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LIONS CLUB TO WORK TOWARD BUILDING NEW 4-H CLUB FEEDING BARN

A feeding barn for the Irion County 4-H Club is the next objective of the Lions Club.

This barn has been discussed for some time but nothing definite has been accomplished concerning it, however it is hoped that the barn will be built by this fall.

Thursday last week Reginald Atkinson was appointed chairman of the committee on the feeding barn project. Plans include a building 40 feet wide by 100 feet long.

Everyone in the community interested in this worthy project is urged to offer their suggestions, and advice, and any free-will donations will also be welcomed.

J. T. Davis, president of the Lions Club, has recently appointed the following Lions as chairmen of the standing committees:

Attendance Committee, Jack McIntosh; Constitution and By-Laws, A. H. Bird; Convention, Wayne Pickett; Finance, Francis Shelton; Lions Education, C. W. Trainer; Membership, Mans Hoggett; Program, Roy Shilling; Publicity, J. L. Werst, Jr.; Boys and Girls, Aubrey DeLong; Citizenship, J. A. Boyd; Civic Improvement, M. L. Van Court; Community Betterment, Reginald Atkinson; Education, Lindly Wood; Health and Welfare, W. W. Adams; Safety, S. T. Brister; Sight Conservation and Blind, Jimmie Caver.

The Board of Directors of the Lions Club is composed of the following: J. T. Davis, C. W. Trainer, Francis Shelton, J. L. Werst, Jr., Jack McIntosh, Roy Shilling, Aubrey DeLong, John Boyd, Clifton Brooks, Reginald Atkinson, Lindly Wood, S. S. Evans.

JAMES V. ALLRED SPEAKS FOR RAINEY IN ANGELO TONIGHT

James V. Allred, former governor and U. S. federal judge, will address a West Texas rally in San Angelo tonight at 8 p. m. in behalf of Homer P. Rainey, run-off candidate for governor, Clyde Vinson, chairman of the Tom Green County Rainey committee, announced Tuesday.

The rally will be held on the courthouse lawn and seats will be provided for everyone. All West Texas supporters of Rainey for governor are welcomed and urged to come and bring their friends. This rally is planned not only for San Angelo but as a rally for all West Texas.

Mr. Allred will speak over KCKL for 15 minutes between 7 and 7:30 p. m. before the rally on the courthouse lawn.

VIRGINIA MARTIN HAS BIRTHDAY PARTY

Virginia Martin was honored by her mother, Mrs. Curtis Martin, with a party at the City Park on her 11th birthday Wednesday of last week. Cake and ice cream were served to Barbara Lawdermilk, Patsy Allen, Ruth and Rosemary Stratton, Beth Werst, Sue and Beth Shilling, Margaret Ann Evans, Ruth Ann Helmers and Ann Gober.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Richie Davis, pastor, announces that a board meeting will be held on the fourth Sunday.

Services were held last Sunday both morning and evening, and visitors from out of town at these services included Mrs. Mabel Stewart, San Angelo; Mrs. Winston Sheen and sons of Menard; Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Stevenson and daughter, Fort Worth; and Gwyne Walker of Presidio.

FOR SALE—My home in Sherwood, 5 rooms and bath, chicken houses, garage, barn, 2 acres ground, Well, windmill and tank. Located on corner lot and paved highway. Also 60 chickens or more. H. Karger, Sherwood.

FELLOWSHIP CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS AT REGULAR MEETING

New officers for the next three months were elected by the Fellowship Club Thursday night of last week at the regular monthly meeting.

New president is Francis Shelton; vice-president, Hayden Ellis; and secretary, Preston Dudley.

Retiring officers are J. T. Davis, president; Johnnie Freitag, vice president, and Jack Benton, secretary.

Program chairman Roy Shilling conducted several contests with two teams competing and prizes going to the winners.

Several visitors were present including Dorsey B. Hardeman of San Angelo.

RAYBURNS TO OBSERVE THEIR 40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ON 21ST

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Rayburn will observe their 40th (ruby) wedding anniversary the 21st of this month. They have been residents of this community for the past 7 years.

They were married August 21, 1906, in Temple which was the birthplace of Mrs. Rayburn. After 15 years they decided to move to San Angelo, the hometown of Mr. Rayburn. They lived in San Angelo until Oct. 25, 1939 when they moved to Mertzson.

Mr. Rayburn has been engaged in various businesses here including operating the service station across from the hotel and the Oak Grove Cafe and Service Station.

HERBERT WOOD RECEIVES DISCHARGE FROM NAVY

Herbert Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wood, arrived home Sunday from Boston where he was discharged from the Navy after 17 months service.

Herbert attended school in Mertzson till his senior year, which he finished in Marfa. He entered the Navy in March, 1945, and took his boot training at San Diego. He served on an aircraft carrier until Jan., 1946, and then was stationed at the Boston Navy Yard where he was discharged.



CECIL H. BARNES

Cecil H. Barnes of San Angelo is seeking his second term as representative of the 91st Legislative District in the August 24th primary run-off election.

His opponent is Ralph E. Blount, Jr. of Big Spring. The 91st District is composed of Tom Green, Sterling, Howard, Glasscock, Reagan and Irion Counties.

Mr. Barnes is a member of the following committees in the legislature: State Affairs, State Eleemosynary and Reformatory Institutions, Highways and Roads, and Criminal Jurisprudence.

SCOUT CAMP HAS LARGEST ATTENDANCE

Around 1200 Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have attended Camp Louis Farr this summer from May 15 through August 11, according to A. H. Bird, Scout executive. This represents the largest group of boys and girls to attend summer camp at Camp Louis Farr since its opening.

Camp Louis Farr is primarily for the Concho Valley Council which contains 26 1-2 West Texas Counties. This summer a number of applicants who wanted to attend camp here had to be turned down because there just wasn't room for more.

A new 30 cu. ft. Frigidaire has been purchased and received for use in the school cafeteria here.

TAX RATE IS SET BY COMMISSIONERS COURT

In the regular monthly meeting of the Commissioners Court of Irion County held Monday, the most important business transacted was the setting of the tax rate for 1946.

The new tax rate for 1946 will be \$1.14 on the \$100. The tax rate is divided as follows: Jury Fund, .05; General Fund, .35; Road and Bridge, .25; Permanent Improvement, .10; Highway 99, .12; 1937 Courthouse and Jail Sinking Fund, .07; Special Courthouse and Jail Refunding Bonds, .11; Courthouse and Jail Time Warrants, .04; 1940 Road and Machinery Time Warrants, .05.

The total taxable valuation of Irion County is \$3,412,000.00. The tax rate last year was \$1.20 but the valuations were more. The lower rate is due to obligations of the county which were met last year.

The Court authorized all bills of the county to be paid, and also authorized the borrowing of \$4,000 from the First National Bank to conduct county business with until more taxes are collected.

All members of the Commissioners Court were present for the meeting including W. W. Adams, Sam Covey, Tyson Gentry, Bart Westfall and Clyde Harris.

MRS. MCGEE BURIED HERE LAST FRIDAY

Mrs. Bill McGee of Hamlin, formerly of Mertzson, was buried here last Friday afternoon at 4:00 p. m. with Rev. W. A. Knight, Baptist minister, officiating.

Mrs. McGee, known as Roxie to her friends in Mertzson, was ill for quite some time prior to her death in Stamford.

She reared a niece and nephew, the late Mrs. Annie Alexander, and Gene Taylor of Big Lake. Mr. Taylor and a grandnephew, Leroy Alexander of Houston, were here for the funeral services.

Pallbearers were J. W. Hargrave, D. J. Morgan, Bonnie Wilson, Henry Campbell, Oral Thorp and Stewart Evans.

SOFTBALL GAME SUNDAY AFTERNOON

A softball game will be played here at the City Park field Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock between the Mertzson team and Santa Rita.

Last Sunday afternoon the two teams met in Big Lake and played, with Santa Rita winning by a 6-2 score. Sonny Adams pitched and Jack Davidson caught for Mertzson.

POLLYANNA SEWING CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. STEGER

Mrs. Earl Steger was hostess to the Pollyanna Sewing Club last Wednesday afternoon.

Ice cream and cake were served to the following club members and guests: Mesdames Roy Shilling, John Boyd, S. S. Evans, Wesley Evans, N. C. Packer, Henry Lindley, J. T. Klingler, Loyd Davis, Otis Deal, W. J. D. Carr, Marvin Carr and Miss Marie Carr.

DANCE—Sherwood Courthouse Saturday night, August 17. Good home music. Everyone welcome.

FOR SALE—Two kerosene cook stoves and one electric cook stove at Mrs. Ella Smith's duplex apartment. Priced very cheap. Call 150.

Mrs. H. B. Kerbow left Monday morning for a few days visit in Abilene.

FOR SALE—Jersey milk cows, Phone 7303.

FOR SALE—Fuller and Johnson engine, \$55. See M. H. Wagner.



A Texas classic is the "Babe of the Alamo" speech made many years ago by Guy M. Bryan in the House of Representatives:

I intended, Mr. Speaker, to be silent on this occasion, but silence would now be a reproach, when to speak is a duty. No one has raised a voice in behalf of this orphan child; several have spoken against her claim. I rise, Sir, in behalf of no common cause. Liberty was its foundation, heroism and martyrdom consecrated it. I speak for the orphan child of the Alamo.

No orphan children of fallen patriots can send a similar petition to this House—none save her can say, "I am the Child of the Alamo."

Well do I remember the consternation which spread throughout the land when the sad tidings reached our ears that the Alamo had fallen! It was here that a gallant few, the bravest of the brave, threw themselves betwixt the enemy and the settlements, determined not to surrender nor retreat. They redeemed that pledge with the forfeit of their lives—they fell, the chosen sacrifice to Texas freedom!

Texas, unapprised of the approach of the invader, was sleeping in fancied security, when the gun of the Alamo first announced that the Attila of the South was near. Infuriated at the resistance of Travis and his noble band, he marshaled his whole army beneath the walls, and rolled wave after wave of his hosts against those battlements of freedom. In vain he strove; the flag of liberty—the Lone Star of Texas—still streamed out upon the breeze and floated proudly from the outer wall. Maddened and persistent, he reared his batteries and, after days of furious bombardment and repeated assaults, he took a blackened and ruined mass—the blood-stained walls of the Alamo. The noble, the martyred spirits of all its gallant defenders had taken their flight to another fortress, not made with hands.

But for this stand at the Alamo, Texas would have been desolated to the Sabine. Sir, I ask this pittance, and for whom? For the only living witness, save the mother, of this awful tragedy—"this bloodiest picture in the book of time," the bravest act that ever swelled the annals of any country.

Grant the boon! She claims it as the Christian child of the Alamo—baptized in the blood of a Travis, a Bowie, a Crockett and a Bonham. To turn her away would be a shame! Give her what she asks, that she may be educated and become a worthy child of the State—that she may take that position in society to which she is entitled by the illustrious name of her martyred father—illustrious because he fell in the Alamo.

MRS. WILSON HOSTESS TO BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. Bonnie Wilson was hostess for her bridge club Wednesday of last week. Mrs. J. L. Werst, Jr. won high score prize, Mrs. Lum Trainer, second high, and Mrs. Leta Crawford, bingo prize.

A salad plate and punch was served to Mmes. M. L. Van Court, R. S. Williams, Leta Crawford, Lum Trainer, J. L. Werst, Jr., Bert Mayse, Mans Hoggett, J. P. Crews, H. B. Kerbow, Mae Sheen, Henry Cravens, and Winston Sheen of Menard. Mrs. Gilbert Brooks was a tea guest.

She's Backing Boyce House



Standing by to take notes while tall, lanky Boyce House receives another call from a supporter is House's efficient and attractive campaign manager, Mrs. House. With House in the runoff in the Lieutenant Governor's race with around 340,000 votes in the five-man contest, Mrs. House, a native Texan, continues to run his campaign headquarters in their small home on the outskirts of Fort Worth. She is assisted by her mother and friends in answering letters, mailing campaign literature and answering the phone. Mrs. House says it's a busy life, but the strong vote received in the first primary was worth it and with the continued help of loyal friends Boyce will win.

NOBODY CAN DO THIS FOR YOU!

VOTE
SATURDAY AUGUST 24th 1946

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Small Nations Get Voice in Peace; Parts Strikes Hit Auto Output; Vote Furlough Pay in Bonds

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Grim-faced, Russian Foreign Minister Molotov (at left) and aides ascend main staircase of Luxembourg palace for sessions of Paris peace parley.

PEACE PARLEY:
 Open Discussion

Smaller nations won the right to discuss any question pertaining to the peace treaty drafts for Germany's former European satellites at the Paris peace conference in a surprise concession by Russia.

The Russian action followed Greece's demand that the conference be allowed to consider any item which relates to a just and durable peace. After hearing Yugoslavia and the Ukraine of the Soviet bloc attack the proposal, Russian Foreign Minister Molotov advanced his compromise. By offering the opportunity for thoroughly discussing the treaty drafts, his plan would permit the molding of a sound peace, he said.

While moving for free discussion of the treaty drafts, Russia continued to insist upon a two-thirds vote for the adoption of any recommendations for changing or altering the terms drawn up by the Big Four. Backed by the U. S. on the two-thirds rule, Molotov pointed out that such a majority vote was in effect both at Versailles after World War I and at the United Nations conference in San Francisco.

KKK:

Under Investigation

Ku Klux Klan activities in seven states were reported under investigation by the justice department as the government sought to prevent widespread outbreaks occasioned by Negro voting in southern primaries, dislocations of populations resulting from the war and congested living conditions.



Tom C. Clark

Heralded by Attorney General Tom Clark's statement in Philadelphia, Pa., that "we must rid ourselves of such things as organized bigotry," the government investigation reached into New York, Michigan, Tennessee, Florida, California, Mississippi and Georgia for federal violations.

While the inquiry was concentrated in the seven states, the department revealed that it had received complaints from all other parts of the country against Klan activities. Complainants included individuals, labor unions and civil rights societies, it was said.

PALESTINE:
 Plan Partition

Unless substantial American financial aid, estimated at 300 million dollars, is forthcoming, British officials declared that they may have to reconsider an Anglo-American plan for partitioning Palestine into four spheres to solve the complex Jewish resettlement problem.

Of the 300 million dollars, it was reported, some 250 million would be advanced to the Arabs for self-liquidating projects, if they could not secure a loan from the international bank set up at Bretton Woods. At the same time, another 50 million dollars would be granted outright to the Arabs for economic development.

While the cost of Jewish resettlement was estimated at 260 million dollars, it was said that Jewish agencies and individuals would put up 260 million dollars, with the remaining 20 million drawn from Germany in reparations for Nazi concentrations.

Under the partition proposal, the Jews would receive the northeast section of Palestine and the Arabs chiefly the central part. Both would have the right to determine the number of immigrants to be admitted in their sectors. In addition, the Negeb desert area in the southwest would be open to Jews under British administration.

AUTO PRODUCTION:
 Face Drop

Up to a postwar production record of 312,576 units in July, output of cars and trucks threatened to take another slide this month as strikes at supplier plants cut down the flow of essential materials to booming assembly lines.

Because a walkout of 80 tool and die workers at the Dura division of the Detroit Harvester company in Toledo, Ohio, affected shipments of door handles and interior hardware, Studebaker was compelled to lay off 4,000 employees and Hudson 12,000.

Meanwhile, Ford announced that unless labor differences were resolved in plants of seven critical suppliers, it would be forced to reduce operations. Strikes were tying up production of ball bearings, interior hardware, truck wheel rims, bolts and clutch disc assemblies and covers.

In calling for a settlement of the disputes in supplier plants to assure continued high auto and truck output, Henry Ford II took a crack at Walter Reuther, CIO-United Automobile chieftain, who had asked for an industry-wide union-management conference to increase production. The answer for higher output lies in uninterrupted activity, he said.

General Motors, Chrysler, Hudson, Packard and Nash echoed Ford's stand in rejecting Reuther's bid for an industry-wide conference. Of all the producers, only Studebaker, Willys-Overland and Kaiser-Frazer accepted the UAW invitation.

The threatened drop in production came as manufacturers boosted their August goals to 453,148 units. With July output showing a big jump over previous months, the half-year total for 1946 aggregated 1,292,214 cars and trucks, of which 862,628 were passenger autos.

FURLOUGH PAY:
 In Bonds

G.I.s entitled to pay for unused furloughs will receive their money in bonds if the amount exceeds \$50 under a bill approved by congress. Disbursements in securities was decided upon after the administration warned that payment in cash would have an inflationary effect.

To be issued in amounts of \$25, the bonds will not be redeemed before five years, though they can be applied against U. S. government life insurance or national service life insurance before that time. In cases where excess sums do not total \$25, payment will be made in cash.

Under terms of the bill, G.I.s are to be credited with leave time at the rate of 2 1/2 days per month between September 8, 1939, and August 31, 1946, with payment for the unused portions. In addition, a buck private would be entitled to a subsistence allowance of 70 cents a day and a staff sergeant to his own subsistence allowance plus \$1.25 for dependents.

WAR PROFITS:
 Garssons Kick

Denying the war department's charge that it made excessive profits on war contracts, Erie Basin Metal Products, Inc., asked the U. S. tax court to bar the government's efforts to obtain a refund of \$358,874.58 for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1943.

The company was an important unit in the Garsson munitions empire under scrutiny of the senate investigating committee headed by Senator Mead (Dem., N. Y.). Representative May (Dem., Ky.) was charged with having exerted his influence with the war department for awarding the combine war contracts and high army officers in Washington, D. C., were shown to have frolicked at the Garssons' expense and pushed their interests. Erie Basin asked the tax court to overrule government refusals to consider certain rentals, salaries, maintenance expenses and depreciation charges as legitimate expenses. Further, it asserted that the U. S. failed to consider such factors as efficiency, reasonableness of costs and its contribution to the war effort in charging it with excess profits.

RED CROSS:
 Continue Work

German war prisoners stood to benefit as the International Red Cross committee, meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, authorized the collection of \$3,750,000 from affiliated societies and governments for relief work up to 1950.

Humanitarian in its motives and recognizing no distinction in race, color or creed, the IRCC record of achievement during the war was especially noteworthy. The IRCC revealed that its activities included maintenance of a 27 million card index for 15 million prisoners of war; 900,000 inquiries to regiments regarding missing soldiers; visits by 420 IRCC delegates to POW camps in 56 countries to check on conditions, and safe delivery of 167 million letters or postal packages.

Of the \$11,250,000 the IRCC received during six years, the Swiss government and its private citizens contributed nearly \$5,000,000. France was next in line with \$980,000, followed by Great Britain with \$720,000, the U. S. with \$650,000 and Germany with \$500,000.

HUNGARY:
 Riding High

Uncontrollable inflation hit Hungary much as it hit Germany after World War I, leaving a stricken populace with bushel-baskets full of money virtually worthless in buying power.

As postwar production and distribution collapsed in the face of heavy demand, the government printed more and more currency to



Street car fares went up 2,100 times in inflation-ridden Hungary.

meet the need for additional money for the soaring price level.

Whereas a clerk or typist earned about 425 pengoes (\$65) monthly before inflation, he got 32,000,000 by March. Street car fares went up 210,000 times and flour 2,200,000 times.

Five pengoes were worth a dollar before inflation, but by May, one billion were valued at only 10 cents. As a last resort, the Hungarian government decided to retire the pengo by this month and replace it with a new currency unit, the florint.

OPA:

Farmers to Pay More

Farm machinery prices were scheduled to rise as the revised OPA took steps to comply with the compromise bill designed to assure dealers of adequate profit margins.

Heeding the congressional provision for restoring dealers' peacetime profit margins, OPA granted a 6 per cent boost in retail ceilings for farm machinery. Previously OPA had compelled dealers to absorb part of higher manufacturers' prices on the grounds that large volume and less selling effort would afford sufficient return.

Higher fertilizer prices also appeared in the office as OPA granted producers of ammonium sulphate a 10 per cent rise in ceilings and permitted importers of Chilean nitrate of soda and nitrate of soda-potash an increase of \$5.50 a ton in their

Washington Digest

Defeat of Wheeler Marks Passing of Able Legislator

By BAUKHAGE

News Analyst and Commentator.

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There was something rather pathetic about it to me when I heard the President say two words that



There was nothing more that the President could say. He already had endorsed Wheeler with that remarkable loyalty that he has for his friends—a virtue which easily may go down in history as one of his faults.

Wheeler gave the freshman senator, Harry Truman, his first opportunity to show his mettle by letting him bat for him as chairman of the important Interstate Commerce committee. Truman made good, and a warm friendship developed. But even presidential aid couldn't save Wheeler.

The other day I was looking over the autographed photographs with which Harold McGrath, superintendent of the senate radio gallery, had decorated the walls. It was just about the time that things began to look bad for the senator. We commented on the senators we had known who had ended long careers in defeat.

Of course, Sen. George Norris was the classic example. Five terms. Then he was replaced by an anti-Roosevelt man, Sen. Kenneth Wherry.

Senator Norris' closest contender for the longevity record in recent years was Ellison ("Cotton Ed") Smith of South Carolina, violently anti-New Deal. He was defeated by a pro-Roosevelt man the year after Norris lost out.

Up on the radio gallery wall is a picture of Henry Ashurst, the senator whose tongue fairly dripped epigrams. He came to the senate when New Mexico was admitted to the Union. That was 1912. He left in 1940, serving five terms, plus five years.

The year 1940 was a bad one for veterans—besides Ashurst, William King of Utah left us, having served since 1917, and Lynn Frazer of North Dakota, who came to Washington in 1923.

Senator Wheeler served only four terms, but his vivid personality made it seem longer. He made many enemies. Many people disapprove of his isolationism and some of his other views most thoroughly. But there are many, even among his detractors, who respect him for his integrity, for his ability as a legislator, something which perhaps is understood in Washington better than elsewhere, and also because they consider his pacifism sincere.

I remember a conversation I had with Jerry O'Connell, former representative who tried to take Wheeler's seat in a campaign somewhat similar to the one which brought victory to Erickson. Jerry was pretty sore. He had a copy of the Anaconda Standard in his hand as well as a clipping. The clipping was a report of one of Senator Wheeler's campaign speeches, made early in his career. I can't remember the phraseology, but the general idea (expressed by Wheeler) was that if the Anaconda Standard, which was supposed to represent the sentiments of the big copper interests, ever praised Wheeler, it would be a sign that he was no longer worthy of the support of the people of Montana.

O'Connell read that to me. Then he picked up his copy of the Standard, and read from it some very kind words for Senator Wheeler.

However, I think it would be grossly unfair to say that Senator Wheeler ever "sold out," even figuratively, to any interests. As far as I know, he is as sincere today as he was when he made his first fight on whatever issue had a side unpopular enough to attract him.

In February of 1935 I had a long interview with Senator Wheeler. I have the yellowing clipping before me. It is illustrated with a huge photograph (more picture than text) showing Wheeler, his fist clenched about to drive it into his palm—a favorite gesture. I remem-

ber when the picture was taken.

Here are two paragraphs from the story:

"Last autumn (remember this was written in February, 1935), citizens of Montana sent the same young man to Washington as a senator for his third term with the largest majority ever given a candidate by the Mountain State."

A decade passes and new voters grow up.

"Wheeler (I observed this in the same interview) came back to his office in the Senate building with the pictures of the high mountains and the deep valleys of his adopted state on the walls, and a victory measured in the same magnificent dimensions. His hair is a little thinner than it was but he can wake the echoes with the same thunder he released when he first arrived. He is still up and at 'em. And the higher they fly the more anxious he is to make them fall."

Wheeler, Norris, Ashurst—they, too, flew high.

Matron Upsets

Solon's Aplomb

It was during the day and night senate sessions on OPA. The senate recessed at 6 p. m. to continue deliberations at 8 p. m. Republican Sen. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, bitter OPA opponent, and Mrs. Bridges went to a restaurant for dinner. Coming out, they were caught by a sudden sharp rain-storm. The dapper, white-linen-suited senator hailed a passing cab, and he and his wife piled in. Before they could shut the door (and in accordance with Washington's group riding) a huge and very damp Labrador retriever bounded in, landing in the senatorial lap. The dog was followed by his corpulent mistress. Some moments elapsed as the quartet arranged themselves in the cab's back seat. The dog continued to snuggle and drip on the white linen suit.

Suddenly the corpulent lady, glancing sharply at the senator, said: "Why, you're Senator Bridges; aren't you?" Bridges, pleased to be recognized, nodded graciously. "Well," said the lady, jerking the sycophantic canine away from the Republican senator, "I'm a registered Democrat!"

Schwollenbach

Years for West

There's a persistent rumor that Labor Secretary Schwollenbach would like to desert the Potomac for Puget Sound. That's not hard to understand since heavy pressure is being exerted to make drastic changes in the labor department and since Schwollenbach is as popular as he is in his home state.

In 1934, when he was running for the United States senate, Lew Schwollenbach carried every county of the state—the first time this ever had happened.

Vicariously, as shown in the recent resounding success of his brother, Edgar Schwollenbach, in winning the Supreme court justiceship of the state—his popularity persists today. Edgar Schwollenbach, almost unknown outside his own community, filed against the incumbent. The court elections usually don't draw a very heavy vote—yet the man with the former senator's name received more votes than were cast for the Republican and Democratic candidates for the senate.

Senator in for Happy Returns

The eyes of Washington Post readers bugged out recently when they read in a story describing senatorial wives' experiences with rising prices that "Mrs. Glen Taylor buys groceries for a family of 10, the youngest of whom was an 18-year-old baby." I understood immediately that the reporter had meant 18-DAY-old baby, because just two weeks before I had the pleasure of smoking one of the 50 excellent cigars sent up to the radio correspondents gallery by the senator.

It isn't often that cigars are distributed in the senate for this particular reason, as most of the legislators have put aside childish things. But radio correspondents smoked Senator Taylor's cigars and congratulated him on his third son, as well as on the other honor recently tendered him by a panel of radio experts. They voted him the "legislator most likely to succeed in radio." The two honors had no connection.

Don't Worry and Burden Yourself
"BE CONTENT"
Trade at Hargrave's

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Howdy Folks and West Texas
(We like this country)

Judging the Future by the Past,
We Expect to Make Some More Mistakes

YOU and ME ?

MOVING? — No We Are Staying

YES and NO ?

We Sell Good Merchandise, to Good People

WE SELL DRY GOODS, PIECE GOODS, GLOVES, SHOES, HATS, SHIRTS
(And kindred lines)

At Present—We don't sell Rope, Chewing Gum, Cigarettes or Chawin TERBAKEER — May stock it later — If we don't sell out

Our Record is before you—
Bet it's a puzzle
Come in — We'll help you solve it

HARGRAVE—and his store are a landmark in this section, surveyed out and located here 35 years ago (Started on Quality Goods)
But today all goods are below par—But let's stick—More goods, better goods, later on!!!!

Store Air Conditioned
But we talk so much
Store is stuffy and hot
Most of the time

H. J. R. No. 62
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
proposing an Amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas by the addition of a new Section to be known as Section 49-b, creating a Veteran's Land Board and establishing a Veteran's Land Fund; providing for an election and the issuance of a proclamation therefor.
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
Section 1. That Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new Section to be known as Section 49-b which shall read as follows:
"Section 49-b. There is hereby created a Board to be known as the Veteran's Land Board, which shall be composed of the Governor, the Attorney General, and the Commissioner of the General Land Office. The Legislature shall provide by law for the issuance by said Board of not to exceed Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000) in bonds or obligations of the State of Texas for the purpose of creating a fund to be known as the Veteran's Land Fund. Such bonds shall be executed by said Board as an obligation of the State of Texas in such form, denominations, and upon such terms as shall be prescribed by law, provided, however, that said bonds shall bear a rate of interest not to exceed three per cent (3%) per annum.
"In the sale of any such bonds a preferential right of purchase shall be given to the administrators of the various teacher retirement funds, the Permanent University Funds, and the Permanent Free School Funds; such bonds to be issued only as needed, in the opinion of the Veteran's Land Board under legislative authorization.
"The Veteran's Land Fund shall be used by the Board for the sole purpose of purchasing lands suitable for the purpose hereinafter stated, situated in this state (a) owned by the United States, or any governmental agency thereof; (b) owned by the Texas Prison System, or any other governmental agency of the State of Texas; or (c) owned by any person,

firm, or corporation.
"All lands thus purchased shall be acquired at the lowest price obtainable, be paid for in cash, and shall be a part of the Veteran's Land Fund.
"The lands of the Veteran's Land Fund shall be sold by the State to Texas Veterans of the present war or wars, commonly known as World War II, in such quantities, and on such terms, and at such prices and such rates of interest, and under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by law; provided, however, that any such lands remaining unsold at the expiration of eight (8) years after the effective date of this Amendment may be sold to anyone as shall be prescribed by law.
"All moneys received and which have been received and which have not been used for repurchase of land as provided herein by the Veteran's Land Board from the sale of lands and for interest on deferred payments shall be credited to the Veteran's Land Fund for use in purchasing additional lands to be sold to Texas Veterans of World War II, in like manner as shall be provided for the sale of lands purchased with the proceeds from the sales of the bonds, provided for herein, for a period of eight (8) years from the effective date of this Amendment; provided, however, that so much of such moneys as may be necessary to pay interest on the bonds herein provided for shall be set aside for that purpose. After eight (8) years from the effective date of this Amendment, all moneys received by the Veteran's Land Board from the sale of the lands and interest on deferred payments, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be set aside for the retirement of said bonds and to pay interest thereon, and any of such moneys not so needed shall be deposited to the credit of the General Revenue Fund to be appropriated to such purposes as may be prescribed by law."
Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held throughout the State of Texas on the first Thursday in November, 1946, at which election all voters favoring the proposed Amendment shall write or have printed on

their ballots the following words:
"FOR the Amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding Section 49-b creating a Veteran's Land Fund for the purchase of lands in Texas to be sold to Texas Veterans of World War II."
Those opposing said proposed Amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the following words:
"AGAINST the Amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding Section 49-b creating a Veteran's Land Fund for the purchase of lands in Texas to be sold to Texas Veterans of World War II."
If it appears from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast were in favor of said Amendment, the same shall become a part of the State Constitution and be effective from the date of the determination of such result and the Governor's proclamation thereof.
Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election, and shall have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.
Sec. 4. The sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

Guests in the John Scott home are Chuck Holmes of Pontiac, Mich., and Will Hoehn of Memphis, Tenn., friends of Hamilton Scott, and Miss Mary Kathryn Madden of Fort Worth, niece of Mrs. Scott.
W. G. Taylor of Coleman and Ross Hardy of San Angelo, district managers of the South Texas Lumber Company, were visitors in Mertzon Monday. Mr. Taylor is well known to many ranchmen in this territory, and he asked about many of his old friends here, this being his first visit here in some time.
Guests in the W. W. Adams home last week were Mrs. Adams' sister, Miss Louise Goodall, nieces Rostine and Eunice Goodall and nephew, Bobby Jo Ragsdale of Roosevelt, Texas.
David Trainer, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Trainer, arrived home Sunday from a visit in McCamey. He was accompanied by Mrs. Trainer's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Blake Word, who spent the day.
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FRIDAY-SATURDAY SPECIALS

WORLD WAR I BRIDES



World War II Brides



MARKED CONTRAST . . . Foreign girls were wooed and won by American soldiers in both world wars but, as the above pictures attest, there was a marked difference in the brides of two generations. Photo (1) shows a group of American soldiers in World War I's army of occupation entraining at Coblenz, many bringing back wives and children. Girls like those shown in photo (2) won the hearts of American servicemen in World War I, the picture showing typical war brides ready to embark for the U. S. In contrast to their sister war brides of a quarter century ago, World War II brides show every evidence of modernity. Photo (3) shows joyous wives of ex-G.I.s obligingly posing on the railing of a transport in typical Hollywood style, although minus the finishing touches. Longer duration of World War II resulted in larger families for G.I.s and their foreign brides. Larger than ordinary is the family of Arthur Smith of Greenville, N. C. Mrs. Smith is shown in photo (4) arriving from England with her four children, two of which were by a former marriage. An Italian girl "fell hard" for Joseph Cianciotto of Rochester, N. Y., and they were married in Italy. Mrs. Cianciotto "fell hard" for him again when her war bride ship docked in New York, as photo (5) attests. Even modern modes of transportation were utilized in reuniting G.I.s and their foreign brides, photo (6) showing a group of war brides arriving in America by airliner.

'LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON'

Statistics Show Equal Foreign Marriage Rate for Both Wars

Influx of war brides to all parts of the United States leads to the general impression that G.I.s serving overseas during World War II were more addicted to marrying foreign girls than were their doughboy fathers of World War I. From the British Isles, France and Germany, even from far-away Australia and the Philippines, have come bride ships transporting war wives to America to join their former G. I. husbands.

The common impression that the average G.I. of World War II was more inclined to take a foreign wife than was his counterpart of World War I is contradicted in statistics compiled by Metropolitan Life Insurance company.

Records indicate that there were about 52,500 marriages with foreign girls during World War II, compared with an estimated 4,000 to 8,000 during the war of a quarter century ago. Records for war marriages at that time are very incomplete.

Despite the increased number, however, the foreign marriage rate of the two generations of servicemen is practically equal.

Longer duration of World War II and the far greater numbers serving overseas account for the increase in marriages, statisticians point out.

Third Have Children. Duration of the war also is responsible for an increased number of children in war marriages. The 52,500 foreign brides coming to the U. S. to join their husbands were accompanied by 17,500 children, indicating that nearly a third had children. In a majority of cases there was only one child, although there are instances of as many as three children.

War marriages were most common in European and Mediterranean theaters. Nearly 60,000 of the

70,000 brides and children came from these two areas and they represented more than 30 different nationalities.

Great Britain had the largest percentage of war brides, 75 per cent, followed by France and Italy with 15 per cent each, Belgium and Ireland with 3 per cent each, with about 4 per cent from the other countries of Europe and North Africa.

Many From Australia.

From the Pacific area came 10,000 war brides, 85 per cent of whom were from Australia. Another 10 per cent are from New Zealand and 5 per cent from other countries, particularly the Philippines.

Age of war brides varies considerably, with marked concentrations in the late teens and early twenties.

Just as personnel of the armed forces was recruited from every state in the Union, so will these wives and children of ex-G.I.s settle in every part of the country.

Blood Test Used To Fix Maternity In Animal World

CHICAGO.—An equine parallel to Hollywood's recent series of paternity disputes was reported by the American Veterinary Medical association.

The investigation described by the veterinary authorities was made by two French veterinary scientists and was believed to be the first practical application of blood grouping to determine parentage in horses.

The problem was to determine which of two mares, "Fanny" or "Clairette," was the mother of a colt named "Robert." Serum tests showed that Fanny's blood belonged to group "AB," Clairette's to group "A" and Robert's to group "O."

Soil Termed Great Laboratory For Production of New Drugs

Soil not only is the source of life-supporting food but also is a great laboratory in which are produced many new-found drugs for curing diseases of man and beast against which even good nutrition cannot prevail, according to Alden Stahr and Dr. Boyd Woodruff in an article in Capper's Farmer.

"These are the so-called miracle drugs, first of which was tyrothricin," says the article. "Then came penicillin, used extensively during the war, followed by actinomycin, streptothricin, clavacin and gungacin. Others have been discovered and more are in prospect."

Among the things scientists have seen and identified, Stahr and Woodruff point out, are: One-celled plants, molds, green plants, animals, protozoa, worms and nematodes. And these soil inhabitants

do more than provide fertility to the soil. In their struggle for existence, many of them throw off waste products and create chemical substances which are deadly to disease germs. Thus a very special strain or species of fungi yielded penicillin, which shared the credit with blood plasma and the sulfa drugs in greatly reducing the wound mortality rate in World War II as compared with the First World war. "The soil," conclude the writers, "is so complex a mixture that there must be many other healing agents found in it. Many of man's 2,000 diseases still are unconquered. Most prevalent of all, of course, is the common cold, which causes more economic loss and discomfort to people than any other disease and, weakening the system, paves the way for more serious ailments."

AROUND THE HOUSE

Heavy roof paint applied to inside of metal gutters will prevent rusting for a long time.

When you line dresser drawers or cupboard shelves, cut at least three layers of papers. Place them all at once. Then when the top is soiled, slip one paper off.

A noted fashion authority advises buying a hat last when planning a new ensemble. It is then simpler to make a better selection in regard to color, material and style.

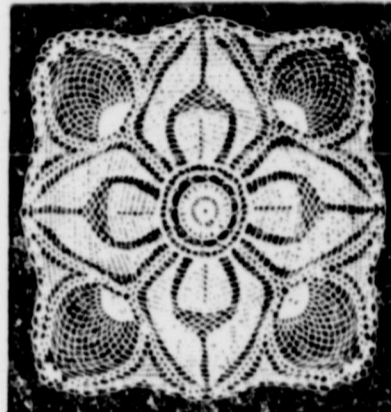
If you wish to mix cheese with other ingredients to be cooked, cut the cheese in small pieces or grate it.

Let a child's going to bed be a pleasant experience. Then he won't be as apt to rebel at the idea. Never send him to bed as a form of punishment. Builds up wrong attitude.

To help restore the original lustre of gilt picture frames rub with a sponge moistened slightly with turpentine.

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Another Miss

"I don't like your heart action," said the doctor to the young man. "But, of course, you've had previous trouble with angina pectoris." The youth heaved a deep sigh. "Yes, doctor, I have," he replied; "but you haven't got her name quite right."

Enough Is Enough

"Aren't you glad now," said father, "that you prayed for a baby sister?" "Yes," replied Tommy, after another glance at the twins. "And aren't you glad I only prayed twice?"

Considered It

They stood in front of the jeweler's shop. Said she, coaxingly: "Darling, look at that lovely diamond ring."

"Yes, dear," he replied; "if ever I have to refuse you a diamond ring, it will be one like that."

New definition of a pacifist: A man who can take part in a peace conference without getting into a fight.

Mapped Out

The bus driver was unfortunate enough to run his car into a house where a woman stood ironing. Having lost his nerve, he did not know what to say, and blurted out:

"Can you tell me the way to Wigan?" "Yes," replied the woman. "Straight past the sideboard and then to the left past the piano!"

Took No Chance

"He told me last night that I looked positively ethereal in the moonlight!" "What does that mean?" "I don't know, but I smacked his face to be on the safe side!"

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Cecil H. Barnes has served in public and community life for over twenty years, making public addresses where needed and accepting civic responsibility when requested. He is a past Secretary-Treasurer of the Tom Green County Bar Association; was elected a Trustee of the Tom Green County Schools; served as Superintendent of the First Methodist Church School in San Angelo until elected to his first term in the Legislature.

He was a public school teacher for three years; fifteen years experience in the practice of law and a like amount of experience as a business man. With this background of experience and service he was elected to the Texas Legislature and has served the people faithfully and honestly for only one term.

His opponent is only 21 years of age, a voter for the first time; is a sophomore in the University of Texas and plans to continue his education and at the same time serve in the Legislature. State Representative is to Texas what a congressman is to the Nation. Experience is important.

In all kindness to said opponent, is it to the best interest of the State's two hundred million dollar business to release Cecil H. Barnes before he has served a second term and permit so young a student to have so heavy a responsibility for the asking?

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Guests of J. Lindly Wood this week are his sister, Mrs. O. E. Stevenson of Morton, and Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Stevenson and daughter, Sandra, of Fort Worth. They plan to return home Sunday. Dr. Stevenson is Mr. Wood's nephew.

Mr. and Mrs. George Berry Cathey and two children are moving to Nevada where Mr. Cathey will work on the Gus Duncan ranch during the coming year. Mr. Cathey is a son of the H. W. Catheys.



M SYSTEM STORES
Mertzon, Texas

Mrs. J. T. Klingler and daughter, Nancy Lou, are visiting in Midland for a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Packer were visitors in Abilene last week end. They returned home Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Mabel Stewart of San Angelo was a guest of Mrs. Ruth Glaser last week end.

A. L. Shelby, Callan Lawhon, M. H. Jr. and Byrd Wagner arrived home Monday night from a trip in Mexico.

Mrs. Virginia White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ivey, is convalescing from an appendicitis operation.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Shafer and family arrived home Friday from a vacation trip. While in Colorado they purchased a ranch 12 miles east of Walsenburg. Mrs. Shafer's brother, Jess Evans, recently purchased a ranch near Walsenburg and when the two families are settled in Colorado they will be only 20 miles apart and their children will attend the same school.

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Mrs. J. P. Swepton has been a visitor with her son, J. P. Jr., on the Pecos River Noelke ranch near Iraan for two weeks, returning home Saturday.

Mrs. J. E. Ramey and daughters, Nelda Grace and Sue, of Decatur, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack McIntosh last week. Mrs. Ramey is Mr. McIntosh's sister.

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W.N.U. FEATURES



Duke McCale, private detective, is engaged by wealthy old Miss Bigelow to guard the presents for her niece's wedding. McCale accepts, only because he senses that Miss Bigelow is afraid of something more serious than a possible theft. McCale sets his assistant, Rocky Bjorkland, and his secretary, Ann Marriot, to hunting up back ground data on the members of the families involved in the wedding. Later McCale inspects the rich presents. One is a deed to a modernistic mansion. A tall, beautiful blonde woman playing the piano intrigues his interest. Two other women and a man appear in the room. They are obviously members of the family, appearing aristocratic and self-satisfied.

CHAPTER III

Lost in his reverie of this neo-Grec vision, McCale hardly heard Adelaide Bigelow speak.

"May I present Mr. McCale, Sybil? This is Mrs. Joel Bigelow. The bride's mother." She put her hand on his sleeve. "Mr. McCale's Agency is overseeing—the wedding gifts."

With an effort he brought himself back to the woman who faced him. He was conscious of an impressive bust followed by about a hundred and fifty dollars worth of shaped and girdled figure, expensively trained not to split the seams of a black afternoon dress. She wore far too much gold costume jewelry just below the chin of an Elizabeth Arden face topped by a soignée up hair-do.

He caught an amused glance from Miss Bigelow before she presented him to the couple sitting on the sofa.

"Victoria Bigelow," murmured Miss Adelaide, "and Stephen—the bride's sister and brother."

The girl looked a little old around the eyes, a little hard around the mouth. She was, somehow, like a drawing in the slightly degenerate, macabre style of Beardsley—all black and white, with finely drawn eyebrows and smudged lashes. There was something viperish in the way she held her pointed chin.

It was easy to see that Stephen Bigelow was Victoria's brother. He had the same hard finish, the white skin, the narrow face. In twenty years, he would be lantern-jawed and hollow-eyed.

"Mrs. Stephen Bigelow," said Miss Adelaide, and left McCale looking down at a polite Garbo-ish mask, a slow smile, and slender, cigarette-stained fingers picking out a lush tone. Yet that sensual undercurrent that might have been purely chemical, or even glandular, was there. He felt it as he knew Stephen, the woman's husband, felt it. He sensed what slavery there must be in loving a woman like this, could see that part of Stephen's restlessness was a sickness, and that he was living on the cocaine of her magic.

Lovely Veronica Seems Nervous

She didn't resent his standing there as she played. She didn't speak or smile or make any effort to put him at his ease. She knew he was dazzled, not quite sure of himself, but it didn't even seem to amuse her. Breaking off in the middle of a run and without speaking, she reached for a coffee cup at the far end of the keyboard.

Karen had seated herself beside her husband, and, joined by Sybil, the small group was carrying on a desultory conversation about the wedding rehearsal, the bridesmaids, and the ushers. It was the usual half-catty post-mortem.

"Will you want me to have my man on duty tonight?" he asked Miss Bigelow. All the tightness came back into her eyes.

"I—I don't know."

Suddenly he was like a man waiting in a dentist's office, wanting to start something, go in there and get it over with. He started to talk, almost blurted out, "You're in trouble, Miss Bigelow. You need help. You do. You came to me this morning with it written all over your face. You're afraid of something—something that has nothing to do with wedding gifts." He made a gesture as if he were waving them away. "You are afraid. I know."

"I suppose you do." But though her hand trembled, her eyes were vacant.

"Tell me what it is. Give me your confidence. If you want my help, I must have it. What do you fear? Who is making you afraid?"

"Now I've done it," he cursed to himself, for she threw him a sharp, half-angry glance, and got up. He stumbled to his feet, blind with anger at himself, but she was smiling at two people who were entering the room.

The girl was all gold. Her skin

tones were coffee and cream, in the liquid sense of a Laocencian portrait. She was not beautiful, but her face had a depth and a glow that was curiously warming. That was it. She was warm and golden, and you knew at once that she was intelligent and nice, as well as decorative. Her hair was long, naturally curly, and of a burnished bronze color. Her head was set on a perfectly proportioned body. Dressed as she was in shades of beige and brown, simply and in beautiful taste, she was at once quietly charming, assured, thoroughbred.

"Veronica—dear," Miss Bigelow touched her, kissed her. There was in her voice a note of passionate concern, of pride—of relief.

Adelaide Bigelow introduced the golden girl in the doorway to McCale and he was surprised at the creature's throaty, mellow voice. It lacked the superficiality of the debutante drawl. But wasn't there something a trifle nervy, a bit disquieting, about the edges of that voice? There was.

She pecked at her aunt, smiled at McCale, made a few quick, nervous laughing jibes at her family, and said in that modulated, too-



She didn't resent his standing there as she played.

well controlled tone, "Anything new come? Present, I mean. Anything exciting?"

Miss Adelaide turned abruptly as she was about to introduce McCale to the young man who had come in with her. She made a futile gesture as if to ward the girl off, but Veronica was out of the room before the movement was even completed.

McCale found himself hanging in the air, so to speak, pumping the hand of a man whose name he hadn't heard.

"Storm, Christopher Storm," the young man said. "You're Duke McCale and I've heard of you."

McCale stifled the impulse to say, "Shush." He said, "Well," and let go the hand of this big fellow who had designed and built a house called "The Nest."

The Conquering Hero Comes

Christopher Storm was tall and lean and athletic. His face missed being handsome by way of a rather square jaw and a generous mouth. He had candid blue eyes and curly hair of a nondescript shade.

Christopher maneuvered McCale toward the bottled liquids, mixed them both a drink. He motioned to a seat beside himself, saying without preliminary, "Heard about you in that dyehouse racket. Pretty keen deduction. What brings you here?"

"Wedding presents."

"Not really? Didn't know you went in for small stuff."

"I have to make a living. Cases like the dyehouse murders are few and far between."

"Who called you in?"

"Family." To himself he continued, "Darn. This fellow is too inquisitive." Suddenly McCale caught a glimpse of something—something ugly behind that hail-fellow attitude, that mantel of jauntiness—something he did not like.

"Not Sybil?" Christopher prodded. "Not darling Sybil, surely."

McCale was saved from making a reply by a peal of light laughter outside the room. A door banged somewhere. There was another ripple of merriment mingled with a deeper one, running feet on the

stairs, and Veronica ran into the room, followed by a man.

They might have been preceded by a fanfare of trumpets. Everyone stopped talking; everyone turned toward the door as to a stage. It was as if a spotlight had been turned on, startling the audience to quickening anticipation of the star's entrance. It was sudden and complete. Even McCale was checked in the act of raising his glass to his lips.

Something both electric and animal came into the room with Curt Vallancourt. Even if there had not been the little piping ecstatic thrill of Sybil's "Curt, dear!"; the quick fire that lighted Victoria's glistening eyes; the husky overtones of Karen saying, "Behold the bridegroom cometh," McCale would have known the identity of this physical rhapsody.

Here was a consciously beautiful young man in a great big way: tall and wide, dark and strong, virile and violent. He had a large, curly black head, dark eyes that held a passionate promise. He was a dynamic person—the kind to whom things were bound to happen.

He acknowledged the introduction to the detective in a deep strong voice, with a handshake that made McCale almost buckle at the knees.

It was three or four minutes before the blitzkrieg of his arrival settled into a steady, slow appreciation of him. McCale himself was rarely impressed by mere sensual attraction and was loath to admit the catalytic effects of it. Here, if ever, was its complete manifestation, however. He backed away toward the piano, the better to take the scene apart. As unobtrusively as possible, he let his dark hard stare sweep around the circle.

Afterward, he was to come back to that short scene many times, trying to put together the pieces of the riddle as they presented themselves in the next few moments. It was all there, had he known it, the wheels within wheels, the red thread of danger, the shadow of death. Each intimate gesture, the shading of a phrase, each bit of conversation overheard, held portents deep and inevitable.

More Puzzles Developing

As it was, the things that remained in his mind to puzzle him were these: Conversation became general though the atmosphere still contained a peculiar effluvia of underlying edginess. He noticed that Adelaide Bigelow seemed as overcome by the positively theatrical charm of Curt as the rest, and that even Stephen had pulled out of his alcoholic depression, and was watching Curt with an almost physical worship. Karen glowed, silver and white. Victoria's eyes were slits. Sybil was watchful. Storm was quiet, but appreciative. And Veronica was chatting nervously, the same note of strain in her golden diction. She was like a gilded fragment tossed in a glittering vortex.

It was when Curt said, in that compelling voice of his, "Very magnanimous of you, Chris, to give us The Nest," that a warning signal flashed in McCale's brain. It was spoken with such charming naivete, as if, thought McCale, the one thing he really lacked was manners. He was making a studied conscious effort.

Storm only smiled, steadily. He shrugged, retorting, "Veronica always gets everything she wants."

"Oh, Chris," Veronica put out her hand to him, started to say something, stopped.

Chris turned to her for a brief moment, a blank look coming over his face. There was a lost world in his eyes.

Victoria laughed shrilly. She made a quick nervous gesture, bit her lower lip, and looked a sudden significant, pleading question — to Curt. Curt seemed to square off to her. He shook his head as if he were saying, "No."

Everyone was concentrating upon Storm and Veronica at that moment and McCale thought no one else saw that exchange of glances between those other two. Afterward he was to wonder.

Vallancourt went over to his future stepmother-in-law, almost as if in apology for neglecting her. She was a little high on too much sherry and was quite crushing to him. In a bad-tempered manner she shook off his attempted coddling. Without her fixed cosmetic smile, her face was an unbecoming mask, her make-up unable to disguise her middle-age. There was a puzzle there in the coolness between Curt and Sybil.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D. Of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. Released by Western Newspaper Union.

Lesson for August 18

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JESUS AND THE SACREDNESS OF HUMAN LIFE

LESSON TEXT—Exodus 20:13; Matthew 5:21-24; 10:29-31; 18:10-14. MEMORY SELECTION—But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment.—Matthew 5:22.

Human life is sacred, and that is not primarily because of any law of man, but because God created man in his own likeness and image.

Since that is true, no man has any right to take the life of another for any cause except at the direct command of God. Only by the orderly process of law for the protection of society and in accordance with the Word of God may there be any such action by man toward man.

I. The Prohibition of Murder (Exod. 20:13).

The word "kill" in this commandment is one which means a violent and unauthorized taking of life, and is therefore more properly translated "murder."

Not all killing is murder. A man may kill another entirely accidentally, or he may be the duly constituted legal officer carrying out the law of the land in taking the life of one who has forfeited his right to live because he has slain another.

There is also the right of self-defense, be it individual or collective as in war. But these are the only exceptions; let us not attempt to justify any other.

Murder is more prevalent than most of us suppose. In 1944 there was a murder every thirty minutes in our land.

Do not forget the deaths, the destruction of life, by avoidable automobile accidents. Some of these were really murder because the one responsible drove with defective brakes, dangerous tires, or while he was intoxicated. Add to these the deaths in industry caused by failure to provide proper safeguards or healthy working conditions, and by the exploitation of child labor, and we say that we should cry aloud, "Thou shalt do no murder."

II. The Provocation to Murder (Matt. 5:21, 22).

Murder finds its provoking cause in the heart of man. Our Lord was concerned about correcting the desires rather than to apprehend the offender after the act had been committed. It is the better way, and the more effective one.

In this matter of murder, Jesus cut right through the outward aspects of the matter and pointed out that an angry hatred in the heart is the root of all murder. If we hate, we have murder in our hearts. Circumstances may hinder its fulfillment, but the danger is always there until we remove the cause.

III. The Prevention of Murder (Matt. 5:23, 24; 10:29-31; 18:10-14).

Prevention with God means more than putting up a barrier to try to keep men from killing one another. He deals with the heart of man, and when that is right the whole life will be right. There must be

1. A Right View of Self (Matt. 5:23, 24). We must learn by prayer and humility of heart to suffer at the hands of others, to keep peace, to seek our brother's welfare.

Note that it is not even a question of how we may feel against our brother. If he has aught against us we are to do all we can to win him.

We who believe in Christ are to be in deed as well as word the children of our heavenly Father (Matt. 5:45), loving not only those who are kind to us but also our enemies.

2. A Right View of God (Matt. 10:29-31). He who knows when a sparrow falls to the ground is concerned about the smallest detail of our lives. No man can lay hands of violence on another man without having to reckon with God about his misdeeds.

3. A Right View of Man (Matt. 18:10-14). Even the little ones, apparently defenseless and at the mercy of a cruel world, have guardian angels who have access to the throne of God. He has a special interest in the lost and rejoices in the rescue of the one who has strayed, so we see that even those whom the world regards as weak and unimportant are in the mind of God for good. He watches over them.

The man who sees himself for what he is, and who realizes what God thinks of man, will find that he agrees with the command of God, "Thou shalt not kill."

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proposing an Amendment to Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto Section 62 providing a Retirement, Disability and Death Compensation Fund for the appointive officers and employees of the State, limiting the amount contributed by the State to such Fund, providing for investment of Fund with certain exceptions, prohibiting recipients of benefits hereunder from receiving other direct aid from the State, authorizing counties to provide and administer such a Fund for appointive county officers and employees after favorable vote in a county election for such purpose, limiting the amount contributed by the county to such Fund, providing for investment of Fund with certain exceptions, prohibiting recipients of benefits from said Fund from receiving other direct aid from the State, and providing for an election, necessary form of ballot, and publication on the question of adoption of this Amendment.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto Section 62, which shall read as follows:

"Sec. 62. (a). The Legislature shall have the right to levy taxes to provide a Retirement, Disability and Death Compensation Fund for the appointive officers and employees of the State, provided that the amount contributed by the State to such Fund shall equal the amount paid for the same purpose from the income of each such person, and shall not exceed at any time five per centum (5%) of the compensation paid to each such person, and shall in no one year exceed the sum of One Hundred and Eighty Dollars (\$180) for any such person.

"All funds provided from the compensation of each such person, or by the county, for such Retirement, Disability and Death Compensation Fund, as are received by the county, shall be invested in bonds of the United States, the State of Texas, or counties or cities of this State, or in bonds issued by any agency of the United States Government, the payment of the principal of and interest on which is guaranteed by the United States, provided that a sufficient amount of said funds shall be kept on hand to meet the immediate payment of the amount likely to become due each year out of said Fund, such amount of funds to be kept on hand to be determined by the agency which may be provided by law to administer said Fund, and provided that the recipients of benefits from said Fund shall not be eligible for any other pension retirement funds or direct aid from the State of Texas, unless the Fund, the creation of which is provided for herein, contributed by the State, is retained to the State of Texas as a condition to receiving such other pension aid.

"Each voter shall scratch one of said clauses on the ballot, leaving the one expressing his vote on the proposed Amendment.

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have same published as required by the Constitution for Amendments thereto.

(b). Each county shall have the right to

election and shall have the same published as required by the Constitution for Amendments thereto.

According to an opinion by the Attorney General of Texas.

H. J. R. No. 49
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing an Amendment to Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 7-a, providing that subject to legislative appropriation, allocation and direction all net revenues derived from the taxes, except gross production and ad valorem taxes, levied on motor fuels and lubricants and motor vehicle registration fees shall be used for the sole purposes of acquiring rights-of-way for and constructing and maintaining public roadways; for the administration of laws pertaining to traffic and safety; and for the payment of principal and interest on county and road district bonds or warrants voted or issued prior to January 2, 1939, and declared eligible for debt service prior to January 2, 1945; providing that one-fourth (1/4) of such net revenue from the motor fuel tax shall be allocated to the Available School Fund, providing and insuring that each county shall never derive less revenue from motor registration fees than the maximum amounts and percentages of such fees allowed to be retained by each county under the laws in effect on January 1, 1945; negating any interpretation of this amendment as authorizing the pledging of the State's credit for any purpose; providing for the submission of this Amendment to the voters of this State, prescribing the form of ballot, and providing for the proclamation of the election and the publication thereof.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new section to be known as 7-a and to read as follows:

"Section 7-a. Subject to legislative appropriation, allocation and direction all net revenues remaining after payment of all refunds allowed by law and expense of collection (net of interest) from the motor fuel tax, except gross production and ad valorem taxes, on motor fuels and lubricants used to propel motor vehicles over public roadways, shall be used for the sole purpose of acquiring rights-of-way, constructing, maintaining, and policing such public roadways, and for the administration of such laws as may be prescribed by the Legislature pertaining to the traffic and safety, on such roads; and for the payment of the principal and interest on county and road district bonds or warrants voted or issued prior to January 2, 1939, and declared eligible for debt service prior to January 2, 1945; providing that one-fourth (1/4) of such net revenue from the motor fuel tax shall be allocated to the Available School Fund; and, provided, however, that the net revenue derived by counties from motor vehicle registration fees shall never be less than the maximum amounts allowed to be retained by each County and the percentage allowed to be retained by each County under the laws in effect on January 1, 1945. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as authorizing the pledging of the State's credit for any purpose.

Sec. 2. The foregoing Amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at the General Election to be held in November, 1946, at which election each ballot shall have printed thereon the following words:

"FOR the Amendment to the Constitution of the State providing that subject to legislative appropriation, allocation and direction all net revenues derived from taxes, except gross production and ad valorem taxes, levied on motor fuels and lubricants and motor vehicle registration fees shall be used for the sole purposes of acquiring rights-of-way for and constructing and maintaining public roadways; for the administration of laws pertaining to traffic and safety; and for the payment of principal and interest on county and road district bonds or warrants voted or issued prior to January 2, 1939, and declared eligible for debt service prior to January 2, 1945; providing that one-fourth (1/4) of such net revenue from the motor fuel tax shall be allocated to the Available School Fund; providing and insuring that each county shall never derive less revenue from motor registration fees than the maximum amounts and percentages of such fees allowed to be retained by each county under the laws in effect January 1, 1945; and negating any interpretation of this amendment as authorizing the pledging of the State's credit for any purpose.

"AGAINST the Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas providing that subject to legislative appropriation, allocation and direction all net revenues derived from taxes, except gross production and ad valorem taxes, levied on motor fuels and lubricants and motor vehicle registration fees shall be used for the sole purposes of acquiring rights-of-way for and constructing and maintaining public roadways; for the administration of laws pertaining to traffic and safety; and for the payment of principal and interest on county and road district bonds or warrants voted or issued prior to January 2, 1939, and declared eligible for debt service prior to January 2, 1945; providing that one-fourth (1/4) of such net revenue from the motor fuel tax shall be allocated to the Available School Fund; providing and insuring that each county shall never derive less revenue from motor registration fees than the maximum amounts and percentages of such fees allowed to be retained by each county under the laws in effect on January 1, 1945; and negating any interpretation of this amendment as authorizing the pledging of the State's credit for any purpose.

"Each voter shall strike out with pen or pencil the clause which he desires to vote against so as to indicate whether he is voting FOR, AGAINST the proposed amendment.

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have same published as required by the Constitution for Amendments thereto.

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of Texas be amended by adding a new section as follows:

"The Legislature is authorized to appropriate so much money as may be necessary, not to exceed Seventy-five Thousand (\$75,000.00) Dollars, to pay claims incurred by John Tarleton Agricultural College for the construction of a building on the campus of such college pursuant to deficiency authorization by the Governor of Texas on August 31, 1937."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at the next general election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, A. D. 1946, at which all ballots shall have printed thereon:

"FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATURE TO PAY FOR BUILDING CONSTRUCTED FOR JOHN TARLETON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE"; and

"AGAINST THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATURE TO PAY FOR BUILDING CONSTRUCTED FOR JOHN TARLETON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE."

Each voter shall mark out one of said clauses on the ballot, leaving the one expressing his vote on the proposed amendment.

Sec. 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this state.

Sec. 4. The sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the treasury of the state, not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

Edgar C. Hill, son of A. C. Hill of Oak Grove, La., formerly of Berger, is now living here and is an employee of the Melvin Boyd Sinclair Station.

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proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas authorizing the Legislature to appropriate Seventy-five Thousand (\$75,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay claims incurred by John Tarleton Agricultural College for the construction of a building on the campus of such college pursuant to deficiency authorization of the Governor of Texas on August 31, 1937.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That the Constitution of the State

Political Announcements

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1:
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HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers

Eat With Relish If You Put Up Own Pickles, Chili



After you wash jars for canning, sterilize them by pouring hot water to fill, then empty water from them and set the jars inverted on a clean towel until ready to use.

Your family won't go without those tasty pickles, chili sauces and catsup if you put up your own supplies this summer and fall. We don't know what market conditions will be for these products during the next year, but if you have your own you won't be a slave to market conditions.

Most canning budgets will permit putting up some relishes because as a general rule, they do not require too much in the way of sweetening. If these recipes prove too generous in quantity, cut them in halves or quarters and follow instructions.

I'm including old favorites in pickles and relishes which I'm sure will add much to your personal eating pleasure during the winter. It's easy to make pickles because they have enough vinegar and spices so that you will not have to worry too much about spoilage.

- Sweet Mixed Pickles.**
2 medium-sized heads cauliflower
2 quarts tender waxed beans
2 quarts small green beans
4 chili peppers
2 quarts tiny green cucumbers
4 large cucumbers
1 quart small white onions
1 gallon vinegar
4 pounds granulated sugar
4 small pieces horseradish root
1 tablespoon whole cloves
1 tablespoon pepper corns
1 tablespoon celery seed
2 tablespoons ground cinnamon
4 bay leaves

Prepare and wash all vegetables, cut wax beans into one-inch lengths, leave green beans whole. Dice cucumbers, cut peppers fine. Place beans, peppers, onions and cucumbers into enough cold salted water (½ cup salt to one gallon of water) to cover. Let stand overnight and drain. Separate cauliflower into small pieces. Cook 10 minutes in boiling water. Drain. Cook beans 10 minutes in boiling water, drain.

Boil sugar, spices and vinegar for 10 minutes, add vegetables and cook for another 10 minutes. Let stand until cold. Pack vegetables into sterile jars and fill with hot vinegar-spice mixture. This will make about 10 pints of pickles.

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Washable wallpapers may be cleaned by dusting the walls thoroughly, then washing in frothy suds made with a mild soap and water. Apply this with a sponge. Rinse thoroughly with another sponge dipped in clear, cold water.

Crayon marks, grease spots and smudges may be washed off with mild soapy suds, with a sponge.

home-made delicacies?

- Chili Sauce.**
½ bushel of tomatoes
24 medium-sized onions, ground
3 green peppers, ground
3 red peppers, ground
1 large bunch celery
3 tablespoons salt
1 quart vinegar
3 pints sugar
4 tablespoons mixed spices (placed in a bag)

Cook all ingredients together until thick. Fill sterile jars and seal.

- Tomato Catsup.**
1 bushel ripe tomatoes
6 large red peppers
10 large onions

Wash and core tomatoes, seed peppers, peel onions and cut into pieces. Cook in their own juice until soft, then strain. This will make about 2 gallons of pulp.

- 2 gallons of tomato pulp
1 quart sugar
2 quarts cider vinegar
2 tablespoons salt
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

Cook tomato pulp for 30 minutes. Add sugar, vinegar, salt and cinnamon. Boil until thickened, then seal in sterilized jars.

You might just as well make watermelon rind pickles because they make such a nice relish for meat courses, and they are inexpensive, too.

- Watermelon Pickles.**
4 pounds watermelon rind
2 quarts vinegar
1 pint water
4½ pounds granulated sugar
2 tablespoons allspice
2 tablespoons whole cloves
10 2-inch pieces of cinnamon bark

Select firm rind. Trim off green skin and pink flesh. Weigh. Cut into inch cubes and soak for 2½ hours in lime water. (Use 2 quarts water to 2 tablespoons lime.) Drain,



Gather all your preserving equipment together to make working efficient once you start the process of putting food in the jars.

cover with fresh water and cook 1½ hours, until tender, adding more water as it boils off. Let stand in this water overnight. Drain. Bring vinegar, water, salt, and spices (tied loosely in a cheesecloth bag) to boiling point, add the drained rind and boil gently for 2 hours or until syrup is thickened. Remove spice bag and pack hot pickles into jars and seal. Store in cool place.

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The Questions

1. Can you name the three great pyramids?
2. The President of the United States is commander-in-chief of the army and navy. Can he wear a uniform of the armed forces?
3. When were the Hawaiian Islands found by James Cook?
4. What rank in the army lead all other grades in the number of decorations for heroism?
5. The Pied Piper of Hamelin lured the rats into what river?
6. How much do Americans spend on newspapers, magazines and books a year?

The Answers

1. Khufu, Khafra and Menkaura.
2. No.
3. In 1778.
4. First class privates. The total number of awards—excluding the Purple Heart—was 1,725,344.
5. The Weser river.
6. Newspapers, \$727,889,000; magazines, \$311,733,000; books, \$306,379,000.

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