

FROM THE EDITOR'S WINDOW BY MRS. J. S. YEAGER

The month of April has been proclaimed as Cancer Control Month by Governor Beauford Jester. His proclamation called attention to the American Cancer Society's campaign to eradicate the disease that is expected to take 180,000 lives in the United States this year.

Mount Hekla in Iceland, a 4,764 foot volcano dormant since 1845, has recently become very much alive and has been erupting violently.

It is said the gigantic peak has been sending forth columns of black smoke and lava which darkened the sun over an area of many miles in Southern Iceland. Thousands of tons of red hot boulders were said to have been tossed to a height of 25,000 feet at intervals.

It was reported that automobiles on roads 60 miles away had to drive with head lights burning.

Nearly 20,000 new cases of influenza and 624 cases of pneumonia were reported in Texas by health officers during the week ending on March 22.

The Health Department estimates that about one tenth of all cases are reported.

A saleslady in a swank hat shop is now thinking twice before she speaks.

A customer who strictly knows her own mind started out with the statement: "Nothing with a veil, please."

"Why not, Miss," asked the helpful salesgirl, "you have just the face for a veil."

According to reports President Truman's next visit out of the country will be to Canada in June if business conditions will permit, officials have indicated.

The Governor General of Canada, Viscount Harold Alexander, has already made a courtesy visit to our capitol city and invited President Truman to make a trip to Ottawa. The Governor General was here last February.

Up in Wyoming engineers of the federal power commission have a new idea about harnessing the wind.

They claim it would be a simple matter to harness the winds of that region by erecting giant windmills and thus produce cheap electricity. Wind generators have been experimented with for several years, but they now believe they can be put to work on a big scale, sounds reasonable.

A certain prescription for happiness in married life was recently given by the rabbi of Temple Shalom in Chicago.

The prescription consists of these ten commandments: Expect imperfections, fight monotony, respect differences in taste, temperament and thought, develop common interests, establish a real partnership, be generous, respect personal privacy, and always be truthful. He said a husband and wife should always be growing together, no matter how long they live.

It is said an opium smuggler was recently allowed to cross the Mexican border with 100 cans of opium marked for delivery in San Francisco.

The Commissioner of Customs later explained that some of his agents accompanied the smuggler to the place of delivery—one narcotic agent and one customs agent went along. They were able to get jobs with him as body guards and to protect the shipment. This was accomplished that the proper arrests could be made "because we did not want to catch the people in San Francisco handling the stuff," the Commissioner said.

They made the arrests in San Francisco later according to the report.

Returning from a visit to the country, George admitted that he had been dreadfully afraid of the two great oxen he had encountered there.

"I didn't dare go back of them and I didn't dare go in front of them," the youngster explained. "Then what did you do?" he was asked.

"Why," replied George, "there was only one thing I could do. I just got down and crawled under them."

S. J. TREADWAY ANNOUNCES CONTRACT WILL BE LET ON CLYDE SECTION OF HI-WAY SOON

District engineer, S. J. Treadway, of Abilene, reports the contract will be let in May for construction of the Baird to Clyde portion of the routed U. S. highway 80 if right-of-way is procured by that time.

The commissioners court of Callahan county has agreed to have right-of-way deeds completed on that portion of the new route.

The highway department is ready to go ahead with the construction of the new road all along the route East of Abilene since the appropriation has already been made and securing of right-of-way is the only thing holding up the contracting at the present time.

Engineering plans for the Abilene to Callahan-Taylor county line portion of the route are also complete, and contract will be let on that as soon as right-of-way is secured. Taylor county funds are not available, and the Taylor county commissioners court have ordered an election for April 4, for \$350,000 to purchase the Taylor county right-of-way.

This election must carry by a two thirds majority if the bond issue is to be permitted, which will very likely carry.

2842 VEHICLE TAGS SOLD IN CALLAHAN

Sale of vehicle licenses in Callahan county totaled 2842 for 1947, according to figures released by the collector-assessor's office last week, which figured more than for 1946. Returning veterans who have purchased automobiles in the past ten months to one year are given as reasons for the increase in licensed vehicles.

Registration of passenger cars numbered 2,257, commercial vehicles, 236, farm vehicles 293, trucks 44, trailers 44, tractor trucks 2 and motorcycles 10.

DR. COX WARNS OF SAFETY MEASURES FOR WATER SPORTS

Some timely advice to vacationists concerning the proper precautions to be used in water sports now that swimming pools are open, was released from the State Health Department today by Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

Vacation days are apt to include excursions and picnics at nearby lakes, rivers and ponds of unfamiliar depths and currents, and sometimes without the usual lifeguard supervision associated with bathing beaches and commercial swimming pools.

"Swimming and water sports are beneficial to good health provided one's physical condition justifies this type of exercise," Dr. Cox asserted; "nevertheless, they possess dangerous possibilities if the rules of safety, through carelessness or thoughtlessness, are disregarded."

The State Health Officer outlined the following simple rules for bathing and swimming in safety: when swimming, to be alert and careful of unknown depths and currents; at least one hour should elapse after a meal before entering the water; upon the first indication of fatigue, come ashore and call it a day; if you become chilled, leave the water immediately; do not enter the water when overheated; learn to float, this is most important; never attempt to rock a boat in a spirit of fun; never swim in water that may be polluted. Swimming close to or even a few miles below sewage outlets is inviting the possibility of acquiring disease.

"Excursions, picnics, and swimming parties contribute much to a healthy, happy normal life, which is always desirable," Dr. Cox said. "It is by no means advisable to eliminate these excursions from our summer program, but it is important that they prove beneficial and not disastrous."

CALLAHAN DRAFT BOARD ENDS ARDUOUS EFFORT

Members of Callahan county draft board were completing a long and arduous task this week, the liquidation of affairs and "closing shop". The selective service law expired March 31, however, the board was advised to prepare records for preservation.

Bill Sawyer is here this week visiting with his half sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Weed.

PEANUT ACREAGE 3 PERCENT BELOW LAST YEAR TOTAL

Indications are that peanut acreage in 1947 will be 3,847,000 acres, only three percent less than 1946's above-average planting, states the National Peanut Council, trade association of the Peanut Industry. Last year's peanut production topped the two billion pound mark for the sixth consecutive year and was 25 percent above the 1935-45 ten year average. Peanuts are now the tenth crop of the United States, the fifth of the South. Peanut farmers alone derived \$300,000,000 from the crop last year, and the sales of salters, crushers, confectioners, and peanut butter manufacturers add up to many more millions, providing wages for thousands of employees.

"Peanuts have obviously attained a definite place in the American diet along with apple and ice cream," says James E. Wood, President of the National Peanut Council.

Three growing areas comprise the peanut belt. In the Virginia-Carolina area, this year's acreage is expected to be about the same as last year's with slight increases in Virginia and Tennessee offsetting a reduction in North Carolina; the Southeastern area, it is believed, will have a three percent decrease in acreage. Georgia and Mississippi indicate reduced acreage, while South Carolina and Florida plan slight increases. In the Southwest, a reduction of 59,000 acres in Texas is expected to be partly offset by anticipated increases in Louisiana and Oklahoma.

GROWERS TO BE PAID COTTON INSURANCE

Cotton growers will be paid off, Congressman Mahon predicts. The government will not break faith with cotton growers who are covered under the federal government crop insurance program. Mr. Mahon is a member of the House Appropriation committee.

Mr. Mahon stated he was to secure an appropriation of twenty million in first deficiency bill to pay outstanding cotton crop insurance claims. Approval by the house was expected.

Mahon's assurance to the cotton growers was sent the Regional chamber of commerce at Abilene. Secretary Anderson of the Agriculture Department, has announced insurance to cotton growers would be discontinued or account of insufficient funds, their loss claims having been 50 per cent higher than estimated. The 1946 United States crop was the shortest in fifty years due to spring and summer droughts.

ARMY WILL RELEASE NON-REGULARS FROM SERVICE BY JUNE 30

Washington, D. C., March 31. The War Department announced today that it had notified all domestic and overseas commanders to set demobilization machinery in motion to insure the release of all non-Regular Army enlisted men by the end of June. With the exception of WACs; the enlisted strength on July 1 will be 100 percent Regular Army, a goal toward which the Army has been striving since VJ-Day.

About 100,000 men will be released under the program, it is expected. The decision to release non-volunteers was made as a result of the recently-imposed limit of 1,070,000 men, including nonactive personnel, for the Army's July 1 strength.

Men eligible for discharge under the new order in the continental United States will be processed so as to have completed their terminal leave before May 15, 1947. Overseas commanders have been authorized an additional two months because of shipping and replacement considerations, but must have returned those eligible to the United States for completion of leave and discharge not later than June 30.

Mrs. Carl Wallace returned to her home in Tyler Monday morning after spending the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yeager.



Rev. J. W. Middleton

"THE BAPTIST HOUR" BEGIN THREE MONTH BROADCAST SERIES

"Christ the Answer" will be the theme of a three-months series of The Baptist Hour beginning April 6, with emphasis on evangelism and will be closely integrated with the activities of local churches throughout the area, as announced by the Baptist Radio Commission, S. F. Lowe, Director, Atlanta, Ga. Dr. J. W. Middleton of Atlanta will inaugurate the series on April 6 with an Easter message on the subject, "Life's Last Enemy," according to the Atlanta announcement. Dr. Middleton is pastor of the First Baptist Church of his city.

The announcement further divulges that The Baptist Hour, now in its seventh year, will be carried on an independent network of 52 stations extending from Baltimore, Maryland to San Antonio, Texas; and from Kansas City, Missouri to Miami, Florida.

Other speakers to be heard on the Baptist Hour will be Dr. C. E. Matthews of Dallas, Texas; Dr. Louis D. Newton, Atlanta, Georgia; Dr. A. B. Foreman Jr., Annville, Texas; Dr. Bruce H. Price, Texarkana, Arkansas; Dr. Guy Moore, Fort Worth, Texas; Dr. W. S. Allen, DeLand, Florida; Mrs. Geo. Martin, Norfolk, Virginia; and Honorable Robert S. Kerr, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The music in the broadcasts will be by the Baptist Hour Choir, John D. Hoffman, Director, and George L. Hamrick, Organist.

These programs may be heard in Texas over Radio Sta. KGNC, Amarillo; KPRC, Houston, WFAA, Dallas, WOAL, San Antonio, and KRIC, Beaumont at 7:30 am CST, and over Radio Stations KCRS, Midland at 7:30 AM CST the following Sunday.

Baptist Church Sunday 11 AM sermon "The Lay Death Died"; 6:30 PM Training Union, Worker's Conference on April 17 at Oplin. Ordination of deacons April 17 and Intermediate April 27.

W. J. Abernathy was transacting business in Baird Monday morning.

Allen Nelson, who formerly lived in Putnam and later entered the grocery business in Cisco, was in Putnam for a while Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Murrey and nephew and niece, and Mr. and Mrs. M. E. George, all of Stephenville, visited in the home of superintendent and Mrs. R. Lee Snider Sunday.

Wm. Allen White, who thought "very" was the most overworked word in the English language, once told Franklin P. Adams how he could eliminate the word. "Instead of the word 'very' write the word 'damn'," he advised. "The proof-reader will knock out the damn and there you will have a right good sentence."

PIE SUPPER!

Tuesday, April 15, 1947
At 8:00 P.M.
American Legion Hut
Baird, Texas
Sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary

LABOR SHOULD LEARN THAT INCREASES IN PAY CANNOT ALWAYS BE ADDED

PROPOSED POSTAL RATE INCREASE

Here is the Postal Department's proposed schedule for postage rates in the future on newspapers and other periodicals "to wipe out the deficit," they explain.

All second class matter the proposed rate is zone 1 & 2 present rate 1.5 cents per pound, proposed rate 10 cents per pound; Zone 3, 2 cents per pound, proposed rate 12 cents a pound; Zone 4, present rate is 3 cents per pound, proposed rate is 14 cents per pound; Zone 5, present rate 4 cents, proposed rate of 16 cents per pound; Zone 6, present rate of 5 cents, proposed rate of 18 cents; Zone 7, present rate 6 cents per pound, proposed rate 20 cents per pound; Zone 8, present rate of 7 cents, proposed rate of 22 cents per pound.

Reading portion all zones 1.5 at present, proposed rate 10 cents per pound. Publications with 5% or less advertising, 1.5 cents per pound, proposed rate 10 cents per pound.

Publications exempt from zone rates 1.5 cents, proposed rate 10 cents per pound. In county 1 cent per pound, increase to 10 cents per pound. Free in the county raised to 10 cents per pound.

AVERAGE WEEKLY PAY NEAR WAR TIME PEAK

Average weekly pay near war time peak. The average pay of American workers in manufacturing industries is nudging close to peak war-time earnings, for four and one half hours less work a week according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Manufacturing workers began the year with average weekly earnings two per cent higher than in Nov. the official statistics show, with average earnings rising to \$1.14 an hour.

MARY ALICE BROWN JUNIOR STUDENT AT N. T. S. COLLEGE

Mary Alice Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Brown of Putnam, has been added to the list of North Texas State College students whose name appear on the dean's list for the spring semester. Junior and Senior students who have a "B" average on all college work for the previous semester are eligible for the list.

A transfer student from John Tarleton Agricultural College, Miss Brown is a junior student majoring in clothing and textiles.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTS NEW SUPERINTENDENT

The Putnam school board met in called session and employed Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Shannon of Brooksmith as teachers in the Putnam schools. Mr. Shannon will be superintendent and Mrs. Shannon will assist in the grades. They have been teaching in the Shannon schools for the past eight years. Both have B.A. degrees and most of their work completed on their M.A. degree.

Norman Lowry and Miss Mary Alice Brown, who are attending college at Denton, and Miss Naida Lowry of Hardin-Simmons were all home Easter Sunday with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Ramsay of Sudan were here last week visiting with his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ramsay and with Mrs. Ramsay's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Everett.

Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Clinton, Jr., who are attending school at Denton, were home over the week end visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Clinton, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Lowry.

Carrol Tatom and David Park Clinton were over in Tarleton the past week end visiting with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Vernon Smith spent the week end at the home of Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clando King.

MRS. MONTE GUNN & DALE WIRT MARRY

A quiet wedding took place at the Methodist parsonage on March 29th when Mrs. Monte Gunn and Dale Wirt were married by the Rev. G. C. Smith, Methodist pastor.

Both are well known here and have many friends. Mrs. Gunn moved here a number of years ago. Mr. Wirt came to Putnam later and was employed by the Texas Company until the Dean Brothers purchased their interest here and he continued with them for a while. He is now employed by the Chatman Oil Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Wirt will make their home in Putnam.

IRA WILLIAMS KILLED BY AUTO APRIL 1

Ira Williams, 71, of Clyde was killed Tuesday morning, April 1 when struck by an automobile on U. S. highway 80.

Funeral was held in the Methodist church at Clyde Thursday at 2:30 p.m. The burial was in the Clyde cemetery. Patterson funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Williams was the father of Mrs. Charles Green of Kermit, who formerly lived in Abilene, while her husband was chamber of commerce manager and was a brother of Mrs. J. H. Hamlin whose husband is an Abilene minister.

Mr. Williams was born November 26, 1870 near Evergreen, Alabama and has been living in Texas for 54 years.

Survivors include the widow, the former May Slater; four children, Gilmore W. Williams of Paint Rock, Mrs. Green and Fred Williams of Taft and Laverne Williams at Boulder City, Nevada; two sisters, Mrs. Hamblin and Mrs. Claudia Walters of Dallas; and three brothers, Sam D. of Clyde, L. Q. of Santa Paula, Calif., and G. C. of Pueblo, Colorado.

PIONEER BAIRD ABSTRACT COMPANY CHANGES HANDS IN SALE BY B. L. RUSSELL

Russell Abstract Company, a 35 year old Baird business, owned by Judge B. L. Russell, was sold this week to A. C. Foster, of Rule. Foster has assumed charge of the business.

It originated as the Russell-Surles Abstract Company many years ago, when the county clerk, R. L. Surles, and Russell purchased the business from L. L. Blackburn. Since the death of Surles the company has been Russell Abstract Company.

Mrs. Vada White Bennett, who has been employed in the office for a number of years, will continue to be with the new owner. Foster also owns a like company in Rule.

Judge Russell will continue to maintain an office in the courthouse.

RALPH FISHER TO SPEAK BEFORE COUNTY HD CLUBS

Ralph T. Fisher, special agent of Abilene, will speak on Social Security for Farm Families at a meeting of the Callahan county Council of Home Demonstration Clubs when they meet in Baird Monday.

The meeting will begin at two o'clock in the afternoon in the county court room.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Buchanan have returned from a several weeks visit with their children at Waco, Dallas and other points.

Jeff Odell and Jewell Ellis of the Pueblo community were in Putnam Wednesday looking after business.

W. O. Wylie, owner of the Baird and Putnam funeral homes, was in Putnam looking after business interests Wednesday afternoon.

New rates on subscriptions for Abilene Reporter News by month, three months \$2.75, 6 months \$5.50, and one year only \$11.00. Ring your subscription to the News Office.

Taken from the Industrial News Review: "Ownership and operation of a coal mine is but a small part of the whole picture when it comes to producing coal for a nation. Actual production depends on many factors apart from the coal industry. It is the buyer of fuel who, in the last analysis, keep the coal industry functioning. Both John L. Lewis and the coal mine operators has to satisfy his needs in a competitive market before they can prosper.

No better example of this can be offered than seemingly insignificant item that recently appeared in newspapers. It said: "Officials of the United Mine workers declare they will fight in the state legislature the Pennsylvania Railroad's plan to replace coal burning locomotives with diesel engines. According to the union officials, every time a steam engine is driven off the railroads, two miners are driven off the job. The railroads 25 new diesel engines will cost demand 2,750 tons a day.

The Pennsylvania railroad is only that is adding diesel locomotives. Without going into the merits of the diesel engines as compared with coal burners, there is no question but the high handed tactics of the United Mine Workers in causing the country to suffer from annual strikes and coal shortages have been one of the greatest incentive to developing the diesel engine.

The mine worker may be able to force their demands on the local coal industry but they can not force the public to endure hardships if it can find a substitute for coal. As almost every industry in the country has been more or less dependent on coal for its operation, Mr. Lewis' tactics are forcing the use of substitutes for fuel to prevent interruptions. It is time for the United Mine Workers to realize they are only cutting their own throats."

Editor: It does look like that any sensible person could see that the American people will not stand for New Deal ideas of taxing the people in higher price and at the same time taxing them to hold prices down. In other words taking money out of one pocket to raise prices and taking it out of the other to lower prices. People are howling about a shortage of cotton. Without going into the cotton problem so far, they have boosted the price of cotton far above world markets by government props. At the same time have been paying foreign buyers a subsidy of \$20 per bale so foreign purchasers will buy American cotton or giving them \$20 a bale to buy our cotton. It just doesn't make sense.

SOCIAL SECURITY ACT CHANGED TO FIT NEED OF DISABLED WORKERS

A change in the Social Security Act that will benefit a number of retired workers was made by the 1946 amendments to the Act, according to an announcement made by Ralph T. Fisher, manager of the Social Security Administration Office in Abilene.

The amendment provides that the retirement payment may now be figured as of the date which will give the highest benefit rate. This provision will be particularly helpful to those workers who waited for some months after retirement before filing their Social Security applications. Any retired workers who think that this provision might help them, they should apply for Social Security immediately.

Although this amendment gives added protection to the retired worker, it is still advisable for each worker to contact the Social Security Administration when he becomes 65 years of age and file his claim as soon as possible after retirement. Any Social Security Administration Field Office will furnish assistance in filing claims.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Horn of Baird visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher Sunday.

Mrs. Lena Clay Kelley of Fort Worth spent the week end in Putnam visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tota Ramsay and other friends and relatives in Putnam.

Mrs. Mary Shackelford Thompson and Mrs. Alwilda Shackelford Thompson of Glendale, Calif. are here this week visiting with Mrs. Pierce Shackelford and F. P. Jr. and other relatives and friends.

FORMER COTTONWOOD MAN WRITES OF HEART RENDING INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC OF 1918 IN THAT COMMUNITY

By Lewis Nordyke

Father and I went to the woodpile for a supply of wood for the night and early morning. As we walked out of the house, Father raised the bill of his worn, plush cap and took a good look at the sky; he always glanced at the weather from the doorstep, for the weather seemed always to control us. Father, squinted first at the sky, which looked almost close enough to be touched with a hay fork, then he gazed at a blue streak low in the north.

"Listen," he said, pushing up a fleece-lined flap from over his right ear. "Hear it? The trains!"

I was puffing out my breath and watching it turn to vapor. I listened and heard the distant rumbling of a train on a line almost twenty miles north of our house. On still, cold evenings and mornings we could hear the rumbling noise of the trains; a few times we heard the whistle, and it always sounded a thousand miles away. It made me promise myself that some day I'd get away from the farm and ride a train. But on that particular evening, I knew what Father was going to say, and he said it.

"We'd better get in enough wood for two or three days. It's coming a spell, or I miss my guess. Never seen it fall when I hear the trains. And see that streak in the north? That means business. About time for a blizzard anyhow."

Always when the weather was bad we carried in enough wood to do us a week, and then each day we carried in as much as we used; so we always had a surplus to guard against a day on which we

couldn't get to the woodpile. That day never came, and I hated the idea of carrying in more wood on any one day than we could use that day. But when Father said, "get wood," we got it.

When we returned to the woodpile for the second load we saw Bill—my older brother—riding Kent down the road. Kent looked like a black demon, breath vapor like smoke puffing in quick spurts from his nose. He was prancing and slinging his head; and if I hadn't heard his feet slapping the frozen ground I would have sworn the horse was not touching the earth.

"The devil!" Father said, in his swearing tone. "I've never seen that horse with all four feet on the ground. Don't reckon we'll ever break him. I know good and well I'll not fool with him after Bill goes to the Army. Just watch that devil prance."

Kent was a beautiful horse, but he had always been mean. Only a year ago, when he was just two years old, he kicked old Pigeon, his mother, and broke one of her front legs. Father finally had to shoot Pigeon, and he said he was a great mind to change Kent's name to Kaiser Bill because the horse was so mean.

When Kent saw us, he jerked up his head and aimed his ears at us. Bill pulled tighter on the reins, and Kent snorted and whirled half around. Bill slipped out of the saddle and held to the bridal reins. He was pale as a ghost.

"What's the matter, Bill?" Father asked.

"I'm sick. Take him; I'm about to die."

"Did Kent hurt you?"

"No, I'm just sick. I've got to get in the house; take him."

Bill's teeth were chattering and he looked deathly sick.

Father took the reins, and Kent tried to set back; he rolled his eyes until I could see only the whites. Father and I managed to get Kent to the barn and take off the saddle, but he whirled and kicked the when the bridle slipped off. Father dodged and called Kent a son of a something that sounded plenty bad; then he said, "I would not get on that horse for a thousand and cold dollars worth of Liberty Bonds."

We picked up a load of wood as we went to the house. Mother was standing over Bill. He was shaking all over, even though he had piles of cover on him.

Mother's face was serious. "This boy's got the flu," she said.

A strange worried look flashed into Father's eyes. "The flu?"

"Yes. He's having a hard chill right this minute."

Bill cried out, "It's my bones, my bones! They ache clear down to the marrow!"

My three sisters and little brother stood around the bed and looked at Bill. Peachy, my baby sister, was asleep on Mother's bed.

"Better see if you can get Doctor Griffin," Mother said, and Father went to the telephone in the corner. He took some letters, a paper, a box of calomel, and Sister's knitting needles off the little shelf under the mouthpiece and put them on the sewing machine.

"It's a wonder they ain't a doctor lost on this telephone," Father grumbled, as he twisted the crank. Father's hand was so large his knuckles hit the wall when he turned the crank, and it sounded like the knock of the Watkins man on the door.

"Hello Central? Will someone on the line ring Central? Hello, Central? I want Doc Griffin. Hello, is the Doc there? Won't be back tonight?"

Mother looked around quickly. "Lots of sickness?" Father said.

"The flu? Could the Doc ring me?"

Jim Evans died! And the Davis baby! and the Doc's over at Rays? Well, tell him to ring me, Bill's got the flu. Having a chill!"

Father slowly placed the receiver on the hook and looked around at us. I'll never forget the look on his face. He and Mother must have looked at each other a full minute before he said, "We can't get the Doc. Everybody's down with the flu, and the Doc's going day and night."

"And Mr. Evans?" Mother questioned. "Is that right?"

"Yes and the Davis baby."

Mother turned her head quickly and looked at Peachy asleep on the bed, and Father continued, "John Ray and his wife and boy are all down."

Father looked at Bill; then he walked into the kitchen and stopped in front of the north window. He stood there several minutes without saying a word.

When the telephone rang he jumped all over, and his feet seemed to jar the whole house as he walked to the telephone. All he said was, "Is that right? Yes, if I possibly can. Looks like bad weather, but I'll do the best I can."

Father placed the receiver on the hook. He looked around and said, "The Rays are dead—all of them. The baby has just passed away."

"Do they need you?" Mother asked.

"To dig graves. So much sickness, there ain't nobody to help dig the graves."

"They were good people," said Mother, and tears came.

"Folks are always good after they're dead," Father remarked.

Bill was tumbling around in bed and moaning, and Mother went to him. Father put a couple of sticks of wood in the big-bellied heating stove, then he said to me, "We'd better get in more wood and wind up the chores. And you girls had better try milking the cows."

It was dark when we finished the chores; then the girls got supper ready while Mother took care of Bill and Peachy. We didn't talk much at the supper table. We never talked at the table when Father was quiet. While we were eating, the house popped and then sort of shuddered all over; the windmill complained; the cows bawled. Father pushed his chair back from the table.

"Well, she's here," he said, hurrying toward the north kitchen door.

The door always blew open when a norther struck. We knew it had beaten Father a little that time for we felt the puffs of cold air, which left the house chilly even after he slammed the door and bolted it.

"Looks like a blizzard," Father

said. "Already snowing, and cold as Keller's cats. Ground may freeze too hard for grave digging."

"Shut that door!" Bill yelled. "I'm freezing to death."

Mother got up and looked through the door at Bill. "I was thinking," she said to Father, "that maybe you'd better ring Mr. Mitchell on the Draft Board and tell him about Bill. I know he won't be able to go next week. And you know how that phone goes out in bad weather."

"To hell with the Kaiser, anyhow," Father swore. He went to the telephone and rattled the hook. He twisted the crank until the wall shook and yelled, "Hello! Hello!" fully a dozen times. "Too late," he said. "She's already dead as a hammer. Guess the wind put a tree on the line again."

I was big enough to realize what it all meant, and the look of worry on Mother's face made me think about it. People had been dying with the flu, the same thing that was the matter with Bill, and we couldn't get a doctor. Now we didn't even have a telephone, and there was a blizzard with snow. We lived five miles from the village and a mile from the nearest neighbor and the neighbor didn't have a telephone. The only way we could get anywhere was in the wagon. Kent was the only horse we had to ride, and Bill was the only one who could ride him. I knew Father had sworn never to ride Kent. So that night I thought about all of these things, and I thought, too, about Jim Evans, the Davis baby, and the Ray family.

Father moved Bill's bed into the front room; that's where our only heating stove was located. And the bed Mother and Father used was also in that room. Bill had always been my bedfellow. There was no other place for me to sleep so I got in bed with him. He groaned and tumbled and complained of his bones aching.

Mother and Father took stock of the medicine. We had calomel, aspirin, lightening oil, Watkins liniment, camphor, turpentine, quinine in capsules, a little bottle of salted whiskey (for coughs), a box of arnica salve, and some little black pills that Father called "confounded catarrh." They gave Bill aspirin, calomel; and Mother rubbed his throat and chest with turpentine and his legs with the Watkins liniment. She rubbed camphor under his nose.

"If we only knew what to do for him," Mother said to Father. "And all the others—they'll have it!"

I could hear the wind whistling. Occasionally it shook the house, and a loose piece of weatherboarding hummed a sound something like you made by blowing through a piece of paper held over a comb.

"The Germans must be spreading this dreadful disease," Mother suggested.

"They may be. It would be just like Kaiser Bill."

"I wonder if turpentine under their noses would help keep the other children from taking it?"

"It might; it's worth trying. I guess you put the turpentine back on the telephone?" Father complained.

"You know good and well it's on the kitchen table."

Father fumbled around and found the turpentine. He stopped by the bed and rubbed the stuff under my nose; then he went into the room where the others were sleeping to turpentine all the noses on the place. He even put it under Peachy's nose. The baby slept with Father and Mother.

I couldn't sleep well because Bill tumbled and groaned so much, and I was glad when morning came. Father took a long look out the window and said to Mother: "She's raw. Snow piled up two and three feet and still snowing. And the wind's still high-tattling it."

Father was out of the house a short time seeing about the stock and he was covered with snow when he returned. He tried the telephone, but it wouldn't work.

Late in the afternoon my bones began to ache, then I had a slight chill. The next day my three older sisters went to bed with aching bones, and on the fourth morning Mother and my little brother were not able to get up. That left Father and Peachy.

Although the snow had stopped, the drifts were piled high, and the cold wind howled. But we couldn't hear that after Peachy waked up. She wanted to nurse, but Father thought it best not to let her. "Any way we can keep her from taking the flu," he said. He fixed thin oatmeal, but Peachy didn't like the notion and howled to go to Mother. Father tried sugar and butter, but Peachy fought him. Then he picked up a glass of milk. Peachy tasted it a time or two and then she drank every drop in the glass. Just as the baby finished the milk, Mother opened her eyes

and exclaimed, "My goodness! That was sour milk—almost a week old!"

"She liked it," Father said. "And if pigs do well on it, maybe babies will."

Mother was so sick she didn't answer. She was out of her head and said crazy things when she was dozing. Bill was deathly sick, but the others were just bad enough to be cross and want attention. Father moved all the beds into the front room so he could see all of us all the time. Because my case was lighter than the rest, Father left Peachy with me when he had to go out of the house to feed the stock and carry in wood.

Father had never done any cooking or milking. Nearly all his life he had done farm work from daylight until dark. For some reason, it was a custom at our house for the girls and Mother to milk the cows and do the housework; and the boys helped Father. He had never milked a cow, and furthermore, our Jersey cows hated him because he had stoned them when they got in the field. The morning after Mother took the flu, Father was gone longer than usual doing the chores and when he came into the house, his fists were bleeding and his coat was torn. The beads of sweat on his forehead looked queer on so cold a day.

"What happened?" Mother asked.

"By gosh, I juiced Old Dell even if I did have to tie her down to do it. No damned Jersey can whip me."

On the seventh day, Peachy had the flu. Bill remained dreadfully sick and Mother had a relapse and ran a high fever when she realized Peachy had the flu. I was feeling fairly well and wanted to get up and help Father, but he told me to stay in bed. All day he walked about the room. He kept a wet cloth on Mother's head, and he must have bent over Peachy a thousand times. The poor thing fretted and cried and begged for Mother. Her face looked sallow and her eyes were never more than half open. Father would go to the telephone every little while, and each time he'd mutter, "Dead as a hammer."

At night Father fixed us all in bed and gave us the final aspirin; then he placed a piece of cardboard beside the coal oil lamp chimney to keep the glare out of our eyes. All night he sat in the rocking chair in front of the stove with his coat pulled close under his chin. He hadn't taken off his shoes or clothes since the day Bill came home sick; and I don't think he ever slept, because the least sound always brought him to his feet.

Mother rallied and was a little better the second day Peachy was sick. "What if you were to take it?" Mother asked.

"Me?" Father questioned. "I'm not going to take it; I can't afford to. And do you think I'd let things as little as germs whip me when I'm able to whip a Jersey cow every day?"

"I don't need it. I doze a little every night, and you know I sleep fast."

Peachy complained feebly and Father went to her. I could tell he was worried about the baby for he stood over her most of the day. She was too weak even to fret when he took her temperature. He tested her temperature at least a dozen times, and I could tell it was high, for Father shook his head.

Late in the day, Father walked around the room carrying the baby. "If I could just get some of my own strength out and give it to her," he told Mother. "If she could absorb it and get a little start—or if I could get at the germs and smash them with my fist."

"If we could only get the doctor—or anybody to help us," Mother almost cried.

Father shook his head. "We've just got to do what we can. It's up to us. . . if I only had a horse I could ride . . ."

Father suddenly put Peachy down beside Mother and said, "I've got to see about the stock and the chores."

It was almost dark. Father was gone an unusually long time. When he returned he looked at Peachy, and walked over and rattled the telephone; then he tested the baby's temperature. He didn't say a word, not even to Mother, but I could see that he was gravely worried. Mother sat up in bed and felt of Peachy's face. "She's burning up," she said. "She's coming to the turning point—Oh, if we could only get the doctor—or even just a neighbor!"

Father gently pushed Mother back down on the bed. "Let's be quiet," he said. "She'll be all right. Little things like germs—they can't, they can't . . ."

Father walked slowly about the room. He rattled the telephone; he looked out the window. He rubbed his hands almost constantly. I was frightened and wanted to say something, but the look of concern on Father's face simply wouldn't let me speak. I could tell that the others, even Mother, were out of danger. But I knew Peachy was dangerously sick—and always it seemed as if the nights were worse than the days. Nearly every death

in our community as far back as I could remember had been at night.

The night seemed a year long, but Father didn't move. He was so still he seemed not to be breathing. Early in the morning Father got up; he went over and put his cheek to the baby's face, then he carried her across the room and put her in bed with Mother.

Father glanced around the room. He walked over and blew out the lamp; then he pulled down his ear flaps and walked out of the house. Fear tugged at my heart and I could hardly get my breath. I couldn't tell by Father's action what had happened to Peachy—and I thought about the Davis baby and Jim Evans and the Ray family. So I eased out of bed and tiptoed around to Mother's bed. I

put my hand on Peachy's face. It was cold. I felt of her little chest; her heart was beating. I heard her breath—smooth and regular. I reached over to awaken Mother, who was groaning in her dozing sleep, but just then there was a loud, crashing sound from the direction of the barn.

I ran to a window. Father and Kent were fighting. And there was a saddle on Ken's back. Father fought Kent into a corner of the barnlot and finally yanked off the saddle and bridle.

Father started toward the house and I eased back in bed. When he came into the room his face looked different. He tiptoed to the bed and felt of Peachy's face. Then I saw him smile.

The End

THE PUTNAM NEWS

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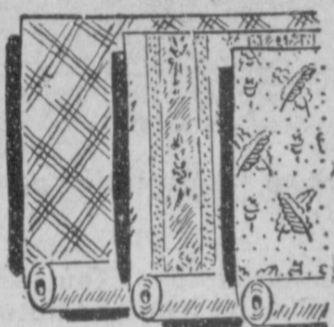
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News From COUNTY AGENT

Beef Cattle Feeding Demonstration

This is the first of a series of articles to be published on the feeding demonstration of 4-H club boys in Callahan County.

R. G. Farmer, of Eula, purchased two calves last April for an investment of \$115. One was an Angus that weighed 90 pounds, and the other a Hereford weighing 200 pounds when purchased.

R. G. built a pen for his calves and provided shelter, hay racks, feed trough, and has fresh water before his calves at all times. He had both calves on nurse cows and started his calves on feed by feeding whole oats and as they began to eat, he decreased his oats and added corn and cake, until he had them on full ration eating an average of 15 pounds per day.

R. G. did a good job of managing his calves. They averaged a daily gain of 2.05 pounds per animal for the 316 day feeding period with a total of \$184.20 feeding bill and 5,942 pounds of feed consumed. For each pound of gain, R. G. put on his calves it cost him, \$0.142; but considering his total cost, cost of calves and feed, and miscellaneous items, it cost him \$0.23 per pound of gain, therefore, to make a profit and return on his investment he had to receive more than 23 cents a pound for his beef on the market. As it was, premium money and the premium price he received at the auction he netted \$137.36 per calf, plus his experience in feeding, handling, grooming and showing of "Negro" the angus calf and "Mustang" his Hereford.

R. G. is president of the Eula 4-H Club and was winner of the Wilson meat animal award for the 1946 year. He also has registered Doroc Jersey pigs and for his 4 years in the Eula 4-H Club, he has many ribbons and medals from his work. Keep up the good work, R. G. Farmer!

What's Research Worth?

If anybody is wondering what agricultural research is worth to him he might like to hear a few figures from the U. S. Department of Agriculture on this subject.

Hybrid corn, for example. In the 30 years that USDA has been experimenting with corn hybrids, it has spent five million dollars of the tax payer's money, and it is estimated that the states have spent about the same amount. From this ten million dollars, farmers of the nation are now getting 750 million dollars every year out of higher yields and better grain from corn hybrids. While hybrids are not being planted as widely in Texas as they are in the corn belt, already it's getting to be an old story about how hybrid corn varieties are out-yielding native corn in Texas.

In connection with livestock research, the development of penicillin, which many of us have used in controlling internal parasites in livestock, has already paid off. Cost of developing penicillin was \$10,000. Its estimated value now is ten million dollars, every year, in the controlling of parasites in cattle, horses, sheep and hogs.

Those are just phases of research, but they give us a good idea of how the nation's investment in agricultural science has benefited us, in dollars and cents.

Columbus M. Joiner, known to his friends and acquaintances as "Dad" Joiner, died in a Dallas hospital the past week, after a short illness, at the age of 87.

Mr. Joiner is the man who discovered the world's greatest oil field in East Texas in 1930 after geologists had announced "no oil". It is said that in a few years after his first well, the field in East Texas covered about 133,000 proven acres and had 26,000 producing wells. At one time this field was said to be supplying 40 per cent of all the oil output of Texas.

Mr. Joiner was born on a farm in Alabama and said he followed a hunch in bringing in the East Texas oil field.

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BOYCE HOUSE



A cynic says, "Life isn't fair to us men. When we are born, our mothers get the compliments and the flowers. When we are married, our brides get the presents and publicity. And when we die, our widows get the life insurance and the winters in Florida."

Mark Twain once worked on a newspaper in a Nevada mining town and the readers ranked him, as a humorist, below Dan de Quille who today is remembered only because he once worked on the same paper with Mark Twain.

And Abraham Lincoln was once defeated for the legislature—but no body knows the name of the man who beat Lincoln.

The author of the following lines, entitled "Liquor and Longevity," is unknown but it is a strongly suspected that he is not a member of the Anti-Saloon League:
The horse and mule live 20 years
And nothing know of wines and beers.

The goat and sheep at 20 die
And never taste of Scotch and rye.
The cow drinks water by the ton
And at 18 is almost done.

The dog at 15 cusses in
Without the aid of rum and gin.
The cat in milk and water soaks
And then at 12 short years it croaks.

The modest, sober, bone-dry hen
Lays eggs for hogs, then dies at 10.
All animals are strictly dry

They sinless live and swiftly die.
But sinful, ginful, rum-soaked men
Survive for three score and ten
And some of us, though mighty few,
Stay pickled 'til we're 92.

My friend, John Gould, wrote in the Wichita Falls Daily Times:

There ought to be a symphony of Texas, wrought by one with the art and the affection to compose it, and he could put into it the howling of coyotes and the swish of marching feet and the industrious clatter of an oil rig and the bright music of a singing bird singing in the rain, and the plaintive bellow of a newly branded calf, and the crunch of Sam Houston's men gnawing raw corn after San Jacinto and the voices of children repeating the pledge to the flag, and the sound of an old hymn at a brush-arbor revival and the whir of airplanes, and the cry of a tamale-vendor calling his wares to the passer-by.

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Mrs. A. R. Horn of El Paso, a niece of W. M. Tatom visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tatom the past week end. Mr. Tatom said he had not seen his niece in about thirty four years.

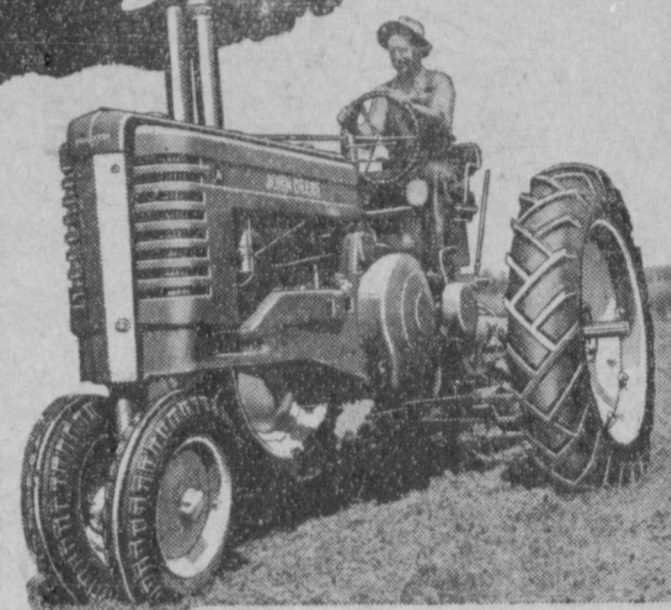
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Mrs. Carl Wallace of Tyler spent the week end visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yeager.

Miss Helen Williams was home Judge and Mrs. J. R. Burnett of the past week end spending Easter Cisco were visiting in the home of Sunday with her brother and fam- Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yeager Friday morning.
Mr. and Mrs. Eubank have returned from Fort Worth where they had been visiting with their daughter, Mrs. Roy Williams and family.

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Financial Report Of The City Of Putnam

I, Eva Moore, City Secretary and Treasurer of the city of Putnam, hereby certify that the following report on the financial conditions of the City funds showing the amount of collections and disbursements, since December 31, 1945, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Eva Moore, City Secretary-Treasurer.

City Of Putnam		
"Water Account"		
December 31, 1945 Balance	\$217.39	
Collections to Dec. 31, 1946	4,563.14	Disbursements \$4,126.22
		To Balance 654.31
	\$4,780.53	\$4,780.53
Dec. 31, 1946 - Balance	654.31	
City Of Putnam		
"General Fund"		
Dec. 31, 1945. Balance	\$57.53	Disbursements \$712.59
Collections to Dec. 31, 1946	757.61	To Balance 96.55
	\$809.14	\$809.14
Dec. 31, 1946 Balance -	\$96.55	
City Of Putnam		
"Sinking Fund"		
Dec. 31, 1945 Balance	\$3,307.81	
Collections to Dec. 31, 1946	1,446.79	Disbursements \$597.63
		To Balance 4,156.97
	\$4,754.60	\$4,754.60
Dec. 31, 1946 Balance -	\$4,156.97	
City Of Putnam		
"County Attorney Fund"		
Dec. 31, 1945 Balance	\$17.00	Disbursements None
Collections	None	To Balance 17.00
	\$17.00	\$17.00
Dec. 31, 1946 Balance -	\$17.00	
City Of Putnam		
"Cemetery Fund"		
Dec. 31, 1945 Balance	\$3.32	Disbursements \$2.00
Collections to Dec. 31, 1946	10.00	To Balance 11.32
	\$13.32	\$13.32
Dec. 31, 1946 Balance -	\$11.32	

On this the 7th day of April, 1947 A.D., personally appeared J. S. Yeager, Mayor, and Geo. W. Damon, Gus Brandon, C. K. Odom and John Cook, Aldermen, and after being duly sworn they depose and state under oath that they have examined the financial reports of Eva Moore, City Secretary, of the financial condition of the City and find the report to be correct to be correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

J. S. Yeager, Mayor
C. K. Odom,
John Cook,

Gus Brandon,
G. W. Damon,
Aldermen.

Sworn to and subscribed before me a Notary Public in and for Callahan County, Texas on this the 8th day of April, 1947 A.D.

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Cottonwood News

By Hazel Respass

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Miss Roxie Lee Jordan of Kansas City, Mo. is spending several days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Fulton.

Miss Pauline Jones of Philadelphia, Pa., is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Jones. Mr. Jones is reported to be much improved from his illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gaston are visiting in the home of his uncle, Mr. Bill Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Rainbolt of Afton, Texas are visiting their daughter, Mrs. K. B. Robbins and family.

Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Gill and are visiting her son, Fred Kelly and family, in Lubbock this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Thompson and Wilma Lee visited S. H. Thomas family Sunday.

The Cottonwood Cemetery Association will observe May 4 as memorial day, which will be an all day affair. Everyone bring a well filled basket and dinner will be spread on the ground. An all-day program has been arranged.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Green of San Angelo spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Jones.

Among those who visited in the J. H. Coats home Sunday were: Mrs. Annie Kelly of Albany, Mr. and Mrs. Reese Tye and family of Paducah, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Davidson and boys of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ellis and daughter, Evodina of Admiral.

The students from A & M college were Richard Purvis, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bennett and R. T. Peery, who visited in Cottonwood the past week end.

Arnett Bennett, who is attending a school for the deaf in Austin, visited home folks over the week end.

Mrs. C. A. Myrick, Mrs. H. S. Varner, Miss Mary and C. V. Thomas visited Mrs. John Purvis at the Baird hospital Sunday afternoon.

Rev. H. V. Falkner of Cross Plains filled the pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday.

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Atwell News

By Mrs. Ben Riffe

Staff/Sgt. J. C. Gregg arrived Monday from a camp in California to spend part of an 18 day furlough here with his wife and daughter before going to a Pacific Island base.

Rev. Temple Lewis filled his regular appointment at the Missionary Baptist church Sunday.

Mrs. Roy Tatone reported to the Graham hospital last week end suffering from a bone infection. She is greatly improved at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hutchins of Lamesa, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Long of California, spent several days visiting Mr. Hutchins

relatives. Mrs. Long left Saturday for Gorman to visit her mother there.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Foster and boys spent the week end in San Antonio with their daughter, Mrs. Weldon Gardner and family.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Abernathy and son of Moran spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Sessions.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hughes of Baird spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tipton Wrinkle.

Mr. and Mrs. Benja Pillans of San Antonio spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pillans and Judge and Mrs. Lester Farmer in Mr. and Mrs. Louis Griffin and Avril of Fort Worth spent the week end in the Gus Black home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Foster entertained the following children on the fifth Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jackson and family of Christoval, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Foster and family of Cross Plains, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Nance and family of Carbon, and Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hutchins and children of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Goble and Jimmy attended a birthday dinner Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Goble.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Purvis and daughter of Crowell spent the week end with relatives here and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Purvis in Cross Plains.

Mrs. Minnie Hutchins gave a dinner Sunday honoring Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hutchins of Lamesa. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. George Hutchins and family of Cross Plains, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hutchins and two children and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Tatom and Freddie. Mrs. Truett Foster and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Foster and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charnel (Tuff) Hutchins and two children and the honor guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Riffe and J. B. spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Keelon Riffe and Ella Mae. in Cisco.

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Mrs. Earline Clark, who is teaching in the New Braunfels school, spent the week end visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Peneet and other relatives.

Those attending the Wednesday Study Club at Baird from Putnam were MMes. L. A. Williams, E. C. Waddell, R. L. Clinton, Bryan Clinton and A. B. Hutcheson.

Miss Dorothy Nell Pugh, of Cisco, student of North Texas State College, has been selected as a model in the annual style show sponsored by the Women's Forum of NTSC. Miss Pugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Pugh of Cisco, is a junior music major of the college.

Mrs. W. N. McGee of Scranton passed through Putnam Saturday morning enroute to Abilene where she will visit with her sister for a few days.

Mrs. Lena Andrew of Coleman and small daughter were visiting in the home of Mrs. Free's the past week, returning to Coleman Saturday.

Harve Vestal of Cross Plains was in Putnam for a short while Saturday afternoon and while here paid the News office a visit.

Mrs. Fred Heyser and Mrs. W. H. Cunningham and Mrs. Fred Cutbirth of Cross Plains spent Easter in Denton with Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilsoa and small son.

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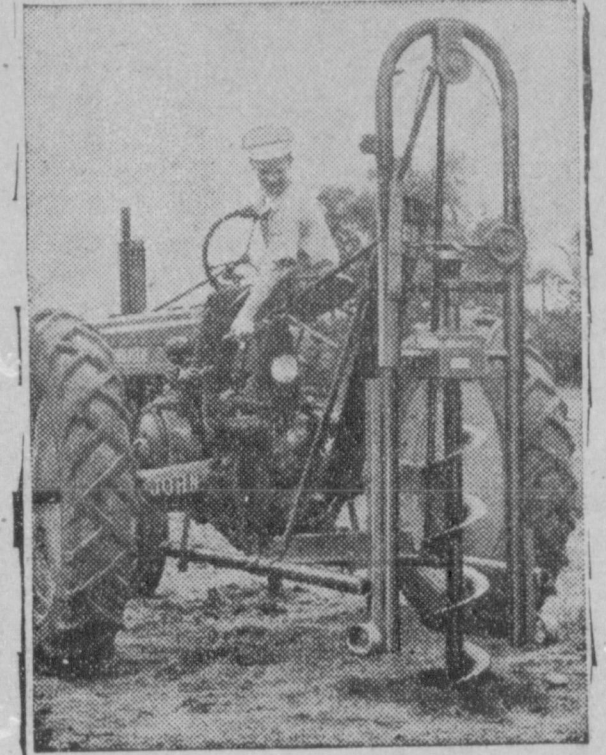
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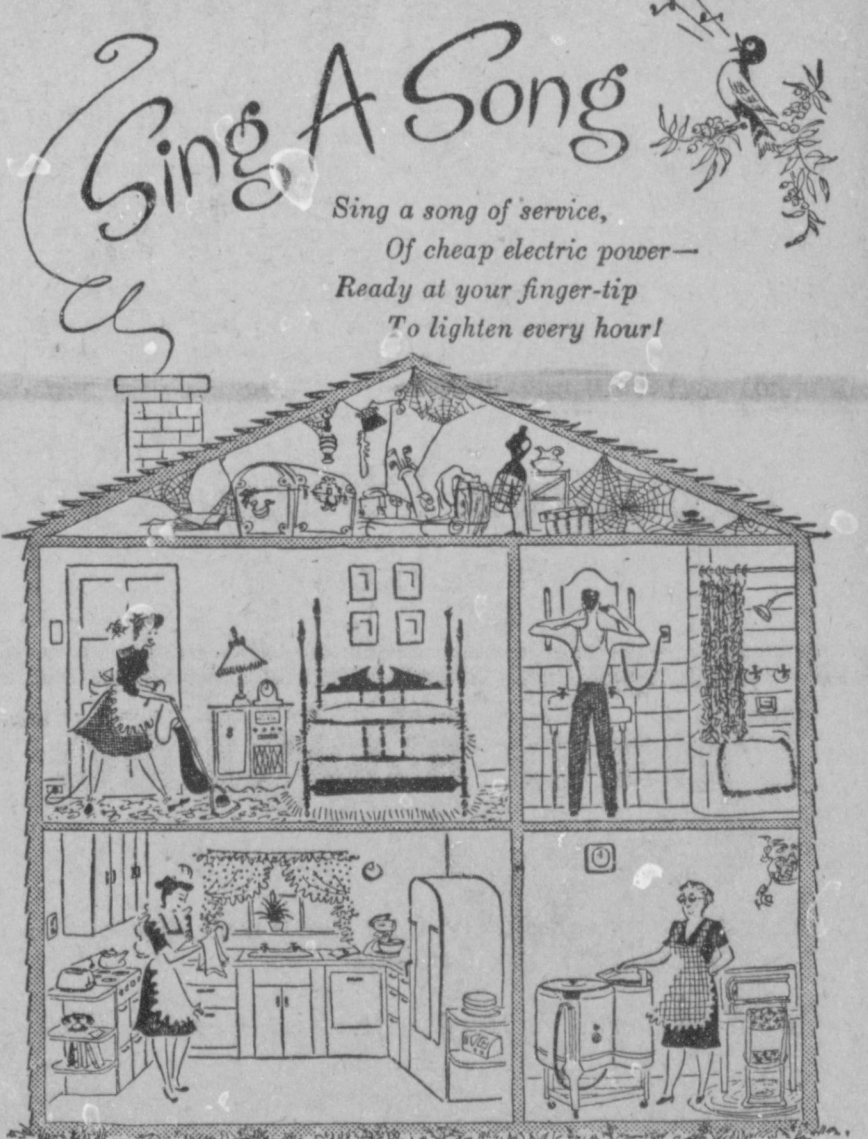
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