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GROUP WILL GO TO AUSTIN FEBRUARY 20 FOR HIGHWAY HEARING

The State Highway Commission will hold its next public hearing in Austin on Feb. 20th and 21st with a committee from here registered for a hearing Feb. 20th at 1:30 p. m., according to County Judge W. W. Adams.

The Highway Commission will be requested to designate the road from Mertzson to Eldorado as a Farm-to-Market road. The Lions Club is sponsoring this project and if the road is taken over by the state it will be improved and paved.

"All interested in helping get this road designated are invited to go with the group from Mertzson," Mr. Adams said this week.

At present Boyce Tankersley, Lake Tankersley and W. W. Adams have indicated they will be present at the hearing. Anyone else interested in going in behalf of this project is urged to contact this committee or be in Austin at the designated time.

MRS. J. R. JONES, 78, BURIED IN SHERWOOD CEMETERY

Mrs. J. R. Jones, 78, who died Sunday in San Angelo was buried in Sherwood Cemetery Tuesday afternoon. A. C. Knight, Church of Christ minister, officiated.

She was residing in San Angelo but formerly lived in Arden. Services were held at Johnson's Funeral Home in San Angelo. Pallbearers were Troy White, Pete Carter, Jess Evans, Steward Evans, Clyde Harris, Cotton Ault.

Barnhart News

By Mrs. Bode Owens

Homer Dunkin has been on the sick list this week, suffering a back injury.

Barnhart boys and girls attended the basketball and volley ball district meet in San Angelo Saturday. Our boys lost to Christoval. Our girls won over Christoval and met defeat against Water Valley.

Among those attending the district meet were: Mrs. Clyde Parry, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Strother, Mr. and Mrs. Bode Owens and V. L. Porter.

Pic. Will Keesler, Jr. arrived home Monday morning from San Diego, Calif., where he received his discharge. Will, Jr. served in the Marines for 3 years and has several battle stars to his credit. Among them are Saipan, Okinawa and Tarawa. He has been stationed in China the past few months.

V. L. Porter is here from the ranch near Sheffield with his family.

Mrs. Campbell Hinde was called to Big Lake early Monday morning by the sudden death of her brother, Murray Cutbirth. Mr. Cutbirth has many friends here, having lived in this section for years.

R. S. Neal, Jr. attended the basketball meet in San Angelo Saturday.

Mrs. George Newman was a shopping visitor in San Angelo Saturday.

Joan Cathey spent last week end in Rankin with the Ed Guy Branch family.

For Water Well Drilling—Call Floyd Payne, Telephone No. 127, Mertzson, Texas. 4-8-46.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC.

My property is posted according to law. "Anyone" camping, hunting, wood-hauling, handling stock without permission, or in any way trespassing, will be prosecuted. Mrs. Fayette Tankersley Mertzson, Texas

For Sale—The ladies of the Christian Church have True Blue (washing compound) for sale.

Annual Irion County Livestock Show Will Be Held February 27th; Boys' Premiums \$215

The annual Irion County Livestock Show sponsored by the Lions Club will be held here Wednesday, Feb. 27th, with two divisions showing—the Boy's Division and the Adult's Division. Show place will be on the vacant lots on the south side of the post office building with judging starting at 1 p. m. Tommy Stewart, county agent at Ozona, will do the judging.

In the Adult Division the silver loving cup, which was won last year by Reginald Atkinson, will be offered again to adult gathering most points in the show.

Premiums and ribbons will be given in all places in the Boy's Division. Prize money in the boy's show will total \$217. A ewe lamb will be given by Reginald Atkinson to the boy getting the most points in the show.

Boys earn points for the ewe as follows: best showmanship, 5; best record book, 5; first places, 5; second places, 3; and third places, 3.

Entrants in Boy's Show

In the Boy's Division are the following entrants: E. L. Tankersley, 1 calf, 2 Rambouillet ewes; Fayette Tankersley, 1 crossbred, 1 Rambouillet; Jackie Tankersley, 1 cross, 1 Rambouillet; Johnnie Klingler, 2 Rambouillet, 1 cross; Darrel Jones, 1 cross, 2 Rambouillet; Hubert Payton, 2 Rambouillet, 1 cross; Steward Evans, 2 Rambouillet, 1 cross; Buck Baze, 2 cross, 2 Rambouillet; Clifford Ferris, 1 cross, 2 Rambouillet; Boyce Tankersley, 2 Rambouillet; Bob Roark, Arden, 2 Rambouillet; Paul Carr, 2 Rambouillet; Buck Whitley, 2 Rambouillet; Lad Linthicum, Barnhart, 2

Registered ewes, 1 registered heifer, 1 registered bull; Lucy Ann Hinde, Barnhart, 2 registered Rambouillet ewes; Tommie Thorp, 2 Corriedale ewes, 1 crossbred.

Premiums are as follows in the Boys Show:

Fine Wool Singles—1st place, \$8; 2nd, \$7; 3rd, \$6; 4th, \$5; 5th, \$4; 6th, \$3; 7th, \$2; 8th through 20th, \$1 each—total \$48.

Fine Wool Group of Three—1st place, \$8; 2nd, \$7; 3rd, \$6; 4th, \$5; 5th, \$4; 6th, \$3; 7th through 10th, \$2 each—total \$41.

Crossbred (Corriedale, Hampshire or Suffolk)—1st place, \$8; 2nd, \$7; 3rd, \$6; 4th, \$5; 5th, \$4; 6th, \$3; 7th, \$2; 8th, \$2—total \$39.

Crossbred (Southdown)—1st place, \$8; 2nd, \$7; 3rd, \$6; 4th, \$5; 5th, \$4; 6th, \$3; 7th, \$2—total \$35.

Fine Wool Ewe Lambs—1st place, \$8; 2nd, \$7; 3rd, \$6; 4th, \$5; 5th, \$4; 6th, \$3—total \$33.

Corriedale Ewe Lambs—1st place, \$5; 2nd, \$4—total \$9.

Steer Calves—1st, \$10.

Adult Show

The cup in the Adult Show will be given on points as follows: Grand Champion, 5 points; Championship, 5 points; 1st prize, 3; 2nd prize, 2; 3rd prize, 1. If a person wins the cup three times he retains it permanently.

The Adult Show will be divided into the following divisions:

Fat Steers—900 pounds or under, 901 pounds or over; champion steer; grand champion steer of show; reserve champion steer of show.

Breeding Cattle—Jr. bull calf, Sr.

Bull calf, summer yearling bull calf, Jr. yearling bull calf, bulls, champion bull, reserve champion bull; same for heifers.

Breeding Sheep — Buck lambs (Ramb. and Cor.), Ewe Lambs (Ramb. and Cor.), two tooth rams and ewes (Ramb. and Cor.), breeders flock, champion buck lamb, champion ewe lamb, champion two tooth ram, champion two tooth ewe, grand champion ram, grand champion ewe, grand champion ram of show, grand champion ewe of show.

Fat Lambs—Fat lamb (fine wool) singles, fat lambs (crossbred) singles, grand champion fat lamb of show, champion lamb.

All adults who have anything to show are requested to bring their stock in and show it. Reginald Atkinson, Mans Hoggett and P. F. Case have indicated they will have stock here and several others said they probably would.

J. T. Davis, county agent, said this week, "Everyone please bring your show stock in. We will have something to match against it."

The general committee on arrangements is composed of J. T. Davis, Mans Hoggett, Reginald Atkinson and Preston Dudley.

The Irion County 4-H Club which is entering their stock in the Boy's Show here, will show a group of 25 stock in the San Angelo show Feb. 28 through March 3.

At the Fort Worth show March 8th through 17th the same group of boys will show their stock there.

ELIZABETH HUGHES HONORED WITH PRENUPTIAL PARTIES

Mrs. Duwain E. Hughes entertained at the Massie Clubhouse Friday afternoon in San Angelo honoring her niece, Miss Elizabeth Ellen Hughes, bride-elect of Morrow Pool of Waco.

The bride's chosen colors of pink and maroon were used in decorations and the honoree was presented with a kitchen shower.

A low arrangement of pink and maroon flowers were placed on the marble-topped table in the assembly room. Mrs. Sam Ashburn presided at the register which was kitchen memo pads.

The tea table was laid with green tarleton cloth and centered with a reflected wheelbarrow of vegetables and fruits and figurines of roosters and hens. The decorations were done by Mrs. Truman Sims. The cake was placed at one end of the table and dish-rag napkins at the other.

Mary Jean Magruder gave a reading of an Irishman proposing to his girl and Patricia Tippet gave a reading of a bride's first visit to the butcher shop. Leon Brown played a violin solo, accompanied by Mrs. A. W. McMillan.

Mrs. W. W. Carson gave a toast to the bride as she had given a toast to the bride's mother, Mrs. Vester Hughes, at a bridal shower in Mertzson about 24 years ago.

Miss Hughes was also named honoree when Mrs. J. T. Davis and Mrs. J. P. Crews, Jr., entertained with a luncheon Saturday at the Hotel Caetus.

The double-ring wedding ceremony will be performed Saturday at 7 p. m. by Rev. M. T. McGregor of Waco.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday at 11 o'clock we are to be honored by having Mr. Jack McIntosh to speak for us. This will be a laymen's service. The last few Sundays only a few seats remained vacant. Why don't you help fill the church Sunday morning for this service. You will feel better all week if you go to church on Sunday. We extend to all an invitation to worship with us Sunday, Feb. 17.

At the night service it will truly be a unique service. The minister and his choir from the colored Methodist Church in San Angelo will present the program. There will be singing and preaching by the group, and if you come you will be inspired by their sincerity and nobleness of purpose. The program will be at 7 p. m. You are welcome.

Roy B. Shilling, pastor.

NO-HOST CHICKEN BARBECUE HELD LAST FRIDAY NIGHT

A no-host chicken barbecue was held at the Rowan Drilling Co. rig on Tanker No. 3 well Friday night.

All employees and their families and friends participating were: Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Klingler, John Thomas and Nancy Lou; Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Boyd and Ben; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Welch and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Davis and Jimmie; Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Atkinson; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Watt; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stiney; Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Dickerson; Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Ford; Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Ray; Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Ables; J. C. Moore; Mr. Johnson; Mr. Rabbie of Shell Oil Co. of McCamey; Leonard Rhea; C. W. Trainer, Jr.; Miss Jo Rhea; Mr. Hulsey; Mrs. Mary Lackey and daughter, Nona.

Mrs. L. L. Krebs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Jones, is improving satisfactorily after a major operation in San Angelo last Friday.

Swayne Dudley arrived in Mertzson Tuesday morning. He received his discharge from service Monday at Biggs Field, El Paso.

Roy Cato of Barnhart was a visitor in Mertzson Tuesday afternoon.

Mmes. Max Van Court and Lois Tankersley spent the day Tuesday in San Angelo.

MRS. WILSON ENTERTAINS BRIDGE CLUB FRIDAY

Mrs. D. J. Wilson entertained her bridge club at her ranch home Friday afternoon. Mrs. Henry Cravens was high for members, Mrs. W. W. Adams for guests and Mrs. C. L. Tankersley won the cut prize.

Refreshments were served to club members, Mmes. Reginald Atkinson, Henry Cravens, Chester Cunningham, Aubrey DeLong, Harry Hahn. Guests served were Mmes. Weir Hall, Preston Dudley, Max Van Court, Lum Trainer, Bill Carter, C. L. Tankersley, Leta Crawford, H. B. Kerbow, W. W. Adams, J. W. Adams, I. W. "Bud" Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pruett are proud parents of a baby boy born Saturday night at 11 o'clock in a San Angelo hospital. The young son has been named James Blake and weighed 8 pounds 14 ounces. The Pruett's also have a daughter, Bobbie Ann, 5 1-2 years old.

Gilmer James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merrel James had his arm broken Saturday in a car accident between Mertzson and the Oak Grove. He is still in a San Angelo hospital.

Aubrey DeLong was kicked in the leg by a calf he was branding Tuesday and had his knee knocked out of place. He was treated in San Angelo and will be on crutches for several days until the sprained ligaments have healed.

W. W. Adams brought Uncle Nell Patterson home Monday from a San Angelo hospital. He has been suffering from a heart attack but is improving.

Mrs. M. A. Goodall is in a San Angelo hospital. She slipped and fell in her yard Tuesday afternoon causing a severe break in her wrist.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Steger and family moved their household furnishings here from San Angelo last Friday. They have rented a house from S. T. Brister in the northwest part of town and are now busy getting settled.

Jack Davidson, who works for Charles Boyd, was taken to a San Angelo hospital in an ambulance Wednesday morning after a horse had pawed him in the head.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Klingler visited in Odessa Sunday.

BRITISH ISLANDER TO LEAD LIFE OF RANCHMAN'S WIFE

From the life of a small English village near London to a West Texas ranch will be a revealing change for Mrs. Hayden P. Ellis and 11-month-old daughter, Jane Mary. They were on the passenger list of the SS Queen Mary, which arrived in New York last week.

Mr. Ellis and his aunt, Mrs. Stokes Williams were in New York to meet his English wife and baby daughter. They were visiting in San Angelo with Mr. Ellis' father, I. W. (Bud) Ellis, and Mrs. Ellis, en route to their ranch home near Mertzson.

Mrs. Ellis is the former Miss Mary Sheard of Higham Ferrers, where the couple was married on May 11, 1944. Ellis, who had the rank of captain, was stationed in England for 39 months with the armaments division of the Eighth Air Corps.

Ellis went overseas on the palatial ship which returns his wife and daughter to the States, the Queen Mary. He graduated from Texas A&M in the spring of 1941, and was commissioned at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo., in April, 1942.

CONSOLIDATION OF MERTZSON, SHERWOOD SCHOOLS APPROVED

Consolidation of the Mertzson and Sherwood school districts was approved by voters in a special election held here and at Sherwood last Saturday.

The balloting was very close at Sherwood, 78 voting for the consolidation and 73 against it. At Mertzson, the vote was 56 in favor and two against.

Sonny Adams and C. W. Trainer, Jr. arrived home Monday from a week's trip to Lamar, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McBurnett and sons, Ray and David, of Odessa, formerly of Mertzson visited the Street Whitley's and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Deal this week.

Mrs. Hal Noelke and Mrs. Bud McGilvray were San Angelo shoppers Monday.

METHODIST HOUR WILL BE BROADCAST SUNDAY MORNING

The first Southwide radio broadcast of "The Methodist Hour" will be heard Sunday morning, February 17, at 7:30 o'clock, as Bishop Clare Purcell, president of the college of bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church, speaks over an independent network of 36 stations.

Bishop Purcell will speak on "The Church That Is To Be." "The Methodist Hour" will be heard on the following Texas stations: KGNC, Amarillo; WFAA, Dallas; KPRC, Houston; KWBU, Corpus Christi; WOAI, San Antonio.

SEWING CLUB MEETS

The Wednesday Sewing Club met at the home of Mrs. J. T. Klingler last week. Most of the members knitted for the Red Cross.

The valentine motif was used and heart shaped sandwiches, san tarts and coffee was served to the following members: Mmes. Mike Wagner, Otis Deal, Street Whitley, Roy Shilling, Lake Tankersley, Loyd Davis, and N. C. Packer.

Roxford Wood spent last week end at home. He is attending TCU in Fort Worth.

Mrs. W. M. Tolson of Sherwood who has been ill was carried to a San Angelo hospital Monday and is seriously ill there with pneumonia. Her children, W. A. Tolson and family, of Princeton, N. J., and Mrs. Claude Stone of Ballinger, who have been here with their mother, returned to their respective home last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Campbell and son of Burnet have been visiting Mrs. Ida Mills of Sherwood. Mrs. Mills returned home with them Tuesday for a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Hank Price of Fort Worth were here Wednesday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jack Howard. Mr. Price and Mr. Howard were overseas together in the same outfit, the 57th Fighter Group, 12th Air Force. Mr. Price works for the Delta Air Lines at Fort Worth in the maintenance department.

Eunice Nell Girvin of Baylor, Waco, is expected home for the week end.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Farm Equipment Output to Hit Peak Late in Year; Push Fight Against Postwar Price Control

Released by Western Newspaper Union.
(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysis and not necessarily of this newspaper.)

FARM MACHINERY: Output Off

Hampered by material shortages, inexperienced help, inability of suppliers to deliver parts and strikes, farm machinery manufacturers do not look for attainment of peak production until later this year or early 1947.

When full-scale operations are resumed, it was said, companies will first concentrate on the output of parts for worn equipment since many farmers will be compelled to make their machinery do until new units begin to appear in satisfactory volume.

As it is, manufacturers' efforts to meet a part of the tremendous demand for plows, planters and cultivators for spring use have been cramped by production difficulties, with no substantial deliveries of these items forthcoming.

With 30,000 workers of the International Harvester company out on strike over demands for a 30 per cent wage increase, the total of idle employees in the industry approximated 36,000 of 90,000.

UNO: Avoid Strife

Invoking article 33 of the United Nations charter calling upon quarreling governments to attempt conciliation of their difficulties first before appealing to UNO, Russia moved to settle her differences with little Iran privately and take the matter out of the hands of the security council.

By so acting, the Reds succeeded in avoiding a ticklish situation within UNO itself, with possibilities that the U. S., Britain, France and China might have placed Moscow in a compromising position in investigating the row. In permitting the Reds and Iranians to thrash out their own problems, however, the security council called upon the disputants to report on the progress of their negotiations.

In originally appealing to UNO to look into the controversy, Iran had charged the Russians with interfering with government efforts to subdue a leftist rebellion in the north-west province of Azerbaijan. Sent into the oil-rich country in 1942 to guard supply lines leading into southern Russia, Red and British troops were scheduled to pull out early this spring.

Give and Take

Continuing to give and take in their relations, the Big Three agreed to the election of stocky, 50-year-old Trygve Lie (pronounced Tryg-va Lee) of Norway as secretary-general of UNO. Russ-backed, the selection of the bulky Norwegian foreign minister offset the earlier elevation of British-backed Paul Henry Spaak of Belgium as president.

The U. S. played a key role in balancing the powers through the elections. After the Russians had charged Secretary of State Byrnes and company of having double-crossed them in not pushing Lie's candidacy for president as against Spaak's, Chief Delegate Edward R. Stettinius later arranged for the Norwegian's selection as secretary-general in a five-power pow-wow in his Claridge hotel suite.

The son of a carpenter who became active in the Norwegian labor movement immediately after his graduation from Oslo university in 1919, reddish-faced, bustling Lie will occupy a key position in UNO as secretary-general, having within his power the authority to submit any problem he chooses to the security council.

CONGRESS:

Labor Curb

Despite the brightening industrial picture, a strong coalition of Republicans and conservative Democrats in congress moved for adoption of restrictive labor legislation against the vehement protests of liberal members.

Amid charges by Representative Sabath (Dem., Ill.) that the conservative bloc was being used by Wall street, 153 Republicans and 105 Democrats joined forces to pile up a 258 to 114 vote for immediate consideration of a bill which would set up a labor-management mediation board; provide for a 30-day cooling off period before a strike or lock-out; make both parties liable for violations of a labor contract; prohibit unionization of supervisory employees, and ban sympathy walk-outs.

While liberal members vigorously

denounced the restrictive measure as one of the "most vicious anti-labor bills ever brought before the house," conservative proponents declared that representative action could be taken in amending or revising the bill during floor discussion.

PRICE CONTROL:

Under Fire

First to break the wage deadlock in industry with a 15.1 per cent, or 18 cents an hour, increase to his employees, Henry Ford II came out for abolition of government price control except on food and rent as a means of breaking the bottleneck in civilian production and permitting a rapid flow of goods to consumers.

Declaring that existing price ceilings had the effect of squeezing smaller parts makers between rising operating costs and fixed re-



Henry Ford II

turns, Ford said that the productivity of the big manufacturers depended upon suppliers' activities. If price control were abolished, he declared, the heat of competition for markets would bring down the cost level.

In keeping with his announced position for firm control, President Truman rejected Ford's suggestion in a news conference, asserting that the removal of OPA regulation would result in wild inflation with its disastrous effect upon purchasing power.

Henry II's attack against price control came even as clothing and shirt manufacturers blamed OPA for the insufficiency of stocks on dealers' shelves in the face of tremendous demand from consumers.

Charged with withholding at least 400,000 suits from the markets, clothing makers were particularly resentful of OPA regulations, claiming that with their recent grant of a 22½ per cent increase in wages to workers price readjustments were necessary to permit them an adequate profit.

Shirt manufacturers rapped the OPA's so-called "maximum average" price regulation for failure to produce adequate stocks, claiming that they were unable to turn out more of the better grade items in the face of a shortage of cheaper fabrics because OPA required balanced output of all types.

FARM STRIKE: Cool Reception

While farmers in southeastern Nebraska, incensed by the machinery shortage, talked up an agricultural strike in protest of industrial walkouts, farm organization leaders discouraged the idea because stoppage of shipments of fresh products would result in costly waste.

In calling for the withholding of agricultural products to force resumption of industrial output, Strike Leader Hubert Johnson, 48, of Edgar, Neb., listed farmer grievances: "Four years now we've been getting along without new machinery," he said, "and we've been told we would probably get nothing this spring. . . . We need farm tools and bathtubs and refrigerators. . . . We need automobiles. . . . We can't even buy a pair of overalls. . . ."

Taking issue with the farmers "no machinery for us, no food for you" battle-cry, President Edward A. O'Neal of the Farm Bureau, reflecting leading agricultural organization opinion, pointed out that it would be impossible to halt production of milk, eggs, etc. Withholding of these items from market would only result in loss to farmers as well as consumers, he said.

Washington Digest

Truman Labors Under New Deal 'Inheritance'

Congress Seen Taking Advantage of President's Rightist Leanings; Lacks Influence of FDR to Put Policies Over.

By BAUKHAGE

News Analyst and Commentator.



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It was a cool, crisp winter day. A week before the erratic Washington weather had seduced a whole circle of credulous pansies which pushed their startled faces up from the garden on the White House lawn. Poor bemused flora! They were soon frozen as solid in their beds as the President's labor legislation in congress.

We hurried along Pennsylvania avenue, our coat collars turned up, arguing heatedly as newsmen do when they are released from the inhibitions which seize them the moment they sit down and meet the solemn stare of their typewriter keyboards with that threatening noose, the deadline, tightening about the medulla oblongata.

"The most astounding thing," said one of us, "is the way Truman, with all his experience in congress, can't get along with it. If he would only buttonhole some of the thinkers in the opposition, say Vandenberg in the senate and men like Wolcott in the house, and appeal to their sense of patriotism, he wouldn't have all this trouble."

"It isn't as simple as that," interrupted another, as we paused to show our photographic passes to the guard at the gate (who has known us all by our first names for a decade but who always solemnly studies our cards as if they were alibis). "It isn't as simple as that. After all, congress has to be realistic in an election year. They are facing real issues. And the President's program isn't realistic."

"Whether or not it is realistic," the third member of the group put in, "after all it isn't his program. He inherited it. It's New Deal and the New Deal is Old Hat now. It doesn't represent Harry Truman's ideas at all but he has to go through with it."

All I felt I could add to those sage observations, without agreeing that the New Deal was Old Hat or the latest Downing Street model, whether it was realistic or modernistic or neo-marxian, was that it certainly is probable that if the President were able to shatter his inheritance to bits and then remould it to something nearer his heart's desire, he could probably put a lot more pep into his selling talk to congress.

By this time we were adding our coats to the huge pile of garments on the great Aguinaldo mahogany table in the lobby of the executive offices and taking our place in the line outside the conference room.

Resentment Shades Chief's Feelings

On this particular day the President started off with the note on which the whole conference was carried. I don't quite know how to describe it. He kept smiling. He didn't lose his temper. But there was just a shade of resentment in his voice and his words. It all sounded more like the later, somewhat disillusioned days of his predecessor, than the merry moments when a Roosevelt interview was always a good show as well as a newsworthy event—I mean the early days before the weight of war descended upon FDR's wearying brow. There is a weight on Truman today quite as heavy, for peace has its miseries as well as war. Just as it was freely predicted that "the United States will never stand for an occupying army for any length of time" (which proved to be so painfully correct), so everyone took for granted that any President in office when the war ended would have an impossible job.

But let's get back to the crowded office of the President on the winter day I am describing. He sat there smiling, exchanging wisecracks with the men in the first row. On the table behind him were the photographs of his family, crowned with a great bunch of jonquils from the White House greenhouse. He looked cheerful enough. The usual signal "all in" was sounded. He stood up and began to talk about what he called a "tempest in a teacup"—the controversy over building an addition to the White House. Personally I think it is the height of folly to continue the ef-

fort (begun by Theodore Roosevelt) to try to house the office work of the President under the roof of "the President's House," but I mention this controversy simply because it reflects the seamy side of White House-congress relations. Many of the President's friends feel that trying to make a modern office out of a beautiful old American colonial residence is folly, but they also felt that much of the furor raised in congress was due to a desire to embarrass Mr. Truman.

Why can't Truman get on with congress? Perhaps because he is a little too much like them. This is merely a hunch but I am not the only one who has toyed with the idea: both congress and the President (I realize that "congress" is a loose term because the legislators are a collection of many men of many minds) inclines farther to the right than the inherited Roosevelt program is targeted. Congress, the part of it that knows Harry Truman well, undoubtedly feels that his heart leans just about as far in the same direction. Therefore, he just can't get these more leftist ideas across. Harry Truman has a tremendous respect for the office of the presidency, a deep feeling of duty to carry out the program which death placed in his hands—a duty and a function he never sought. He cannot toss this heritage into the discard. And he probably reasons that if he feels that responsibility, the members of the party should do likewise. But it must be remembered that it was the powerful influence of a personality which could win an election four times, a task no American had dared to attempt even for the third, which kept congress obedient and even then, to ward the end, only faltering.

Truman Reveals His True Self

On this particular day of which am speaking, I think we heard Truman revealing his true self. He believes that the White House should be enlarged. He resented the opposition which he suspected was at least in part personal and political rather than the product of sincere conviction. I thought I heard that in his voice.

But I also think I heard in his words, a similar expression of his own philosophy, when he said that he thought the present industrial strife was a struggle for power between labor and management. In other words that basically it was not the demands of the men who work for more pay nor was it an objection on the part of industry to pay higher wages, as much as it was a pitch battle between labor leaders and the top men in management to see which could beat the other down.

To one who brags about being middle-class, without even a drop of blood of an Irish king in his veins, it sounded like good, sound (call it stuffy if you want) middle-class resentment. Then the President added that he thought that both labor and management had too much power and it was time for the government to step in and assert the power of the people which government is supposed to represent.

But when we asked the President if and how the government was going to assert itself to exert the "power of the people" to settle the mess, all he said was that he had done all that he possibly could do.

He could have called out the army and the navy, the national guard, the FBI and the United Marching and Social Clubs, and taken over the steel industry the next day. But a step like that, which was no more than the wave of a tapering cigarette holder yesterday, was one which no cautious middle-class, middle-western, middle-of-the-road American would like to take except under duress. (I say that as one such.)

And so congress, part of it responding to the pressure of management and part of it under the pressure of labor, fiddles and filibusters while industry contentedly lives off its fat, labor on union funds or relief and the "people" with all their alleged "power" wonder how long, oh Lord, how long!

Rastus Sure Knew What Platform Was Used For!

On a train going from one cotton picking job to another a couple of colored boys were talking politics. Rastus, who wanted to see one of the local incumbents re-elected, was giving his friend, Sam, a red hot sales talk on his favorite candidate.

"Well," Sam agreed after listening for some time, "ah guess he's all right — but ah sho don't like his platform."

"Platfo'm!" snorted Rastus. "Platfo'm! Say, don't you know dat a political platfo'm is jes like a platfo'm on one of dese yere railroad cabs—hit ain't meant to stand on, hit's jes meant to git in on."



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The Hornets Hum

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High school students are busy reading fiction, biography, drama, and "what have you" these days in preparation for oral book reports due in all English classes Monday, the 18th. Term themes are to be assigned soon, and we shall be doing more outside reading from our own library, as well as ordering additional source material from the Extension Loan Library at the University of Texas.

Playbooks for the senior class play, "Hillbilly Courtship," have arrived; and Miss Sutton has announced the following cast: Luke Stilsby—Helen Blankenship, Emmy Peppin—Kathryn Evans, Ma Peppin—Frances Carr, Lulu and Seadie Triffet—Minnie Joe Evans and Leona Wagner, Sol Silverstein—Mary Ema Gober, Louis Cat-

taro—Peggy Covey, Bridget O'Flannigan—Ruth Burleson, Wash Jeddo—David Knowlton, and Reverend Boswell—Janette McFarlane. A number of the girls will be made up to play boys' roles, and the necessary wigs and make-up have already arrived. The play is to be presented March 29.

Kathryn Evans presented a radio program in assembly last Thursday. The program was sponsored by Jay Lindley and Co. of Arden, Texas—producers of "How Can You Resist Me Perfume." (See Jean Foster, Peggy Covey, and Tom Gober for further particulars.) Miss Fowler played "Scatterbrain" as the theme song for the broadcast, and Kathryn introduced the Melody Makers, Gene, Fayette, Harvey, and Bobby, who sang "Chickery-Chick." Blue and Jean played two piano duets, "Waitin' for the Train to Come In" and Hong Kong Blues." The campus gossip was very

enlightening as well as entertaining. Kathryn would make a good Jimmy Fidler, wouldn't she?

Miss Norwood was named honoree Monday night when the faculty enjoyed a dinner party at Cogburn's in San Angelo. Miss Norwood was presented a piece of luggage by members of the faculty as a farewell gift. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh and Winston, Mr. and Mrs. Shilling, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Estes, Ethel Roberts, Fairie Fowler, Laura Jo Rhea, Natalie Sutton, Kathie Horn, Hugh Phillips, and the guest of honor, Mary Alice Norwood.

Mr. Shilling spoke on Religion in the Public Schools when the P. T. A. met in regular session Monday afternoon. Jayne Rose Hargrave played a piano solo, "American Capers," and Joyce Shafer played "Songs My Mother Taught Me."

The ninth grade won the dollar in the room count.

Mrs. Otis Deal, Mrs. Street Whitley, Mrs. Mike Wagner, and Mrs. John Klingler were hostesses for a social hour in the H. E. Laboratory following the meeting.

New pupils in the grade school are Wayne Chandler from Lakeview in the fourth grade, Bobby Steger from San Angelo in the third grade, Ellen Chandler from Lakeview and Jimmy Steger from San Angelo, both in the sixth grade.

FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADES

We are planning a Valentine party for Thursday afternoon.

Joanne Lackey took a picture of the students in our room Monday.

Gerry Ann Key was absent from school Monday.

Some of the high school girls wish that the new boy in the sixth grade were about five years older.

We wonder if Jackie Tankersley is tired of chewing gum.

Correction for last week's assembly program—it should have been Nancy Lou and Tommy Thorpe, Boyce and Beth Werst.

SPORTS

The Mertzon Hornets played the Ozona team Friday night in the Barnhart gym. We played good ball the first quarter and came out in the lead by a score of 7 to 4. At the half, the Ozona team was in the lead with a score of 10 to our 7. It was Ozona's game from then on, and the final score was 28 to 11.

The Hornets played the "Exes" Monday afternoon and came out on the short end of the 16 to 8 score.

BUZZIN' AROUND

Betty Woodall was home this week-end from the Jolly Beauty School in San Angelo. (We miss having Betty and Frances Smith in the Junior Class now.)

Dating Friday night were Lonie and Bobby, Punk and Cheese, Blue and Ben.

Saturday night Janette, Leona, Kathryn, Jean, Margie, Betty, Joy, and Blue were at the Oak Grove.

Larry and Jo were also at the Grove Saturday night.

Seen at the show in Angelo Sunday afternoon were Annette and Maxine.

Betty and Jean went to Big Lake Sunday.

Miss Fowler spent the week end at her home in Abilene.

Mr. Shilling was in Oklahoma for

Political Announcements

The following candidates announce for offices designated, subject to action of the Democratic Primary, July 27, 1946—

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S. T. Brister

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:

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Andy Bradford
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Mertzon - Texas

the week end.

Miss Norwood returned to Mertzon Sunday night from Greenville, where she spent the week end visiting her parents. She is resigning her teaching duties this week to go to California to be married. We regret losing Miss Norwood, but we wish her much happiness as she goes to join Albert.

THE STINGER

Theme song of the faculty—"I'll Never Smile Again."

Jean has gone into the watch repair business—with the help of Roy. She can really tear 'em up.

Is it true that Punk has lost six pounds from worry?

Mr. Shilling wants to know if Janie's correspondence goes to Ft. Worth or to the Pacific now—could be both?

Johnny Klingler, all the girls certainly do admire your peaches and cream complexion. Do you have a Woodbury Facial Cocktail each afternoon at 5:00?

What's all this between Margie and

Fayette? Hmm, it looks pretty good.

Too bad Blue and Margie had to sweep the highway Sunday afternoon!

Harvey, do you really forget your Spanish assignments, or do you just like to talk to Jean?

Margaret, don't you know that you shouldn't sew on Sunday?

What was the contest between Bobby and Ben Saturday night? Wonder if it annoyed any people in the show.

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THE KEYSTONE STATE

By EDWARD EMERINE

WNU Features

PENNSYLVANIA has something for everybody.

It is more than a boast, more than a slogan. The Keystone state is so varied in climate, scenery, industries and occupations that it defies articulate and coherent description. Whatever your interests, your plans, your ambitions or hopes, listen to the story of Pennsylvania.

Are you interested in American history? Start at Independence hall in Philadelphia, the Cradle of Liberty. Wander through the streets where Benjamin Franklin lived and worked and helped create a united nation. Or travel to Gettysburg where the greatest battle of the Civil war was fought. Visit Fort Necessity, near Uniontown, the scene of Washington's first battle, in 1754, when he was commander of the colonial troops. See the museum at Valley Forge, formerly Washington's headquarters during that cold winter when the colonies' hope was at its lowest. Go to General Braddock's grave near Farmington, or to the Old Blockhouse at Pittsburgh. Swing up to Erie to see the Niagara, Commodore Perry's flagship in the battle of Lake Erie in 1813.

Mountains, Lakes, Forests.

Vacation? Sports? First of all, you'll like the famous Pennsylvania Turnpike and the other smooth highways of Pennsylvania. There are mountains and valleys, rivers and streams. Pennsylvania has 200 sizable lakes for boating and water sports—with Lake Erie thrown in for good measure! You'll find trout streams and lakes for fishing, and Mount Davis in Somerset county with its 3,213 feet for you to climb. The "Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania" (Pine Creek Gorge) at Wellsboro, or Pymatuning lake and wild waterfowl refuge in Crawford county, should thrill you. There are picnicking and camping sites by the hundreds, old trails to follow, and 6,500 acres of virgin timber in Cook Forest state park. These are but a few; others can be found in every nook and corner of Pennsylvania's 45,000 square miles of beauty.

Are you an industrialist? Then you'll want to investigate the great coal fields, like those at Scranton,



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or look into Pennsylvania's billion-dollar textile business. The steel mills at Pittsburgh with their blast furnaces roaring should tingle your blood. And don't forget to see the site of Drake oil well, Titusville, where petroleum, the black gold, was first struck in the United States. Everywhere you go you'll see a factory, a mine, a great industrial plant.

You're a farmer? Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, ranks second in the United States in income from farm products! Just remember that the thrifty "Pennsylvania Dutch" knew how to till the land, and their grandchildren do too! Big barns, fine houses and well-tilled fields like those in Franklin county will tell you more than words. The Pennsylvania landscape is dotted with farms and the big city markets are right at hand. Pennsylvania farmers do not have to ship long distances to find a place to sell their crops, their livestock, poultry or dairy products.

The Commonwealth leads in the production of buckwheat. Other important crops are winter wheat, rye, oats, corn, potatoes, tobacco, apples, peaches, pears and grapes.

Many Colleges, Universities.

Schools? The institutions of higher education include the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, founded in 1740; Washington and Jefferson in Washington, founded in 1780; Pennsylvania State college; University of Pittsburgh; Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh; Lafayette college, Easton; Lehigh university, Bethlehem; Temple university, Philadelphia; Bucknell university, Lewisburg; Dickinson college, Carlisle; Franklin and Marshall college, Lancaster; Allegheny college, Meadville; Duquesne college, Pittsburgh; Grove City college, Grove City; Haverford college, Haverford; Swarthmore college, Swarthmore. There are 14 colleges for women, including Bryn Mawr, Lincoln university and Cheyney training school for teachers are for Negroes. There are 13 state teachers' colleges and 7 junior colleges!

Pennsylvania (Penn's Woods) was named for William Penn, the founder of the province. His charter was granted by Charles II in 1681. The terms, "Commonwealth" and "General Assembly," were originated by Penn and remain in

the state constitution to this day.

The United States was born on Pennsylvania soil. The articles of confederation were adopted in Philadelphia; the Declaration of Independence was written and signed there; the treaty of peace which ended the Revolutionary war was ratified in that place, and later the constitution of the United States was formulated there.

The Commonwealth has built its industries largely on basic elements. It produces nearly half the steel of this nation, shipping it to all parts of the world. The greatest metal production ever attained at one locality is at Pittsburgh. The bituminous coal annual output averages approximately 100 million tons, while anthracite averages over 51 million tons. The Commonwealth produces high-grade petroleum, iron ore, pig iron, steel for rails and structural purposes, lime, slate and other metals and minerals. A list of products manufactured in Pennsylvania would fill a book!

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Gems of Thought!

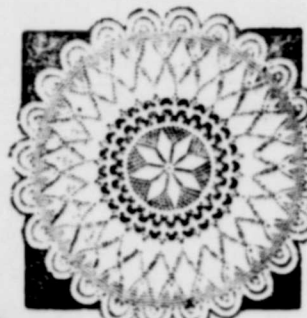
INTELLIGENCE and courtesy not always are combined; often in a wooden house a golden room we find.—Longfellow.

The Twenty-Third Psalm is the nightingale of the Psalms. It is small, of a homely feather, singing shyly out of obscurity; but it has filled the air of the whole world with melodious joy, greater than the heart can conceive.—H. W. Beecher.

Life is like a bed. If it is unsupportably uncomfortable, the best thing is to get up and remake it.—O. Sandys.

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A. L. Edmondson has been named general manager of the San Angelo Telephone Company, effective February 1, J. Y. Rust, president, announced today. Mr.

Edmondson, formerly with the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, comes to San Angelo from Houston.

The new general manager has a wealth of experience in the telephone business, in both in-

dependent and Bell System fields, having risen in the ranks from a groundman to general manager of the Texas Telephone Company in Waco, and to division superintendent of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company at Houston.

During the 17 years of his service as division superintendent of the Bell System's properties in Southeast Texas, Mr. Edmondson took an active part in civic activities. He was president of the Houston Rotary Club, a director of the Chamber of Commerce, during the war was in charge of communications for civilian defense, and was associated with many other activities in that city.

E. J. Hardgrave, secretary and assistant general manager of the San Angelo Telephone Company, has resigned his position to devote himself to personal interests, Mr. Rust said. Mr. Hardgrave has been in the telephone

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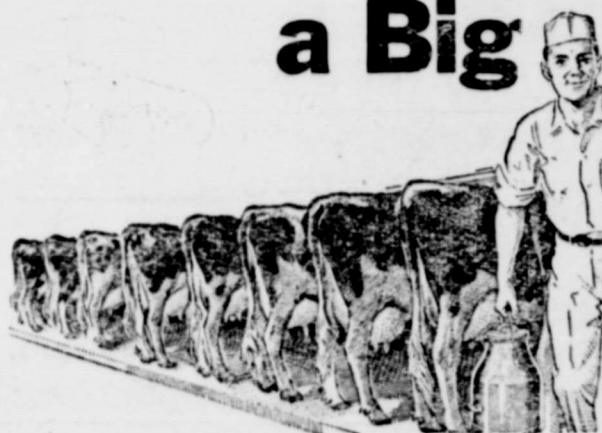
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business since 1900, starting to work in Ballinger. He came with the San Angelo company in 1910. During the past 35 years he has had an active part in building the San Angelo Telephone Company from a system with 2,614 telephones to 13,600 as of today. Mr. and Mrs. Edmondson will move to San Angelo from Houston as soon as necessary arrangements can be made, according to Mr. Rust.

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Most cows respond to this correct milking method. Giving heifers an occasional udder massage before they freshen helps develop them into fast milkers. In the case of cows not previously trained for fast milking, most of them will respond to faster milking if milking time is shortened gradually from three to four minutes.

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When the Going is Tough We Turn to Fundamentals

by Professor A. E. DARLOW, Oklahoma A. & M. Professor Darlow is at present at Shrienerham American University in England, helping to rehabilitate the agriculture of war-torn Europe.

The importance of agriculture and agricultural production was certainly impressed on the average Briton during the war. Food and food production for fighting men and working women were items of first importance. The English farmer did a marvelous job of increasing and maintaining production.

Many have thought that all the effort was on crop production. This is not the fact. Despite the need for all the human food it was possible to produce, the farmers and breeders of Britain have maintained their herds and flocks. There were some shifts and changes in livestock production, but the importance of livestock to agriculture and the importance of livestock production to human welfare were never more fully realized.

Here is a lesson for us all. It isn't theory, but fact brought into sharpest focus in a people's fight for existence—that nothing is more important to a nation's economy than her agriculture, and nothing is more necessary to good agriculture than a balanced livestock program.



THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

Profits Mean Progress

If someone offered you a deal which gave you a chance to make about 1% of the price your steers, hogs, or lambs sell for, we doubt if you'd get very enthused about it. The profit margin would be too small—about 35¢ on a \$35 hog, or only \$35 profit on 100 hogs.

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Producers of livestock and other farm products got 75¢ of each dollar we received from the sale of all our products, including hides, wool and all by-products. You may well ask, "Where did the remaining 25¢ of that dollar go?" The answer is: 12.3¢ went to all plant and office employees who prepare and market these farm and ranch products; transportation took another 2¢; supplies (fuel, barrels, boxes, salt, sugar, etc.) cost 5.1¢; taxes, 1.4¢; other necessary expenses 3.3¢. And that left just 9/10 of a cent out of the average sales dollar for the development and protection of the business and as a return to the people who have invested their savings in Swift & Company.

F.M. Simpson.

Agricultural Research Department

MINERAL SUPPLEMENT FOR WINTER FEEDING CATTLE

It has long been known that minerals are necessary for the health of animals and even for life itself. Those minerals most likely to be lacking in winter feeds are calcium or lime, phosphorus, and common salt. Many of the roughages fed to cattle may be short in minerals or grown on soils of low fertility. When cattle are fed such feeds, they must be supplied with a mineral supplement containing salt, lime and phosphorus. Also valuable in this mineral supplement are small quantities of other so-called "trace elements" such as cobalt, iron, manganese, copper and iodine. Although only small amounts of these latter minerals are needed, each plays a part in building a strong, healthy animal.

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He invests those savings in land, buildings, machinery, seed, livestock and in other things necessary for himself and his family to produce crops and to live.

When he figures out his results at the end of the year, he, like all other businessmen, measures his success by the returns he makes on his savings and the borrowed savings. Failures in farming, like failures in other businesses, are due to operations that, over a period of years, fail to average a fair return on the money invested—with the result that the savings are either withdrawn or lost.



Soda Bill Sez:

. . . that agriculture is about like farming, only in farming you do it.

. . . that the hardest thing to learn about farming is getting up at 5 A.M.

Martha Logan's Recipe for HUNTER'S STYLE DINNER

Yield: 8 Servings

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| 1 large bunch celery (about 1 pound) | 1 cup canned mushrooms |
| 3 large onions (about 2 1/2 pounds) | 7 ounce package spaghetti |
| 3/4 cup lard | 2 cups cooked or canned tomatoes |
| 2 1/4 pounds fresh pork shoulder | 2 cups cooked or canned lima beans |
| | 1 tablespoon salt |

Cut up celery and onions. Fry in half of the lard until transparent, in a heavy iron pan. Cut up the pork into small pieces. Brown well in remaining lard. Cover and cook over low heat for 30 minutes. Cook spaghetti in 2 quarts boiling salted water 15 to 20 minutes. Drain. Add tomatoes, lima beans, mushrooms, browned pork, onions and celery. Season well. Cook over low heat or in a slow oven (325° F.) for 30 minutes.

NOTE: This is excellent when warmed over

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OUR CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY

By ALMA TARVIN

We Texans celebrate this year,
Our hundredth Birthday anniversary.
The table ready, the feast is spread,
For all the world to come and see.

From every clime, and distant land,
They come to view this vast display.
Where pioneer travel in early years,
Was less than a score of miles a day.

Our Birthday candles gleam and glow,
They light the scenes o'er battle fields;
Where men once fought in long ago,
To break the bands of tyranny.

The candles scintillating lights,
Reach o'er the vast Lone Star domain.
From Goliad, San Jacinto—the Alamo,
And out across our Northern plains.

They shine across Bluebonnet fields,
To where the lofty pine trees stand.
From our waving golden wheat fields,
To the Silvery Rio Grande.

Through our skyways, on our highways
Shine the penetrating rays,
Where once were only cattle trails,
Winding through the purple sage.

They shed their lights on the Chisolm Trail,
Where chuck wagons traveled for days and days,
Or prairie schooners slowly rolled along.

The lonely trail to Santa Fe.

It reflects from the top of a distant knoll,
Where Indian braves once paused to scan.

The prairies wide—and along the trail,
The slow moving covered wagon train.

Now monuments of marble fair,
Reflect the candles glowing rays,
And granite towers, standing guard,
O'er spots that once were unmarked graves.

And as the candles lights grow dim,
And flickers—in the softened glow,
We see the forms of other men,
Who marched in days of long ago.

Again they march in dim array,
Shadowy forms, with heads held high.
Bonham—Crockett—Bowie—Travis all
Slowly fade from view, but never die.

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OVERNIGHT GUEST

BEN AMES WILLIAMS W.N.U. FEATURES

THE STORY THUS FAR: Adam Bruce, FBI operator, Inspector Tope and Mrs. Tope met in the Maine woods. Tope found a man murdered at auto camp. The body was first identified as Mr. Ledford, head of New England utilities. A car believed to have been used in the murder was raised from the quarry, with a woman's murdered body inside. Proof had been found that both the murdered man and the woman had been administered dope prior to their murder. The case, with the suicide of Kell, seemed to have blown up in Tope's face and Joe Dane, assistant D.A., took over the case. Tope, however, still had plans and asked Bruce to help without saying what he had in mind.

CHAPTER XIII

So they departed toward Cascade together; and Adam wondered what instructions Tope was giving Mrs. Tope. Then the old man returned alone, rod in hand, pockets bulging.

"I've got all you'll need, Mr. Eberly," he said. "Now I want to make a phone-call to Whitlock—we may need him. Then I'll be with you."

Upon the dot of half-past four, Mr. Eberly, alone, wearing shoe-pacs, riding breeches, a loose flannel shirt and a bulky hunting coat buttoned to his throat, came in his own car up the drive to the Ledford place in the hills above Ridgcomb. Mr. Eberly was rather pale, but steady.

The driveway forked, a little below the house; one way led to the house itself, the other toward the garages and the service wing. Mr. Eberly turned in that direction, and as he came to the court upon which the garages faced, he pressed his horn.

There were living quarters above the stalls for the cars. At one of the windows there a man appeared, called: "Right, Carl. I'll be down."

Mr. Eberly stayed in the car, kept his engine running. A pulse was thumping faintly in his throat. Ledford, his fishing gear in his hands, a moment later appeared. He came briskly toward the car, a gray-haired little man with a long nose, deep lines framing his mouth, something suggestive of the Oriental in the cant of his eyes. He glanced behind him toward the house, climbed into the car, grasped Eberly by the hand.

"How are you, Carl?"

"First rate," Eberly assured him. He added: "I phoned to make sure you had arrived. You so often have to change your plans."

"Lucky you did," Ledford agreed. "My sister has callers. Your Miss Dewain, and an iron-jawed woman I don't know. Alice fusses about my wearing woods clothes in the house. That's why I told you to come here instead of the front door." And he said: "The trout should rise. Wind's westerly."

Eberly made no comment. He was guiding the car up the winding road toward the trout pond, and a thick growth of hemlock and pine had already hidden from their view the house below them.

Ledford remarked: "I'm in a fishing mood, Carl. Sick of New York. I'd like to stay up here a month and do nothing but fish with you."

"How are things in New York?"

Ledford said, moving his shoulders as though to shake off a burden: "Well, I've had an unpleasant few days. Holdom has gone wrong, Carl. But let me forget business. Been doing any fishing?"

"Got a new rod," Eberly replied. "And I've gone back to snelled flies."

"The trout won't know the difference," Ledford chuckled. "Well, here we are."

Eberly pulled up beside the boat-house, and they got out and began to set up their rods. "We're here just at the right time," Ledford decided. "Best fishing is from now till dark."

Eberly nodded, and they turned toward the boat-house.

Ledford was ahead, Eberly behind; and Eberly cleared his throat rather loudly, and he asked in a strained tone:

"Rufus, you feel all right?"

Ledford whirled to look at him. "Certainly! I'm tired, but I'm always tired. Why?"

"I don't quite know," Eberly admitted. "Something about you seems—different. Your voice, and the way you handle that rod; and you look a little thinner."

Ledford laughed, not mirthfully. "If you'd been working as hard as I—and I've a slight cold."

Eberly nodded. "So have I. That's why I bundled up against this wind." He added insistently: "I don't know what it is. The way you walk, maybe. You look taller—"

"Nonsense," Ledford curtly in-

sisted. "Come. Get in!" He slid the canoe into the water.

"I feel a lot more secure in the rowboat," Eberly suggested.

"And so do the trout," Ledford retorted with a laugh. "They hear the rowlocks as soon as we leave the dock. Time you got over being afraid of a canoe, old man."

Eberly grinned. "Oh, all right. My life is in your hands," he said, and took the front seat. He held to the edge of the dock while Ledford got in, then took his paddle, and they moved away, out of the little cove, around the wooded point, across the pond.

Once Eberly turned half around in his seat to look back. The boat-house was completely hidden by the wooded point between. The wind was behind them, toward the mouth of the gorge where the dam held back these waters. Ledford, when they were a hundred yards offshore, said:

"Stop paddling, Carl, and let's try them here. We'll drift with the wind, fish the shoals here first, and the deep water afterward."

"Good enough," Eberly agreed. He laid down his paddle and began to cast, turning a little sidewise so



"Now, Miss Ledford, I'm sorry, but you mustn't try to deceive us."

that his back cast would not interfere with Ledford. Thus he was able to see the other man out of the corner of his eye; and this somehow was consoling. The back of his neck no longer crawled; his spine was no longer cold.

Yet he cast badly, his line a tangle on the water. But Ledford, he saw, did no better. The other's line splashed and slatted against the side of the canoe. Ledford may have felt Eberly's sidelong glance, for he said:

"This line's sticky. Need a new one, I guess." And then he said: "Hullo, you're perspiring, Carl! Better unbutton that coat."

Eberly hesitated. "I am a little hot," he agreed, and—his back toward the other man—he loosed the upper buttons. He said: "You've forgotten how to cast, Rufus."

There was a momentary pause. They had drifted, Eberly perceived, out into the deep water where the old brook-channel ran.

And then Ledford said: "I'll try it standing up. Always could do better so."

He got uncertainly to his feet, and seemed to totter. And suddenly they were both in the water. The canoe, as Ledford in falling clung to it, dipped one gunwale and thus overturned, the other gunwale coming down hard across Eberly's hips as, belatedly, he scrambled clear.

The point that hid the boat-house was well over a hundred yards away; the dam and the near shoulder of the gorge perhaps fifty yards. Ledford, without a word, began to swim toward the rocky shore beside the dam.

Eberly did not call out as he watched Ledford swim so quietly away.

Joe Dane, in the hour of Tope's humiliation, was quick with a theory of his own. "The whole thing's plain enough," he declared. "Ledford was having an affair with Mrs. Kell, brought her to Dewain's Mill that night; and Kell trailed them there and killed both of them."

They stood in Will Banion's chapel. Quill was gone, Doctor Medford

busy somewhere in the small rooms behind. Mat Cumberland scratched his head.

It was just past five when they came up the drive to the Ledford mansion. Joe recognized Bee Dewain's car at the steps. "What's she doing here?" he wondered; but the district attorney had no answer to propose.

Joe rang the bell and asked to see Miss Ledford. She came to them in the small reception room, and Joe said grimly:

"Miss Ledford, I've an unpleasant duty. This is District Attorney Cumberland. I'm Mr. Dane, his assistant. We've found a man dead; and some people think it is your brother, Mr. Ledford. Will you view the body, identify it?"

The frail old woman turned white as snow. "My brother?" she whispered.

"Yes, Rufus Ledford."

"But Rufus is here!" Miss Ledford protested, her weak voice somehow desperate.

"Here?" It was Joe's turn to be shaken. Then he smiled. "Now, Miss Ledford, I'm sorry, but you mustn't try to deceive us."

"But he is," she insisted, urgently. "He's up at the trout pond fishing with Mr. Eberly."

Joe Dane looked at Mat, and he demanded angrily: "Where is this trout pond?"

"Why, you take the road past the garage," Miss Ledford told him. "You can't miss it." Her voice was tremulous, her white hand pressed to her bosom.

Dane turned. "Come on, Mat," he said harshly. "We'll soon see!"

But Mat said: "Look out, Joe!"

Miss Ledford, swaying like a reed, had slipped softly to the floor.

They were alone in the reception room, but the door into the hall was open. At Mat's ejaculation, Bee Dewain appeared there in the doorway, Mrs. Tope behind her. Joe had tried, too late, to catch the fainting woman; he was on his knees now, beside her; he looked up stupidly at Bee, and the girl with a gesture swept him aside.

"Get out of here, both of you!" she cried. "You heartless idiots! We'll take care of her!"

Adam carried a rifle; Whitlock, the last to emerge, carried a small outboard motor, awkwardly.

"All right, Adam," Tope said briskly. "You and Beal get out on the point, where you can see. Whitlock, put the motor on the rowboat, and don't make any noise. Adam, we won't start till you shoot. Miss him once; but hit him if you have to."

Adam nodded, moved quickly away. Behind him, Tope and Whitlock were busy for a while. Then they waited, silent, ready.

Adam lay prone in the underbrush on the point, the rifle trained. The canoe was well offshore; he saw the men in it stop paddling and begin to fish. His pulse was shaking him.

Later, Ledford stood up in the canoe; and then he lurched overside and fell. The canoe overturned, floated with its bottom just awash. Adam, his eyes peering through the sights, saw Eberly floating with his head well out of water, saw Ledford swimming toward the shore. Ten yards of open water lay between the two men.

Ledford turned to look back. And then he began to swim back toward the other man. Eberly threw up one arm!

Adam pressed the trigger; he saw the water leap upward where the bullet hit, midway between the two men. Ledford looked toward the sound of the report; and at the same instant the outboard motor on the rowboat in the cove started with a staccato roar.

Adam threw in another shell; but then the boat, racing toward the two men in the water, came between him and Ledford. He leaped to his feet as the boat came to where the two men were.

Whitlock handled the boat; Tope was in the bow. Whitlock cut off the engine, and they coasted to a stop. Ledford had reached Mr. Eberly, was supporting the other man in the water.

"It's all right, Carl!" he said reassuringly, in the sudden silence as the engine died. "Take it easy. You're all right now."

Then Ledford cut in, his face white with anger.

"Just a minute!" he exclaimed. "I've a few questions to ask, myself," he added. "Of course, Mr. Eberly and I are grateful for your rescue; but after all, you're trespassers." He glanced at the gun in Adam's hand. "Poachers too, apparently. Out of season, and on private land. May I have an explanation?"

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AROUND THE HOUSE

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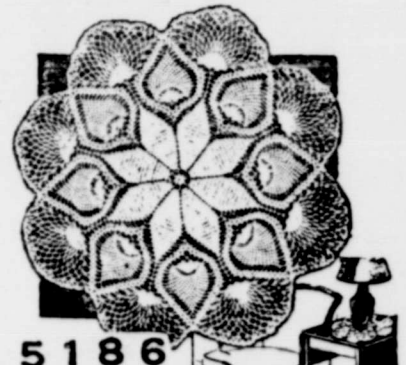
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Mrs. J. L. Werst Jr. won high score, Mrs. H. B. Kerbow won second high and Mrs. Reginald Atkinson cut prize. Three guests were present.

After the guests had been served Mrs. J. W. Adams, the former Henrietta Case had an unexpected surprise when she was honored with a shower of kitchen gifts.

A salad plate and coffee was served to the following club members: Mmes. P. F. Case, H. B. Kerbow, Max Van Court, Lum Trainer, W. W. Adams, H. F. Mayse, J. L. Werst, Jr., Leta Crawford, Hal Noelke, and guests Mmes. Reginald Atkinson, J. W. Adams and Loil Tankersley.

AUTO LICENSE TAGS FOR 1946 ON SALE HERE

New automobile license plates for 1946 are now on sale at the tax collector's office, it was announced this week following receipt of the county's allotment of new tags.

The new plates are slightly larger than those of last year, an inch wider and the same length as the 1945 tags. They are black with cream figures and letters.

Passenger plates for this county are numbered DR 8300 to DR 8699.

The new license plates must be on all cars before April 1. However, it is unlawful to attach the new plates before March 1. The cost of the new licenses will be the same as last year.

All truck drivers should have the correct weight of their trucks when they come in to register them.

CARE SHOULD BE USED IN HANDLING RABBITS

During the winter months hunting rabbits is a popular sport and a wild rabbit makes a very fine food, but according to the State Health Department, extreme care should be used in the handling of wild rabbits to prevent a possible infection with tularemia.

"Those little cottontail rabbits are not always as harmless as they look," states Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, "for some of them are infected with tularemia. This serious disease which is also known as rabbit fever usually is acquired by human beings through contact with infected rabbits or through contact with the infected insect that spreads it from animal to animal."

Dr. Cox cautioned that hunters should shoot only the rabbits that run away at his approach. A rabbit without the energy to scamper away from the hunter is likely to be a sick one that can transmit tularemia.

"It is necessary to handle uncooked rabbit meat cautiously," Dr. Cox said. "The use of rub-

ber gloves will protect your hands since the germs may enter the body through any cut or scratch however small if an infected rabbit is handled without gloves."

As a further safeguard, Dr. Cox said rabbit meat should be cooked very thoroughly so as to destroy any disease producing germs that may be present. This means that it would be cooked

at a boiling temperature for at least 20 minutes before cooking it to your individual taste.

Jack Downs, formerly VA teacher here, who has been at Monahans for several years, was here last Friday

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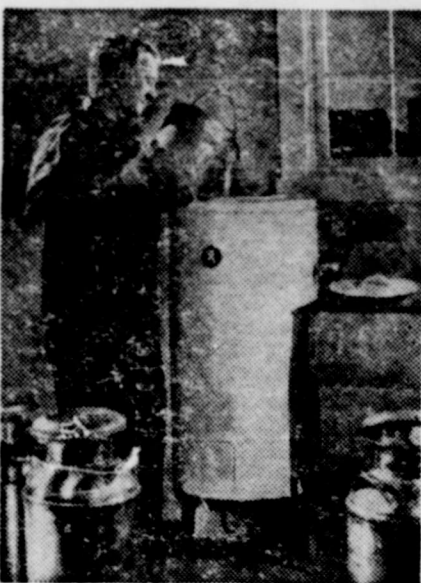
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A portable water heater will be a welcome addition to the farm.

A new portable electric water heater, which needs no water pipe to feed it, has just been announced by Rheem Manufacturing company, San Francisco. It is designed for farms where there is limited or no plumbing.

The new unit can be moved around at will. All it needs is an electric outlet near by. It holds 17 gallons and has automatic control. It can be connected to a water pipe and thereby converted into an automatic heater if plumbing is installed.

Ultraviolet Rays

Bacteria Killer

Invisible bactericidal rays sprayed by a new U-shape ultra-violet lamp can reduce the bacteria count in washed milk cans 96 per cent in one minute, according to a recent Westinghouse research report.

The tests were conducted under conditions of contamination more extreme than ever would be encountered in normal service. The unit consumes less electricity than a 25-watt electric light bulb, and should prove of real value in the milk house and dairy plants. Milk cans, although thoroughly cleaned, often pick up infectious organisms from rinse water and air.

This bactericidal rays lamp can be used in many ways about the dairy. Its main purpose is to kill the bacteria in the milk cans. By proper use of the lamp the quality of the milk can be raised and maintained. The cost of operation is very little and its effectiveness great.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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TRUE TO A GREAT HERITAGE

LESSON TEXT: Deuteronomy 4:1, 32-40.
MEMORY SELECTION: He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered.—Psalm 111:4.

A goodly heritage is the gift of God to his people. By faith they must enter into it and possess it. Thus they honor him who has promised, and they witness to all the earth that he is a great God and a loving heavenly Father. It magnifies his name to believe on his word and to act on his promises.

Israel, having failed God and plunged themselves into years of wandering by their unbelief when they just came up to the Promised Land, were now ready to go over Jordan and take the land.

A new generation had grown up, and for their instruction Moses rehearsed the history of the people, repeated the promises of God, and renewed their remembrance of his law. The book of Deuteronomy gives that "second law"—actually a review of what had been given before.

As they entered upon God's rich heritage for them they were admonished to

I. Harken to God's Law (v. 1).

To harken means more than to hear and forget. It carries with it the giving of attention to what is heard with the purpose of doing something about it.

God's law, his statutes and judgments are for the good of his people. They are not designed to limit their freedom, but to provide the channels through which they shall be most free to live and to accomplish that which is good and noble and useful.

Two things were assured to Israel if they hearkened to the law of God. They would first of all "live." This does not mean only that they should escape death, but that they might enter into the fullness of life.

The second result of obeying God's law would be their going into and possessing the land which God gave them. There is victory and attainment, as well as blessed fellowship for the one who obeys God. That is true today as it was in the time of Moses.

II. Remember God's Love (vv. 32-40).

The loving mercies of God toward his people had revealed his infinite greatness and glory.

He revealed himself in the fire—and they might well have been consumed by it—yet he graciously spoke to them instead of destroying them. They were to recall, too, that he had done a mighty and wonderful thing in taking them out of the powerful hand of Egypt and making them into a people for his name.

Sad is the state of the soul of the man who has lost his sense of the miraculous. To live in the midst of the constant demonstration of God's power and his mercy, and to see and feel nothing but the commonplace touch of humdrum daily life, is to be blind and deaf—yes, to be dead spiritually.

Is he any less powerful today? Certainly not! He is still the God of the miraculous and nowhere is that divine energy more evident than in the spiritual life of man.

The wonders of God in creation were rehearsed for Israel. They learned of his care for his people. "But far more wonderful are the works of God in the new creation and his infinite care for his people redeemed from a ruined race, and made inheritors of eternal residence in the heavenly Canaan" (Hight C. Moore).

III. Depend on God's Promise (vv. 37-40).

The Promised Land was before them, but it was for them to go in and possess it. There were warfare and struggle ahead, mighty warlike peoples to overcome. Were they able for it? No, not in their own strength!

How were they to accomplish this formidable task? By counting on God. He had promised to drive out the nations now holding the land. He is a God not only in heaven, but also on earth (v. 38). The people who believe him may go forward expecting miracles to happen.

Obedience to God's law brings fellowship with the eternal and omnipotent One, and the confident assurance that he will bring victory and the full accomplishment of his will for the obedient believer.

ASK ME ANOTHER?

A quiz with answers offering information on various subjects

The Questions

1. What artist painted 62 self-portraits because he could not afford a model?
2. Canada was ceded to Great Britain as a result of what European war?
3. How many sons did Abraham Lincoln have?
4. What do flyers mean when they say "the wind is ninety"?
5. Which would give the most moisture back into the air—a square mile of forest, ocean or plains?
6. What is a brumal month?

7. Where is the famous thoroughfare Pennsylvania avenue located?
8. What President of the United States repealed the Harrison Silver act and held the country to a gold basis?

The Answers

1. Rembrandt.
2. Seven Years' war.
3. Four.
4. That it blows from the east, 90 degrees from the north.
5. Forest.
6. A winterlike one.
7. Washington, D. C.
8. Grover Cleveland.

Household Hints

When washing men's and boys' overalls lay them on the washboard or any flat surface, and scrub them with a scrubbing brush and lots of good suds. It makes washing easier.

You can make dress and apron pockets more sturdy by laying a piece of tape on the underside of the garment in line with the pocket top. Stitch it in with the corners.

Hold artificial flowers a safe distance away from a steaming teakettle, and steam will coax out the wrinkles. If edges are soiled, trim them down and ruffle them anew over the edge of scissors.

False Teeth Wearers what bothers you most?

- Sore Gums? ☐
Chewing Discomfort? ☐
Food Particles Under Plates? ☐
Troublesome Lowers? ☐

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ALLSWEET	Wolf Brand
Margarine	Chili
Pound 26c	No. 2 Can 43c
Smoked	Milk, 3 large cans 25c
Sausage	Heart's Delight
Pound 37c	Spinach
Roast	No. 2 1-2 can 25c
Chuck, pound 30c	Mission
T-Bone or Club	Lima Beans
Steak	No. 2 Can 20c
Pound 49c	Primrose
Pressed Ham	Corn
Pound 55c	No. 2 Can 17c
Plenty of Fresh Pork of any kind and cut	Heart's Delight PEARS
	No. 2 1-2 Can 38c

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SUNSHINE	Renown, No. 2 Can 13c
No. 2 Can 19c	Spinach Staff-O Life 19c
Waffle Syrup Penick 5 lb. Jar 39c	Baking Powder K C 19c
Vanilla Wafers Cello. Bag 15c	Preserves
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1 lb. Jar 59c	Hershey's Cocoa 8 oz. pkg. 10c
	Peanut Butter Peter Pan 33c
	Sauce Catsup Style 10c
	6 oz. Bottle
PRODUCE SPECIALS	MARKET SPECIALS
Celery Florida, Nice 23c	Lunch Meats Asst. lb. 29c
Oranges Calif. Large 49c	Wieners Nice Ones lb. 37c
Yams East Texas 10c	Sausage Pure Pork lb. 37c
Potatoes Mesh Bag 10 lbs. 53c	Summer Sausage lb. 33c
Lemons Full of Juice, Large Size 39c	Sirloin Steak lb. 44c

CHANGE TO M SYSTEM AND POCKET THE CHANGE!

FRIDAY-SATURDAY SPECIALS

PRODUCE SPECIALS	
Celery Calif. Utah type, Best for Eating stalk 19c	
Oranges Texas Thin Skin doz. 29c	
Yams East Texas Sandyland, Best Markets Afford lb. 9½c	
Lemons Calif. Sunkist doz. 23c	
Grapefruit Texas Marsh Seedless, Med. size doz. 43c	
Carrots South Texas, Nice Ones, Bunch 2 for 13c	
Potatoes 10 lb. Mesh Bag No. 1 59c	
Onion Plants Crystal Wax, Approx. 100 to bunch 10c	
Plenty of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables to Select From	

MARKET SPECIALS

Shoulder Roast	lb. 27c
Shoulder Steak	lb. 28c
Stew Meat Brisket or Rib	lb. 18c
Picnic Hams Nice and Tender	lb. 31c
Hot Tamales Fresh, Shuck Wrapped	doz. 39c
Sausages Country Style Smoked	lb. 29c

Plenty Fresh Frozen FISH and OYSTERS
Plenty LONGHORN Cheese and WIS. CHEDDAR Cheese

M System Bread 24 oz. Loaf 10c	
Sand Tarts doz. 15c	
Angel Food Cakes Large 59c	
Fresh Pies Pecan, Apricot, Cherry, Mince 39c	
Dinner Rolls doz. 6c	

Sugar Pure Cane 5 lbs. 33c	
Baby Food Heinz Strained Regular Can 7c	
Pickles Superior, Sour, full quart 35c	
Noodles In tomato sauce, Magic Chef, 13 1-2 ounce glass 19c	
Salmon Chum, No. 1 tall tin 25c	
Sardines Maine, 1-4 can 3 for 25c	
Peanut Butter Armour's 16 ounce glass 29c	
Grapefruit Juice Bestex, 46 ounce can 25c	
Milk Armour's 3 large cans 25c	
Honey Butter 14 ounce pkg. 29c	
Soap Lifebouy, 3 regular bars 17c	
	Lux, 3 regular bars 17c

DRUG SPECIALS

Kotex Regular Pkgs. 2 for 43c	
Peruna 11 ounce 95c	
Dry Cleaner Mufti 23c	
Chamberlain Lotion Regular 25c Size 23c	
	Toni Wave Kits

FOLGER'S Coffee	
1 lb. glass 32c	
2 lb. glass 63c	

Pillsbury Best FLOUR	
2 lbs. 14c	
5 lbs. 29c	
10 lbs. 55c	

HEINZ Ketchup	
14 oz. bottle 22c	

Treet	
Armour's	
12 oz. tin 34c	

Tamales	
Whitson	
No. 2 tin 23c	

BEANS	
Mexican Style, Pecan Valley	
No. 1 Can 10c	