

TURKEY CREEK CLUB MEET IN NORDYKE HOME LAST FRIDAY

The Turkey Creek quilting club met on March 5 in the home of Mrs. Nordyke with twelve members present. Two quilts were finished and the third put in frames. Next meeting will be March 19 in the home of Mrs. Arthur Burton.

Among those present at last Friday's meeting were Mrs. Jewell and Norma Jean Ellis of Moran, May Coffey of Cross Plains, Mrs. Clarence Nordyke of Brownwood, Hazel and Paul Jean Dunn of Abilene, Mattie and Dee Goble, Carrie Coats, Allie and Reta Belle Burton, and Mrs. Dutch Holley.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Baldere, Jr. were visiting in the home of Rev. and Mrs. H. N. Baldere over the week end.

Miss Johnnie Clark is home from Abilene this week spending a few days visiting her parents. She is intending to sail for Japan within the next few days.

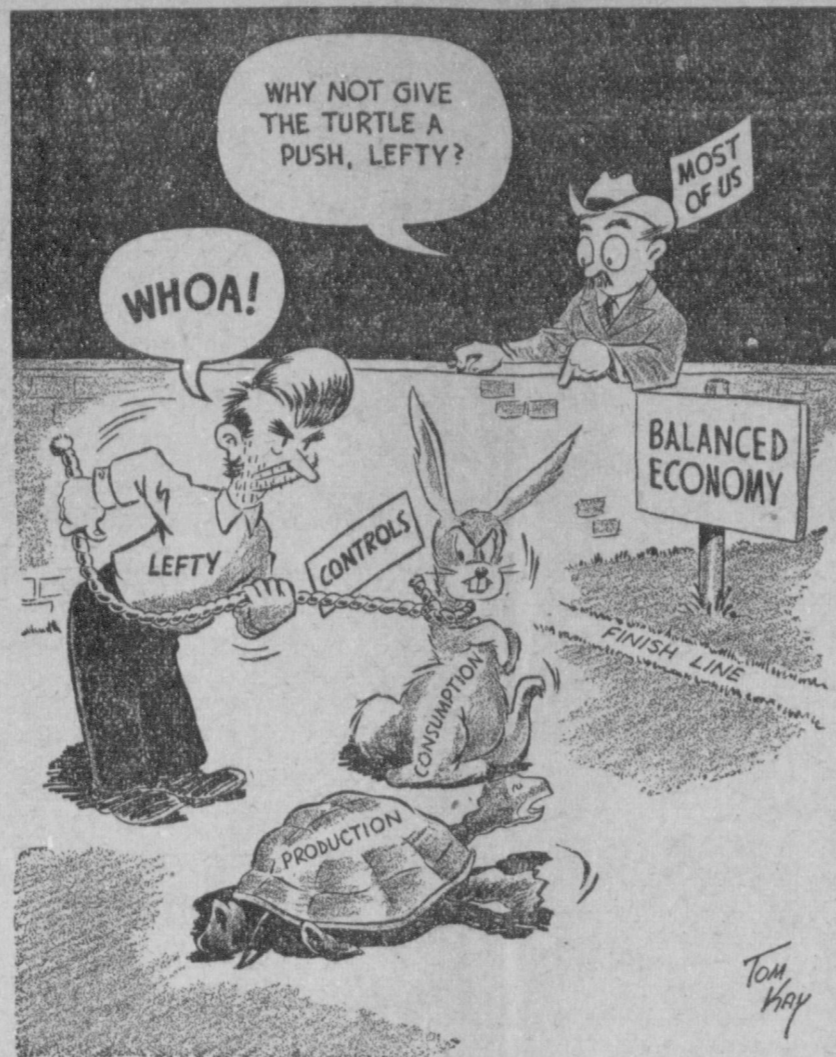
Miss Elen Williams was home from McMurry college over the week end visiting with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams.

Dick Yarbrough was in town Saturday afternoon from the Union community and reported everything good there, however, he thought grain would be better with some rain.

A government, under the right of eminent domain, can take private property after making compensation to the owner.

Harvard University is in Cambridge, Mass.

THE AMERICAN WAY



Dr. F. E. Clark of Cisco, who has been in a Galveston hospital for several months, has returned to his home in Cisco and is recovering satisfactorily.

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3 For Mayor And 7 For Aldermen Seek City Council Posts

(From Cross Plains Review)

Seven candidates for Alderman and three for Mayor will seek election in the biennial municipal balloting to be held here April sixth, it was announced yesterday by Mrs. Ava Childers, city secretary. Four council positions are to be filled. They are for Mayor and three Aldermen posts.

Candidates for Mayor in the order of their official filing are: R. E. Wilson, Chas. H. Dawson and S. N. Foster. Aldermen candidates, also listed in order of their filing, are: L. E. Foster, W. J. Sipes, Von Clifton, M. E. Howell, J. G. Weiler, Clyde Bunnell and D. C. Lee.

Retiring members of the present council are: Jack Scott, Mayor; W. D. Smith, and S. N. Foster, Aldermen, the latter being currently a candidate for Mayor. There is also a vacancy on the present council.

Filing time for candidates closed Saturday.

Ellison Pruett made a business trip to Cisco Saturday afternoon.

Miss Leafa Thames of Hardin-Simmons was home over the week end visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Thames in the Union community.

Universal Training

The recent report of the President's Advisory Commission on Universal Training is one of the grimmest and most thought-provoking documents ever made public in this country. There is certainly nothing new in compulsory military training—the armed services were urging it along before World War II. But the reasoning result of six months of study by the Commission—gives it an unusual degree of force. So does the Commission's membership. It did not include a single military man or professional jingo. Its chairman was the distinguished physicist Karl Compton, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Other members included Daniel Poling, editor of the Christian Herald; Charles E. Wilson, president of General Electric; Dr. Harold Dodds, president of Princeton; and ex-ambassador to Russia Joseph E. Davies.

It is stated that at the beginning, there was a wide diversity of opinion among the various members. But, at the end, all of them came "reluctantly" to the same conclusion. That conclusion consists of an eight-point security program of which compulsory training for all males at the age of 18, or after finishing high school, is the keystone. That would affect from 750,000 to 950,000 young men each year, and the annual cost of this part of the program alone is estimated at \$1,750,000.

The suggested training plan is an interesting one, and in some respects it is novel. The Commission believes that it should be placed under the control of a three-man commission, reporting directly to the President, of whom two would be civilians and only one a military man. Training would be in two parts. Part one would be of six months duration, and would consist of military training in an Army camp or aboard a Navy ship. Part two would offer a number of options, including enlistment in the Army or Navy for a two-year period, enrollment in the National Guard or the Reserves with 48 evenings a year in summer camps for three years, or enrollment in college ROTC courses.

In addition to this, the Commission feels that national security demands seven more ingredients: a united and informed nation; a coordinated intelligence service; stimulated scientific research and development; industrial readiness for war; an air force ready to strike on little notice; better equipment and training of all services; and unification of the armed forces. It said that it viewed "with horror" the total cost of this program, and could not estimate it. But, it added, the alternative was an "invitation to extermination."

The Commission believes—as do all military authorities—that the next war, if it comes, will arrive with unbelievable speed. It observed that the obliteration of twelve American cities in a single day, along with essential communication, transportation, and power resources was not at all impossible. Our monopoly on atomic weapons, it said, will end about 1951, and by 1955 an all-out atomic attack could be mounted against us. The program it advocates would take six years and perhaps longer to achieve significant results. So, if the Commission's findings are correct, we must start in the near future to prepare for the possibility of global war of unprecedented savagery and destructiveness.

The report does not confine itself to atomic war. It takes it to consideration chemical and bacteriological warfare—along with the possibility of another war with traditional weapons. It found that "our military forces are a hollow shell," that the army and air forces are virtually dismantled, and that at the present time the ground forces have not more than 2 1/3 divisions available for combat duty.

The Commission forecast that its universal training program would produce a long list of benefits. First and foremost, of course, it would provide a trained force which could be rapidly absorbed into the services in time of emergency, and thus tremendously shorten the time necessary to effective mobilization. In addition, the report goes on, it would improve the quality of the regular establishments in peacetime; it would provide a large, trained group in each community capable of dealing with problems of civilian defense and mass disaster in the event of bombing and other attacks; it would help to channel young men into scientific and vocational training important to national defense, and it would give greater military strength at less cost than would be provided by a large standing force. And, to quote the report directly, the program would reduce as far as possible "the disruption of normal family life which inevitably attends the calling of young men from their homes in the national interest." In another paragraph it met an obvious objection to compulsory training by saying that "we are convinced that it is entirely possible to provide for American youth a wholesome, moral, and religious environment in training camps." It pointed to the widely-publicized experimental unit at Ft. Knox in substantiation of this.

The report is 448 pages in length, and a brief summary can touch only the high spots. The big point is the commission's somber belief that preparedness for war on a scale never attempted by this country in time of peace is absolutely vital if we are not to risk the chance of being exterminated.

Mrs. Earl Rutherford was shopping and visiting among relatives and friends in Cisco Tuesday morning.

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