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## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Settle and small daughter, Joan, moved Tuesday from Friona to Amarillo, where they hope to secure employment.

District Attorney John B. Honts of Dalhart was a visitor in Friona Wednesday afternoon, and while here favored the Star Office with a few minutes visit.

Many of our people express a sincere hope that the Regal Theatre may open for business again sometime within the near future, and there are some indications that their hopes may be realized.

James Lee White, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. White, and Roy Ezell, son of Mrs. Mulkey Ezell, were received into the U. S. navy after passing final examination early this week and left for Norfolk, Va., where they will be fully inducted to the service and where they will be stationed temporarily.

Clarence Baxter is gradually improving from a pneumonia attack.

Dr. C. D. Kelton, of Hereford, was a business visitor in Friona Tuesday afternoon and while here paid the Star Office a highly appreciated visit.

Mrs. W. B. Stark was in Clovis Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bennett transacted business in Amarillo Tuesday.

Opal Jones transacted business in Amarillo Friday.

Mrs. Lily Rhodes and son, Lynden, of Bovina spent the week end in the C. L. Rury home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ayres of Bovina and Mr. and Mrs. Levi Johnson and family of Oklahoma Lane, and Mr. Henson visited in Friona Sunday.

Roland Hankins of Altus, Okla., is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Arthur Hilton, who has been seriously ill, is little improved at present.

Mrs. Tommy Wilburn was in Clovis, Saturday.

Mrs. Grace Hart and small daughter, Eida, left for Dallas Monday night, where they went for an inspection of Eida's injured leg at the Scottish Rites Hospital. They planned to return Thursday.

Rev. and Mrs. Joe Wilson received a letter from their son, Joe Earl, who is in the U. S. Marine Corps, and who has been stationed at San Diego, Calif., informing them that he was on ship board, bound for an unknown port. Joe could not even give the name of the ship, but said he had nice comfortable quarters.

## Save Burlap Bag Two-Thirds Jute Supply Frozen

Latest defense shortage to hit agriculture is that of burlap bags, of which only a very limited supply will be available this year, according to the Parmer County A. A. A. office. Two-thirds of the jute supply, from which burlap bags are made, has been frozen with army, navy and civilian defense having first call on this staple.

In view of this anticipated shortage in agriculture, the Office of Agricultural Defense Relations has drafted a number of suggestions for the conservation of burlap, some of which are as follows:

Avoid ripping burlap bags; use no hook which might damage the bags; handle sacks with reasonable care and avoid dropping or rupturing the bag; hang all bags in the sun to prevent mildew or rot; store bags in a high dry place and inspect frequently; sort into bundles all bags that can be used to repackage the same commodity. The local AAA office requests farmers to comply with these suggestions to avoid a serious shortage.

## Collect Scrap Iron, Help Lick Japs, Advice Of USDA Defense

### Orange Grovers Pick a Peach



Caroline Goode has been selected by the Florida Citrus Commission as Citrus Queen for 1942. "A glass of orange juice a day keeps the fat away," is her slogan. Looks prove it.

Collection and sale of scrap iron and steel is only one of the many ways Parmer county farmers can help lick the Japs, the Nazis and the Fascists, according to Mr. Olan N. Schlueter, chairman of the Parmer county USDA defense board.

Growing needs of a nation at war serve to intensify demand for steel and scrap iron to feed the hungry mouths of arms factories, the defense board chairman said.

Urgent appeal is also made to the public to gather up steel and scrap and carry it to nearest dealers for use in charging the nation's steel furnaces.

"We're not asking that you give your scrap to your country. We're asking that you sell it at prevailing prices for immediate defense use," Mr. Schlueter said in explaining that financial returns cannot be expected to be large but result will be of untold values to farmers in their whole victory effort.

Mr. Schlueter explained that prices for scrap vary in different sections since dealers deduct costs of transporting scrap from shipping point to mill, as well as preparation charges.

"It's just another way of saying that we're at our posts on the farm front," the chairman said. "We're in this war to win, and each of us will have to do his part to get the job done."

### McReynolds Appointed To Civilian Defense Job

Beginnings of civilian defense work in Friona were made this week with the appointment by Mayor F. W. Reeve of Dr. R. J. McReynolds as chairman of the health and emergency medical services for the City of Friona.

J. A. Blackwell and Howard Morris are the other two members of the local civilian defense committee and according to announcements from the state office of civilian defense, complete civilian defense plans for Friona will be worked out under the direction of the mayor and his committee.

## Booth Announces For Sheriff Job

Sheriff Earl Booth has authorized the Star to announce his candidacy for re-election to the office of sheriff and tax collector of Parmer County subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.

In making his announcement Sheriff Booth stated that he has tried at all times to be an efficient and willing officer and feels that he has discharged his duties satisfactorily.

In asking for support of Parmer County voters, Sheriff Booth pledges himself to continue doing his best to serve the interests of all the citizens and to perform his duties faithfully.

## Carl Maurer Host At Free Show Saturday

A free movie—two timely technical sound pictures—is scheduled for showing in Friona Saturday afternoon, when Maurer Machinery Company will be hosts to people of the Friona territory at the Regal Theatre. "Register for our free tickets, starting at one o'clock," says Carl Maurer, owner, adding that the pictures will be shown all afternoon with final showing scheduled for 7:30 o'clock Saturday night.

The pictures on the program are especially interesting at this time, Mr. Maurer points out, since they show scenes in China, Singapore, the Dutch East Indies—in fact nearly every part of the Far East where the war is being fought at present. The other picture on the double bill shows historical points of interest and natural wonders of the United States, together with a study of the nation gearing for defense and the part being played by agriculture in the race for victory.

Mr. Maurer extends a cordial invitation to every family in the territory to attend this interesting program.

## Friona Trims Farwell In Double-Header Here

In a game played with the Farwell Steers, long time rivals of the Chiefs, the Chiefs came through with flying colors with the score standing at 48 to 44 when the game was over. So far in the basketball season, the Chiefs have lost only two games and won thirteen.

The Friona girls team played the Farwell girls team and they also came through with the score of 39 to 7 in favor of the Friona girls when the game was over. The Squaws have not lost a game in the basketball season. Only two of the "first-string" girls played, with second and third string players gaining experience in the game.

## Star Office Now In Weir Building

The office of the Friona Star was moved last Saturday from the W. H. Warren building on 6th Street, west of Main, to the Glenn Weir building on East Sixth Street.

The Star had occupied a room in the Warren Building since it was built about 11 years ago, but having disposed of much of its equipment, the newspaper office no longer needs such large quarters.

Friends are invited to come to the Star Office in its new location.

## Gilbert Baker Joins The Coast Guard

With the enlistment last Wednesday of Gilbert Baker, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Baker of Friona had six sons in the army. All six men have been voluntary enlistees.

Gilbert joined the Coast Guard and has been sent to New Orleans for training.

Sgt. Oliver Baker of Camp Bowie visited his parents briefly last week as he was returning to camp from Wichita Falls.

Sgt. Raymond Baker, who has been stationed at Camp Bowie, was transferred last week to San Antonio, from where he expected to be transferred soon to Ft. Sill, Okla.

## Jess Mitchell To Preach Here Again This Sunday

Jess Mitchell of Muleshoe, who preached at the Friona Congregational Church last Sunday will fill the pulpit again this Sunday at the morning worship hour, it was announced this week.

Mr. Mitchell's message last Sunday was greeted enthusiastically by his audience and it is hoped that a good crowd will hear him again this week.

His topic will be "The Magnetism of Mystery."

## FOR VICTORY



Talbot's cartoon courtesy of Washington

## Parity And Conservation Payments Will Be Delayed for Crop Ins. Work

A great many farmers have been inquiring at this office with reference to their 1941 Parity and Conservation payments. We quote the following letter which has just been received from the State Office and which we believe will explain the delay in receiving these payments.

"At this time the work being done by the State Office primarily has to do with cotton crop insurance and auditing and certifying Forms SR-514, Applications For Payment. Due to the tremendous amount of computations necessary in handling these two programs and because it is very difficult to secure machine operators during this period of emergency, it is impossible to employ personnel sufficient to handle the work as fast as it is received from the counties. It therefore follows that either the cotton crop insurance work or the application for payment work must be considerably curtailed. Because it is absolutely imperative that the cotton crop insurance work be completed pri-

or to the closing date for accepting insurance applications, it is not deemed advisable to curtail this work in any way. Therefore, it will be necessary for the State Office to greatly limit the number of applications for payment which may be approved daily.

In the past most payments were issued within a comparatively short time from the date the application was received. As producers no doubt have by now become accustomed to fairly prompt payments, it is likely that many of those who have already signed applications will be inquiring of county officials as to why they have not received payment. It will be greatly appreciated if all county offices will explain all of the circumstances as to why payments are not being issued promptly and discourage the producers from contacting this office as to why they have not received payments. Unless the inquiries directed to this office can be held to a minimum, employees now being used in con-

## Allies Get Re-inforcements In Far East As Axis Forces Continue Retreat In Europe

### A. D. Smith Asks Re-Election

The Star is authorized to announce in this issue, the candidacy of A. D. Smith, of Farwell, for re-election to the office of County Attorney, an office that he has held during the past two terms.

Mr. Smith states that he has put forth his best efforts in the interest of Parmer County citizens and that he believes he has done an efficient job as County Attorney. In asking for re-election he pledges himself to continue serving the people of the county to the best of his ability.

## Farm Work Is Progressing As Farm Prices Up

Though cold weather in the last two weeks has hampered farming operations, farmers report most of the row crop as stacked, stored in bins or already at market.

A few have begun their winter listing in preparation for spring crops, and a few are sowing winter barley.

Grain prices are going gradually higher, and maize was quoted at 80 cents per cwt. on the local market on Wednesday, as against 60 cents at harvest time last fall. Conditions indicate still higher prices and farmers are hopeful.

A part of last week the temperature ran down close to the zero mark, but has been more moderate this week, but no moisture of any consequence has been received.

In connection with the application for payment work will necessarily have to be withdrawn to assist in the handling of correspondence.

Very truly yours,  
B. F. Vance  
Administrative Officer in Charge.

All farmers in Parmer county should be guided by the above letter and not write the State office concerning any anticipated 1941 payments.

War news of the week saw Japanese inroads continuing in Malaya with increased Japanese action against the Dutch East Indies, where the Dutch defenders reported only slight gains by Jap landing parties in Borneo.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's stubborn stand in Luzon continued, with American forces reporting heavy casualties on Jap invaders who tried to dislodge them from strong defense positions. Allied strategy seemed to be a delaying fight to hold Jap troops at Luzon which are urgently needed elsewhere.

Both air and land reinforcements—the first to reach the British Far East in more than a month of war with Japan—have arrived in Burma, and more are on the way. Landing of reinforcements at Burma indicated that Burma might become the base for a strong counter-attack against Japan, when the master allied war plan get under way.

In Europe, Germany's reverses continue with signs of disunion showing up among the axis satellite powers and an increased tendency on the part of Turkey, France and Spain to hold out against German demands for troop passage through their countries.

Internationally, interest is fixed on Rio de Janeiro, where Pan American diplomats are meeting to work out a solid front of the Americas against the Axis. Flies in the ointment appear to be Argentina, which has always shied from full cooperation with the United States, and Ecuador, which demands settlement of a boundary dispute with Peru, before looking to matters farther afield.

In domestic affairs, the big news of the week was the appointment of Donald M. Nelson as production czar for America's war effort. The appointment came in answer to a long-felt need for a one man head for war production and elimination of "debating society" methods.

### BOY SENDS \$428 TO FDR TO HELP WIN THE WAR

Royal Oak, Mich.—Teddy Burton, 11 wrote to the President: "I am 11, and can't join the marines but am sending you \$428.88 to help win the war." The sum, his entire bank account, was withdrawn with the permission of his parents, turned into a cashier's check and mailed to the president.

## Lee Thompson Candidate Again

This issue of the Star contains the announcement of County Judge Lee Thompson as a candidate for re-election for the ensuing term.

Judge Thompson in announcing his candidacy states that he has tried at all times to conduct his office in the best interests of the citizens of Parmer County.

The county judge states that he will use his experience as a judge in serving the people in the fairest and most efficient way possible.

## Former Friona Woman Clayton Club Leader

Mrs. Martha Rutherford, formerly of Friona and now of Clayton, N. M., where she is president of the Junior Woman's Club, was leader last week at a club meeting which stressed Americanism and the defense savings program.

Mrs. Rutherford gave a talk on the defense bond program and led in the adoption of a resolution urging concerted club action in support of the program.

Contagious abortion in hogs is becoming a serious problem in many breeding herds. The disease can be controlled by methods similar to those used for dairy herds.





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## POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Parmer County

**FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY:**  
A. D. SMITH  
**For Sheriff, Tax Collector:**  
EARL BOOTH  
**For Commissioner Precinct No. 1:**  
C. A. WICKARD  
**For County Judge and School Superintendent:**  
LEE THOMPSON

### POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector of Parmer County, subject to the decision of the Democratic Primary Election.

I respectfully solicit the support of all the voters of the county and assure you that if elected, I will give you the best service within my power.  
Earl Booth

### TO THE VOTERS OF PARMER COUNTY:

For the past three years I have had the pleasure of acting as your County Judge and County Superintendent of Schools and it truly has been a pleasure to me to act in this capacity. Your hearty cooperation has made the work a pleasure. Without your cooperation it could have been far different.

I have made some mistakes and have not always been right in all my decisions, but with the experience that I have had now I feel like I am in a better position to serve you now than in the past. I truly will appreciate your support for re-election in the July Primary.  
Lee Thompson

### POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby present my name as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Attorney of Parmer County, subject to the decision of the Democratic Primary Election.

I solicit the support of all the voters of the county, and, if elected, will give to them the same careful and painstaking service that I have rendered during the past. I like my job and want to keep it.  
Respectfully,  
A. D. Smith.

## Civil Service Lists

### Positions Open Now

The U. S. Civil Service Commission in cooperation with the Army Air Corps is endeavoring to secure additional applications for employment in a civilian capacity in various Aircraft positions. The need at this time is extremely urgent in the following positions:

- Aircraft Electrician, \$1860 per year; Junior Aircraft Electrician, \$1650 per year; Aircraft Mechanic, \$1860 per year; Junior Aircraft Mechanic, \$1650 per year; Aircraft Engine Mechanic, \$1860 per year; Junior Aircraft Engine Mechanic, \$1650 per year; Aircraft Instrument Mechanic, \$1860 per year; Junior Aircraft Instrument Mechanic, \$1650 per year; Aircraft Painter, \$1860 per year; Junior Aircraft Painter, \$1650 per year; Aircraft Sheetmetal Worker, \$1860 per year; Junior Aircraft Sheetmetal Worker, \$1650 per year; Aircraft Welder, \$1860 per year; Junior Aircraft Welder, \$1650 per year; Aircraft Woodworker, \$1860 per year; Junior Aircraft Woodworker, \$1650 per year; Machinist, \$1860 per year; Junior Machinist, \$1650 per year; Aircraft Propeller Mechanic, \$1860 per year; Junior Aircraft Propeller Mechanic, \$1650 per year; Leather and Canvas Worker, \$1860 per year; Junior Leather and Canvas Worker, \$1650 per year; Helper Leather and Canvas Worker, \$1320 per year; Electroplater, \$1860 per year; Molder (Non-ferrous metals), \$1860 per year.

Immediate appointments are to be made to the positions listed above at the San Antonio Air Depot, Duncan Field, San Antonio, Texas and to various sub-depots

of the San Antonio Air Depot located at Abilene, Ellington Field, Harlingen, Lubbock, Midland, Mission, Sherman, San Angelo, Victoria, Waco and Wichita Falls, in Texas and Baton Rouge, Barksdale Field, Lake Charles and New Orleans in Louisiana.

It is particularly desired to secure applications from persons residing at or in the immediate vicinity of the places mentioned. In many instances, preference in filling vacancies will be given to persons residing at or in the immediate vicinity of the place of employment. Persons who have had experience in the occupations listed or persons having experience in like occupations are requested to immediately call on the Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners at the Post Office, or in New Orleans at the Customhouse, and secure complete information with respect to qualifications required. Application blanks and necessary forms may be secured from the Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners at the Post Office.

Persons found qualified for these positions will be offered appointment in a civilian capacity under the jurisdiction of the Army Air Corps. The Air Corps needs civilian employees qualified to perform work in connection with the maintenance and repair of Aircraft. This need cannot be underlined too heavily. The necessary workers must be found and must be found without delay.

Qualified applicants are urged to file their applications immediately.

## Bellview News

MRS. R. H. JOHNSTON

Grandfather Mitchell, who had a stroke, is somewhat improved. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rector and family of the Bippus community spent Sunday with Mrs. Rector's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Northcutt. Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Green and daughter, Helen, have moved to California. Mr. Green formerly worked at the Rosedale Store.

Red Mitchell is building a two room house across the road north of his home.

Floyd Northcutt, who has been home for a visit, left Sunday to go back to camp at Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Johnston and son, Donald, of Roswell, N. M., were visiting friends and relatives in this community over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ingrahm of Roswell were visiting relatives in this community over the week end.

Mrs. M. A. Johnston has been sick with the flu this week.

## Westway Items

By RUTH TUCKER

Mr. and Mrs. V. Skypala and son, Elwood, Roscoe McCutcheon and Mrs. Orville Houser went to Amarillo on business this week.

James Johnson of Adrian spent this week end with his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Wolfington and family.

Visitors in the T. B. Cox home Sunday were Mrs. Cox's mother and brother of Tulla.

Monte Max Dodson spent this week end with Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Gunn.

Claude Goldston of Dallas is visiting his father, H. D. Goldston and family this week. Mr. Goldston just got out of the army and expects to return to it soon.

Mrs. Jack Flowers visited Sunday in the home of Mrs. Pauline Waldron of Hereford and Mrs. Otis Whitfill who is here from Oakland, Calif., visiting her mother, Mrs. Waldron.

Mrs. J. S. Earp spent a week with her daughters and a son of White Deer recently. She returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Merritt and son, G. C., Jr., who have been staying at the Maurice Tannahill home for some time moved this week to Wyche where they will work for Mr. Newsom.

George Turrentine of Hereford visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Werner Sunday.

Mrs. V. Flowers of Hereford spent Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Gore.

Grady Parsons spent Sunday in Estelline and Sunday night with his mother-in-law, Mrs. J. A. Pool of Clarendon, Texas.

Mary Lynn Morrison, Mrs. Buren Sowell, Mrs. Maurice Tannahill, Mrs. W. F. Ponder, Mrs. Orville Houser, Opal Jane Bookout and Elvin Wade have been on the sick list this week.

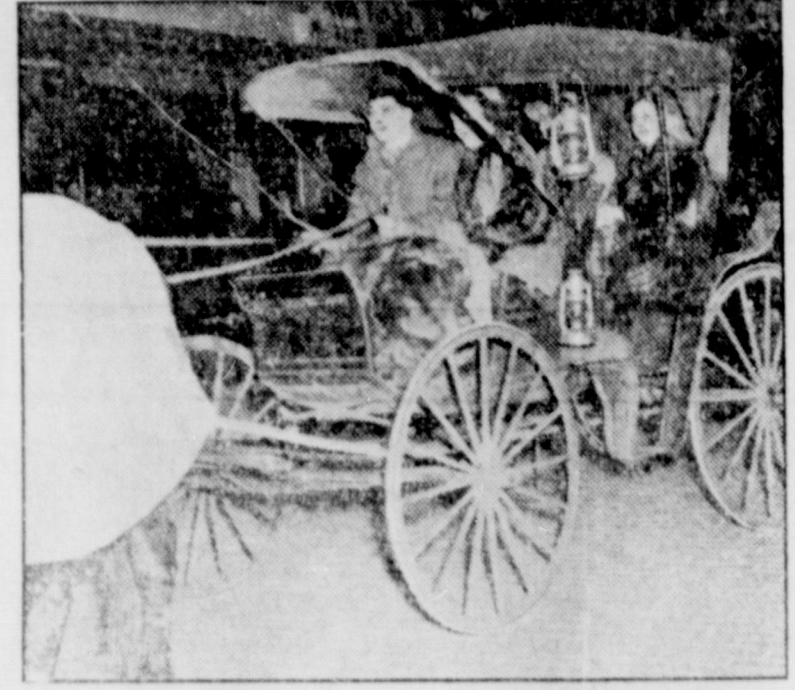
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Tannahill have been removing a partition and repapering a portion of their home this week.

There were 52 present at Sunday School Sunday. Making birthday offerings were Mrs. F. A. Tucker, Mrs. Joe Landers, Mrs. Travis Dixon, Rose and Weldon Stephan and Kenneth Rudd.

Travis Dixon, school principal and Willie Landers received call this week to report for army physical examination.

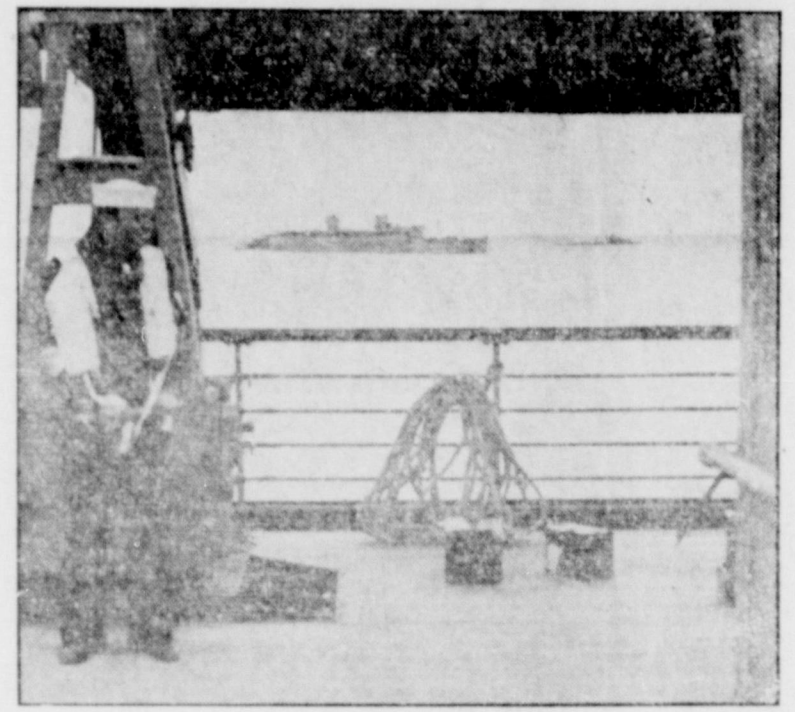
Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Theut of Post, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morrison, Monday.

## Don't Spare the Horses



Springing their cars and tires, two Cleveland, O., couples brought old dobbin and the gig out of oblivion and started out on their dates in this fashion. Accessories that helped in winter weather included blankets, hot bricks, ear muffs, and the old gas lanterns.

## Reinforce Americans in Pacific



Wearing lifebelts which never left them during their crossing, soldiers, sailors and technicians sail in a convoy to reinforce American garrisons in the Pacific war zone. Here a transport follows its destroyer "watch dog," as seen from the deck of another.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shirley and daughters visited Tuesday night in the home of Mr. Shirley's brother, G. L. Shirley of Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Skypala and sons spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Irbeck and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Artho of Umbarger.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Thomas of Roswell, N. M., moved Saturday to the Paul Mathers home where they are now working.

The next meeting of the Parent-Teacher's Association is scheduled for Friday night, Jan. 23. Those on the program committee are Paul Radd, M. S. Roy Lee Wilson and Mrs. Berling Kaul.

G. C. Morrison, H. D. Goldston, Buren Sowell and M. D. Stephan met at the school house Tuesday to fix the windmill. The school house is proud to exhibit new window shades also.

Members of Mr. Dixon's sixth grade received candy bars Monday for a 100 per cent class last week. Those to whom Mr. Dixon gave the candy were Ava Gore, Curtis Ponder, G. W. Smith and Margaret Sowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Kaul and sons returned home Sunday from a visit to relatives in Kansas.

G. F. Shirley and daughter, Nadine, spent Saturday and Sunday in Levelland where they visited Mrs. Shirley's sister, Mrs. Ethel Conley.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dishman and daughter, Lavane, spent Friday and Saturday in Clarendon where they visited Mr. Dishman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Dishman. The Dishman's plan to move to Clarendon soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shirley and daughters visited Mrs. Bennie Messenger of Hereford, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hays of Black visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bookout Sunday.

Elwyn Hartman spent Sunday night with friends in Hereford.

Mrs. G. Probasco of Amarillo visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Inman Sunday.

Miss Marjorie Morrison spent Saturday night and Sunday with her grandmother, Mrs. J. E. Morrison, of South Hereford.

J. P. McCutchen left Saturday for East Texas, where he will visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Lawrence of Hereford and V. C. Short of Clarkston, Wash., were visitors in the home of Mrs. Lawrence's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Gunn, Saturday.

Mrs. C. P. Grimes of Hereford was a visitor in the Bill Rice home Sunday.

We are proud to say that our community is doing its share in the defense program by buying defense stamps and bonds. Travis Dixon, reports that he has sold about 15 dollars worth of defense stamps to school children.

## FRIONA CONSUMERS MEET

Cards are out announcing the stock-holders meeting of the Friona Consumers Company Inc., which will be held in the auditorium of the Regal Theatre, Saturday, Jan. 17, beginning at 1:30 p. m. The call is made by Elmer Euler, Secretary of the company.

## IMMANUEL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

of Rhea, Texas  
First Sunday after Epiphany  
Sunday School and Bible Class at 2:15 p. m.  
Divine Worship at 3:00 p. m.  
Sunday evening—Waltham League Business Meeting and Bible Baseball on Luke 3-5.

You are cordially invited to worship with us.  
Karl W. Keller, Pastor.

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## Malone's Creamery

ROY VAUGHN, Manager

## Summerfield

MRS. JIM CLARK

These warmer days are really appreciated after our extreme cold of last week. Farmers are stacking feed in an attempt to clear the fields before more bad weather sets in.

Several from this community took tires to Amarillo last week to have them retreaded. Among these were Thurman and B. A. Atchley and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lee and baby. Mrs. Lee visited the Otis Lee's brother of Carl, while in Amarillo.

Mrs. L. L. Beck of Amarillo visited Mrs. Jim Clark and Mrs. C. R. Walser Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ratcliff and family of Amarillo spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George DeLozier and family.

Letters have been received from G. H. Whitaker and Louie Huckert thanking the people of this community for the Christmas boxes which were sent them. G. H. is at Fort Bliss, El Paso (Battery C. 62nd. Bn.); Louie is somewhere in Utah but this writer failed to contact his parents for the correct address.

Mrs. Ray Johnson and Billie Ray were in Amarillo Saturday. Sunday School attendance climbed to 68 Sunday, a gain of more than 50 over the previous Sunday. A new year's work is beginning and all are urged to attend regularly.

A group from the Church began an Every Member Canvass Monday so that plans can be completed for the following year's work.

Announcements were made Sunday for the following important meetings: The Quarterly Meeting of the Tierra Blanca W. M. U. to be held at Hereford on Jan. 15 at 10 o'clock, a. m. and a joint Sunday school and Training Union Meeting to be held Jan. 23 at Canyon, beginning at 9:45 o'clock. A number of the ladies plan to attend the W. M. U. Meeting in Hereford this week and Rev. Rexrode has asked that 15 or 20 attend the meeting in Canyon.

The School Cafeteria is progressing nicely. The Study Club is planning a "shower" for the cafeteria Thursday. The regular club meeting will meet in the cafeteria as Mrs. Lee Curry, the Supervisor is hostess for that day. Plans are to be launched for saving our waste papers, magazines, etc., for the cafeteria. So let's all begin saving them now if we aren't already. In this way we can help a local concern as well as national defense.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Walser plan to attend a birthday celebration for Mrs. J. C. Lance in Hereford, Tuesday night.

## NEWS IN THE WORLD

### OF RELIGION

By W. W. REID

"It is human for our hearts to respond with anger against the ruthless acts which without warning have shattered peace," says Secretary Robert W. Searles of the Greater New York Federation of Churches. "But every one of us who pretends to speak in the name of Christ must submit his heart to the purgation of the Divine Spirit before he gives public utterance, lest the word or tone of hate creeping into speech make any of us responsible to the Christ. . . . Somehow or other we must do our utmost to stem a natural growth of hatred for the people of other nations whose leaders have made them our enemies. Failure here means jeopardy of the future, and destroys in advance the opportunity of bringing to life

from out this awful gestation the world we long to see. The birth of that new world is the main responsibility before us. While all others will become increasingly absorbed in the winning of a war, the church must augment a thousandfold its efforts for the winning of genuine peace and creation of a new human order. To that task we must bring not only energy but daring realism. We must face the issues of it in our national as well as in our international life."

Three thousand representative Methodist laymen and ministers from the states of Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida are expected to attend a "Missionary Council" called to meet in the War Memorial Auditorium of Nashville from January 27 to 30 to consider the home and foreign missionary outlook of the denomination and of the entire Christian church. In addition to a dozen bishops and other leaders of the Methodist Church, these persons will be on the program: D. E. Stanley Jones, noted author and evangelist of India; Dr. George A. Buttrick, president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ; Dr. A. L. Warnshuis, secretary of the International Missionary Council; Dr. Y. C. Yang, Chinese president of Soochow University, China; Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, missionary leader; and Dr. Roy L. Smith, lecturer and author, of Chicago.

There are 1700 American Protestant missionaries still in service in the war areas of Asia despite the fact that several hundred have been withdrawn from Japan, Formosa, Korea, and Manchuria during recent months, according to the Rev. J. J. Mickle, secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. This body represents practically all the evangelical denominations and missionary agencies in the United States and Canada. In addition to these 1700 there are several hundred Protestant missionaries sent out from Europe and from the British Isles. American missionary workers are serving as follows: in Japan, 82; in Korea, 29; in Japan-occupied China, 862; in Indo-China, 56; in Thailand, 83; in British Malaya, 69; in the Netherlands East Indies, 59; in the Philippine Islands, 44; while 47 are known to be on the high seas en route to or from the United States. In addition to this group, there are more than 2,000 American Protestant missionaries in various parts of Free China, 300 in Burma, and several in various islands of Oceania.

Mindanao, the second largest island in the Philippine archipelago, is the chief home of the Moros who are followers of Mohammed and have generally been regarded as a warlike people. The Jesuits have had churches in Mindanao (Diocese of Zamboanga) for several centuries, and thousands of the people are Catholics. The American Board (Congregationalists) has had medical work in Davao (the Japanese center) since 1904, and a hospital since 1911. The Protestant Episcopal, the Seventh-Day Adventist and the Christian and Missionary Alliance denominations also serve on this island of 37,000 square miles. But Mohammedanism, now 600 years on Mindanao, is the principal religion of the people.

## Want Ads

WANTED: Sewing; also button-hole work. Prices Reasonable. Mrs. Horace Simpson, Friona, Texas. 25-11p

LOST: One good tarp, about

10x16 feet, somewhere in Friona. Finder please return to Cecil Malone and receive reward. Cecil Malone 20-4c

We Specialize in brake re-lining. Bring in your brake shoes and we will do the rest. Our new burnisher affords 100 per cent contact with drum. MILLER AUTO STORE, Hereford, Texas. 22-4c

FOR SALE: 80 acres, south half of NW quarter, Section two, Twp. 4, Range 4, Parmer County, Texas. One half Royalty in tract. F. D. Barber, 1509, Nw 6th St., Oklahoma City, Okla. 22-4td

FREE PISTON RING SERVICE: Bring us your old pistons. We will install new rings; McQuay-Norris or Hastings, engineered sets and factory duplications for Cars, Trucks, and Tractors. Miller Auto Store, Hereford, Texas. 22-4tc

FOR SALE: 1 thoroughbred white-face bull, coming 3 years old, 1 thoroughbred black bull, coming 1 year. Six good milkers, fresh soon. 200 bu. winter band feed. W. F. Cogdill.

FOR SALE: Two pure bred Short-horn bulls. Ready for service. Elmer Euler, Friona, Tex. 22-3tc

## LEGAL NOTICE

### THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: John Wittorff, and Jennie Wittorff, and the unknown heirs and legal representatives of John Wittorff and Jennie Wittorff, and Lizzie M. Bigelow, who is a non-resident of the State of Texas, and the unknown heirs and legal representatives of Lizzie M. Bigelow.

GREETING: You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 19th day of January, A. D., 1942, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable District Court of Parmer County, at the Court House in Farwell, Texas. Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 4 day of December, 1941.

The file number of said suit being No. 1238. The names of the parties in said suit are: John Lynn as Plaintiff, and John Wittorff, and Jennie Wittorff, and the unknown heirs and legal representatives of John Wittorff and Jennie Wittorff, and Lizzie M. Bigelow and her unknown heirs and legal representatives.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows to wit: Plaintiff sues in trespass to try title, alleging that on date of Dec. 1, 1941, he was the owner in fee simple and in possession of the following described lands:

All of the Southwest one quarter (SW-1-4) of Section Number Twelve (12), Township One North, Range Three East, League 462, in Parmer County, Texas.

That on date of December 2, 1941, the defendants unlawfully entered upon said lands and withhold possession thereof from him to his damage in the sum of \$10.00, he prays for judgment for title, possession, damages and general relief.

Issued this the 4th day of December, 1941.

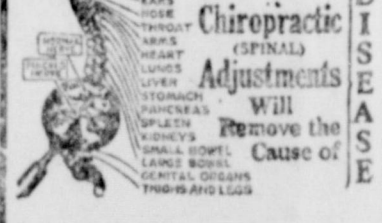
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Farwell, Texas, this the 4th day of December A. D., 1941.

D. K. Roberts, Clerk District Court, Parmer County, Texas.

By Dealia White, Deputy. 22-4tc

## Dr. C. D. Kelton

N. D. D. C.  
Hereford, Texas



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# SOCIETY

## Let's Cook Something



Included among your New Year resolutions might well be a vowed assertion concerning a definite amount of calories and vitamins that you will endeavor to give your family during the coming year. In the kitchen, is the hardest place in the world to keep resolutions because it is so easy to get in a rut and allow one day to be just a repetition of yesterday—the day before—or the day before that.

Far from being a repetition of days before, however, is "ham with mushrooms and spaghetti" which is highly individualized and different—and full of healthy vitamins. Try this recipe:

### HAM WITH MUSHROOMS AND SPAGHETTI

Pan broil a thick slice of ham using a little butter. Move ham to one side of skillet. Drain a four ounce can of mushrooms from liquid and brown in ham drippings in skillet. Stir in 1 tablespoon of flour, 1 cup of cooked spaghetti and 1-2 cup sour cream combined with the mushroom liquid. Stir slowly and allow to simmer on low burner until creamy. Spread part of dressing over ham and serve hot on large platter or chop dish garnished with crisp celery curls.

### Girl Scouts Meet

We Girl Scouts met at the club house, Wednesday, Jan. 5, and completed our weaving badge, and some of the girls brought the articles that they had made.

We decided to work on the "clothing" badge, and certain parts were given to the girls. We also changed our meeting day to Friday.

The meeting was closed by "Taps" and the Girl Scout prayer.

Troop Scribe,  
Bluebonnet Troop, II.

### Lazbuddy Home Ec Group Entertain

The Sophomore Home Making girls served the first luncheon of the year to the Freshmen Home Making Girls, Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 6, 1942, in the homemaking department.

The table centerpiece was of rosy apples, polished to a shine. The menu consisted of:

Salmon Croquettes, creamed English peas, mashed potatoes, pineapple salad, buttered biscuits, ice cream, and water.

The waitress, Naomi Cantrell, was dressed in a regular "maid" outfit. She wore a black dress, white lace apron and cap. The Freshmen seemed to have

quite a hard time carrying on a conversation at the table.

Friday afternoon the Freshmen girls will serve a luncheon for the Sophomore Home Ec girls.

Irene L. Hughes, Reporter.

### Red Cross Seeks 50,000 Additional Reserve Nurses

Washington, D. C.—Reports from American Red Cross chapters throughout the country reveal that women are responding to the call for 50,000 First Reserve Red Cross nurses, officials here announced.

In making the plea for the enrollment of additional nurses, Miss Mary Beard, director of the Red Cross Nursing Service, declared, "To place the nation's nursing program on a full war-time basis, the Red Cross must increase its nursing reserve by more than 50,000 trained nurses."

"The Red Cross First Reserve, totaling approximately 24,000, is comprised of single nurses, under 40, who are subject to call to active duty with the armed forces. Members of the Second Reserve, totaling 34,000 are for various reasons unavailable for military duty, but are prepared to serve in disasters, wartime epidemics, and to reinforce nursing

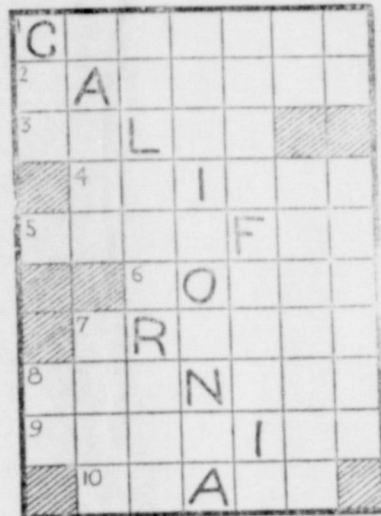
### Watch Out for Air Raiders



On 24-hour watch for enemy planes, anti-aircraft crews man guns at strategic defense points in New York. All identifying marks have been removed from this photograph, taken on top of a skyscraper, so that location of emplacement will not be revealed.

### MINUTE CROSSWORDS

FILL in horizontal blanks with words suggested by the key word CALIFORNIA. Each letter given must appear in its proper place.



#### SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS MINUTE CROSSWORDS

- 1 Student
- 2 Enroll
- 3 Library
- 4 Civics
- 5 Teach
- 6 Arts
- 7 Learns
- 8 Examine
- 9 Frats
- 10 Keys

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#### SITTING UP IN BED

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### Screwiest Events of 1941; March of Trivia Presents Lowlights

#### SCREWIEST EVENTS —

New York—Which is screwier, two St. Bernard dogs getting lost in a snowstorm in Buffalo, N. Y., or a Hawaiian dancer dislocating her hip doing the hula?

Name your winner and you'll have the list-leader for the 10 screwiest events of 1941, but it was a close race. Here are the photo-finishers:

3. A murder trial in San Francisco was interrupted by a telegraph messenger who arrived to sing "Happy Birthday" to the court clerk.

#### SUIT LININGS DAZZLING

4. A Schenectady, N. Y., man, arrested for swearing, explained he'd been gardening and had gotten ants in his pants.

5. An absent minded professor in Saw Mills, S. C., demonstrating how not to sneeze violently, sneezed so violently he blew out his false teeth.

6. The Merchant Tailors' association announced the sartorial rage would be brilliant linings for suits, so that men could indulge their passion for color—invisibly.

7. A train in Mobile, Ala., killed a cow and the farmer wrote the railroad it was the cow's own fault.

8. A Huntington, Ind., golfer made the longest shot in history—his ball landed in a coal car of a passing freight train bound for West Virginia, 500 miles away.

#### TWO-WAY COUNTERFEIT

9. The government announced that to protect the coats of some Wyoming sheep from the weather, it would outfit them with cotton overcoats.

10. A man in Tarrytown, N. Y., made a down-payment on a car

with three \$50 bills, which turned out to be not only Confederate money but counterfeit to boot.

And if you want to take issue with any of these championship selections, here are some alternatives:

A Carlsbad, N. M., cowboy, after drinking 24 bottles of pop in a row to win a contest, was discovered down the street drinking another bottle, just for fun.



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### OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION Of The FRIONA STATE BANK AT FRIONA

State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1941, published in the Friona Star, a newspaper printed and published at Friona, State of Texas, on the 16th day of January, 1942.

#### RESOURCES

1. Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$130,559.83
2. Loans secured by real estate	NONE
3. Overdrafts	337.78
4. Bills of Exchange	649.36
5. Acceptance of other banks	NONE
6. Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof	96,026.51
7. Other bonds and stocks owned, including stock in Federal Reserve Bank	5,000.00
8. Customers' bonds held for safekeeping	NONE
9. Banking House	3,320.00
10. Furniture and Fixtures	1,200.00
11. Real Estate owned, other than banking house	NONE
12. Cash and due from approved reserve agents	46,723.44
13. Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	6,395.59
14. Cash Items in Process of Collection	NONE
15. Liability, account assets sold with or without recourse, where bank has agreed verbally or otherwise to repurchase or guarantee payment thereof before, at or after maturity	NONE
16. Other Resources (itemize)	NONE
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$290,542.31</b>

#### LIABILITIES

1. Capital Stock	25,000.00
2. Income Debentures sold	NONE
3. Surplus Fund	15,000.00
4. Undivided Profits, net	5,000.00
5. Reserve for Contingencies	4,000.00
6. Dividends unpaid	0.00
7. Due to banks and bankers, subject to check	6,329.98
8. Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	161,794.85
9. Individual Time Deposits due after 30 days	16,235.23
10. Public Funds, including Postal Savings	57,182.25
11. Time Certificates of Deposit	NONE
12. Cashier's Check and Certified Checks Outstanding	NONE
13. Bills Payable and Rediscounts	NONE
14. Customers' bonds deposited for safekeeping	NONE
15. Liability, account assets sold with or without recourse, where bank has agreed verbally or otherwise to repurchase or guarantee payment thereof before, at or after maturity	NONE
16. Other Liabilities (itemize)	NONE
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$290,542.31</b>

#### STATE OF TEXAS

County of Parmer  
We, Mrs. Rubye McLean, as President and C. E. McLean, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
MRS. RUBY McLEAN, President  
C. E. McLEAN, Cashier

CORRECT — ATTEST:  
BOB McLEAN  
ADA McLEAN  
JUANITA CROW

#### DIRECTORS

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of January, A. D. 1942.  
FRANK A. SPRING, Notary Public, Parmer County, Texas

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### Saturday, Jan. 17th

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Would you like to see the burning of the Graf Spee? The Dutch East Indies Army in Action? The great fortresses of Singapore? The China Clipper? The South American Clipper The U. S. Navy in Action? The U. S. Army in the making? U. S. Navy pilots being trained? The World's biggest Bomber? . . . and many points of historical interest such as Plymouth Rock, the Alamo, and Lincoln's New Salem? Many natural wonders such as the Grand Canyon, Old Faithful Geyser, and Carlsbad Caverns? Many man-made wonders such as Boulder Dam, Grand Coulee Dam, and others? Our beautiful national parks, forests and waterfalls?

If you would like to see all of these things and many more, all in natural color and with full sound, be sure to see the TWO full length movies, "IN OUR OWN AMERICAN WAY" and "THUNDERHEADS OVER THE PACIFIC," produced by Minneapolis-Moline. As your MM dealer, we're cordially inviting you to enjoy this big super attraction with us.  
—CARL C. MAURER.

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## COGITATIONS and APHORISMS of Jodok

**JODOK** — It seems that our nation has reached the economic stage where practically every really useful substance must be conserved; and new discoveries must be made if our people are to retain the modern conveniences that we have become accustomed to.

Notably among the substances that are already being rigidly conserved, are rubber, aluminum, platinum, chrome, and many others. We are already beginning to think about and get ready to manufacture synthetic rubber, to be used for war purposes and to lighten the tension of conservation for civilian use. And I am told that automobile manufacturers have found a substance that readily takes the place of chrome as a decorative substance for their cars.

It occurs to me, that so far science has been able to produce practically anything that the world has found itself in need of, and I believe that science will come to the rescue in the present instance of world need for so many of the common things that we now find ourselves in dire need of. And I cogitate over these conditions a number of incidents have occurred which seem to indicate a remedy from some of these scarcities.

For instance, George Odell, our local shoe carpenter, told me one day last week about one of his customers, who always has a set of fibrous rubber soles attached to his shoes before he has worn them; and on one occasion these soles outlasted the uppers of the shoes, and when he got a new pair he brought the old pair in and had George take those fibrous rubber soles off them and attach them to the new shoes. George said it was a tough job cutting these soles loose from the old shoes, but when he had done so, he learned the cause of their wearing qualities.

He said the old soles were stuck so full of "goat-heads," that there was no space left for the rubber to come in contact with the ground, pavement or floor on which the man might be walking, and that these "goat-heads" were so tough that there was, apparently, no wearing them out. They just simply resisted all wear in any form.

I remarked, that there is a possibility of making the obnoxious "goat-heads" to serve some useful purpose. This would relieve to some extent, the pressure on rubber. Not much, of course, but every little helps in an emergency. But someone said—"we will need a foundation for the 'goat-heads' to grow themselves in." That is true, but there are a number of synthetic plastics that can be used for such a purpose. Anybody who has read that they are now growing the despised cactus to manufacture coverings for automobile seats; then why not the "goat-heads" for shoe soles?

I also made the remark that there is nothing made in vein, and now we have as yet been found for these misery-causing "goat-heads." They will produce, in this country, in greater abundance than almost any other plant. Why not utilize them?

Then another bystander, it

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## THE AMERICAN FAMILY



"Yes, John is experimenting again. This time he's trying the dough his wife uses for his biscuits."

## Long Live Lafayette



No longer a luxury liner, the Normandie has been renamed the S. S. Lafayette, in honor of the Revolutionary War hero of France. She'll serve the U. S. Navy now.

may have been George Baker, remarked "What about the cockle bur?" Just so, how about the cockle bur? Its use has never been learned, and it is supposed to have one. It has two nice kernels in each bur, and these kernels may be filled with oil that may be found useful for many purposes. It is an abundant producer as most farmers have already found out.

It seems to me to back me up in these wild ideas, I read in a paper, where a leading educator was talking to a group of young people, all college students, I believe, and he told them there is no cause for them to be discouraged about finding a way to do if they have the persistency to go after it. He said there are as many inventions yet to be devised and as many discoveries yet to be made as have already been devised or made and that the people of the whole world will be just as ready to adopt and use these new discoveries yet to be made as

have already been devised or made and that the people of the whole world will be just as ready to adopt and use these new discoveries as they have been in the past to adopt and use those that have already been made. Thus, said he, continue to get all the education you can, and while getting it, also learn to apply it.

Then, came my good friend, Roy Price, with a story that fit in along this line of thought, concerning the individual making his or her own job or business, the story being one of the many instances proving such to be a fact.

Roy's story was concerning a colored man who lived in the same town where he lived, and this man conceived the idea that selling barbecue meat on the streets of the city on three days a week, and especially on each Saturday, when he took a position on the market square of the city. Roy told me what the colored man's name was, but I have forgotten, so I will just refer to him as "Sam."

"Sam" had a good span of mules and a large farm wagon, so he built a nice barbecue pit in one end of his wagon box and supplied himself with a lot of good hard wood for fuel; and he had a large griddle-like affair which fit over the fire on the inside of the pit, and a large steel pan underneath to catch the gravy as it dripped from the meat as it cooked. He bought and butchered two or three beefs each week, and cut it into liberal slices, well covered with the necessary seasoning; and being an adept at the art of barbecuing, he would drive his portable barbecue outfit into town and he soon built up a trade which yielded him a good living income. Made his own job.

Then, I had the pleasure of reading one of the finest letters, that one could imagine written by one of our local boys now one of Uncle Sam's soldiers—to his mother. As I have said,

I read the letter but do not have it to quote from verbatim, but I can give some of the lofty and patriotic sentiment that it expressed. One of the first things he said was that when he enlisted he hated the army. But since he has come to know it better, that hatred had disappeared, and he would much rather be in it than outside. He is using all his talents to advance in the service as far as he can and as rapidly as he can. He has been a soldier less than a year, and has advanced to the position of Sergeant. He will do cheerfully and to the best of his ability everything that shall come to him in the line of duty, which will make of him a competent and effective defender of his country.

Before his enlistment he was making for himself quite a little niche as a tradesman and in a business way. He realized that all this had to be given up and was gone forever when he enlisted in the army, but he said he would find or make for himself another when this war is all over, in the event he survives and is returned to civilian life, thus showing that he realizes that all the opportunities in life will not have been used up when he returns from the war; but that, until then, his first and most dominant duty is to fight in the defense of his country.

He further stated that he is saving most of his soldier pay for, having no vicious habits and his real needs being few, there is little use of his spending it, and to his mother he said, that as long as he had any money she would also have money, and that in any time of need she was to call on him and any or all that he might have would be at her disposal. I fear I have not been able to depict to my readers the full force of the sentiment expressed in that letter, but I hope you may see it as I have seen it.

I cannot comprehend of a finer sentiment than this boy expressed. Beginning with personal honor and courage, submission to authority, desire for advancement, devotion to service and ideals, self sacrifice, determination to win his own way, scorn of obstacles, pure, unadulterated patriotism; and last but not least, the almost reverential esteem and filial love for the mother here at home with her mother-heart filled with mingled pride, subdued joy, fear and longing and almost infinite mother love.

And just for a little in lighter vein, following my meandering thought above expressed, I will close this effusion with a little verse of poetry, sent to me by my friend, O. E. Enfield, of Arnett, Okla. This is the man the Mayor and I visited on our recent trip to Illinois.

**HANDICRAFT**  
I like to build a poem well  
With thought materials of the heart,  
With all that care a weaver or  
A potter puts into his art.  
And then when it is all complete,  
So that the music flows all through,  
I like to think you will read it,  
And know that it was meant for you.

—O. E. Enfield

**NEW FARM ATTITUDE**  
Washington—Carefree days of agriculture are past, says Stuart Chase. "We need a new mental attitude. We greatly need a new attitude toward our land. Every one of us lives by the hospitality of North America. For three centuries we've outraged that hospitality until the soil itself has revolted. We have outgrown the concepts and customs appropriate to continuous expansion and must have a new set of concepts appropriate to more intensive development, where sheer quantity gives place to quality. We must think in terms of giving to our country rather than taking from it."

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## Farmer John SEES THINGS

Making allowances for all kinds of discrepancies in war news, we yet are convinced that Russia is putting up a whale of a fight. Because she is on our side, a hasty summary of her history and her political thinking is of intense interest to us. Her communism is commonly little understood in this country.

In general, the hope of communism is to equalize the national resources, wealth and living conditions. Doubtless the attempt to put that kind of government into operation is prompted and encouraged by a realization of the injustices and corruptions that frequently develop in the capitalistic or competitive system of economics.

In primitive society, in the hunting and pastoral stages of civilization, communism was universal; but after the private use of land had been established the common ownership of it by the tribe or clan was still recognized and enforced. Survivals of this system still exist in various countries of the world—notably in the mire of the Russian empire.

The term, soviet, has been universally associated with Russian communism. A popular opinion in this country seems to attribute to Soviet Union experiment simply a carry-over of the old tribal or barbaric state. But Russian history gives an account of a highly organized and efficient government during much of her development. In the 15th century, under "Ivan, The Terrible," the vast Russian territory was consolidated. In the 16th and 17th centuries under the Nicholas Tsars, the Empire became one of the strongest in Europe. During certain epochs of these early days, it probably was one of the best governed and most progressive nations in the world. In the early part of the 10th century, Vladimir, "The Great," introduced the Christian religion. The Greek Catholic church later came to have almost complete sway; but under the old Tsar, the government, and the church became very corrupt and oppressive. Under Soviet Union regime, after the October Revolution of 1917, the church was disestablished and its property appropriated to the government. But as President Roosevelt lately called attention, Russia now, constitutionally, has freedom of religion.

The council of working-men was first organized in Moscow in 1909. After much internal strife and extreme punishment inflicted by the German army, the Council of Working Men's delegates, in conjunction with the soldiers, took over the government. They proceeded to make rules that no one could vote who should hire a fellow citizen to work for pay. The result, of course, was complete stagnation of all industry, and most farming. The incentive for individual ownership of property was completely killed. The idea of State Socialism had done its work. It had brought on complete collapse of business. The politicians were compelled to take over supervision of all production, or else the people must starve.

The average American looks with horror on any such a scheme of government. But we must give Russia credit for a better job of resisting Germany,

under her present system of government, than she did in World War No. 1. It probably is better than no government and, if it suits them, why should we kick? Many of the Soviet or Communist organizers have figured that they were primarily inspired by the old "Town Meeting" system of our New England states, under which the people gathered periodically, in meeting and directly initiated legislation. Based on this free democracy, the soviet, however, being based on geographical representation, insists on representation by occupation, thus, locally, the soviet has a strong resemblance to trade unions. It elects delegates to the regional federation, who represent their constituents as workers in the special trades or professions, rather than as citizens.

An account of Russian politics can but remind us of the CIO, the AAA, or some other economic organizations, struggling for power in America. Instead of having a periodical race, between democrats and republicans over a disputed policy or principle of democracy, their's is a race for power between the laborer's bloc or the farm bloc, or some other business organization. It seems to be more like group interests trying to rule the roost. Our system of lobbying smacks of Russian style. Of course, their's being a democracy, they use the ballot—more properly termed, a referendum—to determine which of the groups shall rule.

I can't resist the temptation to turn this article from strictly a study of Russian affairs, to a more vivid picture of home affairs. In the light of Russian experiences, some of American's acts are significant. For instance, the great labor union

struggle a few weeks ago, defying the hand that fed them, that gave them national power, threatened and did stagger national defense. This week, the "farm bloc," defying that same power that John L. Lewis ignored, says, "No, No," to any attempt to curb war profit, and did force, by vote, to make farm commodity prices the exception. To me the staggering, the shocking question is—have we already our true spirit of democracy? Are we blindly following the Russian course? If that be true, we must all agree, that no individual, no political organization, is as much to blame as the average American selfishness and blind greed. People may have been, and perhaps, still are, victims of skillful and apparently sympathetic propaganda. But people in this country are still free moral agents and have the ballot. We would find no profit in winning a war and losing the democracy we fight for.

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