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WHAT'S TO BE DONE ABOUT IT?

That question was raised at the recent meeting of the city fathers with respect to the sanitary problems in Bronte. The answer may well be found in two ordinances, now on the books. They concern puddles of stagnant water and they concern open toilets. They lay down a line of action and they provide for penalties for non-observance.

The answer would appear to be quite simple — duly elected officials who have taken an oath of office to uphold the statutes might do just that.

POLITICS AGAIN

Speeches are now hitting the airways, comments fly thick and fast, rumors fly faster. In such a time, with so much at stake and so much ahead, it pays to be cautious. Examine the records of the candidates, what they have done in office, what they propose to do, how they would do it. Who says it, why does he say it, what does he want me to do?

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LARGE CROWD ENJOYS "PLAY NIGHT"

More than 50 youngsters and several of the older set enjoyed themselves in the gym Monday night, where they indulged in duckpins, basketball, pingpong, volleyball, boxing, checkers, and fun in general, till time to quit at 10:00 P. M.

It was the second of the summer-long scheduled play nights at the gym, with Rev. C. R. Blake and Mrs. Marvin Stephenson in charge of activities. Helping them out as the occasion demanded were Rev. George B. McCrary, whose idea it was in the first place, Coach H. R. Gassiot, the editor and Mrs. Nunnally. Before the evening was over, the Otis Smiths came by, also Clifford Clark, Mack Powell, R. S. Walden, Marlin Mackey, W. H. Maxwell, Jr., D. K. Glenn, and Jeff Dean.

It was revealed that the members of the board have heartily endorsed the plan that is being carried out, and have voted money for the purchase of a pingpong table to be used for the fun.

Following the playing, members of the permanent committee, including Dorothy Stephenson, Bobbie Tomlinson, Bobby Vaughn, C. R. Blake, and George B. McCrary met to discuss plans for next week. It was thought that younger participants might well engage in activities among themselves, thus enabling age groups to play with those of their own set.

The editor is to be in charge of the program next week, but the helpers have not been named as yet. They are expected to include a board member and at least two ladies.

For those of you who came in late, the play nights at the gym were the result of an idea of Rev. McCrary's, and he is being assisted by a committee which helps plan out the details. It's for the young folks, but no strings are attached — come and have a good time — but behave yourselves.

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Our Washington News Letter

By Congressman O. C. Fisher

The legislative mill has been grinding away of late and has plenty of unfinished business to attend to before the recess comes in July. The Senators have been working at night and the House will likely come to that soon.

The Senate, after waiting three months to act on a House-approved bill to continue Selective Service for a year, finally amended and passed it. A conference committee of the two houses is now working out the differences. There is plenty of time to whip the measure into shape and pass it before July 1st when the stop-gap, temporary law now in force, expires.

The appointment of Fred Vinson of Kentucky to be Chief Justice came as quite a surprise to Capitol Hill. Vinson served a long time in the House and is well known by many who served with him. He left Congress to take an appointment to one of the District of Columbia courts, which is a reward not infrequently given to Administration stalwarts in Congress. Then came the war and Vinson, who is admittedly a capable administrator, was given other duties in the government.

But as a lawyer, the Kentuckian is said to be only average. In recent years it has grown to be a sort of custom to appoint Supreme Court judges on a basis of political philosophy rather than legal ability.

Speaking of the Supreme Court, that tribunal has handed down a number of far-reaching decisions recently. Some of these have been contrary to established precedent of decisions made by the court previously. One was the outlawing of Jim Crow laws on interstate buses and trains. State laws that require segregation on such carriers are therefore stricken down. This segregation laws in the South had on other occasions been upheld by the courts.

The court also held that the Congress does not have the power to prohibit the payment of funds appropriated as wages to specified individuals. That came up over an Act of Congress passed two years ago — which I supported — which prohibited the payment of appropriated money to three men who were named and were working in government departments. The reason for that action by Congress was that those men had, upon investigation, been found to be subversive in their beliefs. That is to say, they were communistic, as evidenced by many expressions and membership in communistic-front organizations. Congress didn't want public funds to be used to pay salaries to such men. But the Supreme Court holds Congress can exercise no control over the matter of to whom salaries are paid.

The Fair Employment Practice Committee, which is really very dead for this session of Congress, keeps flaring up on the floor of the House. It happens this way: Under House rules, bills approved by committees may be called up when the particular committee is reached on the call of the calendar on Wednesdays. Ordinarily calendar Wednesdays are dispensed with by unanimous consent and the usual work goes along. But during recent weeks, in his desire to agitate the issue, Congressman Vito Marcantonio, the Communist member from New York, has been objecting to dispensing with calendar Wednesdays. This is to attempt to get the calendar called with the hope that eventually the committee fostering the FEPC may be reached.

But Marcantonio meets with much difficulty. Parliamentary tangles arise, quorum calls are made, and on three successive Wednesdays he has failed. He gets the publicity, however, and that is the main thing he is after. The unfortunate thing is that it kills one full day each week that should be devoted to the accumulated work before the House.

GREEN MT. 4-H GIRLS COOK DINNER

By Bobbie Davidson

The Green Mt. 4-H Club met last Friday in the home of Mrs. Sam Powell, with eight members, Mrs. Fay C. Roe, and two sponsors, Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Jamerson present. Barbara Ann Dean of Forsan was a visitor for the occasion.

The girls were divided into four groups and each was responsible for a part of the dinner. Zona Mae King and Susie Jamerson fixed potato salad, your writer and Gwendolyn King made salad dressing. Donna Jean Jamerson and Vada Joyce King prepared some snapped cream beans, also cake, cookies, and a chocolate drink.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Dave King at 2:30 on Friday, June 21. Mrs. Powell ate with us, too, and said we really had a swell dinner.

C. E. Bruton tells us that Rev. Marvin Hoffman is no longer coming to Bronte for church services, and that the Church of Christ now uses a student pastor from Abilene.

HAYRICK WHD CLUB DISCUSSES BEDSPREAD MAKING

By Gladys Waldrop

Members of the Club met last Thursday in the home of the writer for its regular meeting, and discussed books read by various members and the making of bed spreads.

Among those present were Meses. J. W. Labenske, W. G. Cresap, Glenn Waldrop, B. W. Waldrop, Mary Dean Cresap, and the hostess. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Glenn Waldrop on Thursday, June 20th.

Farm, Ranch and Livestock News

Weather conditions in most parts of the State continue to favor boll weevils and if a heavy infestation develops, the calcium arsenate supply situation will become critical.

Thrips are causing considerable damage to some fields in the blackland area of Central and North Texas, probably due to the fact that cotton growth has been retarded due to wet soils. The flea hopper situation appears uncertain.

Continued drought in Northwest Texas is still reducing the wheat outlook, but the crop is fully two weeks earlier than usual. Aside from the 75,000 acres of irrigated wheat, which should yield from 20-25 bushels an acre, and the 10 per cent on summer fallow, expected to yield from 6-12 bushels, little of the remaining acreage will be worth harvesting. Taking all of this into account, state production is estimated at 32,000,000 bushels, and may go lower.

With a large amount of wheat land thus available for other purposes, it is expected that the acreage of grain sorghum in this section will be increased fully 10 per cent over previous years, and the cotton acreage from 10-15 per cent over 1945.

While much of the recent weather damage was confined to truck crops, there is a general delay in farm work, specially in the cultivation of corn and cotton.

Wheat and oats in all of Texas below the Cap Rock are ready for harvest or have already been cut. The average yield has been below that of 1945, as both crops were damaged by drought and green bugs. As harvest passes, much of this land will be planted to grain sorghum or cane for feed and summer pasture. Most recent Texas wheat estimate was 35,666,000 bushels.

PERSONALS...

Ben Brooks was up and around town Saturday, looking as happy as ever.

According to Doc Leonard, Joe Hester finally got thrown off the other day, but suffered no broken bones from the fall.

Mrs. Louis Sims, Doc's sister-in-law, is quite ill in an Angelo hospital. Her son, Robert Hugh Sims, recently returned from service in the armed forces.

Clifford Clark was quite proud of the fact that the Methodist Sunday School had 155 present last Sunday, with only 161 on the rolls!

The H. O. Whitts took in Angelo, Sunday afternoon, all to visit their granddaughter.

Otis Smith was a business visitor there last Monday.

Mrs. J. H. Glenn of Crane has been in Bronte visiting her father, J. D. Luttrell. She's the former Miss Mabel Luttrell, and her husband's a pumper there at Crane. In fact, Jim's been having lots of company.

Weaver Mitchell, in talking about the dry spell, said he'd had no rain, but it sure wasn't no fault of his.

Betty Monroe of Morton has been visiting Juanell Blake, and is expected to be here for two weeks. Betty and Juanell were friends when the Blakes held a former pastorate at Morton.

Rev. George B. McCrary is mighty happy with a brand new wrist watch, the gift of Mrs. McCrary in honor of their 22nd wedding anniversary on June 24th. She didn't intend to give it to him so soon, but since George is leaving for a revival at Mertzon, it seemed a good idea that he have some sort of time-piece, hence a brand new Elgin.

Jim McCrary is now stationed at Ft. Sam Houston, but doesn't expect to remain there for long. He enlisted two weeks ago, and by this time has been put through most of the jumps.

Joyce Littlefield of Robert Lee was a guest at play night Monday, where she and Jean Smith were having a good time.

Mary Lou Pittman was really knocking them down in bowling, as Betty McCrary was pounding out some good numbers on the piano. H. B. Gassiot said there was nothing like basketball to make one lose weight.

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WHAT IS AMERICANISM?

Editor's Note — In support of the campaign of the National Americanism Endowment Fund to raise \$450,000 in Texas, as the opening of a \$15,000,000 nation-wide drive to support an expanded program of public welfare work and education in the fundamental principles of Constitutional Americanism, permission to use this editorial was given The American Legion by Channing Pollock, famous playwright and essayist, and King Features, Inc.

By Channing Pollock

The United States is unique in that most of its population started at scratch.

Our original settlers, James Truslow Adams says in "The Epic of America," "came from prisons, from hovels, from little farm cottages, from country manor houses and rectories, but never from palaces."

Europe was frozen into ruts from which it was impossible for anyone to escape; frozen into classes, and limitations of earning power, and prescribed religious faiths. A poor man must remain poor; a common man remain obsequious and subservient.

So THE best of Europe, in the sense that they were the hardest and most enterprising, set forth on the long, painful and hazardous voyage to a wilderness sunlit by opportunity. Here, they believed, were to be found fair rewards for industry, thrift and intelligence, and a social position depending wholly upon these. They wanted food and freedom; material betterment and things of the spirit.

Fundamentally, theirs was the religion of self-reliance. Let everyone be his own man, and let the best man win. There was no room for weaklings and parasites. The "delicate and unlitte . . . that cannot endure the biting of a muskeeto," William Bradford, one of the leaders, wrote, "we wish to keep such at home, till they at least are muskeeto proof." A Maryland colonist recorded that "the Son works as well as the Servant, so that before they eat their bread they must earn it." If they worked well enough, the bread might become cake.

Out of all this came not only the best government, the strongest and most prosperous nation in history, but the blossoming, throughout the Occidental world, of the bud of liberty that had been more than a thousand years in development. As Ogden Mills pointed out in "The Seventeen Million," it is no accident that material progress has been greater during the last 150 years than in all the preceding centuries. The explanation is that in 1776 these settlers, these seekers after freedom and opportunity, proclaimed both, that the ideal became almost universal, and that henceforth men assured of the full rewards of their labor, of the right to think and speak as they pleased within laws of their own making, reached a new zenith of happiness and achievement.

There is no mystery in Americanism. It is the warrant that a man may be Master of his Fate and Captain of his Soul. You will find it in every paragraph of the Declaration of Independence, beginning with the assertion that Governments derive "their just powers from the consent of the governed," and throughout the Constitution, which provides for political equality and free and secret elections.

It provides more: The protection of minorities against majorities. "Consent of the governed" doesn't mean 51 per cent of the governed, but ALL of them. The fact — if it were a fact — that 99 per cent of our citizens voted to take the life, liberty or property of the remaining one per cent gives them no right to do so under the Constitution. These guarantees were safeguarded by what has been called a system of checks and balances — by provision for the independent functioning of the Executive, Legislative and Judiciary branches of Government.

They were further safeguarded by the first ten amendments to the Constitution, known as the Bill of Rights. Among these rights are:

The right of free speech and a free press; that is, the right to hold and express opinion, and to free sources of information. Also, the right to get together for public or private discussion and the right to worship as we choose.

The right to bear arms — to protect

ourselves, by force if need be, against tyranny.

The right to be secure in our persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures.

The guarantee that we shall not be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law, "nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation." What constitutes a fair trial is defined, and punishment is limited.

Finally, if in common sense and the spirit of the Declaration and the Constitution, you have any right that was overlooked, you are assured that it remains your right.

All these rights, and many more, have been nullified and violated under the "isms" — Communism and Fascism — now being urged as superior to Americanism. Naturally, I have spoken of the spread of liberty "throughout the Occidental world," but it never spread to the Orient. Slavery and absolute monarchy, under whatever name, have continued to be Eastern concepts, and were adopted by the Fascists. Individualism is an Occidental invention; collectivism is Oriental.

The possessor of the blessings of Americanism will do well to think hard before he sacrifices any of them to the fancied security of a planned economy or a Totalitarian State. Whatever they promise can be no compensation for having every word and deed reported by secret police, for dreading the knock of the Gestapo or the OGPU, and liquidation at the nod of dictatorship.

There's no need for any radical change in Americanism. We've done pretty well without that change so far, and none of the recently instituted "isms" seems to have helped much. Slow, normal and organic development within the framework of the Constitution is another thing, and it has been going on from the beginning.

But Communism and Fascism are Asiatic systems, and a sure return to the bondage from which we escaped more than two centuries ago.

BRONTE PHARMACY
ADDS NEW BOOTHS

Mac Rippetoe of the Bronte Pharmacy is now the proud owner of a new pair of red leather booths in the drug store, where customers and friends can lounge to their heart's content. All you do is drop in, take a seat, sink back and down, relax, and start sipping those cool, refreshing drinks that are so good on these hot days.

And in order to be sanitary, Mac uses only paper cups, and after being used one time, they are thrown away. Thus there's no danger of catching germs, but it's all on the up and up — enjoy sanitary surroundings while seated on those luxurious leather booths.

Jim Suggs, over Sweetwater way, is now busy with farming duties, but still has much interest in good of Bronte.

Uncle Sam Says



None of us will ever celebrate D-Day in the spirit of a gay holiday. On the contrary, June 6 is forever enshrined as a day of sacrifice. Two years ago, on the beaches of Normandy, all our hopes for a peaceful, happy future were in the balance of bloody invasion. The best observance you can make of the first peacetime anniversary of D-Day is to make sure you are buying as many savings bonds as ever. You backed the attack — now back your own future.

U. S. Treasury Department

HOW'S YOUR WATER METER?

With some half dozen meters installed during the week, more and more of our people are now finding themselves equipped with water meters. This little gadget determines the amount of water used, and you the consumer, pay your bill accordingly.

Past records on file in the city office reveal that Bronte has had very few water meters, and that many of these have been out of order. The result has been that some people, whose meter is working, pay for the amount of water actually used, while others, who may use much more water, pay but a minimum of \$1.50 per month.

This method of doing business, of course, is hardly fair to those whose meter is in order. Several vigorous complaints have been lodged against the city officials to the effect that "my meter registers too high, and I know I don't use that much water."

In each case, a test has been made of water consumption, and it has been learned that the meter registered accurately the amount of water actually measured out for testing purposes. Others have declared that "the meter isn't any good, I know I didn't use it, I won't pay, and if you don't like it you can just cut my water off."

When this is done, an individual's meter is taken out, the pipe plugged up, and if he wants water again, he has to pay an installation fee of \$3. Members of the City Council agreed at their June meeting that this procedure would be followed when anyone refused to pay his bill, and tests revealed that the bill was fair and accurate.

The idea is this — use all the water you want, but if you use it, then pay for it. If not willing to pay, then don't use it. It is hardly fair for one individual to use water 24 hours daily and pay but \$1.50 per month, while others use much less and pay a good deal more.

In the same way, water consumption will be cut considerably, it is believed, because when a person realizes the amount of water he uses, and understands he has to pay for it, less water is likely to be consumed.

VETERANS AGRICULTURE CLASS PLANNED

According to Norman (Wink) Kiker, plans are underway to organize in the very near future a class in vocational agriculture for World War II veterans. There is to be a meeting Tuesday night, June 18, in the Agriculture building for veterans who are engaged in farming or ranching, and they are to discuss the organization of this proposed class.

All veterans who are now farming or ranching are urged to be present to learn the advantages which are offered through enrollment in the class.

The school would be held in Bronte and veterans may be able to get up to four years of schooling. Classes would meet two nights per week, and single men would draw \$65.00 per month and married men \$90.00 per month while attending the class.

Those interested should contact Norman Kiker in Bronte, and also attend the Community Service Club meeting tonight, at which time a representative from Ballinger is expected over to further discuss the proposition before Club members.

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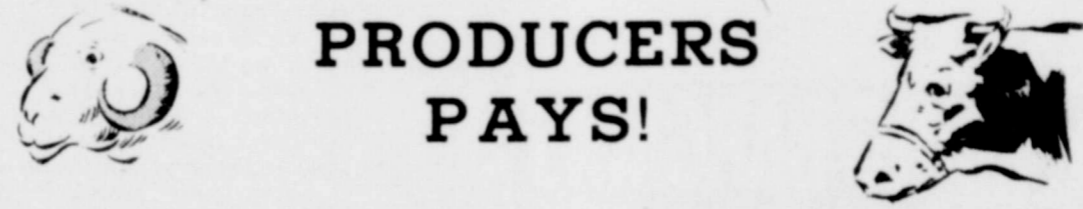
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