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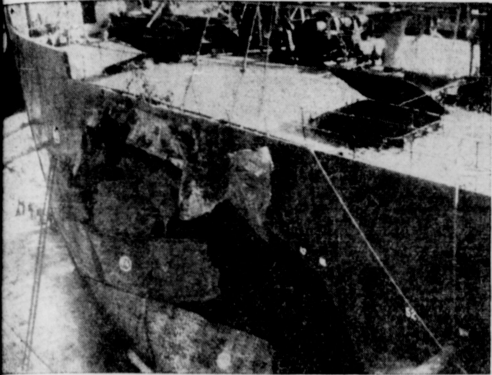
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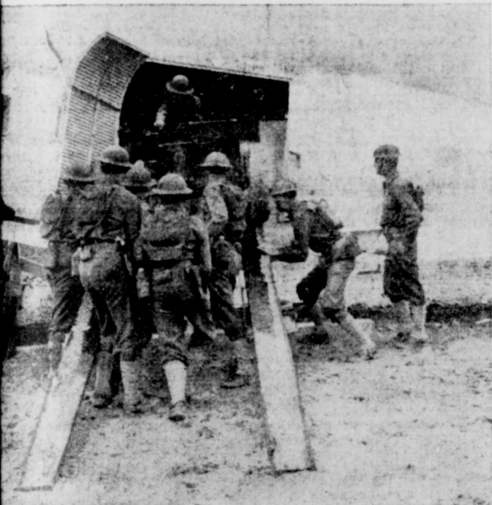
DOED, MAKES PORT—Huge hole torn in the side of the Dutch oil tanker didn't prevent crew from bringing her into port at Lisbon, Portugal. Ship was by Italian submarine in Atlantic, but heroic efforts of crew and captain re safe transit to port.



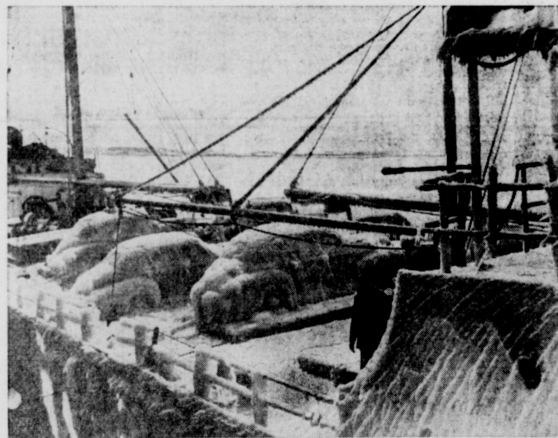
RISING WATERS in Texas force a flood victim up onto the shoulders of his friend, when he found his legs wouldn't stand up against the stiff current of a river swollen by heavy rains.



JOBS YOU CAN HAVE—Death lurks within the walls of each of these sea mines, but R. M. S. (Rendering Mines Safe) squad carry on undaunted by danger as they remove explosives from mines washed up on British coast. Many such mines found offshore come in for their attention.



SUICIDE SQUAD—Infantrymen at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, members of "suicide squad," load 37-mm. anti-tank gun into a dummy freight plane during demonstration of aerial transport. These troops back up gains chute troops in enemy territory.



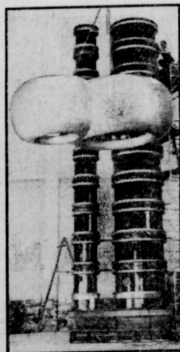
SLEET SCULPTURE—Wintry waves on Lake Erie, with Jack Frost as the sculptor, were responsible for ice coat adorning these autos on the frozen deck of the freighter "Ferne" as she arrived in Detroit, Mich., after trans-lake voyage from Sandwich, Ontario, in icy gale.



MODE IN MINK—For daytime or evening wear, this natural Eastern Canadian mink coat features padded collar, framing the face, and full sleeves.



ROOSTER MEETS HIS MASTER—It was just another case of Italy and Greece, when a hawk invaded an Atlanta henhouse bossed by "Dommy" (rear), rooster who showed hawk how to scrap.



THE GOVERNMENT doesn't intend to use it that way, but the huge X-ray machine above in the U. S. Bureau of Standards, Washington, is big enough to X-ray a regiment at one time. The world's largest, it is capable of generating rays to a power of 1,500,000 volts, or equal the strength of \$50,000,000 worth of radium.



WRATHFUL WARRIOR—Ready for action, this grim greyhound of British destroyer fleet churns the waters of the Atlantic, off the English coast on submarine patrol, eager to contact the vultures of the deep that have been preying on British shipping.

This Native Son's Father Fought at San Jacinto

By AVIS PLATTER
Route 1, Edgewood, Texas

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GEORGE W. DOUTHIT, who lives a few miles south of Canton, (Van Zandt county), Texas, is called "Grandpa" Douthit by his many friends. He will be 90 years old on his next birthday. He was born in 1851 near Palestine, Texas, and moved to Van Zandt county in 1872, settling on land granted by the State of Texas to his father who fought under Sam Houston in the Battle of San Jacinto.

Douthit lives with his youngest daughter on this original land grant which has never been transferred outside the Douthit family. His farm house sets in a lovely grove of large native trees just off Highway 64. Until recently Mr. Douthit did much of his farm work, but a few months ago he fell and fractured a hip bone. Since then he has not been so active; however, his general health is good.

When asked about his early day life in Texas he said:

"When I was a boy of school age there were hardly any schools in Texas. What few we had were broken up by the War Between the States. So I didn't get much education. I learned to read and write fairly well, but missed arithmetic. I did manage to pick up enough arithmetic to figure my way through."

"Most all of the first Douthit family died young. Father died at 52. There were eight in the family and I am the sole survivor. Why I have lived so

long I don't know. My longevity may have come from my grandmother who lived to be 105 years old.

Principal Bread-Winner

"After father died I was the principal bread-winner for the family, though I was just 12 years old. I worked long hours on the farm and raised corn, peas, potatoes, cotton. One year I made four bales of cotton on eight acres of land. I was paid 19 cents a pound for this cotton, all in gold. It was during the War Between the States when Confederate paper money had little value. People hoarded gold—if they had any—and used it to buy necessities. But all necessities were high and sometimes gold even could not buy them because they were not to be had at any price. That was a time when the land kept us from starving. We had to raise our own food or go without it. We also had to make our own clothes at home on the spinning wheel. I can now card, spin and weave. At night mother would place a little pile of wool down on the floor beside each of us children and we had to finish picking it up before going to bed. Picking meant to get all the trash and foreign substance out of it.

"War times were hard times. The Northern and Southern armies fought four long years, and the last two years were the hardest. We ran out of flour and were lucky to have biscuits once a month. No coffee, no sugar. Sorghum syrup was our substitute for sugar and meal-bran, okra, rye and potatoes—

parched—were our substitutes for coffee.

Steady Diet of Cornbread

We had plenty of meat and cornbread. But a steady diet of cornbread three times a day for a month gets mighty monotonous. Meat was a simple problem. You could raise a few pigs, chickens, and there was an abundance of wild game that could be easily killed with firearms. I always loved to hunt. I would eat supper, trim my old fire-cap rifle and walk a mile or two, then kill a deer. I have killed as many as three deer in one night. The way we killed deer at night was to shine their eyes with a lantern or a lighted pine knot. Deer are curious and will often stand and gaze at a light. While they gazed, I would aim my rifle between their eyes and pulled the trigger. There's no better meat than fat venison if cooked right. We pioneers cooked it in Dutch ovens, which cook food more appetizing than any stove. I never ate a meal cooked on a stove until I was 17 years old.

"Wolves, wildcats, panthers and a

few bear roamed the woods of East Texas at this time. I owned some hounds and it was great fun to go wolf-chasing. There were big timber wolves that would put up a terrible fight when cornered by hounds. A panther brought to bay is a dangerous animal. His long sharp fangs and claws will cut a dog to pieces. Better shoot him dead before the dogs tackle him.

"When I came to this county in 1872 it was a wilderness. I built a log cabin for a home, cleared land, then split rails to fence the land. My nearest neighbor, another trail-blazer, lived two miles from me.

Building Log Cabin Without Nails

"We had no nails. In building a log cabin we notched the ends of the logs and dove-tailed them together. Shingles for roofs were split from oak logs and the shingles pegged on to the boards. The boards were pegged on to rafters, rafters pegged on to logs. First nails brought into East Texas were square. Some carpenters doubted that they would ever come into general use.

"Oxen were the main draft animals. They pulled our wagons and our plows. The first cotton gins were powered by oxen. Hitched to a lever that turned a big wheel, they went around and around



GEORGE W. DOUTHIT
Canton, Texas.



"While they gazed, I would aim my rifle between their eyes and pull the trigger."

British Victory In Desert Fighting

By EDWIN L. JAMES
Military Staff Editor, New York Times

THE recent British defeat of the Italian army in Egypt stacks up as perhaps the most important development in the war since the Germans beat the French. Its possible repercussions may be enormous. After the Greeks threw back the Italian aggression against their country with such disastrous results for the invaders, the crushing of the Italian advance into Egypt, which had been intended to cross the country and seize the Suez Canal, puts Mussolini in a precarious position both at home and in his relations to his Axis partner, Adolf Hitler.

Of course, the Italian forces may be able to stop the Greeks short of Valona, in Albania, and thus retain the only port

These rumblings have represented dissatisfaction with the Fascist regime and especially discontent over the war. Not only is the war not popular in Italy but it has added to the hardships of the population; life was none too easy and plentiful in Italy before Rome entered the conflict. There is no love in Italy for the Germans, as there is no love for the Italians in Germany. Of all that Mussolini has promised from the Axis co-operation nothing has come to his lap. Even what he could have taken from France after her defeat by the Germans was denied him. He went into the war to satisfy his aspirations; he is still aspiring.

The food position of Italy is not good. The British blockade has cut off 80 per cent of Italian imports and there seems



These Australians played a part in helping the British drive against the Italians in Egypt.

at which men and material could be landed for a new offensive and, of course, Graziana, the Italian general who has had a lot of experience in desert fighting, may be able to re-form his forces and stop the British at the Libyan frontier, but even at that Mussolini, who only a fortnight ago was telling the world that nothing could stop him, will have taken a trimming the effect of which cannot even be guessed at this time.

There is for him today not only the sting of two major defeats but also a patent denial of his claims to dominate the Mediterranean sea navally. For it stands to reason that if he could use his fleet successfully against British naval forces in his neighborhood of the Red Sea when the British ships were shelling Marshall Graziana's forces he would have done so.

Mussolini's Home Position

It is no secret that there have been recently political rumblings in Italy.

small chance now of Mussolini's being able to force the lifting of that blockade. The country has no oil, no coal, no iron. It can get them now only from Germany. And thus, at the best, Italy is only a tail to the German kite. The truth of the matter is that Italy is now absolutely dependent on Germany for materials to carry on the war. Mussolini is in theory and in fact the prisoner of Hitler. It was figured by experts that when he entered the war he had oil enough for six months. The six months is ending. Italy is getting no oil except her allowance from Germany, it being no secret that part of the supply from Rumania is being shipped to Italy.

Axis Difficulties

The collapse of Italy militarily would be a heavy blow to the Axis.

It might be a good guess that Hitler will not undertake to save Mussolini's face in Africa but might turn his attention to Greece. That is the logical step,

fraught with difficulties and complications at this.

What is worrying Hitler most is probably the danger of collapse of Italy which would lead Mussolini, or his successor, to seek some sort of peace. Such a development would open the way to the possibility of Italy's becoming a landing place for a German expeditionary force which might move northward. It is this danger which has given rise to reports that in the event of an Italian collapse Hitler might occupy the whole of Italy. That indeed would be an undertaking of no small caliber; it would call for possibly half a million men and perhaps more. And it is difficult to see that any prestige would be left to Mussolini should his big partner decide to take such a step.

In any event since the day when Mussolini jumped on defeatist France in the belief he was getting away with something on a cheap and easy basis, he has had no luck. He did not get the French Littoral and a slice of French Northern Africa when France was helpless and before the British had built up their strength in the Mediterranean. Now he has only reverses.

Reichsfuehrer Hitler, when he spoke amid gleaming cannon barrels in the Borsig munition plant in Berlin, made no reference to Italy's war role. He re-oriented the Nazi version of the war's origin, pictured it as a struggle between dispossessed peoples, a "damned plutocracy" and proclaimed unshaken confidence in German victory; but he did not discuss current or future diplomatic or military developments.

CAA Pilot Training Program

By EDWARD T. FOLLIARD
War Correspondent, Washington Post

THE civilian pilot training program, started by the Civil Aeronautics Authority in the spring of 1939 as a nonmilitary endeavor, is beginning to pay dividends from a national defense standpoint.

College boys who have taken the CAA course are going into the Army and Navy air services, where they will be developed from fledglings into hard-flying warbirds.

A recent check-up showed that 2,600 young CAA trainees actually were undergoing training in Army and Navy air schools, or were awaiting orders to report. The Army had 1,355 of the fledglings and the Navy 701.

If this figure doesn't seem exactly startling in these days of "50,000 airplanes," it should be remembered that in the past the Army has been turning out pilots at the rate of less than 500 a year.

So much is happening today in the

ground courses in their classrooms sending students to nearby air fields to learn to fly—a huge reserve of private pilots is being formed in the United States.

Up to last September 15, a total of 22,596 young people were taught to fly under the CAA program. Right now another 17,230 are being taught to fly. Under the CAA program for this year, 45,000 students are being trained, not counting some 9,000 students who are taking a secondary course to be fit them for the Army and Navy air services.

Feeder for Army and Navy

These figures might be better understood if it be pointed out that by July the CAA will have given flight training to more individuals than previously had been trained in this country since the Wright brothers invented the airplane.

The CAA program must be regarded, first, from the standpoint of its



Cadets at Randolph Field, near San Antonio, all ready to take off on their daily training program. Some of these cadets first took the CAA training course.

drive to make America strong that the CAA pilot training program is something that overshadowed. The day may come, however, when the country will look upon it as one of the finest achievements in its history; yes, and as one of the most valuable from a national defense standpoint, too.

Huge Reserve of Private Pilots

What is happening is this: With more than 700 colleges and universities taking part in the program—giving

as a feeder to the Army and Navy, and second, from the standpoint of its value to America's post-war economy. It has been related how the CAA fledglings now are flowing into the armed services. The number surely will increase as time goes on. Not all of them will win their wings; washouts in the two services are fairly high. But even less than 40 per cent of those who offer their services make the grade. It will be a justification of the program.

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Measure of Courage
S certain measure of courage that a nation finds it needs to carry through to success.

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of defense, the risk is the target in the sky. At the danger of capture after is always present.

calls for men of courage, but will find them in her ranks.

Male Population
line of males over females in States is being reduced, according to the Census Bureau, at the early 190,000 a year. In the next five years, according to the table, the United States will have the majority of nations in female majority. The excess population in Germany is nearly 1,800,000, in France 1,000,000 and in England nearly 1,000,000.

United States, along with other like Canada and Australia, 41, when the male majority is the excess of males was 2,690,180 it had fallen to 1,499,114. In the next five years, according to the table, the United States will have the majority of nations in female majority. The excess population in Germany is nearly 1,800,000, in France 1,000,000 and in England nearly 1,000,000.

reached in 1910, when it was 2,692,288. The excess had consistently increased with every decade, except that between 1880 and 1870, when Civil War losses reduced the male excess from 727,087 to 428,789.

Although 105 to 106 males are born to every 100 female births, the higher death rate among males is offsetting this fact. The trend toward a female majority is being materially aided by the fact that women now live three years longer than men.

Heart disease takes 47,073 more males than females annually; automobile accidents take 19,792 more males; influenza and pneumonia, 17,168; suicides, 10,172 (14,529 males to 4,357 female); tuberculosis, 9,694; congenital malformations and diseases of infancy, 9,488, and nephritis, 7,427. The common killers in which the deaths of females exceed those of males, with average annual excess, are cancer (lung cancer, 10,818; and diabetes, 6,862. Maternal deaths average 12,000 annually. The one common killers which seem to show no sex favoritism is cerebral hemorrhage, embolism and thrombosis, which annually takes approximately 110,000, with only 300 more females than males.

Army Recruiting Homing Pigeons
Under defense plans the Army Signal Corps will add hundreds of homing pigeons to the 2,000 now in the service. Close to a half million served the opposing armed forces during the first World War.

The pigeons, capable of flying up to 600 miles a day at an average speed of thirty-five miles per hour, are used to carry to headquarters messages from combat and observation aircraft, tanks and units cut off from ordinary channels of communication. The messages are placed in a capsule attached to a band on the bird's leg.

Among the 20,000 pigeons in the United States Army during the last war were many whose deeds of valor equaled those of any soldier.

Only 38 Per Cent of People Voted in Presidential Election
Almost thirty-eight of every 100 persons in the country voted in the Presidential election November 5. There were 49,808,624 voters out of 130,272,679 persons in the continental United States.

Voters for Franklin D. Roosevelt totaled 27,241,939, or slightly more than twenty from every 100 of the popula-

tion. Wendell L. Willkie received 22,327,226 votes, or almost seventeen from every 100 of the population.

The Census Bureau estimated that there were 80,528,000 potential voters, that is, native persons and naturalized foreign born 21 years old and over. About sixty-two in every 100 of these potential voters cast ballots.

The number of persons who registered or who otherwise qualified to vote was 60,576,979. Of that number about eight-two in every 100 exercised the right of franchise.

In four States more than half the population voted. They were Illinois, 53.4 per cent; Nevada, 53.0; Indiana, 52.0, and Delaware, 51.1. The States in which the smallest percentage of the population voted were: South Carolina, 5.2 per cent; Mississippi, 8.0; Georgia, 10.0, and Alabama, 10.4.

Texas cast more than a million votes for President for the first time. Its total vote was 1,041,168, or 16.2 per cent.

U-Boat Threat to England
The threat of the German U-boat to the commerce by which Britain lives is sharply defined by the figures compiled by neutral sources which put average weekly British, Allied and neutral shipping losses at 84,000 tons for the last 14 weeks compared to an average of 43,000 tons a year ago.

The reasons for this increase, according to neutral naval sources, are the new German bases in French ports, the operations of bombing and scouting aircraft between 600 and 700 miles west of Ireland.

There is no doubt the British navy, especially the destroyer force, is doing its utmost to combat the threat, but more long-range aircraft and more destroyers appear to be needed by the dozens and scores, not by ones and twos.

Not only have the Germans more bases from which to wage war on British shipping, but the British are now deprived of the Irish ports which they used in the first World War to combat the U-boats. Ireland insists on remaining neutral.

Prime Minister Churchill caused an uproar in the House of Commons recently when he talked of Ireland's refusal to allow the British to use her ports. Churchill said:

"The fact that we cannot use the south and west ports of Ireland as a fuel for our fleet and aircraft and thus protect the trade by which Ireland as well as British lives—that fact is a most heavy and grievous burden and one which never should have been placed on

our shoulders, broad though they may be."

Predict Great Business Activity
The impetus that the vast defense program has given American industry leads editors and economists of trade publications throughout the country to predict tremendous business activity in 1941. Some of them believe, with reservation, that the national income will increase from this year's total of about \$74,000,000,000 to \$80,000,000,000. Others, more optimistic, expect it to reach \$100,000,000,000.

Several industries, according to the editors, will be busier in 1941 than at any time since the World War. Yet the continuance of this activity, with its resultant plant expansion and increased employment, depends, some commentators say, on the fortunes of war. If Great Britain loses, business expansion will be checked; if she keeps on fighting, then continued industrial expansion is assured.

Simple Rules to Avoid Influenza
Prevention of influenza, according to Dr. Harold Williams, Acting Health Chief of the City of Fort Worth, Texas, depends mainly on the individual and his observance of some of the practical laws of hygiene. The disease is spread by secretions from the nose and throat of ill patients.

Dr. Williams enumerated 11 rules of hygiene, as laid down by the U. S. health authorities:

- Avoid needless crowding.
- Take advantage of as much open air and sunlight as you can.
- Sleep with the windows open and be sure your home is well ventilated.
- Avoid people who are sneezing, coughing or sniffing, and do not cough or sneeze yourself without using your handkerchief.
- Do not put your hands immediately before eating, and do not put your fingers to your mouth or nose—in shaking hands or handling objects touched by others you may infect yourself by carrying germs on your hands to the mouth or nose.
- Do not use a napkin, towel, spoon, fork, knife, glass, or cup which has been used by another person unless such articles have been washed or sterilized. Avoid the common drinking cup.
- Keep up your general health: first, by using plenty of clean water, inside and outside your body; second, by eating clean, wholesome food, and drinking at least seven hours out of each 24; and fourth, by keeping the system regulated.
- Keep away from houses where there are cases of influenza.
- Avoid chilling.
- In case the disease develops, go to bed immediately and remain there until recovery. A physician should be called at once.

U. S. Families Smaller
The size of the American family has declined steadily during the last fifty years, and the average family today has 1.1 fewer persons than in 1890. This statistical comparison is true for Texas and for the nation.

Cause of the decline, Director William Lane Austin of the Census Bureau said, is primarily the increased movement of families from rural to city life and the decrease in birth rate that always accompanies such movement.

The average population per family in the United States in 1940 was 3.8, compared with an average of 4.1 persons in 1930. Texas had an average per family in 1930 of 4.2 persons.

The size of the average family is larger in the South than in the industrial states of the North and East.

Nazis Resentful
The Nazis now are getting officially resentful over American aid to Britain. For many months it had been the position of Berlin that United States aid to Britain did not amount to much, that we were slow in getting into production and that Britain would be well beaten by the Germans before our aid would become efficacious and that, after all, there was a great difference between American products made here and American products in Britain because the German blockade was going to block their route. After maintaining that position for many months, the Berlin spokesman now decides that we are unfair and issues threats which indicate that if Hitler could, he would do something about it.

It is not a great surprise that Berlin is irritated. The year is finishing without the crushing of Britain, as promised by Hitler. His partner, Mussolini, has run into all sorts of bad luck and the threat of Italian collapse has become so great that the project of aiding Italy is now seriously being weighed in Berlin. It looks as if the war is going to last some time. The longer it lasts the more aid Britain will get from the United States. It is that prospect which now irritates the Germans.

Deaths in Accidents Rise
Statisticians of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company estimated the number of deaths by injuries in the country in 1940 at 98,000, or nearly 5,500 more than in 1939. The statement declared this year's estimated total reversed the downward trend in accident fatalities prevalent since 1937, and added that the record was "especially disappointing in view of the conservation of manpower now needed for national defense."

"Each of the major classes of accidents has shared in the general increase. The greatest proportionate increase was shown in occupational accidents. Deaths resulting from automobile accidents will reach about 34,500 or 2,000 more than last year, but 5,000 fewer than in 1937."

Flying in the Sub-Stratosphere
The trend at the very outset of the new decade, the "Flying Forties" is toward much larger super-charged four-engine aircraft with pressurized cabins for flying at 16,000 to 20,000 feet, conditioned to feel like the ideal flying height of 8,000 to 12,000 altitude range. From an operating angle this "upper level" flying escapes 95 per cent of the bad weather at lower levels, including the very troublesome ice formation on wings, is ideal for radio reception, and because of lowered air resistance makes for greatly increased speeds with the same power.

From the standpoint of the airlines these are advantages of considerable weight. On the other hand from the passenger point of view overweather flying gives (1) a new thrill in a marvelously expanded range of vision, literally a new world of limitless space and breath-taking cloud and light effects, (2) increased comfort through elimination of air "bumps," (3) added safety, in accordance with the aeronautical principle, "the higher the better," and (4) faster travel, cutting off two hours from the coast to coast flights.

Texas' Most Traveled Highway
The most traveled highway in Texas is the 32-mile stretch between Fort Worth and Dallas. A recent count shows 11,000 automobiles traverse the route each ordinary day.

Widening of the highway and enforcement of the State's traffic laws has reduced the death toll from thirty-four in 1937 to four in 1940.

Grass Root Reveries

By JOE GANDY
Winnipeg, Texas
THESE are the days when the masses wonder about Christmas. How mysterious it came. How mysterious it vanished. Like a blue ribbon around all my cards and put them away. I remember Christmas. This year was prettier. One day I saw a card of good will. I gave it to Joe. He said, "What could that mean? It says 'Believe in me.'"

table before he cats, but is always squawking about something, is never satisfied or glad that he's alive, although he has good health, good food and good clothing.

The changing world, it seems, has affected country sausage. At least, some folks say country sausage is not as good as it used to be. The world is sadder and poorer if country sausage ever loses its savor. That aroma can compare with country sausage, just taken from the smokehouse, and spluttering in the pan? If country sausage isn't as good as it used to be, it's because we have so much of it. I've sampled the hog too much, got away from nature too much with fancy breeding and fancy culling. The best sausage I have ever eaten in my life came from a corn-cobbed hog, home-cured and hickory smoked.

The estimated cost of killing a man in modern war is \$50,000. Back in Alexander's time the cost of killing a man in war was about six-bits. If Alex could come back on Earth and see how the cost of war has gone up he would weep again because he didn't do more fighting while fighting was like a 5 and 10 bargain counter.

with the banker. Here's wishing them luck and gillions of wisdom to guide their deliberations.

A certain wife says she has an ideal husband. This wife should keep it a profound secret, because if it gets in the newspapers some other wives might want to swap husbands with her. I never knew but two ideal husbands and they died young. All girls think they will marry ideal husbands and it is well for them to think so; it makes for romance and who would want to live in a world without romance. Howsoever, when the shock comes after marriage, when wife's idol lies shattered at her feet, it's best she take it as a joke, not take it seriously.

People complain about hard times. But times are not as hard as they used to be. Seldom is a youngster seen going around wearing clothes his mother made out of dad's old coat, vest or pants. Big families were the rule in earlier times. I remember one family that had 12 children, 8 boys and 4 girls. The mother of this family cut down her husband's britches for the oldest boy who wore them until he outgrew them, then she cut them down for the second oldest boy, the third oldest and so on until they were shreds and patches. Nor were all patches the same, a patch might be brown or blue or gray. I recall one boy in particular who came to school wearing cut down britches of many-colored patches. His name was Christopher Cox. His playmates nicknamed him "Crazy Quilt Cox."

A man is to be pitied who goes through life continually scared. I know a man who has been scared peeragen for 25 years. He is scared of the rain, afraid it will rain too much or too little. He is scared of poverty though financially well-to-do. He is scared of starving to death. He is scared of being killed. He is scared of his health and expects to die any minute. He is scared of in-laws and believes they are plotting to murder him. He is scared of automobiles and never rides in one. He is scared of storms and spends most of his time in a storm cellar. He is scared of mules and has a presentiment that a mule will some day kick him to death. He is scared of burglars and padlocks doors and windows at night. He even talks of hiring a body guard to go places with him and protect his precious life.


Contentment
America is building an Army—the skeleton of four armies, ten corps, twenty-three divisions in the field today; a filled-out force of thirty divisions of more than a million men by next summer.

The contentment program is one of the biggest in our history. The Army housing program is to cost many millions; there are to be about thirty-nine camps. Expansion of facilities at some ninety stations, establishment of Army air stations at thirty civilian fields.

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America is building an army.

The Great American Home



"Granpap, if ya don't go and do some weedin', afore long we'll have to move out."

men—comes into the men—comes whether they or not. Time, no respecter of marches on straight ahead my detours. In fact time, in its way and stand still, can you down and flatten you out why we must keep on our feet step moving. Surely 1941 is one when we gotta keep moving, especially our defense program. So busy as beavers building a dam build this our motto: "All for one, all united we stand, divided

of all that has been said and that year was not a bad year. We failed to make it with some things, but with other things we came out. Crops, for instance, were good all around. There's still the crib and bacon in the smoke-house. The Lord would bless people they would quit bellyaching. Americans think we are thankful. But we truly and sincerely thank God for all our many blessings? I doubt the good old skinflint who says he's saving three times a day at the

the eyes of Texas will be upon the next Texas Legislature which meets in January. Great problems of State will be up for solution. No one can predict enough. We shudder to think what the outcome or who or what will save the State from utter ruin and devastation. We shudder to think what will happen to left-over legislation. Left-over legislation is like left-over food — no one cares a dern about it. Newly-elected members will strut their stuff—some from the fork of the creek and some from the big wicked fellows then this session of the Legislature will be strange indeed, for the farmer will lie down with the lawyer and the newspaper man will lie down

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BRIEF TEXAS NEWS---from Over the State

LIVED IN SAME HOUSE 78 YEARS

Mrs. Mary Abigail Browder, who lived on a farm near Dallas, died there recently in the same house in which she was born and had lived 78 years.

REUNITED AFTER 42 YEARS

Dusty and Bert Rhodes, Texas cowboy brothers who had parted, reunited at Clarendon by accident and were reunited after 42 years.

SCALPED BY WIND CHARGER

Mrs. W. C. Herndon, age 46, was badly scalped when struck on the head by the blade of a windcharger she was trying to stop at her home in the Gray-back community of Wilbarger county.

CROOKED LAND PROMOTION

El Paso county records recently revealed a crooked land deal back in 1921. A man bought "eight city lots" from a real estate promoter. It developed his land was on Mount Franklin, a rugged inaccessible mass of stone and cactus three miles north of El Paso.

HOUSE RUNS INTO AUTOMOBILE

Clarksville Times: "Crash squad officers answering a call in Houston found an astonishing reversal of the usual order—a house had run into a car. The house, jacked up and placed on rollers, was being pulled by a truck when it broke loose and careened into a parked automobile."

BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU PLAY BRIDGE

Texas bridge and whist players who play in places other than their own homes or homes of friends hardly look upon themselves as criminals, but a recent investigation by the Attorney General's department found that playing cards anywhere but in a private residence occupied by a family is unlawful.

"WRONG NUMBER"

Dallas Journal: "Do you have any two-piece silk underwear?" a lady's voice over the telephone asked M. J. Patterson, Dallas city jailer. "Patterson started to answer, but she cut him off with: "Well, do you have any one-piece underwear?" "No," Patterson replied. "What kind of place are you running down here?" she asked. "Lady, I'm running the city jail," Patterson answered. "She hung up."

BUSINESS GAINS

Texas Business Review: "Further business gains in Texas during coming months are definitely indicated. In addition to prospective increases in income from ordinary sources—agriculture, minerals, and non-agricultural paravols—Federal expenditures in Texas as incident to the national defense program are assuming significant proportions. While the initial impacts of national defense contracts are limited to the localities immediately involved, the influence of these expenditures will tend to broaden out over the State."

EVIDENCE OF REMOTE HUMAN HABITATION

From carved stone images unearthed at a gravel pit in East Texas, Dr. E. H. Sellards, University of Texas geologist, told members of the American Geological Society, meeting in Austin, that he estimated men were living in Texas 100,000 years ago. Discovery of the carved stone images, a basis for Sellards' assertion, is the oldest evidence of sculpture in the Western Hemisphere. "We have substantial proof that the images were hand-carved in the pleistocene age—approximately 100,000 years ago," said Sellards.

MYSTERIOUS CADDO LAKE

McKinney Examiner: "Caddo Lake in East Texas, the largest natural lake in Texas, is said to be the most mysterious body of water in the State. The lake proper is 20 miles long and 16 miles wide. More than 400 oil derricks dot the surface of the lake with a network of pipelines underlying its surface. The greater part of Caddo Lake lies in Marion county, Texas, with the remainder in Harrison county, Texas, and Caddo Parish, La. When the first settlers came to this locality, the Indians told them that the lake was formed overnight in 1812 by some kind of volcanic eruption. Many Indians were said to have lost their lives in the upheaval."

MAD SQUIRREL ATTACKS MAN

A mad squirrel attacked E. B. Downing, of Roswell, N. M., on the streets of Abilene, and bit him so severely that he had to be taken by an ambulance to a hospital for treatment.

FIVE GRANDSONS IN U. S. ARMY

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Ward, age 82 and 83, respectively, pioneer Italy, (Ellis county), couple are well represented in Uncle Sam's army by their five grandsons who were inducted into service November 28, 1940.

BOOK RETURNED 40 YEARS OVERDUE

A book was returned to the University of Texas Library, Austin, that had been 40 years overdue. It was issued November 29, 1900, for two weeks use.

SOME MIDDLE NAME

Dallas officers stopped a negro girl for routine questioning. She said her name was Thelma Moss. "Haven't you got a middle name?" they asked her. "Yes, Thelma Helen Lois Mary Frances Moss," she replied. They let her go.

HERO MEDAL LATE

San Antonio Light: "A little late—22 years, to be exact—but still welcome was a medal received by John H. 'Bob' Roberts, acting constable of Precinct No. 5, San Antonio, for gallantry in action in the Champagne, France, sector in July, 1918. The medal, surprised Roberts, who said, 'I don't know why they gave it to me. I don't know what it did. There was a lot going on around about that time.'"

PAYS DOCTOR IN PENNIES

Mack Goode, of Willis Point, (Van Zandt county), paid his doctor bill in pennies. He handed Dr. H. T. Fry a fruit jar containing 16 pounds of pennies for delivery of a brand new son that weighed 8 pounds.

PIONEER EDUCATOR DIES

San Angelo Standard: "Mrs. Mary Wrye, age 102, pioneer Texas educator who taught school until she was 75 years old, died at her home near Mobeetie, Wheeler county."

MOLLIE PRESENTS SCROLL

Miss Mollie O'Daniel, daughter of Texas' Governor, presented Foreign Minister Ezequiel Padilla a scroll from her father extending good wishes to Mexico's new President, Manuel Avila Camacho.

TEXAS TECH HEAD

M. West, Houston millionaire, was named chairman of the board of directors for the Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Tech, with 3,500 students and 175 faculty members, is surpassed in size only by the University of Texas and Texas A. & M. College.

RANKS SIXTH IN BIG GAME

Texas is the sixth leading State in big game, a report from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service reveals. The grand total of big game animals in Texas, says the survey, is 391,822, but this does not include antelope. The Lone Star State has a total of 238,565 white-tailed deer and 17,553 mule or black-tailed deer.

TEXAS CITIES LEAD

Texas has the nation's largest number of cities served by regular air transport, a study of the latest airline map by Braniff Airways officials reveal. Texas, with 16 cities directly served, leads the runner-up, Florida, which has 13, and California with 11. In addition to Braniff, American, Delta, Pan-American, T. W. A. and Eastern Air Lines serve Texas.

NEW HOT CHECK ALIBI

Longview News: "A Longview negro was jailed on a charge of writing a hot check, filed by H. J. Shadwich, a grocer. The negro, Shadwich claimed, gave him a \$9.60 check for groceries. When questioned about the matter, the negro told deputies under Sheriff Will Hayes: "Dat ain't my fault, boss. I put de money in de bank and told 'em to tell me when it run out.'"

POSTMAN WALKS 90,000 MILES

B. H. Moss, Fort Worth letter carrier, retired after 20 years of service. He estimates he has walked on his carrier route 90,000 miles in 20 years and delivered 175 tons of mail.

CUTS OFF OWN HAND

A 24-year-old mother of three children, near San Antonio, cut off her hand at the wrist with an ax. "I had to do it," was all the explanation she offered. Emergency treatment by a neighbor saved her life.

ALBINO OPPOSSUM

Hamilton News: "Eldor Schrank was in town recently exhibiting a very rare albino or white opposum which he had caught on a road near his home. Scientists say that a solid white animal like an opposum will occur only once out of several thousand births."

SALARY OF AVERAGE WORKER

The average worker in a Texas business establishment works 49.51 hours per week for which he receives a salary of \$18.67, according to statistics compiled by the State Bureau of Labor Statistics.

WOMAN BRONCO BUSTER NOW FLIER

Lucyle Richards, star bronco performer, has given up bronco busting and trick riding to become the Southwest's only woman CAA flight instructor. Miss Richards, of Houston, Texas, will teach flying at Lon Morris College, Jacksonville, Texas. She attended a special CAA school at Fort Worth preparatory to taking over her initial class of 10 students.



SNEEZING STOPPED—Kathryn Adams, whose ten-day attack of sneezing ended when doctors administered sensitive portions of her nostrils, smiled happily when released from a Temple, Texas, hospital.

LEFT FALSE TEETH BEHIND

A Dallas hotel manager received a letter from a St. Louis resident requesting that his false teeth, which he left in a room in the hotel, be forwarded to him at once.

STOLE SHROUDS

A Fort Worth burglar can be sure of wearing a shroud when he dies. He stole a lot of one-piece shrouds from the automobile of R. M. Walker, salesman for a casket company.

LARGEST TREES

Nordheim View: "The largest tree in Southwest Texas is an old cypress near Cypress Mill, Burnet county. It has a circumference of 29 feet, largest live oak as to circumference is on Lamar Peninsula (27 feet), but the Hauschild oak, seven miles north of Victoria, (Victoria county), is the most nearly perfect tree of all. It is 21 3/4 feet in circumference, 70 feet high, and has a branch spread of 124 feet."

WHEN CELLS BEGIN TO WEAR OUT

Dr. E. W. Bertner, a Houston family physician, told the Houston Public Health Institute that the problem of medical science was not to give human beings a few extra years of survival. "What we have to do," he said, "is to give the average man an increasing number of healthful years of living in which he can enjoy the utmost of happiness and contentment. A man 70 years old has spent 20 years growing, 25 maturing and 25 degenerating. At 45 the cells of the body begin to wear out," Dr. Bertner said.

HIGHWAY SINKS

Slipping by inches at widely spaced intervals, a section of S. Highway 80, between Tyler and Jacksonville, had sunk eight feet as a result of heavy rains in late November and early December.

VALUABLE PAINTING STOLEN

Raphael's "Madonna and Child," one of the celebrated paintings in the S. H. Kress collection, was stolen from the University of Texas College of Mines Museum in El Paso. Officials said the painting was insured.

ZOO MONKEYS CATCH FLU

Walton Carlin Dallas zoo superintendent, reports that the 150 zoo monkeys are subject to catching cold and flu just like humans. "The diseases of monkeys and humans are so similar that we often call on practicing physicians to aid us in saving the lives of our zoo monkeys," he said. "Some of the best known physicians in Dallas have saved monkeys from pneumonia."

HANDS AND NAILS MUST BE CLEAN

San Antonio News: "If troops of the Third Cavalry Division, Texas National Guard, want to get a fair shot at 'chow' with the rest of the men, they had better have clean hands and fingernails. Maj. Gen. Claude V. Birkhead, commander of the division, has ordered all officers to inspect the hands of their men before eating. Gen. Birkhead added: 'Death and disease follow imperfect sanitation. Anything less than perfect hygiene and sanitation is a failure.'"

SUSPENSION BRIDGE CRASHES

A \$75,000 suspension toll-bridge, 12 miles north of Clarksville, (Red River county), "pulled" its cable anchor loose and plunged into Red river. No one was on the structure when it fell.

FALSE ALARM

A charter issued in Austin to "Bomb Shelter Co., Inc.," turned out to be—not a permit for manufacturing bomb-proof shelters—but for a Dallas night club that will redecorate its basement to represent the interior of an air-raid shelter.

NEWSPAPER PRINTED IN 1800

Chillicothe News: "Framed and owned by Mrs. R. H. Stuckey, of Chillicothe, is a newspaper printed in 1800 which tells of the death of George Washington and relates other incidents of that time."

FREAKISH LIGHTNING

Lightning struck the home of M. P. Jefferson, of Orange, (Orange county), tore a hole in the roof, traveled downward into the front part of the house, broke window panes, then went on outside and dug a big hole in the concrete sidewalk. None of the family was injured beyond a severe shock.

FARM CASH INCOME

Cash income from agriculture in Texas during November as computed by the Bureau of Business Research, Austin, totaled \$42,749,000 compared with \$33,650,000 during November, 1939, an increase of twenty-seven per cent. For the first eleven months of 1940 aggregate farm cash income in Texas was \$398,921,000, representing a gain of nearly six per cent over the \$377,083,000 during the corresponding period last year.

SAFETY RECORD SET BY WOMAN

A safety record has been established by Mrs. W. Pugh, 2112 McCarty street, Houston, who has been driving a school bus for the Houston public school system for 17 years without an accident and getting the children to school on time each morning. Mrs. Pugh has worn out three buses. She drives over 55 miles each day under a contract with the school board. "None of the children riding with me has ever been injured, but children are careless and sometimes run in front of the bus after leaving it," said Mrs. Pugh.

AD VALOREM TAXES

Total valuations of property for 1939 amounted to \$86,000,000 for ad valorem tax reports to Comptroller George Steyer. Counties showed a net increase of 926,182 over 1939.

HOME BUILDING

The F. W. Dodge Corporation reported \$82,000,000 for new residential construction in 1939. In 1938 new homes built were 5,199, 1937 new homes were 3,792.

VALUABLE PURSE LOST

A purse, lost in the city of Temple of Corpus Christi for a year, was recovered by workers ready one to the owner, Miss Jackie Steyer. It contained a diamond brooch, \$1,500 and \$27 in cash.

ESTIMATE OF WHITEHEADS

State Game Warden Charles W. Weslaco, (Hidalgo county), estimated that a total of at least 4,000 whiting doves had been killed during the winter in the lower Rio Grande counties.

BABY'S CRIES SAVE FA

Six-month-old Henry Atchison of L. N. Atchison, merchant, persons, including his parents, asphyxiated at Pampa, (Gray county). When the child awoke at 3 a.m. lustily it was discovered that the vent pipes were out of order and wind was blowing gas fumes into the house.

FLU EPIDEMIC FEARED

Influenza is approaching epidemic stage in Texas, Dr. C. Cox, State health officer, deduced from crowds, to see that a physically fit, keep her feet dry and do everything possible to ward off colds," he said.

\$570,000,000 LOANED BY

Twenty-one per cent of total banks in Texas made \$570,000,000 in loans during the first months of 1940, according to an annual survey of bank lending made by the American Bankers' Association.

PERFECT SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Dallas Times-Herald: "Mr. Peters, of 2123 Bennett street, Harry D. Peters, 2139 W. Roll Avenue, Dallas, recently celebrated his sixteenth year of perfect Sunday school attendance. He is pretty hard to get up on Sunday to go to Sunday School," said, "but trying to keep our record gives us a great incentive."

BIRTH AND DEATH RATE

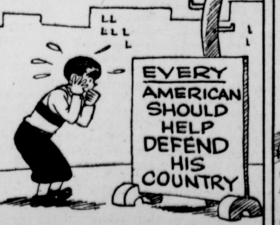
Texas' birth rate in 1939 was 424,000 births compared with a national average of 17.3, the Census Bureau reported. This was a decline from the rate of 19.2 for 1938, but a substantial gain over the rate of 18.6 for 1937. Texas' death rate in 1939 was 1,000 population, compared with a national average of 10.6. This was lower than the 1938 rate of 11.0, well below the 1937 rate of 12.0.

ALIEN REGISTRATION SENT 59 FOREIGN COUNTRIES

The 5,399 aliens that registered in Dallas represented 59 foreign countries. Italy fourth with 2,940, Germany second with 600, Germany third with 335, Italy fourth with 353, Russia with 275, Poland sixth with 273, Austria seventh with 100, Greece eighth with 70, Ireland ninth with 70, Slovakia tenth with 70, Sweden eleventh with 47 and France with 43. Registration revealed that Dallas' oldest residents had nearly become American citizens.

TRAFFIC ENEMY NO. 1

"Drivers who operate their automobiles at speed which are too fast for prevailing conditions are traffic enemy Number One," according to Homer Garrison, Jr., Director of the State Department of Public Safety. "This wanton slaughter of Texans must stop and I urge each and every driver to reduce the speeds of vehicles operated on our public highways," said Col. Garrison.



Sto LITTLE FUN Jokes to Make You Laugh

Perplexing
Well, little miss," said the grocer, "can I do for you?"
"Please, sir, mother wants a bottle of nut-matured alcohol."

True Enough
"What is the difference between capital and labor?"
"Well, son, the money you lend represents capital—and getting it back represents labor."

Wouldn't Hold Still
A policeman, seeing a man fumbling the keyhole of his house at 2 a. m., tried to go to the rescue.
"Can I help you find the keyhole," inquired the officer.
"I have all right, old man," replied the man quite cheerily, "you just hold the keyhole still a minute and I'll find the keyhole."

Versatile Cows
A roadside sign by the order of the District Board, cows grazing by the roadside or riding bicycles on the sidewalk hereby forbidden in this area.

Easy to Answer
Prosecuting Attorney—"Now don't bluster. Do you understand a simple matter, or don't you?"
Witness—a farmer—"I do."
Prosecuting Attorney—"All right, then plow a field in five hours."
Witness—"You couldn't do it."
Prosecuting Attorney—"Why not?"
Witness—"Because fifteen men have already plowed it."

Colored Minister's Bible Story
An old colored minister treated his flock one Sunday to the following story from the Bible: "Icarus had been up on his wall, an Ahah come 'long an' say to his men, 'Trow her down.' An' dey trowed her seven times. He say, 'Trow her own seven times.' An' dey trowed her own seven times. 'Trow her down twenty times seven.' An' dey done it. An' fragments dey gattered up twelve skeets full. Now, my bredderen, whose life she guine to be in de Resurrection!"

James' Version
"James," asked his mother as she was getting him ready for Sunday school, "have you forgotten that verse I taught you yesterday?"
James, who had just turned 6, had a memory like his father (and that was very bad one). His mother had picked out the next to the shortest verse in the Bible—"It is I; and be not afraid!"—and attempted to teach it to James, who was to repeat it when his teacher would call the class roll.
"Now, James darling, let me hear your verse," exhorted his mother.
James studied very hard for a second, frightened perceptibly and then said: "It's me—don't git skeered!"

Foreign Tongue
Doctor (examining patient's throat)—"Now open your mouth wide and say 'Ah.'"
Tony—"Excuse me, Doc, no spika da English."

Fine Distinction
Son—"What's the difference between a statesman and a politician, Pop?"
Pop—"Well, son, a statesman wants to do something for his country and a politician wants the country to do something for him."

Expert Appraiser
Prosecuting Attorney—"Do you recall whether the defendant was expensively garbed?"
Mose Jackson (witness)—"He sho' was, Mistah Laywah, an' Ah knows 'spenive garbage when Ah sees it."

One on the Doc
Doctor—"Had you been to see anyone else before you came to me?"
Patient—"Yes, I went to a druggist."
Doctor—"And what idiotic advice did this druggist give you?"
Patient—"He told me to come to see you."

Co-operation
Henry had a mitten,
And William had a ball.
And Robbie had a hat stick,
But they had no fun at all.
Till they put them all together,
And played a game of ball.
And then they had so much fun,
They wouldn't stop at all.

An Imagination
The teacher had recited "The Landing of the Pilgrims." Then she requested each pupil to draw from his or her imagination a picture of Plymouth Rock.
Most of them went to work at once, but one little fellow hesitated, and at length raised his hand.
"Well, Willie, what is it?"
"Please, ma'am do you want us to draw a hen or a rooster?"

Success Evaluated
Albert Edward Wigan told this story about success: "One thing that fools people about success is that it seems so often to be due to luck or accident. For example, I was often told in the early days out at Cripple Creek, Colorado, that the Independence mine, which later sold for ten million dollars in actual cash, was 'discovered by accident.'
The story was that an old mountaineer, Mr. Stratton, was wandering about on the Fourth of July with some companions when he remarked, "I am going to throw my pick down the mountain side, and wherever it lights, I'm going to dig for gold." I asked Mr. Stratton why he claimed to know where a lead ore led with a smile, "Yes, in a way that was true, but I had been searching for forty years for the place to throw that pick."

DINOSAURS FOUGHT GREATEST BATTLES
"Weren't the greatest battles in the United States fought 90,000,000 years ago when dinosaurs held the land?" Charles W. Gilmore, the National Museum's dinosaur specialist, was asked, and he nodded yes, according to Science Service.
"Tyranosaurus Rex—literally, tyrant king among dinosaurs—undoubtedly was the dictator of the world's prehistoric reptile age," said Mr. Gilmore.
"Swamps and meadows of this country must have seen many a violent battle, with these tyrants rearing and lashing their tails and snapping five-foot-long jaws at foes."
"Why, these Tyrannosaurs were armed with rows of sharp teeth, some six inches long!"
The most impressive fossil he has ever encountered is Mr. Gilmore's rating of the long-defunct dinosaur dictator. The reptile stretched forty-two feet long, measured from snout to tip of tail. Balancing on tail and hind legs, and holding up its tiny, shrunken forelegs, the tyrant towered to about eighteen feet—three times the height of a sizable man.
Dictators by sheer fighting power, the tyrant kings clashed mainly with other dinosaurs, Mr. Gilmore suspects. Such big jaws and teeth as they had would fit them for attacking big enemies.

FOGS
Fogs, by and large, fall into definite categories. They range in the official British weather specifications established in 1921 from "very dense," when objects are invisible by day at twenty-seven yards, through "dense," "thick," "rather thick," plain "fog," and "moderate" down to "mist or thick haze" and "slight mist or haze," when objects are invisible at a distance of seven and a half miles.
Sea fogs form when warm, moist air blowing over a cold surface is cooled and must squeeze out water vapor. Although conditions vary from year to year, many meteorologists consider June the foggiest month over the English Channel, and November the clearest.

Land fogs form in valleys through lowering of the air temperature from moisture-laden winds blown in over the Atlantic come London's famous pea-soup fogs, in which the moisture particles settle on bits of dust and smoke that are ever present. These pea-soup fogs last for long periods, since the moisture drops become coated with oily substances, present in the air as a use of the excessive amounts of smoke and soot, and do not readily evaporate.

THE VERSATILE SOY-BEAN
From the versatile soybean, chemists have been able to extract everything from sex hormones to plastics for automobile parts. Latest yield substitute egg white. Two University of California scientists report that their egg substitute, made from the soybean, is a pale yellow powder which foams to 14 times its own volume when mixed with water, not only tastes as good in cakes and candies, but is not subject to spoilage.

STINGLESS BEES
A placid bee which seldom stings and "just won't fight back" has been developed by Dr. Lloyd R. Watson, chemistry professor at Alfred University, New York. After 23 years of experimenting with controlled mating of queen bees.
"I don't see why a farmer should not be able to go as safely into his bee yard as he is able to go into the hen yard to get eggs," Watson said in discussing the non-stinging bee. "However, it is too early to tell what hereditary factor has produced the gentle bee. It may be dominant, recessive or even environmental."
The gentle bee appears to be fully civilized. It has a sting but is considerate in its use, Watson tells you. In a demonstration, he pounded a wasp, knocked the frame and brushed the insects off a honeycomb without being socked by a single sting.

THE WHITE HOUSE
The White House to be the first public building to be erected when the site was laid out for the new nation's capital. It was called the "President's Palace" at first. Then it was called the "Executive Mansion," a name that is still applied to it. When it was partly destroyed by the British in 1814, Dolly Madison directed that it be covered with a coat of white paint to hide the bluish ash on the roof. Since then it has been known as the White House.—New York Herald Tribune.

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Poultry News Broiler Show Crossbreeding

One of the interesting features of the Gonzales County (Texas) Fair, last fall, was the broiler show. It was brought out by the leading broiler producing section of Texas, for cotton is no longer a dependable crop, and poultry offers a splendid way to make up this deficiency.

The winning classes were dressed and placed on display. An expert broiler man explained the various requirements of a desirable broiler, using dressed carcasses to illustrate his ideas. He said that the most important factors in winning broilers are shown by the experts that quality and finish are the determining factors in winning broilers at shows.

Farmers in southwest Texas carry on broiler production along with their regular farming business, some having made it a part of their entire agricultural endeavor.

A local packing company takes the entire output of the farmers, which solves one of the main problems of the farmer—a ready market. Having the market right at their door makes broiler raising a profitable project for these farmers.—American Poultry Journal.

Keep Layers Comfortable
The important thing in keeping the hens in winter egg production is to keep them comfortable. If they have to roost in a draft all night, or huddle together on account of the cold, or live in damp, filthy pens, it is not very likely that they will continue egg-laying for very long.

Crossbreeding Turkeys
The older turkey industry gets, the more people there are who realize that crossbreeding answers the purpose of maintaining fast growth and early maturity.

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A DEER HUNT IN THE DAVIS MOUNTAINS

By L. A. WILKIE
(To the Southern Sportsman)

MARL MAXON and I arrived at the Pete Kennedy ranch, in the Davis mountains of West Texas, long after dark on the night of the opening season. It had started to rain, as Pete guided us up a box canyon, some two miles west of our house. There he already had our hit-up and horses in the corral.

The next morning it was still raining, unusual weather for opening day in West Texas. Also there was a dense fog. We hung around the camp for a couple of hours, and then decided to venture out in the car, to drive over some of the pasture in hopes of seeing something in the foothills.

The pasture was full of doe and fawn, but no bucks could be seen.

By noon it had quit raining and we found ourselves on high ground at the head of the canyon in which our camp was located. It was a drop of only a few hundred feet by foot, but ten miles back around the road we had come. We decided to walk down the Mexican camp boy had a good meal waiting. We could almost hear the coffee and beans from where we stood on the ledge, looking down at the camp fire smoke curling up into the wet tree branches above it.

A Real Ranch Lunch
So down we walked, leaving the car at the top of the hill to retrieve later. What a lunch it was! Pete had hung one side of a freshly killed yearling from the branches of a big oak, under the cool protecting ledge of a rock wall. From this a Mexican butcher cook had sliced thick steaks and cooked them in a Dutch oven. Together with sourdough bread, frijole beans and coffee, it was a meal hard to beat.

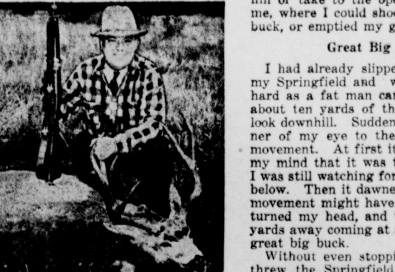
But around the luncheon table we talked of horseback hunting and Maxon insisted that was what he wanted. Since I already had my share of horse-

back hunting in New Mexico at the opening of the deer season there, two weeks before, I decided I would climb back up hill to the car with the Mexican boy who claimed to know where a little herd of deer would be found. Maxon was to take another Mexican and head out for the rim rock country.

Back in the car again, my Mexican boy guided me across the pasture to a dry creek bed lined with oak motifs and cedars. We had to follow contrails, and in some instances, even drive up the creek bed, because the grass was too deep to drive with safety.

"I see fifteen deer in one bunch, with four buck there yesterday," the boy kept saying in broken English. You know how those boys get sometimes. Their memory of big bunches of deer is either very good, or they like to play their imagination on the hunter.

Plenty Deer Sign
We worked out the draw, seeing a few does and fawns, but never the sight of a buck. There was plenty sign, however, and I knew that deer must be in the country somewhere. Occasionally I could hear the distant boom of a gun on other ranches many miles away. We had already killed a couple of hours and I was beginning to wonder what had happened to all those big bucks. Then as we rounded a clump of trees I saw a little hill sitting out in a prairie shape almost like a loaf of bread in the center of a table. The hill rose abruptly from the tableland, its sides rugged, with small oaks growing almost straight and the top covered with brush and small cedars.



L. A. Wilkie and his 10-point buck.

Immediately I hitting out in a dead end around, I don't think I've ever seen so much deer sign in my life. I knew from the size of the droppings that there must be some big bucks on this hill and felt better, much better.

Then I began to look for deer. I had gone but a hundred yards, when looking down at the far end of the little hill, where there was a slight rise in elevation, I saw them. There was a herd of more than two dozen, and from where I had been standing, they all looked like bucks. I knew I had taken the wrong end of the hill, and that my Mexican guide had frightened them when he gained the top of the hill.

He later told me that he had walked up to within fifteen feet of two bucks and whined them tight peacefully.

This hill was scarcely a hundred yards across and I knew that, whichever side the deer went down, I would be sure to get a shot. I stood there watching them for a minute. It looked like they were going down the opposite side. Accordingly, I started to run over there because I knew they would have to either come by me on the side of the hill or take to the open country below me, where I could shoot until I got my buck, or emptied my gun.

Great Big Buck
I had already slipped the safety off my Springfield and was running—as hard as a fat man can! When within about ten yards of the side I tried to look down the hill, but the corner of my eye to the left I caught a movement. At first it flashed through my mind that it was the Mexican, and I was still watching for those deer down below. Then it dawned on me that the movement might have been a deer. He turned my head, and there not fifty yards away coming at a slow trot was a great big buck.

Without even stopping my gait I threw the Springfield to my shoulder and fired. It was a clean miss, but it caused the buck to stop. It also caused me to stop.

I had overexerted myself, however, and my next shot at that standing buck, fifty yards away, might as well have been a miss. It burned his leg only a little, just enough to make him move again.

Below I could hear the rattle of rocks and I knew the herd was going down the hill. I chanced one glance, There

they were in single file, leaping over rocks and brush. It would have been very difficult shooting.

I seemed to take all that in while standing the hill, just riving another cartridge into the air. I was a little nervous, although realizing that I was standing in the midst of more bucks than I had ever seen before in one bunch and didn't seem to know just which one to shoot at.

The Third Shot Kills
That buck on top of the hill was still standing there. I could see him rubbing the burned place on his leg with one of his feet. A short distance in front of me was a big bulldozer, the size of an ordinary flat-top desk. It partially hid me, and I plunged for it. My exertion from the run was such that I knew I couldn't hold that rifle still and I had already missed two shots. I leveled my rifle across the top of that rock. I had been shaking, but it was surprising how quickly the gun quit wobbling. I lined the front bead through the peep sight behind the buck's shoulder and pulled the trigger.

I just held my gun there as that bullet smacked against the buck. I didn't even make an effort to reload it, because I knew he was my buck. He didn't jump or plunge, a deer never does. He just fell, like a wet sack had been dropped there. I watched him through the peep and if that deer ever moved I couldn't tell it.

Below me I could still hear the rattle of rocks as the deer left for the open country. Without looking at my gun, I blew smoke from the barrel and watched those big bucks trotting along level ground toward the foot of the hill where we had been.

Another little hill stood there, shaped somewhat like a Parker House roll. Single file they went up the side of it. I felt like I could have killed any one or all of them, but I already had my limit under the Texas law.

TEXAS FARM NEWS REPORTS

Two San Antonio, (Bexar county), boys, Val and Wayne Hoey, gathered 371 tomatoes from one plant on their backyard vine.

Eastland county farmers who have a surplus of peanut hay are using it profitably in feeding lambs, according to E. V. Cook, county agent.

A. L. Ross, of the Seymour community, (Hopkins county), knows his hegar as he well proved when he brought in a head that weighed one-half pound—a lot of feed on one head.

A freak calf was born on the farm of Della Knight, near Lanier, (Cass county), which was half cow and half hog. The head and quarters resembled the hog, while the weathers were like the cow.

A 9-month-old White Leghorn rooster that has a horn growing from each side of its head is reported by its owner, L. L. Scarborough who farms near Tyler, (Smith county), Scarborough says the rooster is normal in most other respects except that it also has no spurs on its lower limbs.

L. B. Little, of Houston, (Harris county), reports the death of 12 baby chicks which were stung by sandy-colored ants in their pen. Mr. Little said this was the first time in his poultry-raising career that ants had attacked his chickens.

Use of wild tobacco as a quick-growing tobacco plant for landscaping on the South Plains is being suggested by the plant industry department of Texas Technological College. The whitish-blue plant with large clusters of yellow flowers grows as tall and makes as good vegetative growth as do castor beans.

There are about 2,000,000 tons of readily accessible longleaf pine stumps in the pine woods of East Texas—sufficient to supply a stumpwood distillation industry 78,000 tons yearly for 25 years. Pine stumps are a source of pine oil, resin, turpentine, cellulose, lignin, sugar, talol, acetone, camphor and charcoal and as such should make a profitable enterprise, according to report.

"Trees and livestock on the same ground will not mix," states W. E. Webb, State director of the Texas Prairie States Forestry Project. Browning of the green leaves and the packing of the soil by tramping hooves of livestock seriously set back the growth of the trees. Overgrazing in groves of trees is usually noticeable by the top of the trees dying first and finally the whole tree. Fencing trees from livestock is recommended by Webb to assure long livelihood and good growth.

A hen at the barnyard of Mrs. Joan Mullen in the Lower Valley laid an egg shaped like a gourd and another with the imprint of a sunflower on the side. An odd fact about the Leghorn hen that laid the eggs is that it has blue eyes instead of the usual brown.

Texas cotton farmers will quadruple their output of mattresses made from surplus cotton this year, R. T. Price, of the State Agricultural Adjustment Administration, predicts. Last year more than 400,000 mattresses were manufactured in farmers' home workshops, according to Price.

Steps are being taken by all educational agencies in the State to avert the probability of a decline in the Texas reputation for growing good baking varieties of wheat. Growers are being encouraged to plant adopted high quality varieties of wheat for the purpose of maintaining the present high standard, such as Kanred, Tenmarque and Turkey.

The Texas bighorn sheep is doomed to extinction within the next decade or so unless the people take immediate steps to set aside a sanctuary for the surviving animals, warns the Texas Game Commission. The present herd totals only about 140 to 175 sheep left, and are concentrated in Culberson and Hudspeth counties.

Texas fruits and vegetables are going to New York by the first shipload. The first load went out in November, and the ship will make regular monthly trips between New York and the Valley carrying Texas fruits and vegetables east, and bringing potatoes and other foodstuffs to Texas.

S. R. Curtis, who lives near Detroit, (Red River county), reports a new chicken thief. During the night his chickens would disappear from their fence roost. One night he found a fluttering, flashed on his light and saw one of his miles standing by the fence nudge a chicken which then climbed up on the mule's back. Curtis followed the mule and found his missing chickens about a mile away—some of them too wild to catch.

What is believed to be the oldest living mare still bearing colts is a 40-year-old animal owned by H. E. Adams, breeder of registered Albino saddle horses near Randolph Field, (Bexar county). Molly gave birth to her 19th colt in September. Of her 19 colts 17 have been fillies. It is believed that Molly's grandstair was Blanco, the pacing wild Albino stallion of the Plains. The mare was first bred when 18 years old. Adams reports she is still in good condition.

Italian rye grass makes an excellent green crop for poultry, according to report.

The leaf fat of the hog makes the best lard; back fat, second best and the intestinal fat the poorest rural lard renderers say.

The "wolves" or grubs in the backs of cattle have long been a problem to cattlemen. L. M. Crowley, and other cattlemen of Stephens county have tried out a new treatment for the pest. It is simply sprinkling a rotonone wash on the affected portion of the back and then rubbing it in with a brush.



Winning of the biggest prize at the 1st annual International Livestock Exposition in Chicago, the grand champion steer owned by Evelyn Asay, 15-year-old Mount Carroll, Ill. farm girl is congratulated on her achievement by Sydney G. McAllister, president of the International Harvester Company. Evelyn, a freshman at Frances Shimer Junior College at Mount Carroll, plans to use the money from the sale of her champion to help her father, Donald Asay, buy a farm, since the family now lives on a rented farm.

Texas of all States has the largest number of rural people without libraries, according to the People's Library Movement of Texas.

H. W. Wilson, of Sulphur Bluff, (Hopkins county), exhibited two stalks of okra that were 14 feet tall, and loaded down with well-developed pods of okra. At the ground the stalks were nearly 8 inches around.

Changing from ground to underground millet resulted in a decrease of two gallons of milk per day on a herd of twelve cows on test in McLennan County Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

The making of good home rendered lard is not, as is sometimes thought, a lost art on the farm. Hundreds of Texas families still make superlative lard. Roy W. Snyder, supervisor of specialists' work with the A. & M. Extension Service, reports.

It's spinach-picking time in Maverick county. Already 1770 cars have been shipped from a crop growing on 10,500 acres. Texas' 40,000 acres of spinach, worth \$1,500,000 annually, places this State at the top in the crop. Nine-tenths of the movement goes to out-of-State points—roughly 4,000,000 bushels.

The Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show will offer livestock premiums of \$31,760 for the 45th annual exposition in Fort Worth next March 7-16. John B. Davis, secretary-manager, announced as premium lists were mailed to 4,000 prospective exhibitors and others throughout the nation. The livestock premiums represent an increase of \$6,625 over the prizes at the 1940 show last March, largest increase being in the department for Herefords and for horses, jacks and mules. The total outlay in cash prizes for all departments of the 1941 show will approximate \$60,000, including premiums for livestock, poultry, rodeo and horse show, and prizes and mileage for the students' livestock judging contests. Premium lists other than for livestock have not been prepared. There has been a revision in weights for the carloads of fat steers and a class has been added for carloads of fat heifers, 800 pounds or less. Classes of quarter horses have been added to the list to replace stock horses which were shown last year. The premium increase for Herefords was from \$6,900 to \$8,500. Additional prizes of \$1,790 will be awarded to exhibitors in the department for horses, jacks and mules. The Shorthorn department will offer increased prizes of \$885.

The outlook for grazing from winter weeds and grass was much improved in Texas on December 1, according to reports to the Agricultural Marketing Service. Prospects are now favorable for grazing from grain fields in the northwest district, and some grain fields in the northeast central portion are being utilized now.

Estimating there will be an increase of about 500,000 tractors on American farms within the next 10 years, the committee of the U. S. Department of Agriculture has been studying farm technology says that this will replace approximately 1,500,000 horses and mules. The few colts were being raised to sustain even the number of work stock that would be needed after the estimate 1,500,000 head had been replaced by tractors.

J. N. Marshall, a student pilot and goat rancher, has found a way to combine pleasure with business. Recently Marshall lost his herd of goats in the rugged mountains of Palo Pinto county. He rode horseback all over his ranch, but couldn't find the goats. He then thought of his airplane, took off for a search and located the herd from the air.

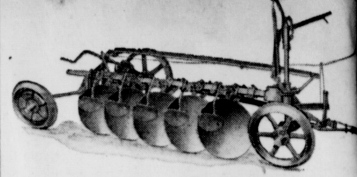
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alfalfa in whole, and built a special pump to sprinkle the alfalfa as it was distributed in the silo. The labor cost amounted to approximately 50 cents per ton, which was much less than last year when the alfalfa was chopped.

"Pasture fire hazards are great at this time of year and need to be guarded against as much as possible," states the State Department of Agriculture. "Fire not only lays the land open to wind and water erosion, but destroys valuable feed, leaves and protection of wild life. The abundant growth of grass this year has made the hazard of fire on farm lands much greater, than usual," the department reports.

For milk production, the value of a pound of dry matter in good grass silage is at least as valuable as a pound of dry matter in corn or hay and under average conditions is stored for less money, says Professor C. B. Bender, New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. Cows fed grass silage over the level of 45 pounds per day will increase the color of milk because of the added carotene content. This milk will also be of higher quality as far as flavor is concerned. The time may not be far distant when more farmers will be interested in feeding "pasture" the year round.

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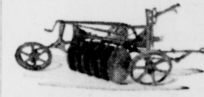


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Often the plowing jobs you have to do are big jobs—demanding strength and plenty of it! And that's one good reason for you to get acquainted with a plow built to fit your needs exactly—the new McCormick-Deering No. 98 Tractor Disk Plow.

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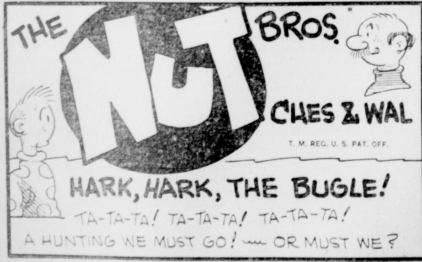
INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY McCORMICK-DEERING PLOWS

Lady Ednor, registered 8-year-old Jersey cow owned by W. L. Bankston, of Lopena, (McLennan county), lays her claim to a bovine birth record with two sets of twins over a period of 14 months. Every calf has been normal and all are still living.

Deer, buffalo and Guernsey cattle graze side by side and drink out of the same water tank on the Reynolds Brothers' ranch near Fort Davis, (Jeff Davis county). The Guernsey cattle were secured years ago, deer are plentiful in the area and about 27 buffalo roam about the ranch. Authorities say this is one of the few places in the world where wild and tame animals graze side by side.

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ATHER MEN always bring a weather forecaster who base predictions for the coming year on natural signs, thickness of fur on their noses, or, for instance, if the ground is hard, it will be a hard winter, a mild winter, a bone school fight in winter weather, or the rural weather. If the breast of a goose is thick, it is a sign of a tough winter, no need to doubt winter and weather.

Deerin Plow
A plow is a heavy instrument used in agriculture to turn over soil, or to level the ground. It is usually pulled by a team of oxen or mules.

ANTAGONISTIC TO BLUE
Belief prevalent in some countries that flies are antagonistic to blue. This is because flies are attracted to the color blue, and many people believe that flies are a nuisance in homes and businesses. Some people believe that flies are attracted to blue because they are attracted to the color blue.

INVENTORS
A person who invents a new device or process. Many inventors are successful, but many are not. Some inventors are famous, while others are not. Some inventors are wealthy, while others are not.

ELECTRIC MOTORS
A device that converts electrical energy into mechanical energy. It is used in a wide variety of applications, from household appliances to industrial machinery.

MACHINERY
A collection of mechanical parts and tools used in manufacturing. It can include anything from a simple hand saw to a complex industrial machine.

MAKING AND TOOLS
The process of creating a product from raw materials. This can involve a wide range of techniques, from simple hand tools to complex machinery.

BABY CHICKS
Young chickens that are raised for meat or eggs. They are usually kept in a brooder until they are old enough to be moved to a larger enclosure.

DISSIE
A name for a young girl or woman.

Our Boys and Girls

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GREETINGS
HOWDY, FOLKS:
This is just a friendly little chat with you, dear reader, at the start of the New Year. First, I should like to know what you mind of the past year. I should like to know what kind of stories, articles, etc., that appeal to you most. To know this, I will enable me to write about things that may be more interesting to you.

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STORIES THAT LIVE
THE TRAVEL OF TWO FROGS

Long, long ago, in the good old days before the hairy-faced and pale-checked men from the West of Great Peace came to Japan; before the cool, sleek, and shiny, long-necked white heron from the rice fields; before black crows and fighting sparrows, which fear not men, perch on telegraph wires, or even a railway was thought of, there lived two frogs—one in a well in Kiota, the other in a lotus pond in Osaka, forty miles away.

SPANKING
"Shall I spank my child?" Experts of one school of thought say, "No, never!" of those of another say, "Well, hardly ever," and those of another say, "Yes, if he or she needs spanking." It all depends on the particular child, the particular situation and on you.

Miss Evelyn Beyer, director of the nursery school at Sarah Lawrence College, reporting on children's behavior and parental methods observed during an 8,000-mile tour of the South and Southwest, said recently that she saw a lot of "direct action" and good results from it. Spanking, or its equivalent, came under this heading, Miss Beyer said in an interview.

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EXTRACT TRANSMITS CANCER

Cancer has been produced in mice by a chemical substance isolated from organs of persons who have died from the disease, Dr. Paul E. Steiner, of the University of Chicago, reports in the current issue of Science. In accompanying control experiments, extracts made from similar organs but obtained from persons who did not have cancer and tumors, failed to produce cancer in the mice. The experiments are taken to indicate further that a chemical condition in the body cause cancer, a theory held by many leading investigators.

The disease-producing extracts were made from tissues of livers in which there were no cancer tumors, although there were tumors in other organs of the same bodies, supporting the theory that when cancer is present the cause is widely distributed in the body.

The extract was formed by treating the liver tissues with alcohol and this solution with ethylene dichloride. Some of the elements were changed to a soap by potassium hydroxide, and the part that remained unchanged was used in the experiments. Its chemical nature has not yet been fully determined.

Of 56 mice tested with the extract, 13 died from cancer within 16 months, 7 still are living, and 36 died in six months.

STRIP FRENCH PLANTS

Nine out of ten factories in occupied France have been stripped of their mechanical equipment, foreign traders returning to New York City from the area reported. By stripping France systematically of her manufacturing equipment, the Germans were carrying out their campaign of reducing the country to the status of a vassal State which would supply agricultural and other raw materials to Germany, the traders declared.

The occupation of Paris was still incomplete when the bolts anchoring machine tools, presses, looms and other factory equipment were loosened by German technicians accompanying the armed forces. Working with traditional efficiency, the Germans had the machinery crated and en route to Nazi production centers as rapidly as special trains could be assembled to move the goods.

POLITICAL SYMBOLS

People have grown so accustomed to seeing the Democratic and Republican parties portrayed as a donkey and elephant, respectively, that they spend little time wondering why it is so. The Thomas Nast cartoons first portrayed the parties as such. The donkey was first used in this manner by Nast in 1870 and the elephant as a symbol of the Republican party was born four years later. They quickly caught the public fancy and have been so employed ever since.

What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him? Mat 8:27.

LITTLE JULIUS SNEEZER

YOU LOOK AS IF YOU ARE FEELIN' BAD, LITTLE BOY!



HOUSEHOLD HELPS

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BUSY WOMEN'S WORKBASKET

Scotty Kitchen Trio

Three pitch-black Scotties dress up in red bows and apply for a job in your kitchen. Their specialty is burn prevention, and you'll find them so very useful when you're hot pans or lids to handle. Yes, they're paroliders, and most attractive ones, too. Write outlining sketches, recent their forms, and it takes hardly any time at all to make the set.

CP218, price 10c, is the pattern for use on your own material. And CP218-M, price 25c, is the set of three stamped on black out-putting sketches, bows, floss and backs.

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A NEW BEGINNING

A New Year, like each new day, brings added responsibilities to us oldersters. This year, in particular, we must be wise and courageous if we are to meet the challenge of the times—more true for housewives than any other group. Most men folk are living under high pressure with increased living costs and demands of family life. There are many ways to relieve this pressure.

A pleasant disposition maketh a charming woman, it is a true saying. It is a fact that the atmosphere of a home is largely determined by the mother and the wife.

Many wives are now helping to meet family expense by earning their own money. Any work that adds to the family income and does not cause a woman to neglect her household should be welcomed by all the family. It is not wise, however, for wives to overtax strength for the sake of a few dollars. There are many ways in which wives can earn money if they keep their poise and plan ahead. Thank God each day for a New Beginning, and resolve to live it to the fullest.

FASHIONS OF THE HOUR

No modern matron would be without at least one trim "shirtwaister." They are designed to make you look younger and inches slimmer. They have splendid bodice roundness, with the shoulder trim and darts just below the front yoke to hold fullness right over the bustline. The notches collar has a carefree young air and pointed pockets are optional but smart. Front buttoning make them speedy for dressing and you may have your choice between short or long sleeves.

Smoothness is an art and technique that distinguishes the well dressed woman from the rest of the crowd. If you would be that "smoothie" then look at yourself in the mirror—just as you are now. Do you like the reflection you see? Well—consider your family. Ask yourself these questions before you present yourself before your own family: Is my hair shining and does it smell nice? Am I free from blackheads and pimples? Does my skirt hang right and are my stockings seams straight? Most important, do my clothes seem to hang together?

The easiest way to think of how you'd rather look is to remember the most attractive women you have ever met. Compare this vision with the woman you are looking at now. Of course you may have facial features that are to change but that is not the most important thing in real good looks. Everyone remembers clean teeth, clear skin and bright hair long after the color of the dress is forgotten.

Clean is a word that belongs with smoothness. Pick apart any person you admire and it will be cleanliness plus simplicity that makes them attractive. Good grooming boils down to this: a dewy fresh scrubbed look, plus

TIPS TO THE HOUSEWIFE

To have the best coffee you must have your coffee-maker scrupulously clean, regardless of the type. Plain soda is a good coffee-maker cleanser. Stained or darkened pots give the coffee an unpleasant tang. If you use a glass coffee-maker with a filler cloth, wash the cloth well each time it's used, keep in cool water in the refrigerator when not in use, and renew cloth each week. The new glass rods are fine and easy to clean. Another tip that should be especially noted by coffee-makers is this: Choose regular grind for percolated or boiled coffee, drip grind for drip method. Using the wrong type is a loss in money and flavor.

WE DINE

Mix meat, garlic, onion, chili peppers and flour. Melt fat and sut in a large deep vessel and cook meat mixture 15 minutes over stunner burner and back of stove. Add seasoning, tomatoes and water and bring to the boiling point over hot fire, reduce to simmering speed and cook 1 hour. Add cooked beans and heat thoroughly before serving. Serves 8 or 10 generously. Note: Beans may be omitted.

Double Mocha Chocolate Cake
 2 cups sifted cake flour
 ½ teaspoon salt
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clothes that have a way of being attractive. The clean part costs only a fraction of a cent; the simplicity is mostly a matter of subtraction.

Veils of all types still rule the world of hats. Some women can be thankful for this, as they hide any unattractive features. The average veil will give a very feminine appearance to most women. Be careful in the selection of the type. It should be according to your size.

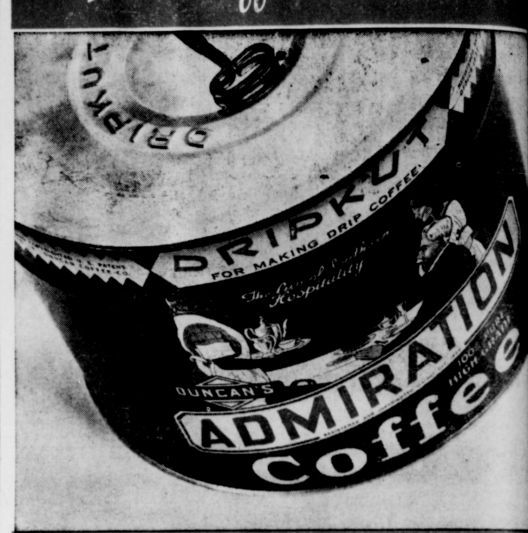
Scarfs are being worn with almost any type of outfit today. They are very practical as they keep the throat and chest warm and at the same time protect the collars of dresses and coats. You will find shimmering rayon crepes or satin jacquard scarfs well made and in attractive styles. Initials in pressed letters on self-irradiating scarfs or early tied silk fringe are in great favor with the younger set.

There is exciting news in the fashion columns for those who love the "comforts of home" with style and distinction. Matching scarfs for mother and daughter, monogrammed with two initials are the answer to this desire. They are most desirable for "about the house wear" while dressing or in early mornings. Mostly in corduroy or chenille they come in lovely colors.

There is happy blending of the old and the new in the modern pajamas for men. Authentic 1860 prints on modern 1941 materials make it possible for "him" to adopt his manly frame with something he has always admired. These pajamas are the most striking article of their wearing apparel in the gown today. They are moderately priced and give even the most "timid soul rapasities of delight."

Coffee Butter Frosting
 2/3 cup butter
 5 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
 5 tablespoons coffee syrup
 (about)
 Cream butter. Add part of sugar gradually, blending after each addition. Add remaining sugar, alternately with coffee syrup, until of right consistency to spread. Beat after each frosting. Cover tops and sides of two 9-inch layers.

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1 teaspoon soda
 4 squares unsweetened chocolate
 1/2 cup coffee
 1/2 cup coffee syrup
 2 cups sugar
 1/2 cup sour milk or buttermilk
 2 teaspoons vanilla
 2 eggs, unbeaten
 To make coffee syrup, bring 1 1/2 cups water and 3 tablespoons sugar to a boil; add 1/4 cup ground Vita-fresh coffee. Remove from fire, cover, and let stand in warm place 5 minutes. Strain from the grounds through double thickness of cheesecloth. Measure 1/2 cup coffee syrup for cake.
 Sift flour once, measure, add salt and soda, and sift together three times. Combine chocolate, butter, and 1/2 cup coffee syrup in top of double boiler; place over boiling water and cook until chocolate is melted stirring constantly. Cool and add sugar. Add half of flour, then half of milk, stirring until blended; repeat. Add vanilla and eggs and beat 2 minutes. Bake in two greased 9-inch layer pans in moderate oven (350 F.) 30 to 35 minutes. Spread Coffee Butter Frosting between layers and on top and sides of cake. Decorate with border of chopped pecans.

SLEEPING SICKNESS BUG

The assassin bug, which has sometimes been called the "kissing bug" because of its peculiar call, may give a horse a "kiss of death" in the form of sleeping sickness, according to research work announced by the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station. Investigators have found that the assassin bug may carry sleeping sickness virus, which has caused the loss of many horses in the midwest in recent years. Although effective preventive measures have been developed, scientists previously have had no clues on how the disease was spread. When they observed that cases ceased abruptly after the first killing frost, Dr. C. H. Kitzelman of the Division of Veterinary Medicine, Kansas State College, and Dr. Roger C. Smith of the college's Department of Entomology suspected that some blood-sucking insect carried the cause of sickness.

Dr. Kitzelman and A. W. Grundmann, research graduate assistant in the Department of Entomology, found that the assassin bug, a voracious blood-sucker which feeds on animals by night and hides by day, gave positive findings. Half of a collection of assassin bugs taken from a pasture where horses had become infected with sleeping sickness were found to be carriers of the virus.

DANGEROUS AGE

Eighteen to thirty-four—those are the dangerous years for men in Texas, says a dispatch from Washington, because men of those ages make up the majority of those jailed for serious crimes, a Census Bureau report showed recently.

Of male prisoners convicted of felonies received by State and Federal prisons from the courts of the State, the largest number were in the age group 25 to 29.

There were 3,001 men in this category last year and they were divided in age groups as follows:

- Under 18 years, 48.
- 18 to 20 years, 526.
- 21 to 24 years, 576.
- 25 to 34 years, 478.
- 35 to 39 years, 487.
- 40 to 44 years, 154.
- 45 to 49 years, 122.
- 50 years and over, 148.

The median age of men convicted of felonies was 27.6, the Bureau reported. Federal and State prisons in Texas received last year

3,084 men and women convicted of felonies and misdemeanors, and of the 2,817 were women. The 3,001 men convicted of felonies went to prison following numbers of offenses: Murder, 209; robbery, aggravated assault, 54; larceny, 993; larceny, etc., 388; rape, 73; sex offenses, 11; and offenses, 220.

CAMELS

Camels can "crucify" across the sands at two miles an hour or even at absolute silence, but well trained not to whine, camel troops can pass twenty yards of an encampment without being detected. The one-camel, or dromedary, is used in colonial armies of the two-humped breed slow for military purposes. If necessary, troops drink the camel's milk even eat the flesh. Under the worst conditions of they can kill the beast, its stomach and drink green water he has there for long periods. Average camel can drink 250 miles per hour.

The new method of fighting involves the armored cars and even in the camel corps, machines can usually keep with a camel party, the lem of keeping open desert supply lines, made by camel and car and sometimes even by camel and car. becomes a vital one by mechanized units are used.



By Baker

WELL DOCTOR, IF YOU MEAN LIKE OUR BABY, I WON'T BE ASH TO TALK ANY BUSINESS WITH YOU!

