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Aubrey Brock Heads American Red Cross

The annual meeting of the Parmer County Chapter American Red Cross was held in Bovina on Tuesday night, which resulted in a complete new set of elective officers being chosen for the coming year.

Aubrey Brock of Bovina, was elected county chairman; J. T. Carter of Farwell was named as vice chairman; Frank Spring of Friona, treasurer, and Mrs. Frank Hastings of Bovina, secretary.

Retiring Chairman C. R. Elliott of Bovina, presided at the meeting, and introduced Mrs. Wanita Hutchinson, field director of the Red Cross, who talked at length of the activities of the activities of the organization, and stressed the importance of a better coordinated in Parmer County. "We know that Parmer county is interested in the Red Gross by the way you have always responded to financial calls," she observed, "but we are not doing our full part otherwise."

At this point she stressed the importance of carrying out the full programs of the organization, laying special emphasis on sewing and knitting programs. "I am not here to criticize, but to help in every way I can and I point out these inactivities to stress the importance of our work while the nation is at war," Mrs. Hutchinson said.

The date of the annual meeting was changed from the fourth Wednesday to the second Tuesday in April.

War Food Assistant To Work In County

Miss Graham Hard has been assigned to work in Parmer and other areas as Emergency War Food Assistant by the Extension Service, according to announcement made by Miss Kate Adel Hill, district agent. Miss Hard and Miss Hill conferred with County Agent Garlon A. Harper, Mrs. Joe Jesko, and the County Commissioners' Court on Monday afternoon.

Plans are being made by Miss Hard to spend one week each month here. The first dates will be from April 17 to 23. On April 23, Miss Hard will conduct a presure cooker testing demonstration at the home of Mrs. Joe Jesko. April 17 and 22 she will be in the demonstration agent's office for conferences on subjects of food production and conservation. Her activities will be confined to these two subjejts.

Miss Hard is a graduate of Tech, majoring in home economics, and has taught in Shallowater in Lubbock County, which is her home. The services of an assistant are provided by the USDA, and assistants are assigned to give part time assistance in counties without the services of a regular home demonstration agent.

Miss Hard will work in cooperation with Agent Harper, and her work will be supervised by Miss Hill.

REVIVAL AT BOVINA

A revival meeting is in progress at the Methodist Church at Bovina, and will continue throughout next Sunday, Rev. Roscoe Trostle, pastor, announced the first of the week.

Rev. Hubert Bracher, of Ralls, is bringing the messages, and services are being conducted twice daily at 11 a. m. and 9 p. m. The public is invited to attend.

HAS BLOOD POISON

Johnnie Williams, prominent farmer of the West Camp community, has been under treatment in Lubbock and Clovis the past week, suffering with an infection with resulted in blood poisoning. He is reported to be improving satisfactorily.

Ration Calendar

Sugar: Stamps No. 30 and 31, in Book 4, good for 5 lbs. indefinitely.

Meats and Fats: Book 4, red, A8 through and including M8 good for 10 points each, valid indefinitely. N8 through and including Q8 valid April 23, valid indefinitely.

Processed Foods: Book 4, blue, A8 through and including P8 good for 10 points, valid indefinitely.

Shoes: Book 1, No. 18, expres April 30. Book 3, No. 1 airplane, good indefinitely.

Gasoline: A coupons, 3 gals., No. 11 expiring June 21. In B-2, B-4, C-2 and C-3, coupons good for 5 gal. R 5 gals bulk only; red T designated second quarter, 5 gals.; D, 1½ gal.; E, one gal. each.

GRANDMOTHER DIES

Mrs. J. D. Hicks, 74, grandmother of Mrs. Ellis M. Mills of Farwell, died at the family home in Crosbyton, Texas, the past Friday, and funeral services were held there on Sunday, followed by interment in Erath County. Mr. and Mrs. Mills and family attended the funeral services, returning here Sunday night.

Two Farm Sales Are Scheduled For Week

Two farm sales, both of them offering a good selection of items and livestock, are scheduled for the coming week, in the Bovina territory.

The first will be at the Wilbur Charles farm 3½ miles west and 1½ north of Bovina, on Thursday, April 13 when Vernon Estes is offering 25 head of extra good milk cows, farm machinery, horses, chickens and miscellaneous items to the highest bidder. Estes has volunteered for service in the armed forces and is making preparations for his call.

On Monday, April 17th, N. E. Bonds, of 3½ miles southwest of Bovina, will sell 21 head of cattle, 5 hogs and a good list of farm machinery and miscellaneous items. This sale will begin at 1 p. m.

Col. W. D. Wanzor, of Muleshoe, will be in charge of both sales, with Jack Williams serving as clerk. A complete list of the offerings will be found in this issue of The Tribune.

Candidate For Co. Commissioner, Pct. 2

F. T. (Floyd) Schlenker, longtime resident of the Rhea community, this week authorized The Tribune to announce his candidacy for the office of county commissioner of Precint No. 2, Parmer County.

Mr. Schlenker has been a resident of Parmer County for the past 38 years, coming here with his parents from Iowa while a young lad. He is 52 years old. He is seeking reelection to the office he now holds on the merits of the record he has made as a public official.

His announcement is made subject to the action of the Democratic primary eletion on July 22, and he will appreciate any consideration shown his candidacy.

Lost Ration Books Not Easily Replaced

Housewives were advised today by John R. Armstrong, chairman of the Parmer County ration board, to take good care of Book 4 and keep Book 3 in a safe place.

Applications are frequently received from people who want replacements for ration books that have been lost or damaged. Since no more ration books are to be printed soon, replacement may become increasingly difficult, Armstrong said further.

Book 3 must be kept, even though not used for food buying, since it contains airplane stamp 1 now good for shoes and will probably continue to be used for shoe rationing. After No. 18 in Book 1 expires April 30, that book will be withdrawn from use, the chairman explained.

Speaks for Finns

Finance Minister Vaino A. Tanner of Finland, who was quoted by the official Finnish radio as stating that Finland "is disposed to withdraw from her war with Russia if she obtains acceptable conditions."

County School Land Sold to Rancher

Draft Sets Aside Registrants Over 26

Classes, Prize List Is Announced for Show

J. T. Gee, of the Friona agricultural department, this week made announcement concerning the classes and prizes to be offered at the annual Parmer County Fat Stock Show, which will be held in Friona on Friday and Saturday, April 14-15.

The eligibility list of exhibitors is limited to boys who are regularly enrolled in either vocational agriculture or 4-H club work, he stated. Entries will be accepted on Thursday, April 13, or Friday morning.

Monroe May, Castro county agent of Dimmitt, has been secured as judge of the show, and is expected to begin placements around 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. May has judged several previous years at the Parmer show, and is well known locally.

In making the list of classes, Gee stated that "likely there will be no fat calf class this year, but probably a class of beef breed bulls will be shown."

Following is a list of classes and prizes:

1. Sow and pigs (must be at least 4 pigs), first $7.50; second $5; third, $2.50.
2. Open gilts (150 lbs. and up): first $4, second $3, third $2.
3. Gilt pigs (up to 150 lbs.): first, $3, second $2, third $1.
4. Bred gilts: first $5, second $3, third $2.
5. Fat Litter (160 lbs. and up): first $7.50, second $5, third $2.
6. Weaning litter (up to 160 lbs.): first $4, second $3, third $2.
7. Pen of three: first $5, second $4, third $3.
8. Fat pigs (pen of 3 may be shown as individual fat pigs): first $4, second $3, third $2, fourth $1.
9. Sows: first $5, second $3, third $2.
10. Boars: first $5, second $3, third $2.

To the grand champion of the show will go a special $7.50 award, and to the reserve champion, an extra prize of $5.00.

Monday Final Date For Grain Bin Bids

Officials at the local AAA office reminded today that Monday, April 17, is the final date for making bids on CCC pre-fabricated grain bins, with the deadline at 2 o'clock.

Located in the county are a good number of these bins, some erected and some still on the ground, which are being offered to farmers for agricultural purposes, with all minimum prices set below the price formerly asked by the CCC.

Sealed bids must be left at the AAA office, accompanied by the purchase price offered, and the bins will go to the highest bidders. Refused bidders will be refunded their bids immediately.

BOVINA MARINE IS REPORTED AS KILLED

Word was received by friends in Bovina last week from his parents that Macyl Roberts, of the Marine Corps, had been killed in action in the Southwest Pacific area.

Young Roberts graduated from the Bovina high school in 1941, where he was a very popular student during his high school career and distinguished himself as a star track man. At one time he set a regional record in the half mile run which still stands.

No further information has been received locally.

COMPLETING IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements and additions to the plant of the local Baptist congregation, which have been in progress for the past several months, were expected to be completed in the near future, it was announced today by Rev. W. C. Wright, pastor. He said that workmen were now installing a new baptistry and that finishing up work in the recently erected annex was being completed.

Rev. Wright added that he expected all work to be completed by June 1.

REVIVALIST—Rev. R. L. Jenkins, of Friona, who is doing the preaching at the Texico-Farwell Baptist Church revival this week.

Baptist Revival In Progress This Week

A revival meeting is in progress at the local Baptist Church and will continue through Sunday with services being held at 11 a. m. and 9 p. m.

Rev. R. L. Jenkins, of Friona, is here doing the preaching and the music is in charge of Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Wright.

This revival is being held in connection with a large group of Baptist churches in New Mexico which are conducting simultaneous revivals during the present week. Rev. Wright has extended a cordial invitation to the public to be present for any of the services.

BOVINA HARDWARE FIRM DISSOLVES PARTNERSHIP

The firm of Gaines & Elliott Hardware Company of Bovina, among the oldest business firms in Parmer County, is being dissolved this week by mutual agreement of the interested parties.

Under an agreement, the business is being divided. C. R. Elliott takes over the stocks of paint, combines, butane gas and implement repairs. Mrs. Lady Barbee and her mother, Mrs. J. Sam Gaines, will retain the hardware and furniture stocks, and Mrs. Barbee will continue to operate their part of the business in the old location under the name of the Gaines Hardware company.

Mr. Elliott will move his stock across the street and operate under the name of C. R. Elliott Company. The doors of the business will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, while inventory is being made, Mrs. Barbee announces.

SALE DATE SET

The Lariat community sale date, which was originally set for April 18, has been changed to Thursday, April 20, due to conflict with another sale near Muleshoe. A large list of livestock, machinery and household goods is being arranged by Auct. Col. Dick Dosher for the forthcoming sale. Watch for the big bills, giving the complete list.

EXHIBIT AT PLAINVIEW

Wendol Christian and W. M. Donaldson, Parmer county club boys, are exhibiting Jersey heifers at the Plainview fat stock show, which opened the first of the week and will conclude on Friday. The production records of Christian for 1943 were also entered in a special contest for 4-H boys, it was announced.

HUNTER HOME AGAIN

S. C. Hunter, long time Texico resident, was rushed to a Clovis hospital last Saturday after being stricken with an acute attack of kidney stones. He responded readily to treatment and was permitted to return home on Monday.

Explaining that selective service "had done such an excellent job, there can now be a tapering off of inductions," Gen. J. Watt Page, Texas director of selective service, has wired the Parmer county board to postpone the induction of every registrant 26 years of age and older, "until further notice".

This means, local draft officials pointed out, that no men over 26 years of age will be used to fill induction calls during the month of April. Instead, young men who have not attained their 26th birthday will be given orders to report for induction to apply on the calls for the current month.

This order, direct from Gen. Page, means a complete change-over in induction proceedings for the present. For example, plans were completed at the last meeting of the local board, Saturday, to fill the April calls with selectees most of whom were over 26 years of age. But with this change in regulations, received here on Monday, the over-26 group is set aside, and calls for the current month will be filled with selectees who are under the new age limit.

Gives Much Confusion

Draft officials admitted that keeping abreast of rapidly changing regulations was proving exceedingly difficult, and at the same time expressed a sympathetic regard for the registrants, who are kept in a state of confusion with reference to their draft status.

"Many registrants are at a loss to know what to do,' one board member said, adding, "this is particularly true of farm lads and farmers who right now must make definite plans for an entire year."

He said draft board members were in no position to offer advice in view of changing regulations. His only comment was, "we must realize that we are at war, and wars always bring changing conditions. All men in the military age limits must prepare themselves for any eventuality that might arise, keping in mind the foremost fact that manpower needs for the armed forces must come first."

Turning to the subject of men now in class 2-C, which comprise most of the deferments in Parmer County, he advised such registrants to "continue in your present ocupation until you are notified of a change in your classification. This may never come—and then again, it may come tomorrow."

Limited Service Men Out

For the present at least, no more selectees who have been found acceptable for limited service will be inducted. However, pre-induction physical examination calls will continue, and this procedure will apply to all men who are 38 years of age and who are found not essential in the war effort.

Under the new regulations, induction of men "engaged in essential agriculture, war production or war supporting activities, who are over 26, will be postponed even though such men have been found acceptable for military service."

The following classifications were announced following a meeting of the board last Saturday:

1-A

Robert W. Graham, George D. Turner, Sidney B. Dial, Archie M. Hall, Coy B. Bates, Johnnie O. Glover, Samuel V. Estes, Horace W. Coffman, Kenneth E. Briscoe, Albert C. Steelman, Melvin A. Snider, Jr., Doyn Merriman, Jim P. Austin, Penro Evans, William T. Hill, Ernest L. Hughes, Rufus E. Douglas, Vialo Weis, Frankie J. Ditmore.

1-A(L)

Walter L. Hardage, Boone Allison, Frank W. Lookingbill, John R. Kimbrow.

1-A(H)

Otis G. Ramsey.

2-A

John M. Clayton, Jason O. Gordon, Fred H. Kloepper, Hubert T. Magness.

2-A(H)

Ernest R. Stewart, Charlie P. Thompson, Kermie E. Deaton, Vernon Scott Johnson.

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DATE CHANGED AGAIN

Stating "we hope we can give the play this time," Mrs. Ruth Joss, senior sponsor at Farwell, announces that the class play date has been changed to April 24th. A list of characters will be issued next week.

Another $40,000 was added to the Parmer County permanent school fund here Monday when the county commissioners closed a deal with Tobe Foster, large ranch operator of the South Plains, for three leagues of school land located in Gaines and Andrews counties.

The land was sold outright to the rancher, who maintains his home at Lubbock, for a cash consideration of $3.00 per acre, with the county retaining all the mineral rights. The sale ipvolves leagues 315, 316 and 317, located in the two counties named, with an approximate acreage of 13,600 acres.

Second Sale

This is the second time this same land has been sold in recent years. In the first transaction, the purchaser defaulted and the land was repossessed by the county.

The land was deeded to Parmer County from public domain when the county was organized, and up to recent years very little revenue had been realized from the ownership of the land. During more recent years, considerable oil development has ben carried out on and near the land, with the result that the Parmer school fund has been enriched many thousands of dollars.

County Judge Lee Thompson said that already more than $80,000 had ben realized from the land, and had been invested in securities. "And we (the county) still own three-fourths of the mineral right on two leagues and all the rights on a full league," he added.

Some months ago, the county sold one-fourth of the mineral rights on leagues 316 and 317, but no deal has been consumated for the sale of any mineral rights on league 315.

Money in Bonds

Judge Thompson explained that money derived from the sale of the land and mineral rights was not an expendable item. "We can only spend the interest from the investment of this money," he said. Already money derived from the grass lease and oil leases on the land has accounted for an investment in $61,000 worth of war bonds, and $12,000 in Parmer county bonds, with approximately $9,000 on deposit in the county depository.

Interest from these investments is available for operations of Parmer county schools, and each year it is distributed according to the scholastic enrollment of the schools.

"If oil is ever disovered on any of this land, Parmer County will have more school money than it knows what to do with," Judge Thompson observed, as he discussed the retention of the mineral rights on the land formerly owned by the county.

Results Of School Elections Are Given

The complete list of the results of school elections, conducted on April 1, were announced this week by County Judge Lee Thompson.

Previously, he had announced the results in all but three districts in the county. Board members elected in the three remaining districts, not previously announced, were:

Midway—Lacy Hardage.

Lazbuddy—Gene Seaton, Finis Jennings.

Lakeview—E. L. Fairchild.

Judge J. D. Hamlin of this city was re-elected as county trustee at large ,and Matt Jesko will succeed himself as county trustee of precinct No. 4. Both were write-in candidates.

MEASLES PREVALENT

Quite a number of cases of measles, particularly among children, are being reported during the past week in town and the surrounding community.

CORRECTION

The Tribune was in error last week in reporting the date for commencement services, which will be held at the Farwell school, May 16. Through a typographical mistake, the date was announced previously as April 19th.

TO OUT-OF-TOWN SUBSCRIBERS

Under new policy, a charge of 10c is made for change of address. Please include this when you notify us of such change. Otherwise, The Tribune will not be forwarded to new addresses.

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OUR PLEDGE

We pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States, and to the Republic for which it stands; One Nation, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

BOVINA NEWS

John Wines, now in the army, is visiting here with his wife.

Sgt. and Mrs. Clyde Blalock returned to San Antonio, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kelly, of Earth, visited his parents, last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ellison are now at Hot Springs, N. M.

Miss Anna Hastings, of Dalhart, and Miss Letha Hastings, of Amarillo, visited their parents over the weekend

Mrs. J. Sam Gaines, Mrs. Lady Barbee, Mrs. Otis White and Grandmother Elliott visited in Amarillo, Sunday.

Everett McCutcheon, of Richmond, Cal., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe McCutcheon.

Bass Elliott, of A & M, is home for several days with his parents, after which he will be inducted.

Cpl. Lilvus Rhodes, of Fort Bragg, N. C., is here visiting relatives.

Bob Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Johnson, and Harold Lloyd Whitehurst, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Whitehurst, left Thursday for a naval training station.

Audie Perkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Perkins, left Friday for the Navy.

Mrs. Starr Buried

Mrs. L. P. Starr passed away at her home in Bovina, April 2, after an extensive illness. She was buried the following day at this city.

Survivors include her husband and three children, Cpl. Billie Starr of the Marines; Harold Gene and Peggy Sue; also five brothers, Burren Vassey of Bovina Arthur Vassey of California, Elmer Vassey of Odell, Tex., J. B. Vassey of Beeville, Tex., and Pfc. Bobby Vassey of the Army; five sisters, Mrs. Reagan Looney and Mrs. Ronald Berggren of Bovina, Mrs. Wade, of Groom, Tex., Mrs. Katheryn Simpson, Battle Creek, Mich., Sgt. Myrtle Nichols of Fort Custer, Mich.; and a step mother, Mrs. Horace Nichols, of San Antonio.

Lyndon Rhodes, small son of Mrs. A. G. White, is receiving treatment at an Amarillo hospital.

Mrs. Cloydia Brown and children spent the weekend in Summerfield.

Johnnie Brand of Friona, visited in Bovina, Friday.

Grady Mitchell visited his sister in Hereford over the weekend.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The State Line Tribune is authorized to make the following political announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic primary:

For County Judge:
LEE THOMPSON
(Re-election)

For County and District Clerk:
D. K. ROBERTS
(Re-election)

For Sheriff-Assessor-Collector:
EARL BOOTH
(Re-election)

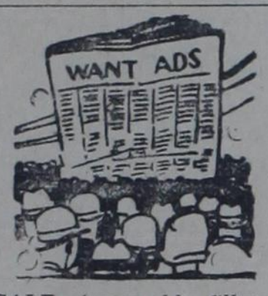
For County Attorney:
A. D. SMITH
(Re-Election)

For County Treasurer:
ROY B. EZELL
(Re-Election)

For Representative, 120th District:
JOE W. JENNINGS
(Floyd County)

For County Commissioner, Pct. 3:
J. P. (JIM) MILLER

For County Commissioner, Pct. 2:
F. T. (FLOYD) SCHLENKER
(Re-Election)



FOR SALE—4-year-old filly; also wel-trained roping horse. Arthur Bolton, 14 mi. East Farwell. 20-3tp.

FOR SALE—Superfex oil-burning refrigerator, 6-ft, in perfect condition. Roy Daniels, 5 miles east, 3 south Syndicate Hotel 20-3tp

FOR SALE—2-row lister, planting attachments; also 2-row cultivator, used 1 year. Both for Oliver-70 tractor, A-1 shape. J. W. Ellison, 5 mi. west Bovina. 20-3tp

FOR SALE—Hybred cotton seed. Have lots of it. J. B. Shirley, 4 mi. south Syndicate Hotel. 16-6tp

CON-D-MENTAL

Mr. Chicken and Hog Raiser: If you believe in vitamins for your family, then you need to buy Con-D-Mental for your poultry and animals, all ages. They like to stay well, too. Get it from your local dealer. 19-6tp

FOR SALE—One 1940 Ford, long wheel base, heavy duty truck, good tires; also one 1941 Chevrolet long wheel base, heavy duty truck with good tires. Being offered at bargain. Henderson Grain & Seed Co., Farwell. 19-tfc

FOR SALE—25 tons of Calo maize bundles with good grain, in stack. Harold Carpenter, 15 miles NE of Farwell. 21-3tp

FOR SALE—Young registered Milking Shorthorn bulls. F. L. Wenner, 14 miles E of Lariat, 7 miles NE of Muleshoe. 21-3tp

FOR SALE—Good single P&O lister, horse drawn; good 2-row P&O lister, horse drawn; good disc harrow; good 2-row John Deer go-devil with knife attachments; good 4-row scratching harrow. J. F. Pesch, 5 mi. W Bovina on 80-ft. road. 21-3tp

ESTRAY—A Jersey cow has been at my place since Feb. 6. About 2 yrs., horned. Owner may have same by paying for ad and feed bill. Bill Hanna, ½ mi. S. Oklahoma Lane school. 2 -3tc

FOR SALE—Dining table and six chairs. W. J. Mathews, Texico. 1tp

ESTRAY—2 barrow hogs, white spotted, wt. 170 lbs.; 1 spotted gilt, wt. 90 lbs, came to my place in Farwell April 2. Owner may have same by paying for this ad and the feed. John Porter. 21-3tc

FOR RENT—Two room house in Texico, has toilet but no bath. Suitable for small business or living quarters. Red Cross Pharmacy, Texico. 22-tfc

FDR says:

I hope Americans will figure out for themselves additional payroll savings.

I can TASTE it ain't real

IT'S NEWS, said a famous editor, when boy bites dog but commonplace when dog bites boy.

It is not quite clear why our young inquiring reporter had to sink his teeth into the subject to discover that it isn't the genuine article. But many a motorist would like some similar way of quickly discovering the real thing when he wants high quality motor oil.

The difficulty is that he can't detect quality in a lubricant by taste, smell, sight, or feel. Yet there is an easy solution to the problem. Just remember that to end confusion and doubt, Phillips makes this simple, straightforward statement: If you want our best oil, remember we specify that Phillips 66 Motor Oil is our finest quality . . . the highest grade and greatest value . . . among all the oils we offer to average motorists.

The recommended oil change period used to be every 1,000 miles. With today's reduced driving, experts say motor life is lengthened by changing oil every two months. And now is the time for seasonal change to replace winter-worn lubricant. So be sure to get quality by asking for Phillips 66 Motor Oil.

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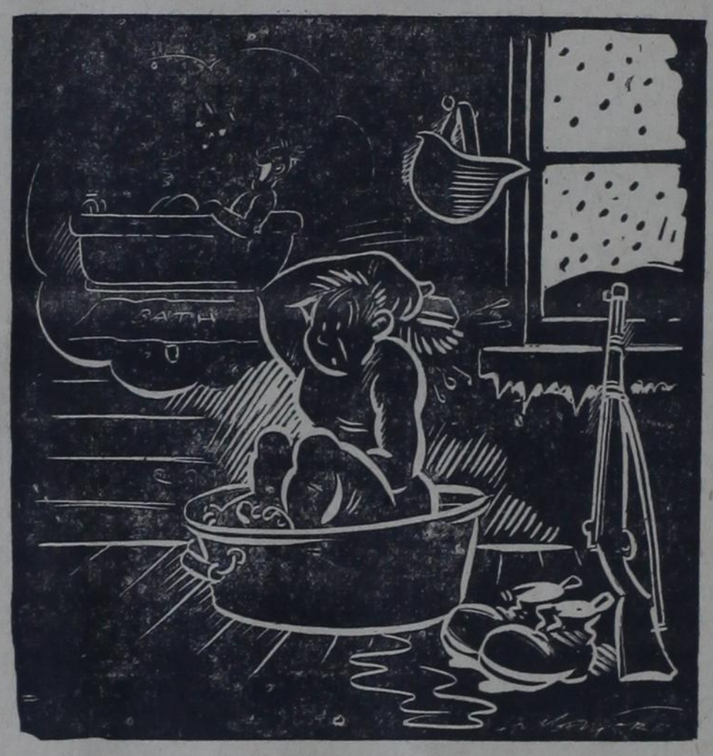
Goldsmith Produce



A Hot Tub with Built-in Music

G. I. Johnny's taking his baths on the run right now and counts that day a lucky one when he has even a small chance for a clean-up. So it's easy to understand why his thoughts are often on those back-home baths,—good and hot, —baths with built-in music.

Johnny and thousands of others have their post-war sights trained on their personal *Home of Tomorrow* and the many conveniences that only GAS and its magical blue flame can give. Automatic hot-water is one of these and a most important one. Hot baths and shaves, carefree dishwashing and laundering,—hot water comfort at its tip-top peak;—these are "musts" in Johnny's post-war program.

So that he won't be disappointed, the Ruud Automatic Gas Water Heater will again be made after the war and it will again be fitted with a rust-proof, long-wearing tank of solid, silvery Monel.

It deserves a place in your own program!

These Three Will Meet Again

Gas, the perfect water heating fuel! Monel, the long-lived, rust-proof tank! And Ruud, the top-quality automatic water heater!

Now in their country's service, they'll meet again when war ends so that you may have a truly perfect hot water service at low cost.

Southern Union Gas Company

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GOODYEAR TIRES **Goodyear Service Stores**

115 West Fifth Clovis, N. M.

Seven generals, a rear-admiral and a vice-admiral, a colonel and two Marine lieutenant-colonels are counted amoung the University of Texas' contribution to the military "brass hat" section, a recent survey of University of Texas ex-students in the armed forces reveals.

Texas is furnishng almost all of the toluene that is going into the manufacture of tri-nitro-toluene, or TNT for war purposes, a Minnesota research chemist recently pointed out in a lecture at the University of Texas.

BOVINA NEWS

(Too Late For Last Week)

Mrs. Tom Lloyd returned home Thursday from a visit in Ft. Worth.

R. A. Kelly has purchased the Pete Queen home.

Mrs. Stacy Queen returned Thursday from a Clovis hospital where she underwent a minor operation.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wilkerson of Corpus Christi, a son. Mrs. Wilkerson is the former Miss Viola Mae Venable.

Bill Smith, of Plainview, visited in Bovina, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lloyd and family of Friona, visited here Saturday.

Elza Lloyd and James Herring of Friona visited in the Tom Lloyd home Sunday.

Mrs. Earl Richards and children left Friday for Abilene, to visit her husband, stationed there in the army.

Mrs. Lola Jones and children have returned to their home at Roswell after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Paul.

Mrs. Bessie Wells of Odessa, visited friends here recently.

Miss Eris Norton, of Canyon, visited her parents last weekend.

Lyndon Rhodes underwent a major operation, Wednesday, in an Amarillo hospital.

Mrs. Byron Turner returned to her home from Los Angeles, Saturday.

Pvt. John E. Bonds has departed for camp after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Bonds.

SANITATION PROTECTS AGAINST DISEASES

COLLEGE STATION—Incidence of diseases generally associated with poor sanitation is extremely high in Texas this spring, according to reports receved by the Texas A & M Extension Service from the State Department of Health.

During one week, 145 cases of dysentery were reported in Texas, and this is 100 more than the figure given for this particular week in the seven year median. One hundred and five cases of malaria were reported, in comparison with 81 for the 7-year median and increases were shown for polio and typhus.

Rural people can help prevent this spread of disease by taking a few precautions, says Mrs. Bernice Claytor, specialist in home improvement for the Extension Service. She suggests a thorough spring house cleaning, repair of house screens, and proper means of garbage and waste disposal as preliminary steps toward good sanitation.

Where disposal of garbage is a problem she suggests covering it with dirt to form a compost pile. The dirt cover prevents bad odors and keeps the garbage from attracting flies, she explains.

This is also a good time to have home water supplies analyzed to discover any contamination and eliminate it.

Mrs. Claytor also emphasizes the importance of exterminating rats and mice around farm homes and outbuildings, for these rodents often promote the spread of typhus fever.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP, WITH CONTINUANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Partnership known as the Gaines & Elliott Hardware Company, at Bovina, Texas, composed of Mrs. J. Sam Gaines and C. R. Elliott, by the mutual action of the parties, was dissolved on the 20th day of March, 1944, except for the purpose of the final liquidation and settlement of the business thereof, which date of final dissolution and settlement is set for April 15, 1944.

All debts due said Partnership are to be paid and those due from same, discharged at the place of business of said Partnership at Bovina, Parmer County, Texas, where the business will be continued by the said Mrs. J. Sam Gaines and C. R. Elliott under the firm name of Gaines & Elliott Hardware Company, up to and including the date of April 15, 1944.

MRS. J. SAM GAINES
C. R. ELLIOTT

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO J. W. Williams, Tempie Thomas, Tom Williams, Jack Williams, Sam Williams, Jim Williams, Jiggs Williams, and the unknown heirs, devisees, administrators, and executors of Paloma Williams, deceased, Defendants, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable District Court of Parmer County at the Court House thereof, in Farwell, Texas at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-one days from the date of issuance of this citation, same being the 27th day of March, A. D. 1944, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 27th day of March, A. D. 1944, in this cause, numbered 1286 on the docket of said court, and styled Raymond Davies, Arthur Davies, Anna Davies Wertz, Fred Wertz, Ada Davies Brink, Harry Brink, Wilbur B. Ishom, Harold T. Ishom, Ruth Ishom O'Rielly, Jimmy E. O'Reilly, Beulah Ishom Pearman, Cecil H. Pearman, June Ishom Benjamin, Richard Benjamin and Jesse M. Osborn, administrator of the estate of Theodosia Davies, deceased, and Guardian of John Davies, non compos mentis,

VS: J. W. Williams, Ellen Paul, Tempie Thomas, Tom Williams, Jack Williams, Sam Williams, Jim Williams and Jiggs Williams, and the heirs, devisees, administrators, and executors of Paloma Williams, deceased.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

This is a suit in trespass to try title wherein it is alleged that the Plaintiffs on date of March 1, 1944, were lawfully seized and possessed of the following described land and premises situated in Parmer County, Texas, holding and claiming the same the Fee Simple Title, to-wit:

All of Lots seventeen (17), eighteen (18), nineteen (19) and twenty (20) of Block Number Three (3) of the original town of Bovina, Parmer County, Texas.

That on this day the Defendants unlawfully entered on said premises and ejected Plaintiffs therefrom and unlawfully withhold the possession thereof to their damage to the sum of $1500.00; that the reasonable annual rental value of said land and premises is $240.00;

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

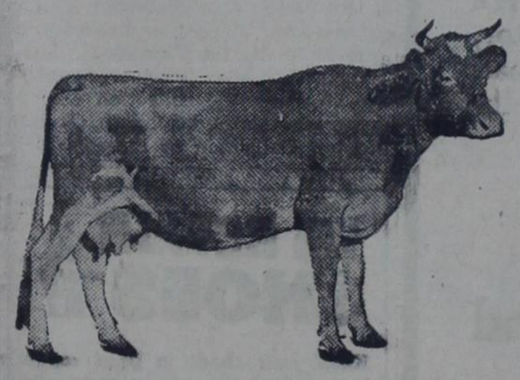
Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Farwell, Texas, this the 27th day of March, A. D. 1944.

ATTEST:
D. K. ROBERTS, Clerk,
District Court, Parmer Co., Tex.
By Dorothy Lovelace, Deputy.
(SEAL)

Having rented my farm, and am enlistng in the army, I am offering at public auction at the Wilbur Charles farm 3½ miles west and 1½ north of Bovina on—

Thursday, April 13th

Starting at 10 A. M. Texas War Time



25 Milk Cows

25—Milk cows, all giving milk and good producers. All of these cows are fresh now except five and they will be fresh soon. These cows are all sound and good producers. Most of them are young. These cows are from two herds that have been culled regularly, and there is not a cull in the group.

Farm Machinery

1—DeLavel milking machine, with two single units, motor, pump pipe complete. This milker has been used little over one year and is as good as new.
1—1-row McCormick - Deering power binder.
1—10-ft. McCormick - Deering power broadcast binder, good rubber canvass.
1—row drill, five discs.
1—3-section harrow.
1—15-30 International tractor on rubber, a good tractor.
1—Avery 10-foot one-way plow, with 23-inche discs, in good shape.
1—10-ft. Ches Marks stock trailer, a good trailer with just fair rubber.

At Private Sale

1—1940 model Oliver tractor, good rubber, 4-row tool bar for lister, 3-row planter attachments in good condition.
1—Electric power drill press.
1—M. A. T. Moline tractor, four-row tool bar lister. This tractor is in A-1 condition.
1—1941 Ford V-8 pick-up, new steel sleeve motor, with less than 3000 miles, extra good rubber.

Cattle

1—White Durham bull, weight 900 lbs.
5—Yearling steers, weight 250 pounds.

Chickens

150—Hens, hybred Hompshine Leghorns, 1 year old and good layers.

Miscellaneous

5—Turkey coops.
1—Good stock saddle.
1—6x12 brooder house, new.
1—DeLavel cream separator, No. 16, ready for use.
1—Blue Flame brooder, 350 capacity.
1—Combination stock and roping saddle.
Many other miscellaneous items, including wardrobe trunk, spurs, lariat, quilt box, grease guns, and play pen for baby, nearly new.

Horses

1—Sorrel horse, 3 years old, gentle and a good roping horse.
1—Black mare, 5 years old, gentle and a god saddle mare.

RHEA HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB WILL SERVE THE LUNCH

Free Coffee—Bring Your Cups

TERMS: Cash—No property to be removed until settled for with the clerk

VERNON ESTES, Owner

COL. W. D. WANZOR, Auct. **JACK WILLIAMS, Clerk**

Notice of Sale of Wooden Grain Bins

The Parmer County AAA Commitee, as agents for the Commodity Credit Corporation, is offering for sale to farmers of any county or state for agricultural purposes the following wooden grain bins erected or stored on bin sites in Parmer county:

(1) 101 erected, painted bins with foundation; dimensions 12'x16'x10': capacity 1600 bu.; distributed: 2 at Bovina, 15 at Black, 22 at Farwell, and 62 at Friona. Minimum acceptable bid $190.00.

(2) 48 unerected bins, complete with shingles, hardware, nails, and one coat of paint; dimensions 14'x16'x10'; capacity 1843 bu.; distributed: 30 at Bovina, 4 at Farwell, and 14 at Friona. Minimum acceptable bid $185.00.

(3) 6 unerected bins, complete with shingles, hardware, nails, one coat of wood preserver; dimensions 14'x24'x10'4½"; capacity 2820 bu.; distributed: 5 at Farwell and 1 at Friona. Minimum acceptable bid $285.00.

Sealed bids, accompanied by Cashier's check, Money order, or Certified check, will be accepted at the AAA Office, Farwell, Texas, until 2:00 o'clock P. M. Monday, April 17, 1944, with a separate bid to be offered for each bin. Bids will be numbered unopened in the order in which they are received. All bids will be opened at 2:00 P. M., April 17, 1944, and awards made not later than ten days thereafter. Identical bids for the same bins will be awarded by lot. Deposits accompanying rejected bids will be promptly refunded.

Bid form, instructions to bidders, and a list of the bins may be obtained at the AAA Office in Farwell. Any bins not purchased during this sale to farmers will be offered at a later date to the general public for any use

Say, Pard

Even though they are short-handed, I've found that the boys at the Phillips Service Station in Bovina will come nearer giving you speedy and satisfactory service than any place I've pulled my hoopie into lately."

Yes, most of our former help is wearing the uniform today, but we're still carrying on, giving you the best service possible. Drive in for gas and oil, and leave your orders here for farm deliveries.

PHILLIPS 66 SERVICE STATION

O. W. RHINEHART, Prop. Bovina, Texas

Meet Your Crop Goals this Year

Uncle Sam is keenly interested in you reaching the production goals for this year. To accomplish this you must have good tires on your farm machinery. We have the most complete stock of Tractor, Truck and Implement tires we have had since Pearl Harbor, including practically all sizes.

Bring Us Your Worn Tires for Factory Retreading

Eubank & Son Auto and Home Supply Co.

513 Main Street Clovis, N. M.

TRIBUNE ADS BRING HOME THE BACON

Health Notes

by Texas Department of Health

AUSTIN—In a statement issued today by Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, it was disclosed that 93,672 mattresses, pillows and other used articles of bedding had been sterilized under state supervision during the calendar year 1943.

This figure represents the number of articles of secondhand bedding sold in the State of Texas during 1943. The state Sanitary Bedding law requires that every used article of bedding which is offered for sale must first be sterilized by a process approved by the state board of health. The law further requires that after an article of used bedding has been sterilized, a law tag be attached to it showing that the sterilization has been applied. In the purchase of secondhand bedding this tag is the purchaser's guarantee of health protection. Dr. Cox urged that all purchasers of used bedding demand to see that the sterilization tag has been attached.

"Before buying any article of bedding, whether new or secondhand, the purchaser should demand to see the law tag since all bedding is required to show some sort of tag," Dr. Cox said.

New bedding is required to have a tag showing that all new materials were used in its manufacture, and also the type and grade of filling materials used. Bedding manufactured from secondhand materials is required to have tags showing that the article is made of secondhand filling materials and that sterilization has been applied.

Firearms Collection Given To Museum

AUSTIN—What experts call one of the finest and most interesting collections of firearms in America—the 365-piece gun collection of the late Dr. Goodall Harrison Wooten of Austin—has been presented to the Texas Memorial Museum on the University of Texas campus as a permanent exhibit.

Mrs. Ella Newsome Wooten, of Austin, widow of the collector, presented the gift which includes approximately 550 weapons and accessories, including short-arms, swords, powder flasks, bullet moulds and other objejcts that depict the history of fire-arms since the discovery of gunpowder by the Chinese.

Housed in the Pioneer Room of the Museum, the collection will be designated as the "Goodall Harrison Wooten Collection of Firearms".

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NATIONAL 4-H CONTESTS ARE LISTED FOR CLUBBERS

COLLEGE STATION—National contests, sponsored by individuals and business concerns in different parts of the country which are open to members of Teaxs boys' 4-H clubs in 1944, are announced by L. L. Johnson, Texas state boys club agent. They include National 4-H leadership, achievement, dairy production and rural electrification. Each offers $200 scholarship awards to winners along with all-expense eduational trips to the 23rd National 4-H Club Congress at Chicago, December 3-6, next. Texas club boys placed first in three of these contests in 1943.

Other contests are; National Food for Victory, with awards of an all-expense trip to the National Congress to the highest scorer and $25 war bonds to the next three highest; 4-H Victory Garden, with all-expense trips to the Congress plus a $100 war bond to the highest scorer and $25 war bonds to the 8 next highest; 4-H Meat Animal, with county and state awards, and a trip to the Congress to the boy having the best record in the South; and Horse and Mule, with a trip to the Congress as the award.

The Leadership contest, designed to develop through 4-H Club work qualities of leadership which are essential to a progressive and wholesome rural life, offers a silver trophy to the winner in addition to the scholarship award. The President sponsors a trophy to the winner of the achievement contest. In 1943 this took the form of a chest of silver.

According to Johnson, the purpose of the Food for Victory contest is to stimulate enrollment, interest and achievements in food production. Selection of the winner will be based upon the number of service men the food he produces would feed for one year together with his leadership and other wartime activities. The food to be produced under the program may be any kind or combination of livestock, poultry, vegetables, fruit or field crops, including cotton.

BUSINESS INDEX UP

AUSTIN—The Texas business index is again "on the rise" for February, marking up a 3.3 point gain from the January figure of 198.6 or nearly 2 per cent, Dr. F. A. Buechel, business analyst with the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reports. The February index was 14 points or approximately 8 per cent higher than in February, 1943.

St. Peter's in Rome is the largest cathedral in the world.

Transportation Is Of Prime Importance

The importance of transportation in the step-up of blows against the enemy by our amed forces was emphasized today in a statement by Major General Charles P. Gross, chief of transportation of the U. S. Army.

Gen. Gross said: "The time when our armed forces are making favorable progress is the very time when we must strike the enemy harder and still harder. That requires greater and more intensive effort here on the home front. Transportation plays an indispensable part in preparation of the blows to be delivered against the enemy. The critical months before us will bring more difficulties than we have had to shoulder up to now."

SILAGE BOOSTS PRODUCTION

COLLEGE STATION—When Marshall McKenzie, Hopkins County dairyman, began feeding some 1940 silage to 10 cows a few weeks ago, he found it in excellent condition. By the end of the month he had reduced his cows to nine and still received an increase of more than 50 percent in milk production. The amount of hay the cows consumed was considerably decreased.

At my place 3½ miles southwest of Bovina, ½ mile west off Bovina-Farwell Hghway, on

Monday, April 17th

SALE STARTS AT 1:00 P. M.

21 HEAD OF CATTLE

1—Roan heifer, heavy springer.
1—Durham heifer, 3 years old, giving 3 gallons now.
1—Motley face cow, 5 years old, springer, gives four gallons when fresh.
1—Holstein heifer, 3 years old, giving 4½ gallons now.
1—Holstein cow, 6 years old, springer, gives four gallons when fresh.
1—Yellow Jersey cow, 3 years old, giving 3 gallons now.
1—White face bull, 3 years old, M. E. Malvyenn stock, a good bull.
2—Roan heifers.
2—Mixed Holstein heifers.
1—White face heifer.
2—Jersey heifers.
1—Spotted steer.
2—Roan heifer calves.
1—Red heifer calf.
1—White face heifer calf.
1—Roan bull calf.
1—Red bull calf, 6 weeks old, drinks good out of bucket.

5 HOGS

4—White shoats, weight about 100 each.
1—White sow and 6 good pigs.

Farm Machinery

1—3-row John Deere lister. This is an exta good lister.
1—3-row knife sled with knives.
1—10-inch F. M. feed mill, a good one.
1—Wagon, bundle frame and grain sides.
1—10-hole Superior grain drill.
1—2-row P. & O. horse lister.
1—2-row P. & O. monitor, fully equipped.
1—2-section harrow.
1—1-row John Deere horse lister.

OFFERED AT PRIVATE SALE

1—'37 model WC Allis tractor, tool bar and equipment, new 11.25x24 tires.
1—2-row sled with knives.

EQUIPMENT MISCELLANEOUS

1—A type hog house.
25—or more good cross ties.
30—Feet of red pailings.
100—Fruit jars.
2—Hog troughs, large ones.
1—Good iron wash pot.
Several sets of harness, bridles, etc.

TERMS: CASH—No property to be moved from premises until settled for

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NEW BEAUTY WITH PATTERSON-SARGENT PAINTS

Cicero Smith Lumber Co.

BOVINA, TEXAS

Local Happenings

Farwell Soldier Weds In England, March 11

Announcement has been made here of the recent marriage of Miss Gladys Grover, daughter of Mrs. F. Glover of London, England, to Pvt. Walter Kaltwasser, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kaltwasser of this city.

The wedding was solemnized on March 11, in St. John's Cathedral in London, with the Rev. Bache performing the double ring ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her eldest brother, who is serving with the Royal Navy, Leading Steward Harry Foot. Attired in a gown of white figured lace over material interwoven with silver threads, she wore a single strand of pearls, given her by the groom. Her headdress was of orange blossoms with a floor-length silk veil attached and she carried a bouquet of spring flowers.

Misses Joan Elderfield and Dorothy Nye, both of London, served as bridesmaids. They wore pale pink lace gowns with matching accessories and carried bouquets of King Edward daffodils. Mrs. Harry Foot, as matron of honor, wore powder blue with like accessories, and carried a bouquet of daffodils.

Attending the groom was Cpl. Tommy Mullins of North Carolina. Ushers were Cpl. Eugene Long of North Caroline and S-Sgt. Tommy Freyvogel of Pennsylvania.

Following the ceremony, a reception for over 50 guests was held in a small hall adjoining the church. The wedding cake, baked by an aunt of the bride, was in three tiers and topped with flags of the United States and England.

For the traveling costume, Mrs. Kaltwasser chose a turquoise blue polka-dot dress with a deep blue coat styled in military fashion. Her accessories were in black.

Mrs. Kaltwasser is employed in civil service work in London, and will continue her work.

Pvt. Kaltwasser, well known locally, has been overseas about 15 months. The newlyweds plan to return to the States after the war.

Miss Eunice Graham of Raton, and Mrs. Raymond Ross and daughter, of Morton, were Easter visitors in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Graham.

Recital Presented To Large Crowd, 9th

The nimble fingers of Pete Booth, highly talented son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Booth, were starred on Sunday afternoon, when a piano recital of unusual interest was held at the Methodist Church before a large assembly of friends and relatives.

Selections presented by Booth gave the audience ample opportunity to study his style for various compositions, and the finale of the afternon, the "Concerto in G Minor" by Saint-Saens, was a thing of sparkling beauty in the hands of the young pianist.

Mrs. Gladys M. Glenn, of the West Texas Conservatory of Musial Arts, Amarillo, was at the second piano to provide the orchestral accompaniment for the concerto.

Interlude in the program was provided by a men's trio of the Methodist Church, who sang. In the trio were Rev. Paul H. Tripp, B. A. Rogers and W. W. Vinyard, with Mrs. Vinyard as the accompanist.

Clifton Henderson also sang two solos, with Mrs. C. M. Henderson at the piano.

This is the first recital to be given locally for sometime by Booth. He has studied for seven years under Mrs. Vinyard, Mrs. Glenn and other visiting teachers in this area.

Eastern Star Group Enjoys Banquet

The Parmer County Chapter of OES held a regular meeting at Bovina last Thursday evening, with a banquet at the Bovina Hotel preceding the chapel meeting at the hall.

County Judge Lee Thompson extended the welcome to the group and the response was given by Fred Lyon, of the grand board of trustees, of Amarillo. A reading was given by Gloria Jean Kepley.

Guest speaker at the chapter hall was Deputy Grand Matron Alawin Roise, of Amarillo, who gave a very instructive and interesting talk.

Out-of-town guests were Mrs. Pauline Baker, Mrs. Oberstein and Mrs. Fred Lyon, of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Phillips, of Clovis.

A gift was presented by the group to Mr. Lyons and Mrs. Roise.

Some fifty members and guests were in attendance.

Mrs. Rodney Ford Is Shower Honoree

Mrs. Rondey Ford was honored at a pink and blue shower, the past Friday night, when Mrs. Junior Crume entertained a number of friends at her home in Farwell.

Clever table decorations carried out the shower theme, with a tiny doll sitting under an arch of fern and sweetpeas, guarded by the stork.

Games were arranged for entertainment, following which the packwere presented the honoree.

A refreshment plate, featuring Easter bunnies as favors, was served to Mesdames Rodney Ford, Joe Crume, Mary McDonald, Woody McDermott, Margie McBee, Troy Scarbrough, Mary Cason, Buck Bradshaw and Miss Bertha Gast.

Regrets were sent from Mesdames E. F. Lokey, Mae Porter, Morgan Billington, Alvenia Sharpe, Karl Gast, Mable Caffee, W. W. Hall, M. C. Roberts, Bess Mansfield, Miss Billie Sharpe and Mrs. Bessie Francis.

Tripp To Be Guest Speaker At PTA

Rev. Paul H. Tripp, of the local Methodist Church, will be the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Farwell PTA, on Thursday night of this week, when the group meets at the school at 8:30.

His subject will be "The Roots of Democracy". The rhythm band of the school, directed by Mrs. Hazel Atchley, will provide a musical number, and a short business session is scheduled for the meeting.

All PTA members and others who wish to join are invited to attend.

Egg Hunt Proves Big Success At Church

Attended by some twenty-five eager youngsters, the Easter egg hunt of the beginner-primary department of the Methodist Church was held on the church grounds, Saturday afternoon.

Following the hunt, the children enjoyed eating both candy and hard-boiled eggs.

Young Jill Dunn Has Dinner On Easter

Little Miss Jill Dunn entertained on Easter with a turkey dinner in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dunn, near Farwell.

Guests were Nancy and Mary Belle Aldridge, Nancy Caroline Johnson and Virginia Carter.

An Easter egg social was enjoyed during the afternoon

Are Easter Guests

Those enjoying Easter dinner in the home of Mr. and Ers. Ebb Randol were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Davis and Glenna Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Edwards and Dennis Dean, Miss Madaline Randol; and Clifford Oaks, of the Clovis Air Base. The grandchildren enjoyed an egg hunt in the afternoon

FFA Boys Entertain Homemaking Girls

Boys of the Farwell FFA group were hosts last Friday evening, entertaining the girls of the first year homemaking class with a social at the school.

Various games were played during the evening, after which a refreshment plate was served.

Here From Washington

Miss Flora Lee Williams, who is employed in Washington, D. C,. arrived unexpectedly over the weekend for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Williams, and other friends and relatives.

Recital Postponed

A joint recital by four young piona pupils of Mrs. Florence Millwee Vinyard, announced for Friday evening, has been postponed, due to illness.

Gwinn Self and daughter, Gwendolyn, spent Monday night in the home of his sister, Mrs. H. Arnold. They were enroute from Muleshoe to Oklahoma.

NEWS FROM OUR BOYS IN CAMPS

BILLINGTON HERE

Corporal Morgan Billington, stationed at Tyler, Texas, arrived Sunday afternoon to spend a three-day pass with his wife, and other reladuring the afternoon.

TAKES EXAMINATION

Cpl. Florence Wallace writes friends here that she has taken her overseas examination and expects soon to be serving with the WAC abroad. Mrs. Wallace formerly operated the local cleaning business.

HUNTON IS MOVED

Mrs. Leroy Hunton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Jack White, writes her parents that her husband has recently been moved to Illinois for special radio training with the army.

EASON VISITS HERE

Pfc. Vance Eason has been visiting friends and relatives near this city recently. Eason was recently awarded his one year's good conduct service ribbon. Pvt. Jerry Brand, of New Orleans, also was recently given his service ribbon and medal.

JACKRABBIT PICTURE GIVES SOLDIERS ENTERTAINMENT

Cpl. Howard L. Ham, now in England, is having himself a fine time with one of the enlarged "jackrabbit pictures" so common in this area. The picture was sent him by I. E. Hanna, local photographer, and in a letter to Hanna, Cpl. Ham says in part:

"About nine guys out of ten fall suckers to them (the pictures). My C. O. called me up to the officers mess the other day. At first I figured I'd done something wrong, and was in for some K. P. or something, but to my surprise, the C. O. asked me to show the pictures to an English friend of his . . . Well, things went very smooth, and while my C. O was telling him all about the big rabbits, I could hardly keep from laughing."

LOCATED AGAIN

Pfc. Dick Bobst, son of Mrs. Roy Bobst of Farwell, has informed his mother that he is now located at Salinas, California, following a recent move from Hammer Field, at Fresno.

IS PROMOTED

Adding his first "rocker" Kater Crume writes home that he was promoted to Staff-Sergeant the first of the month. Crume, who has been on maneuvers in Louisiana, is now in Kansas. His twin brother, Kirt, currently in Arizona, is likewise a staff sergeant. Both boys act as supply sergeants in infantry divisions.

GIVEN MEDAL

CAMP HOOD, Texas—T-5 'Anna L. Akers of Farwell was awarded a good conduct medal recently by Brig. Gen. W. R. Nichols, camp commander at Camp Hood, in ceremonies at the camp.

The ribbon was in recognition of a year's service during which T-5 Akers "demonstrated fidelity in performance of her duty, efficiency and comendable behavior."

A member o the WAC section at Camp Hood, she is assigned to the hospital.

Enjoy Hunt

Youngsters of the beginner and junior departments of the Baptist Sunday school enjoyed their annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday afternoon, with a large group taking part in the fun.

Visit in Fort Sumner

Mr. and Mrs. E. U. Billingsley and Mrs. Johnie Ogletree visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Vaughan and children of Fort Sumner. Mr. Vaughan left Monday for Fort Bliss, Tex., for induction into the army. Mrs. Vaughan and children will remain in Fort Sumner.

Mrs. E. M. Davis is here from Littlefield for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. John Porter, and family.

Lt. and Mrs. Don Drake and baby, who have been residing here while he was stationed in Clovis, left Saturday for Kansas.

Lt. and Mrs. Edward Cutler visited friends here Saturday. They were enroute to Pratt Kan., from Clovis.

Mrs. Therese Hancock, of Lubbock, spent Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Park were business visitors in Amarillo, Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wallace and son, of near Dimmitt, visited here last Friday.

Mrs. E. V. Rushing, of Portales, was a Friday visitor in this city.

Mrs. Clump of Muleshoe visited the latter part of the week with her sister, Mrs. Howard Cariyle.

Mrs. Ruth Joss was a weekend visitor in Plainview, Tex.

How About a New Knife?

We have just received a new shipment of extra good Pocket Knives.

$1.00 to $1.75

HUNTING KNIVES

New Mexico Fishing Lisenses Sold Here

RED CROSS PHARMACY

Mr. and Mrs. Reese Bennett and Miss Wanda Boss, all of Clovis, were Easter visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Boss.

Mrs. Mary Cason returned Monday morning from Roswell, where she had spent the Easter weekend with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Lynn and family, of Buffalo Gap, Tex., visited in the Ebb Randol home, last Wednesday evennig.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Nobles, of Amarillo, were Sunday visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Nobles.

Mr and Mrs John Nobles and family spent the weekend with relatives at Ralls, Texas.

John Paine left Monday for Hot Springs, where he will receive a course of treatments for rheumatism.

Women who suffer SIMPLE ANEMIA

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LOW POINT Values

FOR FRIDAY and SATURDAY

LETTUCE, Nice firm heads, lb.	12c
MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE, 1 lb. pkg.	32c
HY-PRO BLEACH, Half gallon jar	28c
HAMBURGER MEAT, Per pound	23c

Clabber Girl Baking Powder 2 lb. can **15c**

BEEF ROAST, Per pound	25c
PURE PORK SAUSAGE, Per pound	34c
BEEF RIBS, For stew or baking, lb.	17c
PORK SHOULDER ROAST, Per pound	29c

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Farming Talk

By GARLON A. HARPER

County Agricultural Agent

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The vocational agriculture students and 4-H club boys who will show hogs at the Parmer County Livestock Show in Friona, Friday, are to be congratulated for their good work. Since most of our boys from this agricultural county will eventually be our farmers of the county, their interest in better livestock and better farmng methods is very important. I believe that any farm boy who is interested in this work as some of these boys are will help to make this a better farming region and will help to increase the standard of living of our county.

Quite often we are content to live tomorrow with the same conditions we have today. I have never been a person who believes strongly in sudden and radical changes. Yet, the only way toward improvement is a gradual acceptance of better methods and ways of doing our work, and in study to find these better methods. That is exactly the thing these boys are doing. They are studying better methods in their vocational agriculture and 4-H club work and are putting this knowledge into practice back on their farms. At this show Friday you have the opportunity of observing their results so be sure to come out and see their work.

There is more to agricultural education than the mere teaching of those such as these boys. Take for instance the work that is being taught these boys. They are being taught facts which have been proven and found to be successful. Then the boys take this information and make it work well for them on their own farms. That in itself is worthwhile, but is not the most important part of the work. The most important part is that you will observe this successful work and will put the same into operation.

Don't forget to come out and see the type of work these boys are doing. Don't fail to ask the boys questions about their work. Then don't be afraid to go home and put this information to work for you on your own farm.

PLAY BOVINA FRIDAY

The girls volleyball squad of the Farwell school will visit in Bovnia on Friday afternoon of this week, to engage girls from that school in afternoon contests, coaches announced today.

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Texico Hosts to Curry Track, Field Meet, 15

For the first time in several years, the Curry county track and field meet will be held locally, with teams gathering at the Texico school on Saturday of this week.

The tentative starting hour, as given by Coach C. E. Sanders, is 10:45 Texas war time. Two divisions, junior and senior, will be made. Supt. Wayne Owens of Grady, will be in charge, with Lingley of Melrose as the starter, and Lofton, Melrose, as clerk. Timers will be Younger, Gregory and McDonald.

It was expected that contestants from Melrose, Grady and Texico would make up the majority of the entries, but some boys are likely to represent Ranchvale, Pleasant Hill ard Rosedale in the senior meet.

Entries Given

Senior entries for Texico will be:

Mile run: H. Doolittle, Drace, Miller, Freeman.

880—H. Doolittle, Drace, Kyle, Baker, Freeman.

440—M. Doolittle, Roop, Kyle, Baker, Freeman.

220—Bowers, White, Roop, Baker.

100—Bowers, White, Roop.

High hurdles: Bowers, M. Doolittle, Martin.

Low hurdles—Bowers, M. Doolittle, Francis, Roop, Drace, Baker, Martin.

High jump—Frances, Drace, J. Paul.

Broad jump—Frances, Baker, H. Doolittle, Roop, White, Bowers.

Vault—Roop.

Discus—Bowers, Drace, Hall.

Javelin—H. Doolittle, Bowers, Baker.

Shot—Bowers.

Relay—H. Doolittle, White, Roop, Frances, Baker. (Four to be chosen.)

(Some of the contestants above named will be eliminated in tryouts this week at the school, at only three entries are allowed.)

The junior contestants will likely include Smith, Baldock, Hansel Doolittle, Stone, McDonald and Sparks.

Ribbons will go to individual winners, while trophies are for teams. The championship trophy for the senior team is given by Gateway Auto, of Clovis, and the runnerup award is sponsored by C. P. Anthony Co., Clovis. Duckworth Drug, Clovis, is donating the first place trophy for the juniors, while the team in second gets an award from J. C. Penny Co.

Sunday visitors in the Lenton Pool home were Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Simpson, Fay Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Simpson and daughters, Monette and Leta Mae, all of Tulia.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henry are in Hot Springs taking the baths.

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Bowers Leads Team to Second Place at Meet

Paced by iron horse Eugene Bowers, who took five first places, one third and a fourth, the Texico senior track team took second place by a scant three points at an invitation meet held at Melrose, Friday. Melrose won, with 76 points; Texico had 73, Fort Sumner 25, House 19 and Grady 16.

The locals surprised even themselves in three events. Bowers stepped out and grabbed himself first place in the 100 yard dash; Roop, orignially not even entered in the 440, came galloping in far in the lead; and Drace, entering high jump for the first time in his life, tied with tall, lanky Clayton of Melrose at 5 feet, 7 inches.

Placements taken were:

100-yard dash: Bowers first, and White, fourth. Time 10.3.

220-yard dash: White, third.

440-yard dash: Roop, first Time 61.

880-yard run: Doolittle, first; Drace, second Time 2:23.

Mile run: Drace, first; Doolittle, second. Time 5:12.5.

High hurdles: Bowers, first; and White, third. Time 15.4

Low hurdles: Bowers, first, 24.5.

Shot put: Bowers, first, 41'7".

Discus: Bowers, first, 124'10".

Vault: Roop, second.

High jump: Drace and Clayton tied for first, 5'7".

Javelin: Bowers, fourth.

Broad jump: Bowers, third; Doolittle and Gant, Melrose, tied for fourth.

Relay: Texico. second.

Juniors Take Third

The juniors emerged in third place, with 22 points, following Melrose with 48 and Fort Sumner with 47. House scored 33 and Grady counted 14.

Placements were:

440-yard dash: M. Doolittle, fourth.

High hurdle: M. Doolittle, fourth.

Shot put: Smith, second.

Discus: Smith, first, 88"5'.

Javelin: Smith, second.

Relay: Texico, second.

FARWELL CUB SCOUTS HAVE A BUSY WEEK

Dens 1 and 2 of the Farwell Cub Scouts were busy last week, enjoying a Pack meeting at the school on Wednesday and a hike on Saturday. in addition, the Den 2 Cubs had a regular meeting on Monday.

More than 50 attended the Pack meeting. Local Scoutmaster Bob Barton was on hand.

J. V. Starkey, district Scout executive, of Portales, Mrs. Artman, Denmother of Den 1, Pack 4 of Clovis, Mrs. Rumsey and nine Cubs from that Den were present and took part on the program, which included a pledge, led by the Clovis Cubs; song by the group; Cub songs, Clovis; Explanation of Bobcat requirements by Den 2 of Farwell; Den song by Den 2; explanation of various phases of cubbing, by Den 1 of Farwell; and several songs by the entire group with Norma Jean Thomas at the piano.

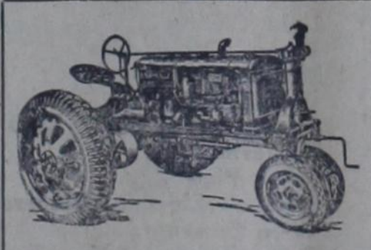
A very impressive candlelighting ceremony was given by the Clovis Cubs, after which Bobcat pins were presented Robert Armstrong, Bob Bobst, Bobby Joe Crume, Jerry and Rex Pool, Bert Tipton, Billy Crume, Rex Pool, Donald Joe Pipkin, Bobby Poteet, Milton Poteet and Jerry Bradshaw.

Mrs Artman paid tribute to the four Boy Scouts, A C. Henneman, Gilbert Blake, Billy Moore and Cary Joe Magness, who are serving as Den Chiefs to the Cubs.

The meeting was dismissed following the benediction by A. C. Henneman.

The Cubs of Den 2 spent their regular time Monday in soap carving at the home of Mrs. L. S. Pool. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Joe Crume.

The hike on Saturday was enjoyed by both Dens, with 15 Cubs and one Den Chief present. Supper was cooked over a campfire Accompanying the group were Cubmaster Bradshaw, Mrs. O. B. Pipkin and Mrs. Pool, Denmothers, Mr and Mrs. John Armstrong and Mr. Pool.



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Mrs. Pigg and daughter departed today for Muleshoe to be at the bedside of Mrs. Pigg's mother, who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Foster and children spent Sunday in Hammond, Okla.

Leon Grissom, of Texas Tech, spent the Easter holidays here.

Ernest Foster, Jr., who was operated for appendicitis the past Thursday is doing nicely in a Clovis hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Foster entertained Sunday with an Easter dinner, attended by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fegan and Regina of Clovis, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roach and Judy, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hubbell and Beverly, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Foster, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Grissom and family, Mrs Clarence Christian and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Scottie Barry have returned from El Paso where they were called by the illness of Mr. Barry's brother.

PLEASANT HILL

A special Sunday School study course was conducted by the First Baptist Church last week, with Rev. Carpenter of Albuquerque assisting the pastor, Rev. Bedford.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Singleterry are in Hot Springs, N. M., for treatment.

Mrs Jane Lee is still confined to her bed due to recent illness.

Gene Gooch has just returned from Hot Springs, where he was called to the bedside of his wife, who was seriously ill with ptomaine poisoning.

The party given Friday night by Mr. and Mrs. Hart was enjoyed by all present.

SANTA FE CARLOADINGS

Santa Fe System carloadings for week ending April 8 were 21,861 compared with 21,899 for same week in 1943. Cars received from connections totaled 12,409 compared with 11,970 for same week in 1943. Total cars moved were 34,170 compared with 33,869 for same week in 1943. Santa Fe handled a total of 33,300 cars in the preceeding week this year.

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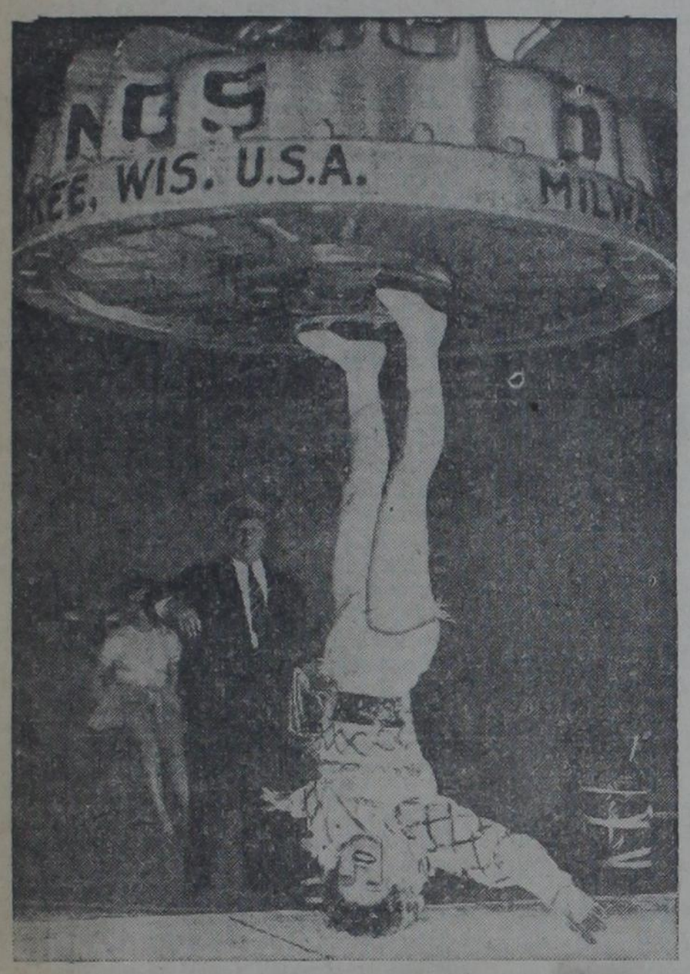


NICE TRICK—Of course she doesn't do this every day, but Dixie Frischke, performer with the Icecapades, hangs by her skates from a large electromagnet in Milwaukee, just to prove it can be done.

ARMY'S NEW ROCKET GUNS—When the enemy perfects jet-propelled planes, Yank anti-aircraft gunners will be ready. Artillerymen at Camp Davis, N. C., Holly Shelter Range, are using jet-propelled rockets that rise from specially designed carriages at velocity of 450 miles per hour as targets to stimulate diving enemy planes. Using .50 calibre machine guns and 20 and 40 mm. weapons to track fast-moving, 50-inch targets that describe a parabola and have maximum horizontal range of 2,200 yards, develops bulls-eye accuracy. Photo above shows how jet-propelled rockets are loaded onto launching carriages. One fin fits into narrow groove between railings that form nose of carriage.

CHECK FOR SUMMER—Deep pockets, full skirt and roomy cap sleeves make this check cotton freedom-loving wrap-around, feattured by Arnold Constable, New York, at Waldorf Astoria fashion show, a practical wardrobe addition for summer work or play.

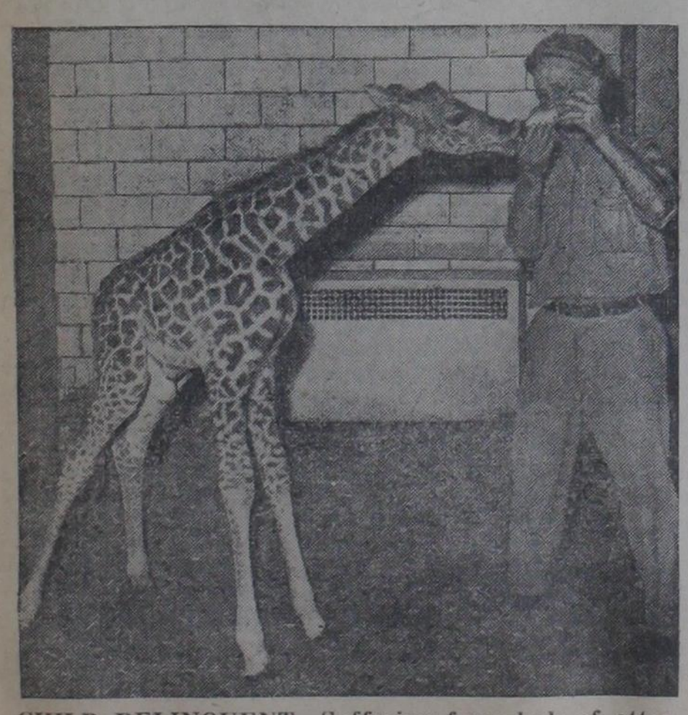
STILT SKATER—If you think ice skating is difficult, you might try taking a whirl the way Phyllis Legg, of St. Paul, Minn., only girl stilt skater in the world, does it. Starring in Ice Follies of 1944 as Miss Peppermint, she does full routine on ice skates that lift her two feet off ice.

BOMBS FOR BERLIN—Pair of 4,000-pound bombs are rolled by ground crew men in England into Halifax bomber that will unload them on Berlin and Nazi Europe. Allied round-the clock air-offensive is smashing industrial centers with bombs as heavy as six tons in devastating pre-invasion softening up of Hitler's European Fortress.

LIKES HER GRASS SKIRT—Little Carol Leski, of St. Paul, Minn., forms a Mutual Admiration Society of one as she looks over grass skirt and leis sent her by her uncle, Capt. R. A. Ruthowski, Army Chaplain in the Hawaiian Islands.

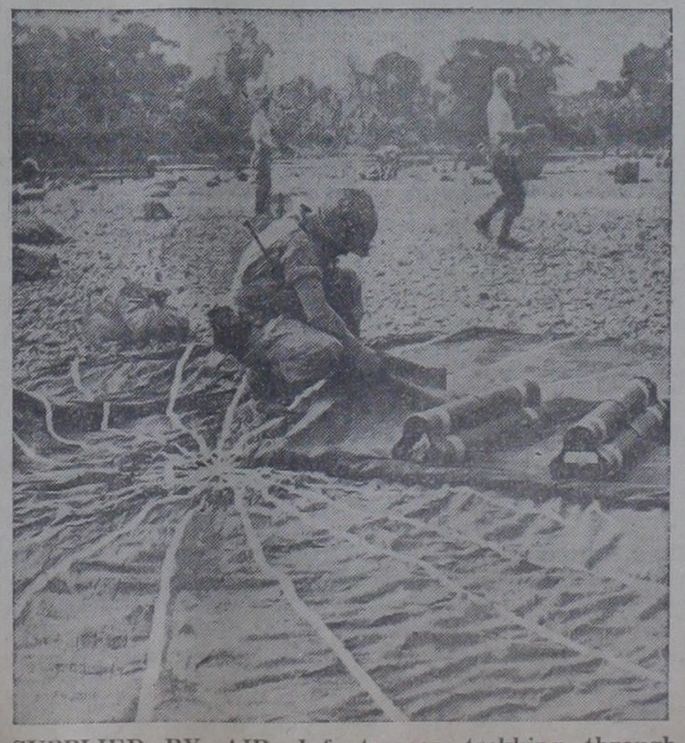
SOMETHING OF A LEGEND—That's what War Department say about T-Sgt. Charles Kelly, awarded Congressional Medal of Honor for killing 40 Nazis in 70 days in Italy. He neutralized enemy machine gun position, spied on Germans, held off Nazis from ammunition storehouse and defended it by himself to let buddies withdraw.

RUN ON FRUIT—Photo above shows just part of huge crowd that recently ganged up outside a fruit store in London. Arrow points to what they're after—oranges. Store has just received load of the precious fruit, of which Londoners had seen very little since war began.



CHILD DELINQUENT—Suffering from lack of attention from her mother Ida, Delinquent (that's her name), new-born giraffe at St. Louis, Mo., zoo, investigates bottle keeper Phil Rost is proffering.

SHE'S TOP KICK—With 21 dead Germans to her credit, Sgt. Vera Krizman, Yugoslav guerilla, is a veteran at 19. Recovering from wounds at base hospital in Bari area of occupied Italy, she leads detachment of giris who even while recuperating prepare to fight the Nazis again.



SUPPLIED BY AIR—Infantrymen trekking through Burma receive supplies by parachute. Photo shows one of Merrill's Marauders unpacking ammunition dropped by U. S. transport.

PULPWOOD PRODUCER—Maine farmer, 68-year-old Harry Jordan keeps up production of vitally needed pulpwood, despite man-power shortage, with aid of his Newfoundland dog, Chum. Dog is trained to haul load of pulpwood from forest daily on specially constructed sled.

GEARED for INVASION of Western Europe

By HAROLD DENNY
(By Wireless to The New York Times).

PRIME Minister Churchill told the world by radio recently that the hour of the Allies' "greatest effort and action" was approaching, but warned that it would be preceded by "many false alarms, many feints and many dress rehearsals" to deceive the enemy.

"The magnificent armies of the United States are here, or are pouring in," Churchill said in his brief reference to the forthcoming invasion of Western Europe. "Our own troops, the best trained and best equipped we have ever had, stand at their side in equal numbers and in true comradeship."

At supreme Allied headquarters in London General Dwight D. Eisenhower held frequent conferences with Gen. Bernard Montgomery, and preparations and plans have been checked and rechecked. That troops in sufficient strength are on hand for the operations seems to be conceded in all quarters.

The invasion from the British Isles will probably be either in April or May, although the day and hour is a military secret.

London's streets, motor busses, pubs, hotels and restaurants are teeming with soldiers of all Allied nations, Americans and English in the majority. Along England's coast, British and United States troops practice assault landings, splashing ashore under live gunfire. In other sections, the skies frequently are black with transports, gliders and heavily armed paratroopers—a phase of training for the airborne troops who must seize key points in the German rear and hold them until a junction is made with Allied ground forces. The paratroopers have been taught how to block roads, destroy bridges and generally spread confusion in the interior zones.

A Great Military Depot

The British Isles are the middle part of this vast invasion machine. It is here that the supplies are converging to be assembled, sorted, stored and guarded until time comes to use them.

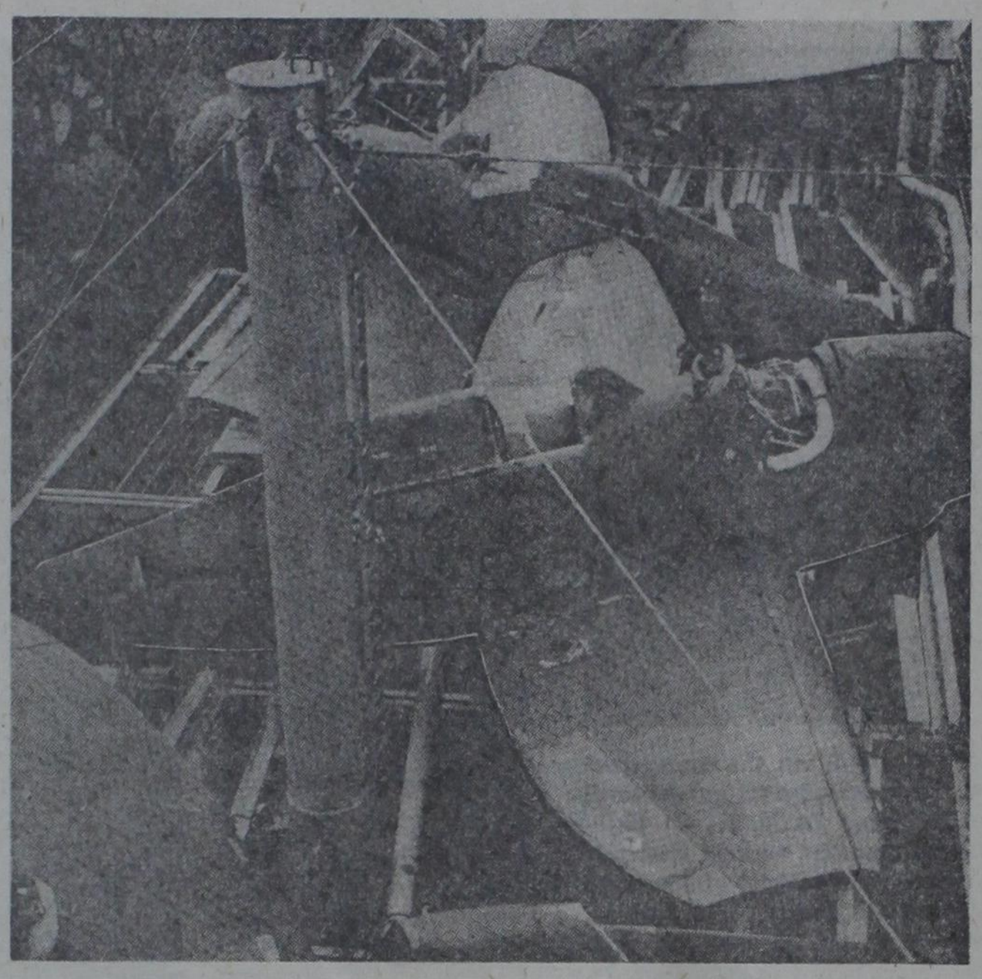
The British Isles, from the standpoint of organization, stand midway between the places where the supplies originate —chiefly the United States—and the Continental battlefield. These islands now hold the greatest arsenal in history, and the puzzle is how, in an area of one good sized American State, already crowded with their own war equipment, troops and airdromes, they have found room for all the men and supplies we are importing. In fact, the American troops jokingly assert that England has sunk into the sea six inches since they began arriving, and that if it were not for the barrage balloons holding it up it would sink from sight altogether.

The operation of this arsenal is a business enterprise so colossal it makes the biggest private enterprise look like a corner newsstand. Aggregate figures, of course, cannot be given because they would provide a key whereby the number of our armed forces in this theatre might be calculated. The totals in quantity, however, run into millions of tons and in money value into billions of dollars.

Directing this vast business, as head of our Service of Supply in the European Theatre of Operations, is Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee. His job is second in importance only to that of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, for as Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell found in his years of generalship, administration is the chief art of the war.

Stockpiles on Hand

Even the casual traveler in England constantly encounters long strings of our tanks, trucks and field guns. But the great bulk of the arsenal is hidden in obscure places. For instance, you might pass unsuspecting a certain farmhouse in whose barnyard and adjacent acres cows ruminate beside a billion and a half dollars' worth of American artillery. In one area of a few square miles are 4,000 "igloos," in each of which is stored an average of 32 tons of ammunition of every caliber, from rifle bullets to 2,000-pound aerial bombs. On secluded railway sidings stand long strings of locomotives, freight cars and tank cars shipped from America and assembled and tested here. American hospitals and hospital trains also are waiting in these islands for the time when casualties begin to come in.



American aircraft crowd the deck of a ship as the vessel arrives at a British port.

Hundreds of British buildings have been taken over for warehouses, and just for the maintenance of our vehicles one general supply depot has been installed that contains the largest binned area for spare automotive parts in the world; instantly accessible are 310,000 different kinds of parts. In another place our ordinance men set up in three weeks an assembly plant that put into running order 4,000 crated vehicles in three months. And these are only typical individual instances.

This "combat echelon of American industry," as Service of Supply officers like to call their establishment in Britain, began slowly at first with only the most urgent material when German submarines were sinking so many of our ships, but now supplies of all kinds, from watch crystals to cement mixers and airplanes, are coming in a flood.

Reverse lend-lease has played an important part. British supplies of many kinds, especially foodstuffs and construction materials, not only have taken some of the burden from us, but have reduced the amount of shipping space that had to be devoted to building up our establishment here.

The German press sought to prepare the people for the Western invasion, which it said could be expected any time now.

A front page article in the Berliner Nachtausgabe said "final steps" for the attack on the continent were being prepared in England, and "the coming weeks will make England the scene of enormous military operations."

The newspaper declared it imperative for the English and Americans to hurry the invasion "so as not to miss the bus."

A message received at the London office of the French Committee of National Liberation said the Germans were evacuating the civilian populations of Dunkirk and Calais on the French coast. Occupying troops removed furniture and household effects, loading it aboard trucks.

Tied up with the invasion comment was an undertone of apprehension over events in the east. A dispatch by the German controlled Scandinavian Telegraph bureau quoted a German correspondent who described the retreat of the Germans in southern Russia as "terrible for our troops."

Replica of HOLY CITY in Oklahoma

By PIERCE SHANNON
(Magazine Digest)

IN the blue mist of an Easter morning in the late nineteen thirties, Mary Magdalene came silently to Our Lord's tomb. Through her tears she saw the two angels sitting within the empty sepulcher. And the angels said: "Woman, why weepest thou? He is not here for He is risen."

As the beautiful story of the resurrection is unfolded in the Holy City of Jerusalem, Oklahoma, thousands of hushed spectators crowd the hillside facing the town of Lawton. Here, in the heart of the Wichita mountains, the wonder of Christ's return is every year re-enacted in one of the most stirring pageants ever witnessed on this continent.

Every Easter, in an actual replica of Jerusalem, 3,000 actors gather to play scenes from the life of Our Lord. As many as 68,000 automobiles crowd into the valley for the event, bringing spectators and worshippers from 38 States. The pageant has received the personal good wishes of President Roosevelt; as special tribute, an air-mail stamp was printed in 1938 bearing the image of the two angels at the tomb.

It was the imaginative spirit of a country preacher which inspired the simple beginning of what has grown to be a national event. On an Easter morning, eighteen years ago, the Reverend Anthony Mark Wallock, minister of the Congregational Church of Lawton, Oklahoma, led some two hundred of his congregation to the top of a mountain in the Wichitas.

"Woman, why weepest thou? He is not here, for He is risen."

Scenes From Life of Christ

There they enacted a few scenes from the life of Christ. Some Scripture was read. The haunting notes of a violin rose through the stillness before dawn, and the choir lifted their voices in a hymn of worship and rejoicing. As sunlight broke over the mountain tops, Mr. Wallock murmured the benediction which closed the ceremony.

The profound effect of the sunrise upon its participants convinced Mr. Wallock of its inspirational value. He felt that people would have greater faith in both the resurrection of Christ and in their own immortality if they could partake in an actual re-creation of the life of their Saviour. He decided to arrange a similar service every year. And he has never failed in his task.

News of the pageant spread rapidly. The crowds began to come in such numbers that many had to be turned away. Influential Oklahomans, spurred by the prospect of making their State a religious center for the nation, kept prodding Washington for an appropriation.

Finally, Senator Elmer Thomas and Congressman Jed Johnson went directly to the White House. President Roosevelt immediately added $94,000 to the $15,000 which the Department of Agriculture had already made available. This money—the only grant of its kind in the history of the United States—was to be used for the construction of a religious shrine in the Wichita mountains.

Build Miniature Jerusalem

The National Forest Reserve granted an easement of record on 640 acres of land to be used solely for purposes of worship. Here the miniature Jerusalem was built, constructed entirely of native stone. It includes the walls and gateway of the city; Calvary's Mount; the Temple court; Pilate's judgment hall; the watch towers; the Garden of Gethsemane; the grotto of stone which was the reproduction of the ancient sepulcher; and shrines known to Christians throughout the world.

Just outside the walls of the Holy City a rustic cathedral stands, its cross etched against the background of looming Mount Sheridan. It is in this chapel that the music which accompanies the pageant originates. National radio hook-ups permit broadcasts throughout the States.

In a central control room a director watches the entire production, transmitting instructions by way of telephone to group captains in charge of each scene. Giant switches controlling flood lights are guarded by an electrician who has the power to light the streets of Jerusalem for the triumphant entry or to throw a pall of gloom over Golgotha as the Son of God gives up His life. Microphones concealed on the sets pick up the sounds that are amplified by a public address system and transmitted to the throngs lining the hillsides.

World Peace Theme

Mr. Wallock usually prepares the script for each year's production. The story invariably centers around the immortality of the Son of God, but it is always presented in a different way. The theme last Easter was a plan for world peace with the doctrines of the Man of Galilee as a constitution.

A board of directors determine the policy and supervise the conduct of the pageant. But Mr. Wallock always has the last word. "Whatever the Reverend wants is all right with us," his colleagues remark.

The team work is elaborate and effortless. Everyone has an assigned duty. One person has charge of the thousands of costumes, seeing that they are properly laundered and ready when needed.

There has never been any commercial aspect to the pageant. The 3,000 characters come from all walks of life and yearly take part in the drama without pay. And it is not, nor has it ever been, an "audience" show. The players are too absorbed in their parts to be aware of the intense interest of the hundreds of thousands of spectators.

The players are drawn from Lawton and neighboring towns. Many of them have had the same role since the inception of the production eighteen years ago; take for instance, Mrs. Rothrock, who has portrayed the part of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Some of her friends insist that the sacred role she assumes for a brief time each year has made a profound impression upon the everyday life of this slender woman with her graying hair and gentle face.

A role of much concern to Mr. Wal-
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The FLYING CANNONEERS Ride to Conquest

(Popular Mechanics)

THERE was a gleam in the gunner's eye as the Mitchell bomber leveled off and five parcels of TNT were dispatched, air mail special delivery, straight into the vitals of the Jap destroyer.

The crew of Nipponese never knew what hit them. Tokyo's Navy intelligence office can read all about it now . . . the surprise package from Uncle Sam was a 75-millimeter gun on wings, the biggest member of our growing family of flying cannoneers.

In World War I the "75" was the famous field gun of the French. Today a light weight version has been adapted for war in the sky, and already it has become legendary. The story is around that in target practice before it went to war, a Mitchell bomber flying at 250 miles an hour put 22 out of 25 shells through a six-foot target more than a mile away. The big problem was recoil, but it was solved and the Mitchell's new gun is said to fling a 20-pound shell with precision over an effective range of several hundred yards.

The flying cannoneers ride the Mustang, too, and the Douglas Havoc, and the Airacorbra, with the 37-millimeter wallop in its nose.

Down in the South Pacific a big Douglas A-20 slanted its nose down at the Jap destroyer that was churning a wake like the tail of a drunken comet behind it.

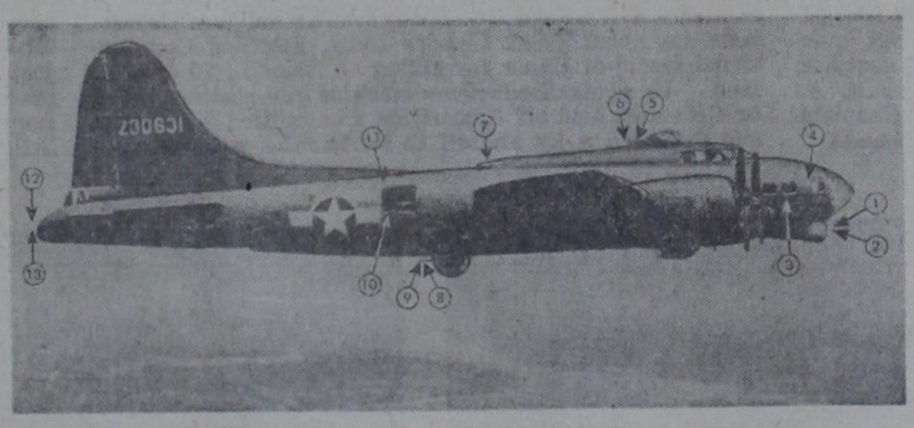
The A-20 had a belly load of bombs, but right now the pilots thumb was reaching for the button on his control wheel marked "Guns." He pressed it and the rumble of cannon fire crowded out the roar of the engines. A sheet of red flame washed up momentarily in front of the cockpit windows. The pilot leveled off, then nosed down sharply for another burst.

"You Got 'Im"

He didn't need to make a third attack. The destroyer's deck was smoking when the first rounds struck home and now you could hear the rear machine gunner calling excitedly on the intercom: "You got 'im. He's blowing up right now!"

The A-20 Havoc has been put to 27 different uses in this war, including medium-level bombing, dive bombing, ground strafing, and reconnaissance. One of the latest versions of the A-20 is the P-70, painted jet back and used as a high speed night fighter. Another version has four 20-millimeter cannon projecting from its nose, armament that makes it more than a match for a destroyer.

Aerial bombs are a deadly weapon but you can't beat an aimed gun when it comes to pinpoint destruction. A small cannon shell can penetrate medium armor, rip a tank apart or set it on fire. Attack planes were an Army favorite a few years ago, then the first stages of the war laid stress on bombers and fighters. Now the attack plane is coming back. The Douglas Havoc, able to outrun most pursuits at low altitudes, is one such attack plane. Many fighters are frequently used in attack tactics. Even medium bombers such as the B-25 are coming down to the ground to drop their bombs on moving targets or skip a bomb into the wall of a munitions factory.



ENEMY PILOTS FACE 13 MUZZLES OF B-17's GUNS

America's Flying Fortress lives up to its name with 13 .50-caliber machine guns strategically placed to protect the mightly bomber from every direction. Numbers on the accompanying photograph show the gun positions. Reading from nose to tail, guns 1 and 2 are in the new "chin" turret; 3 and 4 are used by the navigator and bombardier during frontal attacks; 5 and 6 are handled by the first engineer in the top turret, and can be pointed to the front, side or rear; 7 is manned by the first radio operator in case of attack from above; 8 and 9 are firesd by the second radio operator from the ball turret at fighters approaching from below; 10 and 11 in the waist position are operated by the second engineer and first radio operator; 12 and 13 are used by the tail gunner and photographer to protect the rear.

Lockhead P-38

You might regard a Lockhead P-38 as ideal for aerial combat, yet it is operated as an attack plane more often than you might suppose. Its big, .50-caliber guns and its 20 mm. cannon have stopped tanks in their tracks, have sunk a destroyer or two by blowing up their ammunition chambers, and a P-38 has even sunk a submarine by gunfire. One ingenious P-38 got a Jap freighter by starting a fire on its deck. First he raked the ship with incendiary bullets, then made a dive-bombing run and released his external drop tanks. When the fuel tanks hit the deck they split open, releasing gasoline that exploded over the ship. North American Aviation's P-51 Mustang fighter is one of the flashiest attack planes of all when put to that use. Its pilot operates a battery of four 20 milimeter guns studding its wings.

The special job of the Mustang is that of train-buster. It tears across country like a ricocheting shell, hugging the ground. The pilots like to go out on lone wolf raids, or in strings of three or four, single file. Their targets have been the locomotives that haul war goods and troops through Hitler Europe. You hear the roar of the oncoming plane only a split second before its cannon open up on you. Then the plane is gone before a ground gunner has half a chance at it.

Things happen fast to the pilot hedge-

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CURRENT COMMENT

By A STAFF EDITOR

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Hitler's New Secret Weapon Bared

ALLIED officers in Italy are unraveling the mystery of Hitler's new secret weapon—the miniature tank operated by remote control and designed to roll into enemy lines and then blow up, scattering shrapnel with terrific force.

It is not directed by radio as at first supposed, but by an electrical control cable 600 yards long which links it to its base.

It is five feet long, two feet high, two feet wide and weighs 750 pounds. It carries a 130-pound explosive charge. The flea tank is propelled by a two-cylinder gasoline engine.

It has endless treads like a tank, and is steered like a tank, by braking on one tread. The brakes are applied through the electrical cable control.

The new weapon overturns easily and so far has been wholly ineffective in the beach head fighting in Italy. When American artillery fired on the tanks they blew in pieces.

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Ireland's Neutrality

Ireland's neutrality has at last put Erie in an exceedingly uncomfortable position because that neutrality has, in the opinion of Allied leaders, put American and British soldiers in unnecessary peril. The German and Japanese legations in Erie are regarded by the Allies as spy centers which might send to Germany information which would prove very costly to British and American forces invading Western Europe. A very large number of troops has been collected in Britain for the invasion; many of the Americans are in Northern Ireland (Ulster), which is separated from Erie by a 200-mile land border. Some of the members of the outlawed Irish Republican Army are believed to be acting as spies and saboteurs for the Axis. The United States asked Erie to close the German and Japanese legations, which meant merely severing diplomatic relations with those countries. President De Valera refused. The British government then restricted travel to Erie as "the first step in a policy designed . . . to isolate Southern Ireland from the outer world during the critical period which now is approaching." Closing the Ulster-Erie border and perhaps blockade were expected to follow. Considerable suffering from lack of supplies seemed in prospect for Erie. While most of its people were considered anti-Nazi, a majority was reported supporting De Valera.

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Farmers Paying Off Mortgages

Federal Land Banks and other lending agencies have just reported that farmers in the South and Southwest are paying off mortgages and other debts like never before and getting set to weather whatever storms lie ahead. With war-swollen incomes, the cotton, corn, rice and sugar cane planters could be buying evtravagantly and letting their debts ride. They are choosing to do just the opposite.

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The New Alaska Highway

Tom Bullard, a Texan, who worked on the new Alaska highway project, describes, in part, its wonders in the Dallas News: He says:

"The road is 2,600 miles long, beginning at the Canadian border and extending through the heart of the Canadian Rockies to Fairbanks, Alaska. At this time it is not a paved road,, as so many think, but a cleared right of way, graded and in most parts graveled, through endless miles of virgin wilderness, cutting through nature's largest forests of spruce, fir and pine, up dizzy heights and breath-taking grades, skirting beautiful mountain lakes of indescribable emerald green, forests, mountains, streams, as far as the eye can see.

"This road, when the war ends and the public is made welcome to its use, will lead thousands of tourists to the greatest hunting, fishing and scenic country in the Northern Hemisphere. Until then, it is serving as a vital artery of supply, not only to our own armed forces on the northern frontier, but to our Allies. Truly it is a modern wonder of the world—an engineering and construction job of unbelievable proportions executed in an unbelievably short time."

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Tung Oil

An infant American industry is the production of tung oil, drying and waterproofing agent formerly used principally in paint and varnish now employed largely in ammunition manufacture. This country used to get its tung oil from China; now that the war has cut off that supply, the United States is growing its own tung trees, from the nuts of which the oil is extracted. Production is still so limited, however, that the government takes all the oil, which is needed for waterproofing shell cases and torpedoes, as insulation on fine wire and for many other war purposes. A belt about 100 miles wide in Texas and Louisiana along the Gulf coast has been found particularly suitable for growing tung trees, and about 100,000 acres are now planted there to this crop.

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Picture of Paris

A brief picture of Paris under German occupation was given by Kathleen Cannel, Paris fashion writer, who returned to America recently on a Swedish ship. She says:

"A gay night life still exists in that city, and people crowd into shows and concerts, even though the halls are not heated. Food there is bad and the populace is reduced to wearing wooden shoes, but a black market flourishes in virtually every community, and a cigarette buys more than money can buy."

Rocket Guns Not New

Britain has officially disclosed that she has been using rocket guns effectively against German planes since the very outset of the war—steadily improving them, and now is using a propellant material manufactured in the United States Middle West.

The announcement, uncovering one of the war's best secrets, said rocket guns already are in use in various theaters of operations, and it called the propellent to shoot them one of the most effective yet known.

Disclosure that this rocket fuel was being made in America was a clear sign that the United States Army also is using rocket guns.

While the Germans have been whooping up talk of rockets in their nerve war, the British have remained discreetly silent—so silent that even the mere mention of the word rocket was censored from all stories.

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Alcohol From Waste

A shortage of grain for human consumption and livestock feeding and for the production of industrial alcohol can be avoided by utilizing sawdust and other wood wastes available at hundreds of sawmills throughout the United States, says Wilson Compton, executive officer of the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association. He maintains that from unused sawdust piles at sawmills and from wastes flowing from pulp mills it is possible to obtain enough alcohol at a cost less than half the average price which the government is now paying.

Mr. Compton comments that from wood sugar highly nutritious and economical cattle feed also can be produced. In a ton of ordinary dry sawdust there is more than a half ton of sugar, which can be economically recovered in a form suitable for fermentation, Compton said.

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Reich Capital Reported Moved

Adolf Hitler has moved his capital from Berlin to Breslau, trustworthy foreign informants have said, but the German machinery of government still is within range of Allied bombers.

Breslau, one of the largest cities of Germany, is in Silesia, 175 miles southeast of Berlin. It is a major industrial center, with one important aircraft factory.

Most of the functions of the German government have been carried out there, unofficial sources reported, since the transfer from bomb-ravaged Berlin began several weeks ago.

Breslau is about 680 miles from the Allied air base at Foggia, Italy, and a little more than 500 miles from the nearest Russian front. In flying to Berlin, American fighter planes have demonstrated they have a round-trip range of at least 1,200 miles, so a trip to Breslau by escorted United States bombers may not be out of the question.

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Japs' "Fatal Weakness"

"Japanese aviation does not belong in the big leagues," according to Rear Admiral Arthur W. Radford, chief of staff of the Pacific Fleet Air Force.

"The fatal weakness is their engine development. The Japs still lag three to four years behind us in the development of high powered aircraft engines and this lag is probably the basic reason why they were knocked out so rapidly over Turk, Eniwetok and other island bases," Admiral Radford declared.

"I don't know of a single Jap engine that isn't a basic swipe from one of our old models, though of course they may have copied some German models also," he concluded.

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Economics of Bombing

The attrition of German fighters, in the air and in the factories which make them, has been the major phase of the Allied air offensive against Germany since the first of the year. Allied heavy bombers have been consistently striking deeper, striking harder and striking from both west and south, aiming at the factories throughout Europe which contribute to the power of the Luftwaffe. Perhaps no one but Hermann Goering can say with full authority what the effect has been. Recently British and American observers were weighing the factors that enter into this phase of the air war, with all its implications for the invasion to come.

The bombing attacks on industry not only have failed to slack off but have greatly increased in pace and weight. Germany has not been able to build up her plane pools, has lost productive capacity, has lost as many as 725 fighter planes in a single week.

Spring will bring longer days and better weather over all of Europe, which is the fliers' prime concern. Such days mean more time and better conditions for the precision attacks which the Americans contribute to the Allied air offensive.

Recently these attacks were being pressed against targets new and old, from both west and south and in powerful co-ordination with the big night-flying armadas of the Royal Air Force. Heavy bomber operations reached a new peak, with 19 major missions in the first 24 days of March. In a single 24-hour period the Allies had more than 5,000 planes in the air over Europe. In three successive assaults at least 6,720 tons of bombs rained on enemy targets.

At many points the Luftwaffe is still able to put serious opposition into the air, but apparently cannot sustain that opposition over a period of days, and cannot protect every war industry plant.

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How Much Is $19,000,000,000?

Figures released by the Treasury Department recently show approximately nineteen billion dollars of currency in circulation.

If this currency were all in one dollar bills, stacked neatly one on top of another, it would make a stack more than eleven hundred miles high, a distance greater than from Chicago to Denver.

If it were used to carpet a one hundred twenty-foot highway, that highway would stretch for more than thirty-two hundred miles, a distance farther than from New York to San Francisco.

Where is this money?

Some of it is in bank vaults, cash registers and money tills, but a huge amount of it is in your pockets, billfolds and purses.—Lincoln Bank & Trust Co.

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Science Pays Oil Well Drillers

The American petroleum industry drilled 18,584 exploratory holes in the six-year period from 1938 to 1943, inclusive, and found production in 2,656 of them, or 14.29 per cent, Dr. Frederick H. Lahee, chief geologist, Sun Oil Company, reported.

Of the 2,656 successful wildcat wells drilled in the period, 2,394, or 90.1 per cent were drilled on technical information, that is, with the benefit of geological, geophysical or other scientific study. One hundred ninety-seven, or 7.4 per cent of the discoveries resulted from random drilling, without the advantage of preliminary scientific study of the area. Whether the remaining 65 were drilled on technical information or without it was not reported.

Daily Cost of War for U. S.

What every taxpayer should know:

The war now is costing $300,000,000 a day.

War spending hit a new high in February of $7,808,000,000.

Up to March 1 the war had cost $168,600,000,000.

The War Production Board's monthly report on spending for war purposes, issued March 14, showed that February outlays were $14,000,000 greater than the previous high, which was in November, 1943.

The daily rate of spending was $312,000,000, based on the 25 days in February on which the Treasury issued checks.

Total war outlays are reckoned from the start of the defense program on July 1, 1940.

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Marines Go Fishing With Rifles

Returning soldiers say that Marines in the South Pacific seldom have time to go fishing with old-fashioned hooks and lines. So, being resourceful, the Leathernecks use hunting tactics to insure an ordinary day's catch in their off hours. Using captured Jap rifles and ammunition, plus an amphibious tractor, they hunt for schools of fish in shallow water bordering the island. Then they fire into the water near the fish—not at the fish—letting the concussion caused by the bullet's impact in the water stun it. Scooped up, cleaned and cooked over a fire, the fish offer a welcome change to the Marines' usual diet.

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Total Circulation of American Dailies

Daily newspaper circulation in the United States rose to an all-time high of 46,706,904 last year, the new edition of N. W. Ayer & Son's Directory of Newspapers and Periodicals disclosed.

The figure was a daily gain of 2,214,068 over the preceding year, although mergers and discontinuances reduced the number of dailies from 1,894 to 1,859, the directory reported.

Sunday newspapers registered a circulation gain of 1,909,141. Periodicals of all kinds were reported to number 5,982 at present, compared with 6,354 a year ago.

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Nature Paints Cotton

The day may be not far distant when a women may choose the color of her dress from the plant as the result of work done by the Russians and the Delta Experimental Station of Mississippi.

No dyes are used. The color is nature's own. "Even if colored lints never are used commercially on a large scale, they will be helpful in the experimental laboratory," says Business Week. "Chief commercial advantage of natural-colored cotton would be the elimination of the dyeing process in manufacturing cloth." The Russians claim to have developed color-fast lints in red, green, auburn, dark brown, blue and khaki, but the Delta Station, which concentrated on brown and green lints, doubts that colored cotton would be satisfactory for commercial use.

Delta finds that lint colors are inherited in most cases. They seem to be associated with several commercial characteristics, such as yield, boll size, staple length and strength of fiber.

Green cotton may have occurred as a sport in a cultivated field of upland cotton. The green pigment is bound in the cell wall soon after the fibers begin to thicken. As the fibers develop, the color deepens until the boll opens and displays a bright green or emerald pigmentation. On exposure to light, the color fades to a brownish, dirty green. Brown lint occurs in every known species of cotton that bears lint, and the intensities range from a faint cream to a dark brown.

Grass Root Reveries

By JOE GANDY
Winnsboro, Texas.

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NOW comes Spring and blossomtime in all its glory. The emergence of Spring each year is the greatest of miracles. A dead world comes to life, is resurrected, as it were, and we look on with wonder at the transformation. The good Earth seldom fails man though man often fails the good Earth. He lets erosion rob its soil and he denudes the land of trees. I stood by a redbud tree the other day, a small tree, that had over 10,000 buds. This may seem a little thing, but the redbud's flowering achievement is greater than the boosted achievement of any man.

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The scenery along the dogwood trails in East Texas is very beautiful. Although gasoline is at the vanishing point, people came in their autos for miles to view the dogwood blossoms. Near my farm home is a big dogwood tree covered with thousands of blossoms; their fragrance fills the air and the tree's natural beauty is beyond description. A noted writer died recently and his request was that a dogwood tree, not a monument, be planted at the head of his grave.

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Grocerymen complain that people are hoarding tokens. This is unnecessary and unfortunate. Hoarding tokens is about as bad as hoarding food. It upsets the economic balance and throws out of gear Ration Board plans. Spend your tokens, but plant a Victory Garden. Raising some of your own food is a wise precaution these turbulent times.

A neighbor who left his farm to work in a defense plant told me recently that he should have stayed on his farm. He gets $10 a day, but pays out all of it for rent, food and clothing—and not good food at that. While on the farm his wife canned vegetables, fruits, and he always killed two or three hogs in the fall. A cow supplied milk and butter and a few hens supplied eggs. This man's experience is typical of many other men who left farms for defense jobs. A big salary means nothing if you must spend it all to live.

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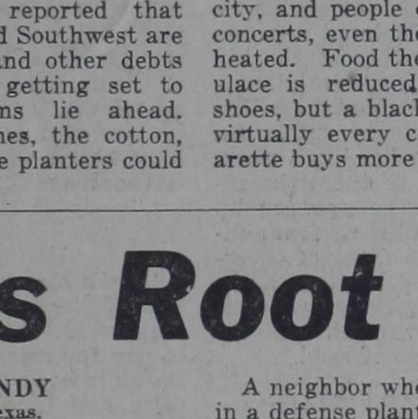

"All because a few woodpeckers knocked on trees."

We can now sit down in the old rocking chair and rest a bit after making out and paying our income tax. I got by this time without a headache—thanks to an asparin tablet. Some of my friends hired experts to make out their income tax. One friend paid an expert $50 and when the expert was through he told my friend he owed Uncle Sam 23 cents.

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War is on the home front between Victory Gardens and neighbors' chickens. This is a war that started long before the Hitler war and will not end in 1944 or 1945. In fact, it will last to the end of time. A friend of mine—a very religious man—went to church on Sunday and when he returned home he discovered that a neighbor's chickens had ravaged his Victory Garden. He said it took a lot of faith and prayer right there and then to keep him from losing his religion.

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Many of the young men are growing, or trying to grow, mustaches. At best they look dinky and sissy compared to mustaches that flourished in the 80's and 90's. Men in the early days grew long, flowing mustaches that made them look impressive. The flowing mustaches, while handsome, had a persistent way of dabbing into coffee and buttermilk. This may have been unsanitary, but in those days people knew little about sanitation or germs and yet lived to ripe old ages.

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Maybe grandpa and grandma lived to ripe old ages, despite germs and lack of sanitation, because they had less to worry about. They had no phone calls at 3 a. m. that were just "wrong numbers;" no crooners or advertising harangues that make the radio a nuisance; no blaring auto horns to make night hideous; no income tax blanks to fill out; no ration books and tokens; no high taxes; no high cost of living. Grandpa and grandma worked hard, lived happily together and trusted the Lord, their comforter and Saviour.

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In these critical times when we should keep cool and collected and our eye on the bullseye, we get all het up about something. If it's not the soldiers' vote, or building a pipe line in far off Arabia, it's what will happen to our country when the war is over. This country has survived many wars and will survive this one. Our sole aim should be to win the war then, after its ended, pray to the Lord for future guidance. Reminds me of a story: A certain hog-raiser had trained his hogs to come to their feed when he knocked on the side of his barn. Many trees stood in the pasture and in Spring woodpeckers would come and knock on the trees. When a woodpecker knocked on a tree on one side of the field the hogs would run over there, and when another woodpecker knocked on a tree on the opposite side of the field the hogs would run over there. Finally, the hogs became so confused they ran themselves to death—all because a few woodpeckers knocked on trees.

The Pied Piper of Washington

TEXAS BRIEF NEWS---from Over the State

NEW INDUSTRY FOR TEXAS

Construction of a $3,300,000 fertilizer plant near Houston "will begin at once," according to the president of the Southern Acid and Sulphur Co., of St. Louis.

MILITARY BACKGROUND

Master Harry A. Stafford III, of Palacios, (Matagorda county), has the distinction of having a father and two grandfathers in the armed forces.

MONTANA MAN ORDERS TEXAS CORN MEAL

Mart Cox, of Killeen, (Bell county), recently received a $5 bill to pay for an order of his famous home-ground corn meal. The order was from Montana.

DEER HIDES AID RED CROSS

Members of the Kerr county Wild Life Association turned in their deer hides last fall for use of the armed forces. Sale of the hides brought the association $200, which directors donated to the Red Cross.

TEXAS DOGS IN MOVIES

Bill Gunn, Amarillo, (Potter county), sportsman, recently had the honor of having two of his hunting dogs used in making movie shorts of bird and duck hunting. Both films had their premier showing in Amarillo.

RED CROSS GETS OLD DOLLAR

Mrs. J. H. Andress, of Borger, (Hutchinson county), gave a treasured silver dollar to the Red Cross. The coin was one which was in her father's pocket at the time of his death. It had been a family keepsake for many years.

17-FOOT SNAKE SKIN

J. H. Fine, of Midland, (Midland county), has received a 17-foot python skin from a friend, Capt. Glenn Walker, who is on duty "somewhere in North Africa." Mr. Fine plans to have the skin made into belts, purses, etc., for his friends.

TEXAS HISTORY CORRECTED

For more than a century Texans have read in their history books that 58 patriots signed the Declaration of Independence at Washington-on-the-Brazos. Lou Kemp, of Houston, has discovered in his research that 59 men signed the document.

OPTIMIST SOLDIER

Robert Arhelger, Fredericksburg, (Gillespie county), real estate man, has received an answer from North Africa to a want ad that offered for sale a farm in that county. An Army sergeant wrote Mr. Arhelger and asked if the farm would be available for possession by October 1, 1944.

LIBRARY OF TEXAS BOOKS FOR SAILORS

Sailors on an aircraft carrier are not supposed to have much time for reading, but, nevertheless, those on the "San Jacinto," new naval carrier, have 225 volumes of Texas books at their disposal. The vessel was built with funds raised in a Houston bond drive last year.

TEXAS CANE FOR MAKING MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

One of the largest manufacturers of reeds for musical instruments obtained 50,000 canes in the vicinity of Del Rio, (Val Verde county). They will be used to replace supplies which formerly were imported from France. The cane which can be used for this purpose is commonly called the Carrizo cane.

BLACK WIDOW SPIDERS GO TO WAR

A San Antonio woman contributes much valuable effort to the war program by catching Black Widow spiders. Web spun by the spiders is used in making bomb-sights. Deciding this was one thing she could do to help win the war, she catches Black Widows and Golden Gardens which are sent to a spider farm where they are "milked" for the web.

LITTLE TEXAN COMES HOME

Denise Chenoweth, age 11, has come back to her native country, almost a stranger. She spent 9 of her 11 years in England. A few days ago she made the trip alone from England to San Antonio where she became a sixth-grade student. Her father is a rancher at Los Angeles, (LaSalle county). She enjoyed the bright street lights of America as compared to the blackouts in England. Denise said for fruit "Londoners had only red currants and raspberries."

BATTLE TORN TEXAS FLAG

Gov. Coke Stevenson has received a battle-torn Texas flag from Italy. It was carried into battle by the famous 36th Division, made up chiefly of Texans. "We are proud of our heritage and proud that we can fly the Lone Star flag alongside the Stars and Stripes," wrote John W. Moore, who sent the flag to Gov. Stevenson. The flag will be flown over the State capitol on San Jacinto day this year. Gov. Stevenson sent a new flag to replace the old one.

ANOTHER MEAN THIEF

Houston reports a thief who stole the old baby buggy which a 95-year-old negro woman used for collecting scrap paper. It was her sole means of support.

LARGE EAST TEXAS FAMILY

Laura McCuing, aged 78, who lives between Jacksonville, (Cherokee county), and Athens, (Henderson county), has 14 children, 58 grand children and 53 great-grandchildren.

TRAFFIC DEATHS DECREASE

The Texas Department of Public Safety reports that traffic deaths in 1943 showed a decrease of 11 per cent over the previous year. There were 1,173 traffic deaths reported in the State last year.

PENSION MONEY BUYS WAR BOND

Mrs. M. A. Norsworthy, aged 95, recently bought a $100 war bond with money which she had received as a pension as the widow of a Confederate veteran. She has nine descendants in the armed forces, one of whom is a Jap prisoner.

LEPROSY CASE REPORTED

City Health Officer Dr. Lewis C. Robbins, of San Antonio, has reported the finding of a case of leprosy in that city. It is the first discovered there in two years. Since the disease is not highly contagious, the man's family will not be quarantined. A State law requires that lepers be confined at least one mile from other habitations.

RARE BIRTH IN ZOO

The Fort Worth zookeeper reports the birth of an eland heifer calf. Few such animals are born in captivity. The papa eland weighs 1,700 pounds and the mother about 1,400. Elands are native to South Africa.

SAGE OF PANHANDLE DIES

D. F. (Uncle Ben) Williams, aged 94, known as the "Sage of the Panhandle," died at his farm home near Dalhart, (Dallam-Hartley counties). Some of Mr. Williams' philosophies were homely, indeed, such as "pensions put premium on carelessness and discourage the virtues of thrift;" and "it takes brains, not colleges, to make successful men." He was not opposed to colleges, he said, but just didn't think they were essential.

OLD DOCTOR BILL PAID

Dr. H. E. King, of Greenville, (Hunt county), has received $15 in a letter from Dallas which said the money was in payment for a doctor bill made around 1915. Dr. King recalls the bill was for his treatment of a sick baby.

PATRIOTIC CELINA

When 30 citizens of Celina, (Collin county), found their little city was not included on the itinerary of the mobile blood bank unit of the Red Cross, they chartered a bus to take them to the blood center in Dallas so they could do their bit in the campaign for plasma for the Army and Navy.

MARRIED 71 YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. John Lowe, of Harmon, (Fannin county), have been married 71 years. Their oldest child lives with them and is 60 years old. The youngest is 50. They moved to Harmon in 1882.

101-YEAR-OLD WOMAN DIES

Mrs. Mary P. Latham, aged 101, died in Austin. She left 245 survivors. Mrs. Latham came to Texas when 19 and settled in Wise county where she knew the horror of Indian depredations. Later she lived in Waco, (McLennan county).

TRAILDRIVER DIES

Charles J. Campbell, traildriver, aged 93, died at the home of his daughter in Kingsville, (Kleberg county). He was a pioneer settler of Karnes county and in the early days drove cattle over the famous Chisholm Trail. He came to Texas in 1850 from Ohio.

LIQUOR WAS HID UNDER ORANGES

State Liquor Board agents recently stopped a truck near Houston to inspect its load. They found $7,000 worth of alcoholic spirits hidden in the truck beneath a load of oranges.

TEXAS NURSE GETS WAR DECORATION

Lt. Mary L. Roberts, of Dallas, was given the Army decoration of the silver star for gallantry in action when German artillery shelled an Army hospital in Italy. She was the first nurse ever to receive this high award for bravery. Two of Lt. Roberts' companion nurses received the same decoration later.

POPULATION CHANGES

Orange county led Texas in population gains during the period 1940-43, according to recent announcements. The county had an increase of 163 per cent. During that period 194 of Texas' 254 counties showed decreases. The largest percentage loss was 50 per cent in Yoakum county. Texas' over all loss was 1.9 per cent against the national average of 3.1 per cent.

EAGLE ATTACKS HUNTERS

Bob Mansfield, Tom Robison, Jack Flannery and J. J. Jones while hunting near Bandera, (Bandera county), were attacked by a big Mexican eagle which they fought off until Flannery killed the bird with a second shot. The eagle had a wing spread of more than six and one half feet. Jones believes the eagle, and not a panther as he suspected, had been carrying off his lambs.

WATER'S PURE—Yanks fighting in the Marshalls don't have to worry about water. It's pure and plentiful, thanks to system installed on Kwajalein. Photo shows salt sea water being pumped into huge distillation storage tank where it is processed into fresh water.

TREE BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

The Real Estate Board of San Angelo has contracted to have 100 fine pecan trees planted along boulevards in a beautification program that is city-wide. The city has agreed to tend the trees after they are set out.

CO-OP GINNERS ELECT

R. A. Graham, of Greenville, (Hunt county), was elected president of the Texas Co-Operative Ginners' Association for 1944. Other officers are R. V. Davis, of Dawson, (Navarro county), vice-president, and E. M. Cooke, of Georgetown, (Williamson county), re-elected secretary-treasurer.

WHEN WILL HITLER DIE

Gene Howe, editor of the Amarillo Globe-News, offered a prize of $500 to the person who guessed closest to the date of Adolph Hitler's death. More than 3,000 answers were received before the contest closed. One guesser said Hitler died April 2, 1943; another predicted his death in 1961.

DEAF-BLIND PIANIST

Residents of Matador, (Motley county), had the rare opportunity of hearing a piano concert by Miss Helen May Martin, the world's only known deaf-blind concert pianist. Her repertoire is 200 classical selections of Chopin, McDowell, and many other famous composers. Miss Martin began using a typewriter when she was six years old. She has studied music in many of the nation's biggest conservatories and also has done research work in Northwestern University.

36TH DIVISION MEMORIAL

E. B. LaRoche, of Dallas, vice-president of the Texas Society of Architects, has been named to head a committee to outline provisions for the completion of a design for the 36th Division memorial. A cash prize of $1,000 will be given the design winner.

FLY-IT-YOURSELF- PLANES

Firms which rent drive-it-yourself automobiles have been in business for many years. But Houston comes up with something new, a firm which rents planes on fly-it-yourself plan. These planes have made trips to Washington, New York, Detroit, Los Angeles and Florida.

PRAYER BOOK STOPS BULLET

Pvt. Alfred H. Hargraves has written his parents in Fannett, (Jefferson county), that a prayer book in his breast pocket stopped a Jap bullet while he was fighting at Arawa on New Britain Island. The bullet tore up the book but was stopped right in front of his heart. "You can believe in miracles after things like that," he wrote.

VETERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

Mrs. Mollie Young Riley, aged 87, of Midway, (Madison county), holds a record of having missed teaching her Sunday School class only four times in 60 years. Her class is in the Midway Church of Christ. She taught Addison and Randolph Clark, founders of the school, which later became Texas Christian University.

U. OF T. GETS BIG MICROSCOPE

War priorities have limited the production of high powered electric microscopes to 12 for 1944. University of Texas expects to get one of them for research work. The new instrument can magnify visual distinction 100,000 times against about 2,000 for the average instrument.

LADY TRUCK DRIVERS GET JOB DONE

Women have replaced men on many of the big commercial trucks which serve Nacogdoches, (Nacogdoches county). The Nacogdoches Sentinel sent out a reporter to find how they liked this work. After talking to some of them the reporter wrote: "Girls are growing up in a mechanical era, and their femininity is being discarded in favor of coveralls and greased-stained handkerchiefs. The majority of these girls are welcoming the chance to prove their abilities and adaptation in a time of need."

WHITTLER CARVES TRAIN

John King, well-known wood-carver of Sulphur Springs, (Hopkins county), has just finished whittling a miniature replica of the first successful locomotive together with cars. They operate realistically at the turn of a wheel on a small track. The job required more than a year and a half.

PLOW UNCOVERS $158

More than a year ago Andrew McClure was plowing on a farm near Mesquite, (Dallas county), when he lost a purse containing $158. A few days ago, while Bobby Heller was plowing in the same field, his plow turned up a purse containing the $158. Mr. McClure was happy to get back his lost money.

HE WILL REMEMBER THIS ONE

Rex Shields, of Austin, (Travis county), decided to fish once more in his favorite stream before putting on a Navy uniform. He took his tackle and went to Bull creek which flows into Lake Austin. He landed a bass which weighed eight pounds, three-fourths of a pound above the record for that lake.

RARE HALF-DOLLAR

Berl Pickett, of Hopkins county, has a rare 50-cent piece which is dated 1825. Recent coin catalogues show the piece has a value of $500.

RED PEPPER SEIZED

Pure food inspectors seized 94,600 pounds of dried red chili pepper in San Antonio because it was unfit for human consumption. The shipment of pepper, 220 bales weighing more than 400 pound each, was from Mexico.

TO SEINE FOR MACKEREL

Commercial fishermen on the Texas Gulf Coast are making plans for a new style of fishing. For the first time they will try to catch mackerel in big seines in waters near Port Aransas, (Aransas county).

TYLER GRANDMOTHER JOINS WACs

Mrs. Perltas D. Rollins, of Tyler, (Smith county), is another grandmother who has joined the WACs. She has two sons and a son-in-law in the armed service, and has been assigned for duty at Camp Fannin near Tyler.

WILDLIFE REVIVAL

Capt. E. T. Dawson, chief State game warden for Southeast Texas, says wildlife can be restored to counties which have had little for periods ranging from 25 to 50 years. He said the commission has distributed 1,900 deer, 1,400 wild turkeys and 1,300 antelope in such counties during the present war. He indicated the State is willing and anxious to help where communities want to undertake such projects.

ONLY TWO CONFEDERATE VETERANS LEFT

Only two Confederate veterans are now living at the Texas Confederate Home in Austin. They are Abraham Young, aged 96, who went to the home from Franklin, (Robertson county), about 10 years ago, and Lucius M. McAdams, who will be 100 years old in December. McAdams moved to the home from Teague, (Freestone county), about 14 years ago. Both are members of the Baptist Church.

"HELLO, STRANGER!"

Terrell, (Kaufman county), has earned a fine reputation for the manner in which it welcomes new residents. Business men have worked out a plan where the Terrell Tribune prints a spread each week which is entitled "Hello, Stranger, Welcome to Terrell." Many compliments have come to the city for this plan, but one of the most impressive was revealed in a letter from a teacher of Commercial Geography in a Chicago school which told of the teacher posting one of the spreads on his class' bulletin board with the notation: "This is the Way Texas Welcomes Newcomers."

UNUSUAL STORE

"God's Mercy Store," located at Waller, (Waller county), is an unusual store because customers pay what they want to pay for merchandise. Each item in the store has a tag which shows the cost price and those who buy decide how much profit to add to their purchase. The store has been doing business in this manner for 22 years. It was started by a sharecropper "who wanted his friends and neighbors to have a store where prices would be reasonable and fair." Customers wrap and carry their own packages.

MYSTERY DIGGER

For many years now residents of Stanton, (Martin county), have watched the mysterious working of an old bewhiskered man who seeks a treasure he believes buried in Sulphur Draw, near the Colorado river. Each spring the old man arrives in a ramshackled covered wagon. He digs for a few weeks, then disappers until next spring. He has told that the treasure was buried when Indians attacked a wagon train coming back from California and loaded with gold nuggets. The train personnel buried the treasure before they were killed by the savages, he says. The quaint character is reported to be more than 100 years old. Nobody seems to know where he goes when he disappears.

ELZA POPPIN -:- -:- -:- -:- -:- -:- **By Olsen and Johnson**

A LITTLE FUN *Jokes to Make You Laugh*

How Strange

The prim old lady was given the first glass of beer she had ever had. After sipping it for a moment she looked up with a puzzled air.

"How odd," she murmured. "It tastes like the medicine my husband has been taking for the past twenty years."

Mighty Deep Mournin'

An old Southern negress who had been visiting her Washington daughter was left at the Union station awaiting her train. Having lived in a small community all her life, she was filled with wonder and amazement when two nuns came in and sat beside her. As curiosity got the better of her, she asked a porter: "Who's dose two ladies over dar, dress' in black?"

"Dey's nuns."

"Nuns? What's nuns?"

"Why nuns is very religious ladies dat lives by demselves whar dere ain't no men!"

"Laws, dey sho' does go into mighty deep mournin' about it!"

Need Money, Not Brains

Captain Kendall Rogers, Canadian airman, was talking about the high cost of living.

"I'll tell you a story," he said.

"A New Yorker was held up by a foot-pad one dark night in an alley.

"'Hand over your money,' the foot-pad snarled, 'or I'll shoot your brains out.'

"'All right, shoot,' said the New Yorker. 'You can live in New York without brains, but not without money!'

Nothing Doing

A Maine logger, fresh from the big woods, was watching a store clerk open a package of gaily colored men's pajamas.

"What's them?" he asked.

"Pajamas."

"Pajamas?" echoed the logger. "What are they for?"

"Why, you wear them nights," the clerk explained. "Want to buy a pair?"

"Nothing doing," said the logger. "I don't go nowhere nights except to bed."

That's the Spirit

Art Chen, American-born Chinese flying with the Chinese Air Force, had taken on three Japanese pursuit planes, and shot down one when he ran out of ammunition. Deliberately ramming another, he bailed out, landing safely near the wreck. He carried the one undamaged machine gun eight miles to his base where he met General Claire Chennault. Chen held out his gun. "Sir," he said, "may I have another airplane for my machine gun?"

Nervous Man

A man put up at a hotel, and the clerk warned him that the man in the next room was very nervous. When the man went to his room he thoughtlessly untied his shoe and dropped it very hard on the floor. Then he happened to think of the poor nervous cuss, so he laid the other shoe down very gently. He went to bed and about two hours later he heard a rap at the door. He asked who it was, and the nervous man said: "For heaven's sake throw the other shoe down, will you?"

Screwy

A newspaper, in speaking of a deceased citizen, said: "We knew him as old Ten Per Cent. The more he had the less he spent—the more he got the less he lent—he's dead—we don't know where he went; but if his soul to heaven is sent—he'll own the harp and charge 'em rent."

A Street Scene

The Los Angeles, California, street was teeming with people going to their work. A man, evidently late for work, ran ahead, dodging swiftly through the crowd. Just then the crowd ahead divided as if it had come upon some obstacle; and there was a woman weighing at least 200 pounds, leaning over tying her shoelace.

Unable to stop, the sprinter had no alternative. He put his hands upon her hips, leapfrogged over and with an extra spurt disappeared into the crowd again.

A Tall Tale From Canada

This story won first prize at a "tall tale" contest in Canada:

"Last winter I took a job cutting wood on a 30-below-zero day. When I reached the woods I was nearly frozen, and in order to get warm I chopped so fast that my axe got hot and wouldn't hold an edge. I borrowed another axe, cut a hole in the ice on a nearby creek, and continued to work by cooling one axe in the water while I chopped with the other. But I had to quit at noon because by that time the creek was so hot that it wouldn't cool the axes. Besides it wasn't safe to stay in the woods any longer—the trees were on fire."

Senoritas Pass Up Non-Coms.

An American Army outfit was stationed in Mexico near a border town noted for its beautiful girls. It soon became obvious that the senoritas, none of whom spoke English, would have nothing to do with officers. But they gladly dated the privates.

An ingenious Spanish-speaking private, it turned out, had informed the girls that each stripe on an American uniform represented a marriage. A corporal, for example, was twice married, a sergeant three times. Furthermore, each service bar on the sleeve represented a child.

George Ade's Mistake

Several years ago George Ade was visiting in London, when he found himself feeling lonely and longing for the sight of a familiar face. Suddenly, turning a corner, he caught sight of a man ahead that he knew—or thought he knew. He rushed up eagerly and gave the man a tremendous whack on the back.

The man's glasses flew off, his hat sailed into the air, and the armload of bundles he was carrying fell into the street. And in that instant Ade discovered he was a complete stranger.

All apologies, Ade helped the Englishman pick up his belongings, repeating the while, "I'm so sorry, I'm so sorry. I thought you were a friend of mine that I used to chum with in America."

The Englishman laid a reassuring hand on Ade's arm and said very politely, "Oh, that's quite all right, old chap. But-er-tell me, do all Americans greet each other in such a violent and vociferous manner?"

Flying Cannoneers Ride to Conquest

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hopping at better than 350 miles per hour. A good Mustang pilot has the knack of close and accurate observation at high speed. He must be able to point his plane at the target the instant he sights it and automatically give it a "squirt" with his guns. Sometimes a locomotive hit by the 20 millimeter shells blows up, other times it simply spurts steam in all directions from punctured tubes. Then the pilot rakes the cars.

Mustang Pilots Wreck Locomotives

Operating from Great Britain, a Mustang pilot often crosses the chanel, uses up his ammunition in a sweep across part of Western Europe, and returns to base in less time than it takes his ground crew to have lunch. One pilot may report that he put a few holes through a water tank, knocked out three locomotives, shelled a war factory, and destroyed some barges in a harbor. Another's report will include knocking out half a dozen parked aircraft, blowing up a pair of locomotives and smashing a number of railway signal boxes. Within a few days two squadrons of Mustangs wrecked 20 locomotives, seven tugs, seven armed trawlers, and many factories and road vehicles. Canadian pilots in P-51's set a record when a pair of them, in half an hour, destroyed a dozen enemy locomotives in France as they flew along the right-of-way at phone pole height.

Other low-flying aircraft, carrying bombs, specialize on railway tunnels. When one can drop a bomb so that it rolls into the tunnel and bursts inside, the pilot has done a good day's work. The caved-in tunnel will stop traffic for days. Britain's Army Co-operation Command estimates some 1,500 locomotives were shot up so badly they needed major repairs last year.

Different versions of the P-51 are equipped with particular combinations of engine and armament for special tasks. A number of Mustangs, equipped with the Rolls Royce engine and two-stage supercharger, are used for combat at high altitudes instead of missions at zero altitude.

Deadly as our flying cannoneers are with the weapons they have today, even greater fire power is proposed. General H. H. Arnold recently announced that among the new weapons of aerial warfare America is preparing are armament that will make our present guns look like pea shooters.

Replica of Holy City in Oklahoma

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lock and the directors each year is that of Jesus. At first one man attempted to depict the Saviour in all of the tableaux, but now each scene finds a new character portraying the Christ.

Professional actors who have witnessed the pageant have commented on the total lack of tenseness in the Holy City as curtain time approaches. Rather than the hustle and noise of the usual theater opening, the atmosphere resembles that of a small church on Easter morning.

Not that everything always goes well. Mishaps sometimes challenge the ingenuity of the directors and players. There was the year when a little boy, shivering with cold, took refuge in the tomb. At sunrise when the stone was rolled away a small figure lay asleep on the spot supposedly vacated by the risen Lord. Hastily huddling round the tomb, the actors managed to spirit the lad from the scene.

Realistic Expression of Faith

Then there was the year two goats used in the cleansing of the temple scene broke loose from their halters. They started ascending a ladder that had been built with steps invisible to the audience to enable angels to appear in the sky. Only a nimble-footed group captain spared the spectators the shock of lifting their eyes to the heavens and finding instead of the expected angels the faces of two bewhiskered goats.

Mr. Wallock never takes public part in the pageant. He remains in meditation or strolls among the spectators. He is happiest, when, through the medium of their parts, the players are showing their belief in immortality. His own belief is simple and childlike. He resents the title of "master showman," for this is not a show to him, but a realistic expression of faith.

With the passing years more and more people find their way to Jerusalem, Oklahoma, at Easter time. They come in fair weather or foul. They huddle in blankets and improvised tents to escape the wind and even rain. By 10 o'clock on the evening before Easter, when a concert of sacred music begins, the hillside is already darkened with the eager crowds. All through the long night hours they wait.

As the first rays of a rising sun strike across towering Mount Sheridan, upwards of 300,000 faces turn toward the crimson east and the deepening blue of the sky. A solitary plane streaks through the air, a slim wisp of smoke curling from its tail. Across the sky is written in ever-widening letters, "He is risen," and Easter morning breaks with full glory over the mountains.

If you ever find happiness by hunting for it, you will find it as the old woman did who lost her spectacles, safe on her own nose all the time. —Josh Billings.

For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always. Mat. 26:11.

Poultry News

Next Fall
(American Poultry Journal)

Everyone appreciates the fact that present egg-feed ratios are not so favorable as they were a year ago, and the feed situation can still show improvement before our minds will be at ease. Nevertheless, it is a mistake to lose sight of the fact that some people are always scared out when conditions "tighten up," and it is the fellow who sticks to his job and raises his chicks as usual that has a good flock of pullets in the fall and comes out ahead of the game. Conditions change from spring to fall, but unless the chicks flock is started now, there will be no laying pullets in the fall to enable the flock owner to take advantage of such changes. Hindsight won't help then.

It's only the better part of wisdom to keep no more stock than there are suitable accommodations for and to dispose of all unprofitable stock as quickly as possible—in other words, trim everything down to the bone. But it is also the better part of wisdom to look ahead to the near future—next fall—and start the flock now that is to produce eggs later.

Get Rid of Broodies

Broody hens are still a problem. Unless these broodies are especially wanted for brooding a small flock of chicks—and most poultry raisers prefer to brood chicks the artificial way, as it is less trouble and much safer—the broodies should be disposed of. If this is only the first offense for any such broody birds, they should be put in a broody coop and broken of their broodiness as soon as they are discovered then returned to the laying flock.

It is always a good idea to mark any broodies when they are put in broody coops, using a celluloid leg band, and a bird that has more than one such band should be disposed of as soon as she stops laying. This is an undesirable characteristic and should be bred out of the flock.

Preserving Chicken Feathers

The U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry has announced a practical method of preserving wet chicken feathers. The treatment uses 15 lbs. of common salt and a pint of commercial concentrated hydrochloric acid, dissolved in 30 gallons of water, for each 15 pounds of wet feathers to be preserved. After repeated tests, the feathers were in excellent condition after a month in shipment and storage. The preservation makes possible the industrial use of millions of pounds of chicken feathers formerly wasted or used as fertilizer.

Keep After Lice and Mites

Although lice and mites are year around problems, the warm weather of spring makes them somewhat more disturbing problems. If the regular spring house cleaning is done at this time and is followed by painting the roosts with a lice repellant, and the roosts droppings boards, nests, etc., with a mite repellant, this should take care of these pests for the present.

Mite eggs that have been dormant all winter are likely to hatch in warm weather, so it is well to examine the droppings boards, and roosts to see whether these little pests are present. Lice, of course, can easily be detected on the birds, themselves, after a careful examination. Get rid of these pests now and give the birds a clean start for the coming spring and summer.

Starting Turkeys to Eat

Turkey growers who have had difficulty in getting their flocks started on eating, will doubtless be interested in the method used by one of the large feed companies at their research farm. This method consists of putting green marbles in the ration. The green color attracts the birds and they peck at the marbles and soon learn that the feed surrounding them is very palatable. The marbles must be green, however, as other colors do not interest the poults.

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Texas Farm News Reports

Members of the St. Stanislaus girls' 4-H club of Washington county have knit 23 full size, long sleeve sweaters for the Red Cross.

Farmers of Erath county, near Stephenville, are trying out the Katahdin Irish potato this year. It is highly recommended by experiment stations which report yields 25 per cent above cobblers.

The 1943 rice crop in the El Campo, (Wharton county), region already has netted growers more than $3,000,000, a record which was not surpassed during World War I when the crop sold as high as $12 and $14 per barrel.

A decrease of 31 per cent in Texas baby chick output has been forecast by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. At the same time officials said turkey growers plan to raise about the same amount of turkeys as last year when the crop was estimated at 3,724,000. The number of breeder hens was said to be 10 per cent more than last year.

War Food Administrator Marvin Jones made a radio appeal asking farmers to increase their production of cotton seed. He pointed out that since cotton is a war crop there are now no restrictions on production. He said the 1944 goal is slightly above that of last year. Cotton is the nation's largest source of vegetable oil, he pointed out, and oils and fats are most important in the nation's war progam. He cautioned that farmers would do well to study the importance of producing cotton of grades and staples of quality most needed today.

Experiments are being made, and results so far are encouraging, in the use of cotton burrs for production of a fine grade of poultry litter. The new type litter was marketed on a small scale last year, and officials of the National Cotton Council believe that improvements made for this year's production will lead to a permanent market for the new product.

Rodney Smith, member of the boys' 4-H club of the Hart community, Castro county, is farming 700 acres of land on shares, and feeding 60 hogs and five calves. He also has bought $500 worth of war bonds and plans to double this during the year, says County Agricultural Agent M. U. May.

County Agent C. M. Heald, of Cherokee county, has given the following procedure for killing cut ants: Drill holes in center to find main channel which leads to queen's cell. Pour in a half barrel of water and follow this with a quart of hilife. Then stop the hole. Be careful not to ignite the gas. The idea, he says, is to kill the queen, for when she dies the outside ants will starve and die for lack of a leader.

H. F. Carson, of Dallas, who recently was elected an official of the National Pickle Manufacturers' Association, has made an appeal to farmers of Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas to increase their cucumber production to help make up the million and a half bushel shortage which now exists in the nation's supply. He predicted that civilian pickle supplies would be reduced one-third in 1944 unless the total acreage and per-acre yield are stepped up by farmers.

Eight Hopkins county farmers have ordered 10,600 kudzu crowns for planting in pastures and meadows. Many others will watch progress of the planting, since this crop is gaining much favor for use as pasture crop.

Otis Cauble, of the Denton County Electric Co-operative, is urging all of his dairymen, who now are milking by hand, to investigate the use of milking machines. He says a large number of new machines will be available to farmers this year and they will greatly reduce the manpower requirements on a dairy farm if properly used.

Mrs. A. J. Postert, of Fairview community, (Wilson county), thinks she got her money's worth for some high-priced chickens. She paid $30 for 100 highly-bred chicks last year. Now one of the hens lays twice daily, then skips a day but the eggs are almost the size of turkey eggs. One dozen weighed three pounds. Mrs. Postert took four of the eggs to Sam Fore, editor of the Floresville, (Wilson county), Chronicle-Journal. They weighed slightly more than one pound.

Alvin Davis, Garza county 4-H club boy and winner of an all-expense trip to the 1943 National 4-H Congress at Chicago, will graduate from the Post high school at 16 and begin farming. According to County Agricultural Agent W. M. Kimbrough, Alvin has rented a 130-acre farm, and borrowed the money to buy a tractor. Already he works at the farm after school and on Saturdays. Frank Stokes, who also will finish high school this year, has rented a farm in partnership with his brother, Joe, and will work it this year.

Popcorn is coming in for more attention in Texas. Wilson county farmers will plant 1,000 or more acres this year in a deal worked out with a St. Louis firm. A similar project is in Ellis county in the Ennis area.

Recent reports show that 10,000 wild animal pelts have been marketed this season at Bowie, (Montague county); one Sherman, (Grayson county), buyer sold his year's purchase for $37,000, and a Quanah, (Hardeman county), buyer has been forced to ship several times due to lack of storage space.

Seventeen Fannin county farmers have agreed to join in an experimental planting of cork oak acorns. The Bonham Chamber of Commerce obtained the acorns and sponsored the plantings.

Much protein feed for cattle will be made available in the Big Spring, (Howard county), section through crushing of a big consignment of soybeans. The first shipment in February was 56 cars, with 30 more cars due to arrive. Each car contains about 50 tons of soybeans, which yield about 1,500 pounds of cake per ton as compared to 850 pounds from cotton seed. The beans will be crushed by a local mill.

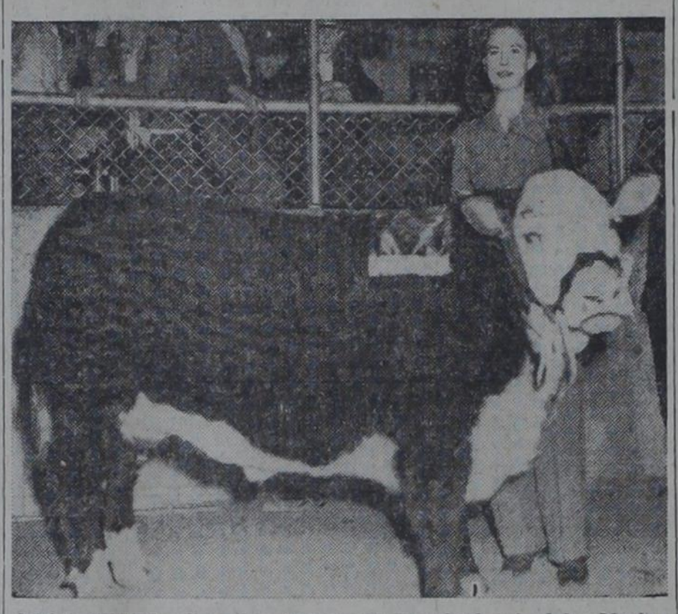
Peggy Scott, member of the Uvalde girls' 4-H club, is going into business and aiding the Victory garden campaign at the same time. She has several old dishpans of growing plants for which she already has customers.

Members of many Jefferson county girls' 4-H clubs are 100 per cent in buying war bonds and stamps, says Onah Jacks, Texas State girls' club agent. Every girl in the Edwards club, a newly organized group, makes her own money to buy them.

Elie Grothe, of Eskota community, (Fisher county), used his head and some scrap material to build a terracing attachment for his tractor which many call the best one they ever have seen. It is a disc attachment which has safety devices for use in stumps or edged rocks. The new device not only puts up a strong terrace, but also does it much quicker than most methods previously used.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture reported that the South Texas onion crop this year is the largest since 1936—and late surveys indicate satisfactory progress in all areas. Estimates place the total number of acres planted at 72,300.

Salvaging of damaged forest trees has begun in East Texas where a recent ice storm wrecked many thousands of trees. Officials of the East Texas Forest Service are organizing communities for the purpose of reclaiming many thousands of board feet of lumber and much timber for converting into wood pulp for paper manufacture. Removal of the fallen timber also will greatly decrease fire hazard.



GOOD STEER—Surprise, 980-pound Hereford raised by Merlyn Gail Kothman, 4-H club girl from Mason county, Texas, was named champion of 1944 Fort Worth Fat Stock Show. But it was no surprise to Miss Kothmann who knew all along she had a good steer.

The McKinney, (Collin county), Examiner printed a story recently which pointed out that white corn is gaining in favor with food manufacturers. The demand is such that there is a ceiling permium of 15 cents per bushel for white over yellow corn.

E. G. Raiden, of the Bugtussle community, (Fannin county), has harvested 629 bales of alfalfa from a five-acre tract in spite of the season being one of the driest in many years. He got $1 per bale for the crop for an average of $126 per acre.

Earl Edwards, Jr., member of the Lakeview boys' 4-H club, is champion 4-H war bond salesman for Floyd county. According to County Agricultural Agent Jason O. Gordon, Earl took subscriptions from neighbors in the amount of $2,850. But this was only one of his wartime contributions. He placed second in the county last year in 4-H food production, producing the equivalent of the food budget for seven fighting men. Moreover, he has taken full responsibility for care of the purebred Jersey herd on the Edwards farm.

Members of the Fairview girls' 4-H club of Wichita county cleared $99.44 from a box supper and pie sale which they sponsored recently. During the evening they sold $300 worth of war bonds.

Forestry experts are urging Texans to take proper care of their damaged trees, whether kept for utility or ornamental purposes. The urge is particularly strong because the State has had so much icy weather this year. The experts declare a split tree will not grow back, even if it is tied up. They recommend that splits should be removed at the trunk, with no stubs left. All splintered and rough edges should be removed before wound paint is applied. White or orange shellac makes a good wound paint. All brush left hanging out on the ends of limbs should be pruned away. Some bent limbs can be straightened if tied back into position with wire. Such trees as arbovitae can be sheared, that is taking off two to six inches of the outside foliage from the entire surface. Although this normally should be done in February, it still can be done safely later in the spring.

Dr. T. T. Christian, of Waco, has cautioned hog breeders to keep their porkers penned until young cockleburrs have put on four leaves. He found that one farmer lost 13 out of 19 good hogs from eating the young plants. He said he did not know of an effective remedy for the poison.

The Teague, (Freestone county), Melon and Potato Association is getting off to a fine start this year, although members are faced with a shortage of black diamond melon seed. An appeal has been made for information about available supplies of such seed.

Jack McCullough, county agent in Collin county, has given his farmers a schedule for spray control of insects on peach and plum trees. He says spraying will kill the culculio, which looks like a small boll wevil. This is the insect which winds up as worms in fruit. He recommends spraying every two weeks until fruit is full grown.

A gold-lettered hardwood plaque has been awarded to 83 4-H club boys of Frio county for their outstanding work in farm safety in 1943. Major activities in the contest were gathering loose nails, broken glass, scrap metal and the like, as well as labeling gasoline containers and fixing them up so they could be handled easier and more safely. Soon after receiving instructions on fire fighting, many of the boys had opportunity to use the information when they controlled a dangerous fire and kept it to a minimum of damage.

Clifford Mooer, of Houston, just couldn't destroy a fine colt which suffered a broken leg when kicked by another horse. He obtained the service of a famous Kentucky veterinarian and a splint was rigged up which enabled the colt's leg to heal while the animal was suspended in a hammock. The colt was a little more than four months old when the accident happened. Mr. Mooer was anxious to save the colt because it was the finest he had ever had from his world's champion saddle stallion King's Genius, which died last spring. "The colt will be a champoin himself," Mr. Mooer predicted.

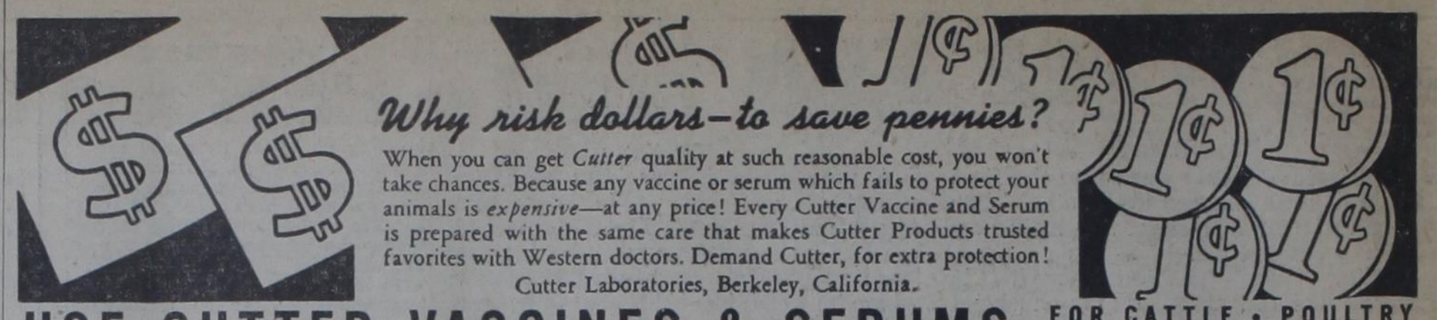
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wells, of South Plains, (Floyd county), report that a fine Jersey cow of theirs recently presented them with triplet calves, all heifers; one died at birth but the other two grew off well. It was the third time the cow had calved.

Coryell, Cherokee, Wilbarger, Dawson and Mason counties were honored in a Statewide radio broadcast for having received 1943 USDA awards for producing 30 per cent more hogs, milking cows, sheep and cattle, more chickens, and food and fiber than a year previous. Only 36 such awards were given in the nation for last year.

Mark Welsh, director of one of the nation's largest veterinary research laboratories, recently said in Fort Worth that much progress is being made in adapting sulfa drugs to livestock use. He predicted that after the war these products would be available in large quantities and at low cost.

Farmers of the Richland Springs, (San Saba county), section have been shipping lots of turkey eggs this season. Most of the producers are members of a co-op at Brady. The standard price was about $62 per case of 200 eggs. 150 cases were shipped in one day late in February. Two of the largest breeders, whose flocks run into the thousands, are selling independently to Northern hatcheries, chiefly in Minnesota.

Five years ago County Agricultural Agent J. B. Dorman, of Newton county, obtained seed of a good variety of yellow corn adapted to local conditions. The 4-H club boys, Travis and Billie Stark, who live on neighboring farms, planted it and not only have kept the strain pure but improved it through field and crib selection. Recently, Dorman went to the original breeders to obtain a better strain "but found that the Stark boys' corn was much better." These former 4-H club members are now abroad with the armed services but their young brothers, Roy and Mack, are carrying on the seed corn work and growing some Hampshire hogs which their older brothers left in their care.



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Our Boys and Girls

THE BAT
(Our Dumb Animals)

By J. Frank Browning

Did anyone ever have a stranger pet than Charles Derennes, with his tame bat? This observant Frenchman, a true friend of birds and animals, wrote a fascinating book, "The Life of the Bat," in which he told the story of "Noctu," a bat which he taught to eat from his hand and take pleasure in his fondling. To him the bat is one of Nature's most interesting creatures, and he insists that his pet Noctu had "the most human expressions that I have ever observed in the face of an animal."

Many people shudder at the sight of a bat, and wonder how anyone could like one. He's certainly not handsome, nor does he look very intelligent as he hangs upside-down from a twig, or the ceiling of a cave, blinking his beady eyes in a defiant sort of way. But most people find the bat a tolerable creature as they learn to know him better.

If you take a bat in your hands (not a Malay bat, for they sometimes are five feet long), you'll feel the animal trembling all over. That's because, to those delicate wings, which are perhaps the most sensitive sense-organs in the world, the touch of your palm is like a rasp-file.

Those tender wings and his big vibrating ears are the mystery and wonder of the bat. They enable him to fly in the darkest night, through the thickest forest, when his eyes are of little use to him, and pursue his insect prey without striking a single tree trunk or branch. These wings that "see" in the dark, are made up of a close network of fine nerves which are able to detect in advance any obstacle that is in his line of travel. Experimenters have blind-folded bats and released them in a large room where many ropes were suspended from the ceiling. Result—the bats flitted around with their customary bullet-speed, without touching a single rope!

In certain parts of the South huge bat shelters and roosts are maintained for the good they do in destroying enormous quantities of flying moths, mosquitos and other harmful insects.

One of the largest bat caves in the world is located in Carlsbad Cavern, New Mexico. It is estimated that 3,000,000 bats inhabit the cave.

Kiddies-Can-Do-It
By Uncle Cobb Shinn

HIDDEN away in the tangled lines is a large picture of the chipmunk. Do you see it? Look carefully and when you are sure that you have found it, take your pencil and blot out all the unnecessary lines. A chipmunk is a cousin of the tree squirrel, but he lives mainly on the ground. Also he has pockets in his cheeks for carrying food to his hidden store rooms. The next time you are out in the country watch carefully along old fences and see if you can see one of these little fellows.

ALLIGATOR HUNT
(Condensed from Northwestern Commerce)

By GOLDEN SYLVESTER

Alligators are hunted for their hides which are made into purses, shoes, boots, billfolds, portfolios, etc.

Alligator hunting is a common occupation in Florida, and Ned Grimes, a young reporter visiting his grandfather in Florida recently, tells an interesting tale of an alligator hunt.

"My Uncle Arthur," he said, "is an experienced alligator hunter. His skin is tanned a deep brown, the color of wrinkled leather, and there are deep laugh-wrinkles about his eyes. He has spent most of his life out-doors.

"It was the keenest thrill of my life when he said he would take me alligator hunting with him!"

Alligator hunting must be done when the weather is right for it, a warm, moonless night being the ideal combination. The hunting paraphernalia consists of a carbide headlight, which is a carbide torch with a focusing glass, worn on the front of the hat, and connected with a hose to a belt on which the carbide is carried; a high-powdered rifle, a sharp knife and a boat.

It takes two men to hunt alligators—one to sit in the prow wearing the light and locating and shooting the game, and another to sit at the back of the boat and propel it. The oars must be dipped noiselessly, and the boat must travel against the wind, because once the alligator smells human scent, he will disappear at once. The light, however, does not scare him, and he will allow you to come quite near if you are on the windward side, and approach noiselessly—near enough, indeed, that you could lay your hand upon him.

Dum-dum bullets are used, and a 30-30 rifle is the right weapon. The alligator must be shot directly between the eyes, because if the bullet strikes him anywhere else, it will glance from his tough hide, and a fight may be on.

One warm, inky black night, Arthur Whiteside (who was Ned's uncle), Bob Stuart (a friend) and Ned embarked quietly on a hunting venture. Bob Stuart did not use oars to propel the boat, but one paddle, with which he pushed the water back silently. The boat edged along the shore of the lake, a mere smudge in the darkness. Arthur was flashing his headlight back and forth along the shoreline; a sharp pencil of light cutting through the velvet of the night—revealing the eyes of several alligators, which gleamed like coals for a distance of a hundred and fifty yards or more.

Selecting one pair of eyes, the three men approached silently in their boat. If an alligator has never been shot at, the light does not scare him; if he has been shot at before, and perhaps hit a glancing shot, he will sink out of sight as soon as the light falls upon him. Their chosen alligator did not sink, and the boat approached almost soundlessly until the prow, where Arthur and Ned were sitting, was within ten feet of it. Ned could see that it was a large one, and his throat tightened as Arthur raised the gun and took aim for a spot directly between the eyes.

The gun spurted. The alligator gave a heave, and a little blood appeared. He did not flounder or bleed much. The men dragged him into the boat. He was a large fellow, about seven and a half feet long.

Within a short time, they had taken several other alligators. Several trips were made to the shore to unload the dead alligators, and piles of the bodies increased along the banks of the lake.

Then Arthur, after selecting what appeared to be an ordinary-size alligator, failed to make an accurate shot. A fight was on! Ned opened his lips to shout, but remembered in time the warning to be still, regardless of what happened. The alligator flung his tail about viciously, churning the water. He was not large, only about six feet long.

Bob maneuvered the boat around, and then, with lighting quickness, Arthur reached out and grabbed the alligator by the jaws. Holding them firmly shut with one hand, he grasped the squirming reptile's front legs with the other hand and held him up with the jaws some distance out of the water, so that he could not thresh his tail about so dangerously. Bob came up quickly and stabbed the creature in the back with his hunting knife, just back of the bulge in the head. The alligator then relaxed in death, and was dragged into the boat.

"All in a day's work," Arthur said, when they were back at the short unloading.

How many do you usually get in a night?" Ned asked.

"Often as many as thirteen," Arthur replied, "ranging in size from three feet to eleven feet. Those under three feet we try to capture alive. They can be sold to Northern people who want to exhibit them at fish camps, parks or places."

The next alligator pulled into the boat was a big 8-foot fellow. About fifteen minutes later there was a sudden movement in the bottom of the boat, a swish, a scream—then a heavy splash! Ned and Arthur jerked about,

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swinging the light back over the boat to see what had happened. There was Bob floundering about in the water back of the boat, yelling and splashing furiously. They pulled him in.

"What happened!"

"It was that big 'gator," Bob sputtered, shaking the water from his head. "He came to, and just took the shortest route back to the water, knocking me overboard."

This noise and excitement ended the hunting for the night; so the men went back to the shore, to begin the skinning.

After the skins are removed, they are stretched and salted, and rolled in a hard compact roll. They are then stored in boxes and barrels, and placed in a cool, shady place until they can be taken to town. They must not be exposed to the sun for even a half hour, or they will scale off.

The price for alligator hides varies from $1 to $6 for the 7-foot size or under, and for those over seven feet a uniform price of $7 is paid. This is because the entire skin is taken from the smaller alligators, while those larger are only partly skinned.

Alligators have interesting habits. They feed on snakes, frogs, and sometimes small trees. They began to eat in the spring when it starts to warm up—in April or May—and feed for about a week once a month, or until fully gorged. Then they quit eating until the next month. Older alligators will kill a full-grown hog, if they can sneak up on it—or foxes and calves. They usually pull their victims under water and drown them—then feast at leisure.

Alligators stop feeding from about the first of October until the next spring. To try to feed one after it has stopped eating seems to anger it, and it will fight anyone who then offers it food—food which it would relish during the feeding time.

In winter they go into holes and remain there. Sometimes, however, if it is warm enough, they may come out even in winter. If the alligators are out, one can predict an approaching cold snap by the alligator's actions—he will bellow, just like a bull—and always just about sun-up. And that day, or sometime during the night, he will disappear into his hole for the winter.

There has been some dispute about the age alligators can attain. They will grow about a foot a year for the first few years, but afterwards grow more slowly. It has been said that they live to be three or four hundred years old, but this has not been proven. They have been known to live in captivity for 55 years. When captured alive, they can be tamed and will usually respond to kind treatment.

WHAT MAKES A VOLCANO?
(Condensed from The American Weekly)

By DR. HAROLD O. WHITNALL
Professor of Geology, Colgate University.

As if laughing at man, who gasps with astonishment and terror at the news of block-busters that wipe out cities almost within a single night, Nature has recently put on an exhibition which shows how puny are man's attempts in the making of explosive power.

On a plain some 300 miles northwest of Mexico City near the village of Parangaricutiro the earth gave birth to a volcano. That in itself is an old, old story. But the fact that this birth was witnessed by a highly trained scientist is news, and big news.

Dr. Frederick Pough, of the American Museum of Natural History in New York, was the privileged observer who saw the phenomenon from the first puff of smoke, heard the earth shriek and roar in its travail, took its temperature, collected the by-products attendant on the birth of the volcano, and saw it grow until it covered several acres of ground with lava piling high around the mouth of the belching volcano.

Dr. Pough's experience brings up a new and baffling question of just what is a volcano.

Nobody really knows what makes them—but many scientists believe that if the puzzle is ever solved it may unlock a source of power which will take the place of our dwindling stocks of oil and coal. In fact, probably give us unlimited power for maybe as long as the human race will endure.

One thing is certain. The volcano is no chimney opening up from the molten interior of the earth, as used to be believed. The reason for this is that the earth's interor is not the molten mass of fire once thought.

Within comparatively recent years the whole matter has been under very careful study indeed, and radio waves are among the things which has told us most about the interior of the earth.

These observations show that a volcano has nothing to do with the center of the earth at all. It is a purely limited disturbance and probably never originates further down than 750 miles at the most. The distance to the center of the earth is approximately 4,000 miles.

Its origin is certainly chemical or radioactivity of some sort. Somehow, these chemical or radioactive bombs get set off, start to melt the rocks around them, increase in area as the activity increases, and the molten rock, ash and other products of intense combustion find their way through faults in the rock up to the surface, forming what we call volcanoes.

There is enormous power involved in this activity. All man has to do is to discover what is the chemical combustion, what touches it off, and how to control it.

In the answer may be the power of the future by which man will move his various machines. The harnessing of volcanio energy to the service of man would be a great step forward.

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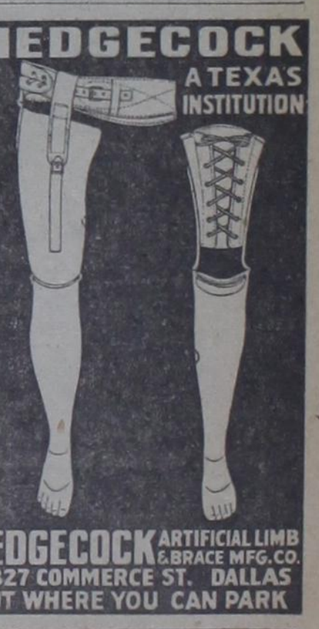

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A WOMAN'S WISDOM

(Selections from Dorothy Dix's Rules for Happiness)

Make up your mind to be happy. Happiness is mostly a matter of self-hypnotism. You can think yourself happy, or you can think yourself miserable.

Nail on your face the smile that won't come off and after a bit you will find that it stays there naturally.

There isn't a single human being who hasn't plenty to cry over, and the trick is to make the laughs outweigh the tears.

Be yourself, and do the things that you enjoy doing if you want to be comfortable and happy.

Don't borrow trouble. You have to pay compound interest on that and it will bankrupt you in the end if you do.

There are none of us but who have lain awake at night, petrified with dread of some calamity that we feared might befall us and that we felt would shatter our lives if it should occur. Generally, it never happened, but if it did, it wasn't so bad after all and we survived it without serious injury.

Don't cherish enmities and grudges. Don't keep up old quarrels. Don't remember all the mean things people have done to you. Forget them. Hate is a deadly chemical that we distill in our own hearts and that poisons our own souls.

Don't hold post mortems. Don't spend your life brooding over the mistakes you have made, or the sorrows that have befallen you. What is done is done, and cannot be changed, but you have your whole future life in which to make good.

Do something for somebody less fortunate than yourself. Minister to other people's troubles. It will make you forget your own. Happiness is a coin that we keep only when we give it away.

Keep busy. That is a sovereign remedy for unhappiness. Hard work is a panacea for trouble.

SPRING COIFFURES

If you are about to get yourself a new hairdo for spring, here are a few suggestions which might help you. The newest of coiffures are tailored, whether they have semi-pompadour tops or flat tops. No more fluffy ends playing in the wind; no more straggly locks brushing dress and coat collars. Sleek is the keynote to any smart hairdress this season and this sleekness is achieved by having the hair softly waved instead of curled, and by much brushing. Any rebellious ends are encased in a hairnet, for whether you like them or not, the hairnet in all its glory is back in fashion.

Your hair should be in excellent health. Regular shampoos, scalp, brushing and the use of corrective tonics or creams will do that job for you. Your permanent wave should be a soft deep wave, not a kink or a mass of wiry curls. You may part your hair where it flatters you the most. Then you must brush it back and up away from your face—letting your ears show. It may be flat on top, full at the sides in back of ears and rolled smoothly at the nape of the neck. Or it may be a pompadour in front and high in back. But it must follow the outline of your head and it must not boast of "bird's nests" or curls. Keep it smooth, keep it glossy, wear it high, and you will be in fashion.

KEEP AN EYE ON CALCIUM

Keep an eye on calcium, is advice to 1944 Victory gardeners and family meal planners from Dr. Henry C. Sherman, chief of the U. S. Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics. This mineral, calcium, is a food value very likely to be short when a family's meals are otherwise up to good nutrition standards.

Ninety-nine per cent of the calcium in the body is used in building and repair of bones and teeth. The small remnant, the one per cent, does special jobs in the blood and nerves for the body's health and efficiency. Some people go through life calcium-poor, said Dr. Sherman.

Since 1934, people in the United States have benefitted by steadily getting more calcium, mainly because they have been using more milk in various forms. When civilian milk supplies are limited, as in the present war, civilians can do these things about it, Dr. Sherman suggests:

1. Include as much milk and milk products in daily meals as wartime conditions permit, and waste none.

2. Make good use of other sources of calcium. While milk is the number-one source and no other food is nearly so rich a "mine," greens from the garden can be a pretty good number-two source of calcium. For information of garden planners and family food shoppers, greens that yield good calcium returns include loose-leaved varieties of green cabbage and green lettuce, mustard and turnip greens, broccoli, collards, kale—in fact, most of the common green leaf vegetables. However, head lettuce and head cabbage have relatively little of this mineral. A few greens, such as spinach, chard, lambsquarters, are not on the calcium list because, while they contain considerable calcium, the body does not use it. Other foods which do this part toward the calcium supply include dried beans, soybeans, eggs, molasses.

3. Store up calcium by getting liberal amounts in food when possible. The body has a special storage place in the bones for extra supplies. If calcium-rich, the body makes use of its reserve for the strengthening of joints, and in time of calcium-need, the reserve is quickly available.

4. Have some idea of calcium arithmetic—enough to help in getting this important mineral in daily eating. The yardstick set up by the National Research Council for this country's good nutrition recommends for children 1,000 to 1,400 milligrams of calcium each day; for adults 800. A cup of milk—half a pint—provides 265 milligrams. Cheddar cheese packs so much calcium in small space that an ounce provides about 250. An average serving of turnip greens provides about 280 milligrams; kale, 180.

TESTED RECIPES

STEWS

By Mary Meade
(Chicago Tribune)

Stews are inexpensive in money and points, easy to prepare, nutritious, and filling. A hearty lamb stew with tomato dumplings is an entire meal in itself. Serve it with milk and a simple fruit dessert.

A pound and a half of lamb shoulder meat will serve six hungry persons when stewed with vegetables. Cut the meat into 2-inch pieces. Dredge half the pieces with flour. Sprinkle all of the meat with 1½ teaspoons salt, ¼ teaspoon pepper. Brown slowly in 3 tablespoons fat. When the meat is as brown as you like it, add 3 cups of water and cover the pan closely. A heavy utensil is needed for stew. Figure on allowing at least 2 hours for the stew to cook. Add the vegetables 45 minutes before serving time, and leave them whole. turnips instead.

Allow a turnip, a carrot, and a potato for each serving—six of each vegetables for this stew. Scrub carrots and turnips and pare potatoes.

After the vegetables have gone into the stewpot with the meat and are simmering gently on the surface of the range, prepare a dumpling batter. The dumplings go into the stew for the last 12 minutes of cooking.

TOMATO DUMPLINGS
(Six large)

1½ cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 egg
1 tablespoon lard or drippings
½ cup tomato juice.

Sift flour, measure, and sift again with salt and baking powder. Beat egg, add melted lard or drippings and tomato juice. Combine liquid with flour, stirring only until flour disappears.

When meat and vegetables are tender, taste gravy and add more salt and pepper if necessary. Drop dumpling batter by the spoonful into the stew, making certain that it rests on meat or vegetables. Cover tightly and steam for 12 minutes without removing cover.

Remove stew to a hot platter, arranging vegetables and dumplings in separate groups around it. Sprinkle potatoes with 2 tablespoons chopped parsley and sprinkled dumplings with paprika. Thicken gravy left in pan with flour and water paste, cook until smooth and thickened, and serve separately.

Turn in waste fats for points and pennies.

CHICKEN ROYAL
(Serves six)

1 4-pound stewing hen
3 teaspoons salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
2 large onions
¼ cup lard
¾ cup chopped green pepper
3 cups cooked rice, drained
2 cups tomato juice
Dash of saffron (optional)
1 cup almonds or pecans
⅛ cup Parmean cheese (optional)

Cook fowl in large kettle with water to half cover, 2 teaspoons of salt, pepper, and 1 onion. Simmer until tender, about 2 hours. Pour off and strain broth. Cool chicken and dice. Chop remaining onion and cook in fat until transparent; add green pepper, rice, tomato juice, saffron, chicken, and remaining salt. Cover and cook about 30 minutes. Add nut meats; serve with sprinkling of cheese.

Creamed Potatoes With Codfish

One-half pound salt codfish, three tablespoons margarine, four tablespoons flour, two and one-half cups milk, one and one-half pounds potatoes, peeled and sliced, one-fourth cup shredded celery leaves, one tablespoon chopped onion, chopped parsley.

Soak the codfish in running water for 15 minutes, then one hour in fresh warm water.

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Drain, add fresh water and heat slowly to the boiling point, and drain again. Meanwhile make a smooth cream sauce of the margarine, flour and milk; add the potatoes, celery leaves and onion. Cover and simmer about 20 minutes, or until potatoes are tender. This requires frequent stirring to keep from sticking. Add flaked codfish; cook just long enough to heat through. Four servings.

A Family Dinner

A few slices of pig's or calf's liver will multiply themselves into a family dinner if given a little help and support with a supply of nice baked potatoes and a bowl of good liver gravy. Salt, pepper and flour the slices of liver as for usual frying—and fry in bacon drippings in which a minced onion has been allowed to brown lightly. When the liver has been cooked quickly, turning often, remove the liver liquid in the pan and onion remainders, leaving just the flavor.

Corn Flake Crust

4 cups corn flakes or
3 cups oven-popped rice cereal
1/3 cup melted butter
¼ cup sugar

Roll cereal into fine crumbs; combine with butter and sugar, mixing well. Press mixture evenly and firmly around sides and bottom of pie pan. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) for about 8 minutes; cool before adding filling or pie shell may be thoroughly chilled without baking.

Deep Dish Apple Pie

Fill deep baking dish to rim with cooking apples, peeled and sliced. Blend together 1 tablespoon tapioca, ½ cup sugar, 1 teaspoon nutmeg and ¼ teaspoon salt. Sprinkle over apples. Cover with rich pastry; slash and crimp edges. Bake in hot oven (425 degrees F.) 10 minutes; reduce to 375 degrees F. for 20 to 25 minutes.

To toughen glassware, place in cold water and add salt. Boil gradually and cool slowly.

FIGURATIVELY SPEAKING

More babies were born in the United States in 1943 than in any previous year, births reaching the enormous figure of 3,200,000—200,000 more than in 1942, and a million more than 1933—the depth of the depression.

The Census Bureau has completed its figures on 1942 births, and found that the proportion of boy babies to girl babies the highest in 15 years. It doesn't know why, but it does know that 1,444,365 boys and 1,364,631 girls were born in 1942, the ratio being 10,584 males to 10,000 females.

During World War I the idea grew up that more boy babies were born in war years than was usual. This was supposed to be Nature's way of replacing the wastage of the battlefield. The Bureau has been keeping figures since 1915, and points out that the 1942 ratio has been exceeded in peace years. The highest ratio of males to females occurred in 1925, when it was 16,604 males born to every 10,000 females. In 1942 the ratio was 10,588 males to 10,000 females, and in 1927, it was 10,585 to 10,000.

Curiously enough, the ratio in the war years of 1917 and 1918 was exactly the same as in the war year of 1942, 10,584 males to 10,000 females.

About the only thing that is certain is that, peace years or war years, there are more boy babies born every year than girl babies.

LONDON A HICK TOWN

Southern soldiers, so at least we are told, get along better in London than do men from other parts of the country. They like sightseeing and churches and museums—while the men from the North and West find more enjoyment in the pubs and moving pictures. And London has early closing hours for places of amusement.

As one Southern soldier explained: "London is a hick town, with hick hours—and we're used to hick towns."

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