



BETWEEN US...
By GROVER C. LEE, JR.

The state of Man's Mind which tends to intensify an interest in Future Events, must be most deplorable. —Seneca.

Well, here we are moving into another New Year—1940... And here we are... wondering, pondering, speculating... over just what this year will bring.

While big, bloody war guns roar in Europe, political guns will be belching smoke and fire here in otherwise peaceful America.

Yes, truly a myriad of questions bounce crazily about in our 132,000,000 minds as we peer into the hazy, clouded future.

And these are probably the most important—and most unanimous—of those multitudinous questions.

1. Will the United States be involved in war in 1940? That's probably rightly public question No. 1—the biggest, most pertinent of them all.

2. Will business be better in 1940? That's another high-ranking query.

3. Will Roosevelt seek a third term? Or—who will be the next President of the United States? There's a real brain-twister for you!

If you've truly tried to answer any of those questions, he'd probably finally wind up in a straight jacket with "men in white" thickly congregated about his person.

But here are others' answers to those questions.

An eminent Eastern astrologer (who, incidentally, predicted the invasion of Poland and the subsequent developments of another World War) foretells the entrance of the United States into war in 1940, also predicts that President Roosevelt will seek and win a third term. Frankly, I don't believe in astrology. But—I may at the end of 1940!

For the answer to question No. 2—Will business be better in 1940?—We take pleasure in quoting this statement of Roger Babson, eminent financial writer, which appeared in newspapers from coast to coast Sunday, December 31:

"The first half of 1940 will come the closest to good times that we have seen since 1929. Readers must not think, however, that I believe everything is hunky-dory. Real prosperity is as far away as ever. Real prosperity is merely a synonym for progress of civilization. With millions of men jobless at home and millions more trying to kill each other abroad, real prosperity is not even just around the corner. Real prosperity and the lasting peace will return only when the desires and goals of our and all other peoples change—that is, when we all practice what Jesus taught 2,000 years ago."

DON'T QUOTE ME, BUT—
Bob! Oh, Bob! Here's a Real One... for Your Boos!

By OLE PAPPY

Well, after half a dozen bowl brawls throughout the land on New Year's Day, ole King Football for '39 feebly climbed down off his excitement-ridden throne to end the nation's presentation of pigskin panorama for another year.

Although 1939 was a great year for the grid world, in Strawn, eyes seem to be focused on the past when Red & Black eleven thundered across the pages of local football history to leave unforgettable memories with ex-players and ex-fans who yet possess an avid interest in the thrilling moments of the pigskin days of the past.

Here's a letter the editor handed Ole Pappy several days ago.

I've read it and re-read it. I've threatened to call up Robert Ripley (the believe-it-or-notter himself) to tell him that folks here in Strawn, Texas, have really got something!

And for the interesting and thrilling moments of the past which it will recall, I'm gonna pass it on to local lovers of sports—

Strawn, Texas.
Dec. 12, 1939.

Editor, Strawn Tribune,
Strawn, Texas.

Dear Editor:

We have missed "Ole Pappy" but we believe he is hanging round some place. We wonder why he

And reverently, we humbly comment, "Mr. Babson certainly has got something there!"

The Tribune stands on the threshold of a New Year... looks forward to beginning its 28th year of service to Strawn and Palo Pinto Counties.

And, friends, we look to the future with hope and deep gratitude which lies within us as we chronicle our progress during the year 1939 just passed.

Yes, we look forward to a year during which our aim shall be to better serve all; to continue to publish an interesting and informative newspaper; and to continue to uphold the rugged, democratic principles upon which American journalism stands—at all times ready to battle those selfish interests which are constantly preying upon the common people, trying to take from them what is rightfully theirs.

We feel at this time that it is fitting to offer our sincerest respects to our growing number of readers and to all those who have contributed to the success of The Tribune during 1939—and we humbly seek a continuation of that much-appreciated support during 1940.

The patronage of these individuals and business institutions during 1939 was deeply appreciated.

The City of Strawn, the Strawn Independent School District, the Strawn Chamber of Commerce, Strawn Volunteer Fire Department and the Strawn High School, the Ex-Students and Ex-Teachers Association of Strawn High School, the City of Mingo and the City of Gordon.

Bill Peretti, Robert Boyd, Bruce Gobie, Mayor Lawrence Santi, Audra's Grocery, the city administration, the school board, and the general citizenry of Mingo.

C. A. Maddox, Henegar's Drug Store, the First National Bank, Jones-Sales Company, Dollar Wave Shop, the city administration, the school board, and the general citizenry of Gordon.

Gilbert and McClain, R. B. Spencer & Company, the First National Bank, the city administration, the school board, and the general citizenry of Santo.

The Strawn Merchandise Company, R. M. Harris, Stages Chevrolet Agency, Gaither-Anderson Drug Store, City Cafe, Hodges Barber Shop, the Strawn National Bank, Watson Brothers, Hospitality Garage, Broadway-Garage, Hospitality Service Station, Zim's Cafe, Dr. Pepper Bottling Company, Jim Laitner, Noland Company, Buchanan Hardware, Hazel's Beauty Shop, MacMac Beauty Salon, the

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September	1-1-2	0
October	1-8	0
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DIAL SYSTEM IN OPERATION HERE JANUARY 13

New Directories to be Distributed in Few Days

The Southwestern Bell Telephone Company will put Strawn's new dial telephone system into operation here Saturday, January 13, at midnight, according to information received here by The Tribune as it went to press late Thursday afternoon.

New dial units have already been installed in the homes and business offices of approximately 150 local subscribers.

The new 1940 telephone directories for Strawn subscribers will be distributed sometime this week. The directory went to press December 27.

The new Strawn dial system, according to telephone company officials, is one of the most modern units which has been produced by telephone engineers.

Due to the fact that under the new system it will be necessary for all subscribers to use numbers and since there will be no operator, leading business firms of the city are announcing their new dial

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Chronology of 1939

A brief, week-by-week summary of headlines and highlight news events in Strawn and this vicinity during 1939—compiled from files of The Strawn Tribune.

JANUARY—
January 6—Ole Pappy predicts New York Yankees will win the '39 World Series; that Joe Louis will retain the heavyweight boxing title in '39; that Dana X. Bible dual at Texas U. has a gang of soph gridders that will put the Longhorns back in the running... Fire strikes twice at the John Randolph's and at LaGrone's residence... The '38 rainfall was above the average here, says I. N. McDonald... The senior Greyhound gridders and ten other veterans of the '38 season received their football jackets this morning... New county officers officially "took over" in the courthouse at Palo Pinto.

January 13—Tax collections in Palo Pinto County for the current fiscal year ending January 1, 1939, revealed an increase of approximately \$10,000 over the fiscal year ending January 1, 1938, says Oscar W. Rankin, new tax assessor-collector. Bruce Evans purchased the Rogers Dry Cleaning plant here... Mrs. R. H. Tanner of Florence passed away at the home of his sister, Mrs. I. D. Guest, January 7... Local postal receipts for 1938 were slightly above 1937, according to Roy Baker, postmaster... County Judge J. Pat Corrigan says "industrialization is what Texas and Palo Pinto County need"... The Rev. C. H. Ray of Mingo celebrated his 80th birthday and 61st year as a minister when he preached twice—morning and evening—at the Mingo Baptist Church where he is pastor... Eddie Lee Grider, veteran Greyhound grider, may enter T. C. U.

January 20—Gordon Exes down Strawn Exes in thrilling cage battle here at Strawn High gymnasium by 88 to 20 count... Governor W. Lee O'Daniel given impromptu vote of confidence, Tribune poll conducted among Strawnites... Jack Mitchell... of Strawn played with the John Tarleton College band at the inauguration of Governor W. Lee O'Daniel at Austin January 17... In "Straight from the Shoulder," Rep. Clark informs Tribune readers of the start of the long session of the Texas legislature... Congressman Clyde Garrett in his "Washington News," tells Tribune readers that the first week's formalities are over in Congress and work is beginning... Texas cotton farmers gave marketing quotas a favorable majority of 77 per cent in referendum county... A shower Tuesday at the Gus Cooper home honored Mrs.

Lloyd Garrett, a recent bride... A shower at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Roberson in honor of the 80th birthday of J. W. Ivey of Gordon.

January 27—That a proposed local hot lunch project at Strawn High School might employ ten persons was announced at a called meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association... At special meeting at City Hall city and school officials formulate plans for legal action in collection of delinquent tax funds to aid in the current drive for money for rehabilitation of local school buildings... Mesdames Paul R. Sutherland and Frank Walker announce the opening of the new MacMac Beauty Salon sometime in February... Mrs. W. D. Haver entertained the Sans Souci's... Mrs. S. J. Nichols and daughters, Sadie and Fae, entertained Thursday with a dinner for her niece... Miscellaneous showers at the home of Mrs. M. L. Gard honors Mrs. George Kinney, the former Miss Jimmie Patterson.

FEBRUARY—
February 3—After two victories, 28 to 18 and 27 to 12, the Mineral Wells Mountaineers defeat the Strawn High Greyhound cagers for the county basketball championship... The MacMac Beauty Salon will open February 23... Mrs. H. A. Crawford honored her niece, Miss Muriel Mays, with a surprise party on her sixteenth birthday Saturday night, January 28.

February 10—E. W. Lewis, lawmaster, Jimmie Laverne Uley, Ray Goldberger, Billie Gailley, and Calvin Guest attend state musical convention at Houston... Several services were held Saturday afternoon for J. B. West who died in Wichita Falls Thursday, February 2... Palo Pinto County's 1938 voting strength estimated at 4,000... Grafong tennis cagers nip Strawn girls' team 26 to 10... New license plates go on sale... S. V. Colley announces safety campaign in local schools.

February 17—City Council endorses plans of N. H. Moore, district manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, for a new dial telephone system for Strawn... T. B. Stuart celebrates 78th birthday... Strawn hot lunch project approved in Washington by President Roosevelt... Sixty-five person attend Scout banquet at City Hall Friday night... Miss Mary Ruth Wheeler of Strawn weds Monroe Johnson of Ranger... Miss Flogene Boston and Vernon Sparks weds Monday night... MacMac Beauty Salon opens Thursday, February 23.

February 24—Mary George Stuart, accomplished organist, was heard in recital here at the Methodist Church of Strawn Friday evening, February 17... City gets 15 per cent fire credit for 1939... Mayor J. M. Tucker predicts bright industrial future for city; urges support of Governor W. Lee O'Daniel... Lit Williams, 79-year-old resident of the Tanner community, died of pneumonia Wednesday, February 15, at 8:30 p. m.

MARCH—
March 3—Miss Martha Watson and Garland Williams are wed in Weatherford Friday evening, February 24, at 8:30... Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 27, for William Sullivan Orme of Brad who passed away Sunday, February 26... Mrs. D. R. Whitaker entertains Sans Souci's... Allen Orsini and Marjorie Brothers have perfect attendance records at Strawn High School... Mrs. Lon E. Shaw is hostess to "42" Club... Wedding dinner at home of Mrs. John Watson Sunday honors Mrs. Garland Williams, recent bride... A shower at the Mrs. K. E. Blakney home also fetes Mrs.

Williams Thursday evening, March 2... March 10—Walter Beavers, 19, and Wilson Guest, 18, are burned in mysterious oil explosion at local service station... Wool! Wool! Womanless style show presented at Strawn High auditorium... Strawn amateur boxers lose leather Friday night, March 3... John Lewis Zimicki scores only kayo of evening over Winifred Brackeen... Mrs. Lew Fuston hosts to Sans Souci's at holiday party... Pete Marine, 56-year-old Mingo resident found dead a few yards from his home Wednesday afternoon following a hunting accident... Supt. S. V. Colley addresses Mineral Wells lodge Friday.

March 17—Albert Santl of Mingo elected presy of Parker-Palo Pinto County Club at University of Texas... Mrs. L. S. Waddington of Mingo holds open house honoring her mother, Mrs. B. H. Stewart, on her 80th birthday.

March 24—Martha Lee Frazer wins county tennis tennis championship... Miss Barbara Rathoff of Strawn weds Robert Mack Merriman of Lawton, Oklahoma... Dave Roberson of Weatherford was honored with a dinner on his 72nd birthday... Gene Featherly, Earl Worth hair stylist, joins staff of MacMac Beauty Salon... Mrs. H. J. Wickens hosts to Sans Souci's for Easter party... Rev. J. M. Bond preaches here Sunday.

March 31—The first issue of The Heart of Texas Farmer and Stockman appears next week... Last rites for Alexander Dellusk, Weatherford pioneer, held in Weatherford Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock... Alice Strawn, federal employee, visits her parents... John Sheffield of Strawn was high point man at the Palo Pinto County track meet in Mineral Wells Tuesday afternoon.

APRIL—
April 7—WPA stop work on Lake Tucker road project—60 lose jobs... C. C. Mitchell, president of school board, re-elected... F. D. Phillips also elected to board... Earl T. Noland sponsor of Strawn boys' 4-H Club.

April 14—Mrs. S. V. Colley entertains Sans Souci's... Shower at H. J. Wickens home honors Mrs. M. L. Gard.

DOWN MEMORY TRAIL—
Take a Tip from Drivers of 1921; They Were Really Careful!

This is 1940—and— Automobile accidents are rapidly becoming America's "Public Enemy No. 1."

Thousands of lives are snuffed out in this nation every year as a result of tragedies on the city streets and the ribbon-like pavements which join city to city and coast to coast.

And many motorists are aware of the horror of these fatalities; many motorists are including safety, careful driving among their newly-made New Year's resolutions.

Strict abstinence to drivers' laws, extreme caution and care on the part of every motorist will be a necessary factor if automobile accidents are to be curbed in 1940.

In contrast, let's turn back Time's brittle pages to 1921—19 long years ago.

Here are the "Motor Regulations for Strawn, 1921," which appeared in an early issue of The Strawn Tribune that year:

"1. You must drive your auto at speed of eight knots per hour on city roads and twelve knots per hour on country roads.

"2. In narrow place of road corner and bridge speed slowly.

"3. When you see the policemen throwing up his hand you must not drive in front of him.

"4. When you pass the corner and the bridge, ring the horn.

"5. When you get ahead of the passenger on foot, or the cow, or the horse, you must ring the horn.

"6. When you meet the cow or

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THE STRAWN TRIBUNE

Society and Clubs

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Shower at Thomas Home Honors Mrs. Blair

Mrs. Charles Blair of Mineral Wells, the former Margaret Allen Utley of this city, was honored at a tea Friday afternoon, Dec. 30, from 2 until 5, at the R. B. Thomas home.

Co-hostesses for the affair were Miss Janice Gaither, Mrs. C. P. Neale Jr. and Miss Georgia Lucille Stephens.

Miss Stephens greeted the guests at the door, while Mrs. Blair, Miss Gaither and Mrs. T. A. Utley of Eastland, mother of the bride, formed the receiving line.

The dining table was covered with a lace cloth and centered by a three-tiered wedding cake. Mrs. Colvard poured from a silver coffee service at one end of the table and Mrs. C. P. Neale, Jr., poured from a silver tea service at the other end. Mrs. Garland Williams of Mineral Wells assisted with the serving.

Cake, mints and nuts were served with the tea and coffee. Mrs. Mary George Stuart played the piano at intervals during the afternoon.

About 45 guests called throughout the afternoon.

Gifts were received from Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Whitaker, J. W. McCorkle, J. H. Housley, M. L. King, P. E. Trott, Grover Lee, Jr., C. A. Wilkerson, H. J. Wickens, Gus Cooper, Frank Sporer, Leon Hawkins, C. E. Maxwell, W. T. Goldsberry, R. M. Harris, T. A. Utley, Joe Stuart, M. D. Cook, H. C. Poyner, F. D. Phillips, S. J. Stuart, Everett Stewart, Bryce Cole, O. M. Hurst, W. W. Goodson, E. S. Britton, J. S. Crouch, Lew Fuston, Paul Sutherland, T. B. Stuart, J. R. Stuart, William Rucker, J. E. Guest, Tom Binney, R. D. Hinkson, Don Bonney, Claude Allen, J. W. Mings; Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Pedigo, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Pedigo; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Neale, Mineral Wells; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Blair, Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. Clark and Marjorie, Ranger; Mr. and Mrs. Creager, Mineral Wells; Mr. and Mrs. Garland Williams, Mineral Wells; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chapman, Ranger; Dr. and Mrs. Scott Martin, Fort Worth; Mesdames John Watson, M. L. Gard, Jim Carlyle, H. B. Herrin, Pearl Seymour, R. B. Thomas, C. P. Neale, Jr., R. C. Fuller, C. E. Blinnings, K. E. Blakely, A. F. Disharoon, Earl Noland, D. S. Bradford, I. N. Gaither, Matt Segars, John Britton, George Tucker, H. J. Craddock, V. W. Jones, W. R. Cato, Sadie Stages, Mona Davidson, E. Visentine, A. E. Durkee, W. Creighton, Inez Casteel, L. O. Shaw, Denver Cross, J. I. Encke, Una Crawford, G. C. Lee, Sr., Frank Brashears, Morris Frazer, I. M. Edwards, Earl Moon, Guy S. Robinson, C. C. Mitchell, Messrs

Sponsor New Year's Dance for Strawn Younger Set

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hinkson, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse I. Encke, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Frazer and Mr. and Mrs. Earl T. Noland sponsored a New Year's Night dance for the younger set Monday, January 1, at the Gholson Hotel in Ranger.

Jo Ruth Encke, student at Abilene, Robert and Pat Hinkson, Watson and Martha Frazer and Bob Earl Noland were honored guests at the affair.

Funch and cookies were served, and music for dancing was furnished by a nickelodeon.

About forty-five young couples from Strawn and Ranger attended the dance.

Class of '11 Enjoy Annual Festival in Mineral Wells

Those members of the 1911 senior class of Strawn High School known as "The Dirty Dozen," met for their Annual Festival in Mineral Wells, Saturday, Dec. 31.

After a three-course luncheon in the Blue Room of the Baker Hotel, the class members went to the home of Mrs. Bean Robinson for the traditional Christmas tree. Mrs. Robinson served candies and candied fruit peel to the guests.

Members of the 1911 class present were Mrs. Mamie Guest Anderson of Caddo, Mrs. Bert Stuart Utley of Eastland, Mrs. Ruth Davidson Ravey of Fort Worth, Mrs. Mae Shepherd Myatt of Sulphur Springs, Ark., Miss Jess Lee Tucker of Fort Worth, Miss Charlsie Orme of Baird, and Mrs. Irene Housley Noland, Mrs. Georgia Watson Frazer, Mrs. Mamie Brothers Trott and Mrs. Mackie Stuart Walker, all of Strawn.

Mrs. Allen Disharoon Hostess to Bridge Club Wednesday

Mrs. Allen Disharoon was hostess to the Sans Souci Bridge Club members at her home Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. D. R. Whitaker won high score of the five games played.

A salad course with tea was served to Mesdames H. J. Wickens, Lew Fuston, Matt Segars, Ed Colvard, W. T. Goldsberry, D. R. Whitaker, S. V. Colley and M. L. King.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Wilder of Meridian, Miss., spent the holidays with the Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Wilkerson in Strawn. Mrs. Wilder is the mother of Mrs. Wilkerson. Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Gardner, Winters, Texas, also spent the holidays with Rev. and Mrs. Wilkerson. Mrs. Gardner is a sister of Rev. Wilkerson.

Mrs. B. S. Wilkerson, who makes her home with her son here, left with the Gardner's for a visit with them.

Joseph Nesbert Stuart, little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Stuart, toddled into The Tribune office early Thursday morning with his dad. He's the youngest visitor we've had in some time.

The Rev. C. A. Wilkerson officiated at the funeral of Mr. A. L. Boenicke of Brownwood, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brown and son, Billie Bob, of Grandview and Mr. Earl Brown of Corsicana and Mrs. Pearl Flynn of Fort Worth all spent the holidays with Mrs. A. N. Brown.

Personal

Miss Charlsie Orme of Baird spent Friday and Saturday here as a guest of Mrs. Mackie Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair of Mineral Wells were guests in the T. B. Stuart home Thursday until Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Epps and daughter, Linda, spent the weekend in Brownwood, prior to returning to their home in Sanderson, where Mr. Epps is a faculty member of the Sanderson High School.

Mrs. T. A. Utley returned to her home in Eastland, after a visit here in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Stuart.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Blair of Coleman spent Sunday in the T. B. Stuart home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Binney and children, Ella Louise and Betty Tom, left Friday to spend New Year's in El Paso with Mrs. Binney's parents. The returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Williamson and son, Harvey, of Mopahuis visited here with old friends Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Alexander of Sherman were weekend guests in the home of Mrs. J. S. Stephenson.

Miss Kathryn Pitzer returned Monday from a holiday visit in Brownwood with her family.

Kathleen Maxwell left Monday for Odessa to resume her work, after a holiday visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Maxwell.

Wilton Rucker returned to JTAC in Stephenville after a holiday visit with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Rucker. Oleta Rucker, who has also been visiting her parents, returned to TSCW in Denton Tuesday.

Mrs. Garland Williams of Mineral Wells spent last weekend in Strawn, and assisted at the tea given in honor of Mrs. Charler Blair.

Mayor J. M. Tucker left Tuesday for Dallas for a short visit with his son, Frank. From there he will go to Marshall and enter the T & P hospital for treatment.

Mildred Hittson returned to JTAC in Stephenville Tuesday, after a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hittson.

Marche Zimicki, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Zimicki, and R. B. Thomas, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Thomas, returned to A & M College Tuesday, after spending

the holidays here. Melba Head, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Head, returned to ACC in Abilene Monday.

Jo Ruth Encke returned to Hardin-Simmons in Abilene after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Encke.

Leota Segars, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Segars, and Major Ratliff, son of Mrs. Myrtle Ratliff, returned to Austin the first of the week to resume their studies at the University.

Miss Hylen Holloway returned Monday from a holiday visit in Howe.

Talmage Head returned the first of the week from a visit with his family near Goldthwaite.

Frances Huffstater returned Monday from visiting her parents in Blooming Grove during the holidays.

If it's news, telephone 94! Mr. H. O. Davis and daughter, Mary Frances, of Commerce, who have been visiting the Robert Stagg's, returned home Sunday.

Merle Mays and Dortha DeSpain returned to Weatherford the first of the week to resume their work at Weatherford Junior College after a holiday visit here.

C. P. Neale, Jr., of McKinney, spent last weekend visiting in the R. B. Thomas home.

Hints For The Housewife

PRIZE CAKE
In a recent cake baking contest for Hunter College (New York City) home economics students, Sarah Tannenbaum won first prize, a gold bracelet, with this chocolate Christmas cake:

Ingredients: One and three-fourths cups flour, one and one-fourth cups sugar, one cup milk,

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one-half cup shortening, two eggs, four ounces unsweetened chocolate, one teaspoon baking soda, one teaspoon vanilla and a few grains salt.

Directions: Cream the shortening, adding sugar gradually until fluffy. Then add, in turn, the eggs (well beaten) and chocolate (melted). Next sift the flour and salt together, combine the soda and vanilla with the milk and flour and mixtures alternately to the batter. Pour batter into two greased layer pans and bake in moderate oven for 30 minutes.

Icing: In addition to a lemonade filling, the prize cake had a shadow stripe icing (mocha stripes over vanilla icing) with almonds.

CRANBERRY SAUCE

One of the most essential parts of the Christmas dinner happens to be one of the easiest to make—cranberry sauce. Boil two cups of water to which has been added two cups of sugar for five minutes. Then add two cups washed cranberries and continue to boil without stirring. When the skins of all the berries have been popped, remove from stove and cool.

LEFT-OVER SWEET POTATOES

Left-over baked or boiled sweet potatoes need not become a problem or a total loss in any household. There are many ways in which they can be converted into appetizing dishes. One of these is to mash two cups potatoes and mix to a soft paste by adding milk. Season; then add half a cup boiled maple syrup and one-fourth cup butter. Bake in a moderate oven until the top begins to crystallize. Serve hot.

WEEK'S HINTS

For a smoother and creamier index, add a teaspoon of cornstarch to each cup of sugar used in making it.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Whitaker spent the New Year in Ft. Worth with the Klemcke's.

Lucille Unkart left Saturday for Fort Worth. She will undergo an operation at the St. Joseph's Hospital. All of Lucille's friends are wishing her a speedy recovery.

Crusty French rolls, cut diagonally into slices a fourth of an inch thick, buttered and toasted, make a good salad accompaniment.

As chocolate burns easily, it is safest to melt it over hot water. For a breakfast treat, mix cinnamon and sugar and spread on hot buttered toast.

Ice cream in the cored centers of baked apples makes an excellent dessert.

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You'll find it is easy to use dial telephones which go in service in Strawn January 13.

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There is nothing complicated, nothing difficult about it. Dialing is so simple that these telephones are being used, every day, by people in all walks of life in larger cities everywhere.

Only a few simple instructions are required to dial properly. To give these, trained telephone men will visit every telephone subscriber in and around Strawn, and will gladly answer any questions you may have on the new service.

Dial telephones are coming to Strawn so telephone users here may have fast, accurate, dependable telephone service at any hour of the day or night.

Remember 4 Easy Things to Do

- Place receiver to your ear. You will hear a "hum-ming" sound—the "dial tone."
- Place finger in the opening through which you see the first figure of the called number.
- Pull dial around to the right until your finger strikes the finger stop.
- Remove finger and allow dial to return to normal. Do not interfere with the dial as it returns. Do the same with the other figures in the called number.

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NOTICE
Interest earned to December 31st, 1939, will be paid on consumers' deposits. Customers desiring payment at this time may receive same if they will bring or mail deposit receipts to our district office at Eastland, Texas.

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Compounding of prescriptions, too, is an intricate and painstaking process. But here we use potent drugs—and give our customers the benefit of our years of pharmaceutical experience. To be "sure," let us fill your prescriptions.

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FARIS AND BERKSON NAME WAR AS BIGGEST STORY OF THE YEAR

Death of Pope, Change of Neutrality Act Here Rated as Important

Barry Faris, editor-in-chief of International News Service, and Seymour Berkson, managing editor of I. N. S., recently announced their selections of the ten biggest news stories of 1939. Both agreed that the European war was by all odds the major news event of the year.

Mr. Faris' selections follow:

- 1—The European War
- (a) Hitler's seizure of Czechoslovakia;
- (b) Great Britain's action in adopting conscription in peace time.
- (c) Hitler's rejection of President Roosevelt's proposal for parity.
- (d) Signing of Russo-German peace Pact.
- (e) Nazis invade Poland.
- (f) Great Britain and France declare war on Germany.
- (g) Soviet Russia marches into eastern Poland.

Dec. 14—Soviet Russia dropped from membership in the League of Nations.

Dec. 17—Admiral Graf Spee by crew rather than face overblown in estuary of River Plate whelming odds in new naval battle or be interned by Uruguay.

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- (h) Peace pleas of Queen Wilmina and King Leopold.
 - (i) German mystery magnet: mine takes heavy shipping toll.
 - (j) Russia invades Finland.
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 - 3—Chilean earthquake with death toll of thousands.
 - 4—End of Spanish civil war with Franco victorious.
 - 5—Conviction of Tammany Leader James J. Hines.
 - 6—Italy's seizure of Albania, King Zog fleeing country.
 - 7—Historical visit of British King and Queen to Canada and the United States.
 - 8—Amendment of neutrality act by Special Session of Congress.
 - 9—Munich bomb explosion in attempt to assassinate Hitler.
 - 10—The Squalus submarine disaster.
- Mr. Berkson's selections follow:
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 - 2—Repeal of the United States Neutrality Act and consequent boom in aircraft, steel and other industries, as well as shipping restrictions.
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 - 4—Capture and odyssey of the City of Flint.
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 - 7—Inauguration of Transatlantic airmail and passenger service between United States and Europe.
 - 8—Dismemberment of Czechoslovakia, followed by Nazi occupation of Bohemia and Moravia.
 - 9—Sinking of Athenia with Americans aboard.
 - 10—The Munich bomb explosion.
- Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Colley returned Sunday from a holiday visit in Wintery.

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Such progress is coincident with the progressive spirit of Strawn's big department store which has been moving forward with Strawn and Texas and the Southwest since the pioneer days of 1894.

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And, too, it will enable us to offer our customers even quicker, more satisfactory service. Every department is as close as your new dial telephone... so call us often!

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By GROVER C. LEE, JR.

Where we cannot invent, we may at least improve; we may give somewhat of Novelty to that which was old, Condensation to that which was diffuse, Perspicuity to that which was obscure, and Currency to that which was recalcitrant.—Colton.

Well, all Palo Pinto County—throughout both the rural and urban areas—seems childishly excited, anxiously eager for the curtain to roll up on the 1940 presentation of the Palo Pinto County Livestock Show and Rodeo, sponsored by the Palo Pinto Livestock Association, over in Mineral Wells next Friday, March 2.

doubtless, not hundreds but thousands of Palo Pinto Countians, joined by hundreds of other happy souls from adjoining counties, will swarm into Mineral Wells to witness the many varied and highly entertaining features which are in store during the PPCLA's second annual show next Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Last year's initial show—as you may recall—was definitely a success. Of course, it was a humble beginning. Even so, it was the start of what may eventually become one of the foremost livestock rodeo presentations in West Texas.

But the 40 version will reveal a rapid rise from infancy. A \$6,000

show plant, financed by members of the association and businessmen throughout the county, is the setting for the second annual PPCLA effort. And scores of not ordinary, but stellar attractions have been billed for the interest-packed three-day program.

The tireless efforts of enthusiastic stockmen and co-operating business men can result only a success which should out-dazzle any similar presentation in this section of the state. Such success will be a just reward for the time, thought and effort—and money—which has been expended for the 1940 show.

The Palo Pinto County Livestock Show and Rodeo is and always will be more than just entertainment.

It's educational for city dwellers, for stockmen, for farmers, for the up-and-coming youth who reside in a predominant livestock country.

For example, effects of the annual show upon young 4-H clubbers and members of the various FFA chapters has already exceeded expectations. In the span of eleven short months there has developed a great and ever-growing interest in planned, profitable livestock production among club boys throughout the county. And, of course, that youthful enthusiasm has been boosted by the growing

interest of elder stockmen and farmers who are fast realizing that livestock production is Palo Pinto County's golden opportunity for these and future years.

The Livestock judging at the show is the first and most important educational feature. It not only impresses youngsters and veterans alike with the results of good breeding and planned procedure in the care and feeding of livestock, but it tends to light the competitive fire. And out of that fire which spreads rapidly from year to year usually comes the best and that best usually grows better as the years go by.

Lest we forget! Officers, directors and leaders of the Palo Pinto County Livestock Association are due much credit for their efforts. And the success which the show is bound to enjoy can be attributed to their public-spirited interest, their time and unceasing thought.

Committee members deserve high praise for their fine work, as do the members and directors throughout the county.

Locally in Strawn, a word of credit to R. D. Hinkson, one of the prominent and widely known cattlemen in this section of the state. Hinkson is a director—and he is mighty enthusiastic about the '40 show. And so are his sons. The Hinksons' interest is representative of the identical interest which has swept the county and even the neighboring counties since the first show was launched last year. The efforts of men like Hinkson are building a solid foundation for a project which will grow more educational, more worthwhile, more interesting and entertaining as time moves on.

This is the time. This is the place. Therefore, we must inject a word of praise for the splendid work of Paul Ord, spirited manager of the Mineral Wells Chamber of Commerce. Ord is definitely "above-average." He's right up at the head of the "five wire" class. And he has labored in a swell job—and more, too—to promote the success of the opening show. The City of Mineral Wells is to be congratulated for being so fortunate as to have such a man as Paul Ord working in its behalf. The 1940 stock show will be chronicled as another one of his illustrious efforts well done.

From advance reports from all parts of the county, we are inclined to predict that the Palo Pinto County Livestock Show and Rodeo is going to be nothing short of a terrific success!

So—you'd better mark your calendar (although you've probably already done so) for next Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Those are three big days you won't want to miss!

Saturday Will Be 'Graford Day' at Stock Show

A body of Graford farmers and stockmen will attend the Palo Pinto County Livestock Show on Saturday, March 2, according to Pat Dalton, prominent Graford cattleman and vice-president of the Palo Pinto County Livestock Association.

In an informal meeting, farmers and stockmen in and around Graford and the Keechi Valley voted to attend on that day which has been set as "Graford Day" at the 1940 show.

Brien Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Thomas of Seagraves, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thomas, here this week.

Writer Recalls Life of the Late R. E. (Bob) Colvard

By MRS. LOUIS P. STRAWN

Robert Edward Colvard died Monday morning, February 5, at his home in Strawn after six

months illness. Funeral services were held at 2 p. m., Tuesday, in the Presbyterian Church. Rev. J. A. Owen of Albany, Texas, former pastor of the Strawn and Gordon churches officiated, assisted by Rev. Rucker. Burial was in the Gordon cemetery.

He is survived by his wife; two

sons, Edward Colvard of Strawn; Mack Colvard of Ralls; and six daughters, Mrs. J. F. Oglesby of Eldorado; Mrs. E. O. Ramsey and Mrs. R. B. Loflin, both of Ralls; Mrs. W. B. Groseclose of San Angelo; Mrs. D. E. Stewart of Strawn and Mrs. R. J. Adams of Ozona. All his children and their families were with him the last few days.

Robert Edward Colvard was born in Johnson City, Tennessee, June 13, 1868, and was married July 6, 1892, to Miss Anna McGee in Knoxville, Tennessee, from which city they moved to Gordon, Texas, forty-two years ago this month.

In Gordon Mr. Colvard owned a furniture store, which he sold and bought stock in the present national bank of Gordon, where he was cashier more than 20 years.

He became the manager of the old Eaton and Blewett store in which he was a stockholder.

Twelve years ago he moved to Strawn where he and E. O. Ramsey owned the Chevrolet agency, and at the time of his death he was Justice of the Peace for Strawn.

These are the historical facts, but the life of this outstanding citizen of our community and county cannot be judged by figures, nor measured by stocks and bonds, nor by dollars and cents, nor yet by the yardstick of business success. His life was woven of infinitely more precious and lasting values—human and moral values, as fair dealing, love of family and home, loyalty to friends, generosity and tolerance for the less fortunate, an unwavering faith in his fellowman and in the ultimate goodness of God's plan for man.

Genial, loyal, tender-hearted, and honest to his own hurt, this was Bob Colvard as his business associates and closest friends knew.

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'39 Cowgirl Sponsor Winner



Louise Chapman of Palo Pinto, above, who won second place in the Cowgirl Sponsor Contest at the first annual Palo Pinto County Livestock Show held in Mineral Wells last year. The

Sponsors Contest during the 1940 show, to be presented in Mineral Wells next Friday, Saturday and Sunday, has already attracted scores of cowgirl entries.

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Gracious new fashions by Nelly Don, styled for you who love the flattery of simple, feminine lines—the beauty of soft tailoring skillfully done. These three from a glorious variety of new arrivals in our Nelly Don shop. All poised, charming, talented styles, ready to share spring plans with you!

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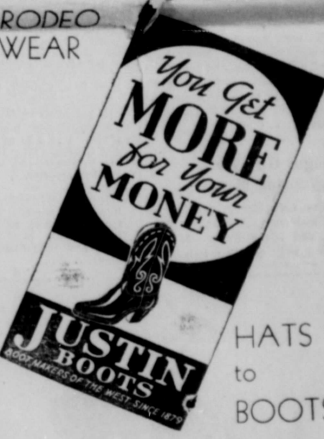
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Nov. 29—Moscow breaks off diplomatic relations with Finland.

Nov. 30—Russia begins air and sea offensive against Finland.

Dec. 1—Moscow refuses to negotiate with government of Finland and announces formation of Kuusinen "Finnish Popular Government" which "invites" Soviet government to send Red army to "liberate" Finland.

Dec. 4—Allied blockade of German exports becomes effective.

Dec. 13—German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee and British cruisers Exeter, Ajax and Achilles fight battle off Uruguay coast. Graf Spee badly damaged, seeks safety in Montevideo harbor. German suffer 56 dead and 60 wounded. British lose 72 killed and 31 wounded.

FARIS AND BERKSON NAME WAR AS BIGGEST STORY OF THE YEAR

Death of Pope, Change of Neutrality Act Here Rated as Important

Barry Faris, editor-in-chief of International News Service, and Seymour Berkson, managing editor of I. N. S., recently announced their selections of the ten biggest news stories of 1939. Both agreed that the European war was by all odds the major news event of the year.

Mr. Faris' selections follow:

- 1—The European War
- (a) Hitler's seizure of Czechoslovakia;
- (b) Great Britain's action in adopting conscription in peace time.
- (c) Hitler's rejection of President Roosevelt's proposal for parity.
- (d) Signing of Russo-German peace pact.
- (e) Nazis invade Poland.
- (f) Great Britain and France declare war on Germany.
- (g) Soviet Russia marches into eastern Poland.

Dec. 14—Soviet Russia dropped from membership in the League of Nations.

Dec. 17—Admiral Graf Spee by crew rather than face overblown up in estuary of River Plate whelming odds in new naval battle or be interned by Uruguay.

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- (h) Peace pleas of Queen Wilmina and King Leopold.
- (i) German mystery magnet; mine takes heavy shipping toll.
- (j) Russia invades Finland.

2—Death of Pope Pius XI and election of Cardinal Pacelli as successor.

3—Chilean earthquake with death toll of thousands.

4—End of Spanish civil war with Franco victorious.

5—Conviction of Tammany Leader James J. Hines.

6—Italy's seizure of Albania, King Zog fleeing country.

7—Historical visit of British King and Queen to Canada and the United States.

8—Amendment of neutrality act by Special Session of Congress.

9—Munich bomb explosion in attempt to assassinate Hitler.

10—The Squalus submarine disaster.

Mr. Berkson's selections follow:

1—Outbreak of general European war following the Nazi invasion of Poland and German-Soviet alliance.

2—Repeal of the United States Neutrality Act and consequent boom in aircraft, steel and other industries, as well as shipping restrictions.

3—The Russian invasion of Finland.

4—Capture and odyssey of the City of Flint.

5—The Royal visit of King George and Queen Elizabeth to the United States.

6—Death of Pope Pius XI and the selection of Cardinal Pacelli as his successor.

7—Inauguration of Transatlantic airmail and passenger service between United States and Europe.

8—Dismemberment of Czechoslovakia, followed by Nazi occupation of Bohemia and Moravia.

9—Sinking of Athenia with Americans aboard.

10—The Munich bomb explosion.

Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Colley returned Sunday from a holiday visit in Winter.

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Chronology of European War From Its Start

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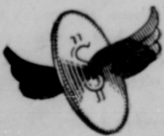
Sept. 3—France and Britain announce they are at war with Germany. British lines Athenia sunk with loss of 142 lives.

Sept. 6—French army attacks on German soil and captures Warndt Forest.

Sept. 17—Russia invades Poland. British aircraft carrier Courageous sunk with loss of 513 lives.

Sept. 27—Warsaw surrenders unconditionally.

Sept. 29—Russia and Germany divide Poland.



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Well, all Palo Pinto County—throughout both the rural and urban areas—seems childishly excited, anxiously eager for the curtain to roll up on the 1940 presentation of the Palo Pinto County Livestock Show and Rodeo, sponsored by the Palo Pinto Livestock Association, over in Mineral Wells next Friday, March 2.

Without doubt, not hundreds but thousands of Palo Pinto Countians, joined by hundreds of other happy folk from adjoining counties, will swarm into Mineral Wells to witness the many varied and highly entertaining features which are in store during the PPCLA's second annual show next Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Last year's initial show—as you can recall—was definitely a success. Of course, it was a humble beginning. Even so, it was the result of what may eventually become one of the foremost livestock rodeo presentations in West Texas.

But the 40 version will reveal a rapid rise from infancy. A \$6,000

show plant, financed by members of the association and businessmen throughout the county, is the setting for the second annual PPCLA effort. And scores of not ordinary, but stellar attractions have been billed for the interest-packed three-day program.

The tireless efforts of enthusiastic stockmen and co-operating business men can result only a success which should out-dazzle any similar presentation in this section of the state. Such success will be a just reward for the time, thought and effort—and money—which has been expended for the 1940 show.

The Palo Pinto County Livestock Show and Rodeo is at all ways will be more than just entertainment.

It's educational for city dwellers, for stockmen, for farmers, for the up-and-coming youth who reside in a predominant livestock county.

For example, effects of the annual show upon young 4-H clubbers and members of the various FFA chapters has already exceeded expectations. In the span of eleven short months there has developed a great and ever-growing interest in planned, profitable livestock production among club boys throughout the county. And, of course, that youthful enthusiasm has been boosted by the growing

interest of elder stockmen and farmers who are fast realizing that livestock production is Palo Pinto County's golden opportunity for these and future years.

The livestock judging at the show is the first and most important educational feature. It not only impresses youngsters and veterans alike with the results of good breeding and planned procedure in the care and feeding of livestock, but it tends to light the competitive fire. And out of that fire which spreads rapidly from year to year usually comes the best and that best usually grows better as the years go by.

Lest we forget! Officers, directors and leaders of the Palo Pinto County Livestock Association are due much credit for their efforts. And the success which the show is bound to enjoy can be attributed to their public-spirited interest, their time and unceasing thought.

Committee members deserve high praise for their fine work, as do the members and directors throughout the county.

Locally in Strawn, a word of credit to R. D. Hinkson, one of the prominent and widely known cattlemen in this section of the state. Hinkson is a director—and he is mighty enthusiastic about the '40 show. And so are his sons. The Hinksons' interest is representative of the identical interest which has swept the county and even the neighboring counties since the first show was launched last year. The efforts of men like Hinkson are building a solid foundation for a project which will grow more educational, more worthwhile, more interesting and entertaining as time moves on.

This is the time. This is the place. Therefore, we must inject a word of praise for the splendid work of Paul Ord, spirited mana-

ger of the Mineral Wells Chamber of Commerce. Ord is definitely "above-average." He's right up at the head of the "five wire" class. And he has turned in a swell job, doing everything in his power—success of the coming show. The City of Mineral Wells is to be congratulated for being so fortunate as to have such a man as Paul Ord working in its behalf. The 1940 stock show will be chronicled as another one of his illustrious efforts well done.

From advance reports from all parts of the county, we are inclined to predict that the Palo Pinto County Livestock Show and Rodeo is going to be nothing short of a terrific success!

So—you'd better mark your calendar (although you've probably already done so) for next Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Those are three big days you won't want to miss!

Saturday Will Be 'Graford Day' at Stock Show

A body of Graford farmers and stockmen will attend the Palo Pinto County Livestock Show on Saturday, March 2, according to Pat Dalton, prominent Graford cattleman and vice-president of the Palo Pinto County Livestock Association.

In an informal meeting, farmers and stockmen in and around Graford and the Keechi Valley voted to attend on that day which has been set as "Graford Day" at the 1940 show.

Brien Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Thomas of Seagraves, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thomas, here this week.

Writer Recalls Life of the Late R. E. (Bob) Colvard

By MRS. LOUIS P. STRAWN
Robert Edward Colvard died Monday morning, February 5, at his home in Strawn after five

months illness. Funeral services were held at 2 p. m., Tuesday, in the Presbyterian Church. Rev. J. A. Owen of Albany, Texas, former pastor of the Strawn and Gordon churches officiated, assisted by Rev. Rucker. Burial was in the Gordon cemetery.

He is survived by his wife; two

sons, Edward Colvard of Strawn; Mack Colvard of Ralls; and six daughters, Mrs. J. F. Oglesby of Eldorado; Mrs. E. O. Ramsey and Mrs. R. B. Loflin, both of Ralls; Mrs. W. B. Groselove of San Angelo; Mrs. D. E. Stewart of Strawn and Mrs. R. J. Adams of Ozona. All his children and their families were with him the last few days.

Robert Edward Colvard was born in Johnson City, Tennessee, June 13, 1868, and was married July 6, 1892, to Miss Anna McGee in Knoxville, Tennessee, from which city they moved to Gordon, Texas, forty-two years ago this month.

In Gordon Mr. Colvard owned a furniture store, which he sold and bought stock in the present national bank of Gordon, where he was cashier more than 20 years.

He became the manager of the old Eaton and Blewett store in which he was a stockholder.

Twelve years ago he moved to Strawn where he and E. O. Ramsey owned the Chevrolet agency, and at the time of his death he was Justice of the Peace for Strawn.

These are the historical facts, but the life of this outstanding citizen of our community and county cannot be judged by figures, nor measured by stocks and bonds, nor by dollars and cents, nor yet by the yardstick of business success. His life was woven of infinitely more precious and lasting values—human and moral values, as fair dealing, love of family and home, loyalty to friends, generosity and tolerance for the less fortunate, an unwavering faith in his fellowman and in the ultimate goodness of God's plan for man.

Genial, loyal, tender-hearted, and honest to his own hurt, this was Bob Colvard as his business associates and closest friends knew

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'39 Cowgirl Sponsor Winner



Louise Chapman of Palo Pinto, above, who won second place in the Cowgirl Sponsor Contest at the first annual Palo Pinto County Livestock Show held in Mineral Wells last year. The

Sponsors Contest during the 1940 show, to be presented in Mineral Wells next Friday, Saturday and Sunday, has already attracted scores of cowgirl entries.



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