

From The Editor's Window

BY MRS. J. S. YEAGER

Many people in this country have wondered about the long stay of Madame Chiang in the United States. Most of us know that she has been living in New York in high western style for many months, but left the past week for her home in China.

The story comes that the old men of China, those close to the Generalissimo, grew tired of her influence over Mr. Chiang in governmental affairs and criticized her western manners and extravagant use of jewelry, nail polish, and other items of adornment. They personally complained that the Madame was more American than Chinese in her thinking and habits.

Mrs. Chiang smarted under this tide of growing criticism and the fact that her husband sometimes sided with her critics and worried a great deal about it. She finally suffered a recurrence of an allergic skin ailment which doctors said was due largely to a high state of nervous agitation.

The story relates that Mrs. Chiang finally decided to quit China for awhile and abandon her role of one of China's most influential policy makers.

It has been announced, by the committee planning a suitable monument to the late Ernie Pyle, that a memorial library and campus of simple dignity will be placed at or near Dana, Indian, the late war correspondent's birthplace as soon as preparations have been completed.

It is said that no plans are being made to remove Mr. Pyle's body from Ie Shima, where he was killed by the Japs, to the memorial site.

The OPA has announced that twelve southern states will shortly share in the emergency distribution of compounds, lards, and edible oils which have been made available for the period extending through the month of September. The twelve states are North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky and West Virginia.

Sale of the Brazos Valley Cotton Mill at West and the Waco Twine Mill to H. Kahn and associates of New York City has been announced. The Brazos Valley Mill was incorporated in 1900 with a capital of \$100,000 raised by public subscription.

The only fabric made at the cotton mill at present is duck.

It is reported that nylon stockings will probably be displayed in retail stores before Christmas. This will be good news for many women.

It seems some red tape will have to be cut before manufacture of the hose can be restored on a large scale but slips, blouses, and other garments made of nylon are already available.

Wife (after receiving a skunk fur coat from her husband): "I don't see how such a nice coat can come from such a foul-smelling beast."

Husband: "I don't mind not being thanked, but I do ask for a little respect."

She: "I stood in line over an hour yesterday."

He: "What for?"

She: "I don't know, it was gone before we got inside the store, so we were told."

Friend: "Is your brother really as fast a runner as they say he is?"

Proud Sis: "Well, he's pretty fast. He's so fast that all the fellows he races have to run twice as fast as he does to keep up with him."

We are told that the current ration of five pounds of sugar every four months will be continued for the remainder of the year. Our next sugar stamp will be No. 38 in ration book 4, good for five pounds, validated September 1 and remain good through December 31.

Stamp 37 will not be used, according to an OPA statement, as many persons by mistake last year mailed No. 37 in to local boards to obtain special allow-

President Truman and Industry Trying Have Cooperation

Taken from the Industrial News Service: As President Truman and American industry boldly and confidentially, and with initiative and action, move in to the Reconstruction Area, the necessity for management, labor cooperation becomes more urgently important than ever.

Since our factories, seeking to maintain as high and stable employment as possible, sparkplug the rest of the nation's economy, the urgency of industrial peace comes down into every American home and farm.

"We shall have industrial harmony because we can't get anywhere without it," says Ira Mosher, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, and the ?????? and truly sums it up.

"We are going to have it mainly," Mr. Mosher adds, "because we know that there is no fundamental difference in the things that management and labor want in our country."

Admittedly it is going to take patience and understanding to solve the difficulties, both of reconversion and management, labor cooperation. Our economy was turned upside down to fight and win an all-out war. We are now turning it rightside up to achieve a prosperous peace.

But we know now what our free business economy can do. If it can vanish our global enemies, it can conquer domestic depressions.

WAGNER-MURRAY-DINGELL BILL PUTS MEDICINE UNDER POLITICAL BOARD

There has been no formula whereby which human ills can be brought under the wage and hours laws; sickness probably will never be put on a 40 hour weekly basis with time and half for overtime. That being true, it seems odd that the proposed Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill would virtually create a closed shop of doctors; only those participating in the scheme would be available to a patient, except at his own expense.

The purpose of the WMD bill is that it will provide adequate medical care for the masses at cut rate prices, yet the chances are the more competent and successful medical practitioners will not subscribe to the socialization scheme unless forced to do so.

Therefore, the organization staff might well be oversupplied with those who for one reason or another were unsuccessful in establishing a practice under normal conditions.

Under the impact of sickness, the first thought is for the best talent. The health and well being of a loved one is not something one buys at a bargain counter.

The sincerity and idealism of those writing the bill, is not in the least questioned; the widespread benefits to be gained by many from a sort of health insurance formula are likewise beyond question. But the application of the closed shop philosophy, however unintentional, to the medical profession, and the reducing of medical care to the bargain counter status, will not be productive to the desired ends.

Phillip Murray Moves to Make Wages Higher Legal

In reading Phillip Murray, the CIO leader's declaration on post-war prosperity. In his campaign for post-war prosperity Mr. Murray's first move was an effort to make high wages legal rather than to make them possible. Law givers have been trying for centuries to make people what they did not have. It can't be done. It makes no difference what the wage scale is if the employer can't meet it.

A high basic wage scale recorded upon the ponderous pages of federal statute books will not buy milk for any working man's baby.

ances of sugar for canning purposes.

Price Administrator Bowles has described sugar supplies as "very tight," and no prospect for improvement this year.

However, a senate sub-committee held out hope that by means of cutting exports of sugar the shortage may be relieved.

County Wide Civic Club May Be Organized

It is proposed by the citizens of Baird and other places in the county to organize a county-wide Civic Club to develop Callahan County during the post-war period at a session of the Callahan County Luncheon Club. Clyde, Cross Plains and Baird will each send a delegation of five to discuss formation of such an organization.

Representatives from Baird will be L. L. Blackburn, Ace Hickman, Marvin Hunter, B. L. Russell, Sr., B. H. Freeland. On a suggestion of county agent Robert Shults the club approved a plan for a county fair and calf show either this fall or next spring. The committee to foster consists of Marvin Hunter, Ace Hickman and Judge J. L. Farmer, county judge of Callahan county.

Commercial Motor Vehicles Under New Law Sept. 1st.

There is a new law governing commercial motor vehicles now in effect. All commercial motor vehicles must have flares or red reflectors as a part of their equipment to stay within a new law, the department is warning all persons using commercial motor vehicles.

The new legislation provides that light flares or electrical substitutes or reflectors must be used by any commercial vehicle that is parked on any highway one-half an hour before sun rise or one-half an hour after sun set, capable of being seen for a distance of five hundred feet, when vehicle in distress is approached from any direction.

Likewise, it provides that no person shall operate, permit or cause to be operated on any highway, road or street within the state of any commercial vehicle, truck, tractor, trailer or semi-trailer or motor bus or any vehicle equipped with a crane or lifting device, ordinary referred to as a wrecker, without three or more signal flares or electric warning device capable of operation under all weather conditions for not less than twelve continuous hours, or three red reflectors of a type approved by the State Highway Department. Captain Posey of the department states that the equipment mentioned must be carried and that the new regulations will be rigidly enforced against all.

BAIRD SCHOOL TO OPEN MONDAY SEPTEMBER 10, WITH 21 TEACHERS

Manufacturers Plan to Raise Production 41.6% Over 1939

According to reports, American manufacturers plan to produce 41.6 per cent more goods in 1947 than the output in 1939, reports to the committee for economic development indicate.

In 1939 the manufacturers needed 10,078,000 workers to produce the \$57,000,000,000 worth of goods manufactured in that year, the committee points out. Allowing for increased efficiency and other factors, the manufacturer will require approximately 13,469,000 workers to produce the \$80,000,000,000 worth of manufacturers estimate they will produce in 1947.

American Industry Always One Jump Ahead of Enemies

The American oil industry was always one jump ahead of our enemies in World War II, and the fact that it kept our planes, battleships, tanks and other implements fully fueled at all times, is a major reason for the success of the Allies. Previous to the war, oil companies were always one jump ahead of the domestic demand.

Looking to the needs of the future, the oil industry is developing a high-test aviation fuel so resistant to accidental ignition that a lighted match can be dropped into it without resulting fire. Thus American industry maintains its record by leading the procession in the game of progress.

General Electric To Increase Workers By 150,000

Typical of industry's confidence in the face of reconversion "Scare," General Electric Co. is headed for a 150,000 man payroll in nine months, half again as many workers as it had before the war.

Announcing this, GE's president Charles E. Wilson, declared the company believes it "can give peace-time jobs to all its people who want them." Already it is in production on some civilian goods, will be turning out additional civilian products in a matter of days, and probably will be producing the most difficult items, in point of reconverting in about two months.

"I'm very hopeful about reconversion," Mr. Wilson said. "We've been planning for nine months and we've planned against any serious layoffs. 'It's spotty, and some things will take longer to get going than others but I think U. S. industry will find a way to do the job as fast as possible. GE will expand facilities for some lines, and has made tentative arrangements for government plants in Erie, Pa., and Trenton, New Jersey."

Civic Leaders to Meet in Baird September 11th.

Representatives of civic leaders of Callahan county will meet at Baird on September 11th, from Baird, Cross Plains and Clyde and other communities at a banquet for the purpose of organizing a county-wide organization which will be formed to meet post-war problems and develop the county. Five persons each will represent civic clubs of Baird, Cross Plains and Clyde. The representatives will meet at Baird 8:30 p. m., September 11.

B. E. Higgins eDad At Home in Baird Sunday, Sept. 2nd.

B. E. Higgins, a pioneer citizen living in the Admiral community for many years before moving to Baird a few years ago, died in Baird Sunday at the age of 84. He had formed in the Admiral community before going to Baird. The funeral was held at the Baptist church in the Admiral community where he had lived before retiring to a home in Baird. Burial was in the Admiral community.

FORMER SCRANTON BOY ELECTED AS STATE SUPREME COURT JUDGE

MISS ELIZABETH BROWN MARRIED TO DICK YOUNG AT COMANCHE RECENTLY

Dick Young of Bell Plain and Miss Elizabeth Brown were married at the parsonage of the First Methodist church in Comanche, Rev. B. B. Cooper, pastor, reading the ceremony.

Their attendants were Dee Curley of Comanche, and Mrs. Audra Martin, a sister of the bride, of Abilene.

Following the ceremony the couple was honored at a reception at the Curry ranch near Comanche.

183,208 Passenger Tires Allocated to Texas September

OPA announced Saturday there would be allocated to Texas automobiles 183,208 passenger tires for the month of September. This included 38,298 for the Dallas district; 38,211 for the Fort Worth district; 45,302 for the Houston district; 23,518 for the Lubbock district and 37,885 for the San Antonio district.

In addition Texas was allotted 37,342 truck and bus tires. This included 7,568 10-ply tires; 10,491 of the 750 or small group tires and 10,491 of the 8.25 or large sizes.

OPA explained that the new quota, the largest that could be provided for September are far from enough to enable local boards to meet the flood of applications, particularly for passenger tires, received since gasoline rationing was taken off.

If the tires are properly distributed among the car owners, who are using their cars for business, instead of issuing tires to some with two or three cars while others are refused tires on one car, there will not be sufficient tires to go around.

President Moves Rapidly Towards The Reconversion

James Preston an economist, sums up the situation thus: The sunrise of peace finds the eyes of the nation again turned as hopefully on America's industrial machine as they were in the twilight of Pearl Harbor day.

The task of maintaining an alienable right of a free people in a free business economy now rests upon the same factories and plants which astounded the world in their production for war.

The question now being propounded to Washington from every quarter of the nation is: How far and how fast will government let industry go?

No specific answer can be given, but the best indication of the trend is found in the attitude of President Truman himself.

Ever before Hirohito had an opportunity to explain by radio to the Japs what had happened to them, Mr. Truman began stirring the bureaucrats into action from their many months lethargy of idle reconversion talk.

President Truman's thinking is all-important, for it shows that the White House intends to move rapidly in taking such steps as it deems necessary to minimize unemployment, check inflation, and to remove such governmental restrictions as it thinks will impede immediate resumption of peace time production.

Frank T. Sunderman Receives Air Medal With One Cluster

SAN ANTONIO, Texas. — Having completed a tour of duty of 6 months in the European theater of operations, F/O Frank T. Sunderman, Putnam, Texas, has arrived at the San Antonio District, AAF Personnel Distribution Command for processing and reassignment. His rewards for service overseas include: Air Medal with 1 cluster; ETO ribbon with 3 battle stars.

Processing and reassignment for AAF returnees ordinarily are completed in from ten days to two weeks, after which personnel are generally assigned to stations in this country.

Post-war Business To eBGood; People Needing Everything

Farmers want new machinery, housewives want new washers, refrigerators, John Q. and Mrs. Public want a new car, new radio.

Making and delivering these and many more new things will provide jobs for veterans, for displaced war workers.

Manufacturers want to make them, salesmen and dealers want to supply them. It's as simple as that, or it should be.

But there's the OPA created to maintain necessary price control in war time, it refuses to recognize the practicalities of peace.

Large volume production, with consequent large volume of employment, can only be attained by the manufacturers under a fair prices which will yield fair incentive profits.

Such prices should recognize all current costs, including those of administrative and selling expenses, plus the profit margin the factories experienced in the highly competitive pre-war years of 1939 or 1940, or any average of the two.

This is what business asks and, certainly it seems reasonable.

Scarcity Causes Inflation, Plenty Destroys Inflation

From the Tax Journal, San Antonio: Defining inflation in two cent words was the job undertaken by Frank Gervasi in a recent issue of Collier's. He said, "When there's plenty of money in people's pockets or in bank accounts, and the stuff that money buys is scarce, prices (ie the cost of living) go up. Inflation in other words, result from distortion of supply and demand, and unless the supply of goods is increased proportionately to demand, something always gives. Always it's prices."

EDITOR — It has been thoroughly established that scarcity will cause inflation, then as the writer see things from here, to produce an abundance of everything there would be no need for an OPA to control prices. Again in the early years of the New Deal Mr. Roosevelt was given authority to bid the price of gold up in order to raise the price of commodities, with the result prices were boosted with the price of gold until gold was established at \$35 per ounce. Then if bidding the price of gold up boosted prices, then it should work at the present time in reverse by selling the price of gold down it should control inflation or lower prices until more goods can be produced. When this raising the price of gold was going on, each day as the price of gold was bid up or down prices moved the same direction.

West Brothers Opened Up New Oil Pool Near Dothan

West Brothers who have been operating in the Putnam shallow oil field for several years, have recently opened up a nice pool on the Frye and Kile leases. They have already drilled in four producers and are moving about one half mile east on the Roy Adams lease where they have a contract to drill two wells. This oil field is about five miles east of Putnam and one mile west of Dothan. These wells are being drilled in at about 400 feet.

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15.67 Inches Rain in Putnam Since January 1st, 1945

In our last rain report Putnam had received 15.6 inches of rain since January 1st until July 11th. The rainfall this week of .61 inch makes the total to night of August 30th, 15.67 inches to date since the 1st of January, 1945.

The rain the past week like all others this year fell very slow and did not make much water. No water ran with the exceptionally hard places like pavement and where the dirt was extremely hard.

Of course, the rain did quite a lot of good since many people had planted garden stuff and did not have sufficient moisture to bring it up. Garden stuff planted will come up, and possibly it will rain again before it dies.

You can't never tell what is going to happen. Many people have the idea in rearing children that they must move to some of the larger towns where they think there is better schools and unless they do that their children will never amount to anything.

But just the past week C. S. Slatton who has been elected to the Nine Man Supreme Court of Texas, was reared in Scranton just across the line in Eastland county; and first schooling was in Scranton school. It makes very little difference as to where a person is reared, if he applies himself or herself there is always a place at the top. A member of the supreme court is the highest place of honor in Texas.

Another case within a few miles of Putnam, A. V. Martin was a member of the Supreme Court of Texas and resigned on account of ill health and died at Plainview, a few years ago. He was reared at Admiral, a small place about ten

Eastland County Has New Assistant Demonstration Agent

Eastland county gets new assistant home demonstration agent. Judge P. L. Crossley county judge of Eastland county and Texas A. & M. Extension department announce the appointment of Miss Frances Barton of Littlefield as assistant demonstration agent for the county.

Miss Barton began work September 1st. She is a graduate of the State University and has worked for the Farm Security Administration two years. She succeeds Miss Loma Faye Hearne who went to Llano county the first of March of this year. Miss Myra Tankersley, county home demonstration agent, has been without an assistant for several months.

Robert Wason Preaching Down To Earth Again

Small town in Ohio born Robert W. Wason, who started his career as a brisk young newspaper reporter and then forsook dead lines for the wider field of advertising and sales, has been preaching a down to earth business gospel in confused post-war Washington.

As president of Manning Maxwell & Moore, Inc., which supplies equipment to substantially every important industry in the United States and as chairman of the National Association of Manufacturers' Reconversion Council, he speaks from wide experience and sound judgment when he says, OPA price policies threaten to hold up reconversion, cause widespread unemployment and present a formidable obstacle to attainment of post war prosperity.

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Six Wells Producing Since Oil Boom Days In Moran Field

A dozen wells or more were drilled and produced in the Moran sand at 2000 feet—only 6 of them are producing now by St. Mary's Oil & Gas Co. of West Virginia—the old Tarrant-Cloud No. 1, rated as the "Million Dollar Well," average 8 barrels daily in its 31st year of production, probably the longest continuous record for a producing oil well in this area of Texas.

In 1921 The Texas Company No. 7, on the Webb farm a mile west of Moran, started with 24 inch hole, was the first effort for the deeper oil levels, being drilled to 4198 feet it had an oil show 3936 to 3942 feet, which was shot with 10 quarts nitro-glycerin and bridged with collapsed casing 400 feet off bottom—and Texas Company pulled out, never to return to the scene. Some say it went to top of Ellenberger lime and some say it did not—but in 1921 the Ellenberger possibilities for oil production was wholly unknown and unthought of out here.

Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Co. No. 1, C. E. Snyder, started drilling this week on a 4300 foot Ellenberger test, two miles west of Moran in northeast corner section 36, Lunatic Asylum lands, in the first test for the deeper oil prospects since the 1920 test of Associated Oil Co. in southeast corner section 35, L.A.L., where oil showed in lime at 3455 feet and there was 3,000 feet of oil in hole at 3877 feet, believed to be the Ellenberger, but in the old "gusher or nothing" days of postwar oil boom—it was plugged and abandoned. Now 25

years later Texas Pacific gives the boost the pressure so that the gas may be delivered to a transmission line which is already connected farmers and ranchers in an old historic area—a new hope for deeper production.

The IbeX-Ellenberger pool on Wild farm in Stephens county is only 9 miles northeast of Moran, but there is not yet an Ellenberger producer in Shackelford county.

Expansion of Humble Company to Conserve Natural Gas Supply

Authorization of four gas conservation projects costing \$500,000 and designed to conserve for productive use 55,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas daily was announced by Humble Oil & Refining Company today. The projects involve five fields in the Gulf Coast. They are West Clear Lake, Friendswood, Anahuac, and Lovell Lake fields in Texas and the North Crowley field in Louisiana. Humble will construct two natural gas pipelines, one at West Clear Lake and the other at Anahuac, and install compressors at Lovell Lake and North Crowley.

The plant at West Clear Lake will process daily 5,000,000 cubic feet from Clear Lake, 20,000,000 cubic feet from Friendswood and 6,000,000 cubic feet from the Dickinson-Gillock field. This plant is expected to recover from the gas 25,000 gallons of liquid product daily.

The plant to be built at Anahuac will have a capacity to process 12,000,000 cubic feet of gas daily and recover 5,400 gallons a day of liquid products.

the installation of additional compressors in order to gather 4,500,000 cubic feet of gas daily and to with the field. Additional equipment will also be installed at the North Crowley field in the Louisiana Gulf Coast which will deliver approximately 8,000,000 cubic feet of gas daily into transmission lines.

These projects represent an expansion of the Humble Company's gas conservation program which has been carried on for a number of years. The most important project by Humble last year was the installation of equipment at the Tomball field to conserve 8,000,000 cubic feet of gas daily by compressing it for gas lift and delivery to gas lines. The shortage of critical materials during the war has prevented the development of other projects previously. The gas which the West Clear Lake and Anahuac plants will process is that which is being currently produced with the oil from the fields the plants will serve. Completion of these projects will make possible full utilization of all the gas produced with oil in these fields.

ELLIOTT-MONTGOMERY WEDDING RITES SAID IN HOUSTON

A wedding of unusual interest to citizens of Moran was solemnized in Houston August 28, when Miss Betty Elliott, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Elliott, was married to First Lt. James Erown Montgomery, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Montgomery, were united in marriage.

The Rev. W. G. Knowles, pastor of the First Christian church of Houston, performed the ring ceremony in an evening service read at 7 o'clock.

Miss Montgomery was born and reared in Moran and after graduating from the high school here, she attended Texas University at Austin where she received her degree in business administration in 1943. Since that time she has been employed by the Humble Oil Company at Ingleside, near Houston.

Lieutenant Montgomery, also a graduate of Moran high school, attended A. & M. college and was called to the Army while in his senior year there three years ago. He graduated from the Infantry Officers Candidate school at Fort Benning, Ga., Oct. 19, 1944, after which he was assigned to duty as an instructor in the school.

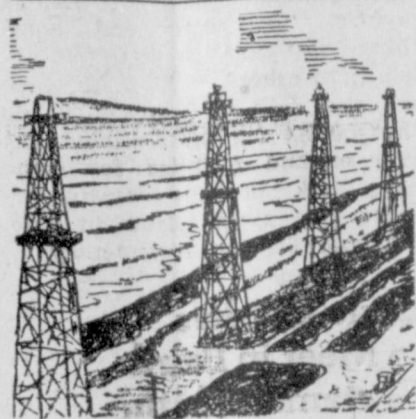
Bonds Over America



EVANGELINE

American boys fight, suffer and die today to perpetuate freedom. And other Americans on the home front buy and hold War Bonds to safeguard freedom. If Henry W. Longfellow had not enjoyed liberty he could not have written "Evangeline," the story of Emmaline Labeche, St. Martinville, La., pioneer girl who waited on the banks of the Teche for years, hoping to greet her lost lover. The Longfellow-Evangeline Memorial Park, oldest of Louisiana's state parks, is a monument to liberty and freedom.

Behind Your Bonds Lies the Might of America



CALIFORNIA PROSPERITY

The 49's stirred up prosperity in California but they would be amazed to read the figures on industrial and agricultural gains of recent years. Between 1940 and 1944, total civilian employment gained 37 percent; income and savings shot up 138 percent; farm crops, 175 percent; mining and oil, 37 percent and manufacturing 157 percent. The increased earnings of men and firms build the Nation's resources to guarantee your War Bonds.

GEMS OF THOUGHT BOOKS

Books are the true levelers. They give to all, who will faithfully use them, the society, the spiritual presence, of the best and greatest of our race.—W. E. Channing. There is a choice in books as in friends, and the mind sinks or rises

to the level of its habitual society.—Lowell.

Books should to one of these four ends conduce, For wisdom, piety, delight, or use.—John Denham.

No book can be so good as to be profitable when negligently read.—Seneca.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jackson had all their children home for the first time in years, on last week-end holiday from Friday to Tuesday. Their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Jackson of Houston, James A. Jackson and Christeen of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Parker of Belton, Texas. They all left for home Monday to report for work on Tuesday.

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MORAN NEWS

Personal Mention

Our genial good friend and citizen, Jeff Thomas entered Graham hospital August 18. His many friends in Moran were much concerned over his illness. His daughter, Mrs. Victor Abodie of San Antonio was called to his bedside. His son, S. M. 2/c, Guy Thomas of San Francisco, arrived home last week on leave and was present with his father when an operation was performed. Mr. Thomas is now at home much improved and able to be down town.

Martha and Nancy Bratton returned home last week after six weeks visit here with their aunt, Leota Parrish, who returned home with them and will visit in Port Arthur, Houston and Orange.

Miss Katherine Freeman will leave for Ballinger Friday where she will teach this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Artie Mohon of Odessa are spending this week in Moran with his parents. Artie was employed in the Tennessee plant of the government on the making of the "then great secret," the Atomic Bomb. Artie looked at the copy of Life Magazine, which gives a picture of the building where he worked for two years. He lost his health while there and had to go back to his native West Texas to regain it.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Steen and daughter, Dorothy and Miss Billye Jackson of Austin, spent the weekend in Moran.

Miss Maurice Cottle returned to Houston Sunday after spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Cottle. Guests in the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Culwell the past week were Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Williams, the former an uncle, Plains, Texas, Mrs. R. C. Honea, an aunt, of Crystal Lake, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clair Honea Jr., of Umana, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Samual H. Lauey of Tacoma, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. T. L. M. Culwell, father and mother of Avoca. These relatives were called to attend the funeral services for R. C. Honea, held at Presbyterian church, Brownwood, Friday, Aug. 24. Rev. W. M. Culwell officiated at his uncle's funeral. Burial was in Brownwood cemetery.

W. R. Marrs of the University of Texas and Arlin Bent of Cisco were in Moran last Wednesday in interest of G. I. Bill of Rights, and expected to find our luncheon club functioning. The committees met with them at Public Cafe and reported about 20 returning soldiers would attend university extension courses in Moran.

Miss Maurice Cottle of Houston spent Labor Day at Austin with a friend, Miss Marie Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Freeman and Katherine visited Mr. Freeman's mother in Fort Worth last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Yohner and son, Paul, of Comanche, were visitors in the Strauss-Atkinson home Sunday. Mr. Yohner is a brother of Mrs. Atkinson.

Miss Maurice Cottle returned to Houston Sunday after spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Cottle.

Guests in the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Culwell the past week were Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Williams, the former an uncle, Plains, Texas, Mrs. R. C. Honea, an aunt, of Crystal Lake, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clair Honea Jr., of Umana, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Samual H. Lauey of Tacoma, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. T. L. M. Culwell, father and mother of Avoca. These relatives were called to attend the funeral services for R. C. Honea, held at Presbyterian church, Brownwood, Friday, Aug. 24. Rev. W. M. Culwell officiated at his uncle's funeral. Burial was in Brownwood cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Smith of Hunt county are visiting his brother, D. E. and Mrs. Smith, this week in Moran.

Mrs. Alfred Agnew and children are visiting relatives near Lubbock.

Mrs. Rodgers of Putnam is visiting Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Adair had as recent guests, Lt. Irmadine Ailch of Fort Sam Houston, Miss Helen Cain of San Antonio, Mrs. I. L. Griffith and daughter and Mrs. Jimmy Griffith and son of Breckenridge.

Mrs. Marabel Andrews has her little daughter, Clara Frances in Hendricks hospital for treatment for an infection of her ankle.

Guy Thomas, signalman on the Grafton Bumpers who has worked in the Los Angeles ship yards at Terminal Island, has joined the Merchant Marine and is out at sea.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cutler have as guests her brother, J. H. Smith and family of Frankell. Mr. Smith has recently returned from 20 months service in the South Pacific and spending 30 days furlough with his family.

J. R. Thomas who is recovering from a critical illness and surgery in the Graham hospital in Cisco, is expected home soon.

C. F. Weber is confined to his home with a bone infection.

Mrs. Andrew J. Taylor of San Angelo, spent Wednesday in Moran the guest of her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Taylor.

Mrs. Victor Abodie and daughter, Mary Jean and little son of San Antonio, returned to their home Monday after several days visit in Moran and with her father, J. R. Thomas who underwent surgery in a Cisco hospital last week.

Miss Avis Waters and Miss Zynn of Fort Worth, returned last Thursday week from their vacation spent in Moran and Carlsbad, N. M.

Mrs. V. W. Thames of Cisco was in Moran Saturday visiting old friends, and while here subscribed for the Moran paper. Mrs. Thames is employed at Graham hospital, Cisco.

Miss Mary Weber of the Moran National Bank spent Saturday and Sunday in Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Morris, Robert and Betty spent last Saturday in Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Williams have returned from a two weeks vacation in New Mexico.

Miss Johnnie Baughman, Wanda, Jean and Billie, all of Dallas, spent last week with Lola and Hub Baughman.

Miss Lottie Burr, teacher in the Dallas school, arrived Tuesday to spend a week with her niece, Mrs. R. E. Forrester.

Cpl. and Mrs. D. A. Eoyett, Mrs. Albert Grace Jr., Glen Smith, Wilbert Eoyett and Miss Roberta Brooks, spent Sunday in Brownwood.

Rev. J. E. Thompson, pastor of the Methodist church at Albany, filled the pulpit at the revival service at the Methodist church Tuesday morning, August 27, while the Rev. O. P. Clark conducted a funeral in Abilene. Rev. and Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. W. P. Newell of Albany were also attendants at the night service.

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Mr. and Mrs. Reg Burnam of Lubbock were visiting relatives in the Union community, Cisco, Putnam and Baird over the week-end.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Eubank were in Cisco Wednesday afternoon. While Mr. Eubank was looking after business interest Mrs. Eubank was shopping and visiting.

Mrs. Mary Kellner and Mrs. John Cook was shopping in Cisco Wednesday afternoon.

Charles Odom was taken to the County Hospital last week where he was confined to his room with a case of pneumonia, he has recovered to such an extent he was brought home and is doing fine.

J. R. Gunn is here from Fort Worth where he has been employed in a defense plant for the past two years and says he and Mrs. Gunn are moving to Putnam within the next few days.

Mrs. Neil Norred spent the past week visiting in the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Gus Brandon.

Miss Bessie Penn of Fort Worth spent several days visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Brandon while taking her vacation.

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Mrs. Perry Triplitt and son Dwight of Artesia, New Mexico, and Mrs. Wayne Triplitt of El Paso, were in Putnam, last Thursday afternoon enroute to San Saba where they will spend a few days visiting before returning to Artesia. Mrs. Wayne Triplitt will visit here and at Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook was out from Fort Worth spending the week-end. Mrs. Cook's father A. McIntosh and brother, Robert Cook and Elmer McIntosh went from here to Brownwood and spent Saturday night and Sunday fishing.

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Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stein of Austin were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pruet over the week-end and other relatives in the Pueblo community and at Moran.

Rev. John W. Price former pastor of the Methodist church here and Mrs. Price spent a day or so visiting in the home of the Mobley's last week.

Mrs. A. J. Hurst returned to Beaumont last week after visiting here and at Cross Plains, Cottonwood and other places for several weeks.

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Fay Coleman returned to Putnam after visiting in Odessa for some time. Mrs. Arnold Pruet returned to Beaumont after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Green her parents and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pruet for the past several days.

Wilbuen Carrico returned last week to San Antonio after spending several days visiting with the Mobley family.

Mrs. Raymond D. Jones, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Mrs. C. K. Jones of Hominy, Oklahoma, arrived in Putnam Sunday for a visit in the S. E. Eubank home with Mrs. Roy Lee Williams, Jr., and son, Marvin Lee. Mrs. Jones will go to Fort Worth, where she will enroll in the school of Sacred Music at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, where she will remain until Lt. Raymond D. Jones, USNR, will join her upon his return to the states, to resume his studies. Lt. Jones, a Corporal, a gospel pianist, and Ray Lee Williams, Jr., have worked together for the past year in the First Baptist church, San Diego California.

Mrs. Jack Ramsey returned the past week from West Brook, where she had been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Altus Clemmer for the past several days.

Stanley Surst and Douglas Buchanan spent Sunday night and Monday visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan.

One day the past week Elder Jack West of San Saba was passing through Putnam and stopped and had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. A. Buchanan.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Nelson had as their guests over the week-end Mr. and Mrs. Clark Tabor and children Clyde and Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Nelson of Abilene. They spent Saturday and Sunday at the Brownwood lake, not so much fishing, but just a little outing.

Lt. Maurice G. Burnam and friend Lt. Yeager from Perrin field Sherman, spent the week-end visiting in the home of Lt. Burnam's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Burnam.

Orville Taylor who was reported to have left Putnam in last weeks paper received an extension of his furlough for ten days. He left Wednesday for Washington, D. C., where he will take up his duties in the armed service again in some kind of a school for veterans.

A pioneer citizen of Putnam was fascinated with an airplane ride Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ramsey were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Burnam Sunday. All drove over to Baird where Lt. Burnam took his sister Retha Ray and Grandfather W. A. Ramsey for an airplane ride. This was their first plane ride.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. White of San Antonio, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer White of San Antonio, were guests in the home of Rev. and Mrs. L. R. Gentry over the week-end. Mrs. Gentry is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. White and a sister of Elmer White. Rev. Gentry is pastor of the Baptist church here, succeeding the Rev. H. N. Baldere who accepted the pastorate of the Sanitorium church a short time ago.

Miss Evelyn Blakeley of Baird spent the week-end visiting her sister, Mrs. R. B. Taylor, returning to Baird Monday morning.

Miss Mary Lou Langley spent Monday visiting and shopping in Cisco.

Thomas Scroggins of Corpus Christi, is here this week visiting with his sister Mrs. Pierce Shackelford. He will be here about ten days before reporting to Corpus.

West Texas Jersey Show September 26 to 29 in Abilene

The West Texas Jersey show will be held in Abilene September 26 to 29th, which promises to be one of the largest ever held in the territory. J. W. Rupel, head of the dairy husbandry department at Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College will be the judge. Present indications are that at least 200 animals will be competing for the \$1,000 premium money in the show with sixty Jerseys entered in the show. Feature of the show and fair will be an all female sale September 29th, to which 35 leading Texas breeders have consigned 60 head of cattle. According to Willis Cox, sales chairman, a number of females of important breeding and with excellent classifications will be sold. Mr. Cox says the consignment sale will be the finest Jersey offering in the southwest this year.

Labor Leaders For Federal \$25 26 Week Wages

Labor leaders are fighting for Federal expenditures to increase payments to the jobless, opposed a suggested compromise Monday. The 'compromise would lengthen the period over which unemployment compensation payments are made rather than increasing their amounts. One labor witness before the Senate finance committee made an estimate of ten million unemployed for 15 months during reconversion and another called current rates "Slow Starvation." The other side of the argument made to ways and means committee. Chairman Doughton received a statement from Gov. Gregg Cherry of N. C. opposing federalization of jobless pay systems. The governor said an increase in such payments above 50 per cent of normal work wages would encourage an increase in idleness. In both committees there was every indication they will not go along with the president's proposal that Congress provide a nationwide maximum of \$25 a week for 26 weeks in unemployment compensation, supplementing states payments with federal money. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gunn have moved back to Putnam from Fort Worth, where Mr. Gunn has been employed in a defense plant. First Lt. C. W. and Mrs. Brandon are here this week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Brandon, his parents. He has been stationed in Florida for several months and this is his first visit home in quite a while. The Bible is the learned man's masterpiece, the ignorant man's dictionary, the wise man's directory.—Mary Baker Eddy.

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First Lt. Oliver F. Culwell left last week to report back to San Antonio after visiting parents Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Culwell for a few days.

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Mrs. Earline Clark left Saturday for New Braunfels, Texas, where she has been employed to teach in the New Braunfels high school. She taught in the Putnam school for the past two years.

Mrs. Charlie Brandon of Crane spent several days visiting in the home of Mrs. J. B. Brandon recently.

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