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Shall We Feed Europe?

Americans have the biggest hearts in all the world. Any nation of Europe that has ever endured suffering of any kind, from war or famine, knows that to be a fact.

And that's why the problem America faces today is one of the toughest it ever had to decide: Shall Americans help feed European victims of Nazi aggression this winter?

Under ordinary circumstances, the answer would be easy. It would be thunderous YES, punctuated by the clink of coins, gladly given. Under the usual conditions, boat-loads of food and clothing and medical supplies would already be on their way. But these are not ordinary times. War still rages.

The need is unmistakably there. Some folks contend that this alone is sufficient reason for helping. But should the United States ask the British to relax their blockade of the continent and obtain a solemn promise from Berlin that food shipments to France and Belgium and the Netherlands and other conquered territories will not be appropriated by the Nazis?

Opponents scoff. Promise! Has Hitler ever been known to keep his solemn pledge? And even if he meant to keep this one, does it seem likely that he would watch unwaveringly the feeding of the conquered while the German people, the conquerors, subsist on insufficient rations?

No matter, say those who favor aid to Europe. Unless Americans display humanitarianism, they point out, this country will sink in moral prestige. The act of feeding Europe cannot directly influence the conduct of the war, they maintain.

Oh, can't it? ask the opponents. Suppose there is no food this winter. Hungry people become desperate. And desperate people revolt. Let Hitler feed them. Even meagre rations of food among Europe's vanquished will keep them in a state of beaten lethargy.

Americans can never completely close their hearts. Even those who most violently resist the idea of relieving Europe's suffering must wince when they think of the hardships among innocent civilians. They take their stand not because they are ruthless and barbarous but because they believe that aloofness to suffering now will work toward the ultimate preservation of liberty.

It's a difficult decision to make. Whatever conclusion we reach, it will take years before anyone can determine whether it was the right one.

A street in South Bend, Ind., has been renamed after Knute Rockne. To make it more fitting it should be for one one-way traffic, if you remember Rock's teams.

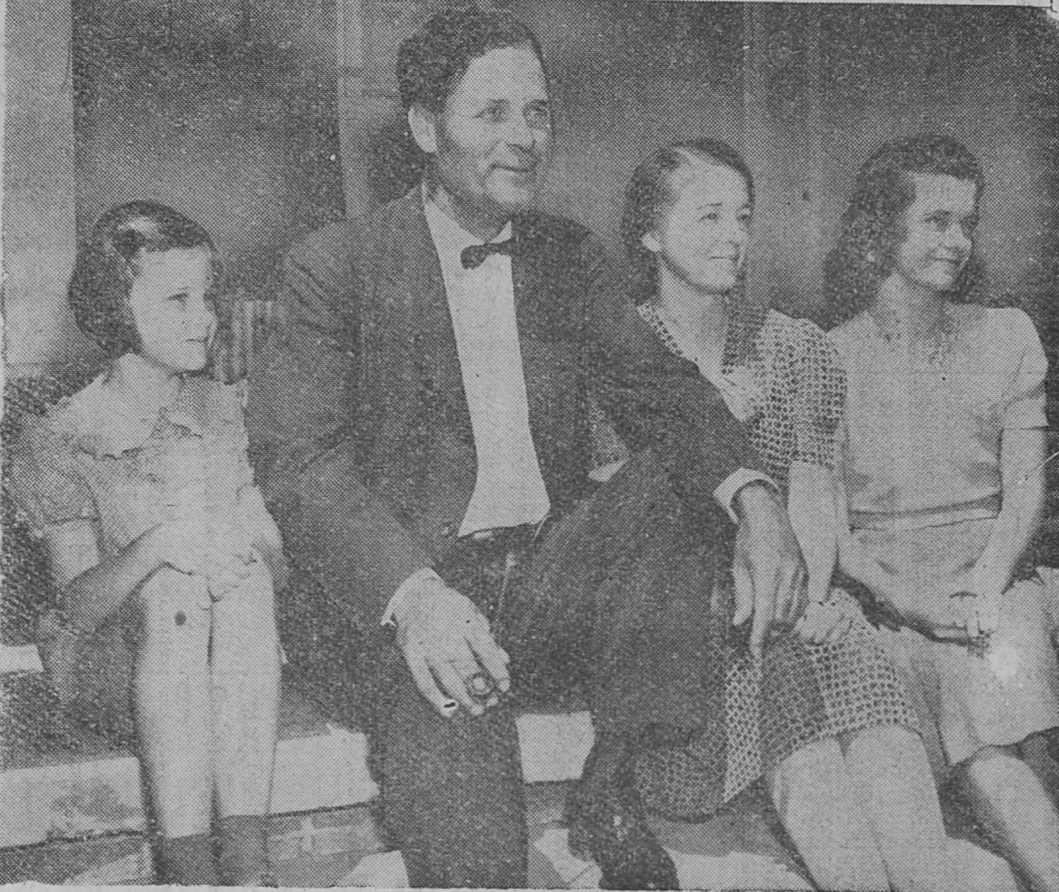
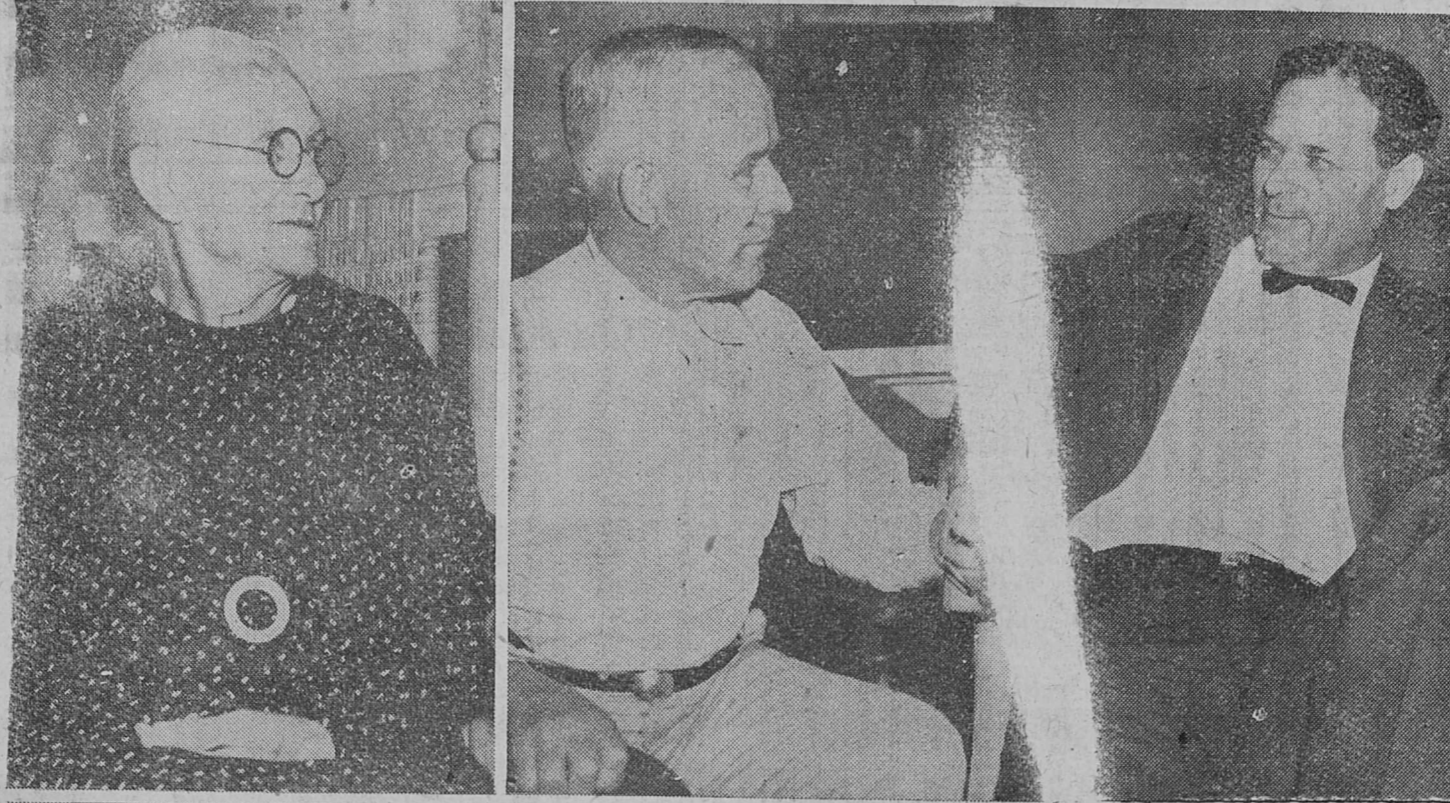
Valuable cat which has a part in Hollywood movie disappears from the set. Kidnaping in this case would be a felony.

WARTIME ENVOY

WORD PUZZLE: Answer to Previous Puzzle. Includes horizontal and vertical words like 'diplomat', 'cow', 'apple', 'P.C.', 'company', 'musicians', 'rub out', 'harvest', 'earthwork', 'reverence', 'terrors', 'New England', 'sick', 'definite', 'buffalo', 'Lava', 'official', 'mocks', 'street', 'no good', 'decay', 'pronoun'.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE: Grid with numbers 1-58. Includes a small portrait of a man in the bottom right corner.

New Member of Congress and Family at Home



will be one of Texas' two new members of Congress next year. Here are pictures of Russell (now district judge) with his family and one of his oldest friends. He is shown below with

the front step of their brick home in Stephenville. Daughter Mary Louise, 8, is at the left, and Daughter Laverne, 14, at the right. Above left is Mrs. S. N. Russell, mother of the

Congressman-nominate. Judge Russell is shown at the upper right talking with C. J. Hook, who was his schoolmaster years ago when school was held under a liveoak tree.

Life Story of New Congressman From Stephenville Reads Like Alger Romance

(Courtesy Star-Telegram) By BESS STEPHENSON Staff Correspondent STEPHENVILLE, Tex.—Texas will have two freshmen in Congress next year and Horatio Alger never wrote a better story than the saga of Sam Russell, the freshman from Stephenville.

His beginnings were humble, his early struggles heroic. He made the race against four opponents. One was Clyde L. Garrett, the incumbent, who by all the rules of Texas tradition, seemed a cinch at first to win. Another was Thomas L. Blanton, who previously had served in Congress for 20 years. The others were Otis Miller, district judge of Jones, Taylor and Fisher Counties, and Joe H. Sheppard of Ranger.

Their platforms were about the same, but Russell won after a run-off with Garrett and his friends and opponents alike are willing to concede that hillbilly music wasn't the only reason.

He had a hillbilly band all right the last two weeks of the campaign, but he had the story of his life from the beginning of the race.

He tells his story in a solemn, earnest voice with a touch of pride and a faint trace of humor and you can imagine a whole new generation of American school-boys chopping cord wood and dreaming of the White House. Sam Russell (now serving as district judge of Hood, Erath and Palo Pinto Counties) was born on a farm near Stephenville Aug. 9, 1889, the third of nine children. At the time Sam was born, his father owned his own farm. By the time Sam was old enough to know that Congress is a worthy ambition for a young man, the father had lost his property.

a liveoak tree at the noon hour and late every day. His old "Liveoak schoolmaster" is C. J. Hook, now a deputy in the tax collector's office at Stephenville. He coached Russell at odd hours for a year. Young Russell tried farming 209 acres at that time, to pay his tuition in town again. He lacked \$345 of meeting expenses, for that was a drouth year.

But he did get to Summer normal and he did get a school teaching job the next year. He taught in one-room schools of Erath County for four years. There was one Summer between school when he joined the ranger force. There was another Summer he worked on a section gang.

Then somebody told him about a correspondence law school in Chicago. He sent for a law course. It cost \$170 then and he paid his tuition \$5 a month. He studied the correspondence school pamphlets after dark when the day's work was over.

Then war came and he was in the army. In a tent at Montgomery, Ala., in the Fall of 1918, he was notified that he had passed the last test. He had his law school diploma. Discharged Feb. 13, 1919 without ever getting to France, he returned to Stephenville and began making preparations for another hurdle—the Texas bar exams.

He had to borrow \$50 to go to Texarkana to take the bar exams. He passed all right, but that \$50 had to cover his traveling suit as well as his transportation. He got back home with a nickel. He worked as tick inspector to pay back the \$50 loan, not daring to wait for clients. But five clients came in June that year, Russell won five cases in J. P. courts and his has been a success story ever since. He was appointed county attorney in July, 1919, ran and was elected to the office for two full terms, ran and was elected district attorney (for Palo Pinto, Hood and Erath Counties) in 1924 and ran and was elected district judge in 1928.

Laverne, 14, and Mary Louise, 8. They're both pretty and both excited over the prospect of going to Washington with their dad. Mrs. Russell did think of being her husband's secretary when they got to Washington, but Sam has vetoed the idea. Says a wife with two daughters and a husband's fishing tackle to look after has a full-time job. Fishing tackle, fishing clothes and a bucket of worms are regular fixtures on the Russell front porch in Stephenville. The future Congressman has no hobbies except fishing and gardening. He caught a 209-pound catfish in Mexico once and he moved his correspondence school law diploma to make room for it in his courthouse office. As for vital statistics: the freshman in Congress will be properly referred to as Samuel Morris Russell. Age, 51; height, 5 feet 11; weight 209 pounds; hair black, curly and lots of it. He smokes a pipe, chews tobacco. Doesn't drink though, nor cuss, nor play cards.

Sales Tax Fight—

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Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel is reported to be planning a constitutional amendment to prohibit state appropriations in excess of amounts the state comptroller and state treasurer certify to be available for expenditure. This is aimed at halting the steadily-rising deficit in the state general revenue fund, from which most of the ordinary government activities are financed. The deficit now has passed \$26,000,000. Truck load limits, the so-called "fair trade" merchandising act, and a barbers' price-fixing bill, all of which failed to become law after battles in the last legislature, seem headed for renewed battling in the next legislature. Prospects seem bright for the truck load bill if its advocates can agree on what they want in place of the present 7,000-pound limit.

Sen. Houghton Brownlee of Austin already is planning to legalize pari-mutuel horse race meets. A strict bill against "loan shark" operations, reduced automobile registration fees, a stricter drivers' license law, control of subversive activities, state manufacture of fertilizer to be supplied to farmers at cost, milk price regulation, installment paying for delinquent taxes, and a state minimum wage law for women are among the many proposals being heard in advance of the new session.

Sesquicentennial Of Presbyterian Church Planned

Among the 5,000 Presbyterian Churches celebrating Sesquicentennial Sunday throughout the United States Sunday will be more than 17 churches in the Abilene Presbytery, according to a statement issued recently by Dr. Lewis S. Mudge, Secretary of the Sesquicentennial Fund for \$10,000,000. A great deal of credit for the arranging of the celebration locally belongs to the Reverend Victor K. Aubrey, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Breckenridge, and chairman of the local Presbyterian Committee on Christian Education, Dr. Mudge pointed out. The celebration of Sesquicentennial Sunday by these 5,000 churches will bring to a climax the four-year drive by the Presbyterian church to raise \$10,000,000 to undergird the foundations of the 63 Presbyterian Colleges, 52 Westminster Foundations, and 11 Theological Seminaries throughout the United States, he stated.

A special offering is being taken in the churches tomorrow which will go to the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education for use by it among these 116 institutions of higher education. Many pastors are preaching special sermons on the benefits that the money will



Stopping Tom Harmon is the greatest task ahead of Michigan's football foes this year. The only glimpse they won't get of the Wolverines' triple-threat All-America is the one at lower right, which shows him getting in a few extra minutes of study while waiting on the steps for class to commence.

provide, the secretary emphasized. Although the climax of the Presbyterian campaign is being reached tomorrow, October 20th, the end to the drive will not come until December 31, 1940. The total amount of funds raised to date is \$8,333,207. This amount includes the latest reports from institutions conducting campaigns. Cooperation on this program has been greater than on any other single enterprise undertaken in the history of the Presbyterian church, Dr. Mudge stated. The first spirit and close cooperation among the Board of Christian Education, the colleges, and the churches have been an important factor in the success of the campaign to date.

The Presbyterian Sesquicentennial program began in November, 1936, after the General Assembly of the Church had approved the plan at its meeting in May of that year. It was decided that the

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