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Friona Choir To Region I Meet

The Friona High School Choir will be among the forty-five high school choruses to be singing at the West Texas State College from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. on April 8. The occasion will be the Region I Interscholastic League Chorus Contests.

Judges for the meet will be Donald W. Morton, John Tarleton College, Stephenville; Henry Hobart, Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma; Euell Porter, Hardin-Simmons, Abilene; and Dr. Walter Hodgson, Dean of Music North Texas State, Denton. Each chorus will be allotted 15 minutes to sing three numbers and walk on and off the stage in the main auditorium.

With the choruses will be three orchestras entering in competition and trios, quartets and sextets in the vocal groups.

Towns represented with one or more choruses or orchestras are: Amarillo, Borger, Pampa, Littlefield, White Deer, Childress, Sulphur, Perryton, Canyon, Phillips, Ploverview, Sun-down, Skellytown, Dimmitt, Spearman, Wellington, Friona, Dumas, Memphis, Tulla and Lubbock.

Before leaving for the contest, the choir will present the assembly here Friday morning. After the contest, they will go to Amarillo, where they will have their supper and attend a concert given by the United States Air Corps Band and the Singing Sergeants.

The choir is looking forward to an approximate four hundred mile tour to present programs in the public schools.

OUT OF TOWN PEOPLE AT TRADES DAY

Among the out-of-town people who were seen here at Trades Day Monday were the following:

A. L. Bateman, Farwell Pump and Pipe Co.; Charley Calloway, County Commissioner from Bovina.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. O'Brien and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth O'Brien of Lakewood; B. V. Clary of Bovina; W. H. Gammon, Lakewood; Mrs. W. H. Alderson, Rhea; William Grager, Rhea; J. L. Smith, Hoyt Smith and family and Lewis Smith and family of Messenger; C. V. Potts, Rhea; H. D. Elliston, Bovina; Russell O'Brien and family of Lakewood.

Coffey Opens Body Shop

Friona can now boast of another business place, since Leonard Coffey, formerly of Clovis, New Mexico, has opened his Paint & Body works in one of W. M. White's buildings on the south side of the Highway.

Mr. Coffey has had several years experience in the automobile body repair and painting business, and is prepared to turn out any kind of work in this line, such as body and fender repair and painting and automobile glass work. He will appreciate a part of your patronage. The new shop will be known as City Body Shop.

Word was received here Monday afternoon to the effect that James Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Williams, of the Friona Machinery Co., was a victim of a car crash while driving at Houston and a skull fracture was feared.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams started at once for Houston, and later word brought the hope that the injury is not serious. James' aunt, who was riding with him, is reported as seriously hurt.

Friona Weather

We had an appreciable amount of moisture from the drizzle of snow that fell here most of the day, Thursday of last week, during which time the wind was from the north and unpleasantly cold.

A still heavier and quite wet snow fell during the first half of the day, Saturday, also, which yielded an estimated half inch of moisture, and seems to have covered all of Farmer County and over into New Mexico. Farmers are saying that the present prospect for wheat is as good, perhaps better than ever before here.

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Double Birthday Party Honors Two-Year Olds

A double birthday party was held the past Saturday afternoon, April 2 in the home of Mrs. Vance Crume honoring little Miss Judy Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Crume, and Darrell Gene Anthony, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Anthony. Mrs. Anthony acted as co-hostess with Mrs. Crume.

Judy noted her second birthday on Saturday while Darrell will be two on Wednesday, April 6.

The Easter motif was carried out in the house decorations with the youngsters enjoying an Easter Egg hunt, as the feature of the afternoon. Following a social hour, the birthday cakes were cut and served with ice cream and cocoa to Karen Sue Osborn, Kenny Ford, Dickie Lee Renner, Eric Vance, Eric Vance, George and Janet Rushing, Judy Crume and Darrell Anthony.

Adults attending the social included Mrs. Lee Renner of Hereford, Mrs. W. H. Graham of Farwell, Mr. Eric Rushing and Mrs. Ernest Osborn, both of Friona.

Singing Convention At Clovis Sunday

According to Mr. Earl Roberts, secretary of the Association, the Four-County Singing Convention, will hold its next convention at the Clovis High School Auditorium, Sunday, April 10 beginning at 10:00 a. m. Mountain Time.

The territory embraced in this convention includes Farmer and Bailey counties, in Texas, and Curry and Roosevelt counties in New Mexico, and some of the best singers in Eastern New Mexico, and West Texas, have promised and are expected to be present.

These will also be local choirs, glee clubs and other singing organizations, which will fill a day-long program of choruses, solos, duets, trios and quartets.

Everybody is cordially invited and will be warmly welcomed to this great singing feast. It will be something that lovers of good singing can scarcely afford to miss.

Small Attendance At Dairy Meeting

The meeting of the Farmer County Dairy Association, which was announced for Tuesday night, was very poorly attended.

As a result of the poor attendance no business was transacted and the election of officers was postponed until a later date.

Hospital News

PATIENTS ADMITTED

W. D. Haire - Dimmitt, Tex. - Surgery.

Carolyn Baxter, Friona, tonsilectomy.

Mrs. K. E. Slough, Clovis, New Mexico, Medical.

Doris Jane McFarland, Friona, surgery.

Mrs. Finley Hartsfield, Bovina, tonsilectomy.

Mr. C. F. Hastings, Bovina, surgery.

Raymond Jones, Friona, medical.

Clara Gosner, Friona, Surgery.

Mrs. Levi Johnson, Bovina, surgery.

Raymond Scheuler, Friona, surgery.

Mr. Goodnight, Friona.

PATIENTS DISMISSED

Mrs. W. J. Navaroth, Friona, med.

Mrs. W. Edelson, Friona.

Mrs. Leslie Hinds and Baby, Friona.

Charlotte Rauh, Bovina.

W. D. Haire, Dimmitt.

Carolyn Baxter, Friona.

Mrs. K. E. Slough, Clovis, New Mexico.

Doris Jane McFarland, Friona.

FRIONA BOYS PLACED SECOND



Two Friona boys, Everett Horner and Johnny Hand, each won a second place in the rodeo contests at the rodeo held in Muleshoe. Johnny Hand, (left) above, won second place in the "ribbon" roping. His time was 15 seconds. There were 43 entries in that contest. Everett Horner, (right) placed second in calf roping. His time was 22 seconds. There were 47 entries in the calf roping contest. The boys are planning to participate in other amateur rodeos.

Texas Ranks Third in Milk Cows, 45th in Milk Production

Texas ranks 3rd among the states in the United States in the number of milk cows.

Wisconsin and Minnesota are the only two states that have more milk cows than Texas, but when it comes to milk production per cow, Texas ranks 45th.

The average production per cow in Wisconsin is 739.5 gallons of milk per year, which based on present day prices, would be \$254.38 per cow.

The average production per cow in Texas is 357 gallons of milk per year, which based on present day prices, would be \$122.80 per cow.

This shows that the average Wisconsin cow produces \$131.56 more per animal based on present-day prices than the Texas cow. Based on the 1946 figure of 1,330,000 milk cows in Texas, would mean \$110,759,432 more for the Texas dairyman if the same average production per cow as Wisconsin had been based on 1946 price per gallon.

Texas still imports milk and many dairy products such as cheese and butter from other states in order to supply its demand. With a growing population, we will consume more milk and dairy products, which can be produced without increasing the number of milk cows.

What are some of the reasons for our low production per cow? What can be done to bring about this necessary increase?

First we need better cows that have the ability to produce more milk if properly cared for. The best feeding and management cannot get high production from a scrub cow.

Second, more attention must be given to proper feeding of our dairy cows. In addition to plenty of water, hay and feed, we need good pastures. Our climate permits almost all Texas farmers to provide green grazing practically the year around. Green grasses and legumes are the best and cheapest feeds dairy cows can eat. Too many of our dairy farmers provide no winter pastures and very poor summer pastures. Even with good producers, poor management will not get the best results from fine cows.

Third, better management is needed. While Texas has made a good showing in improvement of milking barns, there is still much to be done. Few dairy farms have enough shelter to protect stock in bad weather. In northern states dairy barns must be heated and the cows kept in stables with plenty of straw bedding most of the winter. Texas cows can run on open pastures much of the winter and sheds provide enough protection in bad weather. Milking hours should be regular and cows properly handled. Texas has a more favorable climate for the production of milk at lower prices than the northern states and much less investment in barns is required.

Hopkins County is an example of what can be done in the dairy industry.

In 1930, they began to develop the dairy industry in that county. Their 1930 income from milk was \$227,683. The last available figure, the 1946 census, showed their income from milk was \$1,470,825.

In 1935, 12,167 cows produced an average of 112 pounds of butterfat per cow. Based on present day prices, this would mean

\$78.40 per cow per annum. By 1944, they had increased their number of cows to 15,265 and had increased their production per cow to 193 pounds of butterfat, which based on present day prices, was \$135.10 per cow or an increase of \$56.70 in income per cow.

The records show that a test was run about 1940 on 240 cows in Hopkins County and the average production per cow was 301.3 pounds of butterfat. At present day prices, this would be \$219.54; or \$115,724 more than the 193 pound average.

Such figures and statistics show the importance of increased production. Following are the results of the bank deposits of Hopkins County. In 1930, the banks in that county had approximately deposits of \$1,922,000, and on December 31, 1940, deposits in the county were \$3,459,971.94. On December 31, 1948, deposits in the two banks in this county amounted to \$10,962,568.67.

When you ride through Hopkins County today, you see well-cared-for farm homes, good barns, good pastures, fine cows. Many counties in Texas are working along the same line and each year our production per cow is being increased. The farmer is thus increasing his revenue, which goes into the banks, buys goods from the merchants, furnishes better milk and butter for the city people, thus helping everyone.

Grand Jurors Listed For District Court

Following is a list of the names of those who have been chosen to serve as Grand Jurors during the April term of District Court, which will begin next Monday, April 11, at 10:30 o'clock.

Willis Edelman, A. L. Beattie, Carl Schlenker, Ronald Bergstrom, Walter Fangman, Otis Branscum, H. D. Bradshaw, O. B. Roberson, Gilbert Ford, Harry Jesko, E. H. Cummings, E. V. Isham, Joe Magnus, L. L. Noran, Glenn Dunn, J. T. Eubanks.

There has been no Petition Jury called for this term as District Clerk Loyde Brewer, has stated there will probably be no need of a petit jury during this term. In the event one is called a list will be published in the Friona Star.

School Election Held Saturday

At the School Election held here last Saturday for the purpose of electing three Trustees for the Friona Independent School District, C. V. Potts, Owen Seaman and P. V. London were elected.

There were 70 votes cast, with Potts as high man, Seaman second and London third. Mr. Potts is a new man in the District, having come into the district as a resident of that portion of the Rhea District, that annexed to the Friona District by the Board of County School Trustees, a few months ago.

Amateur Show Scheduled At Bovina

The Farmer County Rainbow Assembly will sponsor an Amateur Night and pie supper, April 14th at the Bovina Gymnasium, beginning at 8:00 p. m.

It is to be County Amateur Night, and everyone is invited to enter. Entries should be sent to Murna Welch, Friona.

"Daffy" Paul Dean, of Clovis, will be there. The program will be the best talent in Farmer County is expected at this program. What you plan to attend and bring a pie?

NEW CLUB IS ORGANIZED

On Thursday night, March 31, The Forty-Niners, a new women's club was organized at the club house in Friona.

With the assistance of the hostess, Mrs. Pearl Kinsley, Mrs. Louella Maurer and Miss Mary Spring, officers were elected. They are: Billie Louise Short, president; Marjorie Fallwell, vice president; Lois Norwood, secretary; Eva Lou Rector, treasurer; Dorothy Wilson, parliamentarian; Wanda Hart, reporter; and Carol Dawn Dunn was appointed program chairman.

The new club is sponsored by the Senior Women's Club and the Modern Study Club with the assistance of Winnie Dunn and Thelma Ford, who gave interesting talks on club work.

Meetings are to be held each second and fourth Tuesday nights.

FARMER COUNTY DAIRY DAY

Farmer County Dairy Day is being held today, April 8. The cattle are to be in the barns by ten o'clock and the show will be over by about four o'clock.

This is a 4-H and FFA boys show and is being held just ahead of the Panhandle Plains Dairy Show at Plainview, which opens on Saturday, April 9.

The boys will load up about 5 o'clock and head for Plainview. These animals will be in the Plainview Show from the 9th to the 15th.

Surprise Birthday Party

On Friday night of last week, a surprise birthday party was given for Mr. Will Parker in celebration of his 66th birthday. Many of his friends and neighbors surprised Mr. Parker by merely walking into his home with gifts.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Mel Guion, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rhee, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Johnson and children, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Calhoun, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert McKenney and James, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Griffith, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Combs.

Games of "forty-two" were played and everyone present reported having a very nice time.

Surprise Birthday Dinner

A surprise birthday dinner was given for Mrs. Bob Willford on Tuesday, March 29 at the home of Mrs. H. T. Tidener.

Gifts and covered dishes were brought by Mrs. J. Sam Gaines, Mrs. Norman Wilson, Mrs. Melvin Stagner and children, Mrs. John Stagner, Mrs. Carol McCleavelle and son, of Clovis, Mrs. Vernon Ward, Mrs. Mel Guion, Mrs. John Kimbrow, Mrs. Mildred Moody, Mrs. Pearl Roy, Mrs. Ward Thompson, Mrs. Mabel Thuro, Mrs. H. D. Bradshaw, Mrs. H. L. Tidener, Mrs. Joe Wilson and Mrs. Troy Armstrong.

Several persons who were unable to attend the dinner sent gifts.

OUT OF TOWN PEOPLE ATTEND FUNERAL

Out of town people who attended the funeral of Mrs. Ieva Bond and daughter, Dorinda, in Bovina last Monday were: Mr. and Mrs. Rush Looney and Horace Darsey, of Hot Springs, New Mexico.

Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Atkins, Mr. and Mrs. Hall Looney and Perry, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Looney, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Looney, Mr. and Mrs. Walton Slaton and family and Mr. and Mrs. Huyley Rush, all of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Nora Cantrell of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Fourmetin and Leslie Jones of Clovis, Robert Bond and Mrs. Carrie Lee Bond and son of Ft. Worth, and Mrs. Aubry Brook of Littlefield.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kyle left Tuesday on a vacation trip to the West Coast.

Trade Territory Well Represented Trades Day

With every community in this trade territory represented, it was estimated that 1,000 people attended the Trades Day Event which was held in Friona on Monday, April 4.

The Trades Day is supported by fifty-one of the local merchants including two new ones, the Charm Beauty Shop, which is owned and operated by Mrs. Anna Jo Blackburn and the Looper Welding Shop, owned and operated by George Looper.

The next Trades Day will be held on Saturday, April 16. A great crowd is expected.

Mrs. J. F. Miller received the fifty dollar award.

Mrs. A. H. Boatman and Jackie Looper received twenty-five dollar coupon books.

Those who received ten dollar coupon books were: Mrs. G. Brill, Mrs. Dean Blackburn, Mrs. Clyde Hale, Mrs. J. R. Cook, Vernon Christian and Mrs. M. C. Watson.

Mrs. E. T. Jennings, Herman Schuler, Mrs. A. H. Boatman, Lola Goodwine, John Bengert, Mrs. Tolbert Stowers, Mrs. Joe Douglas and Mrs. J. A. Batey each received a five dollar coupon book.

Remember that Saturday, April 16 is the next Trades Day and make it a point to be there. Ask your merchants for your tickets.

Road Meeting Postponed

The meeting of the County-wide Road Committee which was scheduled for Farwell, Thursday night of last week, was postponed, and a meeting was called for Bovina, last night (Thursday).

The proceedings of that meeting was too late to get for this issue of The Star. We will have it for next week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hall visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Camp at Hartley, Sunday. Mrs. Camp is their daughter, the former Miss Edna Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall were accompanied on the trip by their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hall and son, Eddie.

Misses Frank, Pruitt, Bae Foster, T. Gee, Dan Etheridge and S. H. Osborn, of the Modern Study Club, and Mrs. Carl Maurer of the Friona Women's Club, represented the Friona Women's Clubs at the meeting of the Seventh District Federated Women's Clubs at Lubbock during Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor and children of Farwell, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Venable Sunday.

Mrs. Charlie Jefferson and daughter, Sandra, Mrs. Oscar Venable, and Mrs. Elton Venable were in Clovis Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Adin Waltman of Clovis, spent Sunday visiting relatives in Bovina.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Liles were business visitors in Clovis Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Lowe of Amarillo spent the week-end in Bovina with Mrs. Lowe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Elliott.

Mr. Lee Housner and Mrs. Mabel Newberry, who have been visiting friends in Kansas and Oklahoma returned home Monday. They reported seeing some nice wheat.

Mrs. John Kimbrow made a business trip to Amarillo Friday.

Rev. and Mrs. Lester Hill of Sour, visited in the W. E. Williams home Monday evening.

Brother Franks has been at Lubbock this past week leading singing in a revival there.

BUYS SERVICE STATION

Delabor has purchased the Gulf Station and Cafe from Buck McClean and is busy remodeling and painting the cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Combs and children of Clovis visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Combs in Bovina Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Davies and children and Mrs. Mildred Moody made a business trip to Clovis Saturday.

Mrs. Laurence Starr of Borger is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gray this week.

Mr. Earl Robert of Oklahoma Lane visited here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Combs of Hereford spent a few hours visiting here Saturday. They were on their way to a singing convention in Portales.

LIONS CLUB TO SPONSOR DONKEY BALL GAME

Although the information is not as yet complete, the Star has been notified that there will be a "Donkey Soft Ball Game" sponsored by the Friona Lions on Friday night, April 15 at the Football field. It is hoped that the details of this event will be complete in time for next week's issue of the Star.

Less Paper Work For Veterans

Veterans training under the GI Bill—as well as their schools and training establishments—will have less paper work to do under a simplified reporting system which goes into effect April 1, Veterans Administration Regional Manager, Robert W. Sisson, said today.

After that date, VA no longer will require monthly progress reports for veteran trainees in job-training establishments and in schools other than colleges and universities.

Instead, reports of conduct and progress will be incorporated in a report of earnings, which veterans now file and which they will continue to submit to VA every four months.

As a result of the new procedure, VA Regional offices will process at least 5,000,000 fewer forms a year, with an appreciable savings in clerical work.

The one page report is simple. The veteran merely provides necessary information, signs his name and turns the form over to the official of the school or training establishment, who reports on conduct and progress and, when appropriate, earnings over the past four months.

As in the past, colleges and universities will not submit reports of conduct and progress, except to notify VA in case of those students for whom conduct or progress has been unsatisfactory.

VA emphasized that schools and training establishments must continue to report promptly the discontinuance of any veteran from training.

Mr. Elton Venable was a business visitor in Farwell Saturday.

Mrs. Bass Elliott and son and Mrs. Eual Hart left Wednesday for Melbourne for a visit with their relatives.

Mrs. Byron Turner made a business trip to Clovis Wednesday.

Mr. Homer Martin purchased a new 1949 Hudson this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Denny and son, James, left Friday for a visit with relatives in Detroit, Michigan and other points.

Mr. Earl Richard made a business trip to Lubbock Tuesday.

Mrs. Pete Davies and children made a business trip to Clovis Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wilson, who have been walking since Christmas when their car was in an accident, have their 1949 Ford back as good as new.

Miss Charlene Rank underwent a major operation in the Farmer County Community Hospital in Friona Tuesday.

Word was received here Thursday that Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Chavez are the proud parents of a baby girl born Wednesday, March 30, in the Clovis Memorial Hospital. The Chavez now live in Portales and Mrs. Chavez was formerly Donna Brito.

Bovina people were very sorry to hear of the death of the Shelby Jessie baby boy last Saturday. Mr. Jessie lived in Bovina for several years. The child now live in Clovis.

Work has begun on the new Bovina Theatre and we hope it will not be long until it is finished.

Mrs. Charlie Jefferson is having her teeth pulled in Clovis. She made her first trip Friday.

Mrs. Tommie Houston returned from Amrillo Tuesday after spending the past week visiting in the Mr. and Mrs. Pete Frazier home and the new granddaughter.

CITY BODY SHOP

Under Management of Leonard Coffey,

formerly of Clovis. In W. M. White building on Highway. Body and fender repairing, Complete Painting job and glass work.

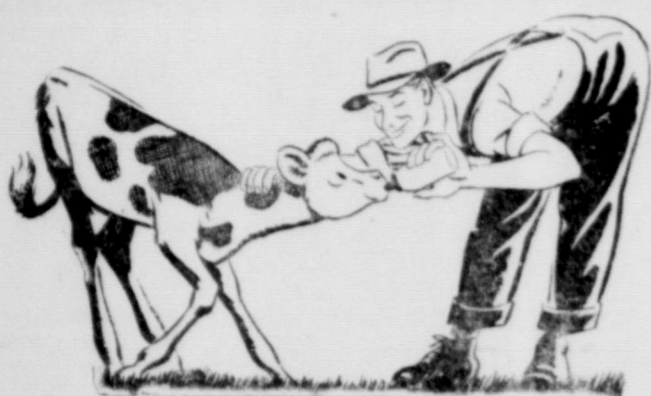
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FROM FRIONA STAR FILES: Just Twenty-Three Years Ago

The Star's First Renewal

The Star office is this week in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Hattie E. Denholm, of Tongonoxie, Kansas, containing the wherewithal and advising us to extend her subscription to the Star. The Star is not yet a year old and Mrs. Denholm goes on to say she enjoys reading our paper, as she is interested in conditions in the Panhandle. Mrs. Denholm owns a quarter section of land a mile north of town. (That is the quarter section where the City Dump Ground is now located.)

J. A. Wimberley has moved

J. A. Wimberley, who has recently built a home on his land northwest of town, arrived this week with his family and household goods. Mr. Wimberley came through with their emigrant car, and Mrs. Wimberley and the girls drove through in the family car. On the way the car was overturned and one of the little girls suffered a broken arm.

Work on the excavations for the new Baptist Church was renewed and the people of the congregation hope to be able to push the work to completion as soon as possible.

Mrs. G. L. Livings has returned home from Dardin, Oklahoma, where she had been called a month ago on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Z. E. Davis.

J. S. Potts Announces For Sheriff. In his announcement, Mr. Potts made the following statement:

"Having served the people of Parmer County during the past two terms as Tax Assessor, and feeling the assurance that my work has been entirely satisfactory to the tax-payers, I am now coming before them as a candidate for the office of Sheriff and Collector, subject to the decision of the voters at the Democratic Primary election in July.—John S. Potts."

Nat Jones asked to become County Commissioner. He stated: "I have never been before the people for public favors, and assure you that if I am elected, I will do all in my power to administer the business affairs of the county and precinct in an economical way and to the best interest of the tax-payers.—Nat Jones, Friona, Texas."

School Trustee Election:

(At the school election in that year, there were two tickets in the field, the Liberal and the Conservative.)

The Liberals presented the names of T. J. Crawford, J. W.

Ford, J. A. Blackwell, B. B. McCandless and J. W. White, from which four trustees were to be selected. Those who held the conservative view presented the names of J. W. Ford, E. S. Euler, M. Lacy, and E. M. Sherrieb. There were a few scattering votes, in which Clyde Goodwine, Floyd Reeve, and Frank Reed each received two votes, and O. F. Lange received three votes. (The Conservatives were elected. T. J. Crawford and E. M. Sherrieb tied and a special election was called to decide the tie.)

A Full House:

The Radio Drawing at the T. J. Crawford store drew one of the largest crowds ever seen in a Friona store. Mr. Crawford had been giving out tickets for several weeks with every dollar purchase of goods at his store and the tickets had been scattered all over the Friona Trade territory, and judging by the size of the crowd that attended the drawing, every ticket holder must have been present. F. W. Reeve and T. N. Jasper were chosen to take charge of the drawing. The prize went to the holder of ticket No. 3, who was Roy Hall.

Masquerade Party:

Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Maurer entertained at their home, Saturday night, with a masquerade party for a number of the young people of the community. Clyde Goodwine acted as judge, he not having time to costume, and he gave his decision in favor of Carl Maurer, not realizing at the time that he was the host. Reuben Gischler and Miss Orma White were such close seconds, that they were also given prizes.

A Surprise Party:

One of the most enjoyable social events of the season was a surprise party given Saturday April 3rd, at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilkinson honoring Mrs. M. Lacy, it being her birthday. The decorations in yellow and white were lovely and refreshments of lemonade and cake were served to the following guests: Mesdames Wilkinson, Kinsey, Reeve, (S. F.) Warren, Nat Jones, Cuyler, Lange, (W. H.) Warren and (G. D.) Anderson.

Drove Through to Iowa:

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Wentworth, accompanied by Wesley Peckham, left Wednesday to motor through to Iowa. They expect to be gone for several months. Wesley is well known here as he has spent the past three winters here in the Wentworth home. He is returning to his home in Iowa, while Mr. and Mrs. Wentworth will visit relatives in Iowa, Kansas and Michigan.

Medical School Plans



Architect's model for the proposed Southwestern Medical College branch of the University of Texas at Dallas is scanned by Margie Emerson and Evelyn Krause of the adjacent Parkland Hospital School of Nursing. The proposed Medical College Building is in the foreground. The \$7,000,000 Dallas City-County hospital, for which bonds have been voted, is in the center and Miss Krause is pointing to the million dollar nurses' home, an adjunct to the Dallas hospital improvement. Southwestern Medical Foundation is offering the State \$1,300,000 in real estate and other property and endowment funds running into many millions as Dallas' bid for the location of the University of Texas Medical School Branch.

DISTRICT MYF OFFICERS HONORED AT BANQUET

The Methodist District MYF officers and sponsors were entertained by a banquet at the Herford Methodist Church, March 26.

Those attending from Friona were Misses Vera Ann Jones and Raynell Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Caborn. The banquet speaker was layman Wilson Arden, from San Jacinto Methodist Church in Amarillo.

TWO SHORTHORN BREEDERS VISIT HERE MONDAY

Bill Flippin, one of our local breeders of registered Milking Shorthorn Cattle, had as his guests Monday, Fred Kepley of Oklahoma Lane, and H. C. Pearson of Lorenzo, both of whom are Milking Shorthorn breeders, and, as their host, are deeply interested in the breed and in improving their herds in every way possible.

Mr. Pearson had recently sold two animals to Mr. Flippin and drove over to deliver the registration transfer papers and to have a look at Bill's herd. Mr. Kepley and Bill have also been doing some exchanging of animals.

(Among the advertisements we find that):

Car load of Sugar Just Arrived. Buy it at WEIR'S.

Two Cars Coal Rolling. Will be on track next week. Santa Fe Grain Co.

Suits, Shingles, Shaves, Shampoos and Balms, Jones Barber and Tailor Shop.

A paper prepared and read by Mrs. J. J. Horton for the Friona Woman's Club, on the topic, "Texas Literature," occupied a column and a half of space.

A 4-column advertisement on the back page, stated that the Magnolia Petroleum Company was ready for business. Immediate service on all orders. Delivery Any Place Any Time.

The Wilkinson Implement Company was admonishing the farmers to start their crops with a McCormick-Deering P&O Lister.

SPEER LAW POINTS

FOREWORD
By OCTIE SPEER

I have undertaken to write a weekly law letter for publication in the press. It is not for lawyers, courts or even students of the law. I shall write upon such narrow subjects as will be of practical use to laymen. The law is a subject of such comprehensive scope as to compass volume upon volume. It is ever changing, old laws are repealed and new ones are being constantly enacted. This is as it should be, because laws are made for society, and social and economic conditions change with the years. The law is not static, it is dynamic. A code can not be written once for all times. It's process is by the trial and error method.

These letters are to be short and concise, not in the style of a jurist, nor yet of the lawyer briefing his case to the court. I shall be plain, not ornate. I shall choose my words with which everyone is familiar. The French writer Talleyrand wrote:

"Words were invented to conceal ideas." I want to invent ideas not to conceal them.

In these letters I cannot undertake to answer questions. I am not counsel to my reader friends. You will find lawyers near whose advice will be specific. There is a law for every fact.

I shall attempt to be accurate in my statements of the law, as it is in Texas. The laws of the different states vary in many respects. I shall try to avoid procedural matters and deal only with substantial things. It is conceivable that any article of this series may be of value to the one reading it far in excess of his subscription to the paper publishing it. So for once you may be getting something for nothing. If you have legal problems, present or prospective, consult your lawyer precisely as you would consult your doctor if you had appendicitis, or go to your favorite cafe if you were hungry.

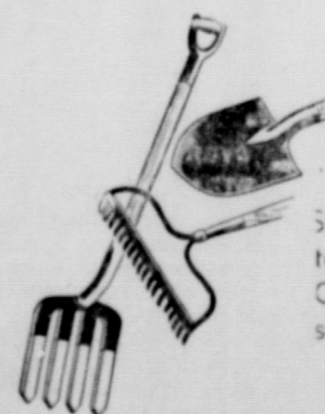
My medicine is preventive not curative. I am not competing with the lawyers, nor yet an I boosting them. My work is educational and not professional as a lawyer. I love the law as a passion, and my brethren of the law share in this passion.

It is true Shakespeare once said: "First, let's kill all the lawyers." But no one has ever yet done anything about it.

Mr. Earl Roberts of Farwell, secretary of the Four-County Singing Convention, was a visitor in Friona, Wednesday afternoon and while in town, favored the Star office with a social visit, and also added his name to the Star's subscription list.

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Local Women Attend Conference

Mrs. Howard Ford, Mrs. J. L. Shaffer and Mrs. J. H. Boyle, attended the Northwest Texas Methodist Conference of Women's Society of Christian Service at Pampa on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Mrs. Ford is president of the Amarillo District in the conference and member of the Conference Executive Committee. Mrs. Shaffer is District Secretary of Supply Work in the Amarillo District. Mrs. Boyle, president of the local society went as an official delegate to the conference from the local group.

WSCS To Present Program

The Women's Society of Christian Service will have charge of the evening service at the Methodist Church Sunday evening, April 10, at 8:00 p. m. Mr. Hertner of the Hertner Film Company of Amarillo will present a religious film appropriate for the Pre-Easter Season. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this service.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dean Baxter of Lamar, Colo., who have been visiting in Friona, returned to their home Monday.

Miss Ruby Pearl Wise arrived here last week from her home in Arkansas to spend the summer with her father, Charley Wise, and her aunt, Mrs. Jack Jasper.

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MODERN STUDY CLUB

Two very interesting talks on the Atomic Bomb were given at the meeting of the Modern Study Club Tuesday night. Estelle Caffey gave a brief history of the making of the bomb and told of its destructive power, concluding with a moving picture on the subject. Valoris C. Born of many of the ways that atomic energy can be used constructively.

Doris Burgess and Declinae Beene served as president and secretary respectively, in the absence of the regular officers who were attending the Seventh District Federation at Lubbock.

The hostess, Ethel Ruth Spring served refreshments of coffee, angel-food cake topped with fresh strawberries and whipped cream. There were eighteen members and one guest present.

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith and sons visited in Hereford Sunday afternoon at the Russell Thomas and Herman Fletcher homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Scottie Weir visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Weir in Hereford Tuesday.

Classified Ads

For Sale or Rent — 6 room house at Hub; also registered sort horn bulls and heifers for sale. See F. L. Wenner, Muleshoe, Texas. 38-1p

For sale — Five-room house, south of Consumers. Buck Fallwell. 38-1p

For Sale—One 1937 Model Baldwin combine. Also 1-KSS international truck. New rubber, 2-speed axle, motor overhauled. A-1 condition, grain ed. Bargain price. See at Friona Machinery Co. 38-1c

For Sale—Baby bassinet and mattress. Mrs. S. T. Thornton. Phone 2632. 38-1c

For Sale—120 English white jessamine, 1 Jersey milk cow, fresh in July. Pat Terry. 38-1p

For Sale—1938 Case, with 4-row planting attachments. Jewly overhauled. See Doug Short. 38-1c

For Sale—Good used washing machine and set rinse tubs, on wheels. See Doug Short. 38-1c

For Sale—Easter, Mother's Day and Graduation gifts. A small down payment will hold any gift. Use our lay-a-way plan. Allen Jewelry, Friona. 38-1c

For Sale—One I. H. C. No. II, 1929 combine—good condition, can thresh lots of grain. See Judge Charles Ingram, Court house, Vega, Texas. 37-2c

Writers Urged To Compete For Prizes

Writers throughout the Panhandle are urged to compete for cash prizes in the third annual Writers' Roundup, to be held in Amarillo June 9, 10 and 11.

The Roundup is sponsored by Panhandle Pen Women and West Texas State College and will feature a short course in writing by Frederick N. Litten, head of the Fiction department of the School of Journalism, Northwestern University.

Guests of the meeting will include Louisa Grace Erdman, a well known Canyon novelist, lecturer and short story writer; Laura V. Hamner, columnist, historian and radio commentator; and Lewis Noyd, newsman and magazine writer.

Meetings will be held in the Amarillo College Auditorium, with registration taking place at the Amarillo College and the Herring Hotel.

Registration fee for the full course of lectures is ten dollars. A single lecture may be heard for two dollars. Students will be admitted for half price.

The course will include novel, short story and feature writing. Cash awards include \$100 for a novel of 75,000-100,000 words, of which contestants are asked to submit the first three chapters not to exceed 10,000 words and outline not to exceed 1,500 words. The cost for the critique is \$7.50.

First, second and third prizes of \$50, \$35 and \$15 are offered for short stories of 3,500 to 5,000 words and for feature articles of 1,000 to 1,800 words.

The Laura V. Hamner Scholarship, offered by Panhandle Pen Women is available to students. Students interested are referred to Mrs. H. M. Timmons, 1607 Hayden, Amarillo.

The prizes for the High School Contest are \$25, \$15 and \$10 and free tuition. For information write Laurene Chinn, Box 2568 Philrich Branch, Borger, Texas.

Adults entering the contests should submit their tuition fees plus the manuscript criticism fees and manuscripts to Mrs. Minnie Tims Harper, 1619 Madison, Amarillo. Deadline for submitting manuscripts is June 9. This contest is open to students, by meeting contest requirements.

Organizations, firms or individuals are invited to offer additional awards or scholarships. Offers should be submitted to Osie Wilson, Box 67, Miami, Texas.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank Dr. Cooke and his efficient staff of nurses and the entire hospital personnel for the splendid care they gave me during my illness.

I also wish to thank my friends and loved ones for the pretty flowers, cards and gifts I have received. This has all meant very much to me.

Also I wish to thank all of the ministers of the churches who visited me, and may God bless all of you.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Lloyd

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to all of you who were so kind and considerate to us in so many ways during the illness and death of our mother and grandmother, Mrs. E. E. Clinkscales.

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Girl Scout News

Girl Scouts, Troop 1, picniced Thursday afternoon, March 3rd, at the Highway Bridge, west of Friona.

After playing games, the girls served chicken salad sandwiches, pop, and chocolate drops. By Mrs. Ralph Wilson, their leader.

Those present were Gaye McFarland, Margie Haws, Donna Miller, Maisie Gayarre, Mary Sissell, Mary Lou McReynolds, Clea Stowers, Carol Blackburn and DeAnn Buske.

On March 10th, Girl Scouts, Troop 1, met at the Scout Hut and made plans to clean and decorated the hut and start work on some new badges.

Gaye McFarland and Margie Haws served refreshments to DeAnn Buske, Joan Agee, Harper Sissell, Florence Dean, June White, Mary Lou McReynolds, Maisie Gayarre, and Clea Mae Stowers.

Girl Scouts, Troop 1 met at the Scout Hut, Thursday, March 31st.

Joan Agee, Carol Blackburn, Florence Dean, Margie Haws, Donna Miller, Mary Louise Sissell, June White, Clea Mae Stowers, Maisie Gayarre, Gay McFarland and Mary Lou McReynolds, gave talks on the "Founders of Girl Scouting" and "Girl Guiding in Great Britain and the United States." "The Juliette Low, World Friendship Fund," "The World Flag," "Our Chalk," "Girl Scout Week" and "The Girl Scout Birthday."

The above is the beginning of their work on the badge, "My Troop."

Maisie Gayarre, June White and Mary Lou McReynolds, started outlining work on the "Hostess" badge. Refreshments of Orange-ade and butterscotch cookies were made and served by Donna Miller and Maisie Gayarre.

Carol Blackburn, Scribe.

Girl Scouts, Troop No. 2, met at the Methodist Church Annex, Thursday March 10th, and voted on committees for a party to be held at the next meeting.

The hostess, Nancy Crow, served refreshments to Joan Wilkins, Sally Osborn, Ann McKee, Sue Cranfill, Gladys Baxter, Marilyn Fairchild, Eugenia Lanturn, Bertie Gains, Leleta O'Brian and Bonnie Sissell.

MERRY MATRONS CLUB HAD PLEASANT MEETING

The Merry Matrons Club met on March 24, at the home of Julia Fairchild with seven members present.

They were Modene Drake, Toots White, Anna Lee Block, Grace Vassios, Frances Collins, June Brummett and Julia Fairchild.

White elephants were exchanged and we embroidered for the hostess. The Heart's Desire box was guessed by Grace Vassios and Anna Lee Block.

Two visitors, Mrs. Haws and Miss Taylor, were present. Gladys Wilson was present and voted in as a new member.

Refreshments of sandwiches, punch and cookies, were served by the hostess.



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I suppose there is no real harm in surmising, conjecturing and other kindred fallacies, if such they may be called. But I cannot evade such mental attitudes when I see vast crowds of people gathered for one cause or another. And one cannot help but be impressed with the fact that humanity loves a contest, loves to take chances, loves to hear its own name called when

a prize is announced. And that is perfectly all right. If people did not take chances, there would never be any progress in material and mental achievements.

For instance, Friona's first Trades Day, which was held Monday, there was on hand in the least in such an affair, and it was attended by an estimate of 1,000 people. There was no gambling about it, but there was the essence of chance in it, wherein one might receive something valuable or useful without really giving value received in return, and all who had re-



Joyce Oubre, 20, of New Iberia, La., named "Queen Sugar VII" for next fall's Louisiana Sugar Cane Festival, is shown in Washington, where she is sweetening up government officials toward the event. The small bags hold lump sugar which Queen Joyce uses in her work.

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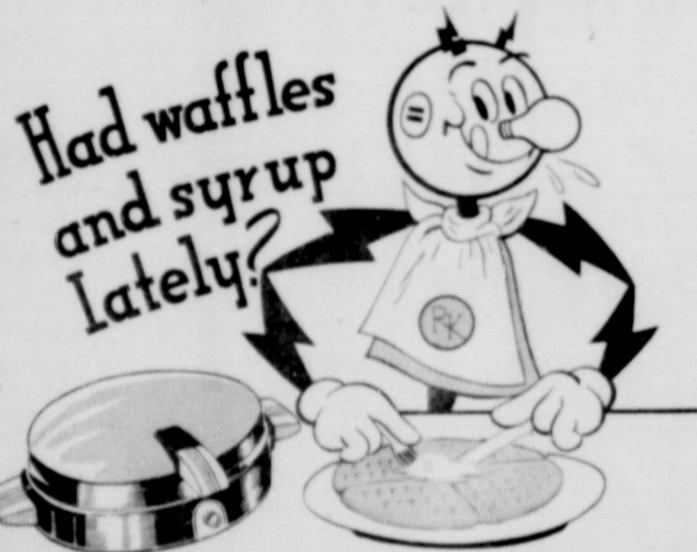
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ceived such an opportunity barring the essence of chance, were here to see and hear. It was a jolly, good-natured crowd, but hard to estimate in number. The streets and the ground around were filled with people and the streets were lined with cars, and Sixth Street was filled for half a block east, with cars, and many people were in the cars and among them so they were hard to count or estimate. And why? Simply because there was the element of chance in the proceedings, by which they might benefit. Where is the harm? They had not defrauded nor deceived their neighbors, nor made any mis-statement nor practiced any deception whatsoever, upon their neighbors, but were there simply to get what was theirs if it CHANGED to come their way.

Then in another way, the same obsession possessed the people, many of the same as were here on Monday, when they gain assembled to witness more making of chances, but in a different manner, when they came to witness the physical contests in the District 11-B Track Meet. Each and every contestant in the program of physical exercises of that day, was seeking to win, and in doing so, was taking a chance. And the people were there to see whose chance was the best. As it occurs to me, there is probably no one who succeeds in anything, however small, without taking some degree of chance.

I am free to admit, that as in all things else, there are some forms of chance that are harmful, but it is not in the nature of the thing called "chance" so much as it is in the skill in using it, but I do not mean to imply that "skill" is harmful, for in the great majority of cases it is one of the most noble gifts of man, and with proper application may be acquired by all. Yet, with all this, skill may be so applied by the skillful use of itself, as to be a curse instead of a blessing.

It occurs to me that there can be little or no achievement or progress without the element of chance being considered, and chance may be multiplied in its accomplishment by the aid of skill.

A young man, who never would gamble, one day down the street he did amble. Fell and busted his pants. Then back to his home had to scramble.

Mrs. Rudolph Renner, who has been in the Parmer County Community hospital for some time, is so far recovered that she has been returned to her home in Friona.

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IN MEMORIAM
Faithful Pioneer Dog Served His Master Well

By WILL G. HARRIS

GOAT HEAD PRAIRIE, Summerfield—Trixey, our sable and white collie, had been mated with Real Lad and had whelped in the autumn of 1938.

Old timers here in the Texas Panhandle still talk about how wet it was that fall, and what a severe winter followed. Here, at Goat Head Prairie, torrential rains came the latter part of October. Just before one of these rains, Trixey was out with her family to give them an airing and early instructions in the ways of dog life.

She was happy, and proud of them; we all were. The downpour came almost unannounced, and sent five, toddling balls of fur scampering under the front porch. It was a terrible rain. Water rose all over the yard till it inundated most everything, including the porch.

Trixey was so frantic she rushed in to the house, and up on the madam's bed spread. We didn't scold much, for each of us felt almost as she did. With the aid of the garden rake, I fished out four bedraggled, sodden puppies. There was one on a small island, just a clod of dirt, yards beyond my reach.

He seemed doomed to a watery grave, for the water would soon be over his head. The two little girls and the little boy were pleading, "Please Daddy, you will just have to get him, you'll have to." I was down on my belly, almost immersed in that cold water trying to rescue him. He was intelligent—even at that early age but was afraid of the water. By coaxing, and cajoling, I finally got him to make the plunge, and struggle toward me.

I forced myself as far under the porch as I could and got the rake behind him and dragged him, half drowned, to safety. Never have I seen eyes that expressed such gratitude, as he licked my hands.

The children said his name was Robinson Crusoe Harris, for he had been rescued from an island. They also said he was the one we would keep for our very own. There was no argument along that score. I believe I would have fought anyone trying to take him. With the exception of the three sable spots, he was white like Lad, who was a large pure white collie, of royal breeding.

The rains turned to snow in November, with more and more snow that covered everything with huge drifts that didn't melt till spring. It is almost impossible to comprehend the suffering and death loss of cattle before the winter ended.

This was a range country at that time, a little feed was grown for the cattle, but the summer had been so dry very little was harvested, and there was none to buy. With very little feed and no dry place in which a cow could lie down for months, the cattle became so emaciated they could not stand the cold.

There was a windmill a few miles away and an estimated 900 cattle led there. It will put gray hair in one's head to be awakened on a sub-zero night, by his starving cattle bawling for feed, or to hear his horses gnawing the boards from the corral fence. Many a man lost his life's savings, some never recovered, and there was a few suicides.

I had come to the Panhandle in 1906, an ambitious stripling, full of vim and vision. I arrived just in time to witness a great transformation, the passing of a cattle empire.

I would take anything on a share basis, or buy anything on credit, that I thought would make money. When the winter, of which I write, came I had acquired a family, a small ranch of several hundred acres, and 75 Hereford cows. There was a deed of trust on the land, at 10 per cent interest, and a mortgage on the cattle, the family was mine.

I had convinced my banker that I was a good risk, but to speak in western vernacular "I was out on a limb." My feed supply was so scanty that it was necessary to ration it with extreme care, but I never missed a feeding. It looked as if there would never be an end to the frigid blasts.

There was 65 days of unbroken snow, dark, murky days, when the sun forgot to shine. By April my feed was exhausted. There should have been green grass, but I had to get more feed from somewhere. In desperation, I traded one of the work mules to a neighbor for a small stack of straw. This stack was about a third of a mile northeast of our house.

One evening I opened the corral gate and walked up to the stack to get the cattle in the shed for the night. They were so weak I didn't think it necessary to get a horse. I had just gotten them bunched, and away from the stack, when, without warn-

ing, the big, memorable blizzard of April 9th blew in with a bang.

I rushed around in front of the herd to turn them to the shed. There alone in that blinding, swirling snow I was fighting my heart out, running, yelling, cursing and praying, but it was useless. All the things for which I had toiled and dreamed, the little ranch, college for the children, my creditor's money, were drifting away in that maelstrom of snow.

And then, I was not alone. Crusoe was there at my side, barking, nipping, and slashing. The cattle turned, lowered their heads to the storm and ran for the shed. He had done what I never could have done, even with a horse.

I had given him very little training but in the blood of his ancestors, back in the Scottish Highlands, was in his veins. He was doing what he liked best to do, the most natural thing for those he loved.

I staggered to the house. I knew I had to get there, but I shudder to think what would have happened if it had been much farther away. My lungs were burning, and my brain barely functioning, as I stumbled, exhausted, against the door. The little boy, and the two little girls, stood in silent awe. The madam cried, as she wiped the snow and ice from my face. A gangling, half grown dog licked my hands. Every one of those cows would have perished before the light of another day.

The spring and summer of 1939 were wonderful. The cattle grew fat and sleek on the luxuriant, green grass. There was a fine calf crop. Best of all, that was the year when our young men came home from fighting a terrible war. History was being made. We were just an average American family during the pioneer years that followed.

I wonder just where these years have gone. There were five of us, and a dog. Crusoe grew real in stature and bearing, his coat almost white as snow. Dog lovers would show their cars just to look at him. It was because of him that some knew me; they would always ask, "How is the dog?"

I drove myself too harshly, perhaps, but I had a job to do. When I would come from the field, a bronzed, bare-foot boy and a large white dog would come running to meet me; both would be laughing. The boy would take the lines and drive the team to the house.

The two little girls made their play house under the trees. There, in that dear land of make believe, everything was as it should be. No one gossiped about her neighbor, and no one's children ever had rude manners. No harm came to them, Crusoe was always on guard. There was never a snake bite and no coyotes came near to frighten them.

Do you wonder that a great bond of affection grew up between Crusoe and me? I had given him back his life, which he never seemed to forget. He had given me back my dreams. He made his bed under my window, close as he could, and nothing went amiss around the house or corral that he didn't know.

If the fences got bad a mile away, and the cattle were eating our crops, we would whine and cry till he knew that I was awake, and then he would be a flash of white in the darkness. He was a "one man dog."

When relatives were visiting, and pictures made, he was always near me, whether I knew it or not, posing as much as I do not remember ever striking him; it was necessary. He always knew what to do, and was always anxious to do it. He was always at the right place at the right time.

The years passed all too swiftly, out here at Goat Head Prairie. Some were beautiful, fruitful years, and others were rough. During the early thirties, drought, dust bowl, and depression ran concurrently for several years.

The surface lakes went dry, feed crops withered and the foliage blew off the stalks. There was very little made for the bare necessities of food and clothing. Again I was fighting a terrible battle for survival, with my back against the wall. There seemed no earthly way to stop foreclosure on the little ranch and the cattle.

Values were so low that if every thing had been sold, a large percentage of the debts would have remained unpaid. It was also college age for the little boy and the two little girls. Children do not wait because of drought and hard times.

It was lonely when they were gone, and glad days when vacation brought them back. Crusoe would go bounding down the lane, the first to greet them.

He's In



Andrei Y. Vishinsky, above, has been appointed foreign minister of the Soviet government to succeed Vyacheslav M. Molotov. Vishinsky is a former deputy foreign minister of Russia and chief Soviet delegate to the United Nations.

When they had to return he would wave till they could no longer see our faces. The madam would take my hand, and the three of us would go back to the house, with the tears in our hearts.

Other years have come and gone. The seasons have rocked backward and from many times. I never became a cattle king, but I managed to keep every acre of the little ranch. It is beautiful land, and all tillable. The big ranches are now farm land. Irrigation has come, and the soil is very productive. Values have risen so ours is now a pretty nice spread. I still keep a good percentage of the place in grass, so the children can see how the prairie looked the way God made it.

There were times when our cup of happiness was filled to overflowing, and a time when we wept, softly, alone in the night. Most people are kind. There are many good and beautiful things, if we are in the receiving line.

There are a few sturdy grandsons to be grown into self reliant, worthwhile citizens. They think I am a great man. There is a sweet, little granddaughter whom I adore, and whom I have spoiled—her mother says I have.

Our grain crops were heavy one year. The thresher was here and I was feeding the bundles with an ease and dexterity that, perhaps, belied my years. My temples were a little frosty. Crusoe was getting to be quite an old dog, but he had no thought of retiring.

As usual he was on the job, where he thought he would be needed. Smoke was pouring from the big steam engine, and my muscles were rippling to the rhythm of the machinery, when my team gave a lurch, three dogs were fighting under the wagon. Two mongrels were on Crusoe in the fiercest struggle imaginable, and both trying for his throat. I sprang to the ground, the engineer came running and we beat them off.

But it was Crusoe's last stand. He lived for awhile, but his heart was broken. He knew he could no longer be of service to me, that he was a liability instead of an asset.

Just what started the argument I'll never know. There are times when it is hard for us all to keep our self-control, times when we give way to anger too easily. It might have been an insult, or a direct attack. I'll also never know what force kept me from impaling a cur or two on my pitchfork. I do know that whatever it was, Crusoe thought he was acting within his rights, that he was trying to protect my interest.

Chosen Rodeo Queen



Ample decoration for any corral is provided by Dorothy Hughes, 25, of Phoenix, Arizona, who has been selected to reign as Queen over the World's Championship Rodeo in Phoenix on April 10. Her Palomino horse, Talsman, seems to like the idea, too.

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