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VETERANS VOCATIONAL AG. SCHOOL SET FOR SAN ANGELO COLLEGE

Classes start Sept. 4 at San Angelo College in the Veterans' Vocational Agriculture School, according to Joe R. Lemley, who was here Wednesday. Classes will be held two nights a week at 8 p. m. There is room for several more veterans in this class and anyone interested from Irion County is invited to attend.

Recently a group of interested veterans were contacted here but there were not enough to organize a class here. Thus any veteran still interested may attend the San Angelo school.

Prior to enrollment in this class veterans should see their county veterans' service officer and make application for a certificate of eligibility. A veteran must be actively engaged in agriculture to apply.

Subsistence allotment for single veterans is \$65 per month and for married veterans \$90 per month, and also books and equipment used in the class are furnished.

Contact Joe R. Lemley at San Angelo College immediately if you wish to enroll in this course.

TO THE VOTERS OF IRION COUNTY

Since it is utterly impossible for me to see each and everyone of you personally, may I take this means of thanking you for the splendid co-operation and devotion of confidence you gave me in my campaign for Representative of the 91st Legislative District on August 24th.

It is, and forever will be, my conviction that the representative of our district should be a representative of the people and not the representative of a few special groups or interests. As your representative I will always seek the answer to our problems through you, the people.

It shall be my purpose to represent the best interests of the State and District at all times. I sincerely trust that you will continue to give me the benefit of your advice and counsel as to how this may best be done as I serve you, the greatest people, in the greatest District, in the greatest State. I remain,

Sincerely yours,
R. E. (Peppy) Blount, Jr.

THE METHODIST CHURCH

There will be regular services at the Methodist Church Sunday, September 1.

Morning services are Sunday school promptly at ten o'clock and preaching at eleven.

We are glad to welcome so many of our old pupils back after the summer vacation and extend a special invitation for the new families in the community to worship with us.

We also extend a special invitation to members of the school faculty to worship with us at any time. All are welcome at any of our services.

The pastor will speak at both the morning and evening services, but will be out of town all next week holding a revival.

At 7 p. m. the MYF will meet, all young people are invited who care to worship. The preaching hour will be at 7:45. Juniors meet at 6 p. m.

The morning sermon subject will be, "You can be better than you are." The evening sermon, "Walking With God."

Roy B. Shilling, pastor.

FOR SALE - Five lots, 50x190; house, 4 rooms, 2 screened porches and bath; well of good water and windmill, outhouses, 1 block from school. \$2500. Immediate possession. Call or write Mrs. W. W. Carson, Mertzton, Texas.

Recently read about a Missouri editor who published death notices only of subscribers because those who don't take their home town paper "are dead anyway and their passing has no news value."

FINAL USO FUND DRIVE SCHEDULED

A. H. Bird will head the next and final USO campaign in Irion County. Governor Coke R. Stevenson, general chairman, announced this week.

Our state quota is \$800,000, and therefore the quota of this county will not be large. The quota for the county will be announced soon.

Carl L. Phinney, state campaign chairman, in a letter to Mr. Bird said, "The final USO drive is an important undertaking. Having had the honor of serving 18 months with the 36th Division in the Italian theatre, I learned first hand what USO means to the boys overseas. I also have known of the billion acts of kindness to our millions of men in this country. Continuation of these morale services is, if anything, more important than ever. The combat phase of the war is finished but the transition period presents fully as many morale problems. The life of the men in the service is not glamorous. They need and deserve the "home away from home" that USO Clubs and USO camp shows give them. USO in 1947 will concentrate its services for those who are still hospitalized, those overseas and our kid brothers now in training. I want to join Governor Stevenson in expressing appreciation to Mr. Bird for accepting the chairmanship of Irion County. We are confident that under his leadership Irion County will meet its obligations to those men still in service."

Mr. Bird said Tuesday he would announce the dates soon of conduct of the local drive.

HONORED WITH PICNIC ON BIRTHDAY

Honoring her sister, Mrs. Bonnie Wilson on her birthday, Mrs. Bode Owens entertained with a picnic luncheon on Spring Creek at the Wilson farm Sunday. During the luncheon the honoree was presented with a large birthday cake and other gifts. During the afternoon, the young people went swimming.

Present other than Mrs. Owens were her daughter, Miss June Owens, and sons, Bode, Jr. and Tom, all of Barnhart; Mrs. Nita Rutledge and daughters, Sylvia and Mozelle, and Mary Jean Magruder of San Angelo.

From Mertzton were Mr. Wilson, Margaret Ann Evans, W. A. McCollum, James Howard and Buck Bird, Bill Freitag, Jr., Joe Robert Thorp, Roxford Wood, and J. Lindly Wood.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

Mrs. Edward Allison and Mrs. Preston Dudley entertained a group of children of pre-school age at the park Friday afternoon with games and a picnic luncheon.

Present were Mrs. Henry Cravens and sons, Sidney, Phillip and Richie; Mrs. Dan O'Leary and sons, Bobbie and Ronnie; Linda and Vicki Dudley, and Lorene Allison.

The Community Play Period that has been held every Thursday at the park was supervised last Thursday by the following ladies of the Christian Church: Mrs. Preston Dudley, Mrs. Edward Allison, and Mrs. Henry Cravens. Twenty-eight children came to play. Refreshments were served.

Out-of-town visitors at Sunday school services were Mrs. Bode Owens and children, June, Bode, Jr., and Tom, of Barnhart. Mrs. Leroy Bishop came as the guest of Mrs. Francis Shelton.

Richie Davis, pastor, will be here Sunday to conduct both morning and evening services.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Burke attended the funeral of Mr. Burke's brother, Bryant Burke, in Mart, Texas, Tuesday.

Layton A. Boyd, Jr. of Tulsa, Okla., is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George DeLong.

Mrs. Bert Mayse is confined to her bed due to illness this week.

COVEY AND THORP WIN ELECTION AS COMMISSIONERS

Sam Covey, present Commissioner of Precinct 1 of Irion County, won his bid for a second term by 58 votes, defeating S. T. Brister 195 to 137 in the run-off primary last Saturday. Joe Thorp defeated Tyson Gentry, incumbent Commissioner Precinct 2, by three votes, 77 to 74, in a very close race.

In the Representative race of the 91st Legislative District, R. E. "Peppy" Blount, Jr. of Big Spring was elected by around 810 votes although losing Irion County to Cecil H. Barnes 262 to 232. He had carried the county in the first primary.

In the state races Beauford Jester won in a landslide of almost 2 to 1 over Homer P. Rainey; Allan Shivers beat Boyce House for lieutenant governor; J. E. McDonald was re-elected Commissioner of Agriculture; and Tom L. Beauchamp was re-elected Judge Court of Criminal Appeals.

Following is the way Irion County voted:

	Mertzton	Sherwood	Barnhart	Andon	Total
Governor:					
Jester	188	97	17	15	317
Rainey	135	50	22	7	214
Lt. Gov.:					
House	217	95	18	9	339
Shivers	86	42	20	11	159
Com. of Agri.:					
J. E. McD'd	158	71	21	14	264
R. E. McD'd	127	63	12	6	208
Judge, Crim. Ap.:					
Beauchamp	169	55	21	15	258
Owens	115	51	12	5	183
Rep., 91 Dist.:					
Barnes	164	75	15	6	262
Blount	133	64	23	12	232
Com. Pet. 1:					
Covey	195				
Brister	137				
Com. Pet. 2:					
Gentry		74			
Thorp		77			

SCHOOL BEGINS MONDAY, 9 A. M.

For many parents school days will be a headache until they become accustomed to the new routine and are sure Junior or Sister will come to the breakfast table before Mother loses her voice and temper.

Many new resolves are in the making. I will really study this year and please both family and teacher. I will keep my desk clean and also my room at home. I will put my clothes away the first time mother tells me - and so on.

This is an interlude everyone goes through most of their life. Most parents and children are looking forward to school after a long, lazy summer.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

It certainly was a great pleasure to be greeted with the fine audience we were last Lord's day, after being absent from the city eighteen days. And we hope that you will find it in your heart to be with us again next Lord's day. "The Lord's Highway" will be our lesson subject. Please read Isaiah 35:8, and come study the lesson with us. Class study 10 a. m., Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

All are welcome.

W. A. Record, minister.

Mrs. Madie Blair, Alice Pat McDonald and Joan Lackey have been guests in the J. E. Lackey and Aubrey DeLong homes.

Ernest Evans and daughter, Ernestine of Douglas, Arizona, are visiting the E. H. Shafer and Wesley, Stewart and Jess Evans families.

Barnhart News

By MRS. ALMA TARVIN

In the Big Lake League games this week, Big Lake defeated Barnhart by a score of 6-3 on Wednesday night. Friday night Barnhart played Santa Rita and were defeated 7-3.

Mrs. R. S. Neal has been confined to the Shannon Hospital for the past 10 days. Rowdy Turner entered the Shannon Hospital Saturday for treatment. Cal Taylor, who mashed a finger Saturday while unloading salt, was carried in to the doctor for treatment. George Smith returned home Sunday from the Shannon, where he has been confined for some time. Mrs. Duke Shaw entered the hospital for an emergency operation Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Taylor are visiting with relatives here while Hal is taking treatments in Angelo for an infected ear.

R. S. Neal, Jr. is working in Ozona at present, where he is employed by the Gulf Oil Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Collins have moved back to Barnhart to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Montgomery and daughters from Burnet spent the week end here visiting the Clyde Parrys.

Mrs. L. Coffee entertained the sewing club last Thursday afternoon. Everyone admired Mrs. Coffee's lovely handwork. Refreshments were served to Mmes. Bode Owens, Roy Collins, Floyd W. Newman, Claude Becton, Floyd Ridley, Sam Jeffers, June Owens and Margie Coffee.

Word was received from Mrs. Clayton Eldridge that she had dined safely in Porto Rico, where she has gone to join Capt. Clayton Eldridge, who is in the Army Air Forces. Mrs. Eldridge is the former Mary Helen Rutledge, and a daughter of Mrs. Nita Rutledge of San Angelo. Mary Helen was reared in Mertzton. She is to be gone a year. She was met at the airport by her husband, who had rooms reserved at the beautiful Normandie Hotel, which is an exact duplicate of the ship Normandie, and is in the center of a large swimming pool. Mary Helen says everything there is lovely.

Mr. and Mrs. Bode Owens and family attended services at the Christian Church in Mertzton Sunday, followed by a picnic on the Bonnie Wilson ranch on the river in honor of Mrs. Wilson's birthday. Present for the picnic dinner were Mrs. Nita Rutledge, Hootie and Punk Rutledge of San Angelo, Lindly Wood, Roxford Wood, Buck and James H. Bird, Bill Freitag, Jr., Joe Robert Thorp, Mary Jene Magruder of San Angelo, Mrs. Bode Owens, June, Bode and Tommie Clint Owens of Barnhart.

Mr. and Mrs. Neville Davis, Mary Ann and Joe drove over to Sweetwater Sunday afternoon to meet Lee, who came by train, from Tecumcari, N. Mex., where he spent the summer on the ranch with an aunt and uncle.

Marvin Newman returned Monday from a six weeks' visit in Harlingen, Texas, where he had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Tim Peters and family and Mr. and Mrs. Cotton Newman.

Miss June Owens is spending the week with her aunt, Mrs. Bonnie Wilson, in Mertzton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Coats are parents of a new baby girl, born Monday, August 26th, in a San Angelo hospital.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Vinson are Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Orland and son, Johnny, Jr., and Jimmie Bourgeois of Menominee, Mich. Mr. Vinson and Mr. Orland were in service together. Saturday they visited the Carvin Miriks at Sherwood. They plan a trip to the Carlsbad Caverns this week. The Orlands expect to be here about two weeks.

W. C. Holcomb, Sr. has bought a house and lot in Big Lake, and is doing considerable repairing and remodeling before moving in.

Mrs. Blackie Grace spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Bert Heath in Ozona. Jackie Grace spent the week end in Ozona in the Heath home.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Z. Rutland returned recently from Wesson, Miss., where

LATIN-AMERICAN SCHOOL WILL START MIDDLE OF SEPTEMBER

School for the Latin-Americans will begin about the middle of September according to an announcement Wednesday by Supt. Jack McIntosh.

Plans for the opening date of the Latin-American school was changed so that the children could begin classes in the new school building and avoid the change from the old building to the new as previously planned.

MRS. CRUTCH HARWELL BURIED AT SHERWOOD

Burial services for Mrs. Crutch Harwell of McCamey were held Tuesday at 6 p. m. in the Sherwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Harwell, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis of Sherwood, old time settlers of Irion County, resided with a daughter, Mrs. Fayette Hannings in McCamey at the time of her death. She was 75 years old and had been seriously ill for three weeks. Funeral services were held in McCamey by a minister of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include three daughters and one son: Mrs. Ernest Lockhart of San Bernardino, Calif.; Mrs. Ruby Harlingen of Kansas City, Kansas. Mrs. Hannings and Tye Harwell who is in service overseas; seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Willie D. Poyner, Marshall Middleton, Hal Holmes, and Mabrey J. Hannings.

NEW BEAUTY SHOP OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Opening here Monday morning was the Primp Beauty Shop, owned and operated by Mrs. Billie Crowder.

Mrs. Crowder has been in the beauty business in San Angelo for 12 1-2 years, the last eight having her shop in the Findlater Building at 15 West Twelfth.

Mrs. Crowder does any type of beauty work and has all modern equipment.

The Primp Beauty shop is located next door to the Texas Ranch Supply and Mrs. Crowder "invites everyone to visit her new business."

BAILEY RANCH BAPTIST MEETING SUCCESSFUL

I returned from Bailey Ranch Baptist Church last week where we had a good meeting. We had a number of professions and additions to the church.

The church accepted the pastor's resignation and gave him three months' salary, which will be a fine help in paying moving expenses.

Bailey Ranch Church knows how to treat her pastor and has been most generous to this pastor through the three years I have pastored them.

W. A. Knight.

CARD OF THANKS

For the many kindnesses extended at the burial of our sister and aunt, Mrs. W. J. McGee, we express our sincere thanks and may God bless you.
O. L. Mason,
Nieces and Nephews.

they spent two weeks vacation visiting Mr. Rutland's family, and seeing about their farm interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Kirk have been visiting in the Watson Kirk home. Dayton is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Watson Kirk, and at one time attended the Barnhart schools. He left high school as a senior to enter the Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Bode Owens and Mr. and Mrs. Edd Graston were in Ozona on business Saturday and to vote.

Mrs. Cotton Newman has accepted a position as teacher in the Harlingen schools and Cotton is to drive the school bus. Mrs. Newman was the former Jewel Gideon, and taught school here last term.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Act Fast on Vets' Furlough Pay; Axis Allies Seek Soft Peace; Tighten Consumer Credit Rules

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.)



Will E. Sitterly (left) of village board and two young residents of Lithopolis, Ohio, richest little town in world, rejoice over gift of \$2,500,000. (See Richest Village.)

FURLOUGH PAY: Fast Action

Application forms for vets' unused furlough pay will be available at all post offices by mid-September but disbursement of the five-year bonds will not take place before the end of the month because of time required in printing.

In announcing the procedure to be followed, the war department stated:

1. Applications will be acknowledged when received to assure the vet his claim is on record.
2. Disbursing officers will accept sworn statements of applicants unless there is suspicion of fraud.
3. Army vets unable to determine how much unused furlough pay they have coming, figured on the basis of 2 1/2 days per month, can apply for information to the adjutant general's personnel records branch at St. Louis, Mo.

PARIS:

Wanted: Softer Terms

Addressing the delegates of 21 Allied nations at the peace conference in Luxembourg palace, representatives of Italy, Romania and Bulgaria pleaded for moderation of terms on the grounds that, as co-belligerents of the victors in the closing stages of the war, they had made substantial sacrifices for victory.

Speaking for Italy, Premier De Gasperi stated that his country had contributed troops, naval power and materials for three years and that the Allies should think twice before internationalizing Italian dominated Trieste and submitting 180,000 Italians in Venezia Giulia to Yugoslav rule. He also asserted that excessive reparations would weigh down the Italian economy and reduction of armaments would imperil the safety of the state.

Foreign Minister Giurgu Tatarescu of Romania followed De Gasperi to the speaker's dais and asserted that no less than 385,000 Romanians had fought on the allied side during the last six months of the war. Furthermore, he said, German and Hungarian forces had inflicted large-scale damage of Romania after she had deserted the axis cause. Tatarescu asked for a larger army and scaling down of heavy reparations.

On behalf of Bulgaria, Foreign Minister George Koullishev claimed that his country had suffered 22,000 casualties during the eight months it fought on the allied side. He charged Greek demands for \$750,000,000 in reparations were excessive and asked that Bulgaria be permitted to disarm within reasonable limits. Regulation of traffic on the Danube should be the interest of all the countries bordering the river, including Bulgaria, Koullishev said.

Unable to come before the peace conference like Italy, Romania and Bulgaria as 11th hour co-belligerents, Hungary pleaded that, despite its participation on Germany's side, it never really was sympathetic to the Nazi cause. After this lame assertion, the Hungarian representative called for the return of at least one-fifth of the province of Transylvania from Romania.

RICHEST VILLAGE: Spending Problem

Biggest job of the little village of Lithopolis, Ohio, population 288, is not how to raise money but how to

enjoy the millions left to it by the Wagnall family.

In all, the Wagnalls have left \$3,000,000 to the little settlement in which Adam Wagnalls of the Funk and Wagnalls publishing house, was born. Following an initial gift of \$500,000 for a 9,000-volume library, auditorium and dining hall, Mrs. Mabel Wagnall Jones then willed an additional \$2,500,000 to Lithopolis to establish a community memorial in honor of her famous father.

Discussing use of the latest endowment, Will E. Sitterly, 66-year-old farmer member of the board of trustees of Lithopolis, declared the money must be used to the advantage of both rich and poor. Although believing that it will take years to complete a program of sound expenditure, villagers looked for an immediate expansion in educational facilities.

Meanwhile economists figured that the total endowments amounted to \$10,000 for each of Lithopolis' 288 residents.

CONSUMERS: Credit Curbs

Apprehensive over an inflationary trend, the federal reserve board clamped down on consumer credit regulations to slacken the flow of easy money in the face of a continued shortage of goods.

The action came after consumer installment loans had risen to the unprecedented rate of 575 million dollars a year during the first quarter of 1946. Normally, consumers do not add to their debts during this period, when they are paying off obligations contracted during Christmas time.

With the price of many automobiles topping \$1,500, the board hiked coverage of its credit regulations up to \$2,000. Anyone purchasing a car in the \$1,500 to \$2,000 range will have to put at least one-third down and pay off the balance in 15 months.

Time for paying off credits on non-durable or semi-durable goods was cut from 18 to 15 months while the period for so-called hard goods was continued at 12 months. With many personal loans being used for purchase of such hard goods as furniture, refrigerators, autos, etc., such obligations will have to be repaid in 15 months.

DARDANELLES: Hot Spot

Another major international row appeared in the making with Soviet Russia's demand upon Turkey that she break the Montreux convention of 1936 and share control of the vital Dardanelles straits leading to the Black sea with Moscow.

Under the convention, the Turks have been entrusted with the guardianship of the strategic waterway and, while they have expressed a willingness to maintain the present arrangement, they have informed the U. S. and Britain that they cannot hold out against the Russian proposals alone. By granting Russian demands, the Turks would be forced to permit Red troops to occupy parts of their soil along the straits.

In vesting control of the Dardanelles only in nations bordering upon the Black sea, Russia proposed to exclude the warships of other countries from the region. While the Reds recommended that all merchant vessels be allowed to ply the Black sea, dominant Soviet control of the straits would permit Moscow to lay down shipping conditions and put an iron clamp on Allied naval moves against southern Russia.

Washington Digest Truman Purge Aimed at Restoring Party Machinery

By BAUKHAGE

News Analyst and Commentator.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—Before the Paris Peace conference even got underway we learned that the rules committee, which heard so much heated oratory, was as powerful as the powerful rules committee of the house of representatives.

It wasn't until after the primary returns were in, and Representative (Truman-hater) Slaughter of Missouri, a member of the rules committee, was defeated, that most laymen realized the importance of that battle, and why the President stuck his neck out as far as he did in helping to beat him.

I can see the President now as he looked up with that pert, bird-like glance he has—just enough of a smile to make you try to listen sympathetically—and say that if Slaughter was right, he (the President) was wrong.

Think what Slaughter could have said if he had been elected!

But he was defeated—and the day after the primary, the real significance of the battle became clear.

Never in American history has any administration been up against the situation which developed when the Roosevelt honeymoon ended. I am not arguing how or why that situation came about. But the fact is we have had a situation where party lines meant little, and the age-old principle of majority rule, the theory on which congress, as a working body, is organized, has been violated.

Outstanding example was the rules committee. There were five southerners—anti-administration Democrats—that committee, and with Slaughter's help, they could tie up the vote and tie up any legislation Truman asked for.

Now maybe the fact that the administration couldn't get its legislation before congress, or couldn't get it passed when it did, was a good thing. I am not discussing that. I merely say that what happened is not a good thing for the two-party system. And as the situation grew more acute, congress wasn't a working body.

Let's take the testimony of a thoroughly loyal Republican member of the committee and acting minority leader, Representative Michener of Michigan. If the Democrats retain control of the house, Michener said, the absence of Representative Slaughter will permit the rules committee to function the way it was intended to function; namely, the legislation of the party in power will be sent to the floor.

That didn't mean Michener wanted the rival party's legislation passed. It simply meant he knew that Slaughter, teaming up with the anti-administration Democrats and the Republicans, was able to tie the vote and stymie action.

And that isn't two-party government.

Air-Power Big Killer in War

This has been an aviation year. The first peacetime year that America has been acknowledged as mistress of the air as well as of the sea and the land. It has been a time of reminiscence, of recapitulation, as well as forecast and foreshadowing.

I remember the interview I had with a certain army official during the war. His impatience, smashing the ordinary rules of censorship, had revealed the secret of the bazooka kept "confidential" long after it was in use, and the details of which Germans had long since learned to their sorrow. (The bazooka functions on the rocket principle.)

The officer pointed to an old print on his wall. It was a picture of American soldiers discharging a rocket projectile in the War of 1812.

Why, then, if the rocket principle was known to us in those early days, did we not develop it as the Germans did, I asked.

The reason the rocket was neglected in the Civil War period, I was told, was because ordnance experts were concentrating on the development of the breech-

loading firearm, and the perfection of rifling—the making of spiralled grooves inside the barrel which gave the bullet or projectile a twisting movement, and kept it from tumbling "head over heels." This increased range and accuracy.

The emphasis was still on the rifleman rather than the artillery, and such statistics as we have indicate that the infantry in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870 wounded 10 times as many men as the artillery did. Undoubtedly the bayonet claimed many.

By 1914-15, however, artillery produced one-half the wounded, showing the rapid advance which, in part, made experts forget the rocket again.

Artillery, according to the old definition, is "group-served, mounted firearms of caliber greater than that of small arms." This definition could easily be made to include the firearms, shells, or bombs carried by planes, or contained in the war-head of a rocket.

I mention the effectiveness of "artillery" in the latter sense, not to belittle the doughboy who is really the "ultimo ratio," but because the projectile, either carried in a plane or by propulsion in a rocket, is what might be called the definitive weapon.

The point is we did not develop the rocket in the Civil War because we felt we had something better (breech-loading rifled artillery and small arms). And again the rocket was set aside by a decision arrived at before we engaged actively in World War II when our experts, both in the army and out of it, including the great industrialists who could gauge our production capacity, felt the airplane was a superior weapon.

We did not entirely neglect study and experimentation on the rocket during the war, however, and now we are probably farther advanced in this type of "artillery" than any other nation. We also have learned to project our "artillery" by means of the "drone" (pilotless airplane). On August 7, the drones droned their way from Honolulu to California. One of them dropped a bomb. The rest landed successfully. A plane with no pilot can bomb a nation that far distant without risking human life.

Is This the Army, Mr. Jones?

In World War I when YMCA and Red Cross canteens were established right up into the zone of the advance, and even nearer the front, some of the "old timers" of those days wrote to the editors insisting that the Civil war was won on "salt horse and likker" (I recall that phrase in one of the letters) and we were just softening the boys.

Well, it didn't soften them too soft for Chateau Thierry and the Argonne.

Then came World War II, and some of the veterans of the earlier war raised their eyebrows at the USO, turkey dinners at the front on Thanksgiving, ice cream (instead of beans, salmon, corn willy or nothing).

But, soldier, you ain't heard nuttin!

When they say "This is the army, Mr. Jones," to you future G.I.s, you'll hardly believe it.

Did you hear what Field Marshal (blood, sand, and green for the Normandy hedges) Montgomery had to say? He believes enlisted men in the British army ought to live like other folks. Bedrooms, not barracks.

"You had your breakfast in bed before," goes the warning song, "but you won't have it there any more." Maybe not. But if Monty has his way, British soldiers can read in bed.

And what about those tricky uniforms American soldiers are going to wear?

Blue! (like the boys in blue who said good-bye to Blue Bell). And perhaps "two-note," with a lighter shade for the trousers! And overcoats AND CAPES!

You aren't in the army now, Mr. Jones. You're in grand opera!

And then there is that terminal leave pay bill passed by congress, I suppose, to pacify the fellows who got out of the army without knowing what they were going to miss. Almost three billion dollars dumped into G.I. pockets to even them up with what the officers received for furloughs they hadn't taken.

Gems of Thought

WE can well afford any effort which adds to the richness of our inner life; because any good from without can reach us only through an affinity with the good we have cultivated within.

Do not love life, then do not squander Time, for that's the stuff life is made of.—Franklin.

Thoughts are the things which give complexion to your life, just as certain insects are colored by the leaf on which they feed.—H. E. Cobb.

The stars that have most glory have no rest.—S. Daniel.

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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: (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.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny O'Bryan, Jr., of Mineral Wells were guests of Mrs. O'Bryan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Freitag Monday.

Janie McFarlane, who now resides in San Angelo, spent two days this week as a guest of Georgia Mapes.

MRS. DUDLEY HOSTESS TO HER BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. Preston Dudley entertained her bridge club Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Henry Cravens was high for club members, Mrs. Lois Tankersley high for guests and Mrs. Mark Lackey of Big Lake won the traveling prize.

Refreshments were served to Mes. Aubrey DeLong, Reginald Atkinson, Henry Cravens, Mark Lackey, Clifton Brooks, Joe Shaw and Lois Tankersley.

David Hobbs of Sterling City started work with the South Texas Lumber Company here Monday. He formerly lived between Mertzon and Tankersley and graduated from high school here in 1943. He was in the service 32 months, receiving his discharge on Feb. 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rawls who ranch near Stiles were Mertzon visitors Tuesday.

DOVE SEASON OPENS SEPT. 1

Dove season opens in Irion County beginning Sept. 1, this county being in the north zone of Texas. Texans in this zone may enjoy mourning dove hunting between Sept. 1 and Oct. 30. The bag and possession limit is 10.

For whitewing doves, the season will be open Sept. 13, 15 and 17 inclusive with shooting from 4 p. m. to sunset. Bag and possession limit is 10.

Mourning dove season in the south zone of the state is from Oct. 20 to Dec. 18 in a majority of the counties.

A hunter may not have more than 10 a day of either or both species. Shotguns must be permanently plugged to three shell capacity.

Calvin H. Bradford purchased a 1-2 ton 1941 Ford truck tractor recently in a sale of surplus used motor vehicles by the Veterans' Division of the War Assets Administration.

PRODUCE SPECIALS

Lemons	California Sunkist	doz.	29c
Potatoes	U. S. No. 1 Long Whites. 10 lb. mesh bag		55c
Onions	New Crop Yellow	3 lbs.	10c
Grapes	California Thompson Seedless Girdled	2 lbs.	27c
Potatoes	U. S. No. 1 New Reds	3 lbs.	14c
Plums	Large California Presidents	lb.	23c
Carrots	Fine Flavor	bunch	5c
Cucumbers	Colorado	lb.	6 ¹ / ₂ c

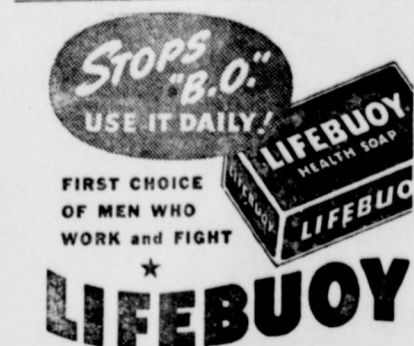
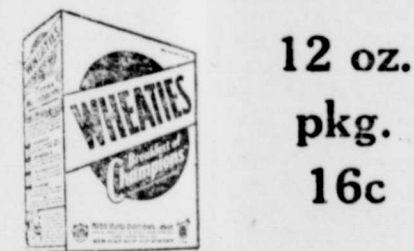
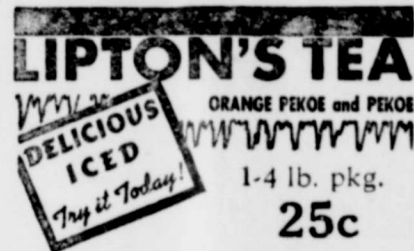
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MARKET SPECIALS

Beef Steak	Sirloin	lb.	55c
Cheese	Armour's Cloverbloom With Pimientos	2 lbs.	95c
Pickled Pig Feet	Armour's Star	lb.	29c
Salt Pork		lb.	49c
Chuck Roast		lb.	37c

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BAKERY SPECIALS

Jelly Rolls	10c and 25c
Coffee Cake	23c
Butter Wafers	doz. 15c
French Bread	12c



Hemo	16 ounce glass	59c
Blackeyed Peas	Silver Valley No. 2 tin	19c
Corn	Whole Kernel Golden Nation Pride. 12 ounce tin	14c
Hilex		gallon 39c
Kotex	Junior or Regular Pkg. 12's	2 for 49c
Grandma's Molasses	pt. 24c-qt. 43c	
Asparagus	All Green, Milford No. 2 tin	39c

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\$1.00 Chamberlain Lotion	79c Plus Tax
Pepsodent Tooth Brush, hard and medium	49c
\$3.50 Modart Shampoo	\$1.95
Epsom Salts, Dow Needle	5 lbs. 19c

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Anniversary of Sound Movies Recalls Early Panic of Stars

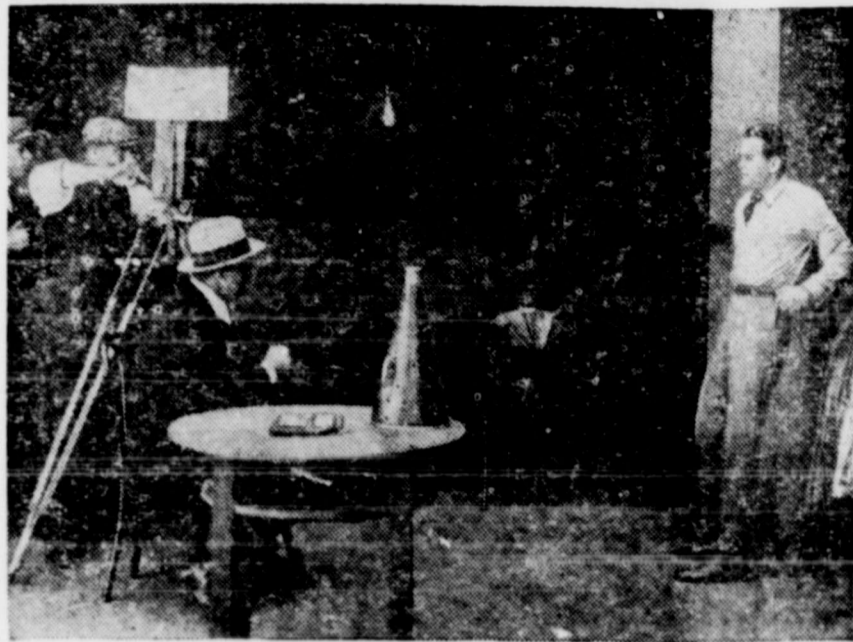
Public, Press Unenthused at 'Talkie' Advent

Sound came to motion pictures just 20 years ago yet most of the excitement over the invention that today makes movies one of America's chief industries didn't come from the press or public, but from stars who were panicked by the realization that their voices might not be pitched for recording.

Despite an unenthusiastic public, and skeptical producers of the first talkies, "The Jazz Singer" starring May McAvoy and Al Jolson, was released in 1927. From then on a star's voice was recordable or he was through.

John Barrymore and Conrad Nagel made the transition from silence to sound without a hitch. Nagel, who was under contract to MGM at the time and receiving \$2,500, was loaned to every other company in Hollywood and in the first two years of talkies, he made 31 films.

Westerns Take Lead.
Recording sound for Westerns at first seemed impossible but Fox



EARLY IN CAREER . . . Douglas Fairbanks, acclaimed by millions as idol of the screen, is shown with his first camera staff while making one of his early pictures. Actress Bessie Love played opposite the star in above picture, title unknown.

made "In Old Arizona" with Warner Baxter as the star and such film greats as William Boyd, now Hopalong Cassidy, and the late Bill Hart rose to their fame. Westerns

now total more box office receipts than any other type of picture.

Joan Crawford and Greta Garbo both thought someone was playing a joke on them by substituting men's voices when they first heard recordings of their own voices. Wallace Beery made a talkie for Paramount—his first—promptly was fired and went to MGM. He's been there ever since.

Zazu Pitts of silent days was considered a great dramatic actress. Her voice on the sound track ruined it all and she wisely switched to comedy and made her fortune as a funny girl. Charlie Chaplin, silent and sound comedian of the early days, even now is planning a comeback after six years' of absence.

Started in 1927.

Picture and sound recorded and synchronized on the same piece of film caused little excitement when it first was shown to the public in Schenectady, N. Y., in 1927. So the late Charles A. Hoxie of Schenectady, who developed it in the laboratories of General Electric, carted his Kinemagrophone, as he called it, back to the plant.

It wasn't until a year or so later that the president of the company took it with him to Europe to introduce an educational film. There it was received with such enthusiasm that company officials believed the talking movie was perhaps best suited to educational purposes. Before more educational movies had been produced, however, the movie industry put into general use the Hoxie machine. Today it is used by practically every movie company in the country.



HISTORICAL STAR . . . Among the most famous stars in early days of silent films were Charlie Chaplin and Jackie Coogan, shown here in a scene from "The Kid."

OLD WESTERN STYLE

Farmers Pack Guns to Curb Rustlers

MADISON, WIS. — Defying modern methods of criminal detection, Wood county farmers have banded together in the old-time vigilante system to curb a recent outbreak of cattle rustling here.

An SOS over a rural party telephone line prompted the first concerted manhunt, when 50 farmers, packing guns in old vigilante style, set out on a quest for rustlers. They beat a wooded sector from midnight until dawn but the rustlers had disappeared.

Bernard Kroening, who lives in nearby Rock, saw a car slip up to

a woods on his farm, two occupants emerging and entering the woods. He fired three shots, chasing the men deeper into the woods. Meanwhile, his wife got busy on the party line to round up the gang of 50 farmers.

Before their arrival, however, the mysterious car raced off down the road. Kroening gave chase in his car but lost the quarry. Kroening told the vigilantes he believed the two strangers still were in the woods and that the car had been driven by a third party, who had remained in it.

Although hampered by fog, the farmers beat through bushes and thickets for hours without finding the rustlers. Two Marshfield traffic officers and several deputies helped them.

An electric wire which charged a fence on the Kroening farm had been turned off by the thieves, and the farmers theorized that the men had made careful preparations for herding the animals through the fence when a truck arrived later.

In a previous rustling incident, mysterious strangers fired on a farmer who came upon them unexpectedly on his farm near Wisconsin Rapids.

Town Opens Secession Move

WENDOVER, UTAH-NEVADA. —Reminiscent of the Civil war controversy is the move sponsored by 2,000 residents of the Utah part of this little Bonneville salt flats town of 2,500 to secede from Utah so they can join their other 500 townsfolk as residents of Nevada, where a man can do anything he wants—well, almost anything.

"Utah doesn't even seem to know we're in the state and apparently doesn't even care if we're in the Union," bewailed Lester Giffen, spokesman for the secessionists.

Main complaint against Utah is the fact that the Beehive state's laws are too strict.

"A tourist, coming from the East, stops in my place and looks for the slot machines," explained a cafe owner on the Utah side. "I have to tell him we can't have them, so he says 'to heck with

you'—and drives across the border to Nevada."

While this same innkeeper can sell only 3.2 beer, his fellow barkeepers across the state line have some of the best-stocked bars in the West.

"In Nevada, if a man wants a drink, he orders one or two, then he's happy—and satisfied," Giffen said. "In Utah, he has to get a permit, go to the state-owned store and buy a quart. Then he feels he has to drink the whole quart. So he doesn't show up for work the next day."

Petitions will be presented to the Utah legislature and, if approved there, must be accepted by the Nevada legislature. Then congress will be asked to alter the Utah-Nevada boundary to include all of Westover in Nevada.

Texas High School Boy Presents Own Program on Radio

MESQUITE, TEXAS. — Although only 17 years old, Dale Berry, Mesquite high school senior, has been booked on a sustaining program over radio station WRR with his own cowboy band. Berry, who secured his own sponsor for the program, formerly played with Bill Boyd's Cowboy Ramblers and was on the Grand Ole Opry program over a Nashville station.

Berry plays the guitar and other members of the band are Robert Jenkins, Cleo Landolt, Benny Willbanks and Matt McGlotherin.

Instruction in piano and a few guitar lessons represent Berry's only musical training. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Berry of Mesquite.

ASK ME ? ANOTHER ?

A quiz with answers offering information on various subjects

1. What Presidential candidate received a plurality of 250,000 over his opponent, yet was not elected?
2. There is no soda in soda water. What is it charged with?
3. A pundit is a man who is what?
4. How many objects are necessary to make up a brace?
5. Pure gold is given the rating of how many carats?
6. The first national election in which women participated elected which President?
7. Federal sovereignty over the

"continental shelf" has been asserted in two Presidential proclamations. What is the "continental shelf"?

The Answers

1. Samuel J. Tilden in 1876.
2. Carbon dioxide.
3. Learned.
4. Two.
5. Twenty-four carats.
6. Warren G. Harding.
7. The ocean floor around the United States and its territories that is covered by no more than 600 feet of water.

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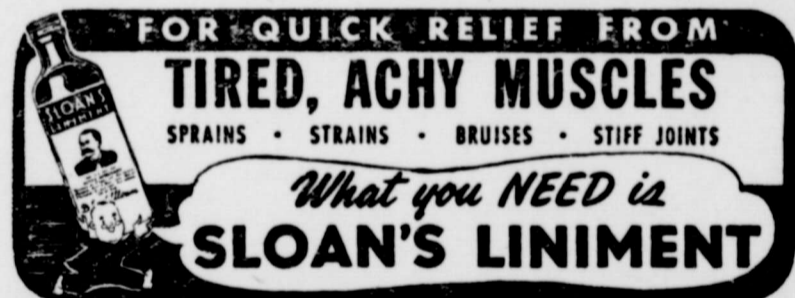
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STANOLIND 1-GG U. IN NORTHEAST CROCKETT COUNTY GETS OIL

Stanolind No. 1-GG University, prospective Ellenburger lime pool opener in northeastern Crockett County, Thursday prepared to run casing for a completion attempt after obtaining more pay but encountering sulphur water on a two-hour drillstem test from 8,355-85 feet. The pipe will be cemented on bottom and will be perforated opposite the oil bearing zone.

The strike appeared to have around 50 feet of pay section, which is comparatively thin, but was viewed generally as a producer in the making. It is in the C SW SW 12-39-U, 18 miles north-northeast of Ozona, 12 miles southeast of the Barnhart (Ellenburger) field in southeastern Reagan County and 24 miles northeast of the Todd Deep field in Crockett, which has production both from the crinoidal and the Ellenburger.

Gas appeared at the surface 42 minutes after the tool was opened on the drillstem test from 8,355-85 feet. Oil came after one hour and 55 minutes. Eight dry stands of drillpipe were drawn, then No. 1-GG University unloaded oil. Thereafter as the remainder of the drillpipe was broken down, every other stand unloaded oil. Twice the oil shot to the top of the 136-foot derrick.

Final recovery was 7,000 feet of oil, with no drilling mud, and seven feet of sulphur water. Bottom-hole pressure after a 15-minute shut-in registered 3,000 pounds.

The wildcat following a 1 3/4-hour drillstem test from 8,330-55 feet had unloaded six stands of oil in 12 minutes while pulling the drillpipe. Upon breaking down all the drillpipe it recovered 515 feet of 38 corrected gravity oil and 90 feet of heavily oil and gas-cut drilling mud. There was no water. Cuttings showed heavy saturation as drilling continued to 8,355 feet.

No. 1-GG University is on a seismograph high, on a block of 2,507 acres for which Stanolind paid a cash bonus of \$265,000 at the University Lands lease auction last November. The company has other extensive lease holdings in the area. — San Angelo Standard-Times, Aug. 23.

Lands nearest the prospective discovery producer outside the University blocks lie to the south and southwest and belong to Mrs. Grady Mitchell of San Angelo, J. Neil Smith of Kansas City and W. E. West, Ozona ranchman who for several years has

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resided at Hotel Cactus in San Angelo. All these holdings are under oil and gas lease to major companies.

West in December, 1945, sold to Stanolind leases on three sections—21, 22 and 23, Block AB, approximating 1,920 acres—for cash bonuses of \$100 an acre and a like amount to be paid out of oil if produced.

The Stanolind wildcat first attract-

ed attention late in July when it entered the Ellenburger high at 7,975 feet, 5,389 feet below sea level, and showed an estimated eight to 10 million cubic feet of gas daily, spraying distillate, on a drillstem test from 7,977-8,005 feet. It showed no material increase in deepening until the oil bearing zone was entered slightly below 8,330 feet.

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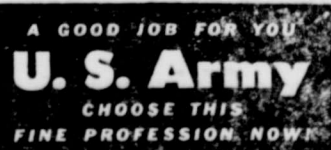
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Washington Irving's classic of Ichabod Crane and the Headless Horseman of Sleepy Hollow has a counterpart in Texas lore—a story equally as fantastic in many ways as that which came from the pen of Rip Van Winkle's creator.

About 1850, Texas was overrun with rustlers and marauders, and among the most infamous of these characters was a man named Vidal who had deserted the army of Mexico and had become one of the most feared horse thieves in the border country.

A small man, shrewd and observant, he collected a band of thieves unequalled in the "profession," and with local branches strung out along the Rio Grande, he reaped a good profit in the "horse trade"—at the same time making it appear that Indians were responsible for some of his own deviltry.

One summer, he and several of his gang made a raid along the San Antonio river, with enormous losses to the settlers. He struck at a time when most of the men were away pursuing Comanches, but it so happened that two men were at home, and they immediately gave chase.

The story goes that, before reaching the Nueces, they met up with the famous frontiersman, Big Fott Wallace, who joined them in the pursuit. One evening, the three men, about sundown, located the camp of the horse thieves and, staying under cover, kept a close watch on their quarry. They saw that the band put out but one man as guard for the horses and that the other three rolled up in blankets.

When they were reasonably certain that the desperadoes were asleep, the pursuers decided to attack. One shot the man guarding the herd, while the other two sprang upon the sleeping man. The scrimmage was over in short order. The horse guard, though apparently badly wounded, escaped but the three in the camp were killed outright.

Upon examination of the bodies, it was discovered that one of them was

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the leader, and the legend goes that one of the avengers conceived the idea of beheading him, mounting him on his own horse—a fine stallion—and, after tying the man to the saddle, let the horse loose.

This was done and, as the horse was freed, it galloped off like a streak in a cloud of dust.

Soon afterward, stories began circulating—even faster than the beautiful horse and its gruesome load could

travel. Soldiers, scouts, Indians and other travelers told of seeing a man without a head, mounted on a superb stallion, galloping around the country and frightening the settlers half to death.

It was said that after several weeks the horse was finally killed at a watering place where it had gone to quench its thirst, and that the headless rider was still sitting in the saddle where he had been tied.

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Murder in Plain Sight

by GERALD BROWN



Duke McCale, private detective, is guarding the wedding presents at the Bigelow mansion. He senses that old Miss Adelaide Bigelow is afraid of something more serious than theft. He meets the bride and groom-to-be, Veronica and Curt Vallaincourt, and Veronica's mother, Sybil, and her brother and sister, Stephen and Victoria. There is a sinister undercurrent that McCale is quick to catch. He discusses the situation with Ann Marriot, his secretary and fiancée, while they are dining at a fashionable night club. They are impressed by the beauty and charm of the club's featured singer, Shari Lynn. Shari goes to a table and joins a big, handsome man—Curt Vallaincourt!

CHAPTER V

The flash of a million golden sparks went by their table. McCale looked out of the corner of his eyes and saw that a tall woman with hair the color of spun sugar was passing. He recognized her immediately. It was Karen Bigelow. She saw him, but gave no glance of recognition. Her eyes were fixed straight ahead in a cold, hard glaze at the table where Vallaincourt sat with the torch singer. She deliberately walked toward them.

"That your Karen?" Ann whispered.

"Uh-huh."

"Well, I do hope there'll be no trouble."

If there was, it was remarkably well-bred and closely held. Karen reached the table and spoke quickly to Vallaincourt. He looked amazed, shaken. He turned to Shari Lynn once, blindly. But the Lynn girl only sat there, utterly relaxed, her mouth a sulky sneer. Karen took something from her bag and handed it to Shari. She looked once at Curt, a long, searching, smoldering look, and turned away. Vallaincourt made a move to follow her, but Shari caught his hand, drawing him back. He almost stumbled in the alcove.

It was then that McCale, swiveling around to the startled Ann, had his second shock of the evening. Not five tables away, almost hidden in a corner, sat Stephen Bigelow. There was a row of empty glasses in front of him as though he had ordered them all at one time. Yet he did not seem to be drunk. His eyes were sunken in that face so prematurely cadaverous but they glittered with a cold, sardonic amusement that was frightening.

Ann Marriot gripped McCale's hand in an imploring gesture. "Let's get out of here."

"Maybe the fun is only just beginning," he said, rising with alacrity.

On the steps, a slight altercation was taking place. Karen Bigelow, swathed in ochre wool, was trying to restrain a slightly bedraggled, fussily dressed woman. McCale saw that it was Sylvia Bigelow, bulging out of a sheath of satin.

Karen was saying, "You mustn't go in, Mother Bigelow, you just can't. Let me take you home."

"Get out of my way!" the older woman said.

"I can't let you go in. Besides, he's not there, Sybil. He really isn't there."

"How do you know?"

"I looked."

"You came here to see him?"

"Yes, yes—but he isn't here. Come home with me, Sybil."

The grotesque Sybil hesitated a moment, her bright feverish eyes searching Karen's face. Then she pushed her forcefully aside with crushing arrogance.

The Trail Becomes A Little Plainer

"Let me by," she said, her voice rising hysterically.

There was a limousine at the curb. Karen walked to it, moving like a sleepwalker. She got into it without a backward glance. It rolled away into the dark.

"Well, well," McCale spoke as they settled back into their taxi. "I am more than ever convinced that there is a nigger in the Bigelow woodpile."

"I should say so." Ann smiled wearily. "As our good pal, Rocky, would say—everyone seems one leap ahead of a fit."

It was still quite early. Another night, they might have gone on to one or another of the nightclubs, but McCale was in no mood for it. He knew Ann's evening was probably spoiled, though she said nothing. He reached for her hand, expecting more of her incurable flippancy, but she, too, seemed sunk in a thoughtful depression. When they drew up before the apartment house where she lived, she kissed him lightly before they got out,

made no remark when he told the driver to wait. As he fitted her key into the outside door, she spoke.

"Drink?"

"No."

"What are you up to? Where are you going?"

"Places ladies don't grace with their presence."

"I'm willing to forget I'm a lady for tonight."

She had a secret yen for the seamer side, the substrata, the obscure.

"We won't go into that now," he said. He turned her head toward him. "Here."

He kissed her hard on the lips, noticing her complete calm indifference. She was angry.

"Thanks ever so."

"Oh, Lord," he groaned, "don't go giving me your impersonation of Bette Davis now. I'm going to the Print Club to see Jerry Tate. Something tells me there is something very dirty afoot. It's only breaking out in little places here and there, but there's bound to be an explosion of some kind in the offing. I'm short on information, baby, and a little late on the scene. What I do,



"Hello, Jerry," said McCale. "Having your good-night quart?"

"I've got to do quickly."

He chuckled to himself as he got into the cab, giving the address of the Print Club.

A Newspaper Man Gives the Lowdown

He lit a cigarette and sat with his feet up on one of the adjustable seats of the taxi as it bumped along Cambridge street. He thought he had done rather well in the time he had spent in Boston, in spite of obstacles such as his decision not to take divorce cases, not to hold out on the police, not to get in the way of rival agencies. He had managed to keep his head above water and had acquired a reputation of honesty and discretion besides. His lip curled in self-derision as he laughed in the face of his own expansive ego.

"No sense being so damned complacent, boy." He was talking to himself like a Dutch uncle. "So far, you haven't got much fodder on the problem at hand."

He sighed unhappily as the cab drew up with a screech of brakes before a tall, gray office building. Between this and another older structure was a narrow alley, at the back of which could be seen a faintly lighted doorway. McCale made for this. From behind the stark walls on each side of him, he could hear the rumble and roar of machinery, for the presses of the biggest newspaper in town had their home there.

The Print Club, where pressmen and reporters gathered to drink and converse throughout the night, was on the third floor of the narrow edifice at the end of the alley. Duke opened the door and went up the winding iron stairs to the bare, undecorated rooms which were furnished with square wooden tables and chairs of the kitchen variety.

McCale went over to the bar and asked for Jerry Tate. The barman nodded in the direction of the third room, raising a quizzical eye at McCale's formal attire. McCale threw him a hard, deliberate scowl, and made for the door. Just inside it, a young, irascible, nervous-looking man sat alone at a table, playing solitaire. He did not look up as McCale sat down facing him.

"Hello, Jerry," said McCale. "Having your good-night quart?"

"Hi, sleuth," he said in a rasping voice. "Where have you been—all dressed up? Is there a convention you had to attend?"

"Out to dinner."

"Well, well. Times have changed."

"Isn't it the truth! But you see, I haven't forgotten the old days. I come straight from the lap of luxury to visit my old pals."

"I'm all agog." The dark fellow poured himself a finger of whiskey and swallowed it in one gulp. "No kidding, Duke, I'm glad to see you. However, you've probably got an axe to grind. So give while I'm still sober."

"As usual I'm after information."

"So—"

"About a great big, husky, handsome young man named Vallaincourt."

Jerry Tate gave a low whistle and fixed McCale with a baleful glance.

"So they've called in the OGPU?"

"Who?"

"The Bigelows. Who else? How much you soaking them?"

"Now, see here, Jerry, I haven't said—"

"You don't have to. I don't have to be a detective—not even a lousy reporter—to put two and two together. What I can't get over is why they've let it slide along to this late day. You're a bit on the tardy side, aren't you?"

"I'll say. The wedding is next week, so I'm running around in circles—but fast. What can you tell me about him?"

"Very little, I'm afraid. He hits the high spots, does a lot of gambling, plays around fast and loose. Spends lots of dough."

"Where does he get it?"

"Search me."

"Oh, come now."

"Well, rumor has it that it comes from the Bigelows mostly."

"I doubt that."

Tate shrugged. "Some other old gal, then."

"What about his antecedents?"

"Don't know. Springs from Chicago, I'm told."

"How did he get aboard the Mayflower—that is, how did he burrow his way into the bosom of the Bigelow family?"

"Well, now, let's see. First time I remember him around the Gay White Way, he had Victoria Bigelow in tow. Vicky seemed to have the upper hand there for a while. Then there were whispers—very soft—but whispers, my friend, that Mrs. Bigelow was interested—in a purely platonic way, we hope."

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By Ruth Wyeth Spears



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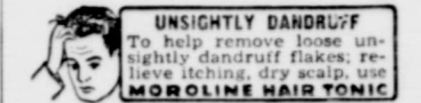
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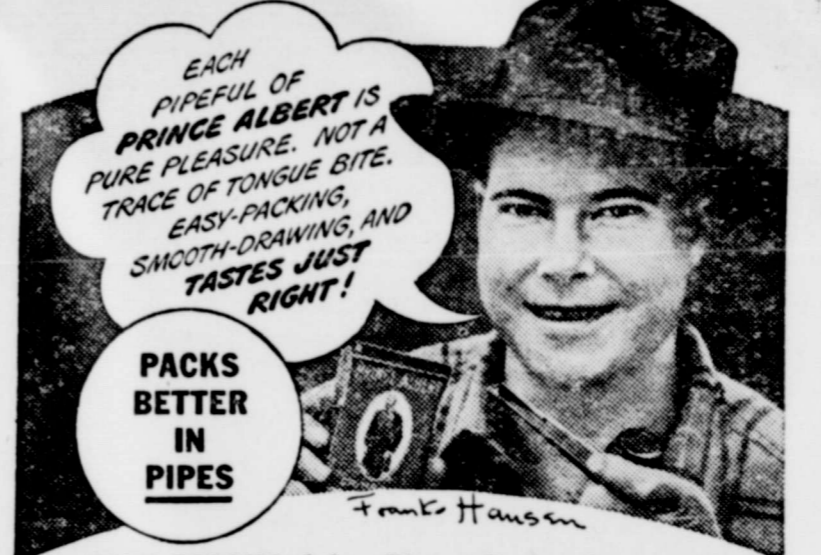
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LACKEY IS SURVIVOR OF BEN FICKLIN FLOOD

J. E. Lackey related last week that he and Judge Sam Merrell of San Antonio are the only surviving members of the "82" Club. On Aug. 24, 1882, 64 years ago the town of Ben Ficklin was washed away by the flood waters of the Conchos, and Mr. Lackey was there at the time.

The San Angelo Kiwanis Club, in session last week, delved deeply into the early history of Tom Green County including an account of the Ben Ficklin flood on Aug. 24, 1882. Major portion of the "delving" was done by Mary Bain Spence, daughter of a pioneer, who read a paper she had prepared for the Tom Green County Historical Society entitled, "The Story of Ben Ficklin."

Some of the highlights of the paper: First stage line mail contract was issued to James Butterfield in 1857. He operated from St. Louis. His line passed through Carlshad, Texas. Another line from San Antonio crossed the Concho at Christoval. Both were discontinued during the Civil War.

History of the Concho Country proper began with Ft. Concho, whose site was selected Nov. 12, 1867, and the first building erected Jan., 1868. The fort was abandoned June 1, 1889.

Maj. Ben Ficklin, who had operated mail and stage lines in the south and assisted in establishing the Pony Express from St. Joseph, Mo., to California, in company with several others put in a stage station on the San Antonio-El Paso line on the South Concho. This station was named after him and a small village of some 300 persons developed. Another line from Ft. Worth joined the El Paso line there.

Tom Green County was created by an Act of the Legislature on March 13, 1874. An election held in Jan., 1875, located the county seat at Ben Ficklin, although San Angela, as it was known then, had nearly as large a population.

Miss Spence quoted from a story written by the late C. B. Metcalfe concerning the flood of 1882 which wiped out the town of Ben Ficklin and resulted in moving the county seat to San Angelo.

Rainfall was exceptionally heavy during June, July and August of 1882 so that the country was thoroughly soaked. On the night of Aug. 23 cloudbursts occurred on the headwaters of the Concho Rivers and tributary creeks. Before noon of Aug. 24, the flood had reached a height of 40 feet. There were 65 lives lost with property damage estimated at \$115,000 at Ben Ficklin proper and \$70,000 elsewhere on the rivers for a total of \$185,000. San Angelo and Tom Green County raised \$4,000 for relief; contributions from other West Texans raised the total to \$5,256.50.

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By MRS. ALMA TARVIN

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Neville Davis sends in for a year's subscription to The Mertzon Star.

Bode Owens has bought the Mitch Owens home here in town and plans to do considerable repairing and fixing up the place for school teachers to live in.

The Burns-Harper American Legion Post of Irion County sponsored the Roney Carnival which played here recently and their percentage of the receipts totaled \$79.76 for the week.

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By W. J. DRYDEN

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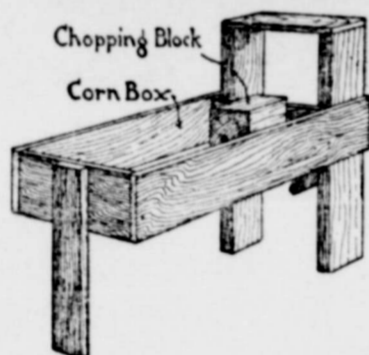


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tricity to lower production costs, reduce physical effort, to operate their farm more efficiently, boost output increase their income and raise their standards of living.

Electric lights to reduce fire hazards, increase the workable hours in a farm building; electric water systems to save time and essential water for crops and animals when needed; corn and hay driers to save crops; ultra-violet irradiation lamps to prevent meat spoilage and increase health of brooder chicks; electric power tools in the shop to save machinery and time; electric welders which make it possible to repair or make many items for the farm—these are only a few of the uses to which electricity may be put on the farm.

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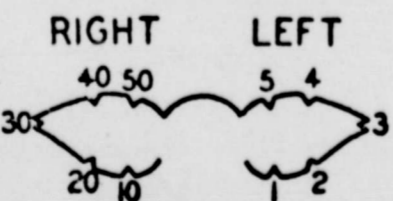
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SUNDAY SCHOOL—13.3 EMS By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D. Of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.

Lesson for September 1

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JESUS AND RIGHT USE OF PROPERTY

LESSON TEXT—Exodus 20:15; Proverbs 20:7-9; Matthew 5:28-29. MEMORY SELECTION—But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also (Matt. 6:20-21).

Labor Day tomorrow! And much in the thinking of all America will be the right division of the fruits of investment of time and money. Property rights are fundamental. God's Word teaches us the proper attitude toward our own rights and the rights of others; namely, honesty, yes, just plain old-fashioned honesty.

In such a time, the believer in Christ needs to be doubly vigilant lest he accommodate his own standards of honesty to those of the world.

I. Honest in Purpose (Exod. 20:15).

We cannot tolerate anything in word or deed that can be regarded as stealing what belongs to another. The very commandment against stealing implies that men have a right to that which they have made, earned or saved. If no one had any property rights there could be no stealing. Some of our modern political and social isms deny such rights, but their reasoning is clearly not biblical or Christian.

"Thou shalt not steal," forbids every kind of theft, and this includes more than robbery or ordinary stealing (see Lev. 19:11-13).

It relates to every kind of false dealing with another, such as oppression or the withholding of just wages. That, too, is stealing in God's sight.

Perhaps we ought to be more specific and apply the truth to our own day. Stealing includes such things as loafing on one's job, borrowing money from the cash drawer, taking goods from the stock with which one is working, stealing another man's sermon and preaching it as one's own, lifting material out of another man's book without credit, contracting debts which one can never pay, using false weights and measures, adulterating food or other material, "watering" milk for sale, selling worthless stock, dodging taxes or lying to the tax assessor, or using a slug instead of a nickel in the telephone to escape proper payment.

II. Humble in Practice (Prov. 30:7-9).

It may sound a little odd to hear this man pray that he should be delivered from prosperity. To ask to be kept from poverty is certainly to make a wise request, but to be delivered from riches, why that's certainly not sensible. So reasons the world, but as usual, it is entirely wrong.

Experience has demonstrated that the man who has an abundance of good things usually becomes self-satisfied, assuming that he deserves the credit for his affluence, he forgets God, and what had been a good and useful life is soon destroyed.

On the other hand, it is true that extreme poverty tends to break down a man's morale. Watching his family starve is not conducive to honesty if a man can lay his hands on something to save them, whether it be his or not. We do not justify stealing at any time, but we can well understand that starvation can turn the mind of a normal man into abnormal channels.

III. Heavenly in Principle (Matt. 6:25-28).

The Bible is concerned almost entirely with life on this earth. It tells us very little about heaven except how to go there. But (and here is the important point for us just now) it does give us laws from heaven for life on earth. Our life here, our attitude toward property, is to be heavenly in principle.

We are not to be anxious (the correct translation of "take no thought," vv. 25, 27, 31) about our life, about food, raiment and other necessary things. Proper forethought is all right, but worry? Never!

Consider the glory of the flowers of the field, for not even a king can dress as they. The Lord does it. "Are ye not much better than they?"

What about the future? It is in God's hands, and even if it were in our hands what could we do with it? Even tomorrow with its needs, its blessings, its joys and its sorrows is not here yet, and when it does come there will come with it God's gracious provision (v. 34).

AROUND THE HOUSE

Do not hang glass or china cups by the handles. They may chip or crack and finally break off entirely.

Gone are the days when a woman bought an extra quarter or half yard of material to allow for careless cutting. Figure exactly how much fabric you need for a garment and then buy to the inch.

Milady's dresser need not be marred by lotion or perfume spots if a piece of waxed paper is placed directly under the dresser scarf.

The handles of discarded toothbrushes make good tags for household keys. Break off the brush end and smooth the broken edge with sandpaper or a file. Tie or wire keys through hole in the handle.

Make a dustless dustcloth that will remove the dust and not just push it aside by soaking a piece of flannel or thick flannelette in a mixture of two parts of paraffin oil and one part of turpentine. Wring out the cloth and let dry before using.

Heavyweight Champs

Among America's professional wrestlers today, more than 25 claim to be "The World's Heavyweight Champion" and at least a dozen employ the title of "Angel," such as the Irish Angel, the French Angel and the Swedish Angel.



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Mrs. Max Tepper bingo, and Mrs. Roy Girvin high prize in "42".

Refreshments were served to Mmes. Mans Hoggett, R. S. Williams, Max Tepper, J. P. Crews, H. B. Kerbow, M. L. Van Court, Lum Trainer, Leta Crawford, J. L. Werst, Jr., Bert Mayse, O. J. Estes, Bonnie Wilson.

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Lemons Calif. Lge. Size..... doz. 29c

Grapes Thompson Seedless..... lb. 19c

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Carrots..... bunch 6 1/2c

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Cheese American..... lb. 65c

Wieners..... lb. 29c

Lloyd Davis, Vester Hughes, John Sheen and Roy Girvin.

PASSING OF AN OLD TIMER

By Alma Tarvin

Another good old timer's left us. Galloped on to ranges new. Where the grass is fresh and greener. And the sky is always blue.

Makes us pause a while and ponder. Wonder who the next will be? To start out across the unknown, Heading for Eternity.

Things have changed since first he came here.

Years ago, when life was young. Built a 'Brand', a home, a family. Neath the Western sky and sun.

Where the cattle once roamed freely. On the wide and open range. Now grow village, town and city. With their glittering lights so strange.

We can understand old timer. Why you have headed West again. Where you won't be cramped and crowded. Where you'll find a greener range.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cravens and family left Tuesday for a visit with the Bill Wagners at Cross Plains. Mr. Wagner is a brother of Mrs. Cravens. They plan to return home today.



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