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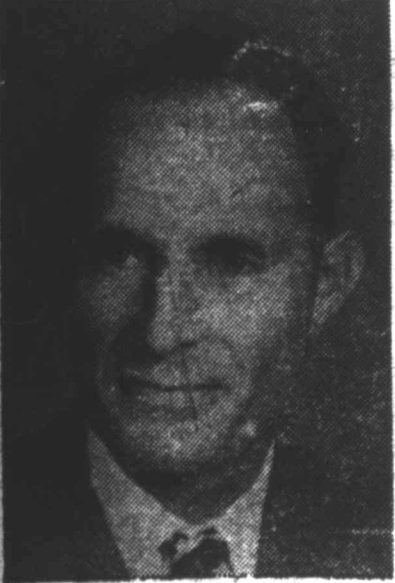
The new year of 1949 is six days old today. Thus far it has been no different from 1948 except that it has been considerably colder. No rain or moisture of any kind has fallen. That fact, however, should not worry us too much for there is ample moisture for plowing in most parts of our territory. Of course small grain needs a rain or snow for the top soil is dry. Prices continue to stay high but some things have begun to adjust themselves downward, so it may be that some time during this year we may see some lower prices, not low enough, however, to cause a depression. At least most economists predict there will be no depression this year. Most of us hope that one will never come.

Despite the fact that 1948 was dry over a large portion of our territory business has been good for local merchants.

We all look hopefully to the future. We never know just what might happen. With a test well going down for oil at our front door and prospects of others not far away Lorraine may be in a rush some of these days.

There is one thing that holds up the progress of our town and that is the shortage of houses. Another thing that we should be on the lookout for is a surface water supply in case we should ever need it. We ought to apply for water rights on one of our streams around here. It might be good insurance.

WITH LONE STAR GAS



James Gordon Davis
Appointment of James Gordon Davis as Lone Star Gas Company's dealer sales assistance representative in this territory has been announced by M. L. Bird of Abilene, division superintendent. He succeeds Hubert C. Davis of Abilene who has been appointed sales supervisor in Lone Star's West Texas territory.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Medical patients: Mrs. J. A. Merket, Mrs. Joe Martin, Mrs. Jack Tillison, Mrs. L. L. Seale, Lewis Teran, Buddy Compton, Mrs. Eddie Parker, Mrs. Buford Claxton, Mrs. J. J. Land, Bobbie Platterson, Revel Phillips.

Surgery: Mrs. Filiberto Alvarez.
Tonsillectomy: Bobbie Boyce. Born to Messrs and Mmes: Billie Joe Hale, a girl, December 29, named Marilyn Joy; Esteban Sepeda, a girl, December 29; Domingo Rios, a girl, December 30; Wilmon Tartt, a girl named Julia Joe, January 4.

Mrs. C. W. Morris returned Monday after spending the week end in Big Spring with her daughters.

HOT NEW YEAR DINNER
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cranfill were hosts at a dinner on New Year. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones and children of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Cranfill and Jimmy, Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Chaney, Mrs. Homer Wilson, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gene Cranfill and children.

Those from Lorraine who attended a New Year dinner and reunion of the Baird family in the Lowell Baird home in Big Spring were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baird and Vicki Jean, Mrs. Joe Bennett, Helen and Sandra and Dora Baird.

B'ball Tournament Thurs. Fri. and Sat.

Finals in a basketball tournament to be held in the Lorraine gymnasium Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week will start at 6 p. m. Saturday, according to an announcement by Coach Brown.

Schools to participate in the tournament are Roscoe, Trent, Westbrook, Ira, Colorado City, and Lorraine.

Schedule for the games follows:
Girls: Thursday, 7:30 p. m., Trent vs. Westbrook.
Boys: Thursday 8:30 p. m., Roscoe vs. Westbrook.
Girls: 7:00 p. m. Friday, Lorraine vs. Ira.
Boys: 8:00 p. m. Friday, Lorraine vs. Ira.
Games Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p. m. and 3:00 p. m.

THREE DAY MEETING AT CROCKETT-SMILEY CHURCH

Alvie Johnson of Turkey, Texas, will conduct a three-day meeting at the Crockett-Smiley Church of Christ the nights of January 7 and 8 and Sunday morning and night January 9. Everyone has a cordial invitation to attend.

TEMPLETON REUNION

B. L. Templeton was host at a New Year reunion of the Templeton brothers when he entertained at his cabin at Fort Phantom Hill at Abilene Saturday and Sunday. J. M. and Varnell Templeton of Lorraine attended.

MARRIED

Alvin Maurice King and Miss Gilda June Hall were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage January 1, 1949, Rev. S. H. Salley officiating. They were accompanied to the parsonage by the groom's brothers and the bride's father and other friends.

BAUMANN-LOONEY CLUB

The Baumann-Looney Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. J. C. Payne January 4. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. C. C. Hamilton. Committees were appointed by the president. Serving lunch at the fat stock show was discussed. An enjoyable afternoon was spent by everyone.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Buck Clifton January 18. Refreshments were served to Mmes. C. C. Hamilton, R. D. White, Burdette Lee, Lester Webb, Buck Clifton, Jim Lee, Roscoe Hudgins, Scarborough, J. C. Payne, and three little visitors Judy Hudgins, Janie Lee and Linton Ray Webb.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Vance Dickenson entertained her little daughter Ann and a group of little friends Saturday afternoon to celebrate Ann's fourth birthday. Indoor games were played. The birthday gifts were opened and admired.

Refreshments of birthday cake and hot chocolate were served to Beth Shepherd, Don Small, Joretta Hall, Doris Dee Lombardo, Peggy Phillips, Lenora Cary, Gloria Mae Claxton, Ken Haralson, Harold Ray Preston and Mmes Ed Small, Price Hall, Earl Phillips, D. W. Haralson, and Ray Preston.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Chaney left Monday for Lubbock where they will make their home. Bobbie plans to enter school.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nuke Henderson Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Archie Thompson and Mrs. Joe Roberts and Letha Nell of Coahoma, and Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Richardson and son Ronnie of Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee McCollum returned Thursday night after spending the holidays with their son, H. B. McCollum and family at Tucson, Arizona, and with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Walker at Silver City, N. M.

Mrs. Walter Nix and Lois returned Sunday after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. John Lucas and other relatives at Andrews.

Colored Basketball Teams To Play

The Lorraine colored school's girls and boys basketball teams will open their 1949 season by meeting the Longfellow cagers in the Lorraine gym on Monday night, January 10, at 7 o'clock.

Big Spring's Lakeview school is tentatively scheduled for Jan. 17, while teams representing Colorado City, Hamlin, Abilene and Sweetwater are expected to play the local colored school during the season.

Longfellow's boys team has played one game this season up setting Colorado City's Wallace high school Wildcats 27 to 18, in a December practice game.

The boys representing the Lorraine colored school won 11 and lost 7 last year to win the second place trophy in their district, while the girls won 21 and lost only one, losing to San Angelo 21 to 16 in the regional championship game.

After defeating Colorado City 14 to 4, to win the zone championship, trouncing Anson 25 to 15, for the district championship and winning over Midland 20 to 17 in a bi-district game.

STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL

Willie Mae Rankin and Dorothy Hallmark returned to HSU Sunday after spending the holidays with their parents. Others leaving for various schools were Elaine James for ACC; Merline Bruce, Douglas Smith, Aubrey Ray Linder, Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Belights, Jeannine Martin, Myra Nell Thomas and Bobbie Johnson for McMurry College; Tamara Linnam, Royce Belights and the Compton brothers to Sul Ross; and Louise Baumann and Tommie Palmer to Texas Tech, and Don Narrel to TCU.

NEW YEAR WELCOMED

A group of young people met at the home of Faye Narrell December 31, to ring out the old and bring in the new year. The guests were met at the door by the hostess and favors were pinned on by Jeannine Martin. Games of rummy, 42, and puzzles were enjoyed.

Refreshments were served to Loretta Stewart, Betty Horton, Lora Nell Jean, Patsy Green, Shirley Taylor, Patsy and Peggy Beatty, Lila Linder, Dean Pace, Louise Baumann, Jeannine and Don Narrell, Beth and Don Narrell, Lowell Richardson, Douglas Smith, Merlyn Bruce, Homer Lucas, Glen Bowlin, Bobby Linder, Merline, Deryl Bennett, James Stewart, Rae Furrow, Jackie Walker, Willard Pratt, Tommie Palmer, and the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Evert Henderson visited her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Derryberry, in Snyder Sunday afternoon.

Rae Furrow, Roy Baird and Merlyn Bennett attended the Cotton Bowl game in Dallas Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jackson of Midland are here this week visiting her mother, Mrs. J. H. Boone, and Mr. Boone.

Mr. and Mrs. Grafton Gunn of Hope, Arkansas, are spending this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Gunn.

The Lorraine Fire Department's prompt and efficient work in answering a call to the Sinclair Courts Saturday night was credited with saving the contents of the cabin of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Phillips, where the fire originated, and possibly other damage.

The Phillips were away from home at the time of the fire. W. S. Wimberly and W. P. Mayes wish to express thanks to the boys for their good work.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Stewart of Cumby, Texas, are here visiting in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Plz Beatty and family.

Sandra Alcorn of Andrews spent the week end with Barbara Combs. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Alcorn, and Dorenda were guests in the Combs home Sunday.

Julia Joe Tartt First Baby of 1949

Julia Joe Tartt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmon Tartt, was born at 7 o'clock a. m. January 4, 1949, at the Johnson Hospital. Julia Joe is the first 1949 baby born in Lorraine and will receive an assortment of prizes from Lorraine merchants as advertised in The News last week.

REBURIAL SERVICE

Funeral services, and burial for James Merline Morris, son of Mrs. Hulda Bodine Jacks, of Abilene, will be held at the Baptist Church in Moran at 2 p. m. Sunday, January 9.

James was born in Lorraine. He was killed December 21, 1944, in Belgium. He is a nephew to Mrs. C. H. Thomas of Lorraine.

REV. DAVIS TO PREACH SUNDAY FOR BAPTISTS

Rev. A. A. Davis of Baird will preach at the Baptist Church here Sunday morning and evening.

WINSTEAD FAMILY

On Sunday after Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Davis hosted a get-together and dinner for brothers and sisters of the Winstead family, and other relatives and friends. All the sisters and brothers were present except Mrs. Lacey Allen of Sterling City. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mauley of Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Nelson of Cross Plains, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Winstead of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Coleman of Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Davis and children of Nederland, Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Hester of Lubbock, Mrs. Lyddie Collins of Abilene, Mrs. Ida Dickenson, Miss Lillie Nelson, and Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Gibson and children of Lorraine.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oby D. Scott Sunday were his father, W. C. Scott, and brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Scott, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Cates of Childress spent Saturday night in the C. T. Belights home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nunn and baby spent several days last week visiting relatives in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. James Belights and baby of Artesia, N. M., spent the week end in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Belights.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Compson and daughter Edyth of M. phis. Texas, spent several days last week visiting relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Kenneth Day and children left last week for their home at Waco after spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. John Marshall.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Dickenson during the holidays were her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moreau, of Olustee, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Franklin of Dallas spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ison.

James T. Follis of San Antonio visited his grandmother, Mrs. T. H. Scown, over the week end.

Mrs. Bill Turner of El Paso is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Howell.

W. S. Kirkpatrick and family of Texarkana, Texas, visited his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Dobbs, during the holidays.

Glenn Barnes of State University spent the holidays with his grandmother and aunt, Mrs. J. M. Meek and Mrs. Roy Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert James of Abilene spent the New Year week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. James. Elaine James returned to Abilene with them to enter ACC after spending the holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Candler and baby moved to Westbrook Monday.

Moves And Changes In Residences

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Chaney and family moved this week to South Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Horton and family moved to the farm they recently bought North of Lorraine. The Tom Rays bought the Horton home and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Blair bought the Ray farm. All of these moves were made last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lennis McCollum and daughter have moved here from Midland to the Dr. B. H. Johnson apartment. Robert Bruce has moved here from Kermit. Lennis and Robert are with an oil company who now are working out of Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. Truitt Butler are moving to the Dan Butler farm and Mr. and Mrs. Felix Walker will move to the Tommy Horton home where the Butlers have lived.

Mrs. J. M. Meador of Champion has bought the Wilmon Tartt home and moved last Saturday. The Tartts moved to their farm South of Lorraine which they recently bought.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jacobs have bought the C. H. Bagwell home. The Bagwells will move to their new home now under construction near the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Banks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hale have moved from South of Lorraine to the Miss Mollie Davis apartment.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Payne and daughter moved the first of this week to Garden City. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Woods and family moved back from South of Lorraine and have taken over management of their laundry.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Walls of San Antonio spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Merket.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin King returned to Austin last Thursday to resume their studies in the University of Texas after spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. King.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mogan of Santa Ana, California, are here visiting his father, O. K. Morgan, and Mrs. Morgan.

Mildred Coffee left Thursday for Brownville, where she has a position with the Nash Auto Company.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. King New Year were J. W. King, Jr. and Miss Mary Jane Hamilton of Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Payne and Mrs. Cora McKee of Nolan visited in the Joe Bennett home Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Collier and children and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Thompson of Odessa spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Collier and Mrs. Gertrude Peterson and family.

Mrs. S. E. Meadows returned Monday night from Weatherford, where she spent the week end with her father, J. K. Mahon, and Mrs. Mahon.

Mrs. J. M. Bruce spent the week end in Bronte on business and visiting in the Clark home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bennett hosted a dinner Christmas day for members of Mrs. Bennett's family. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Henderson, N. L. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Evert Henderson and Laverne, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Preston, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Preston and son Harold Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett and sons Wayland, Merlyn and Deryl.

Mrs. S. O. Givens was carried to the Colorado City hospital Sunday for treatment. Mr. Givens has been a patient there for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Howell and Glenda Kay Simmons of Ozona spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Howell and W. E. Simmons.

Mmes. Muns & Wilson Honored on Birthdays

The Smiley Bible Class and other friends hosted a party Friday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. S. Muns, honoring Mrs. Muns and Mrs. H. B. Wilson on their birthdays, December 31, being Mrs. Muns' birthday, and January 1, Mrs. Wilson's.

Both ladies received lovely gifts which were unwrapped and admired by those present.

Birthday cake and coffee were served to Mmes. Jasper Doyle, J. R. Coon, M. E. Doyle, S. H. Hart, W. J. Coon, J. R. Wheeler, M. J. Martin, Chas. Snow, John Mahon, Marshall Bruce, T. C. Wilson, T. J. Coffee, Otis Muns, D. F. Butler, L. B. Elliott of Colorado City, Janie Martin, Barbara and Beverley Doyle and the honorees, Mrs. Muns and Mrs. Wilson.

As goodbyes were said all expressed their birthday congratulations and wishing them many more happy birthdays.

BUSINESS GAINS

Austin, Texas, Dec. 30 Texas business activity showed some small gains in November in comparison with October, to interrupt the decline which has been underway, for the past two months, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

Bureau's seasonal adjusted index of business activity increased 1 per cent in November after dropped two consecutive months from the postwar high of 233 (1935-39-100) research in August. Dr. John R. Stockton, Statistician for the Bureau, said that the slight movement in November seems to indicate that no appreciable falling-off of business activity is yet underway despite the decline of the two previous months.

Four of the six components of the composite index of business activity increased substantially over October, and two increased less than 1 per cent. The remaining two components declined rather decidedly. The greatest increase substantially was in the index of department and apparel store sales (5 per cent), with electric power consumption increasing 3 per cent. The greatest decrease was in miscellaneous freight carloadings, down 5 per cent, while crude oil runs to stills were down 1 per cent. Employment rose less than 1 per cent, as was also the case with payrolls.

In comparison with a year ago, the composite index of business increased 9 per cent, and all of the components registered gains. Payrolls were up 15 per cent, electric power consumption 12 per cent, department and apparel store sales 6 per cent, crude oil runs to stills 6 per cent, employment 5 per cent, and miscellaneous freight carloadings 1 per cent.

After dealing for three consecutive months the Bureau's seasonal adjusted index of bank debits rose 6 per cent in November. Since bank debits represent money spent in the form of checks written, it is a comprehensive measure of business transactions. When the volume of checks written rises, especially when there is not an accompanying rise in the price level, the volume of business activity has probably increased. The substantial rise for November carried the index to a point 15 per cent above November 1947.

The Bureau's index of postal receipts in Texas cities for November confirms the rise in bank debits with a gain of 6 per cent over October, to bring this index to 21 per cent above November 1947.

After adjustment for seasonal variation, November sales of Texas retail stores an increase of 1 per cent over October, with the total volume of retail sales only 2 per cent above November 1947. The sales of goods to consumers represents the part of the present business situation in Texas and elsewhere are reporting more and more resistance of consumers to current prices.

Building permits in Texas cities showed an increase of 6 per cent from October. Be-

Weekly Swing of Southwest Farm Markets

First of the new year opened with unsettled conditions on many southwest farm markets, with prices showing a mixture of ups and downs, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Production and Marketing Administration.

Cattle markets ended a week of mixed trends Monday. Changes carried from losses of \$1 or more to gains equally as great, according to class, grade and location. Cows showed the full range of trends. Canner and cutter cows sold in a spread of \$11 to \$16 at Fort Worth.

Hogs fell mostly \$1 to \$1.50 for the week, with much of the loss recorded on the first Monday of the new year. Declines reached \$2 or more at Denver.

Most southwest sheep and goats showed slight weakness. Trading in wool and mohair was about at a standstill last week. Government support of wool prices for 1949 was announced, similar to that in effect in 1948.

Mostly good trading prevailed on southwest egg and poultry, dozen on eggs and about as much per pound on poultry below a week earlier. Fresh eggs brought mainly 45 to 50 cents at Fort Worth, Dallas and New Orleans.

Cotton prices eased downward \$1 to \$2.50 a bale for the week. Spot middling 15-16 inch closed Monday at 32.10 cents a pound at Dallas.

HOT NEW YEAR DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Taylor hosted a dinner on New Year's day for members of Mrs. Taylor's family. Those present were her father, Rev. C. E. Leslie and Mrs. Leslie, and W. A. Cross of Hermleigh, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Leslie of San Angelo and daughter Jane of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Leslie and family of Sweetwater, and Mrs. A. C. Taylor.

Guest of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Dobbs during the holidays was his mother, Mrs. T. J. Dobbs, of Tishomingo, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Donnell returned last week from Pecos where they had visited their daughter, Mrs. Leonard Bullard and family.

Guests of Mrs. Lula Copo Saturday were Mrs. Roy Brown and grandbaby, Mrs. Frank Newby, Mrs. Lewis Newby and daughter, and Frances Arnett, all of Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith took Douglas to Abilene Sunday to enter McMurry after he had spent the holidays here. They also visited their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Spence, Sunday afternoon.

Dinner guests of Mrs. Tom Scown and Gus Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Scown of Denver City, their little daughter Ruth, and her friend, Betty Bell, of San Angelo, Mrs. Dollie Hendrix of Seminole, Mr. and Mrs. Max Hallman, James and Margie.

Gypsy Ted McCollum returned to Coahoma Sunday after spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Fay McCollum.

Mrs. W. M. Burk of Roscoe spent Monday with Mrs. Sallie Clement.

cause there is normally a seasonal decline in November, the Bureau index adjusted for seasonal variation rose 33 per cent. This continued high level of building activity in the State represents one of the strong factors towards a continuing high level of business activity.

Farm cash income declined 8 per cent from October, after adjustment for seasonal variation, and for the first 11 months of 1948 farm income was 9 per cent below the same period of 1948. This seems to indicate without much question that the peak of farm income has been passed, but the level of farming prosperity is still very high in comparison with the prewar period.

JANUARY 6, 1949

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Dutch Forces Overrun Indonesia; Peace Feeler Offered China Reds; U. S. Stand Settled If War Comes

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the writer and not necessarily those of this newspaper.)



WAR IN INDONESIA... Describing the offensive as "police action" against Indonesian terrorists, the Dutch government managed to invade the Indonesian republic by land, sea and air in time to enable Dutch troops to spend Christmas on Java. The capital city, Jogjakarta (1), was captured in the first hours of fighting, and the Netherlands forces moved easily through Indonesia in an almost bloodless occupation.

DUTCH PUSH: Into Indonesia

The young Indonesian republic was fallen on evil days. Dutch troops raced through Java and Sumatra in a bloodless occupation, threatening the remaining important centers of the republic.

DUTCH MARINES had forged to the outskirts of the Republican army's only oil center on Java. Other Netherlands forces, in a lightning thrust through western Sumatra, were within 40 miles of the chief Republican city on that island.

Decrying charges of war and invasion, the Dutch termed their activities "police action." Well ahead of their time-table, the Dutch had effected advances with practically no bloodshed.

International diplomats turned eyes toward Washington where the United States had been formally asked to grant "political and economic" support to the tiny republic. The Indonesian minister had further asked serious consideration of U. S. cutting off of Marshall-plan aid to the Netherlands because of the Dutch action in the East Indies.

The Dutch announcement on the outbreak of hostilities said:

"FOLLOWING a breakdown of informal talks with the republic after its failure to comply with its true obligations or to reply to the last Dutch note asking for a binding declaration on four essential points, the Netherlands government reluctantly finds itself obliged to take military action against terrorist activities and undisciplined elements in the republic who render any constructive policy impossible."

The Indonesians had some support. An American member of the United Nations good offices committee charged the Dutch had violated the Indonesian truce agreement signed last January after the first abortive war in Java had ended.

U. S. DECISION: All Settled

If it comes to war with Russia, where will the United States stand?

Diplomatic informants had no doubt as to the answer. Their opinion was firm and immediate. "The United States is prepared, even in advance of formal military alliance, to coordinate its military forces in Europe with those of the western European powers in the event of open conflict with Russia."

IF SHOOTING ever starts, these officials said, American forces would come under the general operational control of the western European commander, Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, of Britain. Montgomery is chairman of the military staff committee of the western European union.

But these sources added that there is no reason now more than there ever has been to consider that war with Russia is close at hand or unavoidable. In fact, it was said top officials have great hope that the building up of real power in the western world by devices such as the military arrangement for western Europe will discourage the Russians from committing any overt act.

THE COUNTRIES in the western European union, Britain, Belgium, France, the Netherlands and Luxembourg are negotiating now with the United States on more permanent military arrangements. Their embassies are working with U. S. state department officials to draft a north Atlantic region security alliance by which the United States would be committed to help any member nations if any of them were attacked.

POLL-TOPPERS: Mr. Truman

If there is anything to the adage about the who laughs last laughs best, Harry S. Truman should be chuckling at it to kill himself.

He not only poleaxed the pollsters with his election victory but, snatching a hair from the dog that bit him, he turned up as the "most admired man" in the world, as far as Americans are concerned. And he did it in a poll—Dr. George Gallup's poll, in fact.

RED FACES: In Pentagon

There were red faces in the Pentagon building, seat of army bureaucracy. A citizens' committee had declared flatly that the nation's military establishment is "cumbersome and costly" despite reported unification.

The members speculated that Russia might be trying to achieve "victory by bankruptcy" in forcing the United States into constantly increasing military expansion.

THAT APPRAISAL came from a committee of the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of Government, established by the last congress. Former President Herbert Hoover heads the whole commission. Ferdinand Eberstadt, New York financier, is chairman of the unit reporting on national security. Other members include educators, newspapermen and business executives.

The committee said that "while unification had made the United States far better prepared, the cost of defense preparations were alarmingly high in terms of money, manpower and drain on resources."

It cited mistakes it said had been made by the armed forces, hence the red faces in the Pentagon.

It added that President Truman might well have asked for complete mobilization if he had followed the estimate that "an immediate military effort was afoot abroad, rather than an intensification of the cold war."

The agency making the mistake was not identified in the report, but there was speculation it stemmed from the air force. It appeared, too, that the army had somehow lost track of 9,000 of its tanks.

TAFT: Main Event

Ohio's U. S. Sen. Robert A. Taft, longtime big wheel in Republican party affairs, conceded in a talk with capital newsmen that he faces a fight for his political life in 1950.

TO ONE newsmen who asked if he had any idea of seeking the presidency in 1952, Taft replied, "I am going to run for the senate two years from now. Frankly, my eyes can't see a thing beyond November 2, 1950—or whatever the date is. It's going to be a major contest."

Taft was only admitting what all Ohio politicians have known and all labor people are saying. To them, the only question remaining is who his Democratic opponent will be.

TAFT RECALLED that he had "read some place that labor has three million dollars to spend, and they probably will spend one million in Ohio."

Standing firm on issues which may ultimately drive him out of the senate, Taft served definite notice of his unyielding opposition to any administration move to repeal the Taft-Hartley law outright.

Failure of any enthusiastic reception to Madame Chiang's "rip, rip, please" visit to Washington as of the nationalist armies to stem the Communist hordes combined to dim any hope for survival of the present nationalist regime.

GOOD NEWS: About Food

Out of the welter of news of bad things that might happen, came good news of food—among them report of prospects of lower prices during 1949.

FOR INSTANCE, various food authorities predicted that increased food supplies would reduce to some extent the cost of setting the nation's tables in the coming 12 months. Comments to this effect were forthcoming from the annual food-industry-review issue of the National Grocers' bulletin, a publication of the National Association of Retail Grocers.

Too, various indexes of wholesale prices showed the food-price level declining.

In the grocers' bulletin, Agriculture Secretary Brannan said:

"The United States has entered the door of the year of plenty."

FOOD RETAILERS added rosy tints to the picture with the observation that prices, besides declining slightly, would be more stable in 1949 than they have been in the postwar years.

Breadwinners and householders greeted the news warmly. Both could stand a lot of price slashing as an ease in such other aggravating problems as automobile and housing shortages, dwindling dollar value in other fields, drafting of the nation's youth and threats to peace abroad.

DOPE: Fewer Addicts

Federal narcotic agents could take a breather—there were fewer dope addicts in the United States.

Three experts, writing in the Journal of the American Medical Association, declared there are only 48,000 narcotic addicts in the nation now, and most of them are men. These experts declared that the number of drug users has dwindled from between 150,000 to 200,000 in 1914 to about 48,000 at the last count.

Drug addiction is a symptom of a basic underlying personality maladjustment, according to the experts, and victims fall into five general classes. These are, in the order of their numerical importance:

THOSE WHO become accidentally addicted while taking drugs for illness; those who take drugs to relieve psychoneurotic symptoms; psychopathic persons who learn through association with other addicts; persons with real mental illness who feel better while taking drugs; and a minor group with "behavior or character" disorders.

Washington Digest Presidential Inaugurations Are Mostly Circumstantial

By BAUKHAGE

News Analyst and Commentator.

WASHINGTON.—"The King is dead, long live the King." Thus the ancient rite proclaimed a new sovereign who "by the grace of God" must take up the scepter. At once a hundred pairs of hands are busy preparing for the coronation. Courtiers and commoners, the noble masters and mistresses of ceremony, seamstresses and workmen, knights and stable boys, each trained to his task begin their work for the great event.

Form and program may differ, but where kings and emperors reign, the ceremony, according to the stern law of tradition, seldom varies in any but the smallest degree.

Only a cataclysm can effect a change. I heard about my first coronation when I was 12 years old.

I remember it for two reasons, one being the fact that it almost didn't come off. On the very eve of the ceremonial day, the heir to the throne fell ill. All celebration was called off. And then on the day after the event was to have taken place, as the nation waited anxiously to hear the fate of its sovereign-to-be, a shocking and ludicrous thing occurred.

One of the country's leading newspapers came out with a report of the coronation, mentioning even minor details just as if it occurred (and just as it did occur later).

This journalistic faux-pas was forgotten by most people outside of the profession, but I was to be reminded of it when I went to work on a rival newspaper in London many years later and heard the tale retold as a grim warning to pressmen and journalists.

The editor of the erring journal didn't think he was taking much of a chance. He knew the coronation program never varied from the reign of one sovereign to another. Up until that time, I suppose, no English king had ever been rash enough to become ill and change the program.

As a matter of fact, I didn't take the warning seriously. Later I was able to insert much color in my report of the wedding of a royal German princess by the simple expedient of translating a story of the nuptial ceremonies of her brother which had appeared in a Berlin newspaper some years before.

But no one could attempt to write up the inauguration of an American President from the account of a previous ceremony. A mere two centuries is short enough in a nation's history, to be sure, but many changes have taken place in our habits and customs since George Washington took over the presidential oath of office.

It is said that George Washington never considered himself America's first President, never referred to himself or was referred to by his contemporaries as such, since others served before him under the first constitution.

The United States was already a nation, recognized as such by the presence of foreign ambassadors on April 30, 1789, the day Washington took the oath of office.

The position of the previous "president" was largely honorary and not filled by popular vote, and when the day came to invest Washington with the new powers, there was no precedent, no set of rules to follow.

New York was the capital, and General Washington set out from Mount Vernon to New York on the long journey which turned out to be a spontaneous tour of triumph with a reception at every city along the way.

There was no dearth of ideas as to the social program. A flower-bedecked barge, accompanied by a whole flotilla of private craft, carried the President-Elect across the Hudson, and he was welcomed with gaily bedizened guards of honor surrounding him.

But when it came to the actual ceremony, a deadlock occurred. The senate argued for an hour as to whether it should receive the new chief executive seated or whether the members should rise. Indeed, they might be talking still if the house of representatives had not then entered the building with due pomp and finally was led to an outdoor balcony where the crowds of Broad street witnessed his oath.

That part of the ceremony—the taking of the oath on the steps of the capitol—was an established precedent, although it was often forgotten or ignored until James Monroe's day. The chamber of the senate or the house where it took place still Monroe's time was, however, usually open to as many of the public as could find room.

Circumstance has contributed to variations in the program. Besides the moving of the capital in the early days, there have been the

cases of death in office. Five times a President has taken the oath without the usual ceremony for this reason. President William Henry Harrison came into office as a hardy military hero, and, scoring a carriage ride bareheaded to the Capitol on horseback. A month later he died. Vice-President John Tyler was in Williamsburg and did not reach Washington until two days after the appointed date. Tyler took the oath on April 6, 1841, in Brown's hotel in the presence of members of the cabinet.

The next emergency installation took place when Andrew Johnson took the oath in the Kirkwood hotel a few hours after Abraham Lincoln had died from an assassin's bullet. The first time that a President was sworn in away from Washington since it had become the nation's capital was when Vice-President Chester Arthur took the oath in his own home in New York City shortly after the news came of President James Garfield's death at Long Beach.

When President William McKinley was shot at the Pan-American exposition, Vice-President Theodore Roosevelt hurried to Buffalo in time to take the oath in the home of Ansley Wilcox on the same day the President expired. And most of us are familiar with the scene in the little Northampton home where by lamplight a father, as the witness- ing notary, took the oath of his son, and Calvin Coolidge succeeded Warren Harding who had passed away a few hours before in a San Francisco hotel.

When Franklin Roosevelt died at Warm Springs in 1945, Harry Truman took the oath in the White House executive wing. This was "public" in the sense that the door to the little office was open, and photographers and newsmen, this one among them, looked over each other's heads from the crowded corridors.

Some Variations Took Place

Another circumstance has affected the procedure of the accession to office. Because of the variability of the calendar, March fourth has four times fallen on Sunday. Until Woodrow Wilson took the oath on Sunday, March 4, 1917, in the President's room in the Capitol, no President had ventured to keep the law and violate the Sabbath.

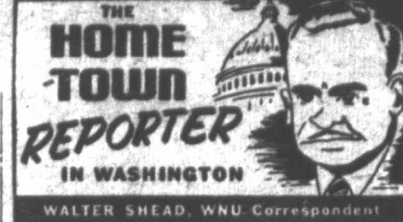
President Monroe on succeeding himself had announced simply that he would take the oath on Monday, March 5, in 1819, the same thing occurred in the case of President Zachary Taylor. But for some reason, President Rutherford Hayes actually became President before his time. He was secretly sworn in on Saturday, the third, the ceremony being repeated on the fifth in public.

For some years it has been considered necessary for an outgoing President, if there is one, to take part in the ceremony. His presence has been as much expected in the carriage or automobile which carries both men to the Capitol as the President-Elect. This was not always so, and both the Adamses made it a point to absent themselves, the former leaving the city before the ceremony, and the latter taking a horseback ride at the moment when the guns boomed out the salute to his bitterly-hated opponent.

Perhaps the inaugural day first began to take on its present complexion with the advent of President James Madison. People thronged into the capital and the first inaugural ball was held. President Monroe, who followed him, gave us another precedent—the presence of the marine band. But it was left to Martin Van Buren to bear a unique honor. He was the first American-born citizen to hold that office. Up until his time the Presidents were all former British subjects.

Because of the war and a desire to emphasize the "fourth-term" as little as possible, the 1945 inauguration ceremonies of Franklin D. Roosevelt took place on the White House portico instead of on a platform on the east front of the Capitol building which is now accepted as the usual location.

No outgoing President will ride with Harry Truman this year, but one ex-President may attend the ceremonies. The warm feeling which exists between the former small-town boy from Missouri and the wealthy retired engineer will undoubtedly assuage Herbert Hoover a place of honor if he wishes to accept it.



Inaugural Week

THIS big home town which takes thrills and big events in stride and usually with an air of nonchalance is really stirred up over the coming inauguration of President Harry S. Truman.

The entire week of January 20 will be one of notable affairs, of formal and diplomatic receptions, of state dinners, of holiday fun-making and the whole event will be topped off by a formal inaugural ball to be held in the Washington national guard armory.

This armory is a story in itself since it is one of the most beautiful armories in the nation, with an auditorium about the size of a football field. When the huge structure was completed in the early years of the war it was occupied by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, housing that department's millions of fingerprint files.

On the east side of the Capitol building temporary stands have been erected, the east steps have been covered with planking and a bird's-eye view of the stands which extend out in front of the Capitol building and across the street onto the lawns looks like acres of lumber.

Carload after carload, enough to make a building contractor's mouth water, are being used in the construction of these temporary bleachers. Intermittent stands will line Constitution and Pennsylvania avenues from the Capitol to the White House, marking the line of the inaugural parade. Already firemen and police are on 24-hour duty to prevent fire and sabotage.

President Truman has decreed that thousands of the coveted seats must be of the two-dollar variety, although hundreds have gone on sale by the District of Columbia inaugural committee at prices said to range as high as \$50. But there will be hundreds of free seats to the members of congress and their families, to members of the diplomatic corps, the cabinet and high government officials. So the committee is asking congress to make an appropriation, for the first time, to help pay for these free ducats.

Hotels lining the route of the parade, such as the Willard, the Raleigh and the Washington, have doubled their rates for the week and all hotels are sold out for the occasion. A committee has been set up to house thousands of visitors in private homes, and the expectation is that the city will be crammed with some 500,000 visitors and that approximately a million persons will line the parade route.

Despite the President's request that the ceremonies be made as simple as possible, it will be one of the most ornate inaugurations in the Republic's history and will be witnessed by more people than ever before. Other millions will see the function through television, along the eastern seaboard, and the newsreels will provide live action in theaters throughout the country.

How quickly circumstances change the picture. It was only a few months ago when the National Tax Equality association had the farm cooperatives on the spot in congress with probes and hearings over taxation of patronage refunds. With the incoming new congress, however, it seems that the co-ops will have their innings, with the NTEA the subject of a probe as to where, how and when they get the money to spend thousands of dollars in lobbying against the co-ops.

Time to Modernize

Maybe Mom and the kids on the farm will come into their own. No doubt even now they are dreaming of all kinds of new gadgets and conveniences to lighten the household work—water systems, new electrical gadgets, a new paint job, new wall paper, new furniture, cement walks around the house and out to the barn, a new heating system. Maybe a basement to replace that out-door cellar. Why? The department of agriculture has advised Pop not to spend his money for any more land, much as he might want it, but to spend his high earnings on repairing and modernizing his farm house and outbuildings instead. They ask Pop to remember what happened after World War I and high-priced land.

Out-Foxed

The 80th congress set up a four-million dollar fund from which so-called silver fox farmers could get a loan. These farmers, it appears, have been hard-pressed. But the Farm Credit administration has been tough about it and few if any loans for the fox farmers have been forthcoming on the theory that the FCA believes loans are something which should be repaid.

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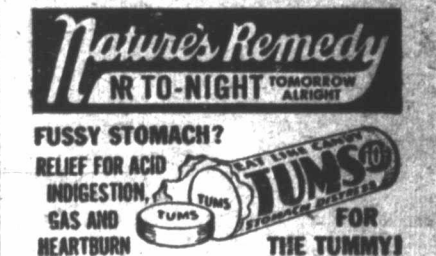
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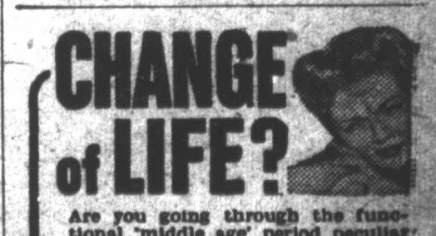


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The Fiction Corner

DOUBLE DUTY

By JOHN H. MOSE

He was so young to have the heavy burden he was carrying, but Martha didn't realize her son was strong mentally as well as physically, nor that he could keep a secret as well as the next person.

"JOEY, supper will be ready in half an hour," called Martha to her son who was entering the spring house with a bucket of milk in each hand.

"O. K., Mom," shouted the lad in response, "I'm through with the milking. I'll be in as soon as I clean up."

Martha watched him a few minutes later as he trudged toward the house. He was big for 14, and with faithful "Sheep" trotting along at his heels, Joey made an impressive picture against the backdrop of the setting sun.

"Just like a magazine cover," thought Martha, as tears of pride welled up into her eyes. Her little man, Joey had shouldered a burden during the past year that many a man could not have handled as well. The plowing, planting, fence repairs, and the thousand odd chores that must be completed on a farm had all been mastered by Joey. He seemed to almost relish his role as man of the house while dad was away.

Day after day he had toiled in the fields with the team while other boys his age were swimming, fishing, and berrying, unhampered by the cares of labor. But Joey had seemed impervious to their comings and goings. Many evenings at the supper table, Martha noticed the boy dozing from exhaustion. A spoon or fork would often pause, suspended mid-way between mouth and table. She never gave utterance to this observation of weariness, lest her sympathy extinguish his feeling of being the family breadwinner. Their conversations were those of business partners rather than mother and son.

Martha longed to tuck him in at night, or to hug his tow head to her breast. Little Joey was her only consolation in her longing for Big Joe. Countless times during the lonely nights, she had tiptoed quietly into his room to stand beside the bed where he slept. Often she caressed his blond head or kissed him lightly on the cheek as he lay deep in the refreshing sleep of childhood. Each time, she struggled within herself to check the tears of love and loneliness as she slipped quietly back to her own empty room, fearful lest she awaken him and bring his big world tumbling down around him.

Joey was living from day to day in a world of big responsibility, and she could not, in spite of her longing to be more demonstrative toward her 14-year-old jolt him into reality. She told herself that was the reason why she had never told Joey about his father.

Well-meaning friends had tried to persuade Martha to sell the farm and move to town. Her troubles dated from the day she had received the telegram from the Arizona hospital. Big Joe was never coming back! He had a hopeless case of tuberculosis—it was just a matter of months. But how could she tell Joey? The knowledge of her unshared grief had caused her to shed thousands of inner tears in Joey's presence, and endless nights of heart-breaking sobs in her own room. But she felt that, somehow, they must keep the farm that held so many fond memories.

The first days after she and Joe were married had seemed almost impossible. The work at the barn and in the fields had continued endlessly. At first, she had worked side

by side with Big Joe, and they had sacrificed everything, denying themselves the very necessities of life in order to make the payments on the farm. Then little Joey had come to crown their happiness. A mutual pride and joy which they had shared in watching other things grow on the farm had then been centered in Joey.

Martha had decided that life was practically perfect until one day big Joe had come in from his work in mid-morning. Surprised to see him, Martha had inquired what was wrong. Joe just stared off into space, and then he answered, "Martha, there's something wrong with me. I'm weak and tired all the time, and I keep coughing and coughing."

For the first time Martha noticed how tired Joe really did look. She suggested that he see a doctor at once, but big Joe said he probably just had spring fever. The following



"Just like a magazine cover," thought Martha, as tears of pride welled up into her eyes.

Saturday when they went to town, she had persuaded him to stop in to see old Doc Crane.

It hadn't taken Doc long to decide that Joe should have some X-rays. The following month the X-rays were taken by the county health officer in the new mobile unit, and Doc Crane's fears had been substantiated. Doc suggested Arizona.

Martha could still remember those two weeks when she and Joe had planned how they could make out if she could keep the farm going. Her father would help and little Joey would continue to school. Big Joe was not to worry, but exert all his effort toward getting well again.

The first year, things had gone very smoothly indeed, until the rheumatism laid her father on the shelf. Martha was desperate. All the spring work lay ahead, and it was impossible to find anyone to take over the work. She had talked it over with Joey, and together they had decided to go it alone. She could still hear little Joey as he said,

"Gee, Mom, I'm big enough to do the work. Grampa let me plow some last year, and I'm lots bigger and stronger now."

So Joey had become the man of the family. Then the telegram had

come. Big Joe would never be coming back. There were those who thought Martha cruel for not telling the boy that his Dad wasn't coming home. At times, she thought she must tell him, but she postponed it, feeling that, somehow, the right time would come. . . . a time when he might be strong enough to stand the heartbreak. Perhaps in a few weeks before Joey returned to school, or when Miller moved in to sharecrop the farm.

The summer had come and gone swiftly. Already the first suggestion of impending autumn was noticeable in the coloring of the countryside. The crops had been abundant, and the harvests were good for Joey and Martha. Many had bestowed compliments and Joey glowed with pride when the men had remarked about the size of the yield during the threshing season.

Returning home from a Saturday shopping trip, the two were making big talk about the coming school term.

"We sure were lucky to get Mill-

er, weren't we, Mom?" asked Joey. "Yes, son," replied his mother. "And not a bit too soon either. I don't know what I would have done with you going back to school if we hadn't found someone to take over this winter."

Suddenly Martha knew that the time had come to tell Joey the unhappy secret which she had carried now for more than a year in her grief-stricken heart. But how could she bring herself to do it? She must strive to make it as easy as possible.

She swung the car into their lane, and pulled to a stop in the yard before the kitchen door. The purchases were quickly unloaded, and Joey lit a fire in the big kitchen range. Now was the time! Even before she removed her wraps, Martha laid her arms across Joey's shoulders, and began,

"Joey, dear, there's something I've been wanting to tell you for a long time. I've been so proud of you this summer, and I . . . Well, somehow it seemed I just couldn't spoil everything you were working so hard for with bad news. Now you're going back to school, and we're so fortunate to have Miller coming."

"I want you to work hard at school this fall," she continued as she noted the questioning look in his eyes. Then she simply related, "God decided that you and I had a job to do together, Joey . . . Your Father will never be able to come home. In fact," she continued as she struggled to hold back the tears, "he may have only a few more months to live."

There was a long moment of silence . . . a moment which lasted an eternity for Martha. "Oh, dear God, make him understand," she prayed silently.

Joey didn't say a word but drew his mother's face to his own and kissed her, tenderly and boyishly. He patted her softly on the cheek.

"Aw, gee, Mom, I understand," he said, and the tears stood in the corners of his eyes. Martha could see how brave he was trying to be. "Now I better take care of my feeding," he said somewhat hoarsely. "Can we have the pecan roll we got in town for our supper, Mom?" He asked as he changed from his suit coat into his overall jacket. The coat was thrown carelessly across the seat of a nearby chair. Martha watched him walk slowly from the room, a firm set to his shoulders.

"He took it like a man," she thought, as she removed her own wraps. Then she saw his coat lying on the chair, and smiled, thinking, "He acts like a man in some ways, but when it comes to his clothes, he's all boy." She picked up the coat to hang it properly. As she did so, a small notebook and some papers tumbled from the inside pocket. Gathering them up to replace them, Martha was startled at the sight of the yellow envelope. Could it be?

It was! Among the contents of Joey's pocket was the well-worn and much read telegram from the tuberculosis sanitarium.

KATHLEEN NORRIS

Husbands Errant

Bell Syndicate—WNU Features.

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

"FOR YEARS," writes Mrs. Robert James of Albany, N. Y., "your syndicated articles have been my Sunday sermon. But recently I was shocked by the immorality of your position, taken in an article entitled 'When the Wife Discovers the Existence of a Mistress.'"

"You advised the wife to save the marriage at all costs and to preserve the home, assuring her that her husband eventually would repent his ways and return to his family."

"To me this is the worst possible solution of this problem, in its effect upon the mother, father, the four children and the community," this spirited letter continues. "In condoning her husband's sin, the wife is as guilty as he, in my opinion. Even when he terminates this affair, she has rationalized his action and he will repeat it. It will not be his conscience that ends the matter, for he has none or it would have functioned in the past two years."

"Such affairs do not remain secret and the sons of the family will have small chance to grow into good husbands with this example before them. And even though the wife considers herself last, the role she is expected to play is surely insufferable."

It Takes Courage
"Yes," Rosemary James concedes in conclusion, "it does take courage to face a divorce, the



Question of the office sweetheart

wretchedness of separation, the sole responsibility for four children, but it is the only recourse for a woman in her position.

"The integrity and sense that have made him a business success may influence him to return to a badly-treated wife. Doesn't a great responsibility for these errant husbands lie right there in the control of the wife? Wouldn't an attitude of absolute unforbearance be salutary all round? Doesn't he deserve it?"

This question of the office sweetheart often arises and will continue to arise, Rosemary, as long as men spend only rushing and weary hours at home and devote their bright, well-groomed, interested and important hours to business. It will arise as long as wives take only a financial interest in their husband's affairs, lamenting loudly when there must be retrenchment, criticizing and comparing notes, sure that Bill could be as successful as Harry Smith or Bob Fisher if he would get rid of Jones, move his office, advertise more, be less of a Milquetoast and more assertive.

The Office Wife
Miss Wilson, in the office, on the other hand, is intelligently sympathetic. And he weakens, because he is only a man, getting on in the forties, rather out of things as far as the problems of home and children are concerned, often tired, often puzzled, often wishing his wife knew how hard it was to earn the \$30 she so simply spends on little Mary's coats.

But these aren't my reasons. Rosemary, for advising wives to sit tight and be sweet, interested and busy and to ignore what they either can't excuse or face. It is for her own happiness to do so. It is for the good of society, which forgives a husband's peccadilloes with maddening peccadilloes. Even her boys someday will forgive their father. From the beginning they secretly will side with him and resent the lopsided life with Mother alone. They will resent her appeal to their sympathies.

Forgiveness under these circumstances is a hard pill to swallow and many a woman angrily chokes on it and tears the whole fabric of her life to pieces rather than "let Bill get away with it."

But that is an expensive mistake, nine times out of ten. Ten times out of ten, if there are children. Children will forgive either parent anything, as long as the home atmosphere remains safe for them. The grownups' love affairs don't concern them.

What Rosemary forgets is that this situation is bad anyway. It is as bad for the flattery-hungry husband as for her, in the long run. If she keeps attractive, forgives and waits, he has to make all the concessions. The intrusive sweetheart doesn't get him. He is the one who eventually must change, apologize, come back. She has avoided all the indignities of divorce, alimony, children's criticisms, old friends' partisanships, self-defense, loneliness and change of base. She has held to the home and promises, whatever he has done.

MIRROR of your MIND

By Lawrence Gould

Keeping Promises



Should you hold a person to a promise he regrets?

Answer: That depends to start with upon whether it is one he CAN keep. If someone has promised to pay you a debt and you know that he has the money, you can hold him to his promise, though this may cost you your friendship. But to demand that another person shall continue to give you his love because he has vowed to do so is another matter, since his power to keep this promise largely depends on unconscious forces which he cannot control. If these work against you, your insistence will make them resist all the harder.



Will "emotionally disturbed" people become insane?

Answer: This is much like asking whether someone who is sick will die—it depends on the severity of the disturbance. Anyone whose desires conflict with the dictates of his conscience will have warring or "disturbed" emotions, and of

course, this is the case with nearly everybody. Only when the conflict is so painful that the person cannot stand it any longer and "escapes" into hallucinations or delusions—for example, that the accusations of his conscience are mysterious "voices"—does he become insane or "psychotic."



Do twins write and spell alike?

Answer: Not invariably, reports a psychologist from Uppsala university, Uppsala, Sweden, after studying the records of 530 pairs of twin school children between 8 and 15. Both fraternal and identical twins tend to have similar handwriting, but while the "identicals" are also alike in their ability to spell, the "fraternals" differ more and more as they grow older. The report suggests that this is because spelling and imaginative composition depend more upon heredity than writing, and only "identicals" have the same "genes."

LOOKING AT RELIGION

By DON MOORE



KEEPING HEALTHY

Insulin Helpful in Mental Cases

By Dr. James W. Barton

BEFORE shock treatment was discovered, it was estimated that, at the rate mental disease was increasing, in less than 50 years one-half the people of the world would be needed to care for the other half.

Then came the discovery of shock treatment—insulin, metrazol, electric—and it was felt that there would be a lowering of the rate at which mental illness was increasing. This has proved true.

Unfortunately, there have been some cases in which the usual insulin shock treatment has been too severe, and mental specialists have found it necessary to stop this kind of treatment. It is gratifying to know that army research workers, by reducing the dose of insulin used but using it oftener, now can treat many of these cases safely and with excellent results.

In "Archives of Neurology and Psychiatry," Dr. D. S. Sullivan states that treatment with insulin, given by the intensive subshock

technique, not only is effective in producing an improvement in the symptoms, but also completely stops the symptoms for certain periods. In addition, it brings about apparent recoveries of the psychotic or mentally upset patients seen in the army.

The majority of the patients treated were suffering from the double personality or dream-state type of mental illness. Many of the patients had been psychotic or mentally afflicted three or four months before reaching the hospital from overseas.

Despite this long period with mental symptoms, the majority responded well to the intensive subshock insulin treatment.

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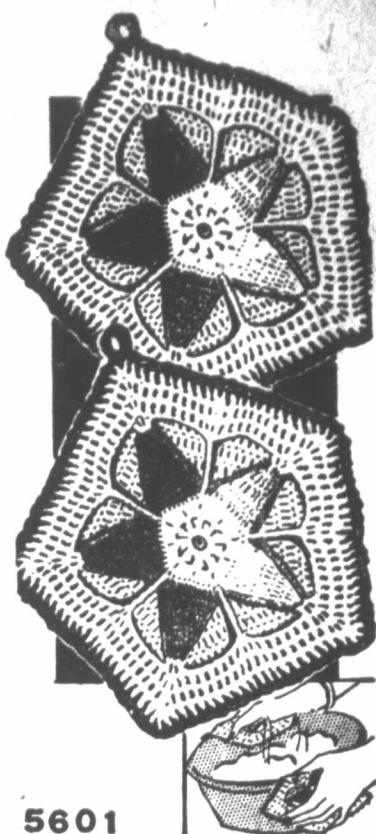
In Great Britain there are more cases of rheumatism in proportion to population than in America. This may be because there are fewer dentists or because of the damp climate.

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Oh, I believe that He who walks beside me Closer than any lover, any friend, Will lead at last, no matter what betide me, Into the sunlight at the journey's end.

Grace Noll Crowell

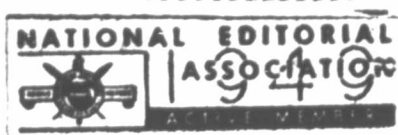


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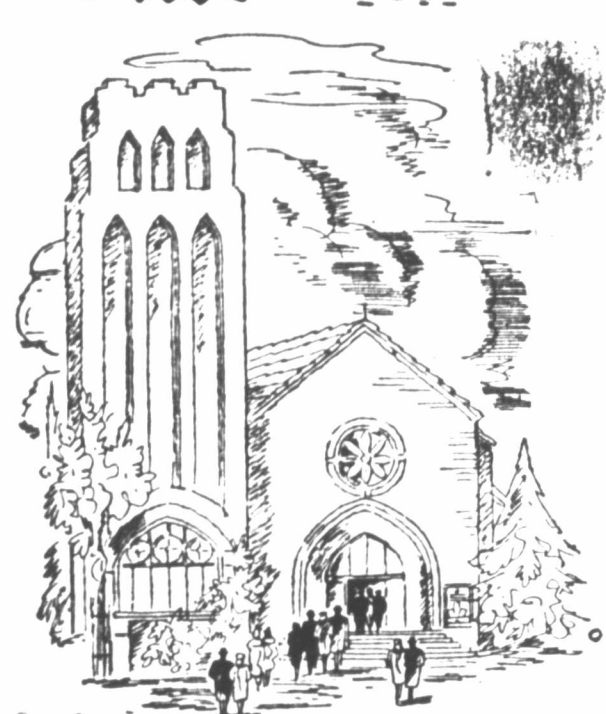
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Sunday School 10 a. m.
Morning Worship 11 a. m.
Training Union 6:15 p. m.
Evening Service 7:00 p. m.
Monday
W. M. U. 3 p. m.
R. A.'s and G. A.'s 4 p. m.
Wednesday
Prayer Service Wed. 7:00 p. m.

Methodist Church

Sunday School 10 a. m.
Morning Worship 11 a. m.

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Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

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W. M. U. CIRCLES

Both circles of the W. M. U. met at the church Monday night in a business meeting. Mrs. D. W. Haralson, president, presided.

Plans were made for work during the new year, and letters were read from the Holland Holts, missionaries in Japan, expressing thanks for the box the W. M. U. had sent them.

Both circles will meet together at the church next Monday night with the Little Moon Circle bringing a mission program.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Chapman during the holidays were Pvt. Enoc M. Rasco of Ft. Warren, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rasco of Pyote, and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Rasco of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Miles spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cooley and daughters in Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sloan of Roscoe visited his sister, Mrs. Alonzo Phillips, Sunday. Mrs. Phillips returned with them and spent Sunday night and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosecoe Hudgins and daughters visited during the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hudgins in Grand Saline, and with an uncle and family at Pittsburg, Texas. Mrs. W. R. Woods accompanied them and visited her mother, Mrs. Iza Hudgins, at Grand Saline.

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Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cooley of Big Spring announce the arrival of a daughter, Cecilia Patricia, born December 18. Mrs. Cooley is the former Monette Miles.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Young and son spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Young, in Sweetwater.

Mrs. Lee Kidd left last week for St. Louis, Mo., where she is visiting her brother who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Foy Evans of Big Lake visited in the W. M. York home Thursday.

Mrs. M. L. McLeod is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. A. Wade, in Sweetwater this week.

Wimberley Butler returned to his home in Fort Stockton Sunday after visiting in the homes of his sister and brother, Mrs. A. G. Furlow, and Dan Butler.

Mrs. T. A. Tunnell and son Ted and daughter Rosemary of Fort Worth spent the week end with Mr. Tunnell and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Bruce.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Crutcher returned Monday after spending the week end with Mr. and Mrs. William Crutcher in Lubbock, after having spent Christmas with her son, Gordon Grigsby and family at McCamey.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ivan Bell and daughter left Monday for their home in Evansville, Indiana, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beights.

Mrs. William Bowlin and children returned to their home in Abilene Thursday after spending two weeks in the W. R. Bowlin home. Mrs. Lynn Hamilton returned with them and stayed until Sunday.

Miss Mary Kent left Saturday for Crane after spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. H. L. Leach and family.



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THANKS

We wish to take this way to show our thanks and appreciation to the fire department for saving our apartment as well as five others Saturday night, and also thank Mr. and Mrs. Claude Woods.

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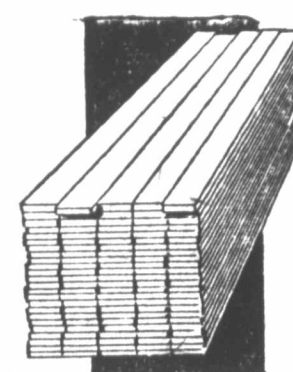
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Juniors Talk About Past Week

Everyone seems to be smiling today. I guess ole Santa was really good to them. We can't understand why.

The Juniors are all back with a new edition. Ramon Campos joined us today. We are proud to have him.

Quite a few of the Juniors attended Faye Narrell's New Year's party Friday night. Every one reported a good time and most seemed to be sleepy Saturday morning. We must admit it was quite a "shocking" party. (Could new carpets have anything to do with it?)

Seniors Report: Good Time

It sure was hard to come back to school today since we all had such a good time over the holidays. It seems that everyone was pretty well satisfied with what they received for Christmas.

We are sure glad to have Emeterio Campos with us this last half of school.

Next week we'll have mid-term exams, and it will also mean that we have just four and one half months to go to school. Let's just hope we pass

our tests, and I'm sure we will. It would be bad to have to stay in school for another year.

Introducing a Senior

Ina Marquita Miles was born October 9, 1932, at Windom, Texas. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Miles.

Ina first attended school at Lone Star, she came to Loraine when in the second grade, now she is a dignified Senior.

Ina is very particular about her favorites, and here they are: Day, Sunday; actor, Robert Walker; actress, June Allyson; movie, The Voice of the Turtle. Ina has been a member of the Pep Squad four years. She has also played basketball one year as a forward. One of the other honors for Ina is that she is a typist for the annual staff.

Ina Marquita's ambition is to go to Mary Hardin Baylor at Belton, Texas, and then to become a designer.

We Seniors of 1948 and 1949 wish Ina the best of luck in the future and we also hope that her wishes come true.

Sophomore News of New Year

It's the third day of 1949, and we're back studying again after a week of rest. We all had a very good time over the holidays, but it's nice to be back at school again.

Our stay at home was not as dull one. Quite a few interesting things happened. Didn't they Peggy?

Patsy Ruth seems to be getting things a little mixed up because she thought New Year's eve was Christmas eve. Maybe

some one should tell her before Christmas time next year so she will know.

Santa Claus seems to have been pretty good to most of the Sophomores; of course they deserved it.

Here's hoping everyone has a very enjoyable New Year.

Fish Gab

A lot of kids got watches for Christmas this year. Lots of other nice things, too.

The English 1 class is still working on Treasure Island. We have to write a summary on it now.

The Home Ec girls had to have their blouses in last Tuesday. Wonder if they made them?

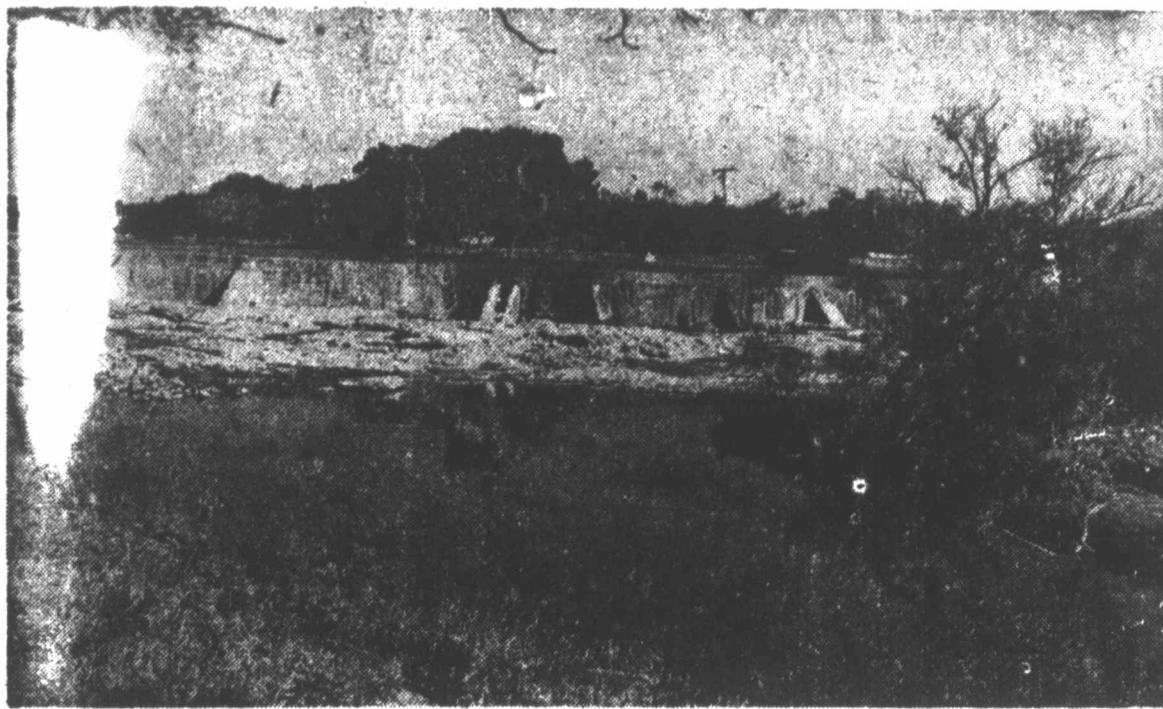
A girl had an accident with her home project. What about that LaJoyce?

HOME EC GIRLS HOST DINNER

Tuesday, January 4, the Home Ec. 3 girls baked and served a menu consisting of a variety of foreign dishes. Although the girls hardly yet know what they ate, they're still tongue tied from trying to pronounce them. After all was finished a very tempting array of dishes were

set forth. This is the menu they served: Yablouchmnn (Russian); Hungarian Goulash (Hungary); Soet Koekies (Dutch); Tulgunmpa (Spain); Ggiteshuk (French Cake); Batta Tkiek (Sweedish). The girls enjoyed the preparation of this meal very much and wish you could have seen and eaten it.

Members of the class are Shirley Taylor, Faye Narrell, Dorothy Boyd, Patsy Beaty, Bonnie Rankin, Virginia Patterson, Voncille Faulkenberry, and Miss vernemma Freeman, sponsor. —Reporter



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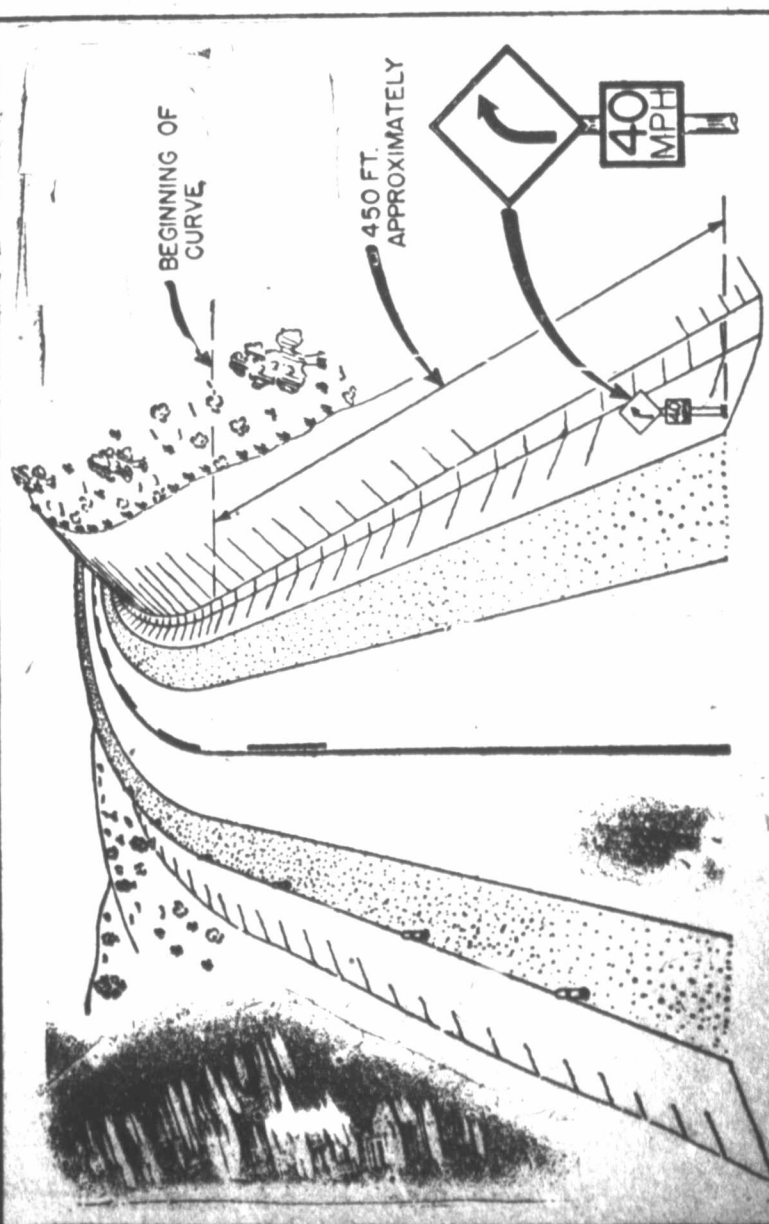
Miss Ouida Adams of Denver, Colorado, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sheron Adams.

Mrs. John Hurt of Cisco spent

from Monday until Wednesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hart.

Miss Mary Woodruff of Riverside, California, visited in the home of Mrs. J. E. Spikes Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Johnson and Mrs. John Johnson spent Thursday in Abilene with Mrs. Grace Jackson.





"AW WE BROKE UP. HER DOLL WAS MORE IMPORTANT TO HER THAN I WAS!"



"NOW YOU'RE POSITIVE YOU DO IT WANT HIM ANYMORE?"



HOW IS YOUR 'A' PITCH?

If it isn't one thing it's another. Now the United Nations is asked to call an international conference on the "A" pitch. This is not a southpaw baseball maneuver. The "A" pitch is the basic pitch in music, and Dr. Hermann Zeissl, head of the Austrian delegation to the U. N. cultural organization, charges that almost no country is adhering to the standard pitch as established in 1885 in Vienna.

Maybe at last here is a clue to what's really wrong with the world! Has man grown careless about his "A" pitch?

Is the world in the shape it is in because of Sour Notes?

Is it possible that the cry, "Sound your 'A'!" brings on trouble all over the earth?

Dr. Zeissl says that the Vienna conference set the standard "A" pitch at 435 cycles a second. Through the years it has been knocked around like everything else, it appears. Here in America, for instance, 440 cycles is observed in the best circles. In the "Sweet Adeline" and "Since You Were Sweet Sixteen" it swerves all over the lot, from as low as 422½ to 500 asked, we hear.

It is declared by Dr. Zeissl that the original tuning fork used to set the international "A" pitch and keep the world on key has been preserved in Vienna. He wants everything reset by it. It is not as ridiculous as it sounds (no pun). Nobody has yet been able to put the finger on what is really disturbing the earth so much.

It might very well be that trouble with the "A" pitch is it. Music hath charms to sooth the savage breast, the poet said, but the global music we have been getting hasn't been doing the job, obviously. Savage breast soothing has declined 76 per cent in the last 19 years, our statistician reports.

Who can estimate to what extent defective "A" pitch is responsible for all that has happened to us since the early thirties? Hitler was a musicker in a small provincial way. Maybe he was away off the Vienna standard of 435 cycles to begin with.

This department is for an international conference, but fast. The thing must be looked into. How does President Truman stand? Has America an "A" pitch policy? Are we in accord with England and France and Italy?

It is possible Russia has sabotaged the "A" pitch and is there in a pumpkin shell somewhere some papers that will show this up?

When Vishinsky, Molotov and Stalin clear their throats and sing "Mi-mi-mi," are they anywhere near the same key as the rest of us? Let's get to the bottom of this. (Provided, of course, it doesn't cost too much. That's what we're afraid of.) We look for a proposal for an American I. A. P. C. (International A Pitch Preservation Commission) with unlimited funds. If we can help the world back to the Vienna "A" string standard by discussion, all very well, but, fair warning, no loans!

THEN AND NOW
Benedict Arnold in his grave coldly his opinion gave:
"They got me swifly, face to face,
Without a pumpkin in the case!
There was no long drawn-out delay—
Treason was treason in my day;
I fled, but if I stayed I'd bet
The probers would be probing yet!"

Dear Sir:
Giveaway programs are just like the old dish nights in theaters. Except that now you get a house to match the dishes!

This morning I greeted my grocer: "Hello, Mac, what's up?" He replied: "Everything!"

BLUE BARBON.
RESPITE
The long campaign is over. Done are those trips and drives; The candidates feel better; And, mister, do their wives!!!

VANISHING AMERICANISMS
"Here's two dollars; get yourself something nice for Christmas."

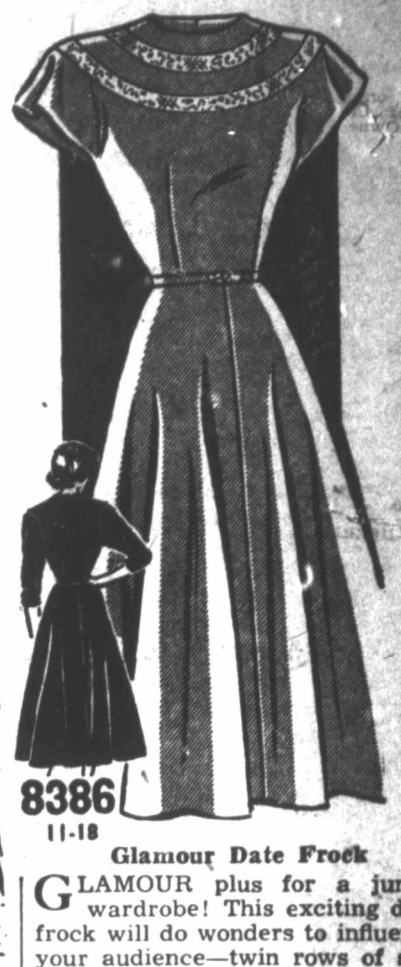
"I want a good tree if it costs as much as a dollar fifty."

"I'd like to get ten five-dollar gold pieces."

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The Questions

1. A decade consists of how many?
2. What is meant by a fiasco?
3. Who was known as "Silent Cal"?
4. Give the date of the Boston Tea Party.
5. What is a bill of health?
6. What is a croupier?
7. How was a loganberry produced?
8. Has gas been used in warfare since World War I?

The Answers

1. Ten.
2. A complete or ludicrous failure.
3. Calvin Coolidge, former U.S. president.
4. December 16, 1773.
5. An official health certificate given to the master of a vessel covering crew and passengers on clearing port.
6. One who presides at a gaming table and collects and pays out the money lost or won.
7. By crossing a wild California blackberry with a red raspberry.
8. Yes, by the Italians in Ethiopia and by the Japanese in China.

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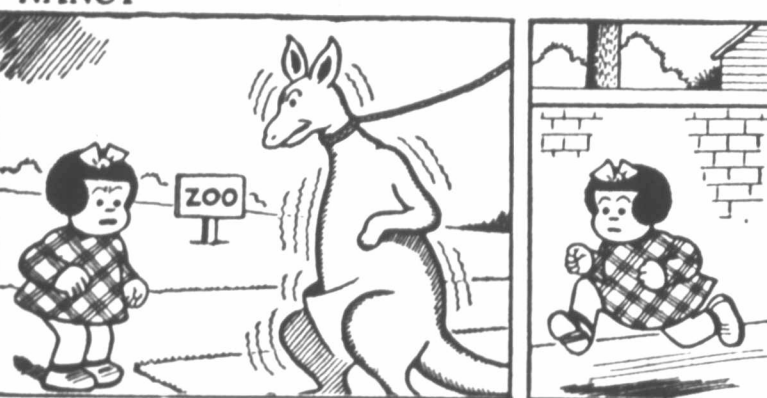


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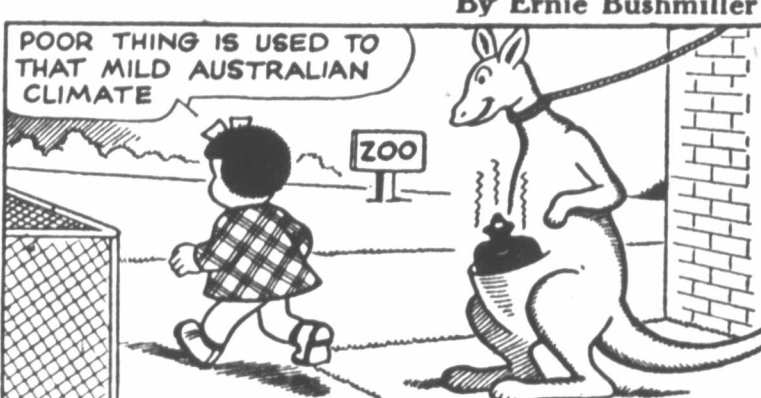
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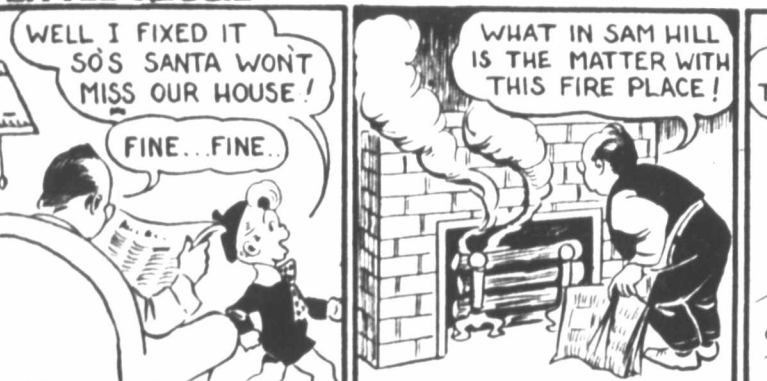
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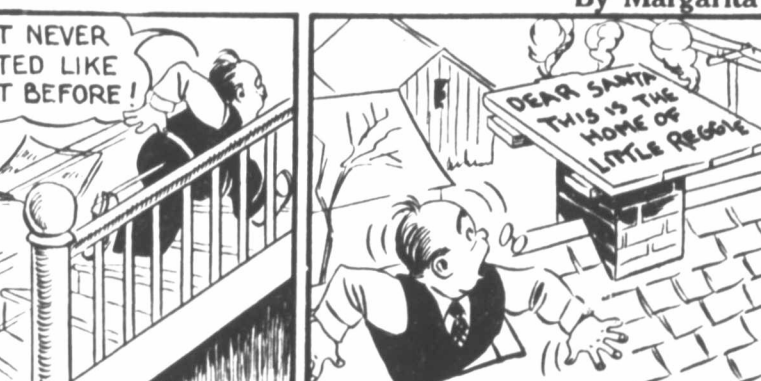
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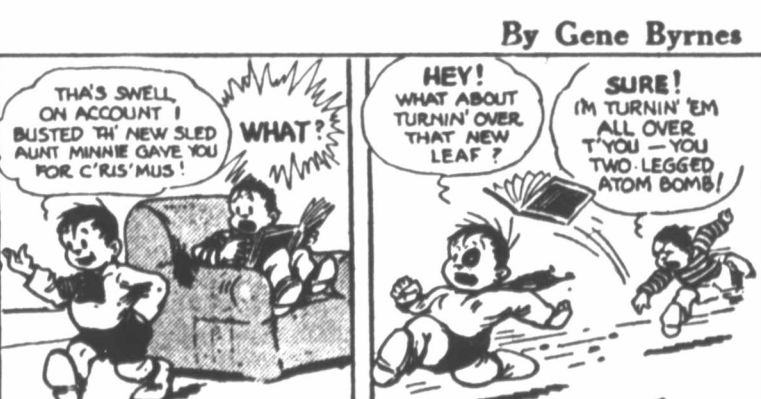
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Shooting at Cobb's .367

There is a certain mark in baseball, and there are only two ballplayers now hanging around who have even a faint wisp of a chance to equal or beat it. The mark is Ty Cobb's lifetime batting average of .367. Here is one of the greatest records that sport has ever known.

The .367 is high enough. But when you figure this represents 24 years of play against the top pitchers from almost three decades, the picture takes on added greatness.

The two players referred to are Ted Williams of the Red Sox and Stan Musial of the Cardinals. Neither will ever last for any 24 years. But each has at least a long shot, outside chance of meeting the .367 challenge by hitting from 380 to 390 for the remainder of what would have to be a miracle career. You might be interested in selecting the leaders from past campaigns. Here they are—

Ty Cobb—24 years, .367.

Rogers Hornsby—19 years, .359.

Joe Jackson—10 years, .356.

Billy Hamilton—11 years, .353.

Dan Brouthers, Ed Delehanty, Willie Keeler, Tris Speaker, Babe Ruth, Harry Hellmann, Bill Terry and George Sisler follow in order from .348 to .341. Lou Gehrig finished at .340, two points under Babe Ruth's .342.

Ted Williams, today, is slightly over .350 and Stan Musial's lifetime record to date is .345.

Ted Williams is 30 years old and should have at least seven or eight good years left. The war cut into his chance for any longtime mark, and it also hit him just as he was approaching his peak. His average was .356 when he gave three years to the service.

Musial is only 28 years old and should have 18 seasons left. His mark is .345. Both Williams and Musial could launch their wily frames on batting spurs and finish close. But it would take miracle hitting.

One thing to their advantage is they don't have to hit against such pitchers as Johnson, Young, Jos, Walsh, Wood, Donovan, etc.

Joe DiMaggio is out of the race. He is now 34 years old. He has been around as an active pro since 1932 when he was with San Francisco, and that was 16 years ago. He can have only a few big years left and his lifetime average is only around .331.

So only the Red Sox and the Cardinals have any chance to mingle with the Cobbs and the Hornsbys, the Joe Jacksons and the Billy Hamiltons above .350.

Two Greatest Records

Ty Cobb set more records than an adding machine can handle in a day. But there are two that are almost unbelievable. The first of his incredible performances has already been named—that of finishing with a lifetime average—taking in 24 years—of .367.

Here are two leading examples. Hans Wagner and Nap Lajoie are still remembered as two of the greatest hitters of all time. I saw both Wagner and Lajoie in the years of their prime. Both were masters of the ash. Yet, after 21 years, Lajoie's all-time mark was .338 and Wagner's was .329.

Here's another angle. After 16 or 17 years, both Lajoie and Wagner began to fade away from their twin peaks. But, after Cobb had completed 20 years, his batting averages for the last four years were: .378, .339, .357 and .323—the last mark was in Cobb's 24th campaign. At the end of 20 years, Cobb's mark was around .372.

Cobb's other high mark was just as amazing. Hans Wagner led the National league in batting through eight seasons. Hornsby led his league seven times. But, from 1907 through 1916, Ty Cobb led the American league in 12 out of 13 years. He led nine consecutive years, was finally stopped by Tris Speaker in 1916 and then came back to the front in 1917, 1918 and 1919.

In 1922, just 17 years after he reported to Detroit, Cobb made his final challenge. He battled .401 that year, but George Sisler's .420 was more than the veteran could match.

Check back and you'll find few ballplayers still around after seventeen major-league years. To find one good enough to pass .400 is something else again.

There are a few records that will not be broken that anyone now living will ever know about.

One is Babe Ruth's output of 714 home runs. The other is Cy Young's pitching record of 511 big league victories. The other two belong to Ty Cobb: .367 for 24 years—leading the American league in 12 out of 13 consecutive seasons.



Baked Puddings Tempt on Cold Days

(See Recipes Below.)

Baked Dessert

ARE YOUR DESSERTS fragrant and appetite-satisfying these cold winter days? If not, get busy, light the oven, and bring out your pans and mixing bowls for these recipes are certain to inspire you thoroughly and delightfully.

Baked puddings are a wonderful menu inspiration especially when you're using the oven for the main dish, hot bread or vegetable, because they can be cooked right along with the other things.

Then, too, since appetites are sharper these frosty days, it's a good idea to have something substantial to fill the tummy. You can combine fruits and cereals, eggs and milk, all of these good foods, so essential to good nutrition, right into menus so readily when they're included in a dessert that no one will skip.

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Fish Chowder
Tomato-Calavo Salad
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Buttered Toast Beverage
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*Recipe Given.

Baked Orange Pudding

(Serves 6)

Sauce:
1 cup sugar
1 1/2 cups boiling water
2 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
3 tablespoons butter
1 orange, grated rind and juice
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon grated nutmeg

Mix sugar, salt and cornstarch. Add boiling water gradually, stirring constantly, then boil five minutes. Remove from heat, add orange juice and rind. Pour about one-fourth of this mixture into a deep greased pan (8"x8"). Cover with cake mixture given below. Reserve remainder of sauce to pour over pudding when served.

Cake mixture:

1 1/2 cups cake flour
2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 cup milk
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup sugar
1 egg
1/2 teaspoon orange extract
1/2 cup melted butter

Sift together all dry ingredients. Add egg to milk, then the melted butter. Beat slightly. Turn the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients, then beat until the mixture is smooth. Stir in flavoring. Pour batter over orange sauce in the greased deep pan, then bake in a moderate (350-degree) oven for 45 minutes.

HERE'S A TORTE that's good

for wintertime eating. The delicate flavor arises from the combination of applesauce, spices, raisins and oats. Easy to make, simple to serve right from the casserole, it's a good dessert to have on hand during the entire cool weather season.

Sphy Applesauce Torte

(Serves 12)
1 cup sifted flour
1/2 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon cloves
1/2 cup shortening
1 cup brown sugar
1 egg
1 cup thick, sweetened applesauce
1 cup rolled oats, quick or old-fashioned, uncooked
1/2 cup raisins

Sift together flour, soda, baking powder, salt and spices. Add shortening, sugar, egg and one-half cup of the applesauce. Beat until smooth, about two minutes.

Fold in remaining applesauce, rolled oats and raisins. Bake in a greased 7x11-inch pan in a moderate (350-degree) oven for 35 to 40 minutes. Serve warm with whipped cream or hard sauce.

Hard Sauce

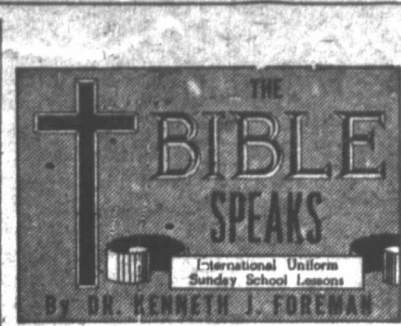
1 cup powdered sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
2 tablespoons butter
Cream butter—add sugar gradually, then vanilla. Shape in a mold or in balls. Chill and serve.

Roll biscuit dough into a large

circle, then cut into pie shaped wedges. Spread with softened butter, sprinkle with brown sugar and nutmeg. Then roll into butters, starting at the wide end and bake. Most attractive and delicious!

For breakfasts, serve spicy sausage patties with french toast and syrup. Start off with a colorful, plump baked apple.

Ever try lima beans with chopped cooked bacon for flavor? You'll like them this way.



In Remembrance

Lesson for January 9, 1949.

JESUS OF NAZARETH was the Unforgettable Man. All our information about him as he lived in Galilee comes from four small booklets known as the Gospels. There was a little more about him in the letters of Paul, and a few additional sayings of his have been preserved in papyrus fragments in Egypt. But the main source of our historical knowledge of Jesus is in these four Gospels. All put together they do not make a big book; but any one of them by itself is a great book.

Who Remembered Him?

IT BOTHERS some people to discover what scholars have always known, that our Gospels as we have them are based on earlier writings and spoken traditions. But this gives us an even better reason for trusting the reliability of these records. They were not made up for the first time a generation or more after Jesus' resurrection. They go back to the lifetime of thousands who personally knew Jesus.

The farther back scholars can trace the origins of the Gospels, the more historically reliable they are proved to be. Some of the information worked into our Gospels came from personal reminiscences; this is the case with large parts of Matthew and John. In the case of Mark, the early story in the church was that as a young companion of Peter on missionary journeys, Mark jotted down the stories which Peter told about Jesus.

At any rate the Gospel of Mark contains just the sort of things that a man like Peter would be likely to remember. Luke himself, a missionary doctor and great friend of Paul, never knew Jesus personally, but lived for two years in Palestine and gathered the materials for his Gospel while there were still hundreds of people there who remembered Jesus well.

What They Remembered

JOHN tells us that it would be impossible to write down all that was then known of Jesus' life. Out of the 400 days (at least) during which Jesus' public ministry lasted, not over 40 are recorded, even in part.

Yet what these men did recall and record is enough to reveal a matchless Person. A fifth Gospel might enlarge our knowledge of Jesus; but it would not greatly change it. Jesus never wrote a book; not even a letter so far as we know; yet such words of his as were remembered have influenced the world.

Jesus' entire public ministry lasted a shorter time than it takes to go through college; yet what he did have had a deeper effect on the world than the work of any university graduate in history. Jesus started no corporation, no formal organization; yet out of his fellowship, have grown the greatest institutions in the world.

Why They Remembered

THE STORY of Jesus was remembered and recorded by his followers partly because they could not help it. They could not forget him and did not want to forget him. One thing is true of all those who lovingly cherished these memories of the Master: they loved and adored him.

No unbeliever ever wrote a Gospel. Pilate wrote no life of Christ. Even if Judas had lived, he could not have written one. Our Gospels were written by men of faith; for the purpose of calling out faith in others. "These things were written that ye may believe that Jesus is the Son of God" (John 20: 31).

In one sense of the word we could write a better Gospel now, for today 19 centuries of Christian experience are behind us, and those centuries are full of the doings of Christ through his church. The four Gospels tell us of what Jesus did in Galilee. But now we can tell the story of what Christ has done in Africa and Greenland and Australia and America. Reading the Gospels is interesting; it is important; but the reading has not hit the bull's-eye if it leaves you, the reader, merely better informed than you were.

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Q. While in training under the G. I. Bill, I was dropped from subsistence rolls because my monthly progress reports failed to reach VA in time. What should I do to be restored to the rolls?

A. You should check with your employer and urge that he send in reports. You will be restored to the rolls as soon as your progress report is received. The progress report must be received by VA within 60 days of the first delinquency or you will lose the subsistence for the delinquent period.

Q. Is it possible for a veteran to complete his last two grades in elementary school under the G. I. Bill?

A. Yes.
Q. Will VA pay the traveling costs for my son who is in a VA hospital and who intends to visit home over the holidays?

A. No. All travel while on leave from a VA hospital is at the expense of the veteran.

ARMY OPPORTUNITIES

A message to the young men and women in the Colorado City area. A team for the procurement of men and women for the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force will be in Colorado City for (3) three days only, the 4th, 5th and 6th of January 1949. This may be the chance you've been looking for. Excellent opportunities for jobs with good pay, education, and travel and at the same time serve your country. Many men and women are needed in the enlisted and commissioned ranks of the U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, WACs, WAFs, and Nurse Corps. Good assignments to veterans of the Army Air Force, and WACs. Immediate active duty offered to Reserve Officers and Enlisted men. You may be qualified for a reserve commission, an Officer Candidate, an Aviation Cadet or one of the other opportunities offered to the men and women of the Colorado City area. Don't pass up this chance. Come to the Recruiting Van which will be located at the County Court House in Colorado City for all particulars. Information. Remember this is your chance. This team will be in Colorado City for three (3) days only the 4th, 5th, and 6th of January.

Texas 4-H'ers Win Special Recognition

SUPERIOR records in 1948 National 4-H Soil Conservation, Recreation and Rural Arts, and Dairy Production programs won three Texas club members special recognition. The winners and brief outlines of their records follow:



Edwin Hans, Jr.



Gene Massey, Jr.



Doyle Davis

Edwin Hans, Jr., 21, of New Braunfels received the State winner's award for outstanding achievement in the 1948 National 4-H Soil Conservation awards program. Edwin put into practice such soil saving and building operations as constructing terraces, contouring, using phosphate and fertilizer, making draining ditches, building dams and rotating crops. During three years of club work he has completed 18 projects and has served as assistant leader and president of his local club. In recognition of his achievements, Edwin has been given a \$50.00 U. S. Savings Bond, provided by Firestone.

Promoting recreational and handicraft work has brought State recognition to Gene Massey, Jr., 16, of Moore. His record will be judged to determine the eight national winners in the 1948 National 4-H Recreation and Rural Arts program.

Objectives of the program are to assist 4-H members in de-

veloping cultural and recreational opportunities in their homes and communities; help 4-H members develop a higher appreciation of rural arts; make 4-H programs more attractive and self-satisfying and teach members to lead recreational activities. Each of the counties having an outstanding recreational program received a \$25.00 cash award, provided by United States Rubber Company. Doyle Davis, 15, of Hart, was the top State winner whose record was considered for sectional and national honors in the National 4-H Dairy Production awards program. During seven years in club work, Doyle completed 6 dairy projects and developed a herd of Jersey dairy cattle. He served his club as junior leader, president, vice-president and secretary. As a recognition of his achievements in dairy production, Doyle was awarded a \$25.00 U. S. Savings Bond, provided by Kraft Foods Company.

All of these activities are conducted under the direction of the Extension Service of the State Agricultural College and USDA cooperating.

DIABETES CAUSE OF MANY DEATHS

Austin, Texas, Dec. 30 Despite the fact that modern medicine makes it possible for the diabetic to live out a normal life span in comparative comfort, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, says that diabetes continues to take the lives of hundreds of Texans every year.

"The death rate from communicable diseases such as typhoid, malaria, diphtheria and smallpox are decreasing throughout the country," Dr. Cox said, "but diabetes continues to bring about a tragic number of deaths each year, especially in the middle-aged group."

The State Officer said that until recent years diabetes was not as noted as a major problem but it became acknowledged as such when the development of medical laboratory procedure made the disease more easily diagnosed.

Diabetes is generally recognized as a class disease since it seems to attack the "white collar" class of indoor men and women much more frequently than it does the outdoor person whose work is more vigorous and calls for more exercise. Vocational and economical conditions apparently are predisposing factors in the incidence of the disease, since it is a fact that those persons whose occupations call for manual labor and simple living are not frequently affected.

Dr. Cox recommended simple, wholesome diets, sufficient sleep and exercise and other general health protections as being beneficial in preventing diabetes and stressed the importance of annual physical examinations so that if the disease is present, competent treatment can be instituted at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Young of Clyde visited their daughter, Mrs. Wilma Young, and new granddaughter, Julia Joe Tartt, at the hospital Wednesday. Little Corolla Tartt returned home with them to spend this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Elliott of Abilene spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Elliott.

Jackie Walker and Glenn Bowlin left Monday for Lubbock where they had their army physical. They left from there for San Antonio, where they began training.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Lankford and children of Minton visited during the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lankford, and other relatives.

BARGAIN DAYS EXTENDED

Bargain day rates on the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and the Abilene Reporter News have been extended and will apply any time during the month of January. This is an opportunity for those who failed to take advantage of the bargain rates during the regular period to do so. The Star-Telegram is \$13.95 and the Abilene Reporter News \$9.95.

THE MITCHELL
COUNTY NEWS

ATTEND FUNERAL OF UNCLE

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Preston, Mrs. Clifton Henderson, Mrs. Homer Wilson, and F. P. Brame attended the funeral of their uncle, J. H. Marrs, at Paducah Wednesday.

Mr. Marrs, 89, lived in Loraine about 25 years ago. He died at the home of his son, Ben Marrs, at Paducah.

Wanda Jo Windham of Baird spent the week end with Myra Nell Thomas. Other New Year guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Thomas were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mearse of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wilson returned to their home in Fort Stockton Monday after spending the week end with his mother, Mrs. H. B. Wilson, and other relatives.

All of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barron's children were home during the holidays: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barron of Hollis, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Harlow of Walsenburg, Colorado, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Woods of Abilene, James Barron of Tulare, California, and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barron.

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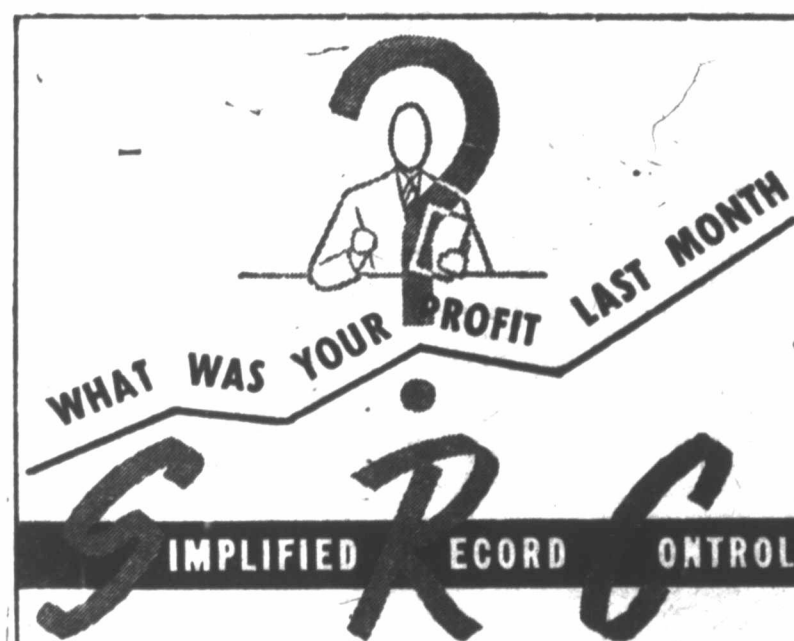
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