log pickets, with the flat sides inside, and the cracks between the pickets were filled with boards and mud. The whisky that was sold was served in mugs, drawn from faucets in the end of the barrels. These barrels were placed on end and on split log scaffolds about eighteen inches from the floor, next to the back wall of the room.

The first store, a combination of dry goods, groceries and hardware, was owned and operated by McMinn and Ed Seay, who built the first two story rock building in the town. This store was located on the southwest corner of the main business block, fronting south. The upper story was used for the Court

House, also occasionally was used for a dance hall.

The second two story rock building was built adjoining the first store on the west, fronting south. This building was constructed for two separate stores, with stairway in the center wall. Entrance to the stairway leading to the upper story was in the front and the center of the building. One of these stores was occupied by R. M. Turner for drugs and sundries. The other store room was occupied by different businesses. Adjoining this building on the west, Colonel W. T. Berry from Louisville, Kentucky, built a one story rock building and operated a general merchandise store.

Across the street from these buildings and fronting north was located another two story rock building, which was the largest single building erected. This was on the northeast corner of the block and was the third rock building built in the town. This was occupied by Powers and Parvin general merchandise. In the rear of this building was the Post Office. Mr. W. H. Parvin was Postmaster. Just west and about fifty feet away was another small rock store building and I am not sure who built it, but I believe that Mr. A. T. Young owned it. It was occupied, I believe, by Mr. Luke Bellamy who, I think, handled drugs. I am not sure, but I rather think that the Post Office was later placed in this building. There were two other saloons in Belle Plain, one of them known as the Star Saloon, located in the southwest corner of the same block of W. T. Berry's store, and fronted the west. Across the street from this saloon, was the O. O. (Double O) Saloon, built on the southeast corner of the block fronting east, which was operated by a man named McCaferty. He had one son, name "Bunk", about my age.

Back of the Powers and Parvin building and fronting east was located Mr. W. J. Powers' residence and hotel. A small hotel was located on the west side and about the center of the same block in which was located the W. T. Berry and the McMinn and Seay stores. The first newspaper in the county, the Callahan County Clarendon, was published in a building across the street from the hotel northwest. The newspaper was owned and operated by a Mr. Rust in the year 1879. Mr. Lots, the editor of the paper married one of the Rust daughters, Miss Ada; and Miss Ella Rust later married Mr. R. M. Turner, a druggist. Misses Ada and Ella Rust roomed and boarded at our house, which was just across the alley from the printing office. During the time they were installing the printing press machinery, a boy ten years old and with lots of curiosity, hung around and watched the installation. Miss Ada told me when installation was completed and everything was ready to print the paper, she was going to let me "roll the devil" to print the first Callahan County paper, which I did, and felt quite honored.

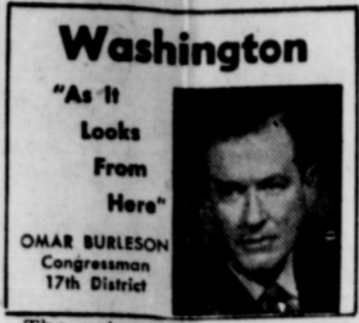
After the county seat was moved to Belle Plain, the town began to thrive and built up for a few years. The Texas and Pacific railroad changed their plans and instead of coming by Belle Plain, routed the road six miles north, where later the town of Baird was established in 1880. In 1885 the Commissioner's Court called an election, which resulted in moving the county seat to Baird. This naturally, retarded Belle Plain. However, the town had a slight comeback in 1885 when the West Texas Conference of the Methodist Church, through the influence of the Rev. J. T. L. Annis, minister of the church, established the Belle Plain College. The college building was a three story, or rather a two and one half story and basement, rock building. My wife's father, Mr. J. W. Day, donated ten acres of land out of his pasture for

the site of the college. Mr. Day was elected as a member of the Board of Trustees. Students from all over the state attended this college. Due to the drought in the years of 1886 and 1887, operation of the college was seriously hampered, and the Methodist Conference disposed of the building and equipment in about 1889, but Judge and Mrs. Onins decided that they would take over and run the college independently, which they did for about three or four years, or until his death about 1892. Professor I. M. Onins was President and Superintendent, while Mrs. Onins had charge of the Musical Department. The college also had a military branch for the boys and young men, who wore the blue gray military uniforms. Captain Robert S. Goss, a graduate of West Point, had charge of the military branch. Another West Point graduate, a Major Owens was an instructor in the military branch. Dr. J. H. Yonley was the main Professor in Languages, Science, Mathematics, Trigonometry, Geometry, History and Surveying. He was a graduate of Cornell University and one of the most learned and highly educated men of the entire country. Others teachers in the college were Miss Jessie McMannis, Miss Pope Collier, and Mr. A. G. Walters.

The first grade school building in Belle Plain was a small frame building about 25x50 feet and was located on the west side of town. Prof. Westmoreland was the first teacher. The building was later remodeled into a residence by John Flores, whose family lived there during their life time, and where Claud Flores lived until his death. The second school house was a larger plain box house on the east side of town and was known as the Parla House. It fronted north and was on the south side of the main street and was about two hundred yards east of the Powers and Parvin two story rock store. Professor Norman taught there. This house was used during the construction of the new rock church and school building. In about the latter part of 1879-1880, the citizens of Belle Plain built a nice rock building to be used jointly for church services, for all denominations, and for the public school. Professor and Mrs. F. W. Chatfield were the first to teach in this building. The building was located about one hundred yards northwest of the Purvin residence, and where Billy Seale now lives. In 1880 my father, on one of his trips to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was having his now patented rotary washing machine made, bought an organ for the church and Sunday School. It was used there until the general breaking up of the town and tearing up of the church building, when the citizens gave the organ back to father. Miss Edith Ohlrich was organist for the church. She was the step-daughter of Mr. W. H. Parvin, and Miss Ida Parvin was the step-daughter of Mrs. H. W. Parvin. Other early day school teachers were Professors McIlhane, Nevious and Verdel.

Some of the early residents of Belle Plains not previously mentioned were: Clabe, John and Dick Merchant, B. L. Huffman, Mrs. Webb (mother of Kate, George and Tom Stratton), Joe and John Crutchfield, Sam Driskill, Dr. Thayer, Dr. Largent, John, Jim and Clabe Flores, "Hog" Johnson and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Roberts, W. C. Fisher, J. N. Jones, (sheriff), "Tood" Purcell, Blacksmith Henry, Dr. S. T. Fraser, Billy McCombs, Sam and J. B. Cutbirth, Mr. Odon, W. J. McDermott, Jim, Wash and Price McFarland, Thomas H. Floyd, Larkin Hearne, C. C. Seale, D. F. Phillips, Grandpa and

Grandma Carlisle, Dan Jones, Mart, Jones, Dee Campbell, two surveyors, a Mr. Cochran and a Mr. Dunigan, Tom Russell (rock mason), A. T. Young, three county officers—J. E. M. Hedley, John Newman and I. N. Jackson, and four attorneys—John and Otis Bowyer, W. H. Cllett, J. H. Thomas, A. D. Emerson, F. W. Dudley and Nathan P. Rice.



Washington
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The price decline of agricultural products, including cattle, has been discussed earlier in this column. In my opinion, there will be a further decline unless something is done to hold up our normal exports to foreign nations.

For example, the world cotton market indicates that export of American cotton is running 50% below the 1952 level. The Commodity Credit Corporation owns today more than 3 billion dollars worth of products. It is estimated that by the end of the year this figure may be increased to more than 5 billion. We need to do something with this surplus to keep the Government from losing money. We simply cannot afford to have great losses. The taxpayers all over the Nation must bear the burden, and Members of Congress from the cities and non-farming areas may raise such opposition that it would endanger our farm program. We should do all in our power to get the farm program on a solid foundation and to keep it from getting a "black eye."

This week, I have proposed that the Commodity Credit Corporation make available to the Mutual Security Agency under the President, surplus farm commodities to sell to foreign countries, taking in payment their local currencies. One of the big difficulties in selling to foreign nations is that they do not have dollars with which to purchase. Many of the markets of the world are in what is known as the "sterling bloc," and of course that must be converted into dollars based on a gold standard. We hear a lot about the "dollar gap," and this is what it means in world trade.

Since we are lending aid to many foreign nations in a mutual effort to stem the tide of Russian Communism, the currency received for our agricultural products could be used in the country where the products were sold, instead of our sending dollars to them or instead of selling it to them on credit. The currency could be used to produce military equipment and for military support. It could also be used in the undeveloped areas of the world where we are now seeking new markets.

This entire system would not displace agricultural markets already in being, but rather, it would be an expansion of trade never realized by this country and a stimulation of commerce between free nations with whom we are now cooperating in mutual defense of the Free World. It would do two things. First, it would save dollars and economic assistance now going to foreign nations and would relieve the surplus commodities now being held by the Commodity Credit Corporation. It would stimulate the farm economy of this country and maintain prices to the farmer which have declined because of a lack of exports.

I offered an Amendment in the Foreign Affairs Committee this week for this purpose, but it was rejected by one vote. Immediately afterwards, I introduced a separate Bill in the House of Representatives, and I have reason to believe that President Eisenhower may favor the idea. If such authority is furnished by the President, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Commodity Credit, there is no doubt that it would have a favorable effect upon the price of cotton, grains, peanuts, and other farm products, including the livestock market.

Judge and Mrs. J. McAllister Stevenson, of Abilene, Mr. S. E. Cloninger, of Gorman, and Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Brazda and son of Ranger, were welcome visitors to my office this week in Washington.

Rowden Round-Up By Theida Crow Community Activities Reliably Reported by The Star Reporter

Donna and Alvin O'Dell, of Tye, visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George O'Dell and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones, the past weekend.

Visiting Mrs. Annie Miller and Ray Boen last weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Jug Garrett, from Austin.

Sgt. Donald Stephens, who has been visiting his parents and friends of the Rowden community, left for camp Friday. He is to report to Waco, where he has been transferred from Washington.

Everyone is proud to have Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stephens back in our community. We are also proud that Mr. Stephens is feeling better.

Several of the people of the Rowden community attended the funeral of Buford Tyson, Wednesday, at Wylie Funeral Home, Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Tatom, of Cross Plains, visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Blan Odom and family.

Sgt. Donald Stephens and Miss Velda Crow visited Donald's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stephens and Harold Lynn, of Abilene, Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Crow and girls visited Mrs. Crow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Cutbirth, of Clyde, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Caldwell have returned from a two weeks vacation trip in Florida.

Questions and Answers

Q—I expect to graduate from law school under the Korean GI Bill. After I finish, would I be allowed to take further training on the job in a law office, for the study of clerkship?

A—You would be permitted to take this job training under the Korean GI Bill only if your State requires it as a condition that must be met before you may be admitted to the bar examination and to practice.

Q—I am a widow of a World War I veteran, and I have a daughter, age 20, who is in school. The VA has been paying us a pension that covers us both. My daughter is planning to get married and drop out of school. Will she still be entitled to a pension?

A—No. Under the law she may not be paid a pension after she marries or drops out of school, or both.

Q—I have been paying premiums on my GI insurance by

having VA deduct the payments out of my monthly disability compensation check. My compensation has just been reduced so that it no longer covers the amount of the premium. Could VA continue to apply the compensation toward my premium payments, if I send in a check for the difference each month?

A—No. One of the requirements that must be met, for VA to pay premiums out of compensation, is that your monthly compensation pay be at least equal to the amount of the premium.

Q—I have a 20-year endowment GI insurance policy. I have elected to receive installment payments, after the endowment period is up. What would happen if I die before I receive all the payments, and I fail to name a beneficiary.

A—In such a case, the unpaid installments would be paid in one sum to your estate.

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John Doe may be accused of a crime. He may be a stranger to you and you may never have heard of the offense with which he is charged. Still, it is important to you as a citizen that the laws be so enforced as to punish and discourage crime in order that you may be safe in your person, your property and your rights; and it is equally as important to you that no innocent person should be sent to prison, for if that could happen to another, it could happen to you.

Here are some tips to follow when serving on a jury: Hold yourself aloof from all persons (except other jurors) in any way connected with the trial of the case. That means that you should not mingle with nor talk to the lawyers, witness, parties, nor the judge, even though the discussion is wholly unrelated to the trial.

Do not discuss the case nor permit others to mention it to you or in your presence during the trial. If anyone insists upon talking about the case after you have explained to him that you are a juror and must not listen, report the matter to the judge immediately.

Do not commence your deliberations until you have heard all

the evidence from both sides, the argument of the lawyers, and the court's charge. You should not mention the case except in the jury room when all other jurors are present.

Do not become a private investigator. All properly admissible evidence will be brought before you. Do not try to search out additional facts you believe to have been omitted. Do not even guess or speculate about facts not in evidence.

Be attentive to the evidence as it is presented. If you are to properly aid the other jurors in settling the fact questions, it will be necessary to listen carefully to all evidence presented.

Do not guess at the judge's opinion of the facts. You are the judge of the facts. He is not allowed and will not try to invade your province. His ruling on admissibility of evidence reflect no ideas or opinions on any fact question.

You should not mention or discuss your own personal experiences, or any knowledge that you may have of similar transactions. If you should disclose such information to others serving on a jury, the court would have to grant a new trial.

When in doubt ask the judge. If you are in doubt about your rights or duties as a juror, you should not ask anyone but the judge for information.

Science Aids Fish Habitat

Nature's effort to restore fish life along the Texas coast may get a lift from the Men of Science.

Recent interest along the Gulf areas has been focused on the comeback of trout and other species which were hard hit by a severe freeze two years ago last January.

Now, the Chief Marine Biologist of the Texas Game and Fish Commission and his staff are beginning work designed to improve the habitat of favorite sports fish.

In a statement, he said: "We are starting a program of planting marine types of vegetation in order to attempt the establishment of nursery grounds for redfish and trout."

"Several causes might be attributed to the diminishing areas of nursery grounds for these species. It is felt that this one factor may be the cause, but the combined factors such as drought conditions and increased industrial activities in the bays could be responsible.

"We plan to plant Ruppia, commonly known as a widgeon grass, and Acetabularia, known as mermaid's wine glass in areas where nursery grounds were known to have occurred in the past.

"If it is possible for us to establish these nursery grounds, undoubtedly there will be tremendous increases in the population of both young trout and young redfish. The increase in these fish, however, would not be felt before the spring of 1954.

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"Young Bess' Coming To Plaza Theatre

"Young Bess, one of M-G-M's major Technicolor productions of the year, will be shown at the Plaza Theatre, Sunday and Monday, with a distinguished cast of stars headed by Jean Simmons, Stewart Granger, Deborah Kerr and Charles Laughton.

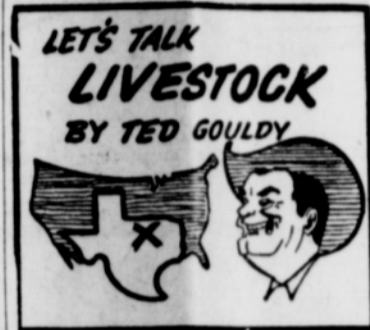
Based on the novel by Margaret Irwin, "Young Bess" unfolds a dramatic narrative of the life and love of the girl who became England's Queen at the age of twenty-five. Against spectacular and colorful backgrounds of Tudor England, the story traces the childhood of the unwanted Princess whose mother had been beheaded by her father, Henry VIII, shows her as she grows up to become the foil of unscrupulous political plotters, depicts her impassioned love affair with the handsome Thomas Seymour, Britain's great naval hero, and concludes with the triumphant defeat of her enemies and her emergence as the young Queen who was to become one of the greatest monarchs in English history.

The role of Young Bess is played by Jean Simmons, making her first appearance on the M-G-M lot. One of the screen's most popular stars on both sides of the Atlantic, Miss Simmons has scored in such hits as "Great Expectations," "Trio," and most recently, "Androcles and the Lion."

Stewart Granger, who has fought and loved his way across the screen in such romantic action pictures of "Scaramouche" and "The Prisoner of Zenda," has another colorful role as Admiral who becomes romantically involved with Young Bess. (Of interest is the fact that Granger and Miss Simmons are husband and wife in private life.)

Deborah Kerr, seen with Granger in "King Solomon's Mines" and "The Prisoner of Zenda" is reunited with him for the third time in the role of Catherine Parr, surviving wife of King Henry VIII. The latter role is

enacted by Charles Laughton, who, twenty years ago, won an Academy Award when he played this monarch in "The Private Life of Henry VIII."



FORT WORTH — Summer movement of cattle reached a peak at Fort Worth Monday that was a record for the season, and the largest run of grown cattle since 1934 arrived. Some 10,500 cattle and 1,500 calves were estimated and during the day both figures were eclipsed.

Biggest modern day run of cattle and calves to Fort Worth was the second week of October 1946, the week after OPA regulations were dropped. On that Monday, some 10,150 cattle and over 9,800 calves arrived. That sales, which June is not, the combined totals far surpassed the Monday run at Fort Worth.

High grade cattle and calves found prices steady to weak, except prime dry-lot fed heaves were steady to strong. However, the cull, common, plain and medium to fairly good cattle and calves were weak to \$1 lower. Shelly low grades were off fully \$7 and more.

Another large offering appeared in the sheep barn at Fort Worth Monday, as receipts hit 14,500. Choice fat lambs of over 70 pounds were fully steady, lighter weights and the medium and lower grades were weak to \$1 or more lower. Ewes were \$1 off. Old bucks lost \$1. Choice fat yearlings were steady, but others dipped sharply.

Hogs were steady to 25 cents higher, topping at \$24.50 and \$24.75. Sows were steady at \$20

to \$22, and feeder pigs cashed at \$21 down.

Good and choice fed steers and yearlings sold for \$17 to \$23.50, the day's top honors were shared by L. C. Davis of Shackelford County and G. A. McClung of Johnson County. Davis had 37 steers averaging 1,070 lbs. at \$23.50 and McClung had 20 yearlings of 995 lbs. at \$23.50. Common and medium grassers sold from \$10 to \$16, and cutter grades sold from \$7 to \$10. Fat cows \$8.50-\$12, a load of heiferettes averaging 1,025 lbs. from G. A. White, Brady, topped at \$14.25. Cannors and cutters \$5.00-\$8.50. Bulls from \$7.00-\$14, some shelly dairy breeds down to \$6 and below.

Good and choice fat calves \$16-\$20, some yearling weights 500 lbs. and up \$21.50. Common and medium \$10-\$15, culls \$7-\$10. Good and choice quality

stocker steer calves \$16-\$20, good and choice stocker steer yearlings \$15-\$19, heifer calves and heifer yearlings \$2 to \$3 under comparable steers. Stocker cows \$10-\$13.

Good and choice milk lambs \$18-\$25, few to \$26-\$26.50 and cull, common and medium to good sorts from \$12-\$18. Feeder Spring lambs \$12-\$16. Feeder yearlings \$10-\$15. Cull yearlings \$3-\$10. Fat yearlings \$17-\$20.

Two-year-olds \$9-\$14, and old wethers \$10 down. Old ewes \$3-\$5. Old Bucks around \$3.

Soil Conservation District News

C. W. Barr, a cooperater with the Central Colorado Soil Conservation District, harvested 2 acres of King Ranch Bluestem grass seed on his farm south of Cross Plains last week. Barr used the Central Colorado District's grass seed stripper and got good results.

C. M. Garrett, secretary of the Central Colorado Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors, harvested 4 acres of King Ranch Bluestem grass seed on his farm south of Cross Plains on Monday, June 8. Garrett also used the grass seed stripper and reported good results.

Rufus Miller, a cooperater with the Central Colorado Soil Conservation District, has planted 5 acres to Blue Panic grass on his farm 2 miles southeast of Eula. Miller is a former district supervisor.

Esker Crawford, a cooperater with the Central Colorado Soil

Conservation District has seeded a small area to Blue Panic grass on his farm east of the Denton Store.

The Central Colorado District Board of Supervisors met Monday, June 8, at 10:00 o'clock in Colerian. The board discussed the soil conservation practices that have been applied in the Central Colorado Soil Conservation District, composed of parts of Callahan and Taylor counties, and all of Coleman county.

These figures were revealed: contour farming, 139,352 acres; cover crops, 13,790 acres; stubble-mulching, 120,000 acres; strip cropping, 410 acres; range seeding 2461 acres; terracing, 4,372 miles; diversion terraces, 271 miles; farm and ranch ponds, 800; range improvement, 300,000 acres; 6 irrigation projects with 142 acres; fish pond development, 50; water facilities, 150; and 5 waterways with a total of 15 acres.

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Troy A. Gifford
NOTICE OF SALE BY SPECIAL COMMISSIONER IN PARTITION
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, B. H. Freeland, heretofore appointed by the judgment of the District Court of Callahan County, Texas, in Cause No. 10,804, in said Court, entitled Ruedell Gifford vs. Troy A. Gifford, said appointment having been made for the purpose of selling the surface interest in and to the hereinafter described real estate, by virtue

of said authority so given, will proceed to sell the said property to the highest bidder for cash at 3:00 o'clock P. M. on July 7, 1953, at the Courthouse door of Callahan County, Texas, said property being all of the surface interest (and not including any mineral or mineral rights) in and to 851.16 acres of land, to-wit: situated in Callahan County, Texas, and out of
BB&C Ry. Co. Survey No. 57; Abstract No. 32; BBB&C Ry. Co. Survey No. 56, Abstract No. 944; S. P. Ry. Co. Survey 1, Block D, Abstract No. 363; and T. J. Austin Survey No. 2, Abstract 943; and said land being fully described in the judgment of said Court in said cause as the same appears of record in Volume "J",

page 218, Civil Minutes of said District Court, said land being in the Northwest part of said county and generally known as the Gifford Place.
Dated at Baird, Texas, this 2nd day of June, 1953.
B. H. FREELAND,
Special Sales Commissioner.
(Published in The Baird Star June 5, 12, 19, 26, 1953).
Mrs. C. M. Peek attended the First Methodist Church in Fort Worth over the weekend, where she attended a church school in music.
Mrs. L. B. Russell and children, of Hereford, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Work. While here they visited Mrs. C. S. Gee in Killeen.

Mrs. G. W. Crutchfield had a letter from her son, George, a few days ago, telling of the arrival of his wife and daughter, Belinda and Diane. They landed at Okinawa June 4th, and will be there one year. George said tell everyone hello for him. His address is: S/Sgt. G. W. Crutchfield, A.F. 38042422 6351st Base Serv. Sq. F.S., APO 235, % PM San Francisco, California.
Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Thompson and daughter, Mary Jo, were in Dallas last Thursday and Friday buying Christmas merchandise for their store here.
Mrs. Lacy Meridith, Mrs. Wenaona Wagner and son, Butch, left Thursday night for a 15-day vacation in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Crow have returned from Austin where Mrs. Crow attended a Business Education Workshop at the University of Texas. Mr. Crow attended the 77th Annual Convention of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshal's Association, as delegate from the local Volunteer Fire Dept. They also visited in Temple in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. McGee, Jr., and Mrs. James Gibson, where Richie Crow visited during the week.

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Publisher Proposes Silage Program Here

Chas. M. Isenhower, publisher of The Baird Star, is a rancher in Bosque County. He has had a measure of success — through trial and error — in feeding out hundreds of fine steers.

Mr. Isenhower contends that "what works in Bosque should work in Callahan" in proposing that ranchers raise their feed and convert it to ensilage for winter feed.

The following is from the Valley Mills Tribune of recent issue:

The Lions Club voted Tuesday to follow the recommendation of the Bosque County Farm Bureau and sponsor a silage program. The recommendation was made in a talk by Chas. M. Isenhower, chairman of the Farm Bureau's Agricultural Committee. The following portion of Isenhower's talk contains the plan as it was presented:

"It is the hope of this committee that each service organization in Bosque County will adopt, as a project, some phase of the soil and water conservation program. There is no limit to the plans that could be adopted. We believe a silage program to be needed and one which will show an immediate result in the agricultural economy of the area. It can do much for the silage man, the cattle feeder and the cow and calf man. There has ever been a time when their feed to cut costs has been greater than it is today.

The past year has been one of severe reverses for all stockmen. There has been a drastic drop in the market price of cattle, coupled with severe drought conditions and high priced feeds. All cattlemen have suffered losses; the feeders probably more than any other group. There are a number of cattle feeders in the county whose losses have been in the thousands of dollars. A silage program would have gone a long way toward eliminating those losses.

For a number of years all a

man had to do to make money from cattle was to own them. Very little consideration has been given to cost factors in feeding programs. Those good days have come to an end. The cattleman who makes a profit under present conditions will have to keep his feed cost at a minimum. Once again he will have to consider his cost factor and it will have to be a low cost factor. If the cattle feeder is to stay in business with present prices he will have to have efficient gain with cheap feeds. There is no better way to get both than with silage.

The program can do more to help dairymen than any other group. There is no feed that equals silage for milk production. It is the nearest thing to year-round green pasture that has been found. The only objection heard from dairymen is failure to put up enough.

Bosque County is as well suited to growing silage crops as any county in the state. It is excellent corn country and corn is one of the best silage crops. Other crops make higher tonnage but are of lower quality. The ensiling of the corn would eliminate the worst hazard we have in Bosque County. Too many times our prospects of high corn yields are ruined by our failure to get that last good shower to finish the crop. Such corn would not be the best silage but would give farmers the chance to salvage many tons of good feed instead of watching it burn up in the fields.

There are suitable sites for trench silos on practically every farm. The cost of digging them with modern machinery is very small in comparison with the old uprights. The cost of harvesting equipment is high but other areas have solved this problem with the use of custom operators or by several farmers going together to buy the equipment. The excessive hand labor required in feeding the silage can be avoided by using a front end tractor loader or by using self-feeding stanchions in the pit."

Make Father "KING FOR A DAY"

FATHERS DAY JUNE 21

IMPERIAL SUGAR 10 pounds 97c

FOLGERS COFFEE pound 85c

TIDE 27c

CHEER 27c

FRESH FRUITS and VEGETABLES

- GARDEN FRESH
BLACK-EYE PEAS, 2 lbs. 25c
SQUASH, Golden Yellow, lb. 10c
- VALLEY FRESH
CORN-ON-COB, 5 ears 27c
- VINE RIPE
TOMATOES, lb. 23c
- RIPE, SWEET
CANTALOUPE, lb. 9c

- CATSUP, Del Monte, 14 oz. bottle 19c
- SHORTENING, Bake-Rite, 3 lb. can . 75c
- OLEO, Kimbell's Azalea, lb. 21c
- BISCUITS, Any Brand, 2 cans 25c

CHOICE MEATS

BEEF
Short Ribs, lb. ... 27c

FRESH GROUND
Hamburger, lb. 29c

ALL MEAT
Wieners, 1 lb. cello 45c

LEAN, TENDER
Chuck Steak, lb. 39c

BLACK'S

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
By Mary Lee Taylor
Ribbon Icebox Dessert
Broadcast: June 20, 1953

9 graham crackers, 2 1/2 in. square
1/4 cup soft butter
1 cup powdered sugar
2 Tablespoons Pet Evaporated Milk
1 cup juice off fruit cocktail*

1 package strawberry gelatin
1/2 cup Pet Evaporated Milk
1/2 cup water
1 cup drained fruit cocktail

Use a loaf pan holding about 6 cups. Line bottom of pan with half of graham crackers, cutting crackers to fit if necessary. Put butter into a bowl. Beat in powdered sugar, about 1/4 cup at a time. Stir in 2 tablesp. milk, a tablesp. at a time. Spread on crackers in pan. Cover with rest of crackers. Chill. Heat juice to boiling. Add gelatin and stir until dissolved. Cool, but do not chill. Divide into 2 equal parts. Let one part stand at room temperature until needed. Stir 1/2 cup milk into other part and chill until slightly thicker than unbeaten egg whites. Then beat with rotary beater or electric beater at high speed, until fluffy. Pour over crackers. Chill until firm. Add water and fruit cocktail to other half of gelatin. Pour over chilled gelatin layer in pan. Chill until firm. Cut into squares. Makes 4 servings.
*If there is not enough juice, add water.

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