

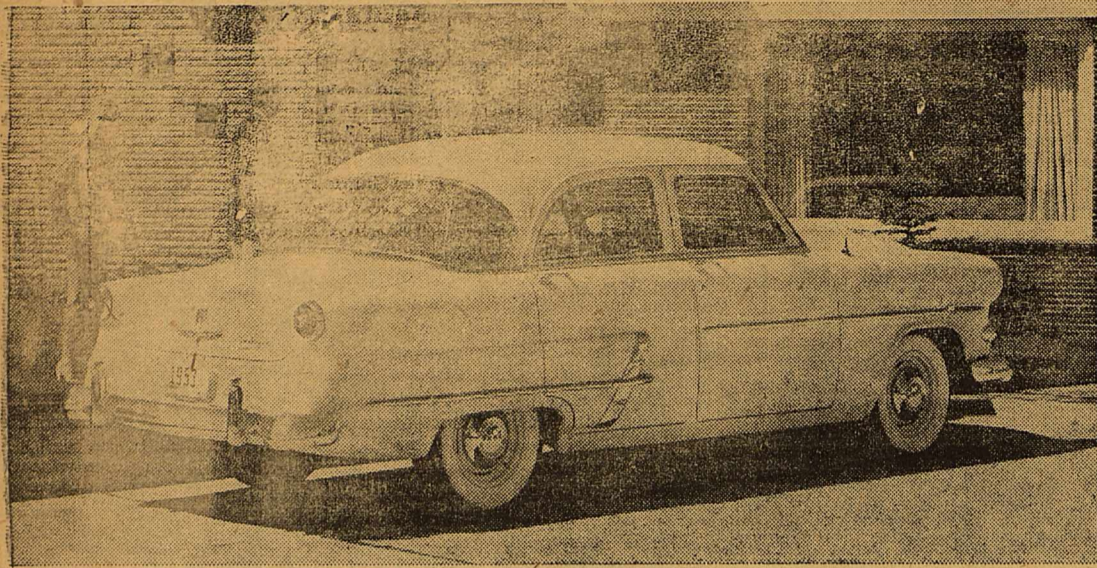
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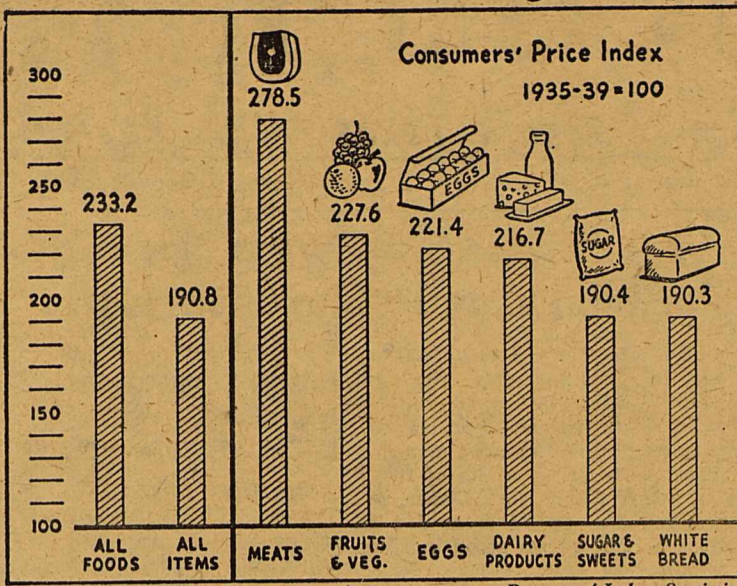
Association reports.

The cost of finding an active case of tuberculosis has been set at \$700 to \$750 on a national basis.



Smart, sleek lines accentuated by new jet-tube taillights and a new chrome molding through the center of the rear fender line are featured in the 1953 Ford Customline Fordor sedan. Outstanding mechanical feature is a new "miracle ride" which brings to the high volume field for the first time the smooth riding characteristics of heavier, costlier cars.

Food Price Index Shows Slight Drop



Bread and sugar and sweets are having a neck-and-neck race for low position among the major food items which are used in the Bureau of Labor Statistics consumers' price index. The latest monthly report from the BLS showed a slight reduction in the "all foods" index as compared with the previous month.

Among the major items in the index, bread has advanced less than any of the others, when compared with the 1935-39 average which the BLS uses as 100. Bakers say this points up even more sharply their statement that "penny for penny, bread is your best food buy."

Letters To The Editor

by Mrs. Jim Huston

This column represents the opinion of the writer, not necessarily the opinion of this newspaper.

Since the end of the war, our relations with Spain have been motivated by anti-Communism. It is therefore paradoxical that our policies have benefited more than hindered the Communist cause.

DISAGREEMENT OVER SPAIN AMONG DEMOCRACIES

The recent admission of Spain to UNESCO resulted in protest resignations of several Western delegates. It is thought that this latest concession to Franco paves the way for Spain's ultimate acceptance into full U. N. membership. Such a step, if taken, would cause further dissension among the Western nations; dissension which would cause unholy chorales of glee in Moscow, but which would be regarded as tragic by believers in Western democracy.

Spain was originally refused membership in the U. N., because it did not "in view of its origin, its nature, its record, and its close association with the aggressor states, possess the qualifications necessary to justify membership." (Potsdam communique-1945)

Motivated by the fear of Communism, the Western democracies have, since 1945, moved into an ever-closer rapprochement with Franco. In the event of a third World War, the strategic position, and the economic resources of Spain would be vitally important for the defense of Western Europe. The U. S. has already been permitted to construct air bases in Spain, in return for the economic aid which has been given Franco.

GROWTH OF COMMUNISM IN SPAIN

On the surface, this reluctant alliance with the Spanish dictator has consolidated our position against Communist aggression in Europe. Basically, however, it has had the opposite effect: It has strengthened the Communists.

For the Spanish people are fundamentally hostile to the Franco regime. They are a freedom-loving people, proud of their past greatness, sickened by the totalitarian government which deprives them of their right freely to chart their destiny and to restore respect for their country in the eyes of the world. The alliance of the U. S., greatest of the democracies, with a government they hate, has made them justifiably suspicious that our verbal allegiance to democratic ideals is not a matter for practical concern.

As a result, the Spanish Communist party has become increasingly strong since 1945. As Catholics and as lovers of freedom, the Spanish people are basically anti-Communist. But, as Russia is the only country which maintains an attitude of uncompromising hostility to the Franco government, the Spaniards are coming to believe that only by embracing Communism can they overthrow the dictator.

A BETTER POLICY

There is yet time for the Western democracies to redeem themselves in the eyes of the Spanish people and to prevent a Communist coup d'etat. But a final choice must be made soon.

If we choose to continue our present policy of enhancing Franco's power by economic aid and by tacit approval of his government, we will sow the seeds of

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

Q - - I am planning to take a correspondence course under the Korean GI Bill. How will it be charged against my entitlement?

A - - One-fourth of the elapsed time in taking the course will be charged against your entitlement. Elapsed time is measured from the date you enroll to the date school processes your last lesson.

Q - - I realize I'm entitled to only one change of course under the Korean GI Bill. But what if I want to change schools without changing course? Is there any limit on the number of changes of this nature?

A - - The law imposes no restrictions on changing schools, so long as no course changes are involved. Before making your move, however, you must apply to VA for approval. If everything's in order, VA will issue a supplemental certificate authorizing you to go ahead with GI training in your new school.

Q - - What's considered full-time and part-time training in accredited under-graduate college courses, under the Korean GI Bill?

A - - Full-time training consists of at least 14 semesters house or the equivalent. Three-quarters time is between 10 and 14 semester-hours or the equivalent; half-time, between 7 and 10 semester-hours, and less than half-time, under 7 semester-hours or the equivalent.

Q - - I have a fellowship from the Atomic Energy Commission, and I find that I also am eligible for training under the Korean GI Bill. Could I take my training under both programs at the same time?

A - - No. You may not receive GI allowances for training taken under the auspices of the Government under any other law where the GI payments would constitute a duplication of benefits paid to you from the Federal Treasury.

Q - - I've just been discharged from service, and I plan to apply for Korean term insurance sometime within 120 days of my discharge. Is an application sufficient, or must I also pay a monthly premium?

A - - An application alone would not be sufficient. You also must pay the required first premium before the 120-day deadline.

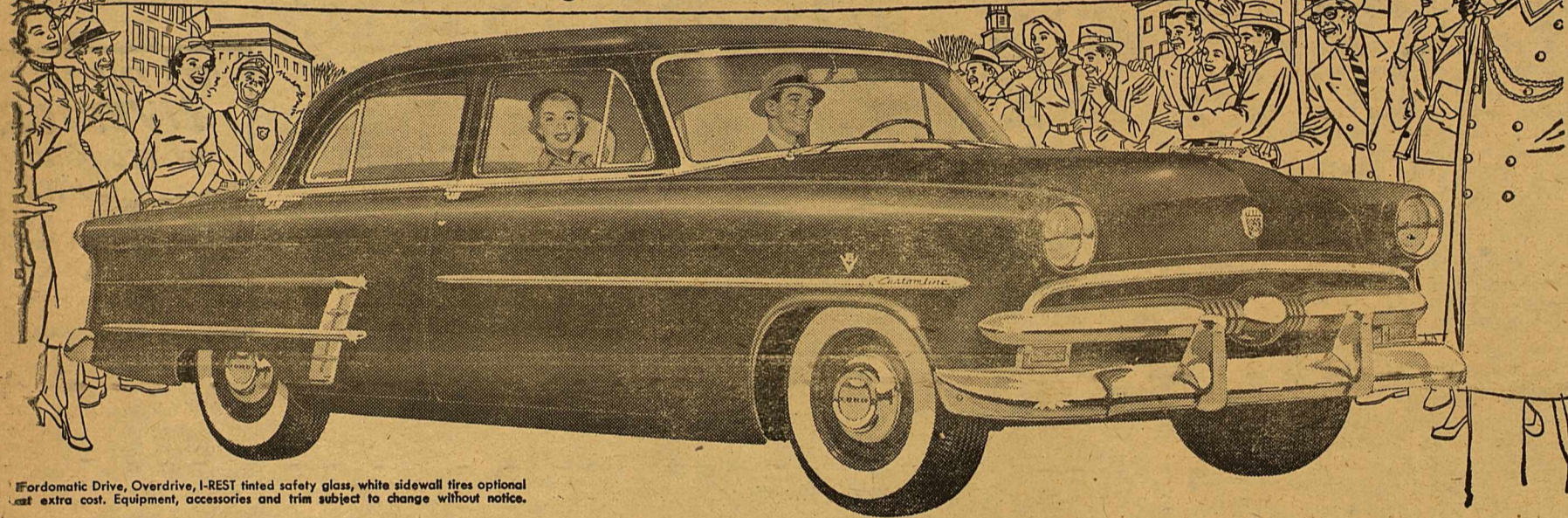
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another civil war in Spain-for the people are not going to endure forever a government that deprives them of freedom and hope. The Communists will reap the benefits, and Spain will be host to the cause of the West.

Another, and better, choice remains. The Western countries led by the U. S., can threaten to break off diplomatic relations with Franco, unless free elections are held under neutral supervision. Such an eventuality would result in a victory for the moderate parties-for only as a last resort will the Spaniards support Communism. A stable democracy would replace the present seething, resentful mass, which is falling prey to the appeal which Communism offers to desperate men.

Upholders of our present policy seem not to have considered the possibilities of this second choice. And so they continue, fomenting rebellion in Spain and internal discord in the U. N. By supporting the ruthless dictatorship of Franco, they hope to make the world safe for democracy. It won't work.

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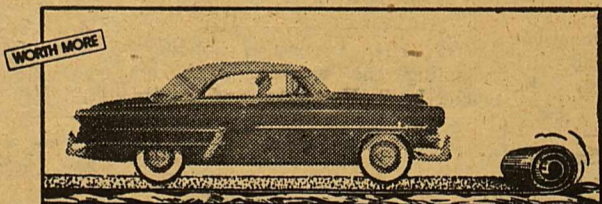
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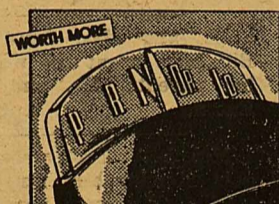
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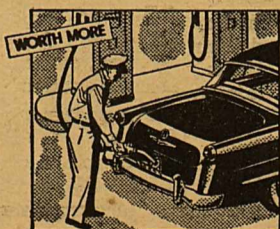
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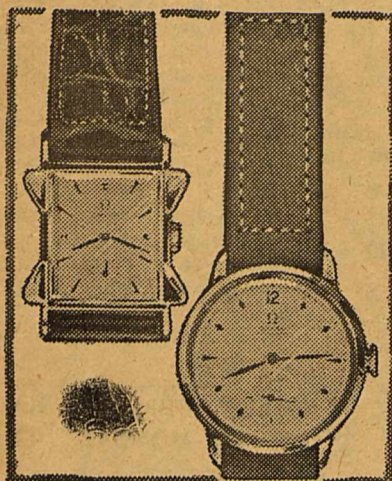
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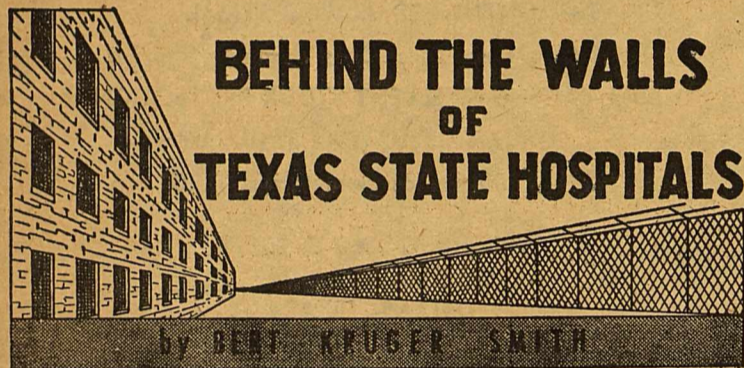
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BEHIND THE WALLS
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TEXAS STATE HOSPITALS

By BERT KRUGER SMITH

NOTE: This is the fourth in a series of articles about our State Hospital Program, prepared under the supervision of Dr. George W. Jackson, Medical Director of the Board for Texas State Hospitals and Special Schools, and sponsored by the Hogg Foundation for Mental Hygiene, University of Texas.

By Bert Kruger Smith
John L. had an anniversary, but he didn't even know it.
Today was his twentieth anni-

versary. Twenty years since he had come to the State hospital brought in handcuffed to the sheriff, brought in like an animal going to the stock yards.

There was hardly anyone left who remembered John L. Back in the city where he used to live, time had washed over, leaving the sands of his existence naked and unmarked.

Twenty years ago he had been a young man, newly-married, hard-working. Twenty years ago there

had been an apartment and a wife with blue-black hair and a son, a son with blue eyes and a dimple in his chin. There had been work and love and laughter.

But love had died and laughter had disappeared the night the gay little wife had gone off with another man, leaving the baby crying and wet in his crib.

John L. had found that one couldn't be father and mother to an infant—and still drive trucks across the country. Without a mother, without sisters, he could not bring up the son who held his dreams and his immortality in his two fat hands.

The son had gone to strangers. And John had come, eventually to this crowded, sweat-filled room.

Twenty years! The face of the world had changed. Wars consuming the earth (and John L.'s son fighting overseas), jet planes streaking across the skies, inventions making it possible to cross space, great and horrible men rising to power.

In twenty years nothing was the same—nothing but John L. and the men and women like him.

John lay curled up in his bed in the ward, curled up and motionless like a bear who has hibernated for the winter and forgotten it was spring.

Dr. M. stepped briefly into the ward. He could still feel the sun, warm on the back of his neck. But in the ward the air was chilled. There was the felling of hopelessness, of dark corners where sunlight would never touch.

He stopped at John L.'s bed and gazed at the middle-aged man in the khaki pants and shirt, the whiskered face, the helpless hands.

And Dr. M. clenched his fists and wished that he could will time back for John, that he could have him now as a newly-committed patient. For Dr. M. knew that in mental cases, as in surgery, speed in treatment is essential. If John had been treated with electrocoma when he first was admitted, he would have had a 90% chance of recovery. After two years, the chance dropped to 25%. After five years to less than 5%.

Dr. M. did some quick arithmetic in his head. If it cost \$2 per day per patient, the State had already expended almost \$15,000 on John. He shook his head. And some taxpayers complained that electrocoma and insulin therapy cost money!

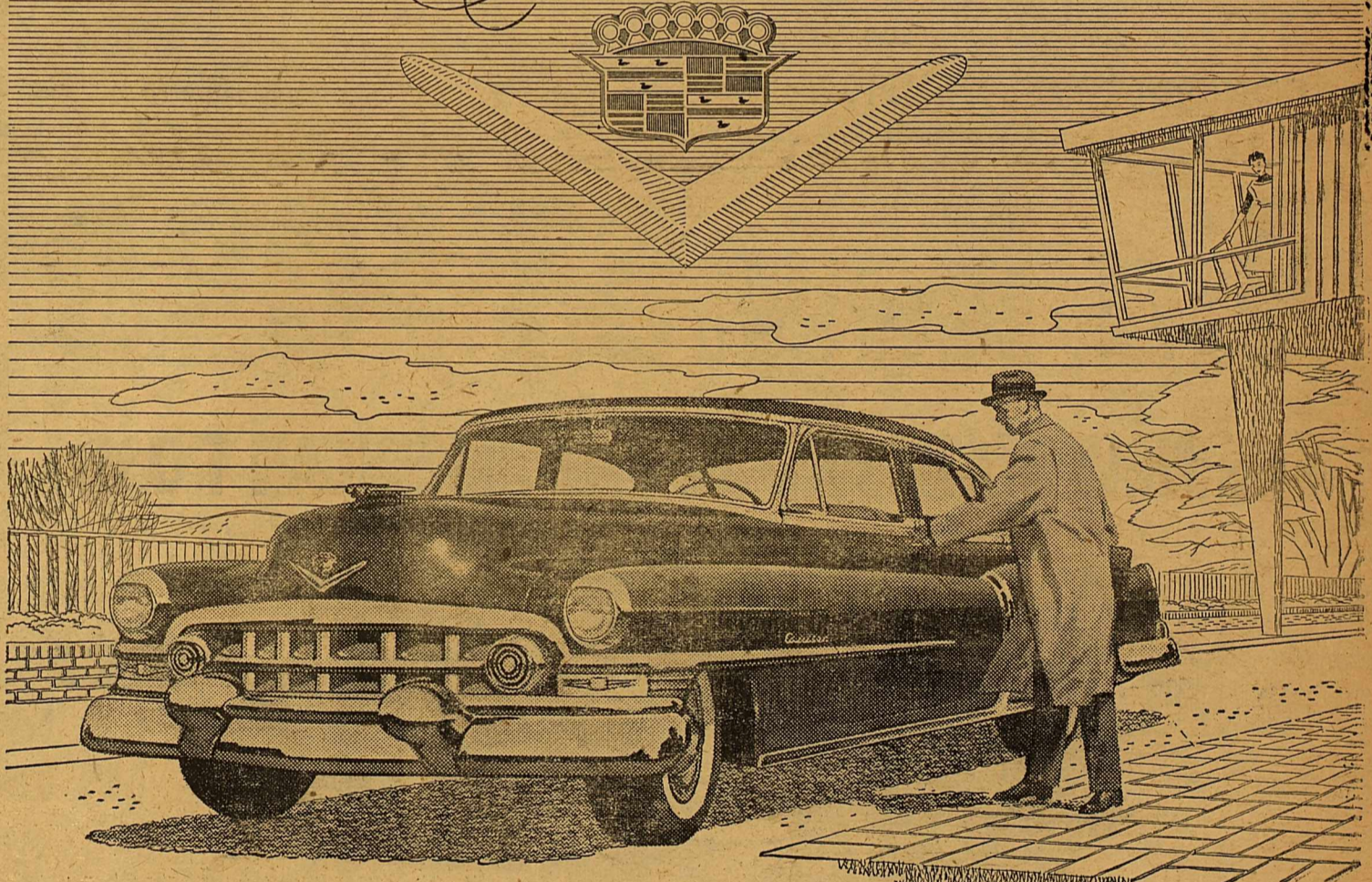
He hurried through the rest of the ward. There were so many other wards, needing so much attention. He rubbed his hands wearily across his eyes. A little attention would mean so much to some of the patients, a little time to talk. But there was no time. There were not nearly enough doctors, not nearly enough hours in every day.

The doctor crossed the stubby grass over to Ward 6. But there was progress being made. Patients were being processed faster so that treatment could start immediately. And there was more insulin therapy being used, more refresher courses for the doctors, more consultation staffs of specialists, better laboratory equipment. And on the physical care side, the operating rooms were being improved, restraint curtailed, constructive activity for patients begun.

Begun! That was the word. Everything had only begun. And there was so much yet to do. Group Therapy. Better treatment centers. More recreation. More trained doctors.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Whiddon of Comala, who plan to make their first trip in Sonora, spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Wesley White.

EASTERN STAR PLANS MEETING TUESDAY

O. E. S. will hold their regular meeting next Tuesday night, Dec. 16. Mrs. Estella Herral, of Rankin, Deputy Grand Matron of District 5 Section 2, will make her official visit. Committees appointed for the affair are for refreshments, Mrs. Florie Davis of Del Rio, Mrs. Paul Turney, Mrs. Clayton Hamilton; decorations, Mrs. H. B. Cooper; Mrs. Shelley Lowe; gift committee Mrs. Harold Friess, Mrs. R. C. Vicars; program, Mrs. James Wilson. All members are urged to attend.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO BUY BOOK CASE

Mmes. Jack Mackey, F. L. McKinney, Joe B. Logan, B. H. Cusenbary and Norman Davis were hostesses Thursday afternoon to the Sonora Woman's Club at the club house. A Yule theme was used in decorations. Mrs. Charles F. Browne presided at a business session. The club voted to install a new book case in the library. Mrs. Rex Lowe, director of music in the elementary school, presented pupils in several musical numbers. Jan Keng gave a reading and Martha Bricker and Carolyn Hall presented vocal solos. Forty-eight members and visitors attended.

FIRE CHIEF WARNS OF CHRISTMAS TREE HAZARD

The center of attraction in most homes, especially with the children, from now until Christmas will be the family Christmas tree. Most families, says Lee Patrick, Chief of the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department, fail to realize that this tree is actually a fire hazard. Every effort should be made to make the tree safe and eliminate the possibility of a fire starting from it. Only trees in good condition be purchased. This means getting a tree that has fresh leaves or needles. If the tree is placed aside for a few days before the decorating job is done, he says it can be kept fresh by making a new cut above the original one and placing it in a container of water. When the tree is moved into the house, it should be left with the trunk in water. Danger from fire is lessened when the leaves or needles contain moisture. Water should be added to the container each day and besides the safety angle, there will be less shedding of leaves or needles, says Simmons. Don't decorate the tree with flammable material. Check the electric light cords that connect the tree light and make repairs if needed. If cotton is used around the base of the tree, use the kind that has been treated for fire retardance. Candles should never be used to light a tree and never block exits from the room with the

1953 FORDS ON DISPLAY AT SONORA MOTOR CO.

The 1952 Ford marking the 50th anniversary of the Ford Motor Company will go on display in 6,400 Ford dealerships across the country Friday, December 12. The new models will be introduced without any increase in present prices. The Sonora Motor Company is the local Ford dealer. A massive new grille with a center spinner characteristic of recent Ford design and a low, road-hugging look, advance the modern Ford styling. And an outstanding improvement in suspension, termed the "miracle ride", heads a list of mechanical improvements. L. D. Crusoe, vice-president of Ford Motor Company and general manager of Ford Division, said: "The 1953 Ford is a worthy successor to all the millions of cars this company has built since the last Henry Ford organized it in June, 1903. "The swing to Ford this past year is the result of only one thing—the great public appeal of our product. And the 1953 Ford has all the features of the current model plus new beauty, comfort, performance and quality throughout." To designate the 1953 Ford as the 50th Anniversary car, a medalion has been placed on the top of the steering column in combination with a new half circle horn ring. Around the Ford crest in the center of the emblem are the words: "50th Anniversary-1903-1953." L. W. Smead, general sale manager of Ford Division, said that Ford's "new miracle ride brings to the high volume field for the first time the smooth riding characteristics of much heavier, costlier cars. It is smoother, softer and permits the car to hug the road at high speeds and low, or rough roads as well as on smooth pavement. It is a ride which must be experienced to be appreciated fully."

Ford again in 1953 leads its field in offering the widest variety and choice of power combinations, safety features and color selections, Mr. Smead said. Only Ford in the high volume class offers both V-8 and 6 cylinder engines with three transmissions—conventional, overdrive and Fordomatic. Emphasizing the longer look of the 1953 Ford is a new chrome molding through the center of the rear fenderline and new jet-tube tail lights with a larger signal area more easily seen from the side or rear. A decorative chrome deck lid handle, mounted below the Ford protected key-opening and key crest, with a concealed, weather spring return, has been added to the new model. The new hub caps feature the Ford name in embossed letters.

tree. It is up to each family to make the holiday season a safe one and those who fail to take into account fire and accident hazards may find their holidays marred by a serious fire or accident.

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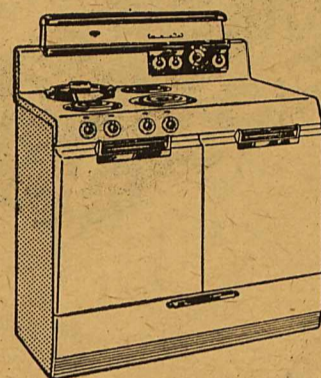


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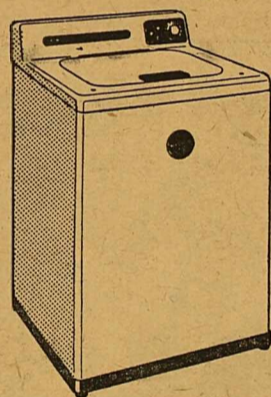
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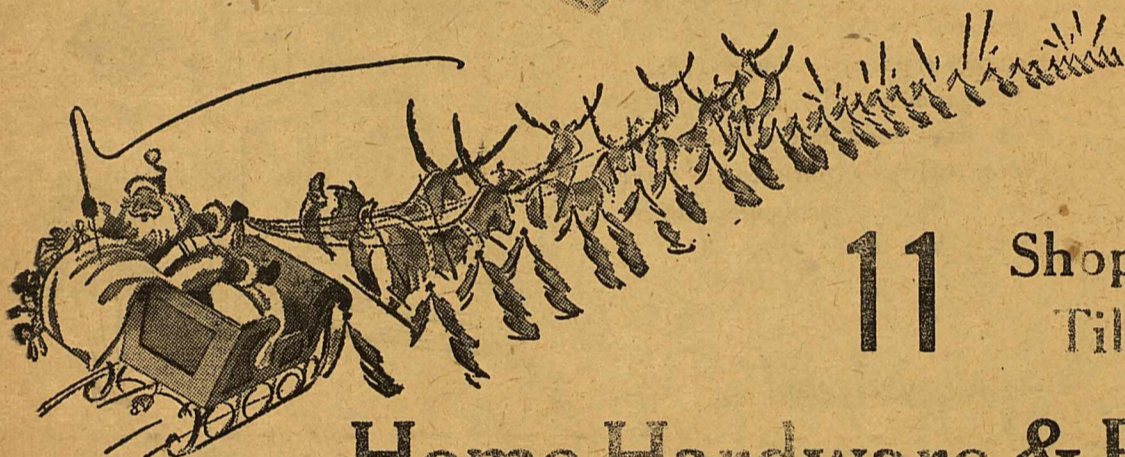
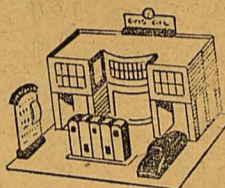
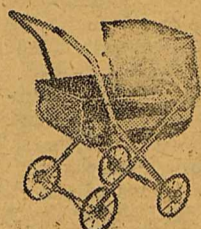
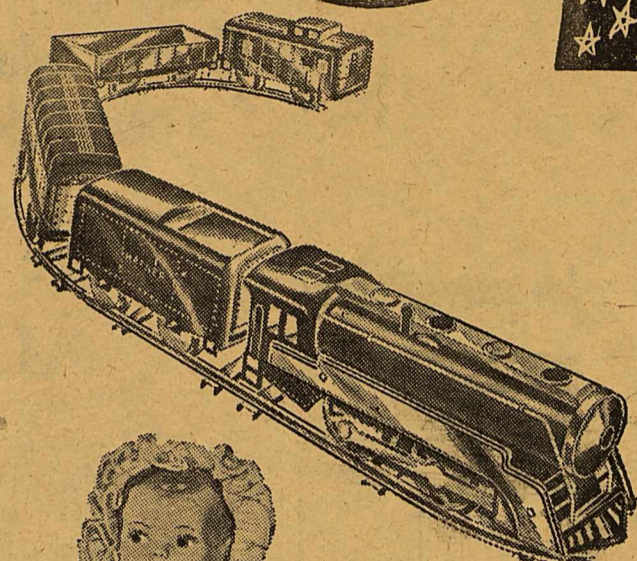
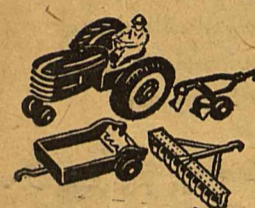
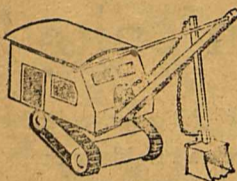
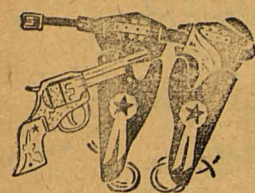
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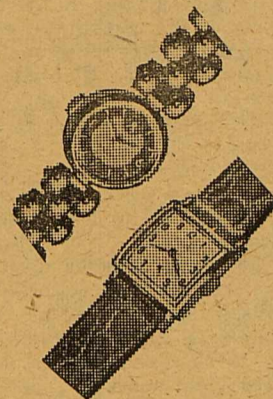
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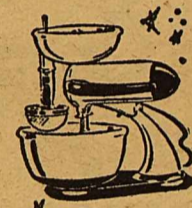


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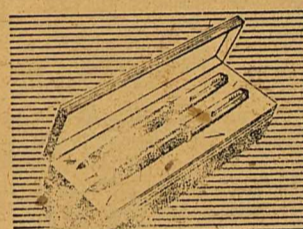
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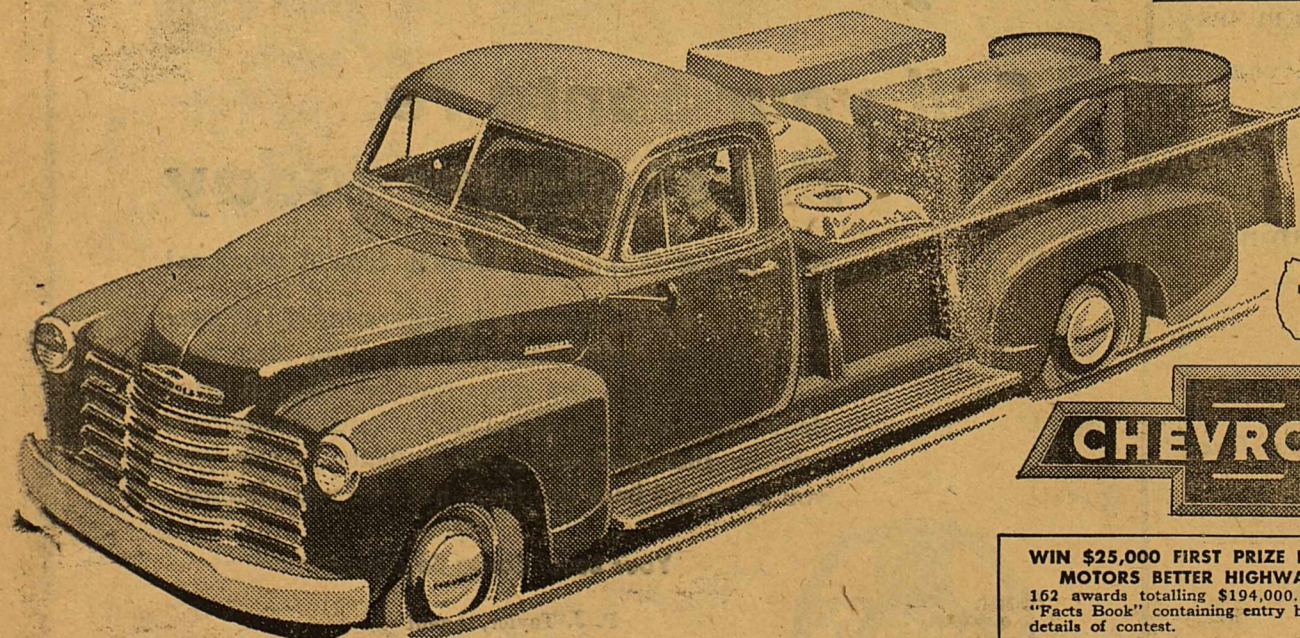
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This announcement was made by R. M. Critchfield, General Manager of Pontiac Motor Division. The new 1953 models will go on display Saturday.

Pontiac list prices for 1953 start at \$1,788.36 for the Chieftain Special Six, two-door sedan. Pontiac's DeLuxe Chieftain Eight, four-door sedan, which is expected to account for about 50% of next year's volume, carries a list price of \$2,009.51. Price reductions on Station Wagons run from \$28.00 to slightly in excess of \$100.

All 1953 Pontiacs will be offered with either a six or eight-cylinder engine with G. M. Hydramatic Drive and Power Steering optional.

Carload-And-Pen Bulls Feature Of Fort Worth Show

The carload and pen division of bulls, which has had a spectacular growth since its establishment five seasons ago, is expected to be again one of the outstanding departments of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, January 30-February 8.

George R. Shepherd of Fort Worth, superintendent of the division, declares that this city was, for a long time, the unquestioned marketing center for replacement bulls and the carload-and-pen division has now re-established Fort Worth's position. Over 600 bulls were shown last year and exposition officials are hopeful the number will be surpassed at the '53 show. Assistant superintendent of the division is Jack Bourland of Fort Worth.

"The small breeders, as well as those with large herds, find the carload-and-pen division appealing because of the different classes featured," Shepherd said, "and, for the same reason, the small, as well as the large, purchaser finds the division attractive."
Herefords will be shown in car-

loads, which can be 12 yearling bulls or 15 senior bull calves or 15 junior bull calves, and also will be shown in pens of five. Shorthorns and Aberdeen-Angus will be shown in pens of five and pens of three. Premiums offered total \$6,335. The American Hereford Association will provide \$1,167.50; the American Shorthorn Breeders Association \$1,000 and the American Aberdeen-Angus Breeders Association \$1,000, with the Shock Show matching each amount.

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 Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11 A. M.

4 Texas 4-H'ers Win State Honors

DISTINCTIVE 17-jewel watches were awarded four Texas 4-H Club members for achieving top rating in Texas for work in the 1952 National 4-H Dairy Foods Demonstrations and Entomology. The winners and brief resumes of their records follow.



Marlene Crofford Mary Wendland
 Marlene Crofford, 17, Rule, and the team of Mary Blanche Wendland, 16, and Bernadine Hoelscher, 15, both of Robstown. Appreciating the importance of milk for good health, they have utilized many new and palatable ways of varying the diet by the use of dairy products. Marlene Crofford gave the best individual demonstration in dairy foods in the state this year. She presented "Eat Your Milk and Drink It Too," to home demonstrations clubs, 4-H Clubs and homemaking classes at school. Mary Blanche and Bernadine's prize-winning demonstration was "Let's Have Easy-Do Cheese Cake". They showed how simple it is to make a delicious cheese cake and stressed the nutritional value in the ingredients, butter, cottage cheese and cream. Chosen state winners, each girl was presented with a 17-jewel wrist watch by the Carnation Company. In carrying out the objectives of this program, the teen-agers learned how to speak well in public, developed poise, good sportsmanship and teamwork. They have likewise performed a genuine cooperative Extension Service.

B. Hoelscher John G. Thomas
 John G. Thomas, 16, of Wellington, was selected by the State Club office as having the most effective 4-H Entomology program in Texas during 1952. The award, a 17-jewel watch, was provided by Hercules Powder company. This program and its study of insect life, opened new vistas and experiences to John. He has specialized in bees and has helped more than 90 people in his county with catching swarms, transferring bees, and inspecting hives for disease. When disease is found he combats it scientifically. He often acts in an advisory capacity and gives talks on bee culture and care. In 1952, with his father's help, he organized a County Beekeepers Association with the aim of learning to control bee disease, learn types of management of bees, and encourage the use of bees as pollinators. John has built his own stock of bees to eight colonies, which he hopes will produce more than a ton of honey this year. Through working with experts and with his own hives he has become an authority on bees. He has been president of his local club for four years.

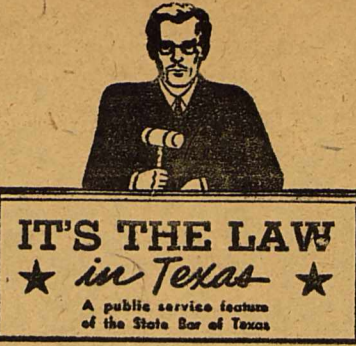
4 Texas 4-H'ers Win State Honors

OUTSTANDING accomplishments in the 1952 National 4-H Frozen Foods, Beautification of Home Grounds, Recreation and Rural Arts, and Meat Animal programs have brought statewide recognition to four Texas 4-H members.



Betty Ann Bonham Elowyn Ellis
 As the climax of an eventful 4-H career, Betty Ann Bonham, 16, of Sumner, was singled out for state honors in the 4-H Frozen Foods program, and will receive the 17-jewel wrist watch award provided by the International Harvester Co. Time and labor-saving methods and other skills acquired during three years in the project, have simplified meal planning in her home. Being able to utilize surplus food-stuff raised at home has also meant a considerable savings in food costs. Besides freezing 194 pints of fruits and vegetables, 379 pounds of beef and pork, and 55 fryers, Betty froze such items as barbecued rabbit, spaghetti and chafé. Practically all of these products were raised on the Bonham farm.
 Beautification of Home Grounds accomplishments not only gave the Ellis family, of Plainview, nicer home surroundings, but merited Elowyn, 15, state honors in the program. Many hours of ingenious planning and hard work were reported since the start of this project in 1949 when the family remodeled the house and Elowyn undertook the job of planning the entire landscaping of the yard and surrounding area. Plans completed, she was busy for the next three years, setting out shade trees, helping to build concrete porches and an outdoor picnic area and furniture, and planting many varieties of flowers and bushes to add beauty around the house, as well as shrubs and hedges to screen the barns. Mrs. Charles K. Walgreen, of Chicago, rewarded Elowyn's efforts with a handsome 17-jewel wrist watch, appropriately inscribed.
 Recreation, a chief contributing factor to family pleasure and community spirit, is an important part of the program. All these programs are conducted under the direction of the Cooperative Extension Service.

Patsy Harris Benno Luensmann
 As the climax of an eventful 4-H career, Patsy Harris, 17, of Plainview, has been selected by the Texas Club office for statewide recognition and will receive a certificate of honor. Recreation leader for the county, Patsy planned the Achievement Banquet and acted as Mistress of Ceremonies. Patsy is president of her local 4-H club. Her records will be among those from 46 other states to be judged for national honors, provided by United States Rubber Co., which consist of 12 educational trips to 4-H Club Congress.
 Cash awards of \$25 for the purchase of recreational equipment also go to counties in which local 4-H Clubs have shown superior achievement in recreation and rural arts.
 Benno Luensmann, 18, of Marion, won the state award for top-notch performance in the 4-H Meat Animal program. Learning the best methods of feeding and management during ten years of club work under his father's leadership, Benno has built up a herd of 179 Duroc Poland China and market hogs. Proceeds from the sales and prices that the animals bring are turned back into the farm and have enabled Benno to own two Jersey and one commercial cows, 100 New Hampshire Red chicks and three steers. As a junior leader, he encouraged younger people to participate in 4-H work and helped club members with their swine projects. This year Benno is president of his local 4-H and treasurer of the county club. As recognition of his accomplishments, Benno was awarded a 17-jewel watch, provided by Thos. E. Wilson, Chicago meat packer.
 All these programs are conducted under the direction of the Cooperative Extension Service.



ESSENTIALS OF CONTRACT EXPLAINED

People often have the mistaken idea that contracts have to be made with great formality, expressed in highly technical language, and executed amid coils of red tape. But this is true only in exceptionally important instances. The simple requisites of a binding contract may be completed in the most informal manner.
 Probably most of the contracts in force today are merely spoken agreements. Many contracts are created by informal letters written by persons to one another. Many are made over the telephone, as when you call up a store and they agree to deliver some goods your order. Much of the world's grain supply is bought and sold, in the first instance, merely by hand signals in the great Pit in Chicago.

If the contract is of importance, involving substantial sums of money or vital services, it is a good idea to reduce its terms to writing to minimize the possibilities of fraud and misunderstanding. Details of oral understandings are easily forgotten or misinterpreted, but written contracts endure unchanged. And, if a difference of opinion must be settled in court, a written agreement speaks for itself.

Certain kinds of contracts, such as those involving the sale of real estate or the lease of real estate for more than a year, will not be enforced in the courts unless written. In the same category are contracts wherein one person undertakes to stand good for the debt of another and those which are not to be performed within one year from the date on which the agreement is made.

In order to create a valid contract of any sort, each party involved must be legally competent to enter into the agreement. Each must be sane and of legal age. A contract entered into by a male or unmarried female under 21 is voidable at the option of the minor (but not at the option of the other party). A married woman is competent to contract if 18 or over, but she is subject to a number of contractual restrictions because of her marriage.

To be enforceable, a contract must be entered into freely by each party involved. Their consent must be genuine. Compulsion or coercion will make the agreement void. Mistake, misrepresentation or fraud may also serve to invalidate a contract.

Another requirement of a contract is that each party shall perform some part of it. Similarly,

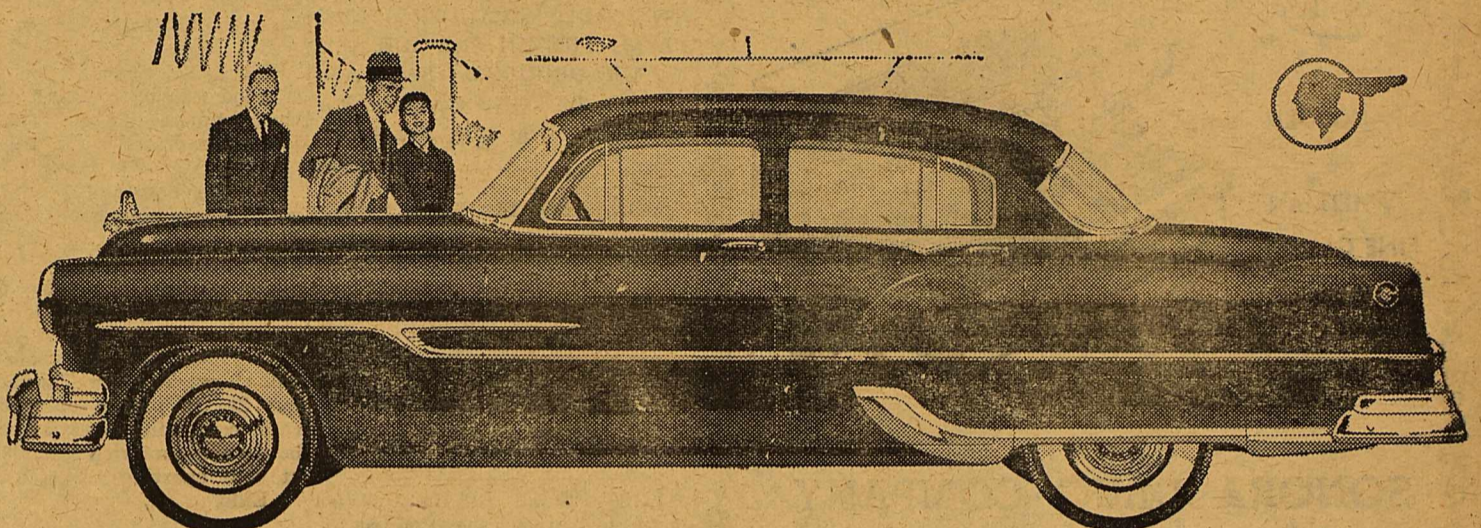
there must be some object or benefit to be gained by each party. In return for your work, your employer agrees to pay you certain sums of money. He gains the use of your service, while you are benefited by the wages or salary received.
 Also, a contract must be entered into for a lawful purpose. You cannot enter into a binding contract to commit a crime or to evade the law. Thus, since gambling and wagers are prohibited by law, gambling debts cannot be collected by legal process. Nor will the court enforce an agreement to pay interest in excess of the legal maximum provided by statute.
 (This column, based on Texas law, is written to inform-not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who knows the facts, because the facts may change the application of the law.)

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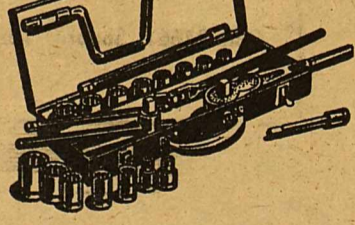
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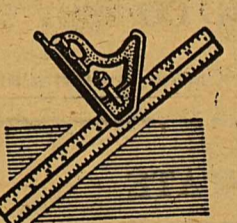
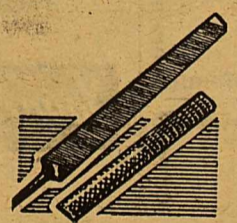
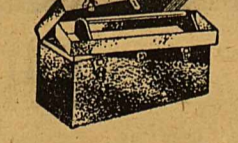
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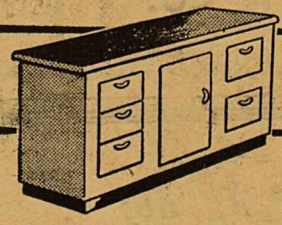
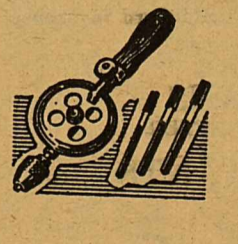
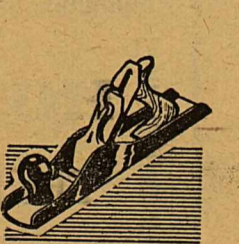
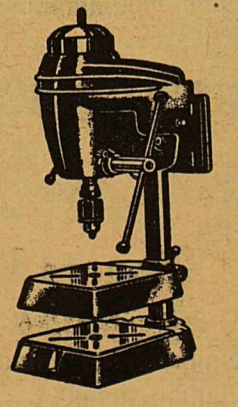
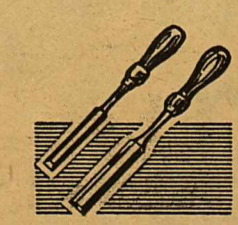
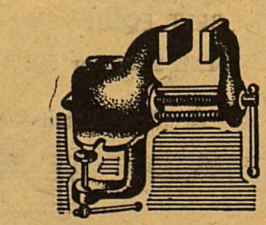
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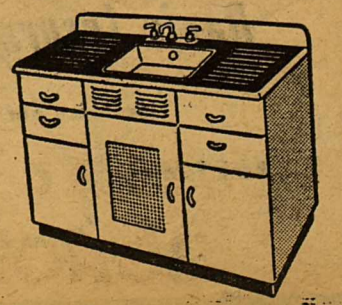
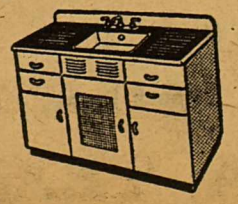
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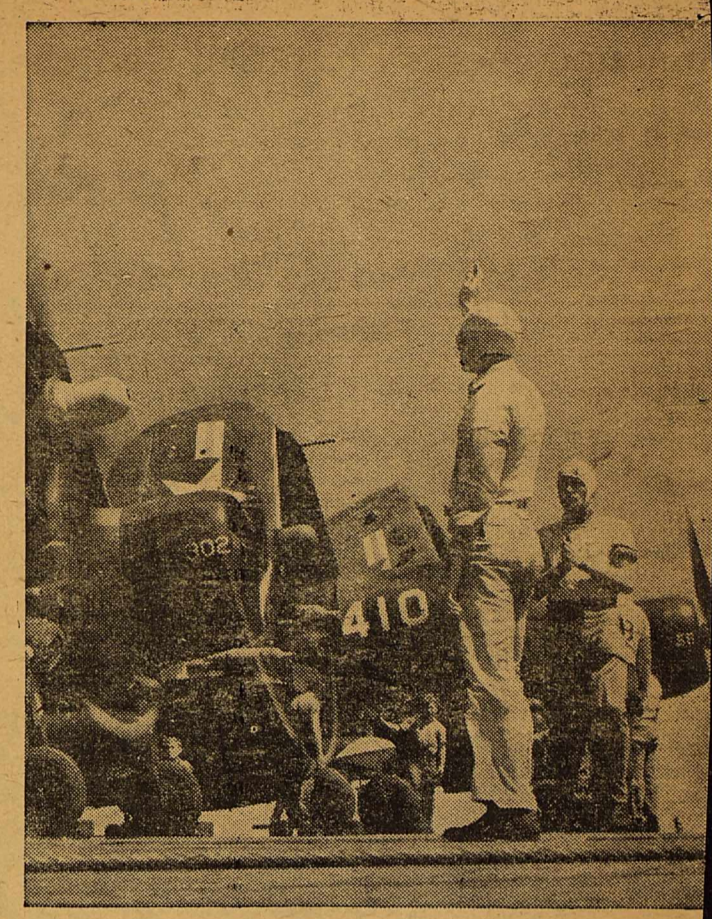
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