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NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR THE RE-ALLOCATION OF COUNTY TAXES

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF IRION

To the Resident Qualified Property Taxpaying Voters of Irion County, Texas:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held on the 22 day of June, 1946, in said County, in obedience to an order duly entered by the Commissioners Court on the 15 day of May, 1946, which is as follows:

On this the 15 day of May, 1946, the Commissioners Court of Irion County, Texas, convened in regular session, at the regular meeting place thereof in the Courthouse at Mertzton, Texas, with the following members of the Court, to-wit:

W. W. Adams, County Judge, Sam Covey, Commissioner Precinct No. 1, J. B. Westfall, Commissioner Precinct No. 3, being present, and, among other proceedings had by the Court were the following:

Commissioner Sam Covey introduced an order and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner J. B. Westfall. The motion, carrying with it the adoption of the order, prevailed by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Sam Covey, J. B. Westfall.

NOES: None.

The order is as follows:

WHEREAS, at the general election held throughout the State of Texas on November 7, 1944, the qualified electors of the State, voting on the proposition, approved the amendment to Section 9, of Article 8, of the Texas Constitution, which amendment provides that the Commissioners Court in any county may re-allocate the county tax levies authorized in said Section 9 of Article 8, by changing the rates provided for any of the purposes authorized in said Section by either increasing or decreasing the same, but in no event shall the total of such taxes exceed Eighty (80c) Cents on the one hundred dollars' valuation for any one year, provided that before the Commissioners Court may make such re-allocations and changes in such levies the same shall be submitted to the qualified property taxpaying voters of such county at a general or special election; and in event such re-allocations and changes are approved by a majority of the qualified property taxpaying voters of any such county, such re-allocations and changes shall remain in force and effect for a period of six (6) years from the date of the election at which same shall have been approved, unless the same again shall have been changed by a majority of the qualified property taxpaying voters of such county, voting on the proposition; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Irion County, Texas, deems it advisable and to the best interest of said County to re-allocate the county taxes authorized to be levied annually by Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution, by changing the rates in respect to certain county taxes as herein provided;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF IRION COUNTY, TEXAS:

That a special election be held in said County on the 22 day of June, 1946, which is not less than thirty (30) days from the date of the adoption of this order, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted to the qualified property taxpaying voters, who own taxable property in said County and who have duly rendered the same for taxation, for their action thereupon:

"Shall the Commissioners Court of Irion County, Texas, be authorized to levy and collect in each year for a period of six (6) years from the date of said election, county taxes as follows:

Not exceeding 35 Cents (35c) on the \$100.00 valuation, in any one year, for County purposes;

Not exceeding 15 Cents (15c) on the \$100.00 valuation, in any one year, for roads and bridges;

Not exceeding 10 Cents (10c) on the

W. A. RECORD BEGINS HIS WORK IN CHURCH OF CHRIST HERE SUNDAY

Evangelist W. A. Record, with his family, moved into the preacher's home of the Church of Christ, in the southern part of Mertzton Thursday, and will begin his work with the church next Sunday. Beginning Sunday, June 2nd, Brother Record will preach each night during the week. He will be glad to meet and get acquainted with every one, and all are invited to attend the services during that week, as well as all other services of the church. Brother Record moved from Kentucky last year, and has spent the time at McCamey since coming to Texas, and has just moved here from McCamey.

WESTLAND GAS CO. OPENING BUSINESS

Mertzton will have a butane company of its own now. Westland Gas Co. now has a truck ready to supply you with butane gas. This is a new company just organized and will be managed by Tommy Lowe. He will move here right away and open an office and retail store in the former location of the Daisy Beauty Shop. At present the company is conducting a business office in San Angelo also. They will have a phone here soon.

Westland Gas Co. will have a 12,000 gallon storage tank and another as soon as they can get it sometime this summer. The storage tanks will be located near the Spring Creek Arena rodeo grounds.

The company will handle butane gas and systems and do plumbing work. It will have a complete line of butane appliances for sale in their store as soon as they can be obtained.

\$100.00 valuation, in any one year, to supplement the jury fund of the County; and

Not exceeding 20 Cents (20c) on the \$100.00 valuation, in any one year, for the erection of public buildings and other permanent improvements.

In the event that the annual levy of a tax not exceeding fifteen (15c) cents on the one hundred dollars' valuation for the further maintenance of the public roads of said County has heretofore been, or shall hereafter be, authorized by a majority of the qualified property taxpaying voters of the County, voting at an election held for that purpose, nothing herein shall be construed as rescinding or in any manner affecting the power and authority of the Commissioners Court to levy and to continue to levy said tax.

The said election shall be held under the provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, particularly amended Section 9, of Article 8, of the Constitution, and Section 3a, Article 6, of the Constitution, and all persons who are legally qualified voters of said County, and who are resident property taxpayers who own taxable property in said County and who have duly rendered the same for taxation, shall be entitled to vote at said election.

The ballots for said election shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"FOR RE-ALLOCATION OF COUNTY TAXES."

"AGAINST RE-ALLOCATION OF COUNTY TAXES."

Each voter shall mark out with black ink or black pencil one of the above expressions, thus leaving the other as indicating his or her vote.

The polling places and presiding officers of said election, shall be respectively as follows:

Precinct No. 1, Voting Place, County Court House, Presiding Officer, Henry Lindley; Precinct No. 2, Voting Place, Sherwood School House, Presiding Officer, M. H. Carr; Precinct No. 3, Voting Place, Barnhart School House, Presiding Officer, T. E. Strother; Precinct No. 4, Voting Place, Arden School House, Presiding Officer, O. C. Schlinke.

W. W. Adams,
County Judge,
Irion County, Texas.

To The Citizens Of Irion County

Last week's Star carried a notice from me, as Irion County Health Officer, requesting a clean up about your premises. Then there was a proclamation from the Mayor of Mertzton to the citizens of Mertzton for a general clean up of Mertzton. This met with a fairly good response, but not as good as we would like. It has been said by some one that "The sanitary conditions and appearance about a residence indicates the character and civic pride of the owner."

The order from the Texas State Board of Health to me is to see that the sanitary conditions about all places where food is sold, or served, meet the standard; and to see that no cess pools or unprotected garbage exists about such places, nor about residences. Such things as decayed or rot-

ten potatoes, fruit of any kind, or vegetables, are all breeding places for flies and mosquitos, and must not be allowed. So far as cans, or some other rubbish about a place that is allowed to accumulate and remain is a matter of your taste. I suggest that every one get together all cans and other rubbish, and haul it to the "dump ground." Do not dump it on some vacant lot. If you have no way of removing it to the dump ground I will try to persuade the City to furnish trucks to do the hauling; but have it ready, and we will set another day for it.

I expect to visit Barnhart and Sherwood soon for an inspection.

Respectfully,

E. O. Deal, M. D.,
Irion County
Health Officer.

SPRING CREEK ARENA HAS GOOD CROWD

The Spring Creek Arena rodeo which was held last Saturday and Sunday showed to nice crowds both days. Sunday with a barbecue dinner being served, a large crowd saw the rodeo events.

Results of the two days of rodeo are listed below.

May 18th

Bareback bronc—1st, Dan Utley; 2nd, W. N. Rice; 3rd, Rice and Utley, split.

Calf roping—1st, Ted Powers, 14; 2nd, Homer Woods, 17 1-5; 3rd, Brown Todd and Russel Green, 18 1-5, split.

Saddle bronc—1st, 2nd and 3rd, Dan Utley.

Girls flag race—1st, Mrs. Ted Powers; 2nd, Mrs. Curtis Baron and Betty Baron, 12.1, split.

Goat roping—1st, Ted Powers, 16; 2nd, Bud McGilvray, 17; 3rd, Bill Doran, 17 1-5.

Bull Riding—1st, Pete Lawhon; 2nd, Sid Eubanks; 3rd, Otho Benyon.

Team Tying—1st, Ted Powers and Homer Woods, 17; 2nd, Bill Doran and Sid Eubanks, 18; 3rd, Babe Dolan and Sam Sessions, 31.1.

May 19th

Bareback bronc—1st, W. N. Rice; 2nd, Pete Lawhon; 3rd, Dan Utley.

Calf roping—1st, Brown Todd, 13; 2nd, Baker McGilvray, 14.4; 3rd, Hollis Pace, 16.

Barrel race, morning—1st, Virginia Moore, 11 3-5; 2nd, Mary Ellen Sellers, 12; 3rd, Helen Baron and Betty Baron, Evening—June Probst, 11; Mrs. Ted Powers, 11 1-5; Helen Baron, 11 2-5.

Jr. bull riding—1st, Paul Baze; 2nd, Keegan; 3rd, James.

Team tying—1st, Dan Utley and Glenn McQueen, 15; 2nd, Sam Sessions; 3rd, Hollis Pace.

Bull riding—1st, Otho Benyon; 2nd, W. N. Rice.

Wild cow milking—1st, Russell Green; 2nd, Sam Sessions; 3rd, Hollis Pace.

Goat roping—1st, Johnnie Burrows, 11 2-5; 2nd, Punk Snyder, 13; Glenn McQueen, 13.1.

Hair Pulling—1st, Russell Green and Helen Baron, 9 4-5; 2nd, Mr. and Mrs. Punk Snyder, 11; 3rd, John Burrows and Lonnie Probst, 12 1-5.

Matched calf roping—Brown Todd, 21, 22 1-5, 12 4-5, 18 2-5, 13, 19, 24 3-5, 15 3-5—total, 146 3-5. Curtis Baron, 21, 19 4-5, 20 4-5, 21, 14, 21 3-5, 19, 25—total, 161 4-5.

NEXT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER JUNE 6

Arrangements for the next Fellowship Supper are being worked out and Thursday night, June 6, has been set as the date. It will be held at the high school cafeteria with fried chicken again to be served. New officers will preside at this affair and plans for the program are underway.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH

School is out now and many will be tempted to take out for the duration. Don't please. Be in your place in Sunday school and church services next Sunday.

W. A. Knight, Pastor.

BIG LEGION BARBECUE WILL BE HELD TONIGHT

Tonight, Friday night, the Legionnaires will stage a big barbecue at the local park. All members and former members of the military service, of Irion County, are especially invited, together with their family or date.

Chow line will form at seven o'clock, and initiation ceremonies will begin about 8:30 p. m.

All ex-service men and women of the county, also those still in service are eligible for membership. Come that night and join the Legion.

Special talks on benefits to veterans will be given.

JOHNNIE HEGWOOD NOW IN GERMANY

Furstenfeldbruck, Germany.—Here to do his bit in "winning the peace." S-Sgt. Johnnie Hegwood, Jr., son of Mrs. John Hegwood, of Mertzton, has arrived at the European Theater Army Air Forces Reinforcement Depot, and will soon be assigned to permanent duties with the occupational Air Force.

From this depot he may be assigned to units servicing Army Air Force planes in Germany, Austria, Italy or France. While here, in the heart of picturesque Bavaria, he will have an opportunity to enjoy the scenic beauties of the wooded foothills of the Alps. He will also be able to visit the notorious Dachau Concentration Camp.

Located about 20 miles from Munich, this \$15,000,000 former Luftwaffe flying school was Germany's Randolph Field. Now under the command of Col. Malcolm N. Stewart, Hampton, Va., it is one of the best equipped and most attractive air fields in Europe. At present several thousand GI's each month are processed and orientated for the occupation duties at this key station.

HUSBAND OF FORMER MERTZTON WOMAN DIES

Funeral services for Nathan I. Noel were held in Sweetwater Saturday, May 18, according to word received here that day. He passed away Thursday night, May 15, at Odessa after a long illness.

Mrs. Noel, the former Miss Lois Garrett, lived in Mertzton for quite some time before moving to Odessa.

SUB-DISTRICT MYF MEETS IN EDEN SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Mertzton members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship will go to Eden for the Sub-District MYF meeting Sunday, June 2. This meeting will be from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The program will be given by Trinity (San Angelo) Methodist Youth Fellowship, and refreshments will be served by the Eden MYF.

A. J. Ralston of Mason was here last week end visiting his sisters and families, Mrs. Harry Hahn and Mrs. M. H. Wagner. He attended the commencement exercises of Mertzton high school Friday night and saw his nieces, Misses Leona Wagner and Janette McFarlane, receive their diplomas. He also attended the rodeo at Spring Creek Arena.

FOR SALE—These beautiful residence lots: Lots 3 and 4 in Block 16, Lots 11 and 12 in Block 36, Lots 9 and 10 in Block 35, Lots 1 and 2 in Block 74, Lots 5, 6, 7, 8 in Block 40, Lots 13, 14, 15, 16 in Block 43, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 in Block 77, Lots 7 and 8 in Block 45, Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Block 75, Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12 in Block 81. Most all these groups embrace a corner lot, and are near the school. Call Mrs. W. W. Carson for further information.

FOR SALE—Colt 38-caliber new Army pistol, double action; with fancy California belt and holster. E. L. Cowan, General Delivery, Mertzton.

CLEAN UP DAY

Response to the clean up day drive was good but there is still considerable cleaning up to be done. Volunteer trucks and workers hauled off all trash and rubbish which was sacked and boxed, and many people hauled off their own trash. Starting at nine a. m. Monday, several pickups were kept busy practically all day, and the Mexican population of Mertzton is to be commended on its clean up. That section of Mertzton really worked at it and set an example for everyone else.

Persons who did clean up their property are certainly to be commended, but there are still a number of places that were not even touched.

Dr. E. O. Deal, county health officer, will complete inspections of everyone's property. If it has not been cleaned up properly ample time will be given for correction. After that steps may be instituted to prod laggards into action.

This clean up drive was not put on just to find something wrong. It is to the benefit of the health of every citizen an every member of every family to see that things are cleaned up.

The city officials should be called on to clean up or have cleaned up any number of vacant lots and enforce trash dumping ordinances to see that vacant lots are not used as dump places.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Plans for the Vacation Bible School at the Methodist Church are all complete.

The classes will meet Friday, May 31, at 9 o'clock. The sessions will last for 2 hours. A complete program of work, study and play will be given. A competent staff of workers has been recruited from the Baptist Church, First Christian Church and the Methodist Church. No charges will be made and all children from ages 4 to 14 are welcome.

WEDNESDAY BRIDGE CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. ELLIS

The Wednesday Bridge Club was entertained in San Angelo with a bridge luncheon this week by Mrs. Bud Ellis at her home on Beauregard.

After the luncheon four tables of guests enjoyed bridge with Mrs. Truman Lawdermilk winning high score prize. Mrs. Lum, Trainer won second high and Mrs. Bonnie Wilson bingo prize.

Present for the luncheon were Mes. W. W. Adams, Hal Noelke, Reg. Atkinson, H. B. Kerbow, Bonnie Wilson, J. P. Crews, J. W. Adams, J. L. Werst, Jr., T. P. Lawdermilk, O. J. Estes, R. S. Williams, Mans Hoggett, E. H. Shafer, M. L. Van Court, Lum Trainer, and Ernest Nimitz.

SHILLING WILL BE AT BARNHART SUNDAY

Roy Shilling, Methodist minister, will preach at Barnhart Sunday. This is his regular day there and a good attendance is anticipated. Rev. Shilling spent Wednesday afternoon visiting there.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Costly Coal Strike Crimps U. S.; Plan Further Feed Reductions To Conserve Grain for Food

Released by Western Newspaper Union
 (EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysis and not necessarily of this newspaper.)



Ill-fed and ill-clad, people in Italy clamber atop army truck as it arrives at dump and seek to salvage scraps of food, discarded clothing, cigarette butts and even cardboard boxes. Men, women and children climb up even before G.I.s can unload refuse.

COAL STRIKE:
 Costly Walkout

Though John L. Lewis ordered his United Mine Workers back to the pits under a two-week truce to relieve the critically low supply of fuel, the 1946 coal strike promises to be long remembered as one of the most costly in history, with its necessity for curbing fuel consumption resulting in serious restrictions on public utilities, industry and transport.

Lewis acted as the widespread effects of the walkout on the nation's economy led Senator Eastland (Dem., Miss.) to rise to his feet in the upper chamber to tell his colleagues that as a result of limiting freight movements to essential commodities "... the shipment of embalming fluid has been embargoed and we can't bury the dead."

Most spectacular figure in the strike, of course, was the burly, beetle-browed Lewis, United Mine Worker chieftain, who held out for the operators' consideration of his proposal for a health and welfare fund. Holding fast in face of mounting public opposition and senatorial fury, Lewis received the backing of the American Federation of Labor, to which his UMW is affiliated.

John L.'s acceptance of a truce to discuss the No. 1 issue of a health and welfare fund came after dwindling fuel supplies had led the government to urge coal-burning utilities east of the Mississippi and in Iowa, Minnesota and Missouri to follow Chicago's example in reducing power consumption.

With industrial enterprises limited to 24 hours per week use of coal-burning power and stores and movies opened only several hours per day, Chicago, Ill., remained one of the hardest hit of all the municipalities. Reduction in passenger service and limiting of freight shipments to essential commodities, however, served to bring home the strike to all sections of the country.

CONGRESS:
 Busy Solons

With the coal strike crippling the economy, U. S. senators moved to take up restrictive labor legislation in the face of public concern over the prolonged walkout even as they were engaged in heated debate over passage of the \$3,750,000,000 loan to Great Britain.

Though Democratic Majority Leader Barkley sought to sidetrack consideration of labor measures while feeling over the coal strike flared at white heat, administration forces were compelled to surrender to congressional pressure for action. Ordinarily pro-labor, Senator Lucas (Dem., Ill.) led the fight for legislation which would give the President power to assure continued operation of essential industries in event of union disputes.

Passage of the \$3,750,000,000 British loan was assured with the resounding defeat of amendments which would have limited the size of the advance, provided for expenditure of 90 per cent of the funds in the U. S., and extension of interest-free, unsecured loans to veterans. The solons also rejected the argument of Senator Johnson (Dem., Colo.) that since the bill contemplated the raising of money for the loan only the house, which directly

represents the people through individual districts, had the constitutional power to originate such legislation.

Pressed by the labor and loan legislation, the senate voted for temporary extension of the draft until the decks are cleared for full consideration of the question.

GRAIN:
 Seek Feed Cut

Following the increase in the price of corn, wheat, oats, barley and rye, government officials contemplated a reduction in the ceilings on heavy hogs and a cut in fall breeding as further steps in the conservation program designed to make more grain available for food.

While initiation of the new price program resulted in cancellation of the 30 cents per bushel bonus payment on corn, a similar premium, plus the higher price, was retained on wheat, which is most vitally needed for foreign relief. As a result of the price changes, corn was boosted 25 cents a bushel, wheat 15 cents, rye 10 cents, barley 9 cents and oats 5 cents.

With grain sales being made more profitable than livestock feeding, liquidation of hogs, cattle and poultry was expected to result in increased supplies in the immediate future but less meat later. Even with reduced livestock production growing out of the new price program and the other contemplated government measures, the total supply of meat, eggs and poultry will be above prewar levels, it was said.

Food Prospects

Though farm production remains high, heavy domestic demand and relief needs abroad will out-balance supply, the bureau of agricultural economics reported. Indicative of continued large output, farm income for 1946 is expected to approach last year's record of nearly 21 billion dollars.

The bureau provided this picture of the 1946 food situation:

- Livestock and meat production will continue close to the 1945 level but fall short of demand, with prices of animals pressing against ceilings.
- Dairy products will remain below demand throughout the year, with butter supplies short even during the flush season of milk production from May to August.
- Poultry and eggs will be in plentiful supply through most of the year, with scarcities developing in the last three months of 1946. Prices may be moderately lower.
- Fats and vegetable oils may not be in sufficient domestic supply because of large export requirements of lard, shortening and edible oils.

LEND-LEASE:
 Make Returns

Over 10 Allied nations have returned approximately one-quarter billion dollars of lend-lease goods thus far and Turkey has become the first country to settle its lend-lease account in full, the foreign liquidation commission revealed.

Of the total returned by Belgium, Brazil, the British empire, China, Egypt, France, the Netherlands, Russia and Yugoslavia, \$796,000 worth was reissued to foreign governments under the lend-lease program and \$697,000 was sold as surplus.

The first country to settle its lend-lease obligations in full, Turkey agreed to pay the U. S. \$4,500,000 within 30 days.

Washington Digest
 Columnist's Thoughts Turn To Squirrels—and Crabgrass

By BAUKHAGE

News Analyst and Commentator.

WNU Service, 1616 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

Summer was creeping toward the Potomac, the flag over the White House hung limp as a wilted petal, a hot sun, burning through the infrequent gaps in the heavy foliage, made yellow patches on the lawn. The fountain splashed faintly, falling like warm, futile tears.

I moved slowly along the drive, wondering if I could garner even a modicum of answers to meet emptiness left by the thousands of unanswered questions the world is asking.

I looked under the Japanese oaks whose tightly laced leaves, only a little above the ground, smother the young grass, hopefully starting up each spring, withering in the shadows before July. There, bored and half asleep, I could make out the form of the old gray squirrel.

Often this winter, he had come to my rescue when other "dependable sources" and "authoritative quarters" refused to yield up their secrets. But this time, he barely nodded, and looked away, deep in his meditations, probably a nuclear problem of some sort.

A few moments later, I was taking down notes at a not very newsworthy press and radio conference. The President, I feared, did not feel as cheerful as he looked. The handkerchief in his breast pocket was neatly folded in its customary three flat, razor-sharp triangles. (Sometimes his answers were almost as sharp.) The great red carnations on the table behind his desk, which holds the photographs of members of his family, were already drooping. The low hum of the mowing machine came in the open windows that look toward the Potomac.

Of what was said of import to the nation and the world, you will



Baukhage consults the old gray squirrel.

have read by the time these lines are printed. The rest was trivia.

We walked out of the executive offices. I glanced under the Japanese oaks, but my friend, the squirrel, had gone, the vista looked very bare and cheerless. So I went back and talked about it.

As soon as mail could reach me from Sturgeon Lake, Minn., I received a letter and a package. The writer said that as I had mentioned that it seemed impossible to raise grass on the shaded parts of the White House grounds, I might be interested in this sample of quack grass which she offered, and she wrote: "If it won't grow there, I'll be glad to know there is some place it won't grow."

The next day, I acknowledged the gift, and opined that quack grass must be another name for crabgrass which I remembered as the bane of my lawn-mowing experience. Soon I received other communications.

A landscape designer in Akron, Ohio, informed me that "quack grass is not crabgrass. The former is a perennial; the latter is an annual. Quack grass (agropyron repens) propagates by seeds and creeping rootstalks. Crabgrass re-seeds itself each year."

Another letter came from Robert L. ("Pop") Davis, "Amateur Mulch Gardener" of Thorsby, Ala. He referred to my mention of crabgrass as a pest, and then he went on:

"Having spent years at my hobby of looking for the most useful plant for growing summer mulch in my gardens, and deciding that crabgrass was it, I cannot resist a challenge.

Even though millions of gardeners agree with your remarks, I still challenge them. At present, I have a spring garden growing without any hoeing on land covered with a thick layer of last year's dead crabgrass.

"Scarcely a weed can grow through it, not even this year's crabgrass.

"You see, I am 'Pop,' the laziest gardener in the world, and I refuse to gather, haul and spread mulch when crabgrass will do it for me, and do a better job of it. I make it mulch the land for me by leaving it strictly alone. I may even encourage it with fertilizer. After I have gathered my early spring vegetables, I let the crabgrass take over. In early fall, when the crabgrass stops growing here, I mow it down. I then have that mulch gardener's delight, a mellow mulchy spot where most anything can grow without using spade or hoe. I use a potato digger to dig planting holes."

But that is not all. "Pop" may be the laziest gardener in the world, but he is a vigorous poet. He enclosed a poem of which (alas) I have room only for one verse and refrain. Here it is:

"Bring me a hoe; pull 'em all up!
 Chick weed, crabgrass, dig and cut!
 Stoop down low! Nothing but trash,
 Goosefoot, pigweed and Johnston grass;
 Just no time to look at the sky,
 Fleecy clouds a-floating by;
 Work 'til you've such a crook in the back
 That gardening pleasure's gone, a-lack!

"Wisdom may have a foolish sound;
 Crabgrass mulch is good for the ground,
 Let the weeds grow! Bring me a chair!
 Crabgrass mulch is everywhere,
 Soft and thick and brown."

Strategy Misfires
 In Battle Over OPA

The battle over the OPA in the senate has brought out some of the good old axioms on how to bring pressure on congress . . . and how not to . . . if you want to get your favorite bill passed.

Anti-OPA strategy all along has been to postpone action on OPA as long as possible. Supporters have fought for action. At this moment, though some unforeseen event may change the course, it looks as if the odds favored postponement, but not defeat.

It first appeared that ordinary conventional methods used by the professional lobbyists were going to kill the bill. Then it looked as if spontaneously written letters were going to save it. In both cases, the effort was overdone. There were too many expensive advertisements in the newspapers, sponsored by the various business institutions fighting price control; too much money easily identified as coming from vested interests was being spent.

Then it was that John Q. Citizen sat himself down, took up his pen, or often his pencil, and wrote an undated letter because he (mostly she) was really stirred up. Congress began to take heed of those letters. They were obviously spontaneous, they were written by men and women who had made up their own minds. They were voters with convictions, and it was very likely those convictions would be registered at the polls.

But once more, Pelion was heaped on Ossa. There was a nation-wide organization by the labor people, the veterans, the women's clubs. The mail and telegrams piled up, but the senators weren't too interested. The letters were sincere enough. But the majority revealed that they were inspired, not by an inner urge, a look into the pocketbook or pantry, but by the persuasive voice over the phone or at the front door. Do what you will, the kind of communication produced by these methods is very likely to have a second-hand appearance which the experienced congressman can recognize.

That is why, despite the number of letters and telegrams, the regimented telephone calls, senators were content to discuss the British loan, and even ponder such complicated matters as atomic energy, before hastening to line up for OPA.

Ain't It So!

ALL the world's a stage, but the majority of us sit in the gallery and throw things at the performers.

If poets are born, their ancestors should be held responsible.

Much of life's bitterness comes from swallowing one's own words.

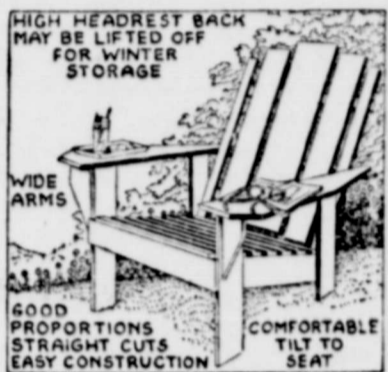
Every man who owns a home knows that a house is always ailing.

Choosing the lesser of two evils doesn't always get rid of the other one.

Flattery is sweet food to those who can swallow it.

Comfortable Chair
 For Your Lawn

MAKING this comfortable lawn or porch chair is a good week-end project. Just three stock widths of material, simple cuts with the hand saw, and you are ready to nail or screw the pieces



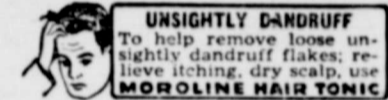
together. A pattern gives bill of materials, large cutting diagrams and illustrated construction steps.

When you are assembling materials for outdoor furniture this year be sure to ask your dealer about the new water-proof plastic glues developed during the war. If this type of glue is spread on both sides of a joining, the piece will have a longer life.

This lawn chair is made with pattern 269 which readers may get by return mail, by sending name and address with 15c direct to:

MRS. RUTH WYETH SPEARS
 Bedford Hills, N. Y. Drawer 10
 Enclose 15 cents for Design No. 269.

Name _____
 Address _____



"Discard Harsh Laxatives"
 Say Happy Ex-Sufferers!

Famous Cereal
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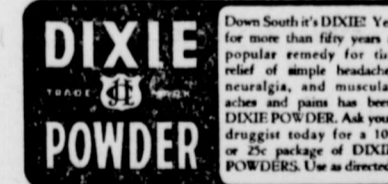
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DEEDS RECORDED

J. R. Bewick and wife to S. A. Houston, Lot 1, Block 6, Barnhart.
D. I. Taylor to Mrs. Mabel Houston, Lot 2, Block 6, Barnhart.
Oral Thorp to I. B. Langford, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, Block 52, Mertzton.
R. G. Houston to Sam D. Johnson, farm 3 miles north of Sherwood.
Tereso Charles and wife to Juan Flores, Lots 12, 13, 14, Block 156 of E. O. Deal addition, Mertzton.
Roy Sartain to Albert Sorrels, Lot 4, Block 70, Mertzton.
J. A. Hood to E. H. Shafer, Lots 4 and 5, Block 5 and 6 acres, Sherwood.
H. B. Hunter and wife to W. B. Burke, Lots 17 and 18, Block 85, Mertzton.
Floyd Payne to R. B. Smith, Lot 11, Block 132, Mertzton.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

M. M. Newman and Jewell Bernice Gideon.
Jay W. McCarty and Dorothy Fay Dunn of Waco.
Edgar C. Jones and Emma J. Van

Zandt.
Volton V. Chappell and Rena White, San Angelo.
Rufus O. Montgomery and Ora Belle Powell, Christoval.

Mrs. W. H. Cox was reported somewhat improved Tuesday but is still seriously ill.

Mrs. Bode Owens and son, Tommie Clint, were guests of Mrs. Bonnie Wilson Monday.

Mrs. Neita Rutledge and children of San Angelo were week end visitors in the Bonnie Wilson home.

Mrs. Ella Smith of San Angelo spent last week end with Mrs. F. B. Carter.

Johnnie Lynn McCauley of San Angelo is visiting Lois Jones this week.

Sam Langford cut off the tip of a finger in a meat grinder Tuesday.

Mrs. J. T. Klingler and children spent last week end with Mrs. Sam Chumley of Stiles. Mrs. Chumley accompanied them home for a few days.

Len Mertz loaded out 800 ewes and lambs Monday which were shipped to Kansas to be put on green pasturage there.

Francis Shelton mashed a finger Saturday while putting some sideboards on a truck, resulting in loss of about a half inch of flesh and bone.

Dink Johnson was over from Arden Tuesday morning on business.

James Lawhon suffered three fractured ribs, one of them puncturing a lung when he was thrown from a bull during the rodeo performance Sunday. He was taken to a San Angelo hospital for treatment. Lawhon said the bull stepped on his chest after he was thrown. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lawhon and was recently discharged from military service.

The Bailey Ranch Church sent their pastor, W. A. Knight home Sunday afternoon with an ample supply of good eats. Among other things they gave the preacher ten pounds of good coffee and half a dozen fat broilers. He reported he was very pleased with the gifts.

R. B. Smith bought the Floyd Payne place May 16 which is located in the west part of town on the Stiles road. He plans to move as soon as the Paynes vacate.

For Water Well Drilling—Call Floyd Payne, Telephone No. 127, Mertzton, Texas. 4-8-46.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC.

My property is posted according to law. "Anyone" Camping, hunting, wood-hauling, handling stock without permission, or in any way trespassing, will be prosecuted. Mrs. Fayette Tankersley Mertzton, Texas.

Mrs. P. F. Case is now convalescing at the home of her sister, Mrs. Geo. W. Nelson of Chicago after an operation performed two weeks ago at a Chicago hospital.

TOMATO PLANTS? Marglobe, Victor, Firesteel, June Pink, Red Cherry and Porter. Also cabbage and hot pepper plants. See the M. T. Gobers.

TO RANCHMEN:—I have purchased a new string of windmill tools and am prepared to do your windmill repair jobs. I have had a number of years experience in windmill work and believe I can handle the job.

Felix Ramsel, Mertzton.

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MARKET SPECIALS

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Frankfurters Premium Quality lb. 37c
Sausage Smoked Link lb. 39c
Philadelphia Cream Cheese Pkg. 10c
Kraft Cheese Spreads 5 oz. jar 23c



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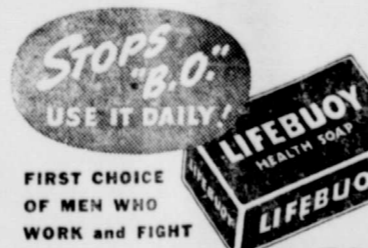
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PABLUM, large 34c
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Baby Food Heinz 4 1-2 ounce tin 7c
Tamales Whitson's No. 1 1-2 tin 21c
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Treet Armour's 12 ounce tin 34c
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Green Mountain State

ONE of the few places where people speak of thrift with respect . . . Vermont, a small state pulling its full snare of weight with the rest of the nation and making its own budget meet!

The world has marveled at Vermont's scenic wonders. Many have witnessed the spontaneous explosive splitting of quarry blocks at some of its quarries, where great blocks of granite suddenly snap loose with a sharp report. But the world should know Vermont's people, too. They were first to express constitutional prohibition of all human slavery! They were first in the nation to provide universal manhood suffrage, with voting not dependent upon property, owned or rented, or a specified yearly income.

Vermont always hated slavery, and its legislatures adopted annual resolutions against it. Southern states grew more angry each year. The Georgia legislature requested President Pierce to employ enough able-bodied Irishmen to dig a ditch around Vermont and float "the thing" out to the Atlantic ocean! A Virginia newspaper gravely commented that Vermont was "always foremost in the path of infamy."

Years later, Robert T. Lincoln, son of the Great Emancipator, came to Vermont to make his home at Manchester. A marker now stands on the lot in Bennington where William Lloyd Garrison lived, and where he edited the "Journal of the Times" early in the 19th century. Also, Bennington was the birthplace of John F. Winslow, builder of the "Monitor," the steel ship of Civil war fame.

Vermont is a pleasant place. The climate is cool and the atmosphere dry. The summer season, between frosts, is from 110 to 160 days, depending on location and altitude. Evidences of the ice age still prevail in rounded and grooved ledges, polished rock surfaces, ice-borne boulders and great deposits of unsorted sands, clays and gravels. The range of scenic interest is vast, with mountains and broad valleys, river and lakes, and abundant forests. There will often be 10 feet of snow-cover in the central part, and 34 to 46 inches of rain-fall through the year. Lake Champlain is 120 miles long, and there are many others, including Lake Willoughby, Lake Dunmore and Silver Lake.

From Mount Mansfield, 4,393 feet high, there is an excellent view of the White Mountains and Adirondacks, with Lake Champlain visible 30 miles away. Vermont has over 900 peaks with an altitude of 2,000

state and each section has its scenic attractions. Vacationists find almost every kind of allure in Vermont, including hiking on the famous Long Trail and horseback riding on the thousand-mile bridle trail system.

In Poultney, when a lad, Horace Greeley set type in a small print shop. Salmon P. Chase lived and studied law at Randolph. Peacham was the boyhood home of Thaddeus Stevens. Eugene Field, with recollections of his boyhood in Newfane, based several of his poems on local life in Vermont. Few states have produced so many notables in all lines of endeavor as hardy, mountainous Vermont.

Samuel Champlain, French explorer, was the first white man known to have seen any part of Vermont. When coming from Canada, in 1609, he went up the long lake that bears his name. The first settlement in Vermont, though short-lived, was also by the French, when Captain La Motte built a fort and a shrine on Isle La Motte. In 1690, Capt. Jacobus de Warm established an outpost on what is now Chimney Point. In general, however, Vermont was a no-man's land in the 17th and 18th centuries, a mere passageway for French and Indian raiding parties seeking the English farther south and east.

From the earliest days, Vermont gave attention to primary education. The University of Vermont was chartered in 1791. Other institutions for higher education include Norwich university, Northfield, the second oldest military college in the nation; Bennington college; Middlebury college; St. Michael's, Winooski; Trinity, Burlington. There are three normal schools and two junior colleges in the state.

One of the crowning features of Vermont is the province of the Green mountains. Here are found the highest peaks—Killington, Ellen, Lincoln, Camel's Hump, Mansfield and Jay. The physical geography of the state is diversified, however, with the Vermont lowland on the west and much rolling country eastward. The state's geology is complex and extremely fascinating.

Vermont is nicknamed "The Green Mountain State." Its motto is "Freedom and Unity." The state flower is the red clover; state bird, hermit thrush; state song, "Hail, Vermont."



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So There!
For the first time little Ana saw a mama cat carrying her kitten by the nape of the neck.
"Shame on you!" cried the child.
"You aren't fit to be a mama. You're hardly fit to be a father."

Got It
Three colored men were swapping chatter on a street corner.
"You fellows hear about Zeke's wife stuin' him?" one asked.
"Not me. What'd she do it for?"
"Non-support."
"Lousy me! What'd she get?"
"Jes' what she sued for—non-support."

Ain't It?
"Johnny," said the teacher, "I want you to tell the rest of the class what a skeleton is."
"A skeleton," said Johnny slowly, "is a lot of bones with the people scraped off."

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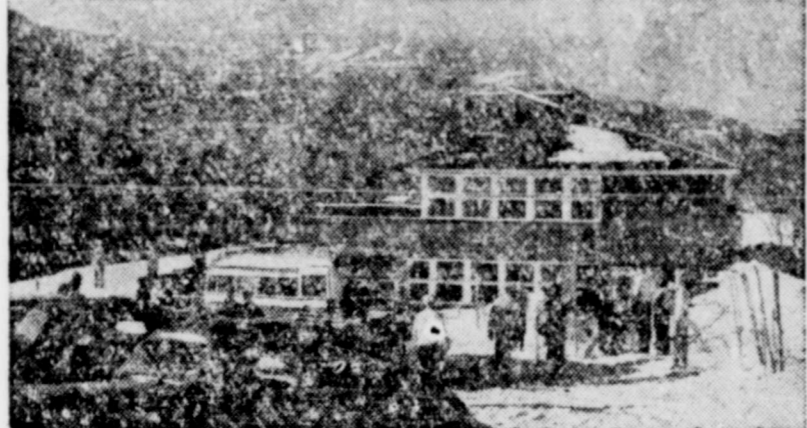
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feet or over. There are over 400 lakes in the state, and forests and forest parks cover over a half-million acres. Hunting, trapping and fishing are always available to the rugged outdoor man.

There are recreational activities in Vermont all through the year—skiing into April, fishing and other vacationing from May to late fall, and touring and hunting to the opening of the winter season. Tourists penetrate to every corner of the



A Vermont Sugar House

Vermont is pre-eminently a dairy state, with beef, milk, butter and cheese as important products. It is also well suited to diversified farming and fruit growing. Many sheep are raised there, and it was in Vermont that the Morgan horse was developed. Both in quality and quantity Vermont leads all maple-producing states with a normal yield of about 40 per cent of the total. The 35,000 bearing apple trees in the state's orchards yield a product of notable quality.

In industry Vermont is noted for lumber and lumber products, woolen mills, paper-making, marble, granite, slate, lime, asbestos, talc, soapstone, kaolin, ocher and other products. Steel squares were invented in Vermont and are still manufactured at St. Johnsbury.

In recent years a growing number of writers and artists have made Vermont their permanent homes. Others spend a part of the year there. Dorothy Canfield Fisher, who loves her Arlington home, is one of the state's authors. Robert Frost, the poet lives in Shaftsbury.

Chester A. Arthur was the first native Vermonter to become President of the United States, later followed to the White House by Calvin Coolidge of Plymouth. Adm. George Dewey, Levi P. Morton, John Deere, John B. Mansfield, Stephen A. Douglas, John C. Saxe, Joseph Smith, Alphonso Taft, Brigham Young and many other figures in history were born in Vermont.

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Janette McFarlane enjoyed the week end in San Angelo with her father, E. M. McFarlane. They went fishing on the South Concho and had very good luck.

Misses Patsy and Jerry Jones moved to San Angelo Saturday. Jerry will stay during the summer months and Patsy plans to make her home there.

Political Announcements

The following candidates announce for offices designated, subject to action of the Democratic Primary, July 27, 1946—

For Senator, 25th District:
Dorsey E. Hardeman
Penrose B. Metcalfe

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1:
Sam Covey
S. T. Brister
Willis Burke
W. B. Rayburn

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:
Joe Thorp
Andy Bradford
Tyson Gentry

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3:
Fred T. Kessler
Claude Becton

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4:
Clyde Harris

For County Judge:
W. W. Adams

For County and District Clerk:
R. E. Key

For Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector:
M. A. Goodall

For County Treasurer:
Mrs. Lottie Davenport

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J. L. Werst, Jr., Editor and Owner

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Mrs. Max Van Court, her mother, Mrs. Trudy Hannum of Christoval and Maxine and Yvonne spent last week end in Fort Stockton.

Mrs. W. W. Adams returned Sunday from Roosevelt, Texas, where she has been visiting her mother, Mrs. M. A. Goodall.

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But he *is* worrying about keeping your electric service flowing along as usual. If that means eggs for your breakfast, okay then, that's why he's up on a storm-lashed power pole.

And, he'll *stay* there till he gets your line repaired—in spite of hot wires sputtering around him. In spite of rain... lightning... thunder... and a high wind howling, "Watch out, fella, we're gonna hit it again!"

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West Texas Utilities Company

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(Political Adv.)

J. W. Field was a visitor in Mertzon from over Arden way Wednesday afternoon on business.

Oral Thorp left Tuesday for Big Lake to stucco the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bon Edens.

Jack McIntosh was a San Angelo visitor Monday.

It's quite safe to kiss the bride after the ceremony, but not ten years after.

Reginald Atkinson completed shearing at his ranch Saturday night.

Anyway, you don't have to fill a horse with alcohol to keep him from freezing.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edmuston of San Angelo were visitors in Mertzon Sunday.

Our taxes would be a lot higher if we had to pay on the basis of what we thought we were worth.

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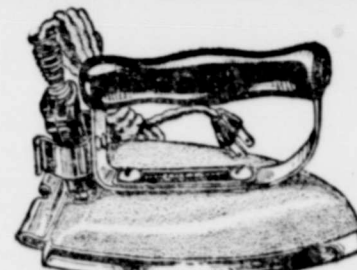
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DESERT ROSE

By ROLLIN BROWN

CHAPTER I

Far to the West, Doane could trace the highland divides and peaks of the Sierra Nueva, marking the boundary of the state and the San Loreto County line. The ranges had the mirage-like quality of seeming to float, ridge on ridge, upon some upper crystalline stratum of the atmosphere. Low-lying miles of dust haze concealed the massive base of the foothills. Sierra Nueva held for him a strange, magical fascination, as it held for anyone who looked upon it.

But the fascination lay really in the fact that the mountains were real, and not another of the false, shifting desert mirages that formed and faded ceaselessly in other quarters of the compass. Doane could trace the blue-black creases of canyons in the skyline divides. Water ran down those canyons.

In his fevered imagination Doane could hear the life-giving, gurgling music of it. His parched throat cried for its taste.

He resolutely turned his eyes away. The upper ranges he saw so clearly were all of thirty air-line miles away; traveling to them, the distance would be twice that far. Two days' march over the desert for a strong man with plenty of food and water. Doane had neither, and he was no longer strong. The instant his fevered brain forgot that, and his legs turned west, he was gone.

That thought in itself was steady. In the quart canteen at his hip there remained perhaps two full swallows of warm, stale water. He could sometimes hear the faint swish of the infinitely precious stuff within the canteen. Doane was a man of strong will. He knew the utter necessity of holding one thought and determination. He had to hold out for twelve or fifteen hours longer, walking continuously to the south. Perhaps it would take eighteen or twenty hours. He had to make it!

His stride became more determined and steady with the hard, driving force of his will behind it. But it seemed that the count would continue in the very beat of his pulse. Miraculously, after a quarter of an hour, the count popped into his brain . . . one thousand! He must have underestimated the distance, for the rocky nubbin seemed far away again . . .

He stumbled. Anger at himself flooded through his brain. He pushed himself up, stood there trembling, fists clenched. He was giving fatigued muscles, weary flesh, the upper hand. That sinewy, hard young body of his that had once been so strong was betraying him . . . No, it wasn't! Doane didn't give up. He had never given up. After a while, he stumbled again.

The desert can strike with appalling swiftness.

It was, in fact, less than forty-eight hours earlier that an east-bound train had made the customary halt at the Sand Wells tanks for water. As the train moved on again, four men stepped from the dusk shadows along the track and swung gingerly onto the rear platform of the last car. One moved swiftly through the train until he stood at an entrance four cars ahead. The man who followed on his heels caught the conductor and the brakeman, forcing them into a washroom at the point of his gun. The porters were intimidated as easily as the passengers.

The four rear cars were plundered with a swift efficiency. A hatful of feminine jewelry was flung into the bandits' Stetsons; the final checkup of the currency taken to-day better than three thousand dollars. The jewelry estimate ran almost as high.

Two miles out of Sand Wells the emergency cord was pulled, and the train screamed to a sudden halt. The four bandits dropped as suddenly from the coaches and melted into the night.

The alarm, of course, had been swift, and Sand Wells was an isolated point. Railroad detectives closed in on the two ends of the line; possible roads of escape were carefully blocked. Distant city newspapers, next morning, ran lurid accounts of the daring crime. Arrest of the four highwaymen, the papers stated, was momentarily expected. But sheriff Sam Flick, reading the headlines in his office, wasn't as sure as the editors about that.

"Shucks!" he had said, when the alarm reached him at eight o'clock on the evening of the crime. "Shucks! Mighty little use watchin' the roads. All them railroad dicks'll do is to pull half a dozen assorted bums and hoboes off the freights. The outfit that pulled this trick looked farther'n its nose."

Flick sent a hurry call for help to the one man he wanted, above all others, on this job. He sent for Jim Doane. When that lanky, gray-eyed individual sauntered into the office, two hours later, the sheriff of San Loreto County leaped to his feet.

"So here you are, you loafer, you dad-busted globe-trotter! Hold up your hand! Do you solemnly swear—"

"Wait a minute, wait a minute—No! I don't swear a thing. No! Blame your hide, sheriff, what's eating you? I'm not ready to go to work, least of all on an outfit of wristwatch thieves. Let the railroad round up its own bad men."

"No, but Jim," pleaded the sheriff, "I gotta have you on this case. I know you said six months ago you wasn't going to spend your life huntin' down your fellow citizens. You



"I gotta have you on this case."

said that when you resigned and went east. But now you're back, and I gotta have help." The sheriff dropped back into his chair.

"Why did this have to happen to me? Sufferin' wildcats, if they'd pulled it a mile down the track, it'd been in the next county. Only just a mile!" He jumped up and paced the floor, fuming, while Doane dropped into a chair. Without warning Flick stopped dead in the middle of the room and shot a question. "You're going to do just one little scout down that end of the county for old Sam, ain't you, Jim? Raise your right hand. Do you solemnly swear—"

Jim Doane leaned back in his chair and laughed heartily. "You know, Sam," he said at length, "if you were a girl and this was leap year, you'd have me bothered. You sure look bothered yourself. Now just supposing I took this case for you, which I'm not saying I will, mind you, what would you want this one-man posse to do? Raise your right hand! Tell papa the truth!"

A broad grin of relief swept over the sheriff's leathery, sunburnt face. He wiped his forehead with an old red bandana. "I knowed you'd stand by the old man, Jim. So I talked with the railroad. They've got a box car over on the siding for you, right now. Get your horse and a spare mount if you want it, an' git aboard. In half an hour the east-bound express'll pick you up. They'll drop you off at Maxmill City, off the end of the express, some time before midnight; from there . . . if this division superintendent ain't a liar . . . you get your own engine down over the cut-off to the other straightaway, an' so back to Sand Wells. You ought'a get there by sunup tomorrow."

"You're in a powerful hurry, Sam. What's all the rush?"

Flick stared into empty space for

a minute, then turned to his prospective deputy with the expression of a man about to make a clean breast of things. "Shucks! I hate to tell you, Jim. For a fact I do. Truth is, some o' them big Eastern papers is plumb anxious to get my personal opinion on this holdup, an' if I told 'em I'd be a laughin' stock from here to both coasts. The folks around here'd laugh themselves sick."

"What is there in a holdup to laugh at?"

Flick fidgeted. "Fact is, I got a hunch that a girl's had a hand in this job, an' everybody else that knows about it's got the same breed o' hunch. You know, that Alvaro girl. Wouldn't that make some juicy copy for them papers, if it turned out to be true? Somethin' like: 'Southwest Sheriff Foiled by Schoolgirl!' That's what they'd say. An' that's what they're all thinkin'. That's why all the rush, Jim Doane."

He ran a warm and trembling finger around his witted collar. "She's been raisin' Cam, Jim, all the time you been east. Star La Rue was in to see me again about her, just last week. He claims she's run off half his fat beef stock this spring, an' about two-thirds of his calf crop as well. Star's got some good hard-ridin' cowhands himself, but they're just nately tied to a hole in the ground when it comes to catchin' her."

"Anyhow, one of us is just about forced to pay a visit down there pretty soon, Doane, if only to stuff somethin' in Star La Rue's mouth an' shut him up. That's why I sent for you; you're the only one of that worthless bunch I can count on."

Doane stared at him. "The Alvaro girl! You think the Alvaro girl was mixed up in a train hold-up? Shucks, Sam, I know that kid. I met her at a dance once. She wouldn't dance with me, and I never found out why. But she wouldn't stick up a train. Anyhow, all the passengers say it was four men. Nobody saw any girl. What about that?"

The sheriff answered with a question of his own. "Reckon you've heard mention of the old Rancho de los Tres Hermanos. Mebbe, you've heard the name of Senor don Pio Miguel Alvaro himself, in connection, eh?"

"Yeah, sure," drawled Doane. "He was her father. He sold the ranch to La Rue. I know all about that."

"There is some that says old Pio Miguel Alvaro didn't exactly sell to La Rue," said Flick slowly, his eyes glued on Doane's expressionless face. "Them same hints at somethin' else. . . . That La Rue might even 'a stole the place, more or less. Howsomever, that ain't exactly neither here nor there, far's this business is concerned. But I reckon you might as well do some thinkin' 'bout the connection between old grandee Pio Miguel Alvaro, and this here daughter o' his you're goin' after. Also 'bout some o' the things Star La Rue has been right determined to impress on me. Star says she's got some of the old-time vaqueros from Rancho de los Tres Hermanos ridin' with her. If so, they'd be pretty smart saddlemen. Mighty likely be smart in other ways, too. Y'see? Mebbe things isn't going so good with this here Miss Alvaro. Mebbe them riders is back in their wages. Mebbe with the right sort o' brain tellin' 'em just how it ought'a be worked, they might be smart enough to hop the express as it pulls outa Sand Wells."

"Yeah, I guess that might happen," Doane replied. "But shucks, sheriff, a rustled herd of stock or two is one thing, if she's sore at Star La Rue about that ranch business, whatever it is, but stickin' up a train is somethin' else again. Even if she has a little nerve—"

"A little!" interrupted Flick. "Say, if you think she's some sort o' common spineless Mex, you got another think comin'. The Alvaros were Spanish-Americans, which is as white of skin as you and me, a sight handsomer an' pounds prouder by disposition."

"No matter," replied Doane. "Let's say the girl has nerve and friends. Down there she's known as an Alvaro, which means things. She engineers a job or two o' stock rustlin' from Star La Rue because she's sore he owns the old Alvaro ranch; she gets her friends to do the work, figurin' she can use the head. Then comes the big idea of a full-fledged train robbery. That what you're trying to tell me?"

"TO BE CONTINUED"

AROUND THE HOUSE

Cuffs and collars of shirts will require little or no extra rubbing, if soap is rubbed into the badly-soiled areas before the shirt is washed.

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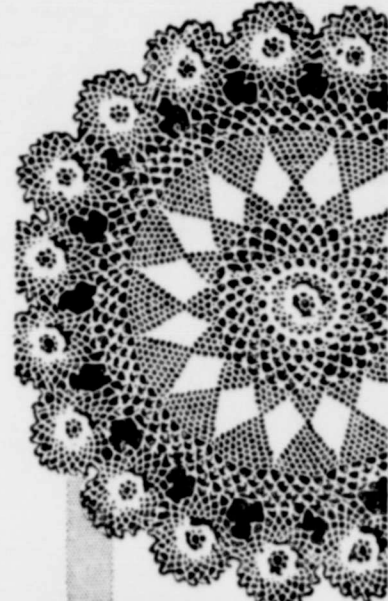
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The body gives various warnings that the heart is overburdened or diseased. Some of these signals are breathlessness after exertion, dizziness, fatigue, vague digestive disturbances, swelling of the feet and ankles and pains in the chest.

Such pains are not always due to heart disease, and of course digestive disturbances may be traceable to any one of a number of causes. But there is no point in ignoring any of these warnings. They may indicate heart trouble. The safe policy is to heed the signals and see a doctor.

Certain illnesses often weaken the heart, and too great exertion immediately after a severe sickness may have an adverse effect on the heart. Caution should be observed especially after an illness due to any of the infectious diseases of childhood.

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of them do not develop suddenly, nor are they necessarily fatal.

Nevertheless, heart disease is one of the most serious health problems in this country. In fact, it is the leading cause of death. In 1943, the last year for which complete statistics are available, it was responsible for 426,391

the best insurance against developing serious heart trouble. The individual who goes to the doctor regularly for a check up, without waiting to be stricken by illness, may learn of a heart disorder before it reaches serious proportions.

Many types of heart trouble can be

treated effectively if discovered in time. People who have, or have had, heart trouble do not necessarily have to lead lives of invalidism. Certain strenuous occupations may be denied them, but they can still lead normal lives if they follow rules of moderation.

Even Crops Can Tell You When They're Hungry



A farmer with the "know-how" can spot, at a glance, evidence of starvation in his growing crops, and remedy it. You will find it profitable to learn the signs of "hidden hunger" in your crops, whether you are selling them as cash crops or using them as feed for livestock. Once you have learned to understand the "sign language" of plants, you can often tell just by looking at a growing plant whether it is drawing from the soil all the nitrogen, phosphorus, potash and other elements it must have to produce healthy, high-yielding crops.

A deficiency in these essential elements will affect the plant's appearance in some way which will tell you just what is short. Here are some of the "hunger signs" in corn, for example:

- Yellowish-green leaves and stunted growth indicates *nitrogen deficiency*.
- Tips of leaves gummed together indicates *calcium deficiency*.
- Purple color in leaves indicates *phosphorus deficiency*.
- Bottom leaves dead; yellow striping between

veins of upper leaves (condition known as "white-bud") indicates *zinc deficiency*.

- Scorching along the edges of leaves indicates *potash deficiency*.
- Regular yellowish-white stripes on leaves indicate *magnesium deficiency*.

Other crops also show "hunger signs" which can be recognized at a glance if you know their sign language. Your county agent or vocational agricultural teacher can tell you about them or advise you about books or bulletins which give detailed information. Because of their thorough understanding of soil and crop conditions in your district, they are the men to answer your questions. Both are ready and able to help you. They know the signs of crop malnutrition and can give you valuable advice.

Worth thinking about: Consider that word *a-n-d*. It usually joins things together, but now and then we use it to separate things which should not be separated.

Strawberry-shortcake is a homely example of our meaning. It's eaten everywhere . . . it has two parts . . . but no one ever separates that satisfying combination in word or thought. You'd never think of saying *strawberry and shortcake*.

So it is with many combinations which cannot exist separately. There's agriculture-industry and the livestock-meat industry, for example. These combinations cannot be split into separate sections, because all parts of each are dependent on the others. The production of livestock and the preparation and distribution of meat are as inseparable as strawberry-shortcake. When producers prosper, meat packers prosper. When one suffers constant loss, the other must suffer also. Those of us in the livestock-meat industry have mutual interests, and we work together toward a common goal.

Ratty Arithmetic: One rat eats about 150 pounds of corn per year. It costs you as much to keep 10 rats as to keep 17 laying hens. Those 17 layers could produce 200 eggs each, at 36¢ per dozen, which would bring you \$102. For 10¢ you can poison those rats. Then, you can feed the corn to your hens and collect the difference of \$101.90.

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BETTER FARMERS FROM OUR HIGH SCHOOLS

by E. J. Johnson
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By training the farmers of tomorrow in new farming methods, vocational agriculture is doing much to assure America the most productive and progressive agriculture in the world. Teachers of vocational agriculture have worked for almost thirty years to prepare youth for the practice of better farming. Over 8000 U. S. high schools now have vocational agriculture departments. Broad courses of study are offered to in-school farm boys, and short, intensive courses are open to farmers of all ages. Many schools operate farms or observation plots in which students are able to practice what they are taught. The program is productive as well as instructional.

In the Pacific and Intermountain regions, vocational agriculture is taught to 30,000 high school boys. 64 high schools in these areas operate farms totaling 2,546 acres. The 1945 production record of the school farms and of students on their home farms is a tribute to the skill and the spirit of both the young farmers and their teachers. In 1945, vocational agriculture students in the Pacific and Intermountain regions produced 9,000 beef cattle, 11,400 dairy cattle, 19,500 sheep, 44,800 hogs, 58,000 chickens, 40,000 turkeys, and raised over 25,000 acres of field crops, fruits and vegetables.



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| 2 tablespoons lard | 1 cup water |

Season ribs with salt and pepper and brown in hot lard. Add water, cover and cook slowly or bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 1 hour. Prepare vegetables and cut in half. Add seasoned vegetables, cover, and cook until vegetables are tender. Variation: ½ cup tomatoes may be used in place of parsnips.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

You who raise and feed livestock know as well as I do that the problems of the livestock-meat industry are usually mighty complicated. Naturally, I am always interested in what others have to say about our problems, especially in the press or over the radio.

During the recent meat strike, for instance, I was impressed with the effort that was made to place both sides of the question before the public. On the other hand, I was disturbed, on several occasions, by statements made by people who either did not know all the facts, or who ignored them—people whose words consisted of part-truths and their own biased opinions.

To my way of thinking, all of us should consider all the facts that are available if we are to form a fair opinion on any subject. And so, it seems to me especially important that ranchers and farmers have the fullest factual understanding of every part of the livestock-meat industry. Now I don't pretend to know all there is to know, and you probably have many facts that I lack. But from long experience in this business we have learned many things which might help clear up certain doubts and questions you may have in your mind.

If there are things about our business that you aren't sure about, we would appreciate hearing from you. We will reply with whatever facts we have. I am sure that our correspondence will make for a better mutual understanding of our common problems.

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"Humph! Anthropology!" sniffed the parent. "That good-for-nothing couldn't even pronounce the word! What gave you that crazy notion?"

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FINDING A NEW SENSE OF VALUES

LESSON TEXT—Luke 12:19, 20; 16:24-30; 19:1-10

MEMORY SELECTION—The kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.—Romans 14:17.

Money, riches, possessions—that's what men are living and striving for in our day. It is going to seem a bit strange, but it will be very salutary to stress once again the eternal truth, best summarized by our Lord Jesus when he said, "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15).

I. Don't Depend on Riches (12:19, 20).

The rich man increased in selfishness as he increased in wealth. He began to feel secure because he had laid up much goods. Now he became proud and boastful. He thought he saw years of comfort and ease ahead. Evidently he had not read, or did not believe, the words of Scripture, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Prov. 27:1; also James 4:13-17).

Well, can a man depend on riches? The answer is no. They are here today and gone tomorrow. Man himself is here today and gone tomorrow. When he goes, he leaves all that he has unless he has invested it for God.

Money is like a broken reed. The man who leans on it will not only fall, but will pierce himself through with many sorrows (I. Tim. 6:9, 10). Don't depend on riches—they will miserably fail you in your hour of need.

II. Beware of the Snare of Riches (18:24-27).

The rich young ruler had come running to Jesus to seek eternal life, but had turned away sorrowful when he found that a man cannot love money and love God at the same time.

Jesus improved the opportunity to point out that it is impossible for a rich man to be saved, except as the grace of God gets hold of him and sets him free from dependence on his wealth.

Apart from the grace of God, it is so easy for a rich man or woman to trust in riches, and to feel no need of God.

Look again at I Timothy 6:9, 10 and you will see that even the desire to be rich leads a man into a temptation and a snare. The man of God is warned to "flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness," and thus to be able to "fight the good fight of faith" (I Tim. 6:11, 12).

We repeat that all this has a strange sound to modern ears, so accustomed to the worldly philosophy of trust in things and in dollars. We need to warn our young men and women about the awful danger of loving money.

III. Seek True Riches in Christ (18:28-30).

Peter and the other disciples had forsaken all the things of the world to follow Christ, and now as he reminds the Lord of that fact, he receives the assurance that there is a higher level of riches and reward for the loyal disciple.

God will never be in debt to anyone. There is no sacrifice made for his glory which does not find its glorious recompense, and no burden borne for his sake which does not bring its rich reward.

All this is not the result of some kind of a "deal" with God. We do not serve him because we expect a reward, but the assurance of the reward is there to encourage and spur us on in life and service for him.

IV. Ask Christ to Deliver You From Riches (19:1-10).

Zacchaeus was a man well versed in the devious ways of the extortioner. He knew money, and how to make it. But he was not satisfied. He knew there was something more worth while than riches. His life was empty.

He sought Jesus. One look from the Master and he knew that he must lay his sinful heart open before him in confession. Salvation came to Zacchaeus that day.

Here, then, is the way to be delivered from the snare of riches—take Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord. He may then entrust riches to your care to use for him, but he will deliver you from a love for gold and from the folly of putting your trust in it.

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1. What is the difference between a mosquito and a Mosquito?
2. Absolute pure gold contains how many carats?
3. What are the three main type of twins?
4. What is the meaning of sans pareil?
5. A barley corn was once used as a measure of length. How long was it?
6. Is a Brahman a Hindu of the lower caste?
7. Can the U. S. secretary of the treasury own a yacht?

The Answers

1. A mosquito is an insect; a Mosquito is an inhabitant of the Mosquito coast of Central America.
2. Twenty-four.
3. Identical, fraternal (unlike), Siamese.
4. Without equal.
5. One-third inch.
6. No. He is of the sacred or priestly caste.
7. The secretary of the treasury is prohibited by law from owning a yacht.

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