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THURSDAY BRIDGE CLUB

The Thursday Bridge Club met in the home of Mrs. James W. Gardenhire was awarded high prize, and bingo to Mrs. J. T. Forbes, consolation prize, and bingo to Mrs. J. W. Gardenhire. James W. Gardenhire, J. T. Forbes, J. T. Middleton, Jr., Johnny Billingsley, L. G. Schussler, James Reed, W. E. Singleton, Sam Singleton, Paul Mansell, L. L. Ardwell, and O. G. Smith, Jr.

The A. K. Williams family recent returned from an extended trip which took them thru 6 of the south central states.

Mrs. J. L. Adams of Levelland spent last week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Wells.

Mrs. J. A. Branaman spent last week with her daughter Mrs. T. J. Mitchell at Big Spring.

Miss Lois Melton spent last week with her sister Mrs. James Farmer of Big Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Melton and son visited his brother in Knox City over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Jackson and children of Levelland visited Sunday in the home of Mrs. Jackson's parents, Eld and Mrs. Branaman.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Adair and son of Clarksville have returned to their home after spending some 2 weeks with Mr. Adair's sister, Mrs. W. C. Oats and with his mother who is making her home with Mrs. Oats.

Mrs. F. M. Townzen, for many years a resident of here, but who recently moved to Abernathy, had a stroke Sunday, Feb. 29; she has been in a very serious condition since spending all of last week in a Lamesa hospital.

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Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Don Edwards observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary Saturday. A dinner was given in their honor at noon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lane. A son, Marion Edwards and grand daughter, Barbara Edwards of Arlington were also present for the dinner.

Telegrams, cards, gifts and flowers came from friends here and from their former home in Strawn.

The couple was married Feb. 26, 1899 in Strawn where they resided until 1924 when they moved to O'Donnell for Mr. Edwards to become manager of Cicero Smith Lumber Co.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Clark visited her brother in Lubbock over the week end.

Rinney Wylie of Seminole visited his aunt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hall last week.

J. D. Crawford is home from the hospital greatly improved.

Mrs. Sewell is home after a stay in a Lubbock hospital.

Mrs. T. A. Giles is here on a visit with her sister Mrs. E. H. Newton.

Mrs. C. C. Stracener is visiting in Lubbock and Shallowwater.

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SHOWER HONORS BRIDE

Mrs. John Earles was hostess with a bridal shower honoring Mrs. Lloyd Shoemaker, a recent bride. Co-hostesses were Mrs. F. M. Jones and Mrs. Marvin Herman. The table was attractively decorated in Pink and White; the floral piece was white and pink carnations and at either end of the table, the double candelabra held pink and white candles; refreshments of punch, cookies, and candy were served carrying out the pink and white theme. Gifts were numerous and nice. Out of town guests included the bride's sister, Miss Marie Taylor, her sister in laws, Mesdames Carl Barton and W. G. Waldrip of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Herman had as guests last week Mrs. Herman's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Elven Robinson.

MRS. BETTY McMURTRY PASSES MONDAY MORNING

As we go to press Tuesday, we learn of the passing of Mrs. Betty McMurry Monday morning. The funeral was conducted Tuesday morning at 10:00 a. m. at the Chapel of the Higginbotham. Funeral home with services conducted by Rev. J. M. Hale of Ackerley. Burial was in the Cox Cemetery near Brownwood. Next week the Index will publish the obituary of this fine, highly respected lady who numbered her friends by the countless scores.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Greenlee and Joe Snelgrove are in Hot Spring for the baths.

PIONEER DIES AT LUBBOCK

The passing in Lubbock Sunday of Albert Taylor, is to thousands of Plains residents just another death, but to the few remaining pioneers of the South Plains it is a gripping story. 46 years ago at just about this date, Albert Taylor was galloping about over Lynn County with a petition for its organization, the county having been under the jurisdiction of Lubbock County. He was joined by Ed Baldrige, who was residing 4 miles N. E. of the present town of O'Donnell and possibly others in various parts of the county. The county was organized in April of 1903 and one half of the original County commissioners still survive, and oddly, they are both "Eds", Ed Ketter of Tahoka and Ed Baldrige of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Casey of Plainview were recent visitors of her mother Mrs. L. N. Nichols.

Week end guests of Mrs. Maggie Floyd were her sister, Mrs. R. L. Morton of Ft. Worth and a niece, Miss Frances Morton of Midland.

Miss Mary Brown, a student at college at Plainview, made the honor roll last semester. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Brown.

Mrs. Clarence Brock and Mrs. Townsen are in a Lamesa hospital. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Gehring of Lamesa visited with Mr. and Mrs. H. Y. Conrad and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. West and family of Houston have moved to O'Donnell; Mr. West left here '39.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Y. Conrad and Ervin, and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Gehring visited Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gras and family of Brownfield.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Rogers Jr. of New Moore are sporting a new car.

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. J. P. Bowlin were Mrs. H. C. Warren, Mrs. Olin Davis of Hobbs, Miss Margaret Carlisle and Mrs. O. G. Smith, Sr.

FOR SALE: 7 Cut ft. Deep Freeze. See Harley Jolly at Shop.

Fruit trees and wet soil; plant them now. Leo Moore.

Fine line of dress shoes, work shoes, steel toes, and Engineer Boots. R. W. GARY.

Good white pigs; fine quality milk cows. W. R. Gibson.

One nicely furnished bed room with private entrance for two men. See James Crumley at Texas Electric Service Co. office.

For sale: Pork and milk in the rough. See Walter Teeter.

FOR SALE: A John Deere 44 model tractor with all 4 row equipment. 1 mile north and 1 mile west T. Bar school. E. L. Cooley 3tp.

Lost: small wire haired terrier pup. This puppy is a Christmas gift. If you have seen this puppy, please notify me. Larry McLaurin. It.

FOR SALE: Electric Washing machine, gas range, and one locker full of frozen fresh beef which Jack Reed will guarantee. Call 127 or see Arthur L. Golden at the church of Christ parsonage.

For Rent: 3 rooms and bath; furnished; 2 blocks south of the Ford building. Mrs. Ruth Schooler.

Renew Your Index

LARGE NUMBERS HEARING CHURCH OF CHRIST EVANGELIST

Ever increasing crowds are attending the revival now in progress at the church of Christ where Mardell Lynch of Oklahoma is the visiting evangelist. Many favorable reports have been heard of Mr. Lynch's ability. Services are at 7:30 in the morning and in the evening. A treat awaits those who will attend and hear these messages.

O. E. S. Honors Masons

Monday nite at the Masonic Hall of the O'Donnell Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star were the gracious hosts to some 24 or more attending Master Masons in their traditional annual event. Mrs. C. R. Burleson, Jr., Worthy Matron, assisted by officials and members of the chapter extended a cordial welcome to the guests and their families. A tasty buffet dinner was served.

THE INDEX HITS THE ELLENBURGER

This Exclusive dope furnished us by the O'Donnell Drug Stores Oil Scouts -- Exclusive.

It seems that our cash customers -- which are the important kind -- in any business, want oil news -- so here goes.

The Geo. Lindly wild cat test a mile north of town upended the derrick, grunted, and started making hole over the week end. The ig problem at present is not where to find the Ellenburger but where in tunket to find water to drill the hole. Royalty is selling briskly up to \$60 a base acre. Last week the school leased the school site block for \$550 or \$650 or something like that -- we merely overheard Tom Yandell talking.

Get oil in O'Donnell? Uncle Wiley says "no" -- that why we advise you boys and girls to bet your shirts, if Jumbo aint got it mortgaged. Last summer Uncle Wiley said we wouldn't get pavement. Oil now is an odds on bet.

BRO. GOLDEN TO MOVE TO AMARILLO

Arthur L. Golden announced this week that he had accepted the call of the East Side Church of Christ at Amarillo and would move there in about two weeks. Mr. Golden has been the local minister here for about 3 years and has made many lasting friendships. He is a tireless civic worker being a charter member of the local Lions Club. The church will likely use visiting ministers for several weeks. Mr. Golden said, while the parsonage is being redecorated.

As a personal aside, the Country Ed counts Mr. Golden as one of his closer personal friends; truly we'll miss our little talks with him, but nevertheless wish him God's speed in his new home.

F. G. Wheeler Dies At Lamesa

F. G. Wheeler, resident of the West Texas area, for many years, having made his home at Key for the last two years, died Saturday night at 11:20. Mr. Wheeler was born Aug. 29, 1882 and was 66 years of age. A farmer, he lived near O'Donnell 23 years until he moved 2 years ago. He had been a member of the Methodist Church for 42 years. Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 2 p. m. at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Julian Atwood officiating assisted by Rev. J. Matt Hale of Ackerley and Rev. C. A. Holcomb of Tahoka.

Pallbearers were Johnny Kidd, Cecil Jones, Scott St. Clair, D. D. Woodul, J. D. Dennis, George Kickson, and Sydney Smith. Honorary pallbearers were Bill Gregory, G. C. Watson, Bob Carroll, Roy Gibson M. C. Kidd and Oran Goodson.

Mr. Wheeler is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ily Beatrice Wheeler, 4 sisters, Mrs. Nellie Hudspeth, Mrs. Kate Hayden, Mrs. Mary Sims of Temple, and Mrs. Minnie Hughes of Oregon, a sister in law Mrs. Verlee Warner of Lamesa.

One son, Dennis A. Wheeler of Lamesa, and four daughters Mrs. Loy Preston, of De Leon, Mrs. H. R. Tucker of Plainview, Mrs. R. H. Gibson of Tahoka, and Miss Zed Wheeler of Lamesa as well as 10 grandchildren, also survive. Our sympathy to the loved ones.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bowlin, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fulkerson and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Edwards left Sunday for a fishing trip to Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mansell and Mrs. Lydia Hancock have returned from a 3 week stay in Marlin Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Maxwell of Sudan are moving to Lamesa where he has purchased a filling station.

Could your Subscription by any chance be due. We need the money to invest in gas and oil -- you know that one, don't you ???

You've seen 'em; you've heard 'em; then why don't you get a 1949 model Doodle Bug Motor Scooter. \$154.50. H. and S. Auto and Home Supply.

FFA Winners

Following are the results and premium list of the recent O'Donnell FFA Project Show judged by Dean W. L. Stangel and assisted by Mr. Anderson of Texas Tech.

FAT STEER DIVISION
Light steers: 1st. Hancock, \$12.50; 2nd Ken Pearson, \$10.00; 3rd C. Pearson \$7.50; 4th C. Pearson, \$5.00; 5th Mires \$2.50; 6th Brewer.

Heavy Steers: 1st. Hancock, \$12.50; Ken Pearson, \$10; Ken Pearson \$7.50; Mires \$5.00; Grogan \$2.50.

Champion Steer: Hancock \$5
FAT BARROW DIVISION
Light Duroc: Leroy Gass, Joyce Gass, 3rd Gene Ingle, 4th Hancock; 5th, Billy Ingle, 6th Telchik.

Heavy Duroc: 1st. Rains, 2nd Rains, 3rd Mires, 4th Mires, 5th Mires.

Light Poland China: 1st. Hahn, 2nd Wilson, 3rd Brewer, 4th Cathey, 5th Geo Childress.

Heavy Poland China, 1st. Sumrow, 2nd. Smith, Grand Champion Barrow, Leroy Gass.

BREEDING SWINE DIV.
Duroc Gilts: 1st. Dabney, 2nd, Elton Childress.

Berkshire Gilts: 1st Ken Pearson, 2nd C. Pearson.

3rd. Hancock, 4th Grogan.
Poland China Gilts: 1st Hohn, 2nd Brewer, 3rd Brewer.

Grand Champion Gilt: Ken Pearson.

STUDY CLUB

Feb. 22nd was Gentlemen's Evening for the husbands and escorts of the members of the '39 Study Club. Mrs. J. T. Middleton, Sr was hostess and Mrs. W. E. Vermillion and Mrs. John Earles and Mrs. J. L. Shoemaker Jr composed the social committee. Delicious refreshments of chicken salad, potato chips, pickles, olives, cherry pie and whipped cream, coffee and tea were served to 27 members and guests; 42 and dominoes were enjoyed. The group had a pleasurable evening and agreed with the quotation that "what the average woman wants is a strong inflexible man, who can be wrapped around her finger" and who will go out with her occasionally to play 42.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilford McMurtrey of Plainview were home for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert De Busk of Hobbs visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Debusk last week.

Mrs. Sid Jones took her granddaughter back to Lubbock after a visit here with her grandparents.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Childress are better after being ill with measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin McMillan spent Sunday with their daughter Mr. and Mrs. Oran Hickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Autry and daughter visited Mrs. Autry's parents Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Shook and an uncle from Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Noble and sons visited his parents at Brownfield Sunday.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Perry Van Zandt of Port Neches on arrival of a fine son Feb 17th named Pat; grandparents are Mr and Mrs. J. J. VanZandt of here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Middleton, Sr received word of the arrival of a new grandson born to Capt. and Mrs. John H. Jewett at Weisbaden Germany.

Dr. J. F. Campbell reports that his wife is improved; her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Rev. Martin of Lubbock preached at the morning and evening services at First Baptist Church.

The Ladies of Baptist W. M. U. had their Week of Prayer for Home Missions Monday which included a covered dish luncheon.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Line and Kenneth of Brownfield were visiting relatives and friends here Sunday.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Putman were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Putman of Grandview, Mr. Morgan, Mrs. Putman's father, from Tennessee and Otis Putman of Stanford.

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F. W. Covey of Lubbock was a business visitor here recently.

A. C. Moore is building a new home immediately east of his mother's home east of town.

SHOWER HONORS MRS JOLLY

On February 10th at 3:30 p m the home of Mrs. Rochell Pelts was the setting for a nice pink and blue shower honoring Mrs. Harley Jolly. Co-hostesses were: Mrs. Alton Hobdy, Mrs. Will Ed Tredway, Mrs. C. A. Doss, Mrs. Truett Hodnett and Mrs. Douglas Ballew.

The home was decorated with sweetpeas, carrying out the color scheme of pink, blue and white. Refreshments of Angel food squares, iced in pink and blue, coffee and white mints were served to guests as they registered.

Mrs. Tredway presided at the guest book. A delightful program was enjoyed by the group including special music by Mrs. Doss. "Missouri Waltz" and "Mighty Like A Rose" were sung by Mrs. Pelts and Mrs. H. Hunt. "Boy or Girl" was read by Mrs. Douglas Ballew. Mrs. Hodnett, in a very unique and charming way presented the lovely array of gifts to the honoree.

Warren D. Smith filled the pulpit at the morning service at Draw last Sunday.

Mrs. Glenn Gibson and daughter, her mother, Mrs. Sublett and Mrs. Vaughnie Gibson are visiting in Paducah.

ATTENDS BIBLE GROUP AT JACKSONVILLE

Eld. J. A. Branaman, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church and A. K. Williams and family attended the Annual Bible Conference held in the Jacksonville Baptist College of Jacksonville last week. They reported a very fine conference with many in attendance from all parts of the state and a number from Arkansas, Oklahoma and other states.

CONSOL VISITS SCHOOL

Eugenio V. Pesqueira, Consul of Mexico, visited the school and the Senior Class one day last week. The Seniors are considering, among other points, a trip into the interior of Mexico.

WEDDING ANNOUNCED

Last Wednesday Miss Gene Pearce and Fat Barrington were united in marriage at the Calvary Baptist Church with Bro. Branaman reading the service. The couple will live at Sundown where Fat has a cafe; until last December Mr. Barrington had a cafe here. Our congratulations.

VISIT FT WORTH ON LEGION BUILDING PROGRAM

Last week Wm. Jackson, J. W. Gardenhire, Hulon Bolch and H. Jolly visited at Ft. Worth to try and secure surplus army buildings for the Legion's planned new home which will be built this summer.

NOTICE SCROLL TRUSTEE ELECTION

At a regular meeting of the School Board of trustees on Feb 21st, an election was ordered to be held in the school tax office on the first Saturday in April, being the 2nd day of said month for the purpose of electing a new board of trustees; there will be six trustees from the original school district and one from the Harmony District to be elected. L. T. Brewer was appointed to act as presiding judge of the election.

Anyone wishing to have his name placed on the ticket will make application to T. J. Yandell at Office; names must be filed 10 days prior to election.

T. J. YANDELL, Secretary

FFA TRANKS PUBLIC FOR PRIZE AWARDS

The Future Farmers of America of the O'Donnell Chapter wish to thank the Rotary Club and the following firms and individuals who helped to make our project show a success. They are:

Summer Cluey, Bill Schooler, Blocker Gro., Juick Ser Sta., Boot-hay Variety, Mac Noble, Ellis Chev., Hiway Garage, C. H. Cabool, Felix Jones, Floyd Thompson, O'Don. Imp Co., Mansell Bros., B. M. Haymes R. O. Stark, Guy Bradley, O'Don. Bar Store, Proctor Barber shop, Wiese Drug, Jolly Shoe shop, Singleton App. H. and S., J. C. Harris, Campbell Gro., O'Don. Index, O'Don. Motor., Cicero Smith Lbr., J. N. Everett, Boydstun Variety, Burl Koeninger, Corner Drug, Higginbotham Bartlett Lbr., Wells Co-Op gin N. Saleh, Ideal Gro., Gibson Cleaners, O'Don Locker, Ed James, O'Don Farmers Fuel Ass'n, J. F. Toler Forbes Motor, Herman Gro., Hosh Cleaners, Bill Hardburger, Walter Teeter and Eddie Smith. \$180 was contributed for prize money.

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS
**Congress Gets Control Proposals
 Which Would Curb Wages, Prices;
 Doctors Offer Public Health Plan**

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

**CONTROLS:
 Needed or Not?**

The administration at Washington has made its move for price and wage controls. It has asked congress to place ceilings on prices which threaten to go above last December's level. It also has proposed creation of a six-man board to regulate wage increases.

Already, however, it was becoming increasingly clear to the people that constantly shifting factors are changing so swiftly that some of the major points in the administration's legislative program may become obsolete before they are called for consideration.

FOR INSTANCE, the downward trend in prices would indicate that a proposal for price control, except in some few isolated cases, might even appear ridiculous. Consequently, continuing decline in prices would naturally knock out any validity of wage hike demands.

The sincerity of the administration in this respect might be open to question, but not seriously so. Practical politicians and people who realize the need for application of politics in government procedures will understand that whether the government actually wants what it asks is somewhat beside the point.

The real point is that these measures were pledged by President Truman in his campaign, and it was as early as inauguration day that administration leaders stated publicly they meant to implement campaign pledges in every way. Now the administration is going through the motions of seeking to have adopted all the legislation the President promised the voters when he was a candidate for the office.

A QUICK RUN-DOWN of the administration's legislative-potential will show that civil rights, tax increases, outright repeal of the Taft-Hartley law and socialized medicine, all admittedly needing some treatment, are in for a rough time in congress.

That being the case, it is difficult to understand how Mr. Truman and his advisers could make price and wage controls stick should there be no apparent need for either.

**PUBLIC HEALTH:
 Physicians' Plan**

There would be discussion of motive, of course, but whether actuated by the belief that socialized medicine was an undesirable alternative, or by a sincere desire to widen their field of service, America's physicians had come up with a plan.

OBVIOUSLY, the plan was a counter move in the developing battle over socialized medicine, and in it one could see some concession to the bureaucratic ambitions which, it is claimed, motivates the socialized medicine effort.

First, the doctors through their American Medical Association's board of trustees, urge creation of a federal department of health, with cabinet status, which would be authorized to promote the general welfare by aiding and fostering programs in the field of health. This department also would contribute to individual, family and community well-being.

Briefly, the program would include: PROMPT DEVELOPMENT of diagnostic facilities; health centers and local public health units; health centers and hospital services; comprehensive health education programs; integration of veterans' medical care and hospitalization with other medical care and hospital programs; greater emphasis on the program of industrial medicine, and adequate support, with funds free from political control, of the medical, dental and nursing schools and other institutions necessary for the training of specialized personnel required in the provision and distribution of medical care.

In its scope the doctors' program read like Mr. Truman's "bold new program" for betterment of world living. But its very generalities and extent might be the factors to doom it.

With immediate medical care the greatest need of too many Americans unable to pay for it, the panacea would have to be immediate and visual. Examined, even close up, the doctor's plan appeared to offer little toward the solution of the issue of socialized medicine.

**MERCY TRAIN:
 And Kisses**

Although no finished hand at the game, Kentucky's Gov. Earle Clements was not to be outdone in the amenities incident to arrival of the French Mercy train in Frankfort.

BUSSED heartily on the cheek by French representative Andre Picard, Governor Clements busied right back displayed no chagrin.

And, in addition to the buss, Picard received a commission as a Kentucky colonel.

Absolved



William W. Remington, who was an official of the commerce department, was absolved of disloyalty charges following an alleged link to Soviet interests. He was given a new job with the department, but with salary remaining at \$10,000 annually.

**DEFENSE PACT:
 Gilded Lily**

There were puzzling things going on in Washington as the proposed north Atlantic security pact came up for discussion.

As any schoolboy knows, only congress can declare war. Yet Senator Vandenberg of the foreign affairs committee was quoted as saying that if any pact were drawn he expected such a pact to "reserve to congress the complete right of decision" on what to do about an armed attack.

THAT STATEMENT of Vandenberg's amounted to nothing more than a thick coat of gilt on the lily. The pact could do no less than "reserve" such decision, because the constitution of the United States is quite clear as to what governmental body in the United States has the authority to declare war. The constitution does not relegate that power to a senate committee or to the state department.

The point is made only to highlight the trend of official thinking in federal circles. Despite the constitutional provision, Senator Vandenberg and apparently those who draft the pact, are "willing" to let congress make any decision on going to war.

There were other puzzling factors connected with the pact. Both Senator Vandenberg and Senator Connally declared that signing the pact would not commit this nation to war in the event another pact signatory were attacked.

IF THAT were the situation, the critical queried, what would be the use of the pact?

The senators had an answer for that one—an answer reminiscent of American thinking before Pearl Harbor. They pointed out that, as Vandenberg put it, "in my opinion the mere formal recognition of this community of interest in the event of an armed attack on the Atlantic community—without another word in the treaty—would be an infinite assurance against World War III."

What the senator was intimating in effect was that with the United States a signatory to the pact, any nation would be afraid to jump either on the U.S. or another member.

THE SENATOR'S MEMORY seemed to be waning. Japan wasn't "afraid" to attack Pearl Harbor. That was World War II. Germany wasn't "afraid" to sink the Lusitania. That was World War I. The "fear" bulwark hadn't done so well on two occasions.

Did Senator Vandenberg have some special information, or intuition, that it would work better to prevent World War III?

**LONGEVITY:
 The Hard Way**

So you'd like to live to be 102? There's a way—but it will appeal only to the rugged.

A Westerfield, N. J., woman has passed the century mark with vitality still good, interest in things about her still unimpaired.

OF HER 102nd birthday party she said: "It was a most wonderful party. I felt just like I was walking on air. The house looked like a greenery. All those flowers and even an orchid. It was wonderful."

About reaching 102 . . . well, the lady who did it, Mrs. Katherine G. Lyon, said she was in favor of exercise and fresh air.

"It's all a matter of chewing your food properly, and getting plenty of fresh air. Anyone who is 102 years old and can't walk at least two miles ought to go to a doctor and find out what's the matter with them . . . I'm always ready to go."

Mrs. Lyon did not stipulate that walking two miles a day was the entire answer.

**TRENDS:
 Dictatorial**

The gentleman who was talking knew whereof he spoke. When he began to express himself on dictatorships, the public might listen respectfully for he had but lately concluded an assignment to put down one of the most vicious dictatorships the world had ever seen.

But he wasn't talking of foreign dictatorships. Instead, he was warning the Columbia college forum on democracy that dictatorship was an actual possibility right here in the United States.

THE SPEAKER was Gen. Dwight D. "Ike" Eisenhower, who was supreme commander of allied forces in the war against the dictatorships—World War II.

Discussing the "supposition" that this nation was in danger of falling into the hands of a dictatorship without a shot being fired, Eisenhower said he was not talking about the usual type of seizure of power by force.

He was talking, he said, about a gradual dictatorship of bureaucracy which could result from the "constant drift toward centralized government."

"There is a kind of dictatorship," he said, "that can come about through a creeping paralysis of thought and readiness to accept paternalistic measures from the government, along with a surrender of our own responsibilities and, therefore, of our control over our own lives and our right to exercise our vote."

"IF WE ALLOW this drift toward centralized bureaucratic government to continue, finally it will be expressed . . . in the actual field of operation."

"There'll be a swarming of bureaucrats over the land, ownership of property will gradually drift into that central government, and finally you have to have dictatorship as the only means of operating such a huge organization."

When a man of General Ike's stature is publicly concerned over the probability of a dictatorship in the U. S., benign or otherwise, it seems it were time the public, too, should begin to look into the situation.

**MYSTERY:
 Biggest Run**

As one southern reporter described it, it was the "biggest run in the South's history."

One moment everything was all right. The next, disaster had struck. It happened in Jacksonville, Fla., and there was no warning of its coming. Women and girls arose in the morning, donned attractive, sheer nylon stockings and started about their business.

Then, the nylons simply started coming apart. Working girls went bare-legged to lunch, carrying their stockings—or what was left of them—in their purses.

A horrible possibility failed to materialize—the girls were spared disintegration of their nylon underwear; but there were many anxious moments as they watched the nylon stockings disintegrate on their legs.

The health department advanced a theory that incompletely-burned particles of soot carried a gas which caused the stockings to come apart.

At Wilmington, Del., a technical engineer for a nylon manufacturer said it's happened before in Washington, Chicago, Nashville and Minneapolis.

He explained that the trouble was acid-bearing soot. These tiny particles, he said, even from ordinary coal fires, contain sulphur dioxide, sulphur trioxide and other acids. When they land on a coat or hat, the concentrate may destroy a thread, but you don't notice it.

But when they land on a stocking thread—zip! And there's a story to make the nation's headlines.

Accused



Agnes Smedley, 54-year-old Oklahoma born author, has been named by Gen. Douglas MacArthur as a Soviet agent in his recent report on a Russian spy ring. She denied the accusation.

**METALS:
 Stronger**

For those who use metals there was good news Dr. J. H. Holloman, General Electric research laboratory scientist, reported that metals eventually can be made from five to 10 times stronger.

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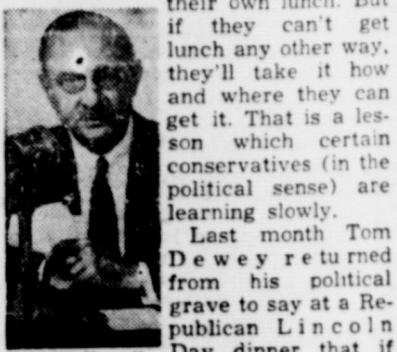
**GOP Tries to Face Facts:
 Changes Are Sure to Come**

By BAUKHAGE
 News Analyst and Commentator.

WASHINGTON—I don't want to get into semantics but I have to say something about the word "conservative", purely as a word, if I am going to discuss some of the undersurface terms in Washington recently.

If it is fair to define a conservative as a person who has something to conserve, and I think the American people are naturally conservative in that sense, when you take away that something, Americans will join the radicals or anybody else to win back what was taken away.

The majority of the people don't want a free lunch. They just want a chance to earn enough to pay for their own lunch. But if they can't get lunch any other way, they'll take it how and where they can get it. That is a lesson which certain conservatives (in the political sense) are learning slowly.



BAUKHAGE

Last month Tom Dewey returned from his political grave to say at a Republican Lincoln Day dinner that if the GOP tried to go back to the 20's, it would become the "deadest pigeon in the country."

The burden of his theme was that the party was split wide apart and it had better get together, slough off one extreme element which wants to "turn the clock back" and the other extremists who want to "out-promise the Democrats." He demanded that the party stand for "social progress under a flourishing system of private enterprise where every human right is expanded." Those opposed to "liberal and progressive policies" should get out of the party.

Here again we run into semantics—what is "progressive," what is "liberal"—for that matter, what is Sylvia? To one an owl, to another a nightingale. To the pinks, a "liberal" is a reactionary. To the conservative a "liberal" is a red.

Dewey said that the Republican party (or the party as he sees it) believes in "unemployment insurance, old age assistance on an increased basis, in broader social security generally, in slum clearance, in public development of our water resources, in farm price supports, in vigorous protection of the rights of labor."

And he seems to recognize that all of us, Republicans included, will have to take certain things for granted. Certain social and political changes which we may not like any more than our grandfathers liked a lot of "new-fangled" ideas they met with, like the safety razor, say.

The federal reserve board, the income tax, women's suffrage—all were once considered little less than the instruments of the devil himself by a lot of people who never think twice about them now. What policy the federal reserve board follows is debatable by either political party, but nobody would be fool enough to try to eliminate the board as an institution. Both parties claim they invented it.

The size of the income tax, and how it's distributed is also a matter to be settled by the party in power, but I can't quite see anybody trying to eliminate income taxes entirely. Other matters like the principles of government regulation of interstate commerce, of old age and unemployment insurance and dozens of other activities seem to be here for good.

If I am a Red for saying that you can measure me for a suit of long underwear to match, tuck me into the one-hoss-shay and send me home.

As a matter of fact I am really pretty much of a moss-back. Although I'd trade in my used airplane for a rocket, if anybody has a surrey with the fringe on top and I had a place to park it, that's what I'd really prefer.

**Mention of Taft
 Evokes Criticism**

One can't discuss the Republican party without mentioning Mr. Taft. And whenever I say anything good on the air about Sen. Robert A. Taft, I get letters like the following from a man in Lakewood, New York (I had in the same broadcast described a truck-driver who nearly ran over me):

"I can see a picture of you," he writes, "looking down your long nose at that truck driver and believe me, I know just exactly how you felt towards him. However, I wonder which is the most dangerous, an idiot with a truck or an idiot with a vast radio audience."

"You see I look down my long nose at you just as you did the truck driver and I have the advantage of having heard a few thousand of your broadcasts. Through this medium I have explored your brain and believe me I find not much there. Your speaking of the truck driver as well as Taft's intelligence is a fair measure of your own."

This was my answer:

"Dear Sir: I have your letter saying that you wonder which is the most dangerous, the truck driver I referred to or an idiot with a vast radio audience—and also that you have heard me a few thousand times. I am glad to note we have so much in common."

My reference to Taft which so infuriated the letter-writer was in connection with an implication that Senator Taft IS the Republican party in the Senate as it exists today. This situation may change, though there are no present indications it will. Taft rides the elephant, regardless of who happens to play the calliope.

And paradoxically enough it will be Senator Taft, the strongest figure in the senate, arch-Republican, symbol of reaction to his enemies, who probably will be a powerful factor in the enactment of more than one of the so called "social-service" laws which are a vital part of the administration program. Housing and federal aid to education are two measures which might be named. And although the Taft-Hartley act will have a new name, the imprint of its senatorial sponsor will not be entirely eradicated from its structure when it comes out of the hopper.

Taft was able to drag out the labor bill hearings for two weeks longer than was originally planned, and I would not be surprised if these lines appear in print before his gently-led filibuster against the repeal is over, or at least long over. But that does not mean Taft or his party controls the senate.

As this was written a theory was abroad that the Republican strategy had developed to the point where, if the party would keep its "young Turks" in line—the so-called liberal Republican senators who tried and so dismally failed to curb Taft's power—they could count on enough votes of the southern senators on most controversial issues (unless these issues step on the toes of southern tradition) to wrest control from the Democrats.

In fact, the expounders of this theory were only a little while ago pointing to defeat of the bill to exempt the tax on the inauguration as proof that the fate of the Democrats in the senate was a pretty dark one. They explained it was symptomatic when 41 Republicans voted against the measure, and found that they were able to get six Democrats to join them, thus providing a majority and defeating the measure.

That made things look very simple. But there is another side to that story. That vote backfired and hurt the Republicans more than it helped. It did more than a little to create Democratic solidarity, and the really deep-dishers on Capitol Hill are predicting that the Democrats are going to achieve enough unanimity from now on to maintain their majority on major issues. There will be, of course, matters where members of both parties will desert because the issue involved is such that the particular state or area from which the senator comes has an interest which conflicts with the majority of his party.

There will be some issues in which Democrats will join Republicans as well as vice versa. And, as I said earlier, there are some things that don't appear on the surface.

The burden of the attack against the Democrats, whether you call them New Dealers, Fair Dealers, or Trumanites, is that they seek government control of business.

Now I believe most Republican leaders have the brains to admit (and if they haven't they can expect to be defeated, just as the liberals and conservatives were beaten in England) that the best way to kill government control—the antithesis of free enterprise because it is government monopoly—is to kill private monopoly. The latter is a two-edged sword against free enterprise. First, private monopoly kills competition. Second, it opens the way to government ownership.

Today the intelligent leaders of the GOP have to admit what I am sure they believe at heart, namely, that they will have to let the federal government do certain things for the people, if private enterprise can't or won't do those things. Taft, as well as the young Turks, knows that. They also know that private monopoly breeds state control.

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LOOKING AHEAD

By GEORGE S. BENSON
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Business, Big and Little!

You cannot create a make-believe feud out of the mythical question of Big Business vs. Small Business. It won't hold up, this attempt to make "bad business" out of business that's big. We need many of them small, but we also want some of them big. I recall Emerson's fabled quarrel of the mountain and the squirrel, in which the squirrel made the point: "If I cannot carry forests on my back, neither can you crack a nut." Both big and little enterprises belong in America's system.
Out of the desire of people for goods and for services, our business exists. Private business, generally, is taken for granted. Yet, many unthinking people consider "Big Business" a certain bogeyman. They fail to see that big business is simply a lot of people doing things together that they could not do separately.

Cut Them Down?

We sometimes act as if we expected the government to whittle all big industry down to size. Yet, what would our fate have been after Pearl Harbor, without large and well-equipped industries? In war, we relied upon our bigness. And big industry was well-supported by thousands of small firms. Now, in peacetime, America looks to a well-financed and managed industrial community for continued prosperity and plentiful jobs.

A business keeps growing amid strong competition if it pleases customers by giving them what they want at fair prices. While doing this it must pay its workers a competitive wage, and also earn a profit on the money which owners of the tools have entrusted to it. If a business does these things, it may expect to grow and be of even greater service to its public. In America, any kind of business must merit public approval or fold up.

Each a Customer

Big industry can do some of the big jobs better. Suppose you had to depend upon a one-man workshop for your automobile. Experts say it would cost you \$50,000 to have your car built that way. Instead, large companies manage the mass production of thousands of parts (some of which are made by small firms), so that an assembly line rolls out the cars. This requires millions of dollars of capital, and thousands of workers.

Not all business should be big. Many needs are best served by small business. Actually, these firms are not always competitors of big business, for the big fellow and the little fellow can be partners in industrial activity. Then each one, big or small, profits from the efforts of the other. Here, we'll find parts used by big firms being made by small ones. There, we'll find the material of a large producer being fabricated by a small mill. Each is a customer of the other.

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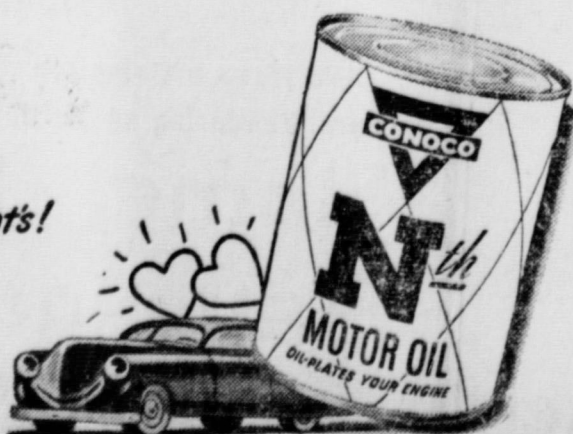
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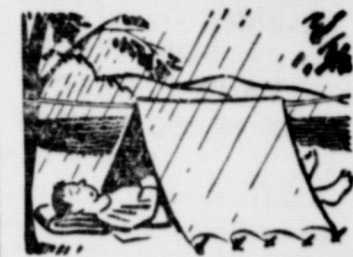
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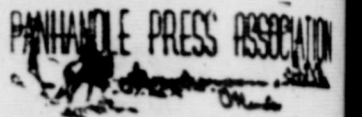
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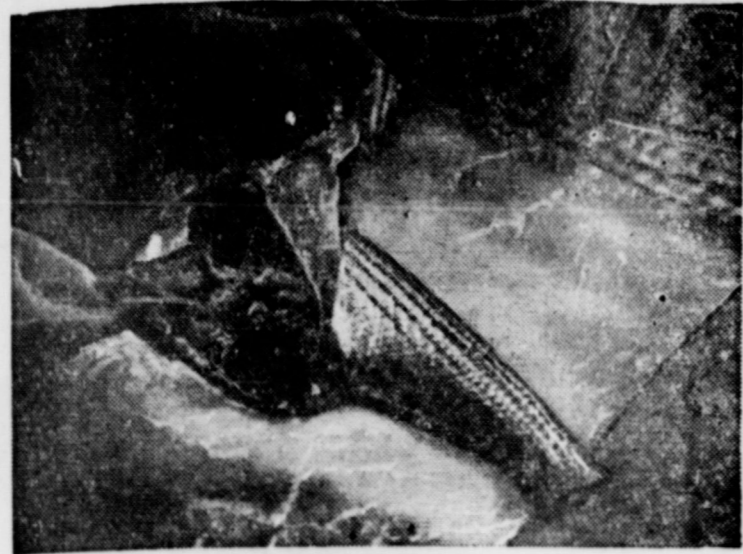
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HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers



Bread Stuffing Makes Fish Savory
(See Recipes Below)

Lenten Favorites

IF YOU HAVE only a slight acquaintance with how savory meat less foods can be, then Lent is the time to let your ingenuity go to work. You may discover, as have many homemakers through the years, that small acquaintance can lead to enduring friendships.

Fish may readily become a year-round favorite just because you discovered a special way to prepare it during Lent. Although the family may already like and expect eggs for breakfast, you may discover that creamed, deviled or hard-cooked eggs combined with other foods make delightful luncheon or supper dishes.

Both fish and eggs are nutritious foods. Fish and egg yolk contain protein, that important body building and repair substance which everyone needs daily.

In both vitamins and minerals, both of these foods rate as excellent sources. Egg yolks are rich in iron, builder of red blood cells; they also supply calcium needed for bones and teeth. You'll appreciate the fact that eggs are a good source of phosphorus, riboflavin, and vitamins A and D.

Fish are very active, and since the B vitamins (thiamine, niacin and riboflavin) are necessary for energy production, their flesh is rich in these. All fish are rich sources of phosphorus and ocean fish and sea foods are excellent sources of iodine, the element necessary to the prevention of goiter.

COMPARED TO MEAT, fish has little fat and, therefore, it requires little cooking time. A short cooking time for fish is also essential so that you will lose few of the important B vitamins which are so readily destroyed by heat.

Long slow cooking time breaks down the muscle fibers of fish which leaves it dry and unappetizing. Cook it as directed in these recipes and serve as soon as it is taken from the oven, and you'll have fish so delicious no one can resist it.

***Stuffed Fish (Serves 6 - 8)**
Select a fish weighing 3 to 4 pounds. Clean. Rub salt inside and out. Stuff with bread stuffing made by mixing 1 1/2 cups bread cubes with 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon pepper, 1/4 teaspoon thyme or marjoram and 1/2 onion, minced. Slowly add 3 tablespoons melted butter.

Close the cavity of the fish with toothpicks or skewers and draw edges together by lacing with string. Brush with melted fat and place in baking pan. Bake for 15 minutes in a very hot (450° f.) oven. Then reduce heat to 400° f. and bake for 45 minutes longer.

Garnish fish with parsley and lemon wedges. Serve with a sauce made of 1 cup white sauce to which has been added 2 hard-cooked eggs, chopped, or 2 tablespoons capers or 1/4 cup mushrooms, chopped.

Stuffed Fish Fillets (Serves 4)
2 cups soft bread crumbs
3/4 cups chopped, cooked or canned mushrooms

LYNN SAYS:
Here's How to Serve Eggs Attractively

Mince parsley or watercress may be added to mashed yolks for stuffed eggs. A bit of tart salad dressing contributes tangy flavor.

Mince green onion, minced green pepper and pimiento are good to use with the mashed yolk for deviled eggs.

Chopped hard-cooked eggs mixed with chopped black olives and mayonnaise make a delicious sandwich mixture.

LYNN CHAMBERS' MENU

- Chilled Tomato Juice
- *Stuffed Fish
- Buttered Squash
- Asparagus Salad
- Hot Rolls
- Beverage
- Citrus Chiffon Pie
- *Recipe Given

- 1/4 cup butter or substitute, melted
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- 4 haddock fillets

Mix crumbs, mushrooms, butter, salt, pepper and poultry seasoning. Add egg and mix well. Spread fillets with mixture. Roll and fasten with toothpicks. Broil, turning once, until fish is golden brown. Serve immediately.

Shrimps, Louisiana Style (Serves 6)

- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon minced onion
- 1 pint shrimp, peeled
- 4 tablespoons flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups milk
- 2 tablespoons minced parsley
- 4 tablespoons tomato catsup

Melt butter, add onion and shrimp; brown. Stir in flour and add seasonings. Gradually add milk and cook about 10 minutes. Add parsley and tomato catsup; cover and let steam until sauce is thickened. Serve over hot boiled rice.

Escalloped Corn and Oysters (Serves 5 - 6)

- 1 No. 2 can corn, kernel style
- 1 pint oysters
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Few grains of pepper
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 3/4 cups oyster liquor
- 1 cup buttered crumbs

Heat corn. Drain oysters and add enough water to liquor to make 3/4 cup. Make white sauce of butter, flour, salt, pepper, milk and oyster liquor. Arrange layers of corn, oysters and white sauce in a buttered baking dish. Top with crumbs. Bake in a moderately hot (400° f.) oven for 15 to 20 minutes.

Flemish Fillets (Serves 6)

- 2 pounds haddock fillets
- 1/4 pound bacon
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 3 tablespoons chopped parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup tomato paste or drained, canned tomatoes

Partially cook bacon in skillet. Pour bacon fat into bottom of shallow pan. Add half of onion and parsley. Place fillets in this and add remainder of onion and parsley. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and place slice of bacon on each fillet. Bake in a moderate hot (375° f.) oven for 45 minutes. Remove fish to hot platter and add tomato pan mixture. Heat, adding a few tablespoons of water if necessary. Pour sauce around fish on platter. Serve with squash or sweet potatoes.

Ever scrambled eggs with crabmeat? They're wonderful this way. Sauté crabmeat in butter in skillet, then pour in the egg-milk mixture. Stir gently until eggs are cooked.

Serve three salads on one plate for luncheons: one of shrimp or crabmeat, another of well-seasoned cottage cheese, and a third of chopped vegetables.

Don't toss away leftover green vegetables such as asparagus, peas or green beans. Mix them with chopped celery, hard-cooked eggs and mayonnaise. Serve in lettuce cups.

Sautéed bean sprouts, sliced mushrooms, celery and onion may be added to eggs while you scramble them for a delicious Chinese dish.



By DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN
SCRIPTURE: Mark 4: Luke 15:11-24.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Matthew 13:10-17.

Wild Oats Harvest

Lesson for March 6, 1949

ALL RELIGIOUS teachers of Jesus' time used parables. But the great difference between Jesus' parables and those of his contemporaries, as Rabbi Klausner says, is that his were remembered and theirs were not. People will remember a story who cannot take in a lecture. Jesus almost never told "wonder-tales." His parables are not in the least like Grimm's fairy tales or Alice in Wonderland. Mostly they are about simple ordinary happenings, and practically always about living people or things.



Dr. Foreman

The Kingdom of God is a kingdom of law, not of happen-so or of magic wands. Jesus was fond of comparing God's Kingdom to growing plants. Every plant is a miracle, it is evidence of God's creative power; but plants do not grow overnight, they grow by the laws which the Creator made in them.

Wild Sowing
AS WE SAW last week, the most important feature of the Ideal World, or of any world, is the quality of the people in it. So most of Jesus' parables were about people, one of the most famous being this one of the "prodigal son." ("Prodigal" of course does not mean wicked or repentant, but wasteful, reckless with money or other things.) You could find many faults in that young man. One of them—the fault that nearly killed him—was that if he had a calendar he never looked at it. If you take a good look at a calendar you will always notice that there is another day after this one—another month, another year. But the prodigal never thinks about tomorrow, only about today. He sows his wild oats because he has fun doing it. He can say "So what?" fast enough but he has never asked the question, "—and then what?" Childish, isn't it? Yet all about us are prodigals old enough to know better.

Some people even argue that it is a good thing to sow wild oats, on the theory that the prodigal gets it out of his system and is afterwards a better man.

Nonsense! Is it better for your education to spend several years learning things wrong? Is it better for a garden to let it grow up in weeds for the first three weeks? Is it better for a man's health to spend his childhood years on a sickbed? That's no more silly than to say that a man is morally better for having been immoral for a while first.

Prodigal Nation
IT HAS even been said that we have a prodigal-son civilization. Our generation is pretty busy sowing wild oats. We waste the natural resources of the earth. Drinking has become encouraged by law and made glamorous by the movies. We spend more on liquor than on schools. More money is spent on a single day's horse-racing at a big track than a whole state or province spends on education in a year. The ties of marriage have grown so weak, especially outside the Christian church, that it has not been long since one American city was boasting that its marriage rate had "caught up with" its divorce rate!

Wild Harvest
THE PRODIGAL son in Jesus' story went home—but he had to reap his wild harvest first. The modern prodigal, whether individual or nation, seems to misunderstand Jesus' meaning. If God is thought of at all, he is pictured as a benevolent Being who after all doesn't mind our enjoying our little fling. "He will forgive," said Voltaire, "that's his business." That is a total misunderstanding of God.

The Heavenly Father does love every one of his children, yes. But he will not hold back any one who insists on wasting his substance. He will not interfere with the man's freedom even if that freedom is wickedly used.

He will not suspend his own law: "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." The prodigal will never get back what he threw away. Time that he killed stays dead. The poverty and pain created by personal or national extravagance and intemperance, God will not magically conjure away.

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by Roger C. Whitman

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ANSWER: The trouble in both cases is because the pin of the lower hinge is not directly in line with that of the upper hinge. To check on this, use a plumb line—tied to a string with a small weight tied to one end. If you hold the loose end of this at the bottom of the upper hinge pin, the weight will show you which hinge needs resetting. The door originally was set with the hinges in line, and the trouble has come because of settlement that has somewhat distorted the door frame. It may be that moving one hinge will be enough, although possibly a small adjustment of both hinges will be easier.

When you have decided what to do, open the door part way, and jam books or blocks under the outer corner to take the weight. You then can remove the hinge pin of the hinge that is to be shifted, and do whatever is necessary. Take off the hinge plate on the door frame, and pack the screw holes with wood putty. You might find it necessary to place a shim (in the form of a piece of cardboard or a thin piece of wood) under the offending hinge.



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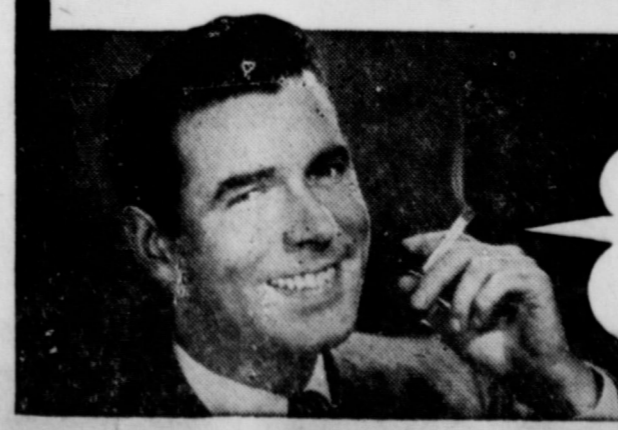


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Mrs. Olin Davis of Hobbs, N M is spending the week end with her mother, Mrs. H C Warren.

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Mr and Mrs. Troy Bradshaw and Wayne, Mr and Mrs F C Chambers and family, W D Chandler of Lenora and Mr and Mrs. Looie Bradshaw and family of O'Donnell and Miss Syble Turner visited Mr and Mrs. J N Bradshaw and family Sunday.

Visitors in the Homer Davis home Sunday nite were Mr and Mrs. J N Bradshaw and family, Slick, Nancy and J E.

Frances Telchik and Jerry Smith are on the sick list this week.

Mr and Mrs. Russell Smith and baby of Wingate spent the week end with Mr and Mrs. Oscar Telchik and family.

Mr and Mrs. J E Nance and family spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs W L Knight of Tahoka.

The Mesquite Baptist Church is going to have a full time preacher with Bro. J D Thompson as pastor. Everyone is invited to attend.

E W Hester of Lubbock was down Saturday greeting friends.

Mr and Mrs. Ed Dorsey of Tullia visited friends here over week end.

Dr. Fairrington recently purchas ed the Homer Simpson house in Dawson Heights.

Mr and Mrs. Buddy McMillan of Eunice, N. M. visited the Arch Mc Millans last week.

Mr and Mrs. W H Fulkerson of Tahoka, Mr and Mrs. Tommy Fulkerson and Charles Ferguson of Mc Murray College of Abilene visited last week with Mr and Mrs. James Bowlin and family.

BERRY FLAT NEWS

Mr and Mrs. Roy Burdett as their guests her mother father Mr and Mrs. Walt Putman.

Several of the Berry Flat attended the funeral of Williams at Draw Sunday noon.

Mrs. Dick Simpson and Mr and Mrs J W Turner Big Springs Saturday; also Juanita Lang visited there.

Roy Burdett, Bill Stagers Walt Putman made a business to Colorado City Sunday.

Mr and Mrs. Elzie Davis boys visited in the Matt home Sunday afternoon.

Miss Alta B Stephens Fern Simpson Friday nite.

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