

BAIRD, pop. 2,000. On "The Broadway of America." Has beautiful homes, fine churches, modern schools, friendly people, and healthful climate — "where there ain't no poor, and there ain't no sick; where the fat get fatter, and the thin get thick."

The Baird Star

Our Motto, "Tis Neither Birth, Nor Wealth, Nor State, But the Get-up-and-Get That Makes Men Great."

CALLAHAN COUNTY, In Central West Texas, organized 1877; area 882 square miles, pop. 11,600. Rolling prairies, and wooded areas of mesquite post oak, live oak. Soil sandy to chocolate loam. Elevation 1800 feet. Annual rainfall about 24 inches.

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MARVIN HUNTER, Jr., Editor

Moutray Sale Is Elaborate Affair

More than a thousand people attended the Hereford Show and Sale at the E. W. Moutray ranch near here Saturday and forty-nine head of limited Anxiety 4th Herefords sold for an average of \$304. The Moutray ranch is designed for entertainment of people who can appreciate registered Herefords of the highest breeds. The sale, beginning at 1:30 p. m., took place in one of the most elaborate auction buildings to be found anywhere in this section. Before noon the crowd visited and viewed the Moutray Herefords with several of the prized herd bulls stationed at feeders that buyers might see for themselves the sires of individuals to be offered for sale. All of the animals for sale could be seen before the sale and this was one of the most convenient arrangements for buyers and visitors to take place in this vicinity. J. J. Durham, ranch manager, escorted visitors through the show pens.

A barbecue lunch was served in the auction barn at the noon hour and the chanting of the auctioneers began immediately after the crowd finished their meal. Earl Gartin and Walter Britten, famous auctioneers conducted the sale, with the assistance of Pete Peterson and other prominent men in the business. Special representatives at the auction included Frank Reeves of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Harry Holt of the Abilene Reporter-News, D. H. Jeffries of West Texas Hereford Association, Henry Elder, secretary of the Texas Hereford Association, and other representatives of Hereford Journal, The Cattleman, Stockman, Western Livestock, American Hereford Association and others.

Mr. Moutray stood beside the auctioneer to witness the auction of his fine cattle. This was his boyhood dream -- to be an outstanding cattle grower. His love for fine cattle and forty years of study and work brought him up to Saturday's auction of his own, the best, Herefords. His ranch near here is today one of the show places of West Texas.

Seated among many other prominent cattlemen in the auction barn were: Dr. T. Wade Hedrick of Abilene, Henry Green of Albany, Hardy Grissom of Abilene, Roscoe Blankenship of Abilene, Henry Mousel of Cambridge, Mass., Leon Fosh of Breckenridge, R. W. Tipton of Abilene, J. L. Ackers of Abilene, Edgar Davis of Abilene, Roy Blackshier of Aspermont, Edward Cumbit of Bronte, W. J. Fulwiler of Abilene.

Buyers in the sale, price paid, animal purchased and calving date is as follows:

- FEMALES**
- Earle Parnelly, Abilene, \$275, Donna Anna 72nd, Mar. 10, 1945.
 - Mrs. H. L. Antilley, Abilene, \$265, Donna Anna 79th, Feb. 16, 1945.
 - A. G. Golightly, Hico, \$275, Lady Superior 30th, Mar. 31, 1945.
 - Hardy Grissom, Abilene, \$300, Blanche 25th, Sept. 9, 1944.
 - Grissom, \$290, Blanche 96th, June 21, 1945.
 - Andrew Johnson, Oplin, \$195, Blanche 112th, July 25, 1945.
 - Frank Moon, Dallas, \$250, Gentle Annie 36th, April 2, 1945.
 - White Hat Ranch, Blackwell, \$310, Dainty Domino 14th, Feb. 2, 1945.
 - Bitter Creek Hereford Farm, Abilene, \$190, Dainty Domino 15th, June 16, 1945.
 - Antilley, \$190, Donna Agness 41st, July 20, 1945.
 - Dr. Bruce Johnson, Lorraine, \$265, Gwendoline 26th, Nov. 15, 1944.
 - Edgar Davis, Abilene, \$190, Gentle Annie 35th, Feb. 8, 1945.
 - J. B. Girand, Abilene, \$235, Miss Springvale 34th, Feb. 22, 1945.
 - R. W. Tipton, Breckenridge, \$500, Miss Springvale 103rd, Nov. 13, 1944.
 - Davis, \$250, Creamy 24th, July 16, 1944.

Counties Combine Scout Districts

At a meeting in Baird Thursday night of last week, attended by representatives from Albany, Putnam and Baird, the counties of Callahan and Shackelford were combined to form one big district for Scouting and will be known as the Cal-Shack District. The idea was highly favored by all present and more especially by the scout executives. The combination will give both of these counties better service from the Scout executives and Scouts will be greatly benefitted. The meetings will be on a district basis, and there will be five such meetings a year. Heading up the new district Ralph Ashlock of Baird is chairman, Ike Chism, Albany, first vice-chairman, Ted Calloway of Clyde is second vice-chairman.

SERVICE STATION SOLD TO ABILENE MAN

Bill Henderson sold his Texaco Service Station to J. V. Hazelwood of Abilene early this week, and the new owner took immediate possession. Mr. Henderson has not decided just what he will do, but he might farm with his father at Rowden. He owned the station for only a few months, having bought the business from M. D. McElroy. The station is located on Highway 80, just west of The First National Bank.

The Star joins Baird folks in extending a welcome to Mr. Hazelwood and wish for him a great success here.

Curley Seale, Baird, \$300, Dora Domino 4th, March 10, 1945.

Girand, \$205, Lina Domino 5th, May 4, 1945.

W. J. Fulwiler, Abilene, \$640, Bright Duchess 42nd, Nov. 27, 1944.

Miles Cattle Co., Fort Worth, \$875, Gossamer 10th, March 27, 1941.

Grissom, \$370, Gwendoline 67th April 9, 1939.

J. D. Isenhower, Putnam, \$255, Gwendoline 77th, Jan. 1, 1943.

Bail Hill, Swenson, \$300, Gwendoline 24th, March 28, 1941.

Walter Boothe, Sweetwater, \$325, Bright Duchess 41st, May 21, 1942.

Lea Boothe, Sweetwater, \$270, Capitola 35th, Feb. 27, 1938.

White Hat, \$225, Pretty Lady, 53rd, May 10, 1939.

White Hat, \$360, Donna Agness 36th, Nov. 19, 1938.

Ray Blackshier, Aspermont, \$400, Dollie 45th, May 1, 1942.

Tommie L. Tosh, Breckenridge, \$210, Miss Domino B. 2nd, Oct. 31, 1940.

Davis, \$255, Miss Domino 88th, March 24, 1943.

Hill, \$250, Miss Domino 86th, Oct. 5, 1937.

T. T. Harris, Abilene, \$215, Blanche 109th, Feb. 6, 1943.

L. J. Ackers, Abilene, \$305, Blanche 108th, Oct. 11, 1942.

Ed Cumbie, Bronte, \$710, Miss Springvale 33rd, March 21, 1942.

Ackers, \$300, Miss Springvale 101st, April 14, 1941.

Bitter Creek Farms, \$310, Dainty Domino 8th, March 23, 1937.

White Hat, \$250, Dainty Domino 10th, Feb. 27, 1943.

Hill, \$240, Miss Sensation 10th, March 28, 1941.

Noodle Hereford ranch, Merkel, \$300, Maybelle's Lassie, Oct. 28, 1937.

Girand, \$300, Mabelle's Lassie 3rd, March 5, 1943.

Ackers, \$375, Miss Carlos 44th, March 1, 1944.

Moon, \$240, Creamy 22nd, Aug. 12, 1942.

Harris, \$225, Lady Superior 103rd, Feb. 28, 1942.

Hill, \$245, Dora Domino 2nd, March 3, 1937.

Moon, \$305, Lady Superior 25th March 14, 1944.

Davis, \$245, Creamy 23rd, Aug. 7, 1943.

BULLS

- Ackers, \$345, MHR Dusky Domino 3rd, Jan. 21, 1946.
- Antilley, \$165, Beau Sensation 45th, Jan. 4, 1946.
- D. Young, Baird, \$245, Lamp-lighter Mischief 30th, Sept. 16, 1945.

Funeral Is Held For G. W. Berry

Funeral services for George W. Berry were held at the First Baptist church here Monday and interment was made in Ross cemetery. Mr. Berry, a son of Andrew Jackson Berry, who was with Sam Houston at the defeat and capture of Santa Anna, the engagement that won Texas for the Anglo-Saxon, passed away at the hospital here Sunday at the age of 73. He had lived in Baird 67 years. His mother, Mrs. Mary Catherine Berry died in 1943 at the age of 89.

Rev. A. A. Davis, pastor of the First Baptist Church, was assisted in the service by Rev. Joe R. Mayes of Abilene.

Survivors include four brothers, Bob, Harry, Grover and Ode, all of this place; and two sisters, Mrs. Fannie Murphy of Baird, and Mrs. Pearl Gaines of Abilene. Pall bearers were D. J. Anderson, Glenn Boyd, Robert Estes, Lee Ivey, Jack Gilliland and C. W. Price.

A large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives thronged to the church building and to the cemetery to pay their last respects to this good man.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED AT GARDEN CLUB MEETING

When the Old Fashioned Garden Club met with Mrs. Ralph South February 4th, the following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Justin Anderson; first vice-president, Mrs. L. L. Blackburn; second vice-president, Mrs. Ace Hickman; secretary, Mrs. W. Clyde White; and treasurer, Mrs. B. O. Brame.

Mrs. F. E. Mitchell, chairman of beautification, reported that mock oranges had been ordered to present to Mrs. Nathan Waldrop, Mrs. Hubert Ross, Mrs. L. L. Blackburn, and Miss Dorothy Barnhill, entrants in the Christmas lighting contest, and that a plant is to be given Olton Pool for his attractive, original decoration. The club voted to plant a tree in Hickman Park in connection with the beautification work various clubs and individuals are doing to improve the park.

An interesting program was given on roses by Mrs. Ace Hickman, Mrs. Hulian Barr, and Mrs. M. L. Stubblefield. The club adjourned to meet the first Tuesday in March with Mrs. Claude Johnson.

CAR TAGS NOW ON SALE

New 1947 car tags are now on sale at tax collectors' office, Callahan county courthouse, and can be purchased through March 31. The new car tags are again in the form of two plates, black with white numbers.

Passenger car numbers run from BH4100 to BH7299; commercial trucks from ME2750 to B249; and farm trucks from RD 9950 to RD9999 and from RE10 to RE549.

Judge B. L. Russell is reported improving after a sick spell this week.

Set Tree Planting Time At City Park

Hickman Park Board members designated Friday, February 14, as tree planting time at Hickman Park, when they met at the City Hall Jan. 31. It is hoped that everyone in Baird will take trees or shrubs to the park and plant them at 5 p. m. If you can't plant a tree and wish to make donations, contact Curtis Sutphen, Ben L. Russell or any other park board member. This is to be an annual affair until the park is well supplied with trees and shrubs.

It was announced at the meeting that Callahan Luncheon Club had donated \$100 to Hickman Park.

The following committee was appointed to contact clubs and individuals for donations of trees and shrubs for the park: Mrs. M. C. McGowen, Mrs. Oscar Stiffler, and Ben L. Russell. R. L. Elliott, Jr., and Bob Joy were appointed to explore possibilities to build tables and barbecue pits and to contact the public concerning such. They are also to ask the Highway Dept. what help they will be able to give. A. R. Grote was appointed to supervise placing of trees, shrubs, tables, and barbecue pits.

A cactus bed will be built and anyone with odd cactus is asked to donate a piece.

The board members are contacting clubs and organizations to see if they will donate tables, benches, barbecue pits, trees, shrubbery or cash donations.

Individuals who wish to obtain assistance in building improvements at the park such as tables, chairs, barbecue pits, may contact R. L. Elliott or Bob Joy and make their wishes known. Estimates on costs of installing such improvements will soon be announced.

MR. AND MRS. LEWIS HILL HONORED

Dr. and Mrs. V. E. Hill held open house Sunday, honoring their younger son, Lewis, and his wife, the former Janie Marie Bardin, of near Arlington. Guests were received at the door by Lewis, his wife and mother, Mrs. Justin Anderson presided at the bride's book where the guests were asked to register. Miss Ellen Marie Hill poured coffee and Mrs. Ernest Hill assisted in serving sandwiches, cake and nuts. Soft music was rendered during the calling hours by Mr. Harold Wristen and Mrs. Viva Tucker. Miss Sue Hooker and Mr. Kenneth George sang several numbers and Miss Hooker played a violin solo.

More than a hundred friends and relatives called during the afternoon. Among the out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Olaf South and Charles Eddie of Roscoe, Mrs. Beulah Lucas and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young of Cross Plains, Miss Jean Powell of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Melton, Austin, spent Saturday night with the Gunn sisters.

Girls Basketball Tournament

Callahan County Basketball Tournament, to determine the county champion among girls, will be held in Baird gymnasium Feb. 7 and 8. Admission to each session will be 15 cents for school children and 25 cents for adults. The schedule follows:

Friday Night, Feb. 7th.
6:00-7:00—Baird & Denton.
7:00-8:00—Cross Plains & Bayou.
8:00-9:00—Eula & Oplin.
Saturday Afternoon, Feb. 8th.
1:00-2:00 — Cross Plains & Baird.
2:00-3:00—Bayou & Oplin.
3:00-4:00—Denton & Eula.
Saturday Night
6:00-7:00—Baird & Bayou.
7:00-8:00—Cross Plains & Eula.
8:00-9:00—Denton & Oplin.

Tournament to determine champions for western half of district for boys will held the following weekend, February 14 and 15, in Baird gymnasium with admission prices the same as for the girls' tournament. Boy's schedule:

Friday, February 14
2:00-3:00—Eula & Moran.
3:00-4:00 — Putnam & Cross Plains.
4:00-5:00—Baird & Clyde.
7:00-8:00—Eula & Putnam.
8:00-9:00—Baird & Moran.
9:00-10:00 — Clyde & Cross Plains.
Saturday, February 15
10:00-11:00—Eula & Baird.
11:00-12:00—Clyde & Putnam.
12:00-1:00 — Cross Plains & Moran.
2:00-3:00—Eula & Clyde.
3:00-4:00 — Cross Plains & Baird.
4:00-5:00—Moran & Putnam.
7:00-8:00—Eula & Cross Plains.
8:00-9:00—Moran & Clyde.
9:00-10:00—Putnam & Baird.

GIRLS BASKETBALL SCORES

First Session:
Bayou 35 - Denton 16; Cross Plains 31 - Oplin 12; Baird 21 - Eula 29.
Second Session:
Cross Plains 39 - Denton 20; Baird 16 - Oplin 31; Eula 18 - Bayou 23.
To be resumed Friday of this week in Baird Gym at 6:00 p. m. with a game between Baird and Denton.

SHERIFF HAS BUSY MONTH

Arrests that have been made by Sheriff S. S. Nichols since January 1, 1947, are as follows:

Highway Violations	3
Intoxication	10
Fighting	2
Swindling with worthless checks	2
Gambling	2
Liquor violations	1
Vagrancy	1
Burglary	1
TOTAL	22

DANIELS HAVE NEW BABY

A 7 pound 2 1/2 ounce baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Daniel of Abilene last Thursday morning in Callahan County Hospital. The baby has been named Sharon.

T.B. Organization For County

Initial steps in organizing a county wide T. B. organization for Callahan county are well underway, as was pointed out at a meeting of the Delphinian Study Club members and representatives from Baird and surrounding towns, Wednesday afternoon in district courtroom at Callahan County courthouse.

Mrs. W. P. Brightwell introduced Mrs. Emily W. Boyd of Adstin, State Field Representative of the T. B. Association, who told the main purpose of a volunteer T. B. organization is to educate the school child to protect himself and his family against T. B.

Financing of the organization is derived from the sale of T. B. Christmas stamps from Thanksgiving until Christmas. Mrs. M. C. McGowen read the constitution and by-laws, which will be amended to apply to the local organization.

Mrs. W. P. Brightwell, head of the county steering committee, read the following committee appointments: Nominating, Mrs. W. P. Bearden, Mrs. Fred Hyser of Putnam, Mrs. C. B. Snyder, Jr.; Medical, Dr. M. L. Stubblefield, Dr. R. L. Griggs, Dr. Bob Evans of Clyde, Dr. Eli Powell of Cross Plains; Program, County Supt. B. C. Christmas; Constitution and By-Laws, Mrs. L. L. Blackburn, Mrs. Ace Hickman, Mrs. R. L. Alexander; Publicity, Mrs. J. Marvin Hunter, Jr. and representatives from the other county newspapers.

At an early date, a general meeting will be called at which time Callahan County T. B. Association will be formally organized. It is hoped that a good representation from all towns and communities over the county will be present for this meeting.

CORINNE BLACKBURN WEDNESDAY CLUB

The Corinne Blackburn Wednesday Club met Jan. 29, with a dinner party in the home of Mrs. Harry Ebert. Mrs. Madge Scott acted as hostess in the absence of Miss Baulch. Eighteen members and three guests were present.

Miss May Lois Hayes from McMurry College, gave several readings, and Miss Elizabeth Myatt, instructor in McMurry College, gave a very interesting presentation of her studies in Old Mexico. She told of the customs and habits of the Mexican people. She described many places of interest that she visited while there.

Mrs. Dale Glasson and Mrs. S. S. Nichols were welcomed as new members. Mrs. R. M. Whight, of Goose Creek, sister of Mrs. Scott, was introduced. Besides the 16 guests and new members the following were present: Mmes. W. W. Lofland, R. L. Elliott, Jr., L. L. Blackburn, Tom West, Margie Ray, Terrell Williams, N. L. Dickey, Edward Koneczak, Joe Griffin, N. A. Waldrop, Madge Scott, Hulian Barr, Misses Loreta Allen, Burma Warren, Hazel Reynolds and Leota Alexander.

CITIZENS WELCOME AT SALE OF BONDS

County Judge J. L. Farmer stated today that citizens would be welcome to attend commissioners court when bids are accepted this afternoon at 2 o'clock on the sale of the \$150,000 road bonds that were voted on January 28th. Judge Farmer stated that a number of bond buyers had already notified him that they would be present to bid on the bonds. The limit was set at a rate not to exceed 2 1/2 per cent interest. The bonds were voted for the purchase of right-of-way for the rerouting of U. S. Highway 80.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Charles B. Vick and Miss Myra Lee Scheibe.
J. T. Hamm and Miss Flora Lee Power.
Billy D. Havens and Miss Delma Loreta Rouse.
H. B. Terry and Miss Fay Tarrant.

Prizes Offered To Students

Realizing that high school students of Baird will be the adult citizens of this city very soon, Callahan County Club is going to give them a chance to express themselves in regard to the city building a municipal lake here. A committee composed of Billy M. Jobe, Ralph Ashlock and Bill Work, will invite students of the high school to write letters on "Why We Want A Lake." The best three letters will be published in The Star and the authors will receive three handsome prizes, \$25 for the best, \$15 for the next best, and \$10 for the third best letter. The committee will judge the letters from material content, the ideas brought out, and not for grammar. It was stated that "ideas will build a lake for Baird."

This action was taken at the Wednesday luncheon of Callahan County Club. C. W. Sutphen, club president and a member of the city council, stated that the council had "racked its brain" to solve the problem of financing the construction of a city lake to relieve the water shortage in Baird. He stated that the city council would welcome suggestions from any of the citizens in regard to the lake financing. The thought was advanced in giving the school children a chance to offer their ideas on the subject of the lake and a contest will be carried out to determine the best three letters containing ideas on the subject. The letters will be judged from the thoughts expressed and not from the standpoint of penmanship, punctuation, etc.

D. C. Cox, of the soil conservation office, suggested that the club assist the young people of the community to get started in business after finishing school by presenting a high grade animal to the winner of a contest, then the first off-spring of the animal to go back to the club to be presented to another outstanding student. The program, worked right, would be endless and would help many a youth of this community. The committee appointed to set out a plan is composed of Dr. M. L. Stubblefield, Ace Hickman, D. C. Cox and Marvin Hunter.

Some discussion was along lines of prohibiting peddlers selling their wares in Baird in competition to local firms. The underlying thought in this was for the protection of the buying public and those who have established business houses in the city. L. W. Cooke, building contractor, spoke in favor of the proposal and warned local residents against dealing with out-of-town contractors who do not meet the requirements of the internal revenue department in paying social security and withholding tax on employees. The property owner is responsible and could get into serious trouble with the government, Mr. Cooke explained. Many other examples were mentioned where peddlers were undesirable, but no action was taken by the club to request the city commission to pass an ordinance to cover the situation.

B. H. Freeland and Hugh Ross were appointed as the entertainment committee for the next meeting.

I. N. WALLS ENJOYS BEING NINETY-ONE

Today is I. N. Walls' 91st birthday. Mr. Walls came to town with his son, Ted Walls, Wednesday to attend to business. At 91 he is as spry as a boy and he talked and visited with his friends on the street here Wednesday and enjoyed his trip to town. He has been a resident of Callahan county since December 1899.

1946 POLL TAXES

Total number of 1946 poll taxes paid at Callahan county courthouse is 2510, according to M. H. Joy, Tax Assessor-Collector.

Smart Lines Characterize New Chevrolet



Re-styled for the new year, with emphasis on a more massive front end and a smoother sweep to body contours, the new Chevrolet will soon make its debut. New front-end grille and complementing bright work, as well as elimination of the body belt molding, have done much to give the new model an air of greater luxuriousness.

NOTICE
Deputy Collector Herbert W. Patterson will be at the Callahan County Courthouse, Baird, Texas, on March 4th, from 8:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. to render assistance with income tax problems to any who desire it. This will be the

only visit that can be made to Baird before March 15, for this purpose.
Mrs. Bess Johnson and Mrs. Sallie Eastham are in Dallas to attend the wedding of Miss Agnes Eastham to Gene Worsham of Ft. Worth.

POSSUM FLATS . . . ONE WAY



BEAR FACTS

EDITORIAL
We shrely do like Mr. Dixon. He and his attractive wife have moved here from Abilene. We think he is doing a swell job as coach of the boys and girls basketball teams. Keep up the good work, Coach.

The March of Dimes Campaign went over successfully, thanks to the student body.

Basketball game	\$27.00
Grade school	11.71
Spanish Club	5.00
Home Economics	5.00
F. F. A.	2.50
Seniors	3.40
Juniors	4.15
Sophomores	1.49
Freshmen	1.60
TOTAL	\$61.85

The clubs are going to start meeting regularly at the eighth period. They will meet at the following dates:
Jr. Historian Club — First Thursday of the 6 weeks.
Spanish Club — Second Thursday of the 6 weeks.
Personality Club — Third Thursday of the 6 weeks.
Home Ec. Club — Fourth Thursday of the 6 weeks.
Tennis Club — Fifth Thursday of the 6 weeks.
Choral Club — Wednesday of each week.

Mrs. Hill gave the assembly program Wednesday. She repeated, by request, the performance she had given at the P. T. A. the last meeting. It consisted almost entirely of ensemble music, presenting six sister-brother teams in duets, along with several orchestra numbers.
At the Hardin-Simmons band concert, the Spanish Club took in \$92 and they got \$23.00 as their part.

SPORTS

The Bears Go To Scranton
The Baird Bears went to Scranton last Tuesday week. It was a heart-breaking night for us as we lost three games. The most active and most exciting game of the night was girls game. It was a close game all the way and ended in a 14-14 tie. During the three minute over-time period, Scranton scored a field goal and the final score was 16 to 14. The boys "B" team was defeated by the close score of 14 to 19. The boys "A" team was out scored but not outclassed and lost their game with the final score of 25 to 34 in favor of Scranton.
Thursday the boys made up for their defeat, beating Oplin 44 to 22. The girls were unlucky again and lost to Oplin by the close score of 27 to 28.
With these games the indi-

vidual scores have been brought up to the following:

BOYS

Jimmy West 63, Kenneth McPherson 52, Gene Walls 50, Paul Varner 45, Hugh Schrader 37.

GIRLS

Nell Farmer 92, Thelma Robbins 29, Louise Faircloth 15, Maurine Cooke 12, Bobbie Johnson 7.

In the game played the boys have scored 272 points to their opponents 242. The girls have scored 148 to their opponents 148. Here's hoping to win one or both of the tournaments coming up. The girls will play Friday night and Saturday. The boys play next week. We're behind you a hundred per cent, Coach!

A good crowd was on hand to see and hear the H-S U. Cowboy band Friday night of last week. The Spanish Club of the High School takes this opportunity to thank every one who attended for making the concert the success it was.

Paul Max Varner making "A" on his History Test at mid-term. (Hooray).

Mrs. Nichols Spanish Class "2" are all making "A's."

Mr. Benson is getting tired of the girls acting silly in his Algebra class. "Any resemblance to persons living or dead is purely coincidental at Baird High."

Mack Hodges, who is a former tennis player, is moving away to be a farmer-boy.

OPLIN SAVE-A-STEP CLUB MEETING

The Oplin Save-A-Step Club met Jan. 28, in the club room, with Mrs. A. B. Byars, president, presiding over business meeting. The club voted to continue meeting until a new home demonstration agent is secured.

Miss Loreta Allen, H.D. Agent, gave a demonstration on milk drinks. A banana fluff drink and an orange-pineapple eggnog was made and each member given recipes.

A chart showing the daily requirements and the equivalents of a glass of whole milk was studied.

Two types of patches were shown by Miss Allen, a four-minute patch and a woven patch.

After the demonstrations, the club presented the agent with a gift and tea, in appreciation of her loyalty and efficient work with the club. Members present were Mes. A. B. Byars, W. E. Reid, Phillip Preston, Emma Poindecker, E. R. Knudson, Wallace Johnson and Mallie Johnson.

Miss Hazel Reynolds, W. G. Jones, Pueblo, Mrs. Viva Tucker, I. G. Mobley, and Claude Flores attended the President's Ball in Abilene Saturday night.

Hospital Notes

Rev. Harry E. Johnson, Clyde, has returned to his home. He was improving nicely from recent surgery.

Mrs. Cecil West was dismissed the 1st after a few days medical treatment.

Mrs. J. S. Daniel, Abilene, and infant daughter, Sharon, are doing nicely.

Mrs. A. L. McCann, Gorman, who has been receiving medical treatment the past few days, was improving when dismissed the 4th.

Mrs. Dixie Ferguson, who has been quite ill with pneumonia, is reported some better at this writing.

Mrs. R. E. Barton and infant daughter are getting along fine. Mrs. D. S. Green, who entered the hospital the 2nd, is improving slowly.

Mrs. N. E. McGee has not been quite so well the past few days. Little Wayne Vanbuskirk entered the hospital for medical treatment the 4th.

Mrs. R. G. Taylor, Clyde, was much better when dismissed the 2nd.

Mrs. Tommy Stanley and infant daughter returned to their home by ambulance the 4th.

Mrs. Mollie Connel is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Lola Murphy has not been quite so well the past week.

J. S. Gamble's condition remains about the same.

O. F. Culwell, Putnam, entered the hospital the 3rd for medical treatment.

Mrs. F. S. Bouchette, Clyde, underwent major surgery Tuesday night. At this writing she is resting as well as can be expected.

Jim Grimes, whose condition is serious, shows a little improvement at this writing.

MRS. BAULCH HOSTESS TO W. S. C. S.

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church met February 3, with Mrs. Tee Baulch in a social meeting. Mrs. Irvin Corn gave the devotional. The ladies hemmed cuptowels to be used in the basement of the church. Mrs. Baulch was assisted by Mrs. W. Boyd, Mrs. J. J. Durham, and Mrs. E. R. Beck in serving refreshments to Mes. J. V. Thompson, W. B. Swim, M. L. Stubblefield, Mary A. Sutphen, M. D. Bell, Ace Hickman, L. C. Cash, J. M. Reynolds, C. L. Hord, Brice Jones, T. A. Martin, John A. English, Bob Norrell, J. W. Stevenson, Irvin Corn, W. A. Fetterly, Tee Baulch, J. J. Durham, E. R. Beck and W. Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Sikes and children and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Sikes of Clyde attended the Mou-tray Hereford Auction Saturday.

Tecumseh Topics

Tersely Told, Typographically Tenedered, and Tolerably True. By Mrs. Dolph Hodges

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Betcher, Oregon, visited Mr. and Mrs. Otto Betcher Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Coffman and baby visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Coffman in Dudley Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Horace Coffman recently moved to Lubbock from Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. John J. Schmidt and baby daughter are doing fine.

Mrs. Ruth Kiser and children, Winters; and Mrs. Rena Smith, Midland, visited in the home of their father and sister, J. P. Tunnel and Mrs. Dolph Hodges. Other guests in the Hodges home

were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chapman.

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My, how she's grown!

This is the snow-suit that fitted Sally so well only two years ago. It was a little snug last winter, but still wearable. Now it's outgrown. Sally needs a new outfit—fast!

A lot of businesses are in the same spot as Sally. Their facilities are outgrown too. During the tight war years, they nursed old equipment along, patiently waiting for new materials and machines. And all the time they, too, kept on growing. But a lot of things they've been needing still aren't available.

That's why so many businesses—our own included—are like Sally, straining at the seams, waiting for the new materials we need.

This is a friendly apology to those folks who've asked to be added to the service lines. Though we haven't gotten around to you, we haven't forgotten you. We appreciate your patience, and want you to know that—as soon as the needed materials become available—we'll be happy to bring cheap, dependable electric service on to you, too.

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Holmes Drug Store

MARKETING with Marjorie

February may be short on days, but it's certainly long on holidays . . . what with national holidays and Valentine's Day, too, all calling for celebration this month! So here are some special dishes for these special days. (They're so easy to fix you'll probably want to serve them even if you're not having a party.)

HEAVENLY HEARTS

Your family will elect you their valentine when they taste this dessert starring **SPARKLE VANILLA PUDDING** from the A&P! Cut pastry (1/4" thick) with heart-shaped cookie cutter. Prick with fork and bake in very hot oven, 450° F., 8 to 10 minutes.

Prepare **SPARKLE VANILLA PUDDING** according to package directions; cool. Just before serving, put a layer of pudding and your favorite preserves between two hearts. Ummm!

CHEER-WORTHY CHERRY PIE

Washington's Birthday without cherry pie? No, indeed! And, to give it an extra festive touch, before baking it I cut out with a sharp knife two hatchet-shaped designs about three inches long in the top crust. Then, after it's baked and cool, I fill the hatchet designs with whipped cream. I make my light, flaky crust with

SUNNYFIELD FLOUR, which I get at the A&P. This bleached, enriched flour is grand in any recipe requiring all-purpose flour. Try it!

TEA FOR TWO . . . OR TWENTY
Tea goes well with any of the holiday treats I've described . . . especially when it's flavor tested tea from A&P! Buy OUR OWN or NECTAR tea bags at your A&P, and let your guests make their tea as they like it. They're sure to like it a lot, for these teas are blended to give real enjoyment!

TREAT FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND

It's easy as rolling off a log to make this Washington's Birthday salad. Cover straight pieces of banana 4" long with ANN PAGE SALAD DRESSING from your A&P, roll in chopped nuts, and insert a cardboard hatchet in a slit in each banana "log." Pretty! And oh so tasty—thanks to the tart-sweet flavor of creamy-smooth ANN PAGE SALAD DRESSING!

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URGES RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

The Attorney-General of the United States is Tom C. Clark. It is his business to prosecute those who violate the Federal laws and he has been impressed with the number of juveniles who come into the Federal Courts.

Because he believes in the value of wholesome recreation, as a means of preventing juvenile delinquency, Mr. Clark urges "the traditional institutions of American community life — the home, the church, the school and related activities" — to erect safeguards against local influences that endanger the health and welfare of children.

While stressing the normal home and family life as the foundation of effective citizenship, and paying tribute to the influence of churches and schools, concerned with the growth and development of children, Mr. Clark points out that wholesome recreation is needed by all youth. He calls "one of the effective instruments" in the prevention and treatment of juvenile delinquency. He urges every community to provide adequate recreation resources.

There are many people in Callahan County who will read this article and be impressed with the reasoning of the Attorney-General. There will be a few to become concerned about what Callahan County is doing to promote the proper development of its boys and girls. They will conclude that, despite what has been done, there is room for improvement.

While these conclusions are valuable, they will amount to nothing, so far as youth is concerned, unless they are translated into effective action. While it is true that we have made some progress along the line of providing proper recreational facilities for our boys and girls, there is much to be done. Let us not think that the task has been completed.

DID BUSINESS TAKE A CHANCE?

The large business organizations which find themselves harassed by portal-to-portal pay suits would enjoy more public sympathy if the evidence was conclusive that the large businesses of the nation have made a real effort to obey the laws of the Government.

We have in mind the laws against monopolies, unfair competition and the fixing of prices. Whether justly or not, the people of the nation have a distinct impression that many of the leaders of big business are without qualms when it comes to agreements with their competitors for the purpose of restricting competition and fixing prices.

The fact that these business organizations find themselves in a legal strait, with the Congress being importuned to relieve them of liability in connection with such suits, does little to enhance the reputed leadership of executives or of high-priced lawyers. The business men, it appears, took a chance. They were confident that the suits could not be enforced or that they could get relief from the Government in the event that their liability was legally established.

1947 BIG NEWS YEAR

The year 1947 will be the biggest peace-time news-year in history, according to Paul Miller, Assistant General-Manager of the Associated Press, in charge of the Washington Bureau.

Mr. Miller says that the subjects which will compete with Congress for public attention include (a) the atomic bomb, (b) the peace treaties, (c) the expansion of American sports, and (d) the political maneuvering looking toward the 1948 campaign.

The news expert has no doubt put his finger on some of the outstanding trends of the day but we are supposed to note that he does not include, in his list, the apprehension of economic experts as to the coming of a recession, or depression. We think that the people of this country are intensely interested in the speculation and would like to have facts to guide their thinking.

We have another idea, as to important news interest, which involves the campaign to persuade the United States to continue its collaboration with the nations of the world. This goes further than the question of the peace treaties because of the fact that economic cooperation is extremely important and the position of the United States somewhat doubtful.

REPUBLICANS SHOULD WATCH TACTICS OF ISOLATIONISTS

There is danger that the Republicans in Congress will permit isolationist leaders to utilize World War I for the purpose of discrediting American participation in World War II by attempting to persuade the people of this country that they could have stayed out of the war with honor and safety.

Let's pass over the argument about the first great conflict and concentrate a bit on the war that has just ended. Senator Brooks, of Illinois, asserts that this country "was led into war." Naturally, any

country that becomes involved in warfare is led. For this the people can give thanks. Even the British, when threatened by Axis domination, were "led" and it is fortunate for them that the nation developed capable leaders.

The Illinois Senator, however, we suspect, rather hopes to get over the idea that the United States went into war unnecessarily because of its leadership. He would persuade those whose loved one sacrificed their lives that their heroism was unnecessary. He would make us, as a people, disgusted with war, and foolish in our thinking about wise preparedness for war.

For the same reason we have called attention to insidious publicity to some columnists, seeking to ridicule "brass-hats." This carelessly used term is employed to stir up prejudice against the only class of experts who are in a position to intelligently appraise the defense needs of the nation.

The complete answer to those who for partisan motives would besmirch the war leadership of our late President is to remind the people of the country where they would be if the Axis had won the war. It is generally admitted that this was a distinct possibility without our participation. Frankly, those who would have preferred an Axis victory are justified in lambasting F. D. Roosevelt because of his magnificent contribution to the victory of the democratic powers. Nobody else should join them in their name-calling.

HUGE CROP SURPLUSES LOOM AS THREAT TO U. S. FARMERS

Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson warns that crop production in the United States must be reduced soon or that serious postwar surplus problems will develop.

It is entirely probable that the Secretary is right. After the first World War the farmers of this country produced crops that piled up huge surpluses, leading to disastrous prices and agricultural distress everywhere. It was pointed out, at the time, that acreage and production were increased during the war, to meet war needs and that with other nations returning to normal production, the world could not consume the production of its farms.

Facing the threat of overproduction there is only one sensible course for farmers to adopt and that is to cut down production. The so-called economic experts will loudly tell us all that wealth lies in increased production but this is only a part truth. It applies only when increased production leads to increased income. Every farmer knows that bumper crops have depressed market prices and that, very often, small crops bring the farmers more money than large ones.

The United Nations appointed a commission to look into the agricultural outlook. It has warned that, if nothing is done to absorb the greatly increased production stimulated by the recent war, the world may find itself in "a greater disaster than in 1929." Mr. Anderson, speaking bluntly, asserts that this nation "can't afford to have farmers again go through a period such as they did after the first World War."

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

The month of February presents the anniversary of the birth of two of the great Presidents of the nation, George Washington, the first President, on the twenty-second, and Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth on the twelfth.

The life and career of President Lincoln has been an inspiration to many Americans, who, despite difficulties, have been encouraged by his great success. In his utterances as recorded and brought to us, many Americans have gained strength and inspiration.

Coming to the presidency as a result of the division between his opponents, Mr. Lincoln faced the tragedy of a nation divided. He lived to see the surrender of the principal armies of the Confederacy, but, six days later, was fatally wounded while witnessing a play at Ford's Theatre in Washington.

The martyred President was thus unfortunately removed from the presidency before he had an opportunity to exercise his great powers in healing the wounds of the struggle between the North and the South.

That the course of events might have been different had he lived is apparent from a reading of history. He remains the idol and ideal of millions of Americans and retain his place in the affections of the nation.

HARDLY "CRUCIAL"

We are advised, by an Associated Press dispatch, that the message of President Truman to the Eightieth Congress was a "crucial" one.

As we understand the word, it means something along the line of decisive. Inasmuch as the majority of Congress, consisting of Republicans, will proceed to carry out its own plans, regardless of what the President says, we do not consider his message "crucial."

Incidentally, it might be advisable for the people of the nation to take the time necessary to read the State-of-the-Union address. Usually, Presidents make much better speeches than one might believe from the extracts that are widely distributed. Certainly, a reading of the message will help one to keep up with developments in the realm of government.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS

A civil service was announced today for Clerk, CAF-1 to CAF-4, by Mrs. Paul H. Figg, Regional Director, Fourteenth Civil Service Region, Dallas. Salaries for these positions, which will be filled in various federal agencies in the State of Texas and in Washington, D. C., range from \$1756 to \$2394 per year.

Among the types of clerk positions to be filled from this examination are: Accounting, Fiscal, Audit, Statistical, Time, Leave, Payroll, Appointment, Personnel, Information, Stock, Purchasing, Property and Supply, Traffic, Correspondence, Editorial, Proofreader, Mail File, Record, Expediting, etc.

A written test will be required for this examination. The age limits, 18 to 62 years, will be waived from persons entitled to

veterans' preference and persons now serving under war service appointments.

Application must be on file with the Regional Director, Fourteenth Civil Service Region, 210 South Harwood Street, Dallas 1, Texas, not later than February 13, 1947.

Application forms and further information may be secured from Regional Director, Fourteenth Civil Service Region, 210 S. Harwood, Dallas 1, Texas, or from Terrel Williams, local secretary at Baird. An examination will be held in Baird for this position.

H. A. McGowen, Jr., returned to Midland Tuesday after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McGowen, and his grandmother Mrs. Joe McGowen.

NEW BOOKS AT THE COUNTY LIBRARY

The following new books are now available at the county library:

B. F's. Daughter—Marquand.
Pavilion of Women — Pearl Buck.

As He Saw It — Elliott Roosevelt.

Mr. Roberts — Heggen.

Clattering Hoofs — Raines.

Wilderness Trek — Zane Grey.

April Gold — Grace L. Hill.

Doctor Ellison's Decision — E. Seifert.

A Yankee Flier in the South Pacific — Avery.

The Secret Panel — F. W. Dixon.

Cherry Ames, Private Duty Nurse — H. Wells.

Phronsie Pepper — Margaret Sidney.

Beverly Gray's Journey — C.

Blank.

Pollyanna's Golden Horseshoe — E. Borton.

Beverly Gray's Challenge — C. Blank.

The Bobbsey Twins in a Great City — L. Hope.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Commissioners' Court of Callahan County, Texas, will receive sealed bids Monday, Feb. the tenth (10th), 1947, for the County Depository for Callahan County Funds and Callahan County School Funds. Any banking corporation, association, or individual banker desiring to bid shall accompany bid with a certified check for one half of one per cent of County Revenue for the preceding year.

J. L. FARMER, Co. Judge,
Callahan County, Texas.
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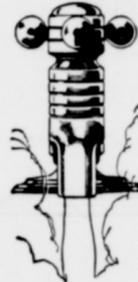
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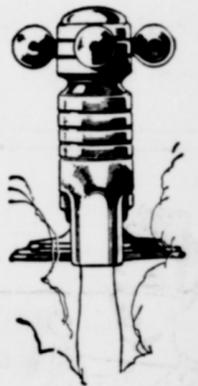
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Modern household needs more hot water than ever before

With acres of dishes and miles of clothes to wash in one year, the modern household needs double the amount of hot water which was required to run a home a few years ago. In fact, 85 percent of the water used inside the home today is hot. So having enough hot water is all important, especially if you use automatic washers and home laundries.

The new gas automatic water heaters are designed especially to meet this need of the modern household. They are fast. They are worry-free. They are most economical to operate. If you're planning to modernize your hot water service, to enlarge it to care for the many uses for hot water today, make sure you size it to your family needs.

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Number Bathrooms	Number Bedrooms	Storage Capacity Gallons
1	1 or 2	30
1	3 or 4	40
2	2 or 3	40
2	4 or 5	50
3	3	50
3 or 4	4 or 5	75

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County Agriculture Agent's Column
By A. R. Grote, Jr.

FARMERS BUILD STOCK IN CO-OPS

Texas farmers doubled their capital investment in cooperative enterprises during the five year period ending with 1946, reports M. C. Jaynes, specialist in organization and cooperative marketing of the Texas A. & M. College Extension Service.

Figures released by the Houston Bank for Cooperatives show that farmers co-ops have taken good advantage of favorable business conditions to reduce their debt and build capital, Jaynes says.

Since the Houston Bank for Cooperatives was organized in 1933, 380 Texas farmers' cooperatives have borrowed more than \$171,000,000 and a credit loss of less than five cents on each \$1000 loaned has been sustained by the bank. During 1946,

more than \$24,000,000 was loaned by the bank to business organizations of Texas farmers.

The 215 cooperatives now doing business with the bank have about 91,300 individuals and farm families within their membership, and carry on a wide variety of activities to supplement the actual production of crops and livestock. Large per cent of the co-ops are associations set up to gin, store, and market cotton and crush the members' cottonseed. Other cooperatives pack and market fruits and vegetables, store and market wheat, rice and other grains; purchase feed, seed, fertilizer, gasoline and other supplies necessary for modern farming; and process and market dairy and livestock products.

Every important agricultural product of Texas farms and ranches is handled to some extent by farmers cooperatives, Jaynes says.

BLACKEYED PEAS BRING IN CASH

Blackeyed peas have developed into a big cash crop in West Texas.

In Dawson and surrounding counties, the 1946 crop of green field peas brought farmers an average of \$110 per ton in the hull, reports Dawson County Agricultural Agent, T. A. Barfield. The blackeyed pea acreage in Dawson County alone last year was between 20,000 and 25,000 acres, Barfield says. Yields were reported to range from 400 to 2000 pounds per acre.

Commenting on the value of the peas as a cash crop, the county agent states, "Our minimum price at Lamesa was \$80 per ton, and competitive buying boosted the top price to \$130 per ton. I judge that the average price paid at Lamesa in 1946 was \$100 or \$110 per ton.

The green peas have helped Dawson county farmers to restore some "much needed nitrogen" to the soil, Barfield says, as well as bringing in cash during the last two dry years that the county has had.

Large acreages were also planted to the peas in Lubbock, Lynn, Terry, Bailey and Hale counties, says Barfield, and "some fabulous yields" were reported on land under irrigation.

Buyers seem to like the superior quality of the West Texas blackeyed peas, the county agent continues, and they tell me that the peas have fuller pods, which makes them yield more can of peas per ton.

He adds that many Dawson county farmers will be planting blackeyed peas as long as there is a market for them.

There are areas in Callahan county that would produce peas abundantly; there's a market for blackeyed peas at Brownwood; they make a very good summer cover crop or green manure crop and like other leguminous plants enrich the soil by adding nitrogen and organic matter. If the production is here, buyers will come in to buy the produce.

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: The Unknown Heirs of David Thomas, Defendants,

Greetings: You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable District Court of Callahan County at the Court House thereof, in Baird, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 3rd day of March A. D. 1947, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 15th day of January A. D. 1947, in this cause, numbered 10,451 on the docket of said court and styled J. P. Smith Plaintiff, vs. The Unknown Heirs of David Thomas Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:

Suit in trespass to try title and for title by limitation to 308 3-8 acres of land out of the David Thomas Survey No. 801, in Callahan County, Texas, described as follows: Beginning at point in the south line of said survey at a point 973 1-3 varas east of the southwest corner thereof; Thence North 1194 varas to corner; Thence East 1946 2-3 varas to corner in the East line of said survey; Thence South 596.52 varas to corner in the East line of said survey; Thence West with the south line of said survey 973 1-3 varas to the place of beginning, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Baird, Texas, this 15th day of January A. D. 1947.

ATTEST: Mrs. Corrie Driskill, Clerk, District Court, Callahan County, Texas. (SEAL)

1-24,31;2-7,14

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OFFERS AWARDS

The Texas State Historical Association has announced a first prize of \$100.00 for the winner of the 1946-47 Junior Historian Writing Contest. Eighteen papers will receive awards totaling \$345.00.

Contest entries may deal with any topic in Texas history, but contestants are urged to work on some subject related to their community or local history. Some suggestions for topics are: cattle, trails, saddles, Indian depredations, transportation, natural history, exploration, oil, economic, political, or biographical subjects.

"Any boy or girl in Texas under twenty-one years of age may become eligible for competition," stated H. Bailey Carroll, Editor of the Junior Historian, the magazine of the Association which is written almost exclusively by young Texans.

April 1, 1947, is announced as the closing date of the contest. All interested are invited to write for further information to the Junior Historian, Box 2131, University Station, Austin 12, Texas.

SOCIAL SECURITY FOR SURVIVORS OF VETS

February 10, 1947, is a date that should not be overlooked by families of World War II veterans who have died after receiving their discharges.

The 1946 amendments to the Social Security Act provide that payments may be made by the survivors of certain World War II veterans.

In any case where a World War II veteran died after receiving his discharge, and the family has not contacted the Social Security Administration since October 1, 1946, an inquiry should be made as soon as possible. If monthly benefits are due these payments can be made retroactive to the date of the veteran's death if applications are filed by February 10, 1947. Payments may be made on application filed after February 10, 1947, but can be retroactive for not more than 3 months. For more detailed information about the veteran's amendment, interested parties should visit or write the nearest Social Security Administration Field Office. The Abilene office is located at 205 Alexander Building, Abilene, Texas.

POULTRYMEN ELIGIBLE TO ENTER CONTEST

Callahan County poultrymen will compete with poultry breeders in eight southwestern states in the 1947 phase of the nationwide Chicken-of-Tomorrow program with more than 1100 poultry raisers from this county eligible to enter the competition, according to D. D. Slade, chairman of the national Chicken-of-Tomorrow contest committee.

"All that is required for Callahan County poultrymen to become a part of this important breeding program is a flock of 50 baby chicks hatched between March 2 and 8," Slade said. "Poultrymen entering the contest are urged to contact Prof. F. Z. Bennblossom, Texas A. & M. College, College Station, chairman of the contest committee in this state."

Aimed at developing chickens with improved meat-type characteristics, the contest carries a \$5,000 grand prize in 1948 provided by A & P Food Stores and \$5,000 in regional prizes. The top award will go to the poultry breeder who develops the most improved meat-type chicken.

The importance of poultry farming in Callahan County, Slade said, is reflected in the latest report from the Census Bureau which shows that 92 per cent of the counties farmers received income from poultry. These producers, according to the report, have more than 184,000 chickens and sell nearly 900,000 dozen eggs.

Mrs. Haynie Gilliland and Miss Eliska Gilliland spent from Saturday until Monday visiting with Haynie Gilliland at Legion. They report Haynie is looking much better. His many friends are glad to hear this good news.

Sutphen Motor Co., received a car load of new Dodge cars this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Coppinger and son, John Allen, Abilene, visited Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Smith Monday.

NO INCREASE IN PRICE FOR CHEVROLETS

Nicholas Dreystadt, general manager of Chevrolet Motor Division, General Motors Corporation, flatly denied today the statement appearing in a Detroit afternoon newspaper that Chevrolet prices are to be increased.

"There is to be no increase in the 1947 model Chevrolets soon to be introduced to the motoring public," Mr. Dreystadt said.

"The story in the Detroit newspaper stating that Chevrolet prices are to be raised is absolutely erroneous."

Mr. Dreystadt pointed out that, despite price reduction of one of its competitors, the Chevrolet line of automobiles still is the lowest priced in its field.

He also stressed the fact that Chevrolet's prices, as compared with 1941, had risen a relatively modest amount, a percentage less than any other manufacturer in the low-priced field.

Fred Farmer underwent an appendectomy at an Abilene hospital Monday at 5 p. m. His condition is reported improving.

Mrs. Gilbert Hinds was taken to an Abilene hospital Monday. Her condition is reported to be improved.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

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- I. L. Laird and Miss Fay Gris-ham.
- Walter B. White and Miss Max-ine Floyd.
- George Sadler and Mrs. Hazel Hopkins.
- W. C. Connell and Mrs. Cath-erine McCormick.
- Johnnie L. Tutt and Miss John-nie Lee Coats.
- Bryant O'Neal Stavley and Miss Isla Marie Clifton.

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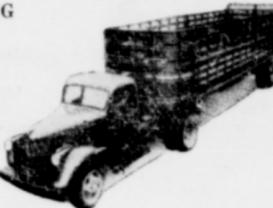
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MAYFIELD'S

NOTICE

A crippled children's nursing conference will be held by the orthopedic nurse of the Crippled Children's Division, State Dept. of Health, Austin, at the county courthouse, Baird Texas, on Feb. 19th, 1947. Hours will be from 9-12 and 1-4.

Children known to the Division will be sent letters to attend. Parents of crippled children not known to the Division are cordially invited to meet the nurse to discuss future hospitalization, treatment or nursing care.

B. L. Kimble, L. V. Hagan and H. B. Collins of the Cockerbur Conservation group, completed the construction of approximately 4 1/2 miles of terraces on their farms last week. These land owners are cooperators of The Central Colorado Soil Conservation District.

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**WEDNESDAY CLUB MEETS
WITH MRS. HICKMAN**

The Wednesday Club met Jan. 29th, in the regular fifth Wednesday business meeting, in the home of Mrs. Ace Hickman. Fourteen members answered roll call with Current Events.

After reports had been made by officers and committee chairmen, the following officers for the next club year were elected:

President, Mrs. W. A. Fetterly; first vice-president, Mrs. Lee Ivey; second vice-president, Mrs. M. D. Bell; recording secretary, Mrs. C. E. Armstrong; corresponding secretary, Mrs. M. L. Stubblefield; treasurer, Mrs. Ernest Hill; critic, Mrs. R. L. Alexander; reporter, Mrs. L. L. Blackburn; legislative chairman, Mrs. W. Clyde White and club counselor, Mrs. Sam Gilliland.

The members voted to endorse the candidacy of Mrs. John J. Perry of Sweetwater for the office of President of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, and that of Mrs. W. E. Cantrell of Lamesa as President of the Sixth District.

Mrs. Blackburn was appointed to serve on the Planning Committee of the organization of Tuberculosis Prevention, County Association, which will meet at the Callahan County courthouse on Feb. 8.

The club adjourned to meet next on Feb. 12, in the home of Miss Isadore Grimes. Members will be expected to bring samples of Latin-American handcraft to this meeting.

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By Mrs. S. B. Strahan

Mr. and Mrs. Willie George Parrish are moving to Rowden, where they will farm this year. Rev. and Mrs. Ross Respass of Goodlet have been visiting here. While here they aided Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brock to purchase and get settled in their home in Cross Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson of California are visiting the Manuel Wilcoxens this week.

Rev. Earl Miller, Church of Christ minister of Abilene, was accompanied here Sunday by George Erwin, who is a student in Abilene Christian College, and who filled the pulpit at the evening service here.

Miss Hazel Respass went to Cross Plains Sunday afternoon to visit Dixie, who is employed at Cisco but was visiting home folks.

O. D. Strahan of Cross Plains who has been appointed as a deputy tax assessor of this precinct, is being seen around very busily engaged.

Office ruled forms. The Star.

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By MRS R. G. EDWARDS
Mrs. O. C. Clifton, who has been quite ill with a bronchial infection, is improving.

A series of basketball games for the benefit of the March of Dimes, was held at the gym Thursday night. Hardin-Simmons and Clyde played the A and B teams of Eula.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Warren of Abilene visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Warren and attended the ball game that night.

Cpl. Billy John Edwards of A. A. F. is expected home soon. He called his wife at Hamlin, early last week, and said that he was getting his discharge, and would be home in a few days.

Mrs. S. S. Nichols of Baird visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith, Wednesday of last week.

The Sunshine Circle will meet Wednesday of next week in the home of Mrs. G. M. Smith. Mrs. Tom Stoker will direct Bible study.

Mrs. A. L. Barnes, Mrs. Fred Farmer and Mrs. Grayson Miller attended Council and the farewell tea given in honor of Miss Loreta Allen, Jan. 25th, in Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Black of Abilene visited Sunday in the home of their sons, A. G. and Cecil. The elder Mr. Black and boys visited Mr. Black's brother, Gus Black of the Atwell community Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith and granddaughter, Lela Rose Jolly, visited Mr. and Mrs. Presley Reynolds Sunday afternoon. They also visited their son-in-law and daughter, Sheriff and Mrs. "Nick" Nichols.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Miller and daughter, Jene Anne, visited in the home of Mrs. Miller's parents, Mrs. Alex Shockley in Baird Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Tarrant and children, Mexane, Don, Sandra, and Linda, visited Sunday in the home of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Riley of Abilene.

Mrs. Annie Tyler is visiting a few days this week in the home of her brother, J. E. Edwards and family.

Admiral Items

Admiral Audibles An Authority On All Actions Always.

Mrs. A. R. Dallas
(Too late for publication last week)

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Black, Jr., and baby, Betty Ruth, spent Sunday with P. H. Eubanks and family.

Those attending the funeral of Mrs. G. L. Harper at Putnam Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Sim Smith, Mr. and Mrs. George Eubanks, P. H. Eubanks and Miss Maurine Eubanks.

A group enjoyed a musical at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smartt Tuesday night.

Bro. S. A. Hughes filled his appointment at the Baptist Church Sunday. He and his family enjoyed the noon hour with Mr. and Mrs. Rob Walker and supper with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Higgins.

Mrs. A. R. Dallas and family were called to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. J. L. Carter, of Bokchito, Okla., who suffered a stroke and was seriously ill until her death, Jan. 22nd. Mrs. Carter was buried on the family lot in Pecan Gap, Texas, Jan. 24th, where all her family and Bro. Carter's people are buried. Mrs. Dallas and her sister, Mrs. John Cofer of Walters, Okla., remained with their father to help him make arrangements to move away from Bokchito to Walters.



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Rowden Round-Up

Community Activities Reliably Recorded by The Star Reporter.

By Dorris McClain
Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Chapman have sold their place to Mr. and Mrs. Bainbridge. The Chapmans are moving to Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stephens recently had as their guests: Mr. and Mrs. Ray McGowen of Strathmore, Calif., Corp. Howard McGowen of Fort Sill, Okla., Miss Charlene McCowen and Mrs. Homer Brown and children of Pioneer.

Mrs. Oscar Sargent visited relatives in Corpus Christi last week.

The Bayou girls team are playing in the County tournament this week in Baird. Wish us luck, folks!

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stephens and son, Howard Lynn, are visiting the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stephens.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bruce and daughter of Putnam visited Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McClain and family Sunday.

**AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY MEETING**

The American Legion Auxiliary met January 28th, in the T.-P. banquet room, with the president, Mrs. Dale Glasson, presiding.

Burma Warren gave a report on the girl scout organization as a community project. The Auxiliary voted to give \$5.00 to help set up the organization.

Mrs. Glasson announced the District Convention at Stephenville February 15-16. The following delegates and alternates were elected to represent the Auxiliary: Mrs. Arthur Johnson, Mrs. Will Walls, Mrs. Felix Mitchell, Mrs. Billy Henry, Mrs. Dale Glasson and Miss Burma Warren.

J. Rupert Jackson, Jr., who is attending Texas University, was a weekend visitor here.

W. L. COOKE
WOODWORK

Midway Musings

Miscellaneous Melange and Minor Mention of Men and Women.

By Mrs. W. R. Tarver
Rev. Aubrey White of Clyde filled his regular appointment Sunday afternoon at this place.

Mrs. Frankie Frazier is now living in Abilene where she is employed. The Otto Rogers children have measles. Mrs. Selan Canada is improved. Several others have the flu.

Dorothy Williams of Baird visited Glynna Tarver one night last week.

Mrs. Carl Cook and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cooke of Baird Monday. Several from this community

attended the Moutray Hereford sale Saturday.

J. O. Taylor was a business visitor from Putnam Tuesday.

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FARM AND RANCH FOR SALE — Will receive offers until March 1st 1947, for the purchase of the E. E. Horne two section farm and ranch, located about twenty miles South from Baird, in Callahan County, Texas. I reserve the right to reject any and all offers. W. A. Horne, Rt. 9, Box 850, Houston, Tex. 4tp.

FOR SALE — 1934 Gray Ford four-door sedan. New tires and battery, tight body and fenders, clean motor. Also P & O trebble disc breaking plow. Olin J. English, 2 mi. South Rowden. 2tp.

FOR SALE — Oliver Planter with fertilizer distributor attachment, good condition. B. F. McCaw, Rt. 1, Baird. 2tc.

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PLUMBING — Laboratories, sinks, plenty of metal bath tubs. J. C. Crawford, 2 blocks east City Light Plant. 2tp.

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FOR SALE — Boy's brown suit, size 14. Call The Baird Star. 1tp.

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HENRY-JOHNSON WEDDING
Miss Goley Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson, and Billie J. Henry were married January 28, at the Methodist parsonage in Albany, with Rev. J. B. Thompson, Albany Methodist minister, officiating. Miss Dorothy Estes attended the couple.

The bride and bride-groom are graduates of the local high school and Mrs. Henry has been employed at Holmes Drug and City Pharmacy.

Mr. Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Henry, was discharged August 1943, after two years in Army Air Corps, stationed in California.

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MRS. CLARK SMITH HONORED

Mrs. Clark Smith was honored on her 75th birthday with a supper, given by her children in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Eubanks. She had all her children present and a host of relatives and friends. Those enjoying the occasion were:

The honoree, Mrs. Smith; Dolie Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Sim Smith; Harmon Smith; Myrtle White and daughter Aleta Marie; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jones and Dorothy; Mrs. Lela Pearce; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Eubanks; Dora Frances and James Creston; Mr. and Mrs. Clark Smith, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Shelton, C. B. Etta Faye and Melba; Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Summers and Dolly; Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Lambert, Robert Lynn and Lawrence Howard; Mrs. Walter Williams and Ollie; Mrs. Ida Linecum; Mrs. and Mrs. J. D. Cauthen, Emily and Jimmy; Wayne Hill; Gerald Dallas; Paul West; Mr. and Mrs. Rob Walker and James; Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Smartt, Ruebelle and Rosamary; Less Gobel; Att. Loy and Billy Floyd Abel; Mrs. G. W. Smith, Nora and Joe; Maurine Eubanks; Eugene Black; Mrs. Truett Black and George Ann Black.

A LETTER FROM KOREA

Cpl. Wendell L. Rouse recently wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Rouse, an interesting letter from Seoul, capital of Korea. The letter, in part, follows: "We have been doing a little fighting here. The Koreans are beginning to revolt and there has been a little shooting. I don't think any American lives have been lost. All the Americans are killed on these terrible mountain roads. They pull in a wreck here almost every day, or I should say at least one a day. All the roads are covered with ice.

"By the way, I haven't had a bath since I have been here. We wash the best we can out of helmets, but that is all." In another letter Wendell wrote of seeing Pvt. Coleman Nichols, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nichols, who lives about ten blocks from him at Seoul. The boys got together about thirty minutes after Wendell had received a letter from his mother telling him Coleman was there.

ANTIADVERTISING BILL RADICAL MEASURE

AUSTIN, Jan. 13 — A stringent antiadvertising bill affecting all physicians, surgeons, optometrists and others practicing any of the arts of healing was introduced in the senate Wednesday by Pat Bullock.

The measure sets out the prohibited media of advertising as bills, posters, signs, circulars, cards, pictures, stereopticon slides, radio, newspaper or through any person or advertising agency.

Persons affected are prohibited from making any statement or giving information concerning himself or any other person who practices any of the professions mentioned.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all those who so kindly assisted us after the death of our beloved mother, Mrs. V. H. Cowan. We are especially grateful for the beautiful floral offering and the many expressions of sympathy.

Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Hadley. Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Nitschke. Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Cowan.

Mrs. Joe R. McGowen returned this week from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Collins, in Dallas, and her brother, C. C. Hinds and Mrs. Hinds in Waco. While in Waco Mrs. Hinds honored Mrs. McGowen with a 42 party. She also attended the Kate Ross 42 Club and was honoree at a luncheon given by Mrs. Fillmore and Mrs. W. B. Walsh.

M/Sgt. and Mrs. Edward Wasson announce the arrival of a baby girl, Jan. 17, who weighed 6 lbs. 10 ozs. She has been named Judy Elizabeth. Mrs. Wasson was formerly Elizabeth Reed, daughter of J. R. Reed of Baird.

Mrs. Andrew John, her sister of Oplin, is with her. Sgt. Wasson left Tuesday for Indiana, where he may be stationed for a while. Mrs. Wasson and baby will join him in the spring. They are now living at Gatesville.

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NOTABLE NEWS EVENTS IN PICTURES



Coal is scarce so these Berliners are scrambling for tree roots uncovered by a bulldozer. GERMANY'S food situation is desperate. American and British authorities "raised" the daily caloric ration in their zones from 1,235 to 1,550, but admit they are having difficulty meeting even the lower mark. There are severe shortages of potatoes, dry milk and grains.



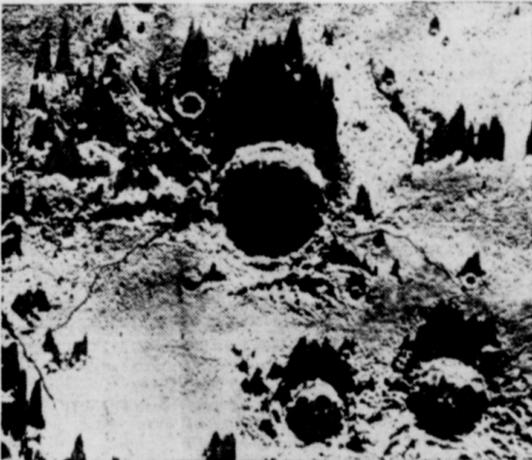
OPEN-CROWNED hat and pouched shoulder bag are part of this lady's winter wardrobe.



"HORRIFIED" GHANDI!—With Dr. Sushila Nayar, right, and Mrs. Aca Gandhi, Mohandas K. Gandhi, center, spiritual leader of India's Hindus, is shown during a recent tour of Bengal province where outbreaks of violence had killed an estimated 700 persons in two weeks. Here the party is horrified by devastation they see in a Bengal village.



RED ARMY CATCHES 'EM YOUNG—Wearing miniature Russian army uniforms, this drummers unit leads a review of the Moscow garrison in the capital's famed Red Square.



VAST CRATERS on the moon are clearly visible in this photograph, taken through the 100-inch telescope on Mt. Wilson. Deep canyons, craters many miles across, and wide plains cover the moon's surface.



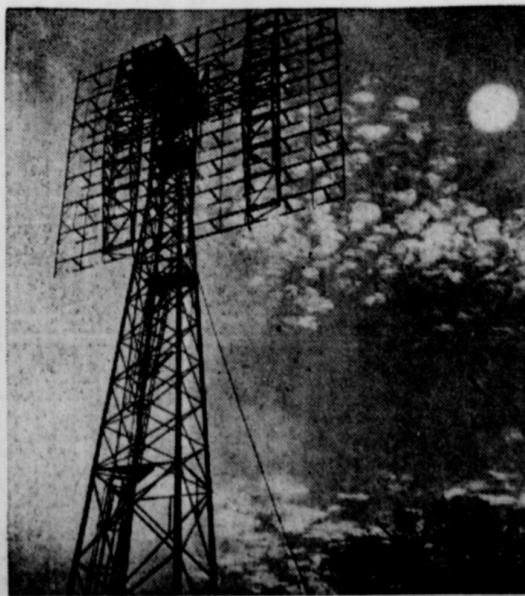
GOOD PLUG FOR SHOW—Something new has been added to the International Circus now showing in Chicago. That's it, boxing horses. The show is children's benefit.



PROUD PAPA—Flame, Hollywood dog star, passes out the cigars. Reason: he's the papa of eleven brand new puppies.



CARE OF U. S. A.—Young Estonian war orphan to be brought to the U. S. under new immigration directive, seven-month-old Robert Vitols wears an identifying label as he arrives in N. Y. to enter new home.



FIRST ACTUAL CONTACT with the moon was made by the Army Signal Corps on January 10, 1946. Through this antenna, a radar signal was transmitted to the moon, then bounced and returned to the earth.



"BUDGETEERS"—Senate and House appropriations committee chairman, Sen-Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, left, and Rep. John Taber of New York, scan the \$37,000,000,000 1948 budget which stands to meet GOP opposition.

UNITED NATIONS Face Tremendous Problems

(Condensed from New York Times)

CHAPTER ONE of the peace task that began with the ending of World War II was spread on the record last month with publication of the treaties for the five German satellites in Europe.

But other chapters—possibly many others—are still to be written. Chapter Two—the treaties with Germany and Austria—is now under preparation. Beyond this there are other great problems, notably agreement between Russia and the West, control of the atom and other arms, solution of the Pacific issues and world economic peace.

It all adds up to a tremendously big job for the United Nations.

Problem of Europe

The big immediate problem is the problem of Europe, and the core of that problem is the problem of Germany.

The problem of Europe concerns the fate of 392,000,000 persons (exclusive of Russia) owing allegiance to 29 national governments, speaking 44 languages. In World War II Nazi legions occupied 17 of these countries. The conquest left in its wake battered cities, ruined economies, millions of homeless, political chaos.

The problem of Germany concerns the potential of 66,500,000 Germans occupying the geographical center of the Continent, possessing valuable natural resources and industrial capacity. Before the war Germany was the "factory" of Europe. Since the war her industrial production has been cut to a fraction of pre-war levels. Because of her position in mid-Europe, she remains a threat to European stability.

The task of writing the satellite treaties was easy compared to the task posed by the German treaty. Yet it took 16 months of diplomatic negotiations before the Big Four could agree

on the treaties for Italy, Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland.

Three great questions hang over the German problem. They are: How can Germany's neighbors, invaded twice in a generation, be safeguarded against

locked. They have been behind the continued failure of the four occupying powers to achieve the political and economic unification that was pledged in the Potsdam Declaration of August 2, 1945. They are reflected in the stubborn French resistance to any plan for Germany that would leave the leaders of the new Reich in control of the industrial Ruhr, which has



INTERNATIONAL AT WORK—Camera looks in on a typical session of the UN Security Council, Long Island, N. Y.

future German aggression? What can be done to restore industrial and economic health in Germany without making her again a potential aggressor? How can the conflicting ideological and strategic interests of Russia and the West be reconciled?

All these questions are closely inter-

related. They have been behind the continued failure of the four occupying powers to achieve the political and economic unification that was pledged in the Potsdam Declaration of August 2, 1945.

Question of Russia

The German problem is only one of the issues involved in East-West relations.

At the close of 1946 these relations were more harmonious than at any time since the end of the war. But whether these good relations are temporary or permanent is a big question. In the diplomatic meetings of 1947, American and Russian interests have clashed. The United States has taken a strong position against recent Russian demands of Norway for military bases on the strategic Spitsbergen, from which airplanes could dominate much of the North Atlantic. Recently, also, in the Nations Security Council the fundamental issue between Russia and America over control of atomic weapons and over disarmament was emphasized again.

The question of the atom remains paramount. At Lake Success, N. Y.,

planners South Polar-conscious. Air power gave a new meaning to the old phrase—"the shortest distance between two points is a straight line."

This goes for a plane or other missile, as well as for the ruler on your map. On the map, you will see that, by air, Australia is best reached from Africa over Antarctica. The same goes for a trip from South America to Australia. Other key world tours—military or commercial—can be speeded up by passage over the South Pole icy wastes.

So now, in the uneasy postwar era, Antarctica assumes a military, as well as scientific, importance—as a way station and plane base.

But Byrd did not need the war to see the new values of Antarctica. For years he has pleaded with Congress, the Army and Navy and Presidents Hoover, Roosevelt and Truman to support a government study of Antarctica.

This modern, streamlined expedition of 12 ships and 4,000 men are the result, and today 4,000 men, with ponderous tackle, are exploring the ice pack that girdles the mystery continent.

Byrd's Viewpoint

Here is what Admiral Byrd himself, writing recently in This Week Magazine, has to say about his expedition:

"Antarctica has a coastline of 14,000 miles, most of it inaccessible because of an encircling belt of ice. The in-

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SEEK SOUTH POLE Scientific Information

By FRED SPARKS

(Condensed from St. Louis Post-Dispatch)

THE Antarctic continent is just about the only place in the world where you can still find many miles—4,000,000 square miles, to be exact—of land never before seen by human eyes.

An expedition composed of 12 ships under the command of Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, famed Arctic explorer, is at present making another attempt to look over this continent, with particular attention to the unexplored regions.

Five ships, led by the flagship the U.S.S. Mt. Olympus, are stationed on the ice near Little America, while the remaining seven ships are sailing around the fringes of the continent, poking their airborne fingers into the interior.

Previous Expeditions

There have been a flock of expeditions down there before. But most of them have just nibbled at the edges of Antarctica (South Pole), which is as large as the United States of America and Europe put together. Several pushed to or flew over the South Pole itself, but they were too eager to get there, and then it was too cold to pay much attention to the surrounding countryside.

In the sixteenth century there was a general belief in Europe that millions of people lived in the Antarctica, and that they built their homes of solid gold and silver. Such rumors sent many ships straight for the South Pole.

These early explorers thought that, after a few brisk breezes to be encour-

tered south of Cape Horn, it would get nice and tropical. When the rigging started to freeze and the waters pounded over the bridge—for these are the roughest waters in the world—the explorers turned back and said the whole thing was a big mistake.

It was not until 1819, when William Smith, an Englishman, made a wide sweep while rounding Cape Horn in a sailing ship and sighted the Antarctic continent, that the existence of land mass was established.

There followed an increasing number of imaginative sailors who reported having landed on the ice and seen everything from pigmies to polar bears. It was only a little more than 100 years ago that British and Americans outfitted the first intelligent expeditions to survey the frozen continent.

Coldest Place On Earth

The official explorers, like the gold and seal-hunting sailors, issued conflicting reports, but all agreed on one thing—the place was worthless.

When the news got around that the Antarctic, the coldest place in the world, was no place for get-rich-quick schemers, the scientists replaced the gold-seeking hunters.

Admiral Byrd, a handsome man with a huge stockpile of energy, is the best known living scientific explorer. He turned his interest to the South Pole as a real trans-Atlantic flyer and the first man to fly over the North Pole.

The recent war, with its global aspects and sinister aerial implications for the future, made world military



ADMIRAL BYRD



BRED FOR ENDURANCE, Huskies mush along at a mile-consuming gait over seemingly impassable snow barriers. At the end of the day's journey they make their bed in the snow after feeding. Their thick coats provide all the warmth they need during sleeping hours. Many of the dogs have attained fame in fiction and fact. On the Byrd Expedition to the South Pole these Huskies will pull sleds of food and other necessities over miles of packed ice and snow where motor vehicles cannot be used for transportation.

just 16 months and 23 days after the atomic bomb burst over Hiroshima, the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission adopted a plan to control the atom.

It was an important step—but a preliminary and inconclusive one.

It was preliminary because the plan—almost word for word an American proposal—was merely a report to the Security Council. The Council is charged with formulating the concrete program for regulation of atomic and other weapons.

It was inconclusive because the ac-

its various committees and subcommittees. The delegates, representing the 11 Security Council members plus Canada, gave their views in an estimated one million words of English, French and Russian. Bernard M. Baruch, the American delegate, and Andrei A. Gromyko, of Russia, each attended nine of the 10 meetings of the Commission. They had about eight private meetings.

Question of the Veto

There was agreement except on one issue: Should the Atomic Energy Commission recommend the elimination of the Big Five veto in the Security Council over punishment of atomic violators?

The United States insisted that the elimination of the veto was a fundamental of effective atomic control.

The Soviet Union argued that a recommendation for the dropping of the veto would be a violation of the United Nations Charter in which the veto is guaranteed.

Canada took a middle ground, arguing that the inclusion of the veto clause in the Commission's report was "unrealistic" and premature. Canada's delegate sought a compromise that would preserve the principle of the American insistence on the veto and still be acceptable to the Russians.

The report to the Security Council embodied these four major provisions:

(1) An international authority, with a monopoly over atomic affairs, whatever and wherever they may be.

(2) Prohibition of the manufacture of atomic weapons and destruction of existing A-bombs after transition to international control.

(3) A system of vetoless inspection under which international "detectives" would have the right to survey all thorium and uranium mines, atomic research plants and any activity where clandestine atomic operations might take place.

(4) A system of "swift and certain" punishment under which no veto would apply "once the violations constituting international crimes have been defined and the measures of enforcement agreed to."

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SYNTHETIC Rubber Plants in Southwest

By BOOTH MOONEY

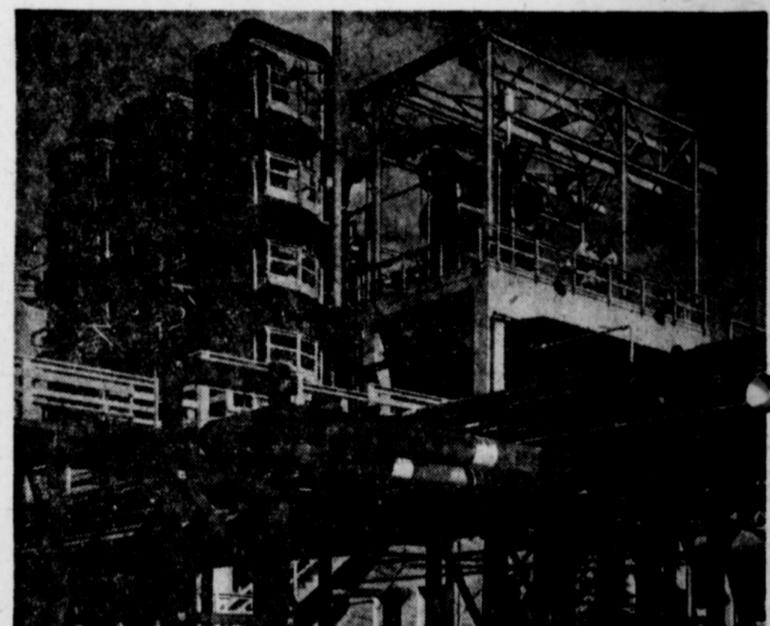
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THE Southwest lays proud claim to being the home of synthetic rubber production. Synthetic rubber—more properly known as American made rubber—was given a tremendous impetus during the war and has carried over into the postwar years to become a valuable addition to American industry.

Texas has five of these plants—two at Port Neches, one at Houston, one

Texas plants produced more synthetic rubber than Germany ever produced in one year. And Germany has been experimenting with and manufacturing synthetic rubber since before World War I.

During the war the American military machine used up rubber at the rate of nearly 400,000 tons a year. Our mechanized rubber-tired Army could not have kept rolling without the production of synthetic rubber. Furthermore, many tons of the American-made



—Johnston & Johnston Photo

This is the world's largest rubber plant, with an annual capacity of 120,000 tons. Located at Port Neches, Texas, it was built for the government by the B. F. Goodrich Company.

at Baytown, and one at Borger. Oklahoma has no actual rubber production, but the town of Miami is the site of an important tire factory—a B. F. Goodrich plant established in 1944. This Oklahoma plant offers an outlet for part of the rubber produced in Port Neches and Borger.

Present Production

The Texas rubber plants, with a total capacity of around 255,000 tons of rubber a year, were operating variously at from 65 to 85 per cent of capacity at the end of 1946. Requirements of the Rubber Reserve Company's policy for 1947 are expected to keep the units going this year at about the same rate of production as last year. The Rubber Reserve Company is a Government agency which financed construction of the plants.

The importance of this industry may be appreciated from the fact that in 1944, the last full year of war, the

product were pressed into service for civilian autos, trucks and buses.

In 1944 the United States manufactured 30,000,000 automobile tires. Synthetic rubber constituted 99 per cent of the rubber content of all passenger car tires in that year. In 1946 synthetic rubber accounted for nearly 75 per cent of all the rubber used in this country for all purposes. Without synthetic rubber, little reconversion could have been accomplished in many industries. This man-made rubber is an important factor in an effort to get back to the prewar figure of 47,000,000 tires a year.

Improved Quality

Synthetic rubber tires of today are a far cry from those produced one to two years ago. Tire dealers report that buyer resistance to tires made largely of synthetic rubber has almost disappeared, thanks to strides made in improving the quality. The first tires, (Continued on Page 7, column 3)

CURRENT COMMENT

By STAFF EDITOR

World Freedom of Press

"FREEDOM of information bears the promise of international understanding," Wilbur Forrest, president of the American Society of News Editors, said at an observance of the 155th anniversary of the ratification of the United States Bill of Rights. "It is our objective to spread freedom of the press throughout the world so that eventually some two billion-odd human beings may have the right to learn and to know about others. Freedom of the press has been a bastion of strength in our democratic form of government for 150 years. It has never been successfully challenged," Forrest stated.

AAF to Add 11,000 Flyers in 1947

The Army Air Forces during 1947 will add approximately 11,000 to its present roster of 7,000 regular officers to advance it further toward its ultimate goal of 27,500 regular officers.

Maj. Gen. Fred L. Anderson, assistant chief of air staff for personnel, reported that the AAF is pulling out of its slump which resulted from rapid post-war demobilization and is slowly climbing toward the high-efficiency goal set by Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, commanding general. A solution is at least in sight, Anderson said, for the manpower problems involved in maintaining a proposed air force of 400,000 men and officers, and there also is hope of making further gains in 1947 toward establishing the post-war organization of 70 air groups.

Everyday Use of Atomic Energy Predicted

Use of atomic energy for heat, power and light may be "just around the corner," Robert Maynard Hutchins, chancellor of the University of Chicago, stated in a recent speech.

Hutchins said development of atomic energy would result in another industrial revolution. He predicted that the Army will be able to demonstrate by next May the practicability of commercial use of atomic power.

3,000 Planes Yearly Recommended

The Army Air Forces have recommended production of 3,000 military planes a year as the minimum to support an aircraft industry prepared for wartime expansion.

Present production is slightly below the desired figure.

Many World Conferences Scheduled

International meetings and conferences under the auspices of the United Nations, its specialized agencies and independent regional organizations will take place this year on an unprecedented scale.

Meetings of 17 United Nations groups

are scheduled for Lake Success, N. Y., during the first two and one-half months of the year. Fifty-five sessions of other international groups are slated for Geneva, Paris, Washington, Montreal, Stockholm, Rio de Janeiro, Lucerne, Cairo, Lima, Sydney, London, Lisbon, Caracas and New Delhi.

There will be meetings on air navigation, economic reconstruction, inland transportation, coal mining and steel production, communications, cartography, tuberculosis, statistics, social security and housing and town planning.

Top Quality Beef Scarce

Consumer supplies of top quality beef will be scarce for the next few months despite increases in cattle feeding operations and marketing.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture says cattle will be fed for shorter periods this year and this will make top-quality beef scarce. There are an estimated 4,307,000 cattle on feed for market in the United States now, as compared with 4,211,000 a year ago. Record was set in 1943 with 4,445,000.

Business Public Relations Urged

Business must tell its own story to its employees and to the public if it ever hopes to have its contributions to the American way of life recognized, according to W. G. Vollmer, president of the Texas and Pacific Railway.

Vollmer claims poor public relations have resulted in the public getting a distorted view of business generally and that a continuation of these errors of policy will do permanent harm to the economic structure.

Vollmer recommends such measures as a monthly publication for employees, distribution of informative pamphlets, use of films, fostering of employee recreational groups and employment of trained and experienced public relations counsel.

Astronomer Reaches New Heights

Dr. W. Baade, of the Mount Wilson Observatory in California, has photographed what he believes to be the center of the nucleus of the Milky Way, 172 quadrillion miles away from earth.

Photography of the group was particularly hard because it had to be achieved through a thick mass of nearer stars, but Baade thinks the new cluster may be part of the "main spring" of the great watch-like operation of the Milky Way.

Farms Fewer and Larger

Farms in the United States are fewer in number but larger in size, says the U. S. Census Bureau. The average farm today is 50 acres larger than the average of 25 years ago.

In 1920 the bureau counted 6,448,343 farms. In 1945 the number had dropped more than half a million, to 5,859,169. Half the 1945 farms had more than 500 acres each, while in 1920 only one-third were that big. Today 40 per cent of the farms are over 1,000 acres each, compared to only 25 per cent of that size 25 years ago.

Army Goal Enlistment

The American Government's goal now is to stabilize an Army of a million volunteers by July 1 of this year with an attempt to enlist or re-enlist 40,000 men a month.

Recruits may now enlist for one and a half, two or three years, and men with six months of service may enlist for one year. Men enlisting for three years may choose their branch of service. Ninety days' service in the Army, Navy or Marines will entitle the serviceman to benefits under the GI bill on termination of service.

Open Shop Is Favored

A national poll of public opinion, conducted by Dr. George Gallup, shows that 66 per cent of the people in America today favor an "open" shop, where employees may or may not belong to a union, as they please. Only 26 per cent favor a "closed" shop or a set-up where every employee must join a union whether he wants to or not.

Most decisive vote against the "closed" shop came from the farmers, with 78 per cent voting against the union domination. Of all manual workers, 56 per cent were against the open shop and among union members themselves 41 per cent were against the closed shop.

Light Cars Not in Prospect

Automobile manufacturers see no hope for future development of the "light" automobile in the near future. The present trend is all the other way.

Willys Overland is the only company to make extensive plans for a light car and it has delayed introduction of the model until "late 1947, if then."

Public opinion polls show that people do not want to sacrifice luxuries they have become used to in their automobiles, the manufacturers claim. The Willys people say they can eventually produce a light car which will be just as luxurious as a heavier model but sufficiently cheap to please the average buyer.

Landlords May Increase Rents

Landlords who can prove a hardship can get a rent increase under certain conditions laid down by the Office of Temporary Controls.

The new ruling states that any doubts as to the need of raising rents must be resolved in favor of the landlords and that local costs will be the measuring rod.

The ruling is intended to correct local situations where rents on some properties are lower than those of similar properties in the same area and "are not to be construed as a break in the general line of rent controls."

Federal Airport Funds Increased

The Civil Aeronautics Administration has announced that regulations for administering funds under the airport act will permit larger contributions to big airport projects than originally planned.

The Federal government will contribute 50 per cent of the cost of airport projects up to five million dollars, instead of up to two million as originally planned. On projects above five million, the Federal share will decrease 5 per cent for each million dollars up to eleven million. The minimum Federal contribution will be 20 per cent, regardless of the size of a project.

Books On Old War Closed

The Government has just closed its books on the 28 years of housing woes left over from World War I.

The final check-up showed a loss of \$33,911,000 on an original investment of \$66,500,000.

The problem was created in an effort to provide quarters for war workers. Most of the quarters were sold in the first few years after the Armistice, but some 450 houses left over were involved in long drawn-out court battles which resulted in their being occupied rent free for many years.

The last of these suits was dismissed in 1942.

More Babies in United States

Last year 3,350,000 babies, a record number, were born in the United States, statisticians of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company reported.

The number of births was 450,000 greater than in 1945 and exceeded the previous high record of 1943 by 200,000. The new record was attributed largely to the rapid demobilization of the armed forces and subsequent sharp increase in the marriage rate.

Statisticians estimated that the country's death rate fell to a new low of 10.2 per 1,000 in 1946. The natural increase of population, or excess of births over deaths, also reached a new peak of 1,900,000. The rate of natural increase was close to 1.4 per cent, or almost double the annual average for the pre-war decade.

Buyers Getting Choosier Again

The American Furniture Mart reports that buyers are showing distinct signs of ignoring poor quality wartime furniture and too highly priced items and are once again demanding dollar value in their purchases.

The report says that the volume of sales is as high as ever, but that buyers are not "just taking anything." It quotes Roscoe R. Rau, executive vice-president of the National Retail Furniture Association, as saying that 1947 will be the most competitive year in the history of the furniture business with merchants trying hard to clean out slow-moving items.

Aid for Wildlife Urged

America's wildlife resources face critical times in the years immediately ahead, declares a recent report by a special committee of the National House of Representatives.

"Already the increase in hunting and fishing pressure has been greater than most people expected, even though administrators had generally realized there would be a large increase immediately after the war," the committee reported.

Greater financial aid for wildlife management was urged, with special emphasis given to wildlife research.

New Army Plane Affords Clear Vision

The Army Air Forces have a new "grasshopper," or liaison plane, with unusually clear vision on all sides. The plane has upside-down tail surfaces and, in case of trouble, can climb 628 feet a minute. This would enable it to clear a four-story building within two blocks of takeoff. It can land and come to a full stop within 247 feet.

The plane will be used for artillery observations, directing gunfire, photographic work and wire-laying. It can be knocked down and loaded on a two-ton truck and reassembled with ease and it can also be fitted with skis or floats and towed as a glider.

1,500 Superfortresses Wrapped Up

Approximately 1,500 of the Queen Bees of the Army Air Forces—the B-29 Superfortresses—are to be wrapped in "cocoon" to preserve them for future use, the Army has announced.

The "cocoon" will be spun around the big planes with spray guns blowing plastic. Five coats of a special plastic material will be applied. When the job is finished, the entire plane will be wrapped in an airtight case several times stronger than rawhide.

Americans Eating at Home Again

Americans ate more meals at home in 1946, thus reversing a wartime tendency toward eating out.

This was shown in a Commerce Department report issued recently. Higher prices and heavier supplies resulted in an average expenditure of \$330 per capita for food and drink. The \$46,000,000,000 total spent for this purpose last year represented more than 35 per cent of all consumer outlays for goods and services during the year.

Seek Coldest Weather

A group of newsmen and cameramen recently set out from Washington in search of the coldest weather on the North American continent.

They joined the Army Ground Forces "Operation Frigid" and the Army Air Forces "Operation Williwaw" in Alaska. The two groups are testing Arctic conditions and studying human endurance and flight conditions in the dry, frigid atmosphere of Adak and Fairbanks.

The newspaper men stayed a week with both military forces before returning to the warmth and comfort of their typewriters.

The Army believes the Arctic would be of prime tactical importance in case of another war.

Business Indices Shoot Upwards

Industry moved into high gear in January and all branches showed remarkable improvements. Electric power hit a high close to the late 1946 output; steel production rose steadily; railway carloadings were higher than usual and automobile and soft coal figures were the best in months.

More than \$110,000,000 worth of building contracts were signed in the United States in one week.

Business experts interpreted the rise as the beginning of an overall boom throughout the whole country.

Plenty of Shoes Seen This Year

Shoe plenty for 1947, with supplies in great variety and in an adequate range of sizes, is forecast by the Sole Leather Bureau of the Tanners' Council.

On the basis of figures released by the bureau, it appears that total 1946 shoe production reached or exceeded 530,000,000 pairs, compared with the 1941 output of 483,097,000 pairs and a five-year pre-war average of 409,246,000 pairs. Per capita production of civilian shoes now is on an average of approximately 3.3 pairs per person, a higher rate than in any former year.



South Asks "Freedom of Economic Opportunity."

War Dead Search Slowed

The War Department has turned over to the State Department the problem of removing diplomatic obstacles hampering the Army's recovery of World War II dead, buried in Yugoslavia and the Russian zone in Germany.

The number of bodies of fallen American heroes buried in these areas was estimated to run into thousands. Recovering them was said to be a difficult task because those areas "are not wide open" to search teams.

Plenty of Hidden Money

There is plenty of money hidden away under the nation's mattresses, in private safes, in sugar bowls and other out of the way places, according to the Institute of Life Insurance.

A representative of the institute says Federal Reserve System data shows 27 billion dollars, or an average of \$560 per family, in circulation outside the banking system. The figure is four times greater than that for 1939.

Grass Root Reveries

By JOE GANDY

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EVERYBODY talked about the sub-zero weather in the Southwest in January but nobody did anything about it—therefore, the oat crop froze down, the wheat crop froze back, winter vegetables killed, traffic snarled and communication lines disrupted. Temperatures as low as 12 below zero were reported from several West Texas towns. This cold front is said to have come down from Canada which is the villain of most bad weather in the United States.

The freeze left behind a crop of colds. I came down with one that was a whiz-bang. For three days and nights I sneezed and sniffled, coughed and cavorted, sputtered and spewed until I thought I would die despite heroic use of home remedies. Bacteriologists should now do something about the common cold that strikes down millions of people each year at a staggering cost of lives and money. There is a preventive and a cure for common colds if scientists and bacteriologists would work together hard enough to find it. Scientists find plenty of ways to kill but few ways to cure people.

By striking for shorter hours and more wages labor union men are up against the laws of supply and demand. Shorter working hours mean shorter production, shorter production means higher prices. Therefore, when the union man goes shopping his dollar shrinks in proportion to the higher price he must pay for what he buys. This is simple arithmetic and inevitable in a free enterprise country. It can be

proven by going back a few years when everybody worked 9 to 10 hours and longer each day. Then there was an abundance of food, of manufactured goods, of everything—all of it cheap. We just kid ourselves when we ignore the laws of supply and demand. They are self-regulatory and whether they work out for the best in the long run is anybody's guess, but they surely do work and no foolin'.

A prominent psychologist says doctors should tell jokes to their patients to make them laugh, that laughing is good for the health, and that most of us do not laugh enough. Maybe the learned psychologist has said a mouthful, may be the reason we don't get well of some ailments is because doctors don't make us laugh. Time may come when a patient with a pain in the neck will go to a doctor and, instead of a prescription, the doc tells him a funny story, he laughs and the pain disappears.

Recently I walked down the Main street of my home town for the first time in 40 years. I hardly recognized once familiar places. Main street had gone modern, its face had been lifted. Streets were paved, traffic lights at intersections, store fronts and show windows remodeled, some show windows bordered with inlaid tile or marble. The whole town looked "dolled up," and it all seemed like a dream. I can remember when Main street was unpaved, unlighted, and deeply rutted after rains. Back in those days Main street was called Moore avenue, in honor of an uncle, John G. Moore, who was a pioneer cattleman and civic leader. Time

marches on and my old home town has marched on and kept pace with modernistic trends. Furthermore, it has held its own against the progression of a streamlined age. This is something that hundreds of other small towns might think about, for my home town all during these years has had to compete with the shopping allurements of a nearby big city.

Medical scientists of America and Russia are working in close co-operation to perfect a magic serum that may stretch man's life to 150 years. Is life worth living an 150 years? Not unless we make life better and safer. As long as nations are suspicious of one another, are rearming for World War III, are playing power politics, are refusing to co-operate for peace, are using propaganda to create race hatred, are worshiping money instead of God, are turning away from spiritual values, are deliberately seeking to gain world domination—then life is not worth living 150 years for me, or for you or for your children or children's children.

Professor Adolph Knopp, Yale geologist, says the Earth is two thousand million years old. I knew it was old enough to have gray whiskers but had no idea it was as old as the Yale professor reveals. Nevertheless, the Earth is kinda spy despite its age, for it turns around at the rate of over 1,000 miles an hour each 24 hours.

Thad McCollum, an Arkansas sportsman, says "there's as much difference in duck calling technique as there is in methods of playing the violin." Duck calling is an art—a musical art, Thad believes. So is hog calling an art. I had an uncle who could call hogs and they would come running to him from all directions. These same hogs would pay no attention to my calling. They may have had a lurking suspicion that I was hungry for pork chops. At any rate, they stayed in the woods whenever I called. Uncle said I didn't have any hog sense, whatever that is.

TEXAS BRIEF NEWS --- from Over the State

TAXABLE PROPERTY RISES

George Sheppard, State Comptroller, has announced that taxable property values in Texas have now passed the \$5,000,000,000 mark.

STATE BANKS PROSPER

Total resources of all State-chartered banking institutions in Texas now stand at an all-time high of \$1,041,000,000. This marks an increase of \$43,000,000 in the last nine months.

NEW ELECTRONIC MICROSCOPE

A new electronic microscope which may reveal molecules to the naked eye has been presented to Texas A. & M. College by General Electric Co. The instrument is valued at \$14,000. It will be turned over to biologists for daily use.

TEXAS EARNINGS UP

Weekly earnings in all Texas industries showed an increase during December up to 29 per cent over 1945. Manufacturing industries led the State in wage increases and the manufacture of apparel groups was second.

HEART DISEASE MOST FATAL

More Texans die of diseased hearts than from any other disease, the Texas State Department of Health reports. The mortality rate from heart disease has increased from 103.7 per 100,000 in 1931 to 192.4 in 1945. Cancer is the second greatest killer. Cancer mortality has climbed from 58.2 to 87.6.

FAIR WILL HAVE LIVESTOCK BARN

The State Fair of Dallas definitely will have its new \$150,000 livestock barn by the time the annual fete opens next October, W. H. Hitzelberger, general manager, says. The barn will contain 1,200 stalls for cattle and will become part of the huge \$2,000,000 livestock unit planned for the Fair Grounds.

TEXAS HIGHWAY TRAFFIC INCREASES

Automotive drivers used the highways of Texas more than ever before during the twelve months ending in December, 1946. According to the Texas Good Roads Association, the overall average of cars on the highways was two per cent higher than in the former peak year of 1941 and the figures are still rising each month.

AGED IN WOOD

Frankness Reed, of Stephenville, Erath county, recently received some tobacco from Kentucky which had been aged in a wooden box for 46 years. Reed says he is going to pass it on to his grandchildren with instructions that they wait until the tobacco is 100 years old before smoking it. He described the tobacco as exceptionally mellow and of fine flavor.

CERAMICS DOUBLE OUTPUT

The infant ceramics industry of Texas passed its second birthday in 1946 and doubled in size while doing so. There are now 15 plants in operation in Texas, while there were only 6 in January of last year. There has never been a business failure in the new industry and most plants have stepped up production.

TEXANS BUY U. S. SAVINGS BONDS

Texans invested more than \$240,000,000 in government savings bonds during 1946, including \$171,040,922 in Class "E" bonds. The total represents a maturity value to Texans of \$300,000,000 in 1946. Nathan Adams, chairman of the State Advisory Committee on Savings Bonds, attributed the remarkable volume of sales to 15,000 volunteer workers throughout the State who have made up the sales force.

ENGLISH LAD WILL BE ANSWERED

Postal authorities recently received a letter from London addressed to a "A cowboy on a ranch in Texas, U. S. A." The note, from a little English boy, said he wanted to learn all about cowboys. "I want to be a cowboy and I hope there are no more crooks in Texas. Best wishes to all you cowboys." The letter was forwarded to Midland, Midland county, and put in the hands of the Midland newspaper, the Reporter-Telegram. The editor said it would be an easy job to find a cowboy to answer the English lad's appeal.

CAME TO TEXAS BY ACCIDENT DIES WEALTHY

John Molesworth, 89-year-old Clarendon, Donley county, cattleman made a fortune in Texas because he came to San Antonio from England accidentally, 66 years ago. The rancher, who died recently, thought San Antonio was a big wool market back in 1881 and made his way across the Atlantic to set up a wool business there. When he found that he should have gone to Boston instead, he philosophically turned to cattle raising and became one of the best-known and wealthiest ranchers in West Texas.

PARK LEADERS TO MEET

C. C. Bunnenberg, Galveston director of recreation and parks, has announced that recreation leaders from the Southwest will hold a three-day meeting in Galveston starting March 6. About 200 representatives from Texas and Oklahoma are expected to attend.

HALF COW DECLARED SURPLUS

The War Assets Administration has declared surplus half a cow. The semi-cow used to work for the Navy but the gobs don't need her any more. It seems she is plastic and she comes apart easily so as to show amateur butchers just how to carve up meat. It cost the Navy \$1,000 new, but the WAA hints that it can be bought cheaper now.

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT AT PEAK

Total quarterly payrolls in Texas were at their peak at the end of 1946, according to the Texas Unemployment Commission. Total quarterly payrolls of employers of eight or more people reached \$47,000,000, and both veteran and non-veteran unemployment dropped sharply. In the 17 principal industrial areas of the State employment was up 7 per cent. Veteran unemployment was down in Texas from 108,000 to 61,000. Principal advances in the State were made in Fort Worth (up 20.3 per cent); Dallas (up 18.8 per cent); and Brownsville, Cameron county (up 18.3 per cent).

UNUSUAL LANDLORD

Paul Hollis, of Fort Worth, is an unusual landlord. He is so fond of children that his tenants get free rent for as many months as they have babies. Parents of twins get two months of free rent; parents of triplets get three months and so on.

MULBERRY BUSHES FOR SILK WORMS

Twenty-thousand mulberry trees were flown into Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto county, each week and planted to feed the silk worms of a growing Texas silk industry. The quota is expected to be raised to 75,000 a week soon until 250,000,000 trees are planted in Texas.

STILL GOING STRONG

Mrs. J. W. T. Baird, of Paris, Lamar county, celebrated her 101st birthday recently. She is the oldest member of the American Legion Auxiliary, having had one son and four grandsons in World War I and five grandsons and two great grandsons in World War II.

SUBURBAN TRAPPER DOES WELL

Clyde E. Fine, who lives in Dallas county, operates a trap line within twenty miles of the city of Dallas and he keeps himself prosperous with a generous collection of mink, fox, possum and coon. He attributes his success to the use of "bug dust," the very fine sawdust found in old stumps where insects have been gnawing. He sets a light trap and covers it with the feathery dust. He averages \$45 a week for his furs.

LUMBER OUTPUT RISES

Texas lumber production has been increasing steadily since the war's end and should increase through 1947 to a point 10 per cent above the 1946 levels, the U. S. Department of Agriculture says. The Texas lumber output climbed from 55,841,000 board feet in January, 1946, to 122,685,000 feet in October. Almost four per cent of all the lumber produced in America now comes from Texas.

LEGISLATIVE SAFETY PROGRAM ASKED

The Texas Safety Association has asked the State Legislature to pass bills to reduce traffic fatalities on Texas highways. The six points of the request include: Increasing the Highway Patrol by 250, to bring the total to 450 men (Texas is now 39th in numerical strength); adoption of a Model Traffic Code to make regulations uniform throughout the State; broader authority for traffic courts in metropolitan areas to try drunk driving, hit-and-run and juvenile traffic cases; restriction of issuance of drivers' licenses; a controlled access highway law and adequate appropriations for driver education.

ASKS TEXAS BONUS

A California war veteran evidently believes that all the other States were just helping Texas a little in winning the war. At any rate, he has asked the American Legion in Fort Worth to send him an application for "my \$300 Texas veteran's bonus."

REHABILITATION WORK REPORT

The earning capacity of the 1,723 disabled persons being aided by the Texas program of vocational rehabilitation has been increased by 600 per cent during the last year, according to Mrs. Frances Frazer, supervisor of the program. Annual wages for the group, before training, was \$430,750. After training they were \$2,584,500. "The work we are doing takes people off the charity lists," Mrs. Frazer says. "It also returns their self respect."

STATE HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

State highway construction contracts in Texas awarded since V-J Day have totaled more than \$65,000,000, according to Ray Lowry, Austin statistician. Roads are being built faster and in greater numbers than ever before in the history of the State in order to make up for the lack of construction during war years. The program calls for \$147,000,000 to be spent on highways in three years with half the money being supplied by the Federal government.

TEXAN GOING FOR BIG GAME

For forty years, W. G. McMillan, Lubbock county contractor, has dreamed of going African big game hunting. This year he is going to realize his dream with a three-month expedition, for which he and his family will leave in early summer. Although he is an excellent shot, McMillan declares he will spend most of his time shooting with color cameras.

TEXAS MARINE RAISED FLAG

Corporal Harlin H. Block, of Weslaco, Hidalgo county, has been definitely identified as one of the Marines who helped raise the flag on Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima. It had previously been reported that Sgt. Henry O. Hansen, of Massachusetts, was one of the select group, but a letter from Block's father precipitated further investigation and final identification.

JUNIOR COLLEGES RELIEVE PRESSURE

There are 30,000 students enrolled in junior colleges in Texas and half that number are World War II veterans, according to Dr. C. C. Colvert, professor-consultant in junior college education at the University of Texas. Dr. Colvert pointed out that those 30,000 students would be still further complicating the crowded conditions at senior universities if the junior colleges did not take care of their needs.

102-YEAR-OLD BARBER DIES

The oldest barber in Texas, George W. Moseley, of El Paso, died recently at the age of 102, after serving patrons more than 87 years. Moseley, a negro, learned the barber's trade as a slave. Member of a family known for its longevity, he is survived by a 90-year-old brother. His father died at 100 years of age and his mother at 96.

TWO WILD GEESE ARE HIS GUESTS

A wild gander flying over San Angelo, Tom Greene county, during a snowstorm was stunned when it crashed into the roof of J. M. Walter, president of the Texas Game and Fish Commission. The gander's faithful mate circled the spot several times and finally came in for a landing. Walter didn't have the heart to kill them, so he is feeding them corn. "They can stay with me permanently, if they want to," he said.

FRUIT SHIPMENTS GAIN

The University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reports that 8,122 carloads of fruits and vegetables left Texas in December, an increase of 24 per cent over the previous month. Grapefruit is still the export leader, with 2,684 carloads. Oranges were second with 1,219 carloads and there were 1,162 carloads of mixed vegetables exported.

VET BENEFITS TOTALED

Col. T. G. Lamphier, of the Veterans' Administration, in Dallas, has announced that the VA spent \$263,271,615 for veterans' benefits during 1946 in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi. He said there are 200,000 ex-GI's taking either education or training programs. This represents almost 20 per cent. There are 6,432 vets in VA hospitals. Out-patient clinics average 41,000 examinations and 25,000 treatments a month. Disability pensions are being paid to 171,593 vets and 35,739 loans of all types were guaranteed at a value of \$188,186,199.

VETS WANT ENGINEERING

More than half the 50,000 service men attending Texas colleges are freshmen and more than a quarter have an engineering degree as their goal. From statistics supplied by 61 of the 74 higher educational institutions in the State it was learned that engineering leads the entire curriculum by a wide margin. Of the 50,000 vets, more than 11,000 are at the University of Texas.

SAFETY DRIVE PLANNED

Organization has been started in Texas for a traffic safety program sponsored by automobile, tire and petroleum products dealers throughout the State. The group will organize into local committees and will strive "to meet accident traffic congestion and parking problems which confront highway transportation." Purpose of the group is to reduce highway fatalities.

NO GUN NEEDED

Three youngsters from Sweetwater, Nolan county, went fishing recently but came back with wild duck instead, and they didn't have to fire a shot. The boys, Bernard and Robert Strancer and Johnny Sweek, said three ducks were decapitated when they hit a power line in a swoop across the lake and fell practically at the point where they were fishing.

MAYOR WANTS HIS PAY CUT

Here's a public official who has asked that his own pay be cut. He is Mayor R. J. Kroeger, of Harlingen, who has formally asked the Harlingen city commission to reduce his salary from \$2,400 annually to \$1 a year. Kroeger said the city's affairs are in such good shape that they can be handled exclusively by the city manager.

BAYLOR U. 102 YEARS OLD

Baylor University, of Waco, McLennan county, observed its 102nd birthday February 1. The occasion was marked by a Founders' Day program with addresses by prominent alumni of the institution. A move was begun to discover and preserve historical material concerning Baylor.

OYSTERS PLANTED AT ROCKPORT

Rockport oyster men and State officials have joined in a housing and life-saving project for young oysters in an effort to save an industry which returned \$150,000 to the Rockport area last year. The program is the first co-operative oyster restoration and conservation project in the history of the Texas coast.

TEXAS TO GET BIG ETHYLENE PLANT

The Dow Chemical Company will build a \$5,000,000 ethylene plant at Freeport, Brazoria county, which will be part of a new \$20,000,000 building program, it has been announced. The new plant will produce ethylene for use in making styrene for synthetic rubber and plastics. It is expected that the project will be completed in March, 1948.

BUILDING CONTRACTS BOOM

Running at almost \$1,000,000 a day, the Texas building boom is still prospering despite the usual mid-winter lull. During the first 17 days of the year, \$16,200,075 in building contracts were awarded in the State. Biggest contracts were for a ten-story office building to be constructed in Midland, Midland county, which will be the highest structure between Fort Worth and El Paso, and for development of a 165-acre plot in Houston to house the annual Fall Stock Show.

TEXAS OIL ACTIVITIES IN 1946

Drilling figures show that oil and gas activities in Texas in 1946 surpassed the 1945 record except in gas well completions and discoveries. There were 4,604 oil well completions in 1946 as compared to 4,044 in 1945. There were also 2,458 dry holes reported in 1946 compared with 1,903 in 1945. An area totaling one-third of the entire State and covering more territory than nine entire States of the Union plus the District of Columbia is now leased to oil and gas operators. More than 54,000,000 acres are under lease for oil development.



GI CO-EDS—Six ex-service women who are gaining an education under the GI "Bill of Rights" are, from left: Lois Peters, Lorain, Ohio; Pat Overmiller, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mary Burton, Marblehead, Ohio; Marjorie Nees, Torrance, Calif.; Evelyn Tracewell, Humble, Texas, and Lois Shumway, Portsmouth, Ohio. They attend Ohio Wesleyan University.

CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. William Stork, of Roundtop, Fayette county, have celebrated their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary. The celebration was held at the home of their daughter, Mrs. John Fuchs, of Burton, Washington county. Both the Storks are 88 years old. They have 27 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

FORMER GOVERNOR HEADS GROUP

Retiring Governor Coke Stevenson will head the newly-formed organization which will assist in development of the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation for polio victims. The Gonzales Springs Foundation is comparable to the famed Warm Springs in Georgia and it is a non-sectarian, non-profit, charitable treatment institution.

LOOK FOR A WRINKLED THIEF

When thieves stole the chickens of Dr. George R. Herrman, of Galveston, Galveston county, recently they may have made a fatal mistake. The chickens were being used for experimental purposes and had been inoculated with a drug that stops operation of the thyroid gland, and anyone eating the birds would be likely to grow wrinkles and get old with amazing rapidity. Dr. Herrman spread warnings immediately and police started looking for prematurely old chicken thieves.

THE FLOP FAMILY



A LITTLE FUN Jokes to Make You Laugh

Break in Solid South
First sign of a break in the Solid South is this advertisement in a Florida newspaper:
"Notice Democrats: Unless I can find a place for my family to live by election time, I will vote Republican, so help me God!"

Household Problem
Husband: "Why is it that we haven't more money in our savings account?"
Wife: "Do you suppose it's because there are so many ways to spend it and only one way of saving it?"

Planned to Take Life Easy
Some years ago the city of Los Angeles reached far into the mountains of California in search of water. Among poor landowners who received considerable sums for their property and water rights was an old hillbilly named Jesse. "Well, Jesse," I asked, "what are you going to do with yourself now that you are a rich man?"
"Wal, Miss Archer," he drawled, "first off I'm gonna waller around in bed till six o'clock every dratted morning and eat bacon and two eggs every morning 'stead of jest bacon and no eggs."

Knew Her Daddy
Margaret was all excited. Her daddy was coming home after two years overseas. She had only been a year old when he left but she knew him from his pictures. Suddenly the door opened and Margaret gave a happy shriek. "Oh, daddy, kiss me quick," she cried. "You don't know me but I'm your daughter."

Had to Make Own Bed
The Ozark mountain manager walked up to the new guest in the lobby. "Your room is ready now," he said, "but because of a shortage of help you'll have to make your own bed."
"Oh, I don't mind making my own bed."
"That's fine," said the manager. "Here's a hammer and saw and some nails."

Good One On Einstein
Albert Einstein, commuting from Princeton, New Jersey, to New York City recently, decided to lunch on the train. A waiter handed him the menu. The great mathematician fumbled for his glasses but he'd forgotten them. Though extremely nearsighted, Einstein shrugged his shoulders and attempted to read the bill of fare anyway. First he held it at arm's length and then close to his face. But it was no use; he couldn't make it out without his glasses. Finally, he turned to the waiter and said: "You read it for me, please."
The waiter shook his head sympathetically and replied: "I'se ignorant, too, boss."

No More of Johnny
As little Johnny was leaving the birthday party, the hostess told him: "Come again soon. We'd like to see more of you." "But there isn't any more of me," answered Johnny, sadly.

A Little Mixed Up
The justice of the peace in a small Southern town had to hear and judge cases that were brought before him, and he also performed occasional marriage ceremonies. This made it difficult for him to disassociate the various functions of his office. During the course of a wedding service one day, he asked the bride: "Do you take this man to be your husband?" The bride nodded emphatically. "And you," said the justice, turning to the bridegroom, "what have you to say in your own defense?"

Who Else Would Care?
A woman visitor to the Bronx Zoo kept pestering one of the keepers with questions. Finally his patience gave out.
"Is that hippopotamus a male or female?" came the next question.
"Madam," he replied, "what possible difference could that make to anybody except another hippopotamus?"

Man's Best Friend
Three serious gentlemen were debating over their cups one evening on "Who is man's best friend?" The first was loud in his praise of the dog, a loyal friend, a dependable buddy who never talks back. The second insisted that a horse is man's best friend; he is loyal and true, a beast of burden, a helpmate to mankind.
"You're both wrong," the third volunteered. "Man's best friend is a male alligator. A female alligator lays 10,000 eggs at a time. The male alligator eats 9999 of those eggs. If it wasn't for the male alligator, we'd all be up to our necks in female alligators!"

Real Estate Agents
Housing Note: With homes as scarce as they are, real estate dealers are nearly as frustrated as their customers. We have noted the following real estate agents on the list: Grin & Barret, Waite & Waite, Doolittle & Dalley.

Garden Fruit
Said one little moron to his little pal: "How long will it take this pieplant to grow pies?"
"Oh, 'bout as long as it takes an eggplant to lay eggs."

Would Catch It Later
Tommy skipped school and went fishing. When he came back he met some of his friends.
"Catch anything?" called one.
"Nope," replied Tommy. "Ain't been home yet."

Poultry News

Prepare Now for the 1947 Turkey Breeding Season

By **JUDGE WALTER BURTON**
Address all letters of inquiry to Judge Walter Burton, Box 237, Route 2, Arlington, Texas. Your real name and address must be given, but will be withheld on request. If you want a personal confidential answer to your problem, enclose 3 cents for postage and a prompt reply will be sent you.

Somebody has said, "Variety in the ration to provide efficient nutritive values for growth, energy, production and reproduction, is one of the first principles of feeding, and proteins, vitamins, carbohydrates, fats, minerals all are common terms, but it must be remembered that these words are only the basic names for a large number of combinations of elements." This is very true. The quality of poults hatched from your eggs in 1947 is measured a long time before you put your eggs in the incubator.

Today, progressive turkey raisers freely acknowledge that a good turkey breeder laying ration will not only cause your birds to produce more eggs but it will definitely influence the hatchability of those eggs. You may take the best of care of poults hatched and manage and feed them properly and yet they may be doomed to die because the parent stock was not fed the correct nutrition to insure an ample vitamin surplus or carryover from or through the egg.

It is a good plan to start feeding breeders a good high quality ration at least a month ahead of the time you expect eggs, if you have lights. If you do not have lights, it is a good practice to feed them on a high quality laying ration as much as six weeks ahead. Birds which have not been on a good growing feed program will take longer to build up nutritionally to insure the highest hatchability of strong poults which will not die.

There has been quite a debate pro and con as to the best feeding program when the question of feeding a ration with grain or an all-mash ration comes up. The all-mash pellets or mash has the sway at present, it seems, due to the fact that less labor is required and nowadays labor is a problem on any turkey farm. No time is spent securing grain when an all-mash ration is fed. By securing, we mean buying it if your place cannot produce it, or if you cannot produce it, the securing of it then runs into a harvesting problem. Then, too, in feeding an all-mash ration, you do not have to worry about your labor's feeding the correct proportions of grain with respect to mash. In this manner, the all-mash

type of feeding is much nearer the fool-proof method. Experienced labor is needed in feeding any ration but all-mash rations. The long-time permanent reason for feeding all-mash rations in sections where grain is not produced is that it is the least expensive. It is a serious mistake, though, to feed any grain with an all-mash turkey breeder ration.

In feeding a breeder ration which you supplement with grain, do not use over 33 1/2 per cent grain. A good feed to use in this grain feeding is oats.

Another question often debated is whether to feed pellets or mash in breeder rations. The pellet feeding seems to be growing in popularity in the Southwest. Breeders definitely have found that there is not as big a loss of feed. Not only are pellets thrown out on the ground finally consumed by the birds but the high winds in the spring breeder months do not toss the pellets out and away from the feeders as is often the case with mashes. When pellets are fed, you do not have mash sticking to the mouth of the breeders. This invites the birds to peck at one another and the first thing you know your flock has started a cannibalism habit. Also many growers believe sincerely that turkeys of all ages prefer the pellets to mash, given a chance at both from the start.

The argument given by mash feeders of breeder rations are that since pellets fill the birds quicker, they become nervous and are not as busy and develop bad habits such as picking feathers, eating their own excrement, etc. Mash feeders also claim that medication may be applied through their type of feeding. One feeder of pellets we know has answered these two arguments by feeding 40 per cent mash and 60 per cent pellets.

Remember that plenty of fresh drinking water and succulent green feed are a vital part of any ration which you, the grower, must supply. If you cannot produce greens, you can now buy them in the bag. Turkey size grit is very important too, as well as oyster shell, to both of which the turkey should have free access at all times. Provide plenty of hopper space, because "there must be enough chairs at the table or some one will have to wait."

When feed prices were higher than they are today, we found growers feeding only night and morning. In old time language, "this is robbing Peter to pay Paul" and it just won't work.

Judge the feed you choose on the basis of the results it has produced and make your bookkeeping system up today for the coming season so that you will know right along what it is doing for you day after day, week after week and so on. Then you will not go wrong.

Remember, too, we all recognize the fact that the breeders eat more during the pre-laying period of feeding the laying ration.

Dear Bill:

I know you're one of the many stockmen who wants to be sure your animals get the best protection against disease. Let me tell you from my own experience — you ought to try using CUTTER Vaccines and Serums. They're made the same as the CUTTER Vaccines your family doctor uses on you and your family — always trustworthy, dependable.

If not available locally, write CUTTER LABORATORIES, Berkeley, Denver, Helena, Ft. Worth, Los Angeles, San Antonio, or Seattle.

U. Nations

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Authorities agreed that, although international control of atomic weapons still remains to be settled, agreement on domestic control reached a new and significant stage with the filing of this report.

As for the whole question of world peace, some improvement has taken place in the diplomatic atmosphere since the Foreign Ministers' meeting in Paris last summer. A certain trend toward conciliation and agreement by the Russians was noted in New York. Less emphasis is being placed in all quarters on the inevitability of an east and west division of Germany and of Europe, and more upon the consequences of a failure of the Four Big Powers to agree. There seems to be a more general willingness to consider revision of the Potsdam Agreement.

Obstacles exist, to be sure. The road toward peace is rocky and winding, but every step taken along it brings a sigh of relief to people all over the world.

HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR TIME?

What do you do with your time? Here are the results of a survey conducted by the students in a psychology class at the University of Wisconsin.

If you live to be 70 or over, chances are that you will spend at least twenty years asleep. Two hours of your life will be taken up just in punching a time clock or signing a time sheet for the twenty-five solid years of work you will do.

Golf, bowling and hiking will probably take up some of the seven years you are allowed for sports and walking. For five years you will shave and dress, and spend five months tying your shoes. Of the 614,100 hours in your lifetime, a few over 4,000 are allowed for playing cards or dominoes. For seven years you will go to the movies, the theater or other amusements. Another year will be spent at the telephone.

For two and a half years you will sit at a table, eating, and for another two and a half years you will smoke or chew gum.

The 70-year life span includes three years of waiting, thirty hours annually looking in mirrors, and, just for the record, you are allowed four hours a year for wiping your nose.

NEW ELECTRIC EYE SEES AROUND CORNERS, THROUGH WALLS

Scientists can now "see" through walls and around corners with the aid of a newly-developed device called a "microwave unit."

Combining characteristics of both the electric eye and radar, this unit is expected by W. C. White, General Electric Company engineer, to have many practical applications.

Like the photo-electric eye, the microwave unit can be used to perform such tasks as counting passing objects or persons and monitoring many industrial operations. And it boasts the added feature of doing these things through a non-metallic barrier such as a wall, partition, or housing.

In contrast to the electric eye, the "microwave unit" sees by means of high-frequency radio waves, rather than a light beam.

Unlike light, beams are reflected from dark or rough surfaces. Besides being reflected, the beams may be made to pass through such objects as a brick wall, and can be directed in a circuitous path by means of a hollow metallic pipe.

Resembling a large flashlight, the device weighs only four pounds, and the whole unit is small enough to be held in one hand. It is operated on ordinary house alternating current, which it converts into electromagnetic waves of about five inches in length.

MATHEMATICAL CURIOSITY

The figures 142,857 are a mathematical curiosity. If they are multiplied by two, the result is 285,714—the same figures and the same sequence. Multiply by three, and the figures (428,571) and the sequence are still undisturbed. The same holds true when multiplied by four, 571,428. Multiply by five and result is 714,285; by six, 857,142. In the last example, the two sets of three figures are exactly transposed.

When, however, the figures are multiplied by seven, the magic formula breaks down, and the following curious result is achieved—999,999.

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MALE DRIVERS REACT FASTER

Here's new evidence in the argument as to whether men are better drivers than women:

Tests conducted by highway safety engineers at the recent Ohio State Fair showed that the men have a quicker reaction time. That is the time it takes after seeing a hazard to apply the brakes.

In tests on more than 1,000 drivers, the engineers found that men had an average reaction time of fifty-seven hundredths of a second, compared with sixty-two hundredths of a second for the women.

Your reaction time increases with age, the tests revealed, but persons under the age of 20 are slower in applying the brakes than those in the 20-29 group. Above the age of 29, the time increased.

The machine used to test

the reaction time of drivers was the perception-reaction device designed and built by the division of traffic and safety of the Ohio Department of Highways. A chronoscope measures the time a driver takes to lift his foot off the brake pedal of the controls of a standard automobile after a red light is flashed.

DON'T BELIEVE IN SIGNS

America apparently doesn't believe in signs, because 37 per cent of the 1945 motor vehicle-grade crossing accidents were at crossings protected by gates, lights, bells or watchmen. Deaths from motor vehicle-grade crossing accidents totaled 1,739 in 1945, an increase of 4 per cent over 1944, the National Safety Council reports.

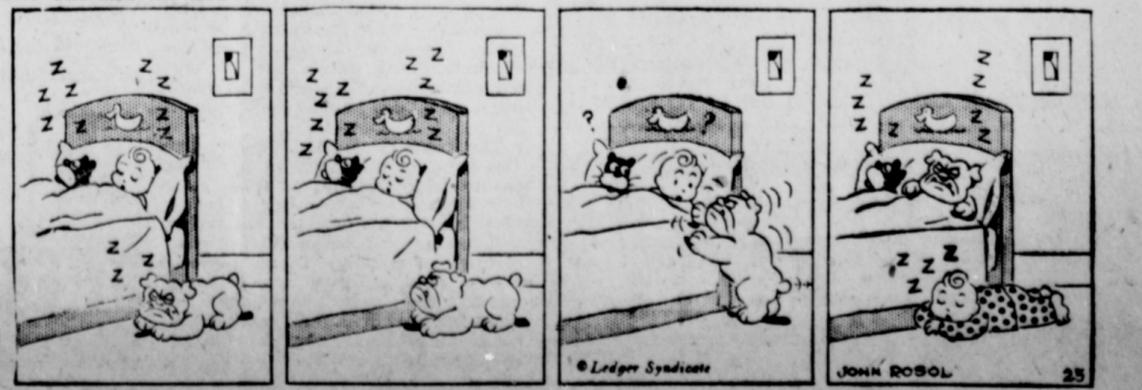
The trains were traveling less than 30 miles an hour or standing still in 53 per cent of the accidents.

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Texas Farm News

More than 4,000 acres of improved pasture were added in Jefferson county during 1946 as part of the planned program to add to livestock growing. More than 8,200 pounds of clover seed were planted and 3,000 tons of lime spread on the new pasture.

Robert C. Lloyd and Lyle Nichols have brought a new business to Anderson county. They have opened a mink farm near Cayuga. They have purchased five mink for \$240 and hope to sell pelts from the offspring for prices ranging from \$20 to \$40 a pelt.

One Rio Grande farm is growing buckwheat this year, but not to produce hot cakes. It is being produced to make rutin, a new drug helpful in controlling blood-vessel hemorrhages. The farm, still in the experimental stage, is called Valley Vitamins, Inc., and it is located near McAllen, Hidalgo county.

Thirty-one cattlemen of the Rio Grande Valley have issued a request asking the Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Association to cooperate with Mexico to help combat hoof-and-mouth disease prevalent among cattle south of the border. Under the plan suggested by the cattlemen, materials, scientific instruments and veterinarians would be sent into Mexico to check the plague.

Pete Paschall, 4-H Club boy of the Hood community, Cooke county, was winner of the county 4-H and FFA cotton contest for 1946. The youth received a cash prize of \$27.50 for producing an average lint yield of 405 pounds an acre.

Field performance tests conducted during 1946 at 17 Texas A. & M. experimental substations showed hybrid corn to have an average yield increase of 33 per cent over open pollinated corn varieties. The hybrid varieties were more successful in every section of Texas except the Rio Grande Valley and the Gulf Coast region.

Wornout land can be made to produce again. Through modern methods of soil building, Frank Robinson, Comal county farmer, last year realized the first big return from a four-year soil building program on a 76-year-old farm that had virtually no top soil back in 1942. The big payoff was a corn crop of 70 bushels to the acre, harvested when the average county yield was 20 bushels.

Home food supplies in Hale county were bolstered substantially by the 1946 canning record of 200 members of Girls' 4-H Clubs. According to County Home Demonstration Agent Lucille Shultz, the girls reported canning a total of 6,000 quarts of fruits, 10,000 of vegetables and 3,000 of meats. In addition, 8,000 pounds of fruits, vegetables and meats were preserved by freezing. Individually, Yolanda Ellis, an 11-year-old member of the State-Wide Club, canned 34 quarts of tomatoes, 10 of juice, 11 pints of catsup and 20 of chow-chow from her 80 tomato plants and sold a surplus of 287 pounds for a profit of \$23.10.

A massive Poland China three-year-old stag sold recently by Walter Luensmann, Bexar County 4-H Club boy, brought its owner \$223.92. According to Assistant County Agricultural Agent Alton E. White, the animal weighed 933 pounds and sold for 24 cents a pound.

Smith county farmers undoubtedly are convinced of the value of planting winter legumes, such as vetch, Austrian winter peas and others, after studying crop yield reports of 18 farm unit demonstrators. Walter M. Young, county agent, reports, Lawrence Gary, of Mount Sylvan, and Clyde Green, of Lindale, obtained yields of 350 bushels of sweet potatoes an acre on land which had been broadcast with vetch. Kennedy Loftain and Jack Metcalf, of the Eureka community, had great success with watermelons and peppers following winter legumes. Metcalf harvested more than 700 bushels of peppers from one acre.

Last year was by far the best on record for Texas soil conservation practices under the agricultural conservation program. More than 100,000 tons of agricultural limestone were used by farmers in 1946, compared with about 60,947 tons in 1945 and much smaller amounts for previous years. Farmers used approximately 100,000 tons of 20 per cent equivalent superphosphate for their soil-conserving and soil-building crops in 1946, compared with 55,422 tons in 1945. Estimates show that one million acres of winter legumes were planted in the State last fall, compared with a previous high of 423,548 acres in 1945.

Calcium is often a limiting factor in plant and animal growth in 56 East Texas counties.

By planting clover, Hays county farmers are carrying out a profitable five-point program. County Agricultural Agent Don A. Windrow reports county farmers planted about 140,000 pounds of clover seed in the fall, because they figure the crop gives them a five-way payoff: it controls cotton root rot, brings good increases in all crop yields, brings better profits from livestock production, furnishes cash from seed sales, and is a first rate soil builder.

Ranchmen this year will enjoy times as good as in 1946, believes Ray W. Wiloughby, San Angelo ranchman and a vice president of the National Wool Growers Association. He foresees higher sheep prices in the spring and summer and an extension of the government's wool purchasing program thru 1947. Ranchmen generally are in good financial shape, he said, and their ranges are not overstocked.

Texas again led the nation in the production of beef cattle in 1946. The opening of 1947 found more than 8,000,000 head of cattle on Texas farms and ranches, the highest number since 1907. However, short feed and forage conditions caused a reduction in the number of cattle fed in the feed lots. East and South Texas, with good rainfall and range conditions, increased their beef cattle population of all types. Drought conditions prevailing widely over West Texas caused a heavy market flow after the removal of OPA restrictions. The number of cattle in the western part of the State decreased from 3 to 5 per cent

World shortages of fertilizer mean the farmer should order his 1947 fertilizer supply early, warns the Extension Service of Texas A. & M. College.

The best farmers conduct a complete farm inventory each year, according to experts of the Texas Extension Service. Such an inventory has the advantage of showing the farmer whether he is overburdened with buildings and equipment in comparison with his crop and livestock system, and tells him the exact amount of cash he has on hand to operate his capital investment.

Texas poultrymen raised only 35,000 chickens in 1946, which represents a 21 per cent decrease from the number raised in 1945. However, Texans produced 5 per cent more eggs in 1946—a total of 272,000,000 dozen. Hatcherymen generally expect a prosperous 1947, since there are 10 per cent fewer hens on farms than a year ago and many of these are two and three-year-olds that need replacing.

In order to raise the quality of swine produced in the county, the Polk County 4-H Boys Council with the cooperation of 10 business firms have set up a pig circle which is in process of being put into operation. The business men contributed \$40 each with which to buy registered Duroc gilts and a quality boar. The gilts will be placed with 10 selected 4-H Club members who will feed and care for the animals under the direction of County Agricultural Agent R. E. Nolan and club leaders. An outstanding pig from the first litter of each pig will be assigned to an equal number of responsible club boys, and the process repeated in succeeding years.

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Cutting hay early to save protein is becoming a popular practice in northern Texas counties. County Farm Agent V. J. Young says that farmers of Fannin county have found during the past two years that cutting hay early saves a lot of money that usually goes for protein supplement. Young reports that Charles Haskell, a 1200-acre stock farmer of the Nuneeles community, saved buying 200 sacks of cottonseed cake by baling prairie hay in its early stage. Farmers of the Lone Elm community are reporting that Johnson grass cut at the boot stage makes hay sometimes double the value of mature grass hay.

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Hill county farmers received a record income of \$11,440,964 for agricultural products in 1946, according to results of a survey conducted by the Hillsboro chamber of commerce. This figure exceeded by more than two million dollars the estimated farm income in 1945. Cotton was still king on Hill county farms. The 35,000 bales produced accounted for \$7,000,000, or almost two-thirds, of the total income. Second on the list, with \$1,397,440 received for 25,406 animals, was livestock.

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Authorities say that potato yields in Texas during the last fifty years have increased a bushel an acre each year.

The success story of Arlene Weinaug, Comal County 4-H Club girl, like the tall oak, had a small beginning. Last March, relates County Home Demonstration Agent Lucille Conrade, Arlene bought a pair of pigs for \$5 and \$6, respectively, with money she had earned by taking care of neighbors' children after school and on Saturdays. They were on sudan pasture supplemented by skim milk until August when she began buying feed. They had reached a total weight of 760 pounds when marketed in October at 25 cents a pound. Deducting \$98.61 for feed, Arlene had left \$88.89 for the nest egg of an educational fund. Meanwhile, she had bought a registered gilt for a further fling at pork production.

Secretary of Agriculture Anderson has outlined the following crop production goals for Texas: Wheat, 6,000,000 acres; rye, 20,000 acres; rice, 400,000; dry beans, 4,000; corn, 4,200,000; oats, 1,875,000; barley, 312,000; sorghums (except syrup), 7,430,000; sorghums for grain, 4,450,000; soybeans (for beans), 2,000; flaxseed, 120,000; peanuts (picked and threshed), 660,000; cotton, 8,460,000; sugar beets, 1,500; potatoes, 55,500; sweet potatoes, 65,000; tame hay, 1,500,000; legume and grass seeds, 92,000. He also set a goal of 2,700,000 beef cows on farms and ranches and 198,000 sows to farrow in spring.

The wolf and coyote menace in Clay county has become so serious that the sheep population has been reduced to practically nothing and the turkey population has dropped by 30,000 since 1940. The county paid out \$1,200 in bounties last year for the killing of 367 grown wolves and 99 pups. Leading wolf killer was Charlie Groves, of the New London community, Rusk county, who killed 81 wolves in Clay county in 1946. Ranchers have virtually abandoned trying to keep the sheep from the wolves and the only way turkeys can be raised is by guarding them all day long as they graze.

The Texas A. & M. Extension Service says the first aim in fertilizing pastures is to apply the fertilizer where and when it will keep moist longest. Fertilizer left too near the soil surface will dry out, and dry deposits of phosphorus and potash will not benefit plants. Most effective way of applying fertilizer is with a combination grain-fertilizer drill. This puts the fertilizer about two inches deep in the soil in narrow bands along the drill rows.

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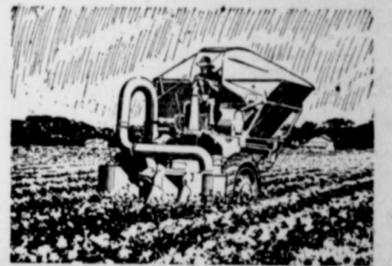
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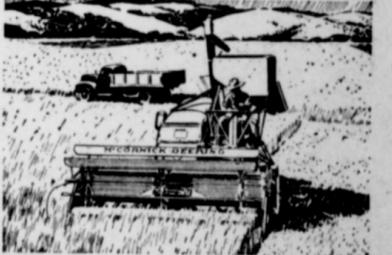
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Above: International Mechanical Cotton Picker. New plant under construction of Memphis, Tenn., will build this machine in limited numbers this year.



Above: McCormick-Deering 123-SP Self-Propelled Combining. Other coming International developments: smaller combine tractor touch-control, refrigeration.



Above: McCormick-Deering One-Man Pickup Twine Baler. Many other new hay machines are in various stages of development by International Harvester engineers.



Above: The New International No. 24 2-Row Tractor-Mounted Corn Picker. Coming International machines include new 1-row corn pickers and cut-off corn pickers.

Our Boys and Girls



WITHIN A FEW WEEKS, the little Husky puppy held by Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, commander of the expedition to the South Pole, will be romping in the snow. It is one of five born since dogs for the trip were rounded up. (See Page 2 for story).

BILLY, THE BOY SEEDSMAN

By EVERETT M. SMITH

(Condensed from Christian Science Monitor)

A successful family garden two years ago started a new seed business in Durham, New Hampshire. And the entire business is owned and operated by a boy not yet in his teens.

During the summer of 1944, eleven-year-old William Hepler somehow found time, between feeding his 50-odd rabbits, playing baseball and practicing his music, to raise a few hundred tomato plants of a novelty variety. He saved the seed, and unknown to his parents, decided to go into business.

Billy negotiated with a large New York City seed firm to buy some of his Tiny Tim tomato seeds, which he offered at eighty dollars a pound. Laboriously penning out his own letterhead as "The Billy Hepler Seed Company," he signed himself "Secretary and Treasurer."

The New York firm had heard of Tiny Tim tomatoes, and promptly ordered a pound of the seed, enclosing a check for eighty dollars.

However, on weighing the seeds, Billy found he had only twelve ounces. And so the Billy Hepler Seed Company filled that sixty-dollar order in 1944. That was only the beginning.

The Tiny Tim Tomato was developed by Billy's father, Professor J. Hepler, extension specialist in home gardening at the University of New Hampshire. It is a novelty plant, and the seeds, if planted in August, may be grown in pots in the house. By Christmas, the plants will bear fruit about an inch in diameter. When Billy told his father about starting his seed company, he was encouraged to go ahead. And he did.

Last summer Billy set out more than a thousand Tiny Tim tomato plants, determined to go into the seed business on a large scale. He also raised a good-sized crop of sweet peppers, besides putting in several rows of string beans and some leaf vegetables for the rabbits he also sells.

With Tiny Tim tomatoes more plentiful this second year, the price was dropped to forty dollars a pound. Yet, without benefit of catalogues, advertising, or anything more than personal solicitation by letter and a few handwritten price lists, the Billy Hepler Seed Company did \$500 worth of business, sending seeds as far away as Indiana and Louisiana.

Describing his method of gathering and drying the tomato seeds, Billy said that when harvest time came around he hired "a bunch of kids" to work for him.

"The tomatoes had to be picked when they were good and ripe," he explained. "We didn't care if they were rotten. We got about seven or eight hundred pounds of seed from the thousand plants. We dumped them into a big barrel—and then I squished them up good. I stomped them with my rubber boots. When they were squished enough, I added some water and let them ferment for a few days. Then I scraped off the pulp and skins and took out the seeds, which had settled to the bottom of the barrel."

"Then I spread the seeds out to dry in the cellar. I packed them in glass jars and they were ready to sell. If someone wants just a few seeds, I have put them up in little envelopes that sell at twenty-five cents a package."

"Some orders are funny," he said, grinning. "One man wrote me, 'Dear Sir,' and one even made the order out to 'Dear Sirs!'" Billy, who will not enter high school until next fall, is saving his money to pay for his future education. He has more than \$500 cash in the bank, besides several hundred dollars' worth of war bonds.

It's not all work and no play with him, either. He proudly displays a basketball medal which he won at school. He is an enthusiastic baseball fan, and the walls of

his room are plastered with pin-ups of the leading players. He also wears a medal which he won for excellence in skiing while he was still in the sixth grade. And between riding his bike six miles to school, he finds time to practice on his clarinet and the piano.

THE AMAZING SPIDERS

As well as having eight legs, a spider has eight eyes. These are like little bright beads, and are arranged in two rows on the front of its head. These eyes are not like the great compound eyes of most insects, but like the three simple eyes the bee has in the middle of her forehead. As a matter of fact, for all its eyes, the spider is very short-sighted, and depends on its keen sense of smell and touch for finding its food.

Although the spider has smelling bristles on its body, it is really its fine sense of touch that is of most value to it. This has its center in the fine bristles at the ends of the legs, and constitutes the highest form of sensitiveness known.

This amazing little creature is a spinning expert, and carries around its own spinning factory. At the end of the body there are six spinning fingers, called spinnerets, which make the most exquisite spinning machine, said to be the most wonderful in the world. These fingers are short and stumpy, with rounded tips, and are covered with little spinning tubes or spools, with a tiny hole at the end of each, through which the silk comes out.

The silk is not a skein inside the spinner, but is liquid until it comes in contact with the air. The spider can use as many spools at a time as it likes, and so can vary the thickness of the threads, and the quality of the silk. It has three different kinds of silk, and always uses the best suited for the work it is doing—a snare to catch food; a soft cocoon for the children; or a swimming-rope for itself.

Have you ever studied the beauty of a spider's web? It is a most lovely thing. In the early morning, glistening with dewdrops, it is as beautiful as jeweled lace.

A spider has beautiful little claws on its feet, like tiny combs. These it uses for combing itself most carefully, for it is very particular to keep itself neat and clean. A spider never neglects its toilet.—From Dumb Animals.

FIGHT ONE MORE ROUND

Of the many statements made by James J. Corbett during his colorful career as a boxing champion, one stands out above all others. "What," someone asked him, "is most important to do to become champion?" And Corbett replied: "Fight one more round!"

Corbett was a champion of the prize ring, but there have been champions in other fields, and the same has held true of them.

Thomas Edison, seeking a proper filament to light his incandescent lamp, failed month after month—but one day his efforts met success, and the world was presented with the electric light. He had fought "one more round."

Enrico Caruso was told by his music teacher that he had no voice. He persevered for a dozen years, studying at night while he worked in a factory during the day. His opportunity came—but his voice cracked during rehearsal, and he fled from the theater in tears. When he filled in one night for a tenor who had become ill, the audience hissed him. But in spite of everything he continued to study. He reached the top and became a famous tenor.

Bits for brides for horses are being made of plastic; they are easily shaped, light in weight, and not so hard on the animal's tongue on a cold winter day as the iron bit long used.

Rubber

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dealers frankly admit, were not satisfactory; at even slightly high speeds, and in hot weather they deteriorated rapidly. Today, however, tires produced by leading manufacturers carry guarantees of long usage.

Incidentally, synthetic rubber is used for a wide variety of products in addition to automobile tires. Hose, hot water bottles, gloves, automobile fan belts, rubber boots, and other such everyday items call for great quantities of synthetic rubber. In this field the switchover from natural rubber has been almost unnoticed by consumers, since these products long have been made of a blend of natural crude rubber, reclaimed rubber and synthetic rubber. The proportion of synthetic, however, has been greatly increased.

All American rubber now being produced comes from plants that use petroleum by-products as their principal ingredients—butadiene and styrene. The plants that used butadiene made from alcohol were taken out of production because the cost of the alcohol product is four times that of the petroleum product. Southwestern crude oil is, therefore, the key factor in rubber production. The process used consumes about 5 per cent of a barrel of oil and leaves the remainder available for the production of high octane gasoline and other products.

Four Big Units

The Port Neches plant, with an annual capacity of 120,000 tons of rubber, consists of four 30,000-ton units. All these units were built by the B. F. Goodrich Company and are operated by Goodrich and Firestone. Goodrich also operates the Borger plant, which has a capacity of 45,000 tons a year. The Houston plant, with a capacity of 60,000 tons, is operated by Goodyear, and the Baytown plant, capacity 30,000 tons, is operated by the General Rubber Company, although it was built by Goodrich.

The first synthetic rubber automobile tires for general sale in the United States were made in June, 1940. The Nation's synthetic rubber production that year, including all types, amounted to only 4,000 tons. Impetus given the American rubber industry by the declaration of war was instantaneous and emphatic. By the middle of 1943, a substance known as GR-S—an American-made rubber produced chemically—began to roll in quantity from the first of America's large plants designed and erected for that purpose. Before the war ended these plants had reached an annual production of more than a million tons of synthetic rubber. That is about one-fourth more than the total amount of rubber this country ever before had consumed in one year.

Cost Reduced

The Southwestern plants and others in the Nation have made great strides in reducing the cost of American-made rubber and improving its quality. Today, it is claimed that American industry could produce and market up to 600,000 tons of synthetic rubber each year for between 15 and 17 cents a pound. Research experts may be counted on to find ways to cut this price even lower.

Maintenance of the plants in Texas and elsewhere is important in providing a rubber "insurance policy" for the United States.

Rubber authorities are concerned that the American people may not realize the importance of keeping these rubber plants in operation as going concerns. The problem is one of particular importance to the Southwest, of course, in view of this area's high place in the synthetic rubber industry.

For the time being, at any rate, the plants in Texas are going ahead with their manufacture of rubber, which is composed of 75 per cent butadiene, 24 per cent styrene and 1 per cent various minor elements.

The process of making artificial rubber is relatively simple. Butadiene, which has been liquified by compression and then cooled, is mixed with styrene, soapy water and the several

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minor elements. When this mixture is heated and stirred under pressure, the molecules of butadiene and styrene join to form an emulsion of synthetic rubber, which is quite similar to the latex obtained from natural rubber-producing trees.

South Pole

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terior is almost entirely covered by glacial ice. Like Greenland, the bulk of the continent is apparently a high plateau, with an average elevation of perhaps 6,000 feet. We believe the continent is a big reservoir of minerals.

"Antarctica is the coldest year-round place in the world. Summer temperatures range between zero and the thawing point. In the dark winter it averages 30 to 40 below zero, may go to 100 below in the interior.

"We are interested in seeing how standard naval equipment—ships, airplanes, clothing, and all the materials that go into them—stands up under sustained zero weather. The War Department has similar interests, and the Navy will act as host to a number of Army representatives to study temperature factors. Army Air Force officers will be along to study meteorology, Arctic medicine, radio and engineering problems.

"The U. S. Department of the Interior is represented by scientists interested in the mammal, bird and fish life of this South Pole area, while the Woods Hole, Mass., and Scripps, Calif., Oceanographic Institutes have sent experts to study all forms of under-water life. Terrestrial magnetism is being studied by members of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. The U. S. Weather Bureau has sent its Chief of the Observation Section along to see what the Antarctic has to contribute to the world's weather problems.

"As for the Navy's own purposes, experts in radio, electronics, ionospheric phenomena and a whole host of abstruse technical subjects will be on hand. Their findings will ultimately be translated into better security for the U. S.

"The biggest scientific job of all, however, is the aerial mapping of the continent. This is a task of strategic significance, of course, but it may ultimately have great commercial utility, too, if ever the resources of the continent are to be exploited. Meanwhile, the contribution to world science in the fields of topography, geology, mineralogy, maybe seismology, and glaciology, will be tremendous. Planes equipped with trimmet-ragon cameras, which will take pictures from horizon to horizon, will augment the standard vertical and oblique photos.

"While planes are searching the Antarctic's surface, the submarine Sennet will be prowling the depths of the sea at the area's frozen rim and even under the ice. Altogether, about 4,000 men will be engaged in the enterprise, from dog sled drivers to physicists," Admiral Byrd said.

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WHAT WILL THEY THINK OF NEXT?

For superstitious people, a mirror firm is manufacturing an unbreakable plastic mirror.

For travelers, a railroad has a coffee cup, for dining-car service, guaranteed absolutely splash-proof.

For women, a Boston textile chemist has perfected a chemical bath which makes stockings completely run-proof.

For cigaret smokers, an Ohio genius has invented a cigaret which lights itself when a seal is broken.

For men about town, a process has been discovered to put a permanent crease in trousers.

For children, a New Yorker has created a shatterproof chocolate coating for ice-cream bars and a Los Angeleno has designed a pea-shooter with telescopic sights.

For sleepy motorists, a Swedish inventor has patented an electric shocking device which immediately wakens a driver who falls asleep at the wheel.

For school teachers, a Brooklyn physicist has produced a non-squeaking blackboard chalk.

For tub bathers, a Washington scientist has developed a soap which prevents the formation of bathtub rings.

For gourmets, a Denver war veteran has concocted the Pronto Pup which combines the best features of the hot dog, the doughnut and the popsicle.

MOST DECORATED SOLDIER

The most decorated soldier in the United States is not one of the great generals and military strategists, nor is he one of the fabulously heroic G.I's. He is a quiet regular Army colonel from Kentucky's famous Center College, and he is not a fighting man, but a doctor.

His name is Col. Edgar Erskine Hume and he holds ninety decorations from the United States and 36 other nations. Although most of his awards have been for medical skill in stopping the ravages of plague, he lists decorations also for such feats as wading through a mine field to rescue a wounded sailor at Salerno and for rescuing a group of soldiers from a crater where a live bomb was ticking.

USE FOR RICE HULLS

Rice hulls—a waste product that is not even a good fuel—are now demonstrated to have excellent properties of heat and cold insulation, in addition to being toxic to rats, mice, roaches, insects and vermin of all kinds.

Developed in the rice-growing belt by Louisiana State University and Northwestern Louisiana Institute, rice hull insulant is said to have all the properties of cork or rock wool. It can also be rendered completely flame-proof by the borax process—steeping in a solution of boric acid and borax.

Only loose insulant has been developed as yet, but research is underway now aimed at development of a light-weight rice hull insulating block.

HOUSEHOLD HELPS

By MARGARET MOORE

POTHOLDER

By MRS. ANNE CABOT

A seven-inch kitten is pretty small when it comes to real kittens—but if it's a kitchen potholder—well, that's another matter entirely! Both these well-padded "kitten" potholders made of scraps of bright ginghams or other cottons will add to any kitchen's coziness.

To obtain complete instructions for making the KITTEN Potholders (Pattern No. 5321) actual size on chart for embroidering face, send 15 cents in COIN plus 1 cent postage. YOUR NAME, ADDRESS and the PATTERN NUMBER to Anne Cabot, care Southwest Magazine, 1150 Ave. Americas, New York 19, N. Y.

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PLAN PROPERLY FOR A GOOD GARDEN

Garden making is on the minds of many Southwestern housewives these days — or should be if your garden is going to be a success and one of which you can be proud.

First in importance is preparation. A plan should be well worked out on paper before the soil is touched. Write down what you want to plant. Get a seed catalogue and study it. Consult experienced gardeners and follow their advice. We live to learn and other good gardeners can help with timely suggestions.

Good garden implements should be provided; poor equipment has spoiled many an otherwise good garden. Soil operations consist of good drainage, spading or plowing of the soils, proper harrowing or raking to free soils of clods, rolling to prevent undue escape of moisture, fertilization, if needed, top dressing, proper planting of various seeds to correct depth, etc.

See to it that for all gardening purposes there is a well-drained, deep, fertile topsoil. In all cases, types of plants to be used, their native habitat and environment, their



requirements and needs, should be studied before selection.

Buy only test-proof, guaranteed seeds. Do not plant too early in spring, for early plantings are sometimes killed by freezes. If you are an inexperienced gardener, consult your county agent.

MORE SUGAR IN PROSPECT

Southwestern homemakers can now look with renewed hope toward an improved sugar supply.

Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson recently issued the following statement concerning possibilities of increased home sugar supplies:

"Barring unpredictable disasters, sugar will be available to increase rations in the United States by one 5-pound consumer sugar stamp by April 1, 1947. It is believed that the sugar supply situation will warrant further increases later in the year,

but at this time it is too early to specify amounts."

A step toward a better sugar supply was taken January 1, 1947, when a spare stamp for five pounds of sugar was made good. The spare stamp will be valid until April 30.

Judging from reports from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, it is likely that the second consumer stamp for 1947 will be made good before the spare stamp expires. When this happens, the present ration of five pounds of sugar every four months will be increased.

PRETTY SKIN DEPENDS ON GOOD HEALTH

"Such war of white and red within her cheeks," wrote Shakespeare. As that was in the era before the general use of rouge and lipstick, it must be that the lady flaunted home-grown blushes. Considering how we have stepped along the health-and-hygiene way it would seem that we might be blessed with rosy cheeks. You'll see them on the teen-agers, but along about the age of 20 there is recourse to the factory glow. Well, it is nice that there are substitutes for our beauty losses, states Helen Follett, New York beauty expert.

Your great-grandmother, showing you the family album, will be sure to say, "That is your great-aunt Sarah. She had the most glorious rose-petal skin and not a grain of powder ever touched it." Aunt Sarah wasn't wolfing down vitamins or mineral salts. She wore corsets that choked the life out of her. The idea of taking exercise would have caused her to faint. What business did she have possessing rosy cheeks? Why

are we short-changed? You answer if you can.

No doubt it is the delirious life we live and fewer hours of sleep. You may have noticed that when you have slept well, and longer than usual, you awaken with a complexion that is fresh looking and colorful.

There are women who can't get to bed at a reasonable hour. Along about 11:00 o'clock they get a yen to change the furniture around, or to shampoo their hair, or write all those letters they should have written weeks ago.

They never think that the body must have rest, that it is during sleep that the processes of repair and renewal go on in every cell of the body.

Cosmetics are helpful and fun to play with. But if you would be kind to your complexion, eat wisely, bathe daily, exercise regularly, get to bed at a respectable hour.

IMPROVEMENTS FOR FARM HOMES

Electricity, running water and modern bathrooms are at the top of the list of improvements that Southwestern farm families are making as materials become available.

Rural families who are planning to build new houses or remodel old ones may be helped by the experience of others who have completed home improvements. A recent survey by the U. S. Department of Agriculture showed that families who have done remodeling rated modern conveniences—lights, water and bath—at the top of their improvement lists. Almost all the families who remodeled made kitchen improvements. Insulation and central heat also ranked high as a popular improvement.

Many families put in more and bigger

windows, and made arrangements for more storage space. More than half the families added bedroom closets, and a third of them included a closet for work clothes.

For the most part, planning was a family affair, with all members taking part. Ideas for improvements were found in magazines and trade publications, and from observing houses of neighbors. Local carpenters and plumbers also lent a hand, and some help in planning came from the Extension Service and other educational and service agencies. Half the families interviewed used some credit to finance their improvements.

In every case, expenses were cut down by family members doing part of the work, and by using some materials that were available on the farm.

TESTED RECIPES

APRICOT DESSERT

There have been desserts and desserts, but none as interesting or as flavorful as Frozen Apricot Puree. It's a creamy smooth dessert like the ones you used to enjoy in the "old days," when any dessert could be made on order.

Those were the days when sugar was plentiful and you poured cups of it without careful measure into daily desserts. In this recipe, you use two carefully portioned tablespoons of sugar. Corn sirup bears the burden of the sugar shortage in this instance.

- 1 1/2 cups apricots
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/4 cup corn sirup
- 1/2 tablespoon lemon juice
- Pinch salt

- 1 1/2 teaspoons gelatin
- 2 tablespoons cold water
- 1 egg white, slightly beaten

Drain apricots and press them through sieve or fine colander to make puree. Mix apricot puree, sugar, sirup, lemon juice, and salt, and place in refrigerator. Soak gelatin in cold water five minutes to soften, then dissolve by heating over boiling water ten minutes.

Slowly add the slightly chilled puree to dissolved gelatin, stirring constantly. Add the slightly beaten egg white. Freeze in electrical refrigerator or crank type ice cream freezer. Seve chilled.

NEW MEAT LOAF IDEA

Meat loaf is fine for a Sunday evening dinner—or for any other evening. But when you make it this way, there's a touch of festivity in the air. You'll notice a happier family around the table when you serve beef and oatmeal loaf.

When making meat loaf, use oatmeal instead of bread crumbs as a binder. This

makes a firm, tender loaf that binds well, and avoids crumbling when sliced.

Mix together thoroughly one and one-half pounds ground beef, one-half cup finely chopped onion, one cup uncooked oatmeal, two and one-fourth teaspoons salt, one-fourth teaspoon pepper, beaten egg, one cup tomato juice, and a dash of sage. Pack in 8 1/2 x 4 1/2-inch loaf pan.

SAVORY MEAT CASSEROLE

Brown 1/4 cup bread crumbs and 1 large minced onion in 2 tablespoons fat; add about 2 cups left-over, mashed potatoes, 1 cup diced carrots, 1 diced green pepper, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/8 teaspoon pepper, 1/2 teaspoon sage, and 1/4 cup ketchup. Melt 2 tablespoons fat in skillet; add 2 tablespoons prepared mustard, 1/4 cup chopped parsley, 1 minced dill pickle, 1/2 cup diced celery, salt and pepper to taste, and about 1 1/2 cups left-over cubed meat or meat loaf; mix well. Put half the potato mixture in bottom of 1-quart casserole; cover with meat mixture; top with potato mixture; bake in moderate oven, 350° F., 30 minutes. Serves 4.

MACARONI AND CHEESE WITH CHILI

Put left-over macaroni and cheese in baking dish; cover with left-over or canned chili con carne; bake in moderate oven, 350° F., until heated through. Or reheat macaroni and cheese and chili separately on top of stove; serve chili poured over macaroni and cheese.

VIENNA POTATO SALAD

6 cups sliced, cooked potatoes, 1/2 cup chopped onion, 1/4 cup sweet pickle relish, 1 1/2 tsp. salt, dash of pepper, 3/4 cup salad dressing or mayonnaise, 1 (8 oz.) can Vienna sausages. Combine potatoes, onion and

relish. Add the salt, pepper and mix well. Add salad dressing and toss together lightly. Place on shredded cabbage or greens in a bowl. Top with the sausages. Serves six.

BROWNED CURRIED CARROTS

Here is how you can make carrots more appetizing:

Put 1 or 2 spoonfuls of left-over chicken fat in heavy skillet; add 2 cups very thinly sliced carrots, 1/2 teaspoon curry and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Brown slightly; add 1 cup chicken broth or water. Cover and simmer 20 minutes or until carrots are tender. Remove carrots; thicken broth with flour; serve over cooked carrots. Serves four.

KIDNEY BEANS AND BACON

Dice and fry 3 slices bacon; add 2 tablespoons vinegar, about 2 cups left-over kidney beans and salt and pepper to taste; stir well and heat; remove from heat; add 1 medium onion, chopped. Serve immediately, without cooking onion. Serves 3 to 4.

QUICK TOPPING FOR CAKES OR DESSERTS

When several different kinds of jelly are left over in jars, mix any 2 or 3 kinds in one jar with an equal amount of crushed graham crackers (or any other sweet crackers); let stand a few minutes before using. When used on cake, put on top 5 minutes before cake is removed from oven.

FRUIT PANCAKE SYRUP

Combine the syrup left over when canning fruits with an equal amount of light corn syrup. Add 1 teaspoon butter to each cup of combined syrup; boil 5 minutes. Serve hot with pancakes or waffles. Syrup left from several varieties of fruits may be used together.

SPICED DRIED FIGS

3 lbs. whole dried figs
1 1/2 cups dark corn syrup
1 1/2 cups sugar
2 1/2 cups water
2 cups vinegar
2 (3-inch) sticks of cinnamon
2 tbs. whole cloves
1 lemon, thinly sliced
Small piece ginger root (about 3 inches)

Wash figs well; cover with lukewarm water and let stand 5-6 hours to plump. Mix together the corn syrup, sugar, water and vinegar in a saucepan. Add cinnamon and cloves tied in a cheesecloth bag. Bring to a boil and boil 10 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand 10 minutes. Add lemon, sliced ginger root and drained figs. Bring to a boil and then simmer gently about 25 minutes or until fruit is tender and plump. Remove spice bag. Pack into clean, hot jars. Seal immediately according to the manufacturers' directions. Process in hot water bath for 10 minutes.

HOUSEHOLD HELPS

To remove paint from window panes and other glass, use a solution of hot vinegar.

To prevent milk from boiling over, grease the inside of the container near the top.

The proper time to whip cream is when it is cold.

Try kerosene to remove grease from the kitchen sink.

To increase the life of your broom, hang it up rather than permit it to rest on its bristles.

Clean boiling water will remove tea stains from table linen.

AUTO ENGINES DUE FOR CHANGE

Major changes will be made in automobile engines in two years or less, in the opinion of the industry's leading engineers, who expect higher octane fuels to furnish a starting point for new designs.

The engineers expect oil refineries to make 95 octane gasoline available in about a year, at prices the average motorist can afford to pay. Fuel of that quality will permit the designers to make smaller engines producing the same horsepower delivered by the engines now in use, or to get more power out of engines of the size and weight now standard, by raising compression ratios.

The engineers believe compression ratios in the new engines will be about nine to one or slightly higher. Automobile engines at present usually have ratios of about seven to one.

The trend of design appears to be toward V-type engines, because their shorter length is said to be an advantage in the shorter-hooded cars planned for production as 1948 models. Some straight eights will survive, however, in the opinion of industry experts, because they are somewhat cheaper.

THE CLAGHORN CLOCK

The historic clock at Ursuline Academy, San Antonio, erected in Civil War days, has only three faces. The story is that the clock arrived from France at a time when the Academy was on the ex-

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treme northern edge of town and, as no one could imagine the community growing any further in that direction, there seemed no reason for a face on that side. Of course, the city did grow until the clock, still in use, is in the downtown section of San Antonio. It is frequently referred to as the "Claghorn Clock" since it refuses to show its face to the North.

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