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"mulling it over"

By Truman McMahon

Pity The Poor Public

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"The public," he said, "is the world's worst people. You can't please 'em, and there's one trying."
He was just ruminating, and I like to listen. And, anyway, I'd seen evidence that supported his statement.
"Now, you take people who eat out all the time. They want to give their friends the impression that they know good food. They see in the Post or Chronicle, or maybe

Texas Monthly, where some Houston greasy spoon has the best food in Texas.
"What's they do? They go off to Houston on a Saturday night mebbe, although there ain't much action in big towns then, and they order steak and potatoes, only they ain't called that, costing \$12.95 a plate.
"Well, sir, those big shots come back home and can't wait 'til they get with their friends to tell how the food

was delicious at the Greasy Spoon in Houston and that they saw Mayor McCon there eating sauerkraut on the halfshell.

Everyone knows people like that, and, although he didn't say it, those same people raise Cain when they have to pay \$3 for lunch in their hometown restaurants which, day in and day out, serve better food than the holy-sooty bigtown greasy spoon.

But he was getting off on another foot: "Ninety-nine per cent of the public are greedy but good people. Have you ever heard anyone but the buyer complain that gasoline prices are too high?"

"No, sir. Everybody wants to conserve gasoline, so they say. The big oil companies take big ads to tell us how to save gasoline, how to test our cars so they will not use so much gasoline."

"Our politicians say: 'Raise the price of gasoline. That's the only way to make the public save gasoline.'"

"Well, it won't. The only reason we'll cut down on buying gasoline is that we've run out of money."

"You ever hear any big shots advocate making cars with less horsepower? No, sir; that would save more money than they want saved."

"What them oil fellows want is to find more oil that they can sell at still higher prices. He stopped for a minute and I was nodding agree, wondering if that was all he had to say.

He spat and went on: "It's the same way with us cattle people. You wouldn't hear us complain if beef on the hoof was selling for \$5 a pound."

"Oh, you'd hear us complain but only about the high price of feed we buy to feed them cows. And about the high price of gasoline, or applesauce, or milkshakes. But not about the high price of beef on the hoof."

"What we want is for people to eat more beef so that the prices will go up. We're not like the oil companies, we can't say that \$5 a pound. We take what we can get at the auction ring. And who can say what causes

24 YEARS AGO

LET'S LOOK BACK

(Aug. 18, 1955)

Mrs. Robert Miller of Old Ocean, formerly Pearl Lousie Walker of Eagle Lake, died suddenly of a heart attack while on a vacation trip.

Earline Matthews of Alletton was killed instantly when the car she was riding in hit a bridge railing.

L. H. Dye, President of the Texas Concrete Silo Co. of Eagle Lake, donates a ten by thirteen foot family meeting pool to the Eagle Lake Lions Club Carnival.

Joe and Thomas Lay wed in the First Baptist Church in Sheridan Saturday. Rice Belt All-Stars were outbid but won two straight games against South Central Texas League All-Stars in a tournament held here.

Mrs. H. M. Kreidler was complimented with a going away coffee at the Alvin Wiese home.

Anita Wilcox Circle of the W.S.C. of Colly Memorial Methodist Church, met for the auction ring prices to be what they are?

He paused to think. "You see, greed rules the world. Everybody wants more money. Whether the price is too high or too low depends on whether you're buying or selling."

Two Ways Out
At the present rate of inflation—that means high prices for the same old things—people are running out of money fast. There's talk that we're already in a recession.

The government, however, is putting a dent in the recession by hiring people to count how many there are of us. (The census, you know.) If the recession lasts longer than next Tuesday, the government might hire more people to weather proof the Canadian border so that we won't be so cold while we're hungry. TM

Past Lions Dist. Gov. Gets Award

La Grange Meth. Church Bazaar Sat.

A bazaar, auction and barbecue dinner will be held by the Travis Street United Methodist Church in La Grange, Texas this Saturday, Oct. 20th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The church is located in downtown La Grange on Hwy. 71.

The bazaar will start at 9 a.m. barbecue chicken and sausage dinner at 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., antique auction at 1:30 p.m. Coffee and goodies can be purchased all day.

All the sale items have been donated. There will be hand-painted cheese boxes, water color and oil paintings by local artists, and lots of novel and useful arts and crafts items. Also there will be live plants for sale.

The proceeds from this sale and auction will go toward a new roof for the educational building. Everything will be reasonably priced.

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Serendipity

Subject: Paragraph
Halloween tales always interest me, and here's one you may have forgotten.

Once several small groups of kids were roaming around town, mostly laughing and making noise. The town marshal rounded them up and tossed them in the calaboose, where they stayed for about an hour.

Years later a primary grade teacher assigned an English lesson of a paragraph on the subject, "Where My Parents Met". One student simply wrote, "They met in jail."

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Susan Kell, Kirk Engstrom Honored At Bridal Party

Miss Lydia Susan Kell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Kell, Jr. of Eagle Lake, and Charles Kirk Engstrom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Truman O. Engstrom, Jr. of Garwood, were honored at a cocktail party and shower in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Victor A. Scott on Saturday evening, October 6.

Honorees, their immediate families, and their chosen attendants enjoyed refreshments of vegetable terrades, carpaccio, piquant fondue, crudités, savory bread sticks, and rum punch.

Hosts for the event were Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cooper. The Kirk Engstrom wedding is scheduled for November 10.

Pictured above from left to right are Luann Brown, Lori Mahalite, Judy Bunge, DeLedyne Valenta and Carolyn Pavie. These young ladies are shown holding the medals they earned at U.L.L. Music Region XIII twirling contest held in Lousie this past Saturday, October 13. Luann, Lori, DeLedyne and Carolyn each received a first division medal for their solo routine and Judy earned a division two rating.

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Garwood and Nada Community News
MRS. J. F. STRUSKA - 758-3052

Visit In Dallas
Mrs. Beulah Shoop accompanied the G. K. Jackson family to Dallas for a weekend visit with the Neil Shoop family. On the evening of September 23rd Mrs. Shoop attended a birthday dinner honoring her grand daughter, Miss Kim Jackson, at Magnolia Beach Restaurant.

Methodist Women Meet
The women of the Garwood Methodist Church met Monday of last week at 3:00 p.m. for a business meeting and a Bible Study.

Mrs. E. L. Wied presided and Mrs. F. E. Wines led the opening prayer. Mrs. Wied read the minutes. Mrs. R. A. Shoop gave the card report, and Mrs. Louis Miller gave the treasurer's report.

The Garwood Lions Fair was discussed and members were appointed for working the meeting was then adjourned. Leonard Engstrom had surgery in El Campo Memorial Hospital. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Lillie Herron has just returned from a trip to visit her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Schroeder of Mission, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bunge, Loueva and Geneva Bunge visited Mrs. Lucille Blumberg and Russell Stein in Seguin last Sunday.

Jack Struska of Houston spent the past weekend with his grandmother, Mrs. Ella Struska.

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Elected president was Mrs. Fay Anderson; vice-president, Carl Minster; secretary, Mrs. Jean McIntire; treasurer, Mrs. Tyra Penn; and public relations chairperson, Sally Covillion.

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The Auxiliary project for this quarter is the purchase of a portable public address system for use in church services and entertainment programs. To aid in raising the money needed to buy the sound system, the Auxiliary voted to sponsor a Christmas tour of homes, Dec. 6 and 7.

Local Man Is Sought For Hit-Run Accidents

Warrants have been issued for the arrest of Benjamin Cruz of Eagle Lake for unlawful use of a motor vehicle and for leaving the scene of an accident as the result of an investigation last week by City Patrolman Guadalupe Villarreal, Jr.

Villarreal received a call at 8:20 p.m. Friday of an accident at the parking lot at Dan's Minute Stop. Investigation revealed that a 1972 Plymouth had hit two parked cars on the parking lot and left heading east on East Main Street.

The officers received a report from Mr. and Mrs. Gary Petering of Houston, who were heading east on East Main at about that time, that they saw the vehicle hit the front of the M&H Tire Repair Service building at 705 East Main. The vehicle ripped out most of the front of the building in the impact. The driver was seen leaving the scene on foot, heading east on East Main.

The investigating officer received word shortly afterward from Ernesto Granillo Castillo of Eagle Lake that it was his car that was involved and that he had parked it in the driveway at his home and at 7:30 p.m. noticed that it was missing. He said the car was taken without his permission, but he did not know who took the car.

The charges were filed against Cruz through the court of Justice of the Peace M. M. Jones, but he still had not been located Monday. Owners of the two cars which were hit on the parking lot did not file charges since damage was reported to be minor.

Fine, Probation Given On Assault Charge

Antonio Aguado, who entered a plea of guilty August 28th to a charge of misdemeanor assault (reduced from an indictment of aggravated assault) was sentenced in district court last Friday.

He was given a fine of \$35 and one year probation and ordered to pay costs of court on the charge of hitting Apollonio Reyes.

The 1979 Gallardias (all-university teachers) at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos are, left to right, Frank J. Mason of Houston, Beth Selbinger of Waco, James Taylor of Ciudad Victoria (Mexico), Judith J. Chabrowski of San Antonio, Joseph Oliver of Houston, Julia Thomas of Eagle Lake, Dorinda Phillips of Lousie, Paul E. Houtcheger of Austin, Patricia Boushman of Houston, John C. Meadows of Victoria, Diane Watson of Trachon and Daniel W. Gibbons of San Antonio. Elected through campus-wide balloting, the Gallardias were announced at the Homecoming Banquet Oct. 12.

Julia Thomas, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Thomas of Eagle Lake, is a junior church communication major with a Spanish accent. A chorale member of the SWT twirlers team and Chl Group and a Kappa Kappa Sorority member, she was nominated by the SWT leadership.

Mrs. R. B. Thomas is a member of the board of directors of SWT's Parents' Club.

plan to be on hand for the hamper in the Community Center on Nov. 5th. There will be lots of handmade items, quilts, art, plants, baked items and many more things for sale at the bazaar. A new feature will be a "silent auction" on some valuable and beautiful items. A sandwich luncheon will be served at the noon hour. The doll house is now on display at Gilts of Distinction on McCarty Street. Go by and see it!

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