

Snoopin' Around

By D. A. Davis

(Dedicated to Douglas Meador in "Trail Dust")

A bright moon arose from the eastern skies. Suddenly a gloomy cloud passes between earth and sky and all was darkness. In the forest a sly slinking fox creeps from its hiding place and slips out in the cold bleak night, intent on slaughter to satisfy its hunger. A quivering, shy cottontail rabbit secreted in its hiding place peeked cautiously out to view the outside world to satisfy itself of no immediate danger, and bounds hurriedly into the open and scampers noiselessly away into the darkness, only to be slaughtered by Mr. Fox.

A screech owl perched silently on a nearby branch of a dead tree screeches out a shrill, weird note to its mate securely hidden in a nearby hollow tree. A muffled answer to its mate's call convinces him of its safety. He flits noiselessly away into the open fields to feast on field mice which easily fall victims to the silent and crafty owl.

A whippoorwill securely hidden in the dense forest nearby can be heard greeting its mate with its sweet subdued tones. They, too, go forth to feast on the insects of the field and forest.

A vicious snarl followed by a blood-curdling scream of the panther or the mighty roar of the king of beasts, the lion, strikes terror to the feet-footed deer which bounds swiftly away out of danger, only to be trapped by the mighty lion or the vicious panther. Its pitiful whine can be heard in its last moments of torture and death.

Not far away human voices can be heard. A chant of music and voices of "Holy Night, Silent Night," blended with the soft tones of the village church organ, mingled with the sweetness of happy children's voices as they enjoy the blessings of Christmas touches a deep secret spot in the breast of a human soul.

And not so far away a bright spot can be seen, made so by the mingling of all kinds of colored lights. You might even see some semblance of Christmas assembled in colored lights. A star of the east may be displayed surrounded with beautiful colored lights, and inside you are dazzled by the beautiful array of lights and the splendor of beautiful women and gowns. A jazz orchestra with every conceivable kind of sound is playing "Red Hot Mama," while the swarm of humanity is reveling in a frenzy spectacle of laughter and dancing. Soon the crowd gets boisterous and gross, decency has passed out of the picture, quarrels and curses can be heard, tragedies may happen, and human souls degraded and virtue outraged.

And in the cities the churches and worshippers of the "Prince of Peace" are intermingled with vice and degradation. Out on the highways, fast speeding automobiles driven by drunken drivers collide with automobiles driven by some careful father going home from these village churches with his precious cargo of happy children. The result is too horrible to mention.

And in the slums, misery and hunger can be seen everywhere, while just around the corner riches and extravagance predominate.

In the war-torn countries human beings are being killed and mangled by the thousands with shot and shell. In countries at peace, human beings are being killed by thousands through carelessness and thoughtlessness.

At last the moon vanishes in the west with a sombre copper-colored hue. The light appears in the east and soon the warm sun ushers in another day. The beasts of the field and the birds of the air return to their hiding places, and to them it's just another night, but to us, we call it "Christmas night."

And, folks, with these variegated thoughts surging through my mind, I wish each and every one of you a merry and seriously thoughtful Christmas, and a plea that each and every one of you observe Christmas in keeping with the spirit of the Prince of Peace.

A. T. Wilson hands us \$2.00 for The News another year.

C. G. Nicholson was in Alanreed Thursday.

Harry Crawford and family of Childers moved to McLean Friday.

Council and Trustees Vote Band to Game

At a joint meeting of the city council and board of education held Monday it was voted to sponsor a trip for the high school band to the Cotton Bowl football game at Dallas between Rice and Colorado State, next week.

Reservations have been made for the band members at the Hilton Hotel, and also reservations for others who may attend.

It is hoped that several will attend the game and have room in their cars for band members. Anyone who intends going and will have room will confer a favor if they will notify Mayor Smith as to the number they can take.

Mayor Smith also has tickets to the game and is in charge of hotel reservations.

SCHOOL PROGRAM GIVEN TUESDAY NIGHT

Members of the speech class, music classes and band presented the following program at the high school auditorium Tuesday evening:

Oh, Come All Ye Faithful—Music Class.

Reading, Kitty's Christmas—Johnny Batson

Piano solo, Ecclesiastes—Frances Rudzetzky

Pop Goes the Weasel, and Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star—Rhythm Band

One-act play, Christmas on Sunset Slope—Grade school students.

Piano solo, Silent Night—Jimmy Batson.

Song, Santa Claus Is Coming to Town—Jimmy Batson.

Sacred Medley, Joy to the World—Band.

Silent Night—Clarinet quartet.

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear—Brass quartet.

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing—Saxophone quartet.

One-act play, Enchanted Candle—Speech class.

Piano duet, Minuet—Willie Louello Cobb and Ermadel Floyd.

Seraphic Song—Girls' sextet.

Roses in December—Girls' quartet.

The Sleigh—Girls' quartet.

Blossoms of Broadway—Girls' quartet.

HARRIS KING HONORED BY EMPLOYEES

Employees of the Harris King Motor Co complimented Mr. King at a turkey dinner Tuesday evening at the showroom of the garage.

The showroom was decorated for the occasion. Names were drawn for exchange of gifts which were distributed from the tree by Witt Springer.

After dinner games of 42 and dominoes were played.

Among those present were: Harris King and daughters, Frankie Sue and Martha Joyce; Mrs. Eliene Douglas of Borger, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Greer, Gene and Peggy Marie Greer, Mr. and Mrs. Booth Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Williams, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Corbin, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. VanderGraff, Arthur Bilderback, Paul Dowell, Mrs. Bonnie Lander, Misses Frances Springer and Doris Rigdon.

MRS. FAST LIKES NEWS

Mrs. Floy Fast visited the News office one day last week to renew her subscription to the paper, and in discussing the subscription price, said that it is worth \$2.00 of anyone's money. Mrs. Fast appreciates the News selling at a bargain rate the past few years, and says she can see that it could not be expected at this time.

Mrs. Oscar Goodman was a News office visitor to see when their subscription expires. She found that the figures run for another year, and was kind enough to say that she did not want to miss a single copy of the home paper.

Rev. W. A. Erwin, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, left today (Thursday) for down state to spend Christmas with his folks.

Mrs. Ida Porter and daughter, Miss Jewel, of Shamrock visited their daughter and sister, Mrs. E. T. Dickinson, the first of the week.

Deputy Sheriff L. S. Tinnin made a trip to Duncan, Okla., Friday.

The Christian Christmas



"For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior which is Christ the Lord"—Luke 2:11.

Christmas is celebrated in two days, and so great is the difference that it really amounts to two simultaneous celebrations.

One is a true reverent and spiritual occasion, while the other is false, ungodly and given over to drunkenness and other excesses.

Thousands indulge in Christmas festivities every year without seeming to realize anything at all of what Christmas signifies to a real Christian.

These grasp it as an occasion for excesses beyond the ordinary; and try to excuse their surrender to appetite with the thought, "Christmas comes but once a year."

Jesus was born into the world and spent His life for the express purpose of saving people from their sins; and it is certain He would never acknowledge His natal day.

He said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly," (John 10:10) and things which destroy health and shorten life can never have His approval.

Why not make this a Christian Christmas rather than a pagan carnival?

Think of the true meaning of Christmas, and of the Great Light it introduced to the world.

Be joyful and profoundly grateful for all the blessings and opportunities that Light has brought into your personal life. Study more earnestly the Way of Life He taught and exemplified, and resolve to follow it more closely.

Such a celebration will be a profitable memorial of the birth of the Savior; and will surely help us to gain more of the abundant life He came to bring us.

—Rev. Edward Worcester, in the Chaser.

DOROTHY NELL WOODS CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Booth Woods gave a party Saturday night, honoring the birthday of her daughter, Dorothy Nell. Christmas colors were carried out in the house decorations and tree. Games were played, and the honoree received a number of gifts.

Refreshments were served to the following: Billy Wanda Wesner, Sonny Saye, Marcella Campbell, R. W. Osborn, Ila June Wessner, Albert Berry, Sherman Shook, H. J. Cooke, Kenneth Dyer, Dorothy Campbell, Viola Applying, Frances Sitter, Booth Woods, Glenn Tedder, Doris Nell Wilson, Dorothy Helen Wansitler, Carl Sullivan, John Kelly Lee, Earl Humphreys, Patty Cobbs, Dorothy Nell Woods.

LIONS MEET AT LUNCHEON

The Lions Club met in regular session at the Meador Cafe Tuesday. Chas. E. Cooke was presented as a visitor, and the charity committee reported progress.

Mayor Vestler Smith reported arrangements made to send the band to the Cotton Bowl game. Fire Marshal Boyd Meador made a plea for safety practices during Christmas.

It was voted to hold a regular session of the club during Christmas week.

MANN-McDOWELL

Miss Duella Mann of McLean and Mr. Joe McDowell of Goodnight were married Dec. 8 at Goodnight, the Baptist pastor performing the rites. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Elta Mann, and a graduate of the McLean high school.

The groom is employed by the Phillips Petroleum Co. at Goodnight, where they are making their home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Rippey and daughter attended a Christmas program at Shamrock Wednesday night presented by pupils of Miss Lela Ruth Stanfield. They were accompanied by Mrs. W. E. Ballard and Miss Margaret Hess.

Mrs. T. N. Holloway, Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Riddle and baby went to Amarillo Friday, the baby receiving medical treatment.

Chas. E. Cooke and S. D. Shelburne attended a Chevrolet convention at Oklahoma City this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dyer of Pampa visited relatives here last week.

PRESBYTERIAN LADIES CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Attractive in detail was the Christmas program given for the Presbyterian ladies' auxiliary Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. L. Sitter, with Mrs. Chas. E. Cooke as co-hostess.

The home was beautifully decorated with Yuletide suggestions. Gifts from a gaily decorated tree were distributed by Mrs. Cooke and Miss Frances Sitter.

Mrs. Thurman Adkins was in charge of the program, and for the opening number gave "What Christmas Means to Me."

The devotional was given by Mrs. F. H. Bourland, who read the Christmas story. Mrs. H. E. Franks gave "Christmas Customs Around the World." Mr. Carl Jones sang a song, and "Silent Night" was sung, with the closing prayer led by Mrs. Arthur Erwin.

Mrs. T. J. Coffey presided at the business session, and a large box of gifts given by each member was sent to the Children's Home in Amarillo.

Lovely refreshments were served to the following: Mesdames Thurman Adkins, Laurence Bourland, Bill Allen, F. H. Bourland, M. H. VanderGraff, W. E. Ballard, Allen Wilson, H. E. Franks, S. D. Shelburne, Carl Jones, T. J. Coffey, J. B. Hembree, Eva Rogers, Luther McCombs, Windom, Falesteen Gething, Donald Beall, L. E. Willis, J. T. Hicks, Vester Smith, Chas. E. Cooke and E. L. Sitter.

SEWING CLUB HOLDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 1934 Sewing Club held their annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. J. M. Noel Friday afternoon of last week, with the following numbers on the program.

Piano solo, "Holy Night"—Mrs. I. D. Shaw.

Christmas reading—Barbara Ann Beck.

Christmas poem—Mrs. D. A. Davis.

Christmas story—Mrs. W. B. Upphan.

Gifts to the members were distributed from a Christmas tree, and elaborate refreshments were served from plates lighted with individual candles.

Members present were: Mesdames C. E. Anderson, C. S. Rice, D. A. Davis, I. D. Shaw, Ella Cubine, Myrd Gull, M. D. Bentley, N. W. Foster, L. S. Tinnin, J. S. Howard, W. B. Upphan, J. W. Story, J. E. Kirby, Ellen Wilson, C. M. Carpenter, J. M. Noel and T. A. Landers.

Guests were: Mrs. Ernest Beck and children, and Mrs. Paul Kennedy. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. S. W. Rice.

CREWS FOR COMMISSIONER

The News is authorized to carry the name of E. C. Crews as a candidate for commissioner of precinct No. 4, Gray county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary next July.

Mr. Crews says if he is favored by election, his first interest will be the people of the precinct and the taxpayers of Gray county.

Mr. Crews is fully qualified to discharge the duties of the office he seeks, and The News is glad to present his claims to the voters for careful consideration in July.

SINGING SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The McLean Singing Class will meet at the Pentecostal Holiness Church Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m., according to Fred Staggs, president. The public is cordially invited.

The following out of town relatives attended the funeral of Mrs. Sallie Smith last week: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Scruggs of Lovington, N. M.; Mrs. A. M. Jones, Mrs. A. E. Ewell, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Scoggin, all of Amarillo; Mrs. Glen Porter of Wheeler, Mrs. H. M. Glass of Shamrock, Mrs. D. H. Finch of Elk City, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Heasley visited the former's brother, Leo, in Tucumcari, N. M., over the week end. They were accompanied by their mother, Mrs. J. F. Heasley.

Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Holloway, Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Riddle and baby were in Pampa Thursday.

Mrs. Catherine Calaway has accepted a position in Albuquerque, N. M.

Senior-Parent Faculty Reception Last Thursday

On last Thursday evening the Senior-Parent-Faculty reception was given at the high school auditorium. Decorations carried out the Christmas motif, and printed programs in the class colors were furnished each guest.

Following the program, dainty refreshments were served to all present.

Following is the program:

Welcome—Kid McCoy Jr.

Chalk Talk—Miss Lorene Winton.

"Christmas Memories"—Grandmother Hiram, Morris Turner; Grandmother Sarah, Enid McMullen; Granddaughter Sue, Luise Biggers; vocal accompanists: Shirley Johnston, Leta Mae Phillips, Wanda Estes, Frankie Mul-len, Faris Hess, Jeff Coffey, R. L. Floyd, Jesse Dean Cobb; cornet solo, Jesse Dean Cobb; baritone solo, R. L. Floyd; "The Christmas Carol," Mrs. Jim Back.

Introduction of seniors and guests.

SIGMA GAMMA HOLDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas dinner and party of the Sigma Gamma was held Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Roger Powers, with Misses Hess and Farley as hostesses.

The house was appropriately decorated for the occasion. Centerpieces of pine cones and cedar graced the tables. A baked chicken dinner was served from a taper lighted table.

A Christmas program was given, consisting of a reading by Miss Slough, a story by Miss Smith, and carols were sung by those present. Gifts were exchanged from a lighted tree.

Guests for the occasion were Mrs. Powers, Mrs. Martin Murdock and Mrs. Jim Back. Members present were: Misses Lillian Abbott, Mildred Beasire, Rosalie Carter, Nona and Jewell Cousins, Clem Embry, Betty Farley, Hellen Heath, Margaret Hess, Madeline Ray, Maxine Robinson, Julia Slough, Dale Smith and Eunice Stratton.

BAPTIST PRIMARIES HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members of the primary department of the Baptist Sunday school enjoyed a Christmas party Saturday afternoon at the home of their superintendent, Miss Lillian Abbott, with Mrs. Homer Abbott assisting.

Gifts were exchanged from a tree and refreshments were served.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Announcement cards are out for the wedding of Miss Margaret Earl Fisher of Canadian and Mr. C. C. Bogan, Jr., of McLean.

The wedding will be performed Friday, Dec. 31, at the First Methodist Church of Canadian.

The bride-elect is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Fisher of Canadian, and the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bogan of McLean. He is a McLean high school graduate, and attended McMurry College, now in business at Canadian.

JONES SAYS ADV. PAYS

Z. T. Jones was bothered with a number of horses and mules that had strayed to his pasture, so he ran a small stray notice in The News with the result that the owners called and made satisfactory arrangements for the pasturage the next day after the paper was published.

Mr. Jones says seemingly the owners never thought of advertising to find the animals, as the results would have been the same in either case.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Next week The News will publish the annual holiday greetings number, carrying messages of good will from the merchants and others.

Most of the messages are already in type, but there is still time for others to have their greetings published, if copy is received this week.

Free cut and copy suggestions gladly furnished. Please get for quick service.

News Review of Current Events

JAPS SINK U. S. SHIP

American Gunboat Panay Bombed by Japanese on the Yangtse . . . British Warships Also Attacked

Edward W. Pickard

SUMMARIZES THE WORLD'S WEEK

Latest Jap Outrages

JAPANESE aviators, strafing fleeing Chinese, bombed and sank the United States gunboat Panay on the Yangtse river above Nanking.

At the same time and place the Japanese attacked and sank three Standard Oil steamers. At this writing it is reported the number of dead may be nearly 100, chiefly Chinese members of the crews.

Several British gunboats speeding to the aid of the Panay were shelled, one enlisted man being killed and a number wounded.

Washington and London lodged stern protests in Tokyo.

Tokyo apologized with expressions of deep regret.

In America and Britain there was intense indignation over the latest outrages. No responsible person hinted that the United States or Great Britain should go to war with Japan on their account; but the man in the street felt there should be some way, short of war, by which the Japanese could be forced to cease their murderous attacks.

Apologies may satisfy the diplomats but they do not restore lives.

President Roosevelt's protest was directed through Secretary Hull to Ambassador Hiroshi Saito with the request that it be sent to the Emperor Hirohito of Japan. It demanded apologies, full compensation and guarantees against repetition of similar attacks. The British foreign office was in touch with Washington by cable but Foreign Minister Eden denied that the British would take the lead in international action.

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Hugh R. Wilson (pictured above), a veteran of the American diplomatic service and now assistant secretary of state, is to be our new ambassador to Berlin, succeeding William E. Dodd, whose resignation was submitted to the President.

is ill and his opinion was read by Chief Justice Hughes.

The litigation was started by Robert A. Taft of Cincinnati, son of the late President and Chief Justice William Howard Taft; the estate of James J. Ransom of Des Moines, and Arthur Machen of Baltimore.

New Men for SEC

TWO vacancies on the securities and exchange commission were filled by the President by the appointment of John Wesley Hanes, partner of a New York stock brokerage firm, and Jerome N. Frank, radical New York attorney, now serving as an attorney for the Reconstruction Finance corporation and formerly chief counsel of the defunct AAA.

Frank fills the position vacated by James M. Landis, who retired last September to become dean of the Harvard law school. Hanes fills the post of J. D. Ross of Seattle, recently named administrator of the Bonneville dam.

Roosevelt directed that revision of the taxes that oppress business be carried through as soon as possible. Those called were Robert L. Doughton of North Carolina, chairman of the house committee; Fred Vinson of Kentucky, chairman of a subcommittee on taxes; Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau and Undersecretary Roswell Magill.

On leaving the White House Mr. Doughton gave out the cheering assurance that the best possible tax bill would be formulated quickly and that the taxpayer would be given every consideration.

If the contemplated measure can be rushed through congress it may be made effective on January 1, starting out what business and industry hope will be a Happy New Year for them and for all the nation.

In his press conference the same day the President gave business additional encouragement, asserting that the interstate commerce commission should take action to preserve the solvency of the railroads. He declared himself in favor of private ownership and operation of the railroads, but said receiverships of the lines cannot continue without financial adjustment.

Shortly after this the commerce commission put in a sour note by overruling the carriers' petition for 15 per cent immediate increase in freight rates.

House Passes Farm Bill

NARROWLY escaping return to committee, the administration farm bill was passed by the house by a vote of 368 to 129. It was believed the senate measure also would be put through successfully at once. Then it would be up to conferees from both houses to iron out the differences. There was doubt that final enactment could be obtained before adjournment of the extraordinary session.

More WPA Spending

HARRY HOPKINS, WPA administrator, announced that increased unemployment was compelling the WPA to increase its expenditures by \$23,000,000 a month. He said its employment rolls, now totaling 1,975,000 persons, would be enlarged to provide work for an additional 350,000 persons. The expansion, he said, could be handled within his budget, at least for some time.

Government Wins

THE Supreme court decided that the government need not pay interest on gold bonds that were called for redemption in advance of the maturity date.

The decision, written by Justice Cardozo, was unanimous, although Justices Stone and Brand had separate concurring opinions. Cardozo

Landon Won't Run Again

ALFRED M. LANDON definitely removed himself from the presidential campaign picture of 1940 by announcing in Washington that he would not be a candidate for nomination by the Republican party and would not accept the honor if it were offered him. He added that he was not retiring from politics, but would continue active in his party.

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What Irvin S. Cobb Thinks about

Prehistoric Lore.

DEL RIO, TEXAS.—According to the scientists, who have a great way of naming earthly phenomena without inquiring into the wishes of the phenomena, we are now living in a terrestrial era known as the Holocene period.

This will be news to a lot of people who rather suspected we were living through a stage which might be called Chaos.

Still, it's no wonder that the word hasn't got around generally yet, because this present era is quite a young era as eras go. It's merely a few million years old, which, to our true geologist, is the same as yesterday.

Mention a few million years to him and he'll say "phew!" and just snap his fingers—like that.

I wonder if the authorities would pardon a suggestion from a poor ignoramus whose acquaintance with geology is largely limited to two of its surface phases, namely: Regular paved roads and those derned detours. When we consider most of the humorous illustrations and the bulk of the humorous text printed in the average smart magazine of today, and the even spicier lines heard in smart modern plays, wouldn't it be more fitting to call it, not the Holocene, but the Obscene period?

The Law's Long Arm.

THE long arm of the law—it's a grand phrase, isn't it? So mouth-filling, so satisfying to the honest citizen's soul!

It conjures up visions of unrelenting warfare against crime, inevitable punishment for the guilty. It's the bunk!

It's the bunk because of crooked lawyers; venal policemen; complacent prosecutors; soft-hearted or corrupted jurors; witnesses, bribed or intimidated; the law's delays; reversals of fair verdicts on foolish technicalities; a false sentimentality which forgets the widow and orphan of the victim and thinks only of the family of the killer; most often of all, abuse of the powers to commute and to pardon and to parole.

These days, when I see a sentenced offender handcuffed to an officer, I find myself saying to myself, "Chances are that fellow, literally or figuratively, is wearing that decoration only temporarily."

The Passing Years.

EVERY newborn year is a rosy prospect just as nearly every dying year is a dun-colored disappointment. But without revived hope what could we look forward to except being measured for a shroud?

It seems only yesterday when 1937 was busting in, a radiant, bouncing baby-child, his arms burdened with promises, bless his little soul! After several false starts, happy days were here again. Nobody was aiming to remodel the Supreme court. Senator Ashurst told us so, and didn't he know? He didn't.

Secretary Wallace, slightly assisted by Divine Providence, would immediately have the crop situation well in hand. Grass would grow only in the street leading to the almshouse. The Wall Street boys were expecting two suckers in every pot. And the song of the Bullbul was heard in the land—ah, the bull!

Within the 12-month the Republican party again would be a going concern. Well, if it's a going concern, the question is, where?

And now, laden with future gifts, comes 1938. How time flies! Why, before you know it, Sistine will be old enough to take a job with the radio and Buzze will be signing testimonials.

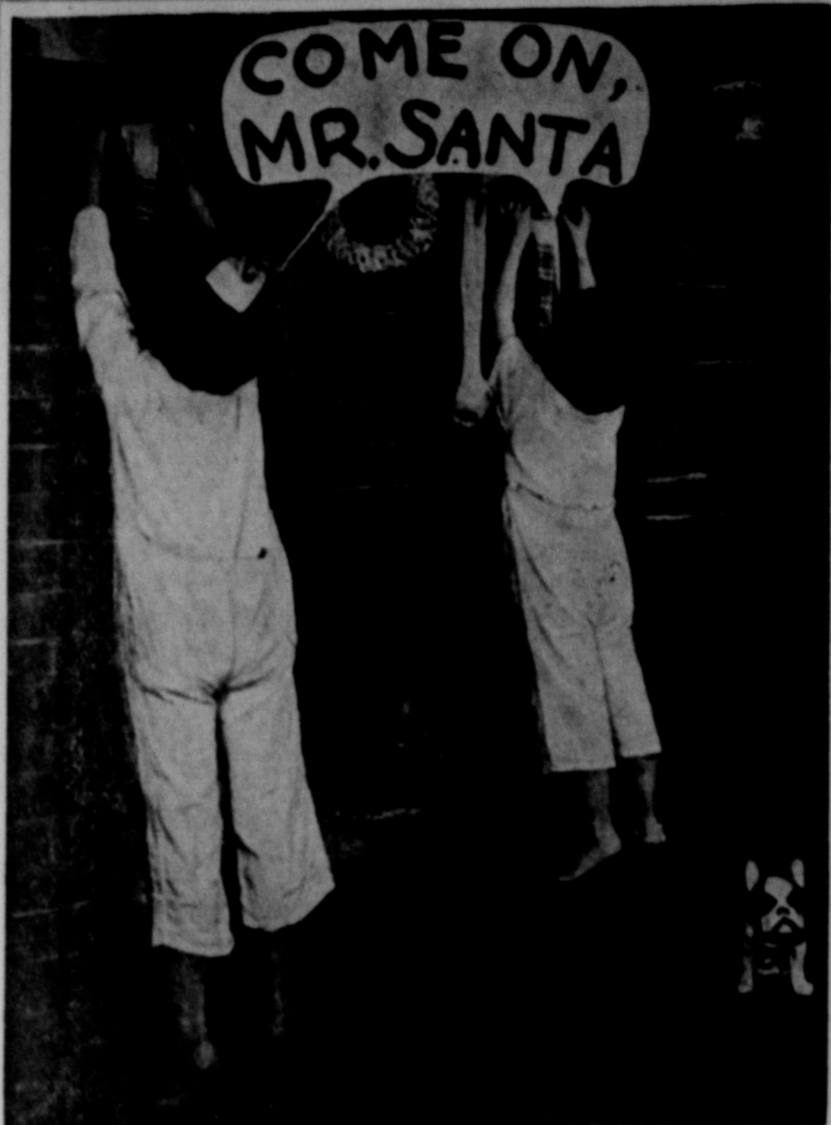
Gambling Houses.

ONCE famous card-sharp—not reformed, but retired—said to me: "Show me a professional gambling house where the roulette wheel isn't crooked, where any other mechanical device is on the square, where the operatives from the bosses on down won't skin a customer—call him a sucker, if you want; to the terms are interchangeable—and I'll drop dead from shock, because no such outfit ever existed nor ever will, not so long as games can be tricked, as all of them can, and gamblers are out for the coin, as they naturally are, and the hand is quicker than the eye, which it is."

"But how about the mathematical percentage in favor of the bank—isn't that enough?" I asked.

"How about the mathematical percentage of crooked law-enforcement officers who have to be bribed?" he countered. "There's never enough coming in to satisfy Game babies."

IRVIN S. COBB

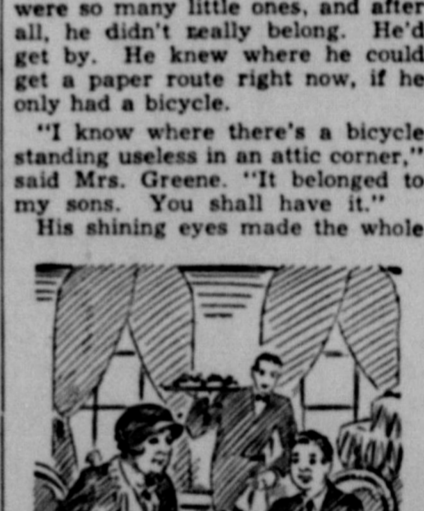


The CHRISTMAS HARVEST
By ALSON SECOR
in Successful Farming

MRS. GREENE sighed as she rummaged through the old trunk for the Christmas decorations. Sighed, and also felt ashamed. For why should she be lonely, with two fine grown sons, successful enough to satisfy any mother?

They never learned to live Because they never learned to give. You've got to plant before you reap. If all you get you keep Your soul gets barren, sterile, sour, It takes the power Of cheerful giving To give a zest to living.

He Sure Was Here



And Before Long She Heard the Boy's Whole Story.

English Plum Pudding

There are those to whom Christmas dinner would not be Christmas dinner without ending with plum pudding. Scald 2 1/2 cups stale breadcrumbs with 1 cup cream. Cream 1/4 pound beef suet and add to it 1/4 cup brown sugar, 1/4 cup corn syrup, 5 well-beaten eggs, 1/4 pound chopped citron, 1/4 pound currants, 2 teaspoons baking powder and 1/4 cup brandy or rum. Turn into a buttered mold and steam for 3 1/2 hours, 12 hours one day and 12 hours the next. Turn into a tin and seal until ready for use, when it must be reheated for serving. Serve with a sauce of choice.

Only One Best Future
There is only one real failure possible; and that is, not to be true to the best one knows.—Cecilia Ferrer.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson for December 26

CHRISTIAN CONSECRATION

LESSON TEXT—Philippians 1:12-26. GOLDEN TEXT—For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.—Philippians 1:21. PRIMARY TOPIC—Our Best Friend. JUNIOR TOPIC—Answering Jesus. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Choosing a Life Purpose. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—What Christian Surrender Means.

Consecration is one of the words expressing Christian truth which has been so much used and so often misused that it has lost its savor. The writer remembers many a "consecration service" which meant nothing to those present except the fulfilling of a certain formula or program. The purpose of the meeting was excellent, but results were lacking because it had become a mere formality.

Paul the apostle knew nothing of any theory of consecration. He knew and lived and proclaimed such an abandonment of self to Christ and his cause as really required no statement in words—it was his life.

We close today a three-month series of studies in the Christian life. We began at the right point by considering "Christian Sonship," for no one can live until he is born and no one can live a Christian life until he is born again. We have considered together God's grace in keeping, renewing, guiding, blessing, and communing with his own. All these precious truths call us to devote ourselves to Christ in glad and full consecration.

Men give themselves thus to the building of a fortune, to the propagation of a political or social theory, to the pursuit of an occupation or profession. Why should not the Christian give himself in like measure for Christ and his holy cause?

Paul, in the verses of our lesson, shows that spirit and boldly declares that he follows Christ regardless of trying circumstance—he does so now, "in the body," not later in glory. And it matters not whether it be by life or death—"Christ shall be magnified."

I. "What Then?" (v. 18).

Paul was imprisoned for the gospel's sake. Did that stop him? No; he made the very guards who were assigned to watch him in his house into missionaries of the cross. He won each one as he took his designated period of service and sent him out as a testimony to "the whole praetorian guard and to all the rest" (v. 13 R. V.).

Then, some of his Christian associates taking advantage of the fact that he was imprisoned, went out to preach just to show that they were as good as he. They made their very preaching an expression of their envy of his popularity and hoped to heap more sorrow upon him. Did he get angry and bitterly fight back? No; he thanked God that Christ was preached. We need more of that spirit in our day.

II. "In My Body."

One of the glaring fallacies of human thinking is the idea that at some favorable time in the future we shall be able to enjoy life, do mighty deeds or serve the Lord. For example parents fail to enjoy their children because they are always looking forward to the next stage of their development. The time to enjoy and help our children is now. The time to serve the Lord Jesus is now. The day will come when we shall be glorified with him, but it will then be too late to speak to our neighbors about Christ.

III. "To Live Is Christ and to Die Is Gain" (v. 21).

Humanly speaking when a matter is one of "life or death" it is a question whether death may not intervene. The hope is that this may not be the case and every effort is made to prevent it. How different with Paul. He rightly points out that to a Christian death means entering into perfect fellowship with Christ and unlimited service for him. Every human limitation will then be put aside—knowledge, service, communion, will all be perfect and complete.

He would not, however, turn away from his present privilege and duty. Since it is God's will that he should abide in the flesh he will do it in such a way as to make it literally true that to him "to live is Christ." Every life has a purpose and that ruling passion which controls and directs a life is what should be written into the sentence, "To me to live is . . ." What is it—money, position, pleasure, sin? Or is it Christ? If he is your life, then you enter into the New Year with the assurance that it will be full and satisfying, and gloriously useful.

Spiteful Words

A spiteful word cuts both ways. A slander hurts the man or woman who spreads it in a more deadly, though unseen, way than it hurts its intended victim. Victor Hugo nobly says, "Every sword has two edges; and the man who wounds with one, wounds himself with the other."

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THE TIGER POST

STAFF

Editors... Mary Louise Brawley and Margaret Kennedy. Senior Reporter... Olive Louise Atwood...

TIGERETTES SELL TICKETS

The Tigerettes are "at it again." They are selling season tickets to the basketball games to be played in the local gymnasium...

WHAT THE SENIORS WANT FOR CHRISTMAS

After a bit of sleuthing, the following Christmas wishes have been discovered:

Perry Masterson wants a divorce from a certain office girl. Margaret Kennedy wants a new lease on her boy friend.

Miss Cousins wants a football suit to be ready to start spring training for the girls' football team.

Chloe Hanes wishes to thank Santa Claus for sending his little cherub (Cupid) early.

Paris Heas wants a secretary (of senior class) to answer all his fan mail.

LaHoma Roberts wants a new blond rinse for her hair.

Leona Humphreys wants a wedding ring to go with her engagement ring.

Jeff Coffey wants a new vocal chord.

Wanda Estes wants one of those graceful figures.

Mollie Turman wants Santa Claus to tell Freddie Joe she wants to quit school at Christmas.

Mary Louise Brawley wants a new red wig and lots of freckles.

Lavoy Donaldson wants a date book so she can remember when those things come.

Louise Biggers wants a mind to remember to get her clothes out of cars.

Kid McCoy wants suggestions on New Year resolutions.

Leta Mae Phillips wants the job of being Paris' secretary.

Shirley Johnston wants a sophomore from Hardin-Simmons.

Miss Farley wants ten years' experience teaching school and being senior sponsor.

Mr. Bralley wants another big baby doll.

Mr. Cryer wants a book on "How to Be the Head of the Family."

Olive Louise Atwood wants a sure way of slipping in late at night.

Julia McCarty wants a date to the junior and senior banquet.

CIRCULO CASTELLANO

Members of the Circulo Castellano entertained the Lions Club Tuesday, Dec. 14, at noon, in the Meador Cafe.

The following program was presented: Talk, "Why We Study Spanish" - Ermadell Floyd.

Song, "Rancho Grande" - Class. Skit, Spanish jokes - Dorothy Sitter and Georgia Colebank.

Tap dance, "La Cucuracha" - Jo Ann Campbell.

Song, "La Cucuracha" - Class.

EX-STUDENTS VISIT SCHOOL

We were very glad to have some of our ex-students visit us this week. We hope McLean high seemed as good to them as when they attended.

Those visiting were: Gwynne Carpenter of Mary-Hardin Baylor, Lewis Tolliver of Arkansas Tech, Charles Finley and Spencer Sitter of Kemper Military Academy, James Emmett Cooke and Hobby Appling of Hardin-Simmons, Frances Landers of C. I. A. and Harold Rickard of W. T. S. C.

We wish to welcome them and hope they will visit us again before returning to their schools.

HOME EC GIRLS MAKE PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS

Home economics girls as well as all the other students are very glad to get off from work during the Christmas holidays. Some of the first year girls plan to have their dresses ready for Christmas.

This week the second year girls will make Christmas candy and study Christmas wrappings and decorations.

STYLE SHOW

Wednesday, Dec. 15, the third year girls had the style show for their special occasion dresses before the student body. Plans were as follows:

low: Dorothy Mertel first, Mabel Beck second, Marguerite Wheeler third. Ruth Thacker received honorable mention.

These girls will be considered in going to the rally next spring. The judges were Mrs. Doolen and Mrs. Kirby. We thank them very much for their judging.

HOME EC CLUB ENJOYS PARTY

The Home Ec Club girls enjoyed a party at Peggy Greer's home on Dec. 14. The house was beautifully decorated and Christmas games were played.

Refreshments of cocoa and cookies were served to the following: Opal Thacker, Mary Lou Clemmons, Dorothy Sue Young, Velma Mann, Margaret Kramer, Frances Hudzetz, Doris Doane, Virginia Wehba, Lottie Margaret Barrow, Bennie Mae Wada, Evonne Floyd, Madge Burrows, Viola Clemmons, Ermadell Floyd, Maxine Goodman, Jewel Allen, Miss Betty Farley, sponsor; Ray Humphreys, R. L. Floyd, Bill West, Morris Turner, Andy Mantooth, Paul and John Bond, Edward Wehba, Paris Hess, Albert Overton, and Earl Green.

BAND TO ATTEND COTTON BOWL

The band will attend the Colton Bowl game in Dallas on January 1, when there will be 5,000 other band members present. They have been rehearsing some Christmas music the last week which they played Tuesday night at the all-school program in the high school building.

REV. ERWIN BRINGS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Reading the Christmas story from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke and the prophecy concerning the coming of Christ, from Genesis, Rev. Erwin, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, delivered an inspiring address to the high school assembly Tuesday morning, Dec. 21. He pointed out that the darkest hour in the world's history would come when all lose faith in God and in humanity, and urged that we give the Christ Child room in our hearts and make Christmas a true celebration of His birth.

FRESHMEN HAVE PARTY

Monday evening, Dec. 20, the freshmen enjoyed a Christmas party planned by their room mothers and the sponsor, Mr. Pixler, in the grade school gymnasium. Games were played and refreshments of popcorn balls and apples were served to those who attended. The freshmen wish to thank their room mothers and Mr. Pixler for such an enjoyable time.

TIGERS TO RECEIVE AWARDS

Twenty Tigers who graced the gridiron during the 1937 season will receive their awards after midterm examinations if their grades and school work permit.

Of the twenty who are receiving letters, only twelve will return, but the Tigers will be strong next year.

Those receiving letters are: Joe Bogan, Co-Captain Junior Braxton, Bill Cash, Edward Cadra, Clyde Glenn, Ray Humphreys, Paris (Popcorn) Hess, Randy Mantooth, Co-Captain D. V. Nicholson, Myrie Norwood, Albert Overton, George Walden, Gene Wells, Ralph Wells, Mike Wingo, Leonard Roach, LeRoy Braxton, Vester Lee Smith, and Morris Turner.

Reserve awards will be given to Jack Bogan, Bill Cooke, Clyde Carpenter, J. W. Hanes, J. L. Hancock, Herman Hugg and "Flash" Wehba.

GIRLS WIN THIRD IN TOURNAMENT

Friday, Dec. 17, the McLean girls basketball team went to Samnorwood to enter the tournament, where they won third place.

There has been no word from Samnorwood, but it is believed that several McLean girls will be placed on the all-tournament team. Three of the girls, Julia McCarty, Fleeta Cunningham and Mary Lou Clemmons, won honorable mention. Those who placed on the all-tournament team will receive gold basketballs.

F. F. A. HOLDS MEETING

The local F. F. A. chapter held its regular meeting Wednesday, Dec. 22. The regular opening and closing ceremonies were used. Ways and means of accomplishing objectives that have been set up was the chief subject of the meeting.

The judging teams are practicing daily, and are improving rapidly. Bright prospects are seen for these teams if their progress does not slack.

As a Christmas project, the chapter plans to contribute toward the welfare of the underprivileged of our

community, and may we take this means of stressing the importance of full cooperation of all members in this undertaking.

QUAIL SMALLER AND WILDER

Stillwater, Okla.—Throughout most of Oklahoma, quail hunters are putting their guns back in cases and their dogs back in the kennels because of poor success in bagging the elusive bob white.

Not only are quail scarce but those that are encountered are smaller than formerly and much wilder, hunters report. This has been attributed to some unknown disease or to the preying of varmints. Proposing a different slant on the present condition is C. E. Sanborn, professor emeritus of entomology at Oklahoma A. and M. College and chairman of the state wildlife federation.

Sanborn suggests that several years of cross-breeding with the Mexican quail which was introduced in Oklahoma may have had an effect on the native quail.

"Now is a good time to start research to determine just what is going on among our quail," Sanborn asserts, "and we should take steps accordingly to build quail stock back to its former level in this state."

Peculiar is the quail now brought in by the few successful hunters. Whereas in previous years the birds weighed as much as eight ounces, bobwhites now seldom are larger than six ounces. In the past whenever quail were flushed they would fly only a short distance before dropping to the earth again. Now they literally fly out of sight and make it almost impossible for a man and his dogs to locate them.

In New York advertising executive Bruce Barton started his campaign as Republican candidate for U. S. Representative in the 17th Congressional District. His first move was for the repeal of useless laws. He drove through Manhattan at a speed never over four miles an hour and preceded by a man on foot waving a red flag, as is required by an old law still on New York statute books. Another such law, said Barton, makes it a misdemeanor to open or close an umbrella in the presence of a horse in New York City. The candidate's second move was against the New Deal's treatment of business. He offered: "For the first letter which I receive from a happy small business man or woman in my district, telling me why he or she is happy, I will send a check for \$25.00."

Miss Eula Fay Foeter of Canyon is spending the holidays with home folks here.

PLANT TREES

Evergreens and Shrubbery Place orders now. Drive out and visit our nursery "The Show Place of the Panhandle"

BRUCE NURSERY

Trees with a Reputation Alanreed, Texas

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

from SHAMROCK MERCHANTS

SANTA CLAUS HEADQUARTERS

PERRY BROS.

5c to \$1.00 STORE Shamrock, Texas

SEASON'S GREETINGS

From BRADLEY BAKERY Shamrock, Texas

SEASON'S GREETINGS

A-K RADIO SHOP

No squat, no stoop, no squint with the new 1938 Automatic Tuning Philco Radio Shamrock, Texas

News from Liberty

Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Preaching each Sunday night.

Mrs. Ed Brock and son of Kingsmill, Mrs. Joe Brock and son of Pampa visited Mrs. Olen Davis last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Smith and daughter visited over the week end with relatives in El Reno, Okla.

Mrs. Ed Brock and son of Kingsmill, Mrs. Joe Brock and son of Pampa visited Mrs. Olen Davis last Thursday.

C. A. Myatt attended court at Wheeler Monday and Thursday.

J. W. Lively and little granddaughter, Minnie, visited in the Caleb Smith home at Papan Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Stokes and son and Mrs. Kate Stokes transacted business in Pampa Thursday. They were accompanied by Miss Audie Myatt of McLean.

Pruitt Sparks of Kellerville visited in the Dorsey home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lively and daughter, Sue, visited Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Smith Sunday afternoon.

Miss Nora Lee Morgan of Lubbock came Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Dorsey visited in the Hardin home Thursday.

B. L. Stokes made a business trip to Groom Friday.

Mrs. Ella Stewart visited her niece, Mrs. I. P. Sullivan, at McLean the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Morgan were in Amarillo Sunday.

C. A. Myatt and family went to Shamrock Saturday.

Mikhail—You look positively beautiful tonight. Elsie—Oh, you flatterer! Mikhail—No, it's true. I had to look twice before I recognized you.

"No farmer whose cow has had the colic, can understand how a radio crooner can get \$1,000 a week for making the same kind of noise." —Exchange.

Born, Dec. 14, 1937, to Rev. and Mrs. Judon Cobb of Fort Worth, a girl. She has been named Caroline Yvonne.

BARBER SERVICE

Men, women and children like our service. You are next.

XERVAC Treatments

for baldness and fallen hair. Ladies may take the treatments in the privacy of the Beauty Salon

ELITE BARBER SHOP

APPETITE

Elmer Elebert of Peru, Ill., is proud of his appetite. He once ate 18 eggs and three helpings of fried potatoes at one meal. When he saw a newspaper story about a man eating 40 pancakes, he said the man was a piker. To prove it, he downed 47 pancakes, drank four cups of coffee and ate a few slices of bread. Then he filled his lunch box and went to work.

Miss Frances Landers of Belton is home for Christmas.

ONE MORE

"Daddy," exclaimed the little boy. "One more question, then," sighed the tired father. "Only one." "How far is it," inquired the tot, "between to and fro?"

A Japanese store is selling a package house, weighing only a ton and a half, and which can be assembled in three hours. Price \$170.

H. E. Franks takes advantage of our bargain rate on The News and Amarillo News.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS from PAMPA MERCHANTS

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When in Doubt, Give Flowers CLAYTON FLORAL CO. 410 E. Foster Ave. Pampa, Texas Phone 80

EAGLE RADIATOR WORKS 516 W. Foster Ave. Pampa, Texas Wishes to thank you for your business and to wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

DR. PAUL OWENS, Optometrist Eyes Examined - - - Glasses Fitted 1st Nat'l Bank Bldg. Pampa, Texas

F. O. GURLEY'S LEATHER SHOP

Wishes You a Merry Christmas and to help you with your gift problems, we suggest: Cowboy Boots, Hand Stamped Belts, Silver Buckle Sets Spurs, Bits, etc. 110 N. Russell Pampa, Texas

Our Store is chuck full of unredeemed articles. We carry the most complete stock of luggage in the Panhandle. Over nite cases, wardrobe trunks, Gladstone bags, etc. Some real buys in diamonds, almost any size stone you want, at about 1/2 price. Lots of bargains in new and used guns.

PAMPA PAWN SHOP Pampa, Texas

SEASON'S GREETINGS EAGLE BUFFET Russell Beull, Prop. Pampa, Texas

We have only been here one month, but we appreciate your business and want to know you better.

PURITAN BAKERY

Wishes You the Season's Greetings and Thanks for Your Business Pampa, Texas

KENNEDY JEWELRY 115 W. Kingsmill Pampa, Texas

Gifts That Last Nationally advertised watches — best values in diamonds, at reasonable prices. A good assortment of gifts for the entire family.

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WNU Service

SYNOPSIS

Joyce Sewell, on the eve of her twentieth birthday, retraced on her own the path of her detested stepmother, Irma, and full of tragic memories of her mother's murder twelve years before and her father's death six months ago, Irma calls in Heim Blackadder, an admirer, to help her persuade Joyce to marry rich, young Michael Kirkpatrick. Miss Sewell, sent up to Joyce by Irma and Blackadder, demands a showdown on his proposal and is rejected. Joyce realizes that La Barranca, a Mexican hacienda which her father had owned, legally belongs to her. She receives a warrant on the United States Treasury for \$10,000 compensation for her mother's murder at La Barranca. She confers with Mr. Bradley, a banker and only remaining friend of her father. She confides that she wants to make a secret journey to Mexico. Bradley arranges all details for her. She departs by plane undetected. Dirk Van Suttart, second secretary of the American embassy in Mexico City, gives Joyce a chilly reception and she loses her temper. She finds a Mexican woman lawyer, Margarita Fonseca, who takes her to General Onelia, right-hand man to the Mexican minister of war. Margarita reminds Onelia that the usurper of La Barranca is his dangerous enemy, General Dorado. The two make plans to send Joyce with a few picked men under Pancho Buenaventura to drive Dorado out. Adán Arnaldo, a young man who runs El Tenebroso, a night club, knows Dorado's present whereabouts, so they take Joyce there that night, where she notices Dirk. General Dorado arrives and in the course of sudden gunplay, the lights go out and Joyce is left alone. Adán Arnaldo sends her out and takes her home. The following morning Joyce drives off to Toluca with Pancho. Back in El Estero, Joyce's disappearance has been discovered. Blackadder upbraids Irma, but succumbs to her helpless charm and plans to marry her. Blackadder gets the secretary of state to wire the embassy at Mexico City to locate Joyce. Dirk is delegated for the search. He goes to El Tenebroso and interviews Arnaldo. Arnaldo bids Dirk follow him. Meanwhile Joyce and Pancho reach La Barranca. Pancho and Eusebio, one of his hand, leave her and at dawn climb the wall. Suddenly shots ring out and at sight of a sorely wounded man, Joyce runs inside and finds the dead Dorado there, torn and mangled by Pancho and Eusebio. Dorado escapes. Running out again, Joyce is caught by a murderous hand and cries out, "Luz!" Dirk and Arnaldo go to Margarita's apartment, where they are told Joyce's destination and Dirk makes ready to follow alone. Meanwhile at La Barranca, Joyce's cry brings Luz and the other old servants of her childhood, led by Don Jorge Maximilian, now blind.

CHAPTER VII—Continued

"Then the thing becomes simple," said Don Jorge slowly. "I don't mean I can fathom the thought back of Onelia's action, but at least I know where we stand—you and I and all our people. You're here, Luz?"

"Si, Señor."

"Call Leonardo."

"What are you going to do?" asked Joyce as Luz slipped from the room.

"I'll tell you, chica," said Don Jorge, sitting very straight with his hands clasped over the head of his staff. "I'm told five or six of Dorado's followers lie dead. Owing to the suddenness of the attack no doubt his private arsenal is still intact. That gives us plenty of rifles and ammunition, and all the rest becomes easy."

Leonardo entered the room. "Señor, al-servicio-deusted."

"We stand a siege, Leonardo," said Don Jorge, "certainly for weeks, perhaps for months. Call in all our people, corral the stock, close the gates and man the towers with your best shots. You will find the necessary rifles and ammunition where they lie. At present the moon is at the full. Shoot anybody who comes within range by night or by day whether it's friend or foe."

"Oh, Maxie," interrupted Joyce, "why?"

"Since we ourselves are our only friends," said Don Jorge, "whoever comes from without must be a foe."

CHAPTER VIII

Years of peace and months of inaction had caused routine to lay its grip on the American embassy. Routine decreed that the second secretary's waking duty was to epitomize the local papers and lay before his chief by ten o'clock all such items as were worthy of his attention. But fate ordained that on this morning at the said hour Dirk van Suttart should be contemplating with astonishment one bullet hole through his radiator, still another through a front tire and a third that had shattered his non-shatterable windshield, fortunately on the side away from the driver.

Coincidentally the embassy butler murmured in the ambassadorial ear: "The minister of war on the telephone, sir—the minister in person."

Ten minutes later the ambassador was being shown into the most private room of the very private residence of the minister of war. It was strictly an unofficial visit—so unofficial that the minister had done the necessary telephoning without bothering to mention the matter to his secretary. Furthermore the invitation was for desayuno, a meal without food, certainly the last word in informality.

"Excellency, how can I express my gratitude that you should condescend to come to my humble abode for a mere sip of coffee?"

"Mr. Minister, I am delighted to be here. I've already had my coffee but I'll gladly accept another cup."

"Ah," murmured the minister, "you

"Permit me to help you to it myself since our privacy is such that no servant is in attendance."

The ambassador, though a diplomat of the first water, felt enough time had been wasted on preliminaries. "I take note of the privacy, Mr. Minister, and see no reason why you should postpone telling me what is troubling you."

The minister's eyebrows went up. "It doesn't trouble you also, Excellency?"

"I must know what we're talking about," said the ambassador, startled. "Forgive me, Mr. Minister, but it happens I haven't done my usual reading of the news this morning."

"Ah!" said the minister and pushed forward a newspaper, folded and marked.

"Raid at La Barranca," he read. "We give space to an extraordinary rumor from our correspondent in Toluca not by reason of its fantastic interest but because should it prove true it may develop into an event of colossal import. Some years ago General Dorado, whose services to the republic require no epitome, took possession of the abandoned hacienda of La Barranca and has been doing his best not only to restore it to usefulness but to put into effect the fundamentals of agrarianism on which the future happiness of our people depends. Now word has come to us from a reliable

more aspect, but perhaps encouraging. What is his mission?"

"I'm not sure but I gather he is determined to take the girl home at once."

"Good. If she still lives we must help him by every means in our power."

"Mr. Minister," said the ambassador gravely, "I wish to assure you that if disaster overtakes Miss Sewell it will shake the present pleasant relations between our two countries to their very foundations. Don't misunderstand me. I'm not implying that Miss Sewell's life is of greater importance than that of any other American living abroad. I'm merely taking into account that for the last ten days every man, woman and child in the United States has been reading about her and in my country such a flood of publicity automatically transforms her into a colossal bomb."

"At last!" murmured the minister, sinking back in his chair. "Now we can talk."

"In my opinion she should be rescued at once."

"An excellent idea—but how?"

"By sending a government force."

"To do what?"

"Bring her back to Mexico City, hand her over to her stepfather and bid them both farewell and good-riddance."

"Excellency, have you ever visited any of our major haciendas—especially La Barranca?"

"No, my duties—" began the ambassador vaguely.

"Of course," interrupted the minister. "La Barranca happens to be a fortress more easily defended than any castle existing in Scotland today. At this season it has stored within its walls enough provisions to keep a small army for five years to say nothing of unlimited water. With six high-powered rifles and plenty of ammunition I would guarantee to hold it indefinitely against a force of a hundred regulars. The only answer to La Barranca on its guard is artillery. Now let's see what your dream amounts to. You suggest that the Mexican government send a battalion against a young girl in whom your whole people happens to be particularly interested in order to kick her off her own property!"

"I withdraw the suggestion," said the ambassador gloomily. "I admit I spoke too hastily, but the possibility of resistance had not occurred to me. The whole thing is fantastic. Are you convinced all this has really happened? Remember the papers speak of it as a rumor."

"I happen to know it isn't a rumor at all," said the minister promptly. "My source of information is unimpeachable. There are certain elements of mystery which threaten my official neck, but the facts themselves are unalterable. The story is so true I regret I happen to be minister of war at the present juncture."

"Strange," murmured the ambassador with a wan smile. "I was thinking the same thing about my ambassadorship! What is your plan, Mr. Minister? I listen."

"Subterfuge and cash. I have no illusions about the senorita Joyce Sewell. I consider her as a fortress. The question now arises how shall she be taken? The answer is so simple it's classic. By an emissary bearing gifts, preferably a sack of gold. We'll find the gold, you find the emissary."

"I have it," exclaimed the ambassador. "My second secretary of the embassy."

The ambassador reached for the telephone, called his own chancery and a moment later was asking the counselor of embassy what explanation Van Suttart had given for his late arrival.

"None, sir. He hasn't arrived."

"What?" cried the ambassador. "Telephone him at once. Send

around to his house. Tell him—"

Interrupted in the midst of his instructions he leaned forward, gripping the apparatus tighter and tighter. When the murmuring voice at the other end finally ceased he hung up and turned to face the minister. "I regret the young gentleman I had in mind is not available since we don't know what has become of him."

"No clue?" asked the minister, frowning.

"Unfortunately there is," said the ambassador, "and I'm ashamed to be obliged to mention it. He was last seen at about two in the morning in the most questionable night club in town seated alone before a magnum of champagne. Needless to say, my first action upon returning to the embassy will be to recommend his immediate dismissal from the service."

The minister, who had knotted his fingers together, began to crack his knuckles one by one. "Be patient, Excellency."

"There's still this Blackadder fellow," the ambassador muttered hopefully.

The minister was thinking of certain matters he had not voiced. Somebody was out to get him—perhaps had already got him! A phrase used casually by the ambassador hovered in his thoughts. What was the most questionable night club in town? El Tenebroso. A gleam lit in his eyes.

"Ah," he half sighed with relief, "you can put your trust in stepfathers, Mr. Ambassador; I'll send a young friend of mine."

"Who?"

"His name is Arnaldo—Adán Arnaldo."

The shots which had so astonished Dirk Van Suttart stirred Joyce Sewell to swift action. She rushed down into the patio, ascertained they had been fired from the two eastern towers, dispatched Luz to the northern one with a categorical order to lay off and hurried herself up the spiral stone steps of the bastion overlooking the southeastern gate. There she found Leonardo with head and shoulders thrust into an embrasure, looking out.

"We stopped a car in its tracks," he announced, "and it's almost a kilometer away!"

"That's fine, Leonardo," said Joyce, her face white, "but we'll have no more shooting until I say the word. Let me look, please."

Almost at once she discovered the distant car, a shining mark under the rays of the morning sun. It was a roadster and presently she saw emerge from its single seat a huge bear-like figure. Instantly Heim Blackadder came to mind, for who else could it be? Well, she was ready for him. What could he do besides talk? Let him come, and the sooner the better. The man stood for a moment as still as a pillar staring at his car, then he opened the rattle, dragged out a duffle bag and what looked like a gun, threw them over his shoulders and started to walk toward the hacienda.

He had gone less than a hundred yards when he came to the barranca and the rope bridge and he hastened his steps. At that juncture her attention was diverted to a cloud of dust moving across the prairie far to the east. She saw it had been caused by a troop of horsemen and the next instant she realized they had dismounted and were emitting strange puffs of smoke. What could they be shooting at? At her? She was about to draw back instinctively when she saw the bear-like figure leap into the air, come down on all fours and scurry for cover. Leonardo wedged himself into the embrasure next to hers.

"Dorado!" he yelled. "Dorado y su gente!"

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Age Limit of Earth Fixed at 3,000,000,000 Years by U. S. Chemistry and Soils Expert

Ever since it was discovered that the heat emitted by radio-active substances in the earth was sufficient in amount to have an important geological significance, efforts have been made to calculate the effect of these substances and to use them as a key to determining the age of the earth. The study of the effects of uranium and radium, the heaviest radio-active substance, gave ages of the earth ranging from 1,200,000,000 to 2,000,000,000 years. Dr. A. Keith Brewer, of the bureau of chemistry and soils, Department of Agriculture, has studied the effect of potassium, one of the lighter elements which is also radio-active, and has found that it has played an important role in the history of the earth.

The amount of radio-active potassium varied during the succession of periods of the earth's processes of change, and when the earth was 1,000,000,000 years old it produced more heat than the heat produced by the heavy radio-active elements

uranium and thorium. Calculating the age of the earth on the basis of the potassium index, Dr. Brewer fixes the limit of the age of the earth at 3,000,000,000 years. This calculation is based on the amount of calcium of atomic weight 40 which exists today, because potassium of atomic weight 40 changes into that isotope of calcium. Dr. Brewer expresses the belief that the power of potassium, which is extensively used as a fertilizer, to promote germination of seeds and growth of plants is due to its radio-activity, and suggests that a period of abundance of the element may have been the cause of the carboniferous age, when the earth was covered with a lush growth of vegetation which became the coal deposits in use today.

Largest Salt Lake Inside City
Lake Merritt, in Oakland, Calif., is claimed to be the largest salt water lake in the world inside a municipality. Its use as a wild duck refuge is nationally famous.

Catch Up on Chic



IF YOU'RE a bit behind in the thrilling game of Sew-Your-Own, Milady, why not take advantage of the holiday season and catch up? Today's trio is especially right for 'vacation sewing' because it consists of simple practical pieces that require little time and trouble. Make all three and you'll have gone a long way toward putting the old punch back in the game.

Streamlined Styling. The slip at the left is all you could wish for from the standpoint of styling. It offers superb lines from the moderately low cut V neck, through the dart-fitted waist right down to the very hem. The clever overlapping back is light proof and provides an action pleat so necessary for complete satisfaction. Important, too, is the fact that you may choose the material you wish in your own color. Better make it in duplicate for many meticulous months ahead.

Pretty in Sheer Wool. The two-piece in the center is, like the slip, heavy on style. The defined waist is effectively young as is the flowing skirt and little round collar. It is just the frock to give one lots of git-up-and-git for the second semester, or 'to break the ice' whenever one is anxious about one's appearance. It can be the height of chic in sheer wool—very pretty in flat crepe.

Modern Home Dress. When it's home you're thinking of you naturally turn to a frock like the third member of the trio at the right. This button-all-the-way model is different enough to delight you and simple enough to set you sewing at sight. It is cut for comfort but with an ever watchful eye on that elusive little thing called chic. Crisp contrast may be had in the collar and cuffs and in that trim row of buttons that march down the line—and then back again. Look fresh in your version in pretty percale.

The Patterns. Pattern 1946 is designed for sizes 14 to 20 (32 to 44 bust). Size 16 requires 3 1/4 yards of 39 inch fabric. One yard of ribbon is required for shoulder straps. Pattern 1404 is designed for sizes 12 to 20 (30 to 38 bust). Size 14 requires 4 1/4 yards of 39 inch material. Pattern 1390 is designed for sizes 34 to 48. Size 36 requires 4 1/2 yards of 35 inch material. The collar and cuffs in contrast require 1 1/4 yards material.

Send your order to The Sewing Circle Pattern Dept., Room 1020, 211 W. Wacker Dr., Chicago, Ill. Price of patterns, 15 cents (in coins each).

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Smiles

No Bearing
Magistrate (a non-motorist)—The officer has stated that you used bad language when you were stopped.
Motorist—Well, you see, I was in a tantrum at the time.
Magistrate—The make of your car doesn't interest me in the least.

Eye slowness of blondes makes them less safe as drivers, is an optometrist's warning, but most men will just wink at it.

On the Block
Boss (storming)—You're fired. Stenog—Fired. How you talk. I supposed they sold slaves.

666 COLD AND FEVER

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Women often say it is hard to please men by the way they dress; but let a man pick out a woman's sartorial outfit and she'd be a fright.

It is hard to conceal contempt. Something besides words gives you away.

Or Lacks So in Curiosity?
A phone won't bother you if you calmly go on writing and let it ring; but who has a seraphic temper like that?
It is nonsense to say that no one is interested in the troubles of others. We're not all humans. Human conscience began to function thousands of years ago.
"There is a lot of it in the Bible."



HINTING AND HUNTING

Approximately a week ago, the hunting and hunting season opened. You hunt for certain gifts three or four days and then spend the remainder of the time before Christmas hunting all over the house in hopes of finding them.

Unlike most hunting seasons, sportsmen are governed by very few rules, in fact, there is only one legal regulation. Decoys, flattery, artificial bait, astucious plots and blackmail are all within the law. Crying, biting, scratching, pouting and mild threats are also in vogue. You may legally hunt or hunt any hour of the day or night. No one is lawfully exempted from the plans, but there is an unwritten conscious law prohibiting you from hunting to your WPA relatives.

Boats, autos, airplanes, radios, U. S. mail and newspapers may be used to reach the victim. The bag limit is twenty-nine gifts out of every thirty sought.

Here's the one restriction: No firearms of any kind are to be used during the season, and anyone caught carrying same, even as a threat, forfeits his right to hunt or hunt again during the season. That is, if he is caught by Santa Claus—Jean Suits in Lockney Beacon.

OPPORTUNITY STILL KNOCKS

Here is one of the last of the depression stories from Cisco:

A Cisco merchant is reported to have told his clerk: "Tom, because of your good work I am going to make you a partner, giving you a share of the profits."

"Thanks, sir, but I really believe I'm too young for such responsibility and besides I have a family to support," was the answer. "I believe I would rather keep my present job and salary."

"No back talk, young man," replied the merchant. "Business is business and we've got to cut expenses."

WHAT SENT PRICES TO SKY

The Federal Trade Commission has been ordered to make an immediate investigation of reports that monopolistic methods and other unwholesome methods of competition have contributed to the sharp rise in the cost of living this year.

That is a laudable activity. But isn't it also possible that the government's policy of killing pigs and reducing crops, plus shorter hours and higher wages, plus artificially restricted factory output per man, have had something to do with higher prices?

Twenty-eight years ago John Applesseed stopped on a needle with his right foot while walking around the house barefoot. Two weeks ago his left foot began giving him some trouble and he went to a doctor. After a careful examination, using X-ray, the doctor advised him to buy a size larger pair of shoes, which eliminated the trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Vander Graff of Shawnee, Okla., moved to McLean this week. The gentleman is employed as bookkeeper at the Harris King Garage.

Mrs. E. W. Higgins of Altus, Okla., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bourland.

Mrs. Walter Bailey and daughter, Miss Glyndora, were in Shamrock Tuesday.

S. Hebron of Elk City, Okla., was a guest in the R. T. Dickinson home Sunday.

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S'Matter Pop

Mrs. W. W. Wilson orders the home paper renewed for Mrs. S. N. Bush of Westaco.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Carter of Pampa visited the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pettit, Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Glass were in Pampa Monday.

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A GOOD SIGN

During an epidemic in a small southern town every infected house was put under quarantine. After the disease had been checked an old negro protested vigorously when the health officer started to take down the sign on her house.

"Why, Aunkie," exclaimed the officer, "why don't you want me to take it down?"

"Well, sah," she answered, "dey aint been a bill collector neah dis house sense dat sign went up. You all let it alone."

Mr. and Mrs. Ruel Smith were in Amarillo Tuesday.

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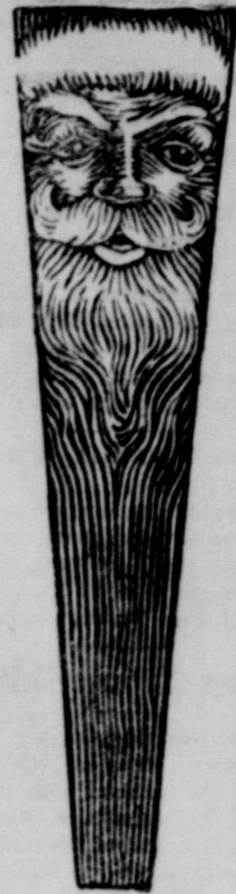
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To those raised in the South, Christmas without fireworks is not Christmas; but on the other hand, people who were not so fortunate in their raising object strenuously to fireworks at this season of the year, so maybe it all works out for the best.

Fires and traffic accidents will take the joy out of many homes at this time of the year and we should be extremely careful in both regards during Christmas week. And in wishing our friends a Merry Christmas, we might add a wish for a Safe Christmas.

Dr. J. Walton Moore, returned missionary to China, gave The News a printing order last week for 1,000 copies of a large wall motto reading: "I will talk about my fellow Christians only on my knees." Dr. Moore says this motto was suggested by a Chinese Christian, and the sentiment could well be adopted by every Christian.

We all know that the world would be a much better place in which to live if the Spirit of Christmas could be observed throughout the year, and after all it is only the application of the Golden Rule; something that could be observed at any time and profitable at all times, out even the best of us seem to often forget the spirit of good will at other times of the year.

The News is carrying advertisements of Pampa and Shamrock merchants that were sold without permission of the paper. Copy was mailed from another state, but rather than let the merchants of our neighboring towns suffer loss, we are running the copy, which we are sure was given in perfectly good faith. However, hereafter we hope that no money will be paid to anyone on our account unless he has written authority to collect for us.

INDEPENDENT

Hubby—I never clash with my wife.
Bachelor—No?
Hubby—No, she goes her way and I go hers.

Wife—John, is it true that money talks?
Hubby—So they say, dear.

Wife—Well, I wish you'd leave me a little to talk during the day. I get so lonely.

Another definition of news: the man we saw the other day pumping up a tire by hand at a gasoline station with free air—Pelican Press Messenger.

Billy—Uncle Mike, you are not married, are you?
Uncle Mike—No, son.

Billy—Then who tells you what you ought not to do?

You won't bore the other fellow if you talk about him instead of yourself.

Our friends never DEMAND our thanks but always REAPPEAR them.

With the Churches

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The general public is always invited.

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Baptist Sunday school wishes all of you a very Merry Christmas and hopes the New Year will find you a happy part of some Sunday school.—Murray Boston, Supt.

News from Skillet

Margaret Weaver, a student in West Texas State Teachers College, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Weaver.

Everyone is invited to attend the school program Wednesday night.
Mr. and Mrs. George Baker and family visited Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Preston and family Sunday.

Mrs. Herman Hunt was a school visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Weaver and daughters, Margaret and Sybil, called on Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Billingslea Sunday.

Mrs. Buck Glass and son, Joe Carol, visited school Friday.

Glenn Hunt and Fred Bramley spent the week end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman H. nt.

Mr. and Mrs. George Preston and sons, Jerry and Dean, spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. George Baker of McLean.

School dismisses Dec. 23 for the Christmas holidays and resumes its work Jan. 3rd.

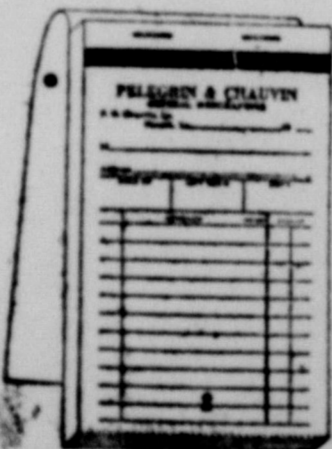
Mr. and Mrs. Lester Preston from Hoodriver, Ore., are spending the Christmas holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Preston.

THE MAUVE DECADE

A girl in a neighboring town played postoffice at a party the other night and yelled and shrieked and howled and ran behind the door and scratched the young man's face, upset a lamp, kicked over the piano stool, and when he finally kissed her on the tip of the ear, fainted dead away and said she could never look anybody in the face again. They led the bashful, modest, gently sobbing creature home, and the next day she ran away with a married lightning rod peddler who had a hair lip and 10 children.—35 years ago, Palo Pinto Star.

Walter Cash orders his address changed to Stinnett.

Dan Deen has returned from a trip to East Texas.



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Small wonder, therefore, that women turn confidently to Cherie Nicholas, whose illustrated fashion articles appear regularly in this newspaper. Miss Nicholas tells what the nation's foremost designers and creators of fine styles decree shall be right for the weeks to come.

You will benefit greatly through reading these authoritative articles. Tell your friends about them.



Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thomas visited relatives at Vernon over the week end.



Last Minute Gifts

We have hundreds of gift items for the last minute shopper—gift items in variety to suit anyone, and the price range will please the most economical.

Better give our stock the once over. You will be delighted with the many fine gifts here.

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Felt Hats

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DRY GOODS

Miss Gwynne Carpenter of Belton is visiting home folks here during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Greer visited their daughter, Mrs. Henry Benson, at Shamrock Thursday.

Mayor Vester Smith and Chas. E. Cooke were in Pampa Tuesday.

F. E. McCracken of Alanreed was in McLean Tuesday.

Miss Aline McCarty of Pampa visited in McLean Sunday.

Mrs. E. J. Windom, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Yeldell were in Pampa Monday.

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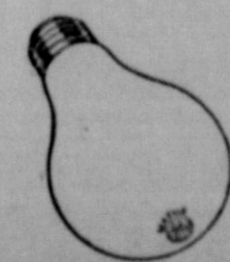
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If eyes were only buttons, we wouldn't need to worry about eyesight. But human eyes are delicate, complicated and easily harmed. Small wonder that only 3 out of 5 young folks reach college age without impaired eyesight.

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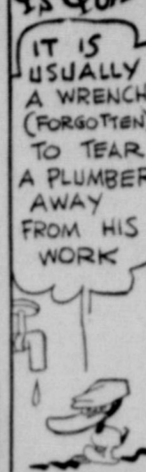
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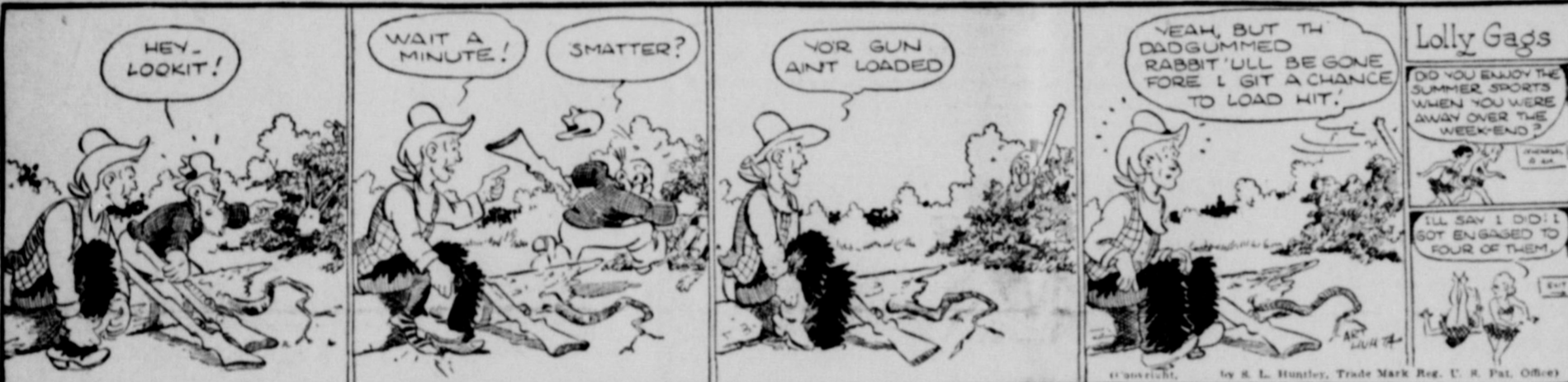
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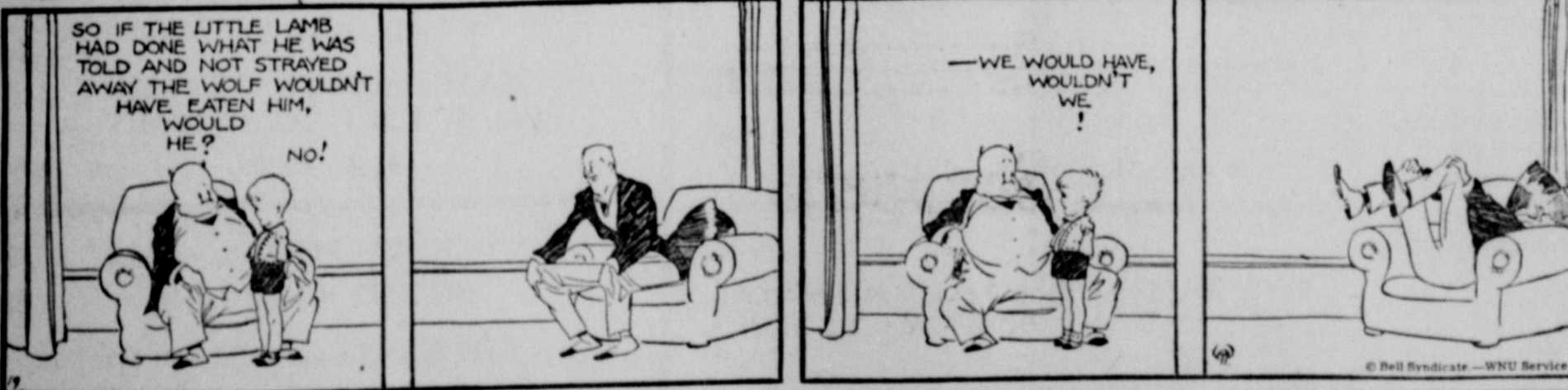
Just a Slip



Whin it Comes to Cleanin' Oice Off Th' Walk, Yez Ostin Let Things Slide

POP— With Mint Sauce

By J. MILLAR WATT



Welcome 1938!



His First and Last

They sat at the table, he and she, and gazed into each other's eyes, while he mechanically consumed the food which was set in front of him.

She—Ah, I'm glad you like it. Mother says there are only two things I can make properly—potato salad and marmalade tart.

He—Indeed? And which is this?

Father Knows

Little Billy, aged four, was being shown the shape of the earth on a globe atlas by his mother. After pointing to all the countries with their peculiar shapes, she asked: "Now, Billy, what shape is the world?"

Billy, looking very wise and happy, beamed on her with: "It's in a terrible shape, Daddy says."

His Super Good Deed

Scoutmaster—What is your good deed for today?

Scout—Mother had only one dose of castor oil left, so I let my brother have it.—Tit-Bits Magazine.

BED TOYS

By GUYAS WILLIAMS



Initials on Linens Stamp You as Chic

It's smart to "be personal" when marking linens, for towels, pillow slips, sheets and even personal "dainties" make known your ownership when embroidered with your very own initials. These are quickly worked in single stitch and French knots, either in a combination of colors or the same color throughout.



Pattern 1553 contains a transfer pattern of an alphabet 2 1/4 inches high, two 1 1/4 inches high and one 3/4 inch high; information for placing initials and monograms; illustrations of all stitches used.

Send 15 cents in stamps or coins (coins preferred) for this pattern to The Sewing Circle, Needlecraft Dept., 82 Eighth Ave., New York, N. Y.

Favorite Recipe of the Week

Fruit Cobblers Suited to Cold Weather.

FRUIT cobbler combine fruit and a simple cake batter to make a de luxe dessert which is especially suited to cold weather when hearty foods touch the hungry spot and when it is a real joy to have the oven going.

Of the many canned fruits that might be used start with the favorite of the family, whether it be apricots, peaches, loganberries, cherries or what have you. The syrup from the fruit can be used as the sauce for the cobbler just as it is, or it can be thickened and extra seasonings added, such as a bit of cinnamon, lemon or nutmeg. The sauce may be hot or cold, but it really tastes better hot.

If you do not have a recipe for the batter part, try this one:

- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/4 cup melted shortening (not hot)
- 2 cups drained canned fruit

Cover the bottom of a greased baking pan with the drained canned fruit. Beat the egg well, and beat in the sugar. Sift flour with the baking powder and add alternately to egg mixture with the milk. Add vanilla, melted fat (butter will give excellent flavor, but any fat can be used), and beat thoroughly. Pour over the fruit and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for about 30-40 minutes. Serve warm with the hot syrup from the fruit as suggested, or any sauce preferred. Serves 6.

MARJORIE H. BLACK.

HELP KIDNEYS

To Get Rid of Acid and Poisonous Waste

Your kidneys help to keep you well by constantly filtering waste matter from the blood. If your kidneys get functionally disordered and fail to remove excess impurities, there may be poisoning of the whole system and body-wide distress.

Burning, acidity or too frequent urination may be a warning of some kidney or bladder disturbance.

You may suffer nagging backache, persistent headache, attacks of dizziness, getting up nights, swelling, puffiness under the eyes—feel weak, nervous, all played out.

In such cases it is better to rely on a medicine that has won country-wide acclaim than on something less favorably known. Use Doan's Pills. A multitude of grateful people recommend Doan's. Ask your neighbor!

DOAN'S PILLS

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... It Is the DOLLARS

... that circulate among ourselves, in our own community, that in the end build our schools and churches, pave our streets, lay our sidewalks, increase our farm values, attract more people to this section. Buying our merchandise in our local stores means keeping our dollars at home to work for all of us.

CROWS ARE FACTOR IN DUCK SHORTAGE

Stillwater, Okla.—Crows have considerable support as well as opposition throughout Oklahoma, but their activities in this state are not the only basis of judging their worth or harmfulness.

During the summer, crows range as far north as Canada and invade the breeding grounds of ducks where they eat the eggs and kill the immature birds, according to C. E. Sanborn, professor emeritus of entomology at Oklahoma A. & M. College and chairman of the state wildlife federation.

Sanborn points out that crows have opposition from farmers who have lost kafir, pecans, peanuts, and other crops, but many people consider them more or less beneficial because of their work as scavengers and because they often feed on insects such as armyworms, white grubs and grasshoppers.

The size of the wild duck crop can be partially traced each year to the number of crows killed during the previous spring or fall, Sanborn believes. Years when crows have been killed on a large scale have been followed by a more plentiful supply of wild ducks, he said.

Mrs. and Mrs. Martin Murdock of Albuquerque, N. M., visited friends in McLean the first of the week. They were enroute to Sanger to spend Christmas with the lady's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Oak Morris left Saturday for West Virginia to spend the holidays.

A GUARDED PROPOSAL

Lorenzo Dow, an American evangelist who went to Ireland in 1799 to endeavor to convert the Catholics of that country to Protestantism, was a bold spirit in many respects, but it appears that he was extremely cautious in matters in which women were concerned.

His tentative proposal of marriage, written to a young woman of his acquaintance, is a masterpiece of conservatism. He wrote as follows:

"If I am preserved, about a year and a half from now I am in hopes of seeing this northern country again; and if during that time you live and remain single, and find no one that you like better than you do me, and would be willing to give me up three years out of every four for travel in foreign lands (for if you should stand in the way I would pray God to remove you, which I believe He would answer) and if I find no one I like better than I do you, perhaps something further may be said upon the subject."

It is safe to say that the young lady could hardly have gotten a breach of promise verdict on the strength of a letter like that.—Wellington Leader.

Mrs. Frank Stockton and little son, Bobby, of Bethany, Okla., are spending the holidays with the lady's mother, Mrs. D. L. Abbott, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Tinnin and daughter of Pampa visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Tinnin, Sunday.

OKLAHOMA FARMER FINDS MONEY IN BLACKBERRIES

Stillwater, Okla.—Blackberries are a profitable cure for blow-sand territory, discovered Will Carman, seven miles southwest of Bristow, who netted \$250 from two acres of berries in one season.

Carman tried for three years to raise kafir and other sorghums on the blow-sand before he planted the blackberries. The berries have grown and produced successfully for the past four years.

From Washington comes this spicy story: A man from this district went to Washington and dropped in on one of our Texas senators. He expressed his appreciation of the public's stand in regard to the Supreme Court and said he wrote him a letter at the time, praising his attitude. And before he could finish the statement, the senator remarked, "Oh, yes, I remember the letter very well and I certainly appreciate your thoughtfulness." Then the man from back home finished with, "But I didn't mail it."—Chattergrams.

Charles Finley and Spencer Sitter of Boonville, Mo., are spending the holidays with home folks here.

S. A. Phillips of White Deer visited relatives here over the week end.

Miss Odessa Kunkel of Pampa visited home folks here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cagle Hunt of Abilene are visiting home folks here.

COLLEGE APTITUDES

"Who should go to college?"

To answer this question which educators admit has never had a satisfactory solution, Wisconsin public schools and colleges, led by the University of Wisconsin, have experimented for eight years. Yardsticks in the examination were some 300,000 standard psychological and mental tests. The submissive guinea pigs were 100,000 high school seniors.

Last week, first analysis of the results, accompanied by warnings of their inconclusive nature, were made public. Classifying the college aptitudes of the students according to business and professional classifications of their parents, the report showed that children of professors had scored the highest rating, 84.68, and were most likely to succeed in college.

The aptitudes of others were as follows: children of lawyers and judges, 74.03; of journalists, 73.57; of bankers and brokers, 71.87; of farmers, 41.59; of miners, 34.8.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Haynes and sons of Pampa visited here over the week end.

Rev. W. M. Echols of Louis, Okla., visited in the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Swim Sunday.

Miss Hazel Dyer of Denton is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hall of Pampa visited the lady's parents, Judge and Mrs. Toll Moore, Sunday.

AND NOW I'LL TELL ONE

It was house-cleaning week at the Grumpy's and Mrs. Grumpy asked her husband to stop off at the department store and bring home certain items required on such occasions—among them one that would make the Grumpy home an undesirable habitation for a certain species of the insect class. The particular department store which Mr. Grumpy was told to patronize boasted of its efficient service and the clerks were instructed to keep that fact before their customers.

Mr. Grumpy approached the counter where the goods were on display. "Give me a package of vermin powder," he snapped. The clerk took a package down from the shelf and with the "smile that wins" asked: "Do you want to take it with you, sir?" Mr. Grumpy was not in the best of humor, as might be expected during a house-cleaning period. "No," he growled. "I'll bring the vermin here."

Ten years ago a young girl helped an old man across a street. He thanked her, inquired her name and address, and made a note of it in his pocketbook. Last spring the young girl wanted to get married but she needed money to buy new clothes. While she was wondering where the money was to come from, the old man died. When his will was read it was found that he had left all his money to a nephew who lived in Seattle.

News advertising pays.

IT ISN'T

It isn't just preaching the Gospel. It isn't just saying a prayer. And letting it END right there. It isn't just going to meeting. Nor being regular at Sunday school. It isn't just a friendly greeting. Nor following the Golden Rule. Have you ever called on that brother Who is weighted down with care? And just up the street there's another Who perhaps needs a word or prayer. There's so much we should be doing. And so little time left to do. There are souls we should be wooing. Say, can the Lord count on you? —Lester J. Kennedy.

DICTATORSHIP

Did you know that a lot of newspaper men back east think that the high price of newsprint is one of the strongest efforts being made to place a dictator in charge of these United States? They think that only the favored few newspapers will survive the high prices of newsprint, and that these favored papers will line up and train the minds of their readers into the "dictator channel." For some unknown reason, only the kind of paper upon which news is usually printed has gone up. But this kind has certainly gone way, way up, and that all within the past four months.—Donley County Leader.

W. T. Adkins attended the annual banquet of the Amarillo chamber of commerce at the Amarillo Hotel Friday night.

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During the holidays our coffee is the best in Amarillo.

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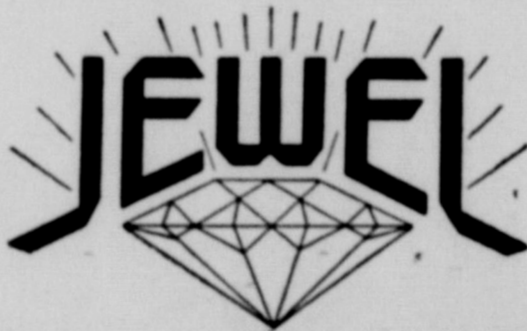
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the Chicken Dinner Artist
wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

from

MURRAY WATTS STUDIO

AMARILLO BAND HOUSE

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Floyd Gibbons' ADVENTURERS' CLUB



HEADLINES FROM THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF!

"Undress Parade in the Navy"

By FLOYD GIBBONS
Famous Headline Hunter

HELLO, EVERYBODY: All aboard! boys and girls. Clamber right up that gang-plank there and make it speedy. We're bound for the Panama Canal on the United States destroyer Satterlee. See those big numbers on the side? You can read 'em a mile away. That's our number, 190. But for the love of Mike be careful of those depth bomb racks on the stern. The World war is just over and those things are loaded with T. N. T.!

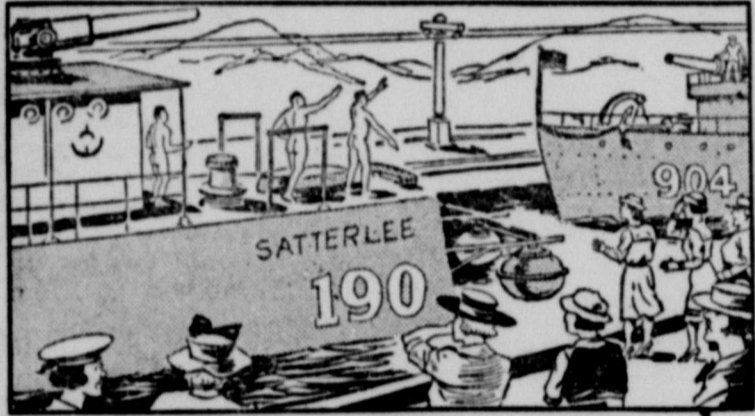
All of which brings us to Frank Edward Hanke, who is taking a bath in the destroyer's washroom as our story opens. Frank resides in New York now. But don't forget that bath. You see Frank was taking that bath when he had the most exciting adventure of his entire career! Here goes the story gang-plank.

Frank has been through many narrow squeaks. But his closest shave took place during the joint maneuvers of the Atlantic and the Pacific fleets in 1930. Destroyers then still carried full war loads of explosives in the depth charge "submarine killers," that hung in racks on the stern of the ship.

The fleets were passing through the Panama canal. At the Gatun locks, Frank's destroyer—the Satterlee—had already entered the locks and was waiting for the U. S. S. Mason to follow her in. The docks were lined with beautiful damsels come from far and near to get a glimpse of Uncle Sam's natty sailors and Frank was primping up in the washroom with three or four other gobs, getting ready to give the girls a treat.

What If They Should Collide?

Frank glanced through the washroom window at the Mason, which was flying through the water at a fast clip. He stopped soaping himself for a second and pondered absently as to what would happen if the Mason accidentally collided with the depth bombs in the stern. As he pondered and watched, the commander of the Mason shot his ship into



The Soapy Nudists Rushed for the Stern.

reverse. But Frank, to his horror, saw that the reverse lever or something had gone wrong and the ship was still coming on. A COLLISION WAS CERTAIN!

In those depth bombs, Frank knew, was enough T. N. T. to blow up the locks and everything in them. He let out a yell and pointed. His shipmates in the washroom saw the danger, too, and with one common accord they shot out on deck.

Well, sir, Frank says he doesn't think the explosion itself would have caused half the commotion his little sailor nudist colony did when they appeared on deck. The locks are very narrow at that place and it was just as though they had strolled naked on a ballroom floor in the middle of a dance.

He and his pals, though, weren't thinking of that. They had no idea the sensation they were causing the ladies of the Canal zone. Their idea and the idea of any self respecting sailor was to avert by any means possible a catastrophe.

The soapy nudists rushed for the stern of the ship, ready if necessary to place their gleaming bodies in between the oncoming ship and the T. N. T.

Scolded the Girls for Laughing.

On came the Mason while the crews of two ships groaned and the spectators ashore laughed at the unexpected parade on the Satterlee. Frank thinks they thought it all part of the show. He never gave it a thought in the moment before the collision but as the prow of the Mason swerved at the last moment and instead of hitting the depth charges smashed into the heavy four gun mount to one side, he turned and gave them a piece of his mind for laughing at a tense moment like that!

Then he and his pals went to work at a barked command from an officer. And they worked hard. On the docks the laughing went on. Frank looked around for the cause of it. He couldn't see anything to laugh at in a collision that might have taken the lives of hundreds of people and he went right on working and growling at the strange sense of humor of these Panama Janes.

The collision had been a serious one. It took the combined crews hours to clear up the wreckage. I've got a photograph of it and it must of been pretty bad. Frank isn't in the picture or perhaps he might get a laugh now himself.

Then He Saw the Joke.

Finally when things had quieted down a bit and Frank felt he had done his duty he reached for a cigarette. Holy Moses! Where was his pocket? He glanced down at his legs. Where were his pants? He looked now with seeing eyes at his pals of the washroom. They didn't have a stitch on them! They looked at him!

And were their faces red!

Frank says his nudist detail made one jump for a companion way. They hit the entrance all at once and jammed. Hysterical feminine laughter rang in their ears once more and then they tumbled head over heels below.

Well, sir, Frank and his pals came in for a lot of kidding after that, but he says he didn't notice any gobs kidding him at the time of the accident. Officers and men were all so excited at what they knew might happen that they didn't even notice any sailors working without benefit of clothes.

And, come to think of it, I guess most of us would forget all about clothes if we saw tons of steel speeding toward enough T. N. T. to undress the whole navy in one blast!

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"Grapevine Telegraph"

The "grapevine telegraph" is, in origin, a picturesque brother of the "underground railway." According to the dictionary the phrase was coined during the Civil war. As the underground railway was a secret and guarded means of sending slaves from the South to freedom, so the grapevine telegraph was any devious or covered means by which news or rumor traveled—by private letter, by word of mouth, and so on. Communication was not well organized, and there were many false war reports afloat, reports not to be easily and speedily silenced. Tales and canards of mysterious origin were said to have come "by grapevine telegraph." The dictionary still seeks to limit the use of the term to mysterious rumors and fabricated reports. But by extension "the grapevine route" is any means of communication which is not easily detected or which is able to smuggle its messages past barriers intended to keep them out.

Gorge Sees Only N on Sun

Only at midday does the sun ever peep into the bottom of Indian pass, that narrow, mile-long gorge cut deep through solid rock between MacIntyre and Wallace mountains in the heart of the Adirondack wilderness a few miles southeast of Lake Placid. Called by the Indians "Hendodaowa," the Path of the Thunderer, Indian pass is one of the scenic marvels of the Adirondacks. Its walls rise straight up over a thousand feet. On the western (Wallace) side the perpendicular rock face rears itself 1,300 feet into the air. Near the middle of the pass, high up on MacIntyre, are two small springs, so close together that their waters almost intermingle. Separating a few feet farther down, they flow on to the bottom of the pass in two little rivulets. One rivulet finds its way south to the headwaters of the Hudson river, while the other heads north where eventually its sparkling content mingles with the mighty St. Lawrence.

Fabric Call Is for Rich Silk Crepe

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



HERE'S important fabric news.

It's about the handsome silk crepes that have so definitely come into their own this season. Which is to say that leading designers are turning to the new crepes with high enthusiasm, for in rich suede-finished pure silk crepe they have found the material that will best serve as a background to "set off" by way of contrast the gorgeous touches of colorful and scintillating embroidery and applique which have so much to do with present-day costume design.

To illustrate, note the dress shown to the left in the picture. That very applique design which you see is achieved with gold metal cloth and against the black of the elegant sheer silk crepe which fashions the dress it silhouettes to perfection. This is an up-to-the-minute mode that reaches a new high in chic and charm. It's a dress that will be outstanding in any gathering of fashionables. Just the thing to wear under the wintry fur coat and later on it will prove your favorite midseason gown. Note the straight slim "lines" so necessary to smart appearance. The coral buttons on the metal trim add a fascinating dash of color. The gloves with embroidered cuffs are adorable. Be sure to take cognizance of the clover leaf brim. It's the latest.

When midday of fashion is not wearing black this season her next choice is almost sure to be handsome dark green. In most instances the hat repeats the identical green. The idea is carried out effectively in the costume to the right in the picture. This good looking daytime dress of moss green silk crepe has the new surprise crossed bodice. There is an artful use of narrow flat vertical tucks. According to the forecast for the resort season and for early spring we may expect to see pleats and tucks in profusion throughout forthcoming fashions. The sash

that adds infinite grace to this dress, tying in front as it does, is enhanced with a colorful fringed arrangement formed of spaghetti cording made of self fabric. In this charming gown one sees how deftly designers are turning to self-fabric manipulation and from this point of view the new crepes are to be especially recommended.

One of the most vital themes of the current style program and one that has set the entire fashion world agog is the simple black foundation dress without which no well-planned wardrobe is complete these days. And here again the new plain weave silk crepes score a big triumph.

Another way of playing up to the foundation dress of black crepe is to lay in a stock of cunning jackets, especially bolero types. If you can sew even amateurly, fashion this season gives you your big moment in which to contrive all sorts of jacket fantasies, which slipped on over the foundation dress will in the twinkling of an eye tune your costume to the tempo of any occasion. A favorite method of procedure is to embroider the bolero all around its edges. Tremendously smart if the handiwork is done in china-white beads or white wool or an applique of black or white patent leather or that which is a leading fashion, an applique of gold kid, for be assured the gold and black craze still persists. Sometimes it is a gay print gypsy sash that gives color.

Thrifty-wise women are even going so far as to have two foundation dresses of black crepe, one for practical day, the other for formal night. The latter is made floor length, the skirt being amazingly snug and subtle, the bodice sans sleeves and with low-back décolleté, designed to take on versatile jackets with ease, one of which should be a bolero of glittering black sequins.

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LACY NEGLIGEEES

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



Negligees, house coats or hostess-gowns have been steadily increasing in importance in the feminine wardrobe. Lacy negligees fashioned to the queen's taste are by long odds the favorite this season. The negligee here shown is as much for entertaining as for the boudoir. It has a skirt of crepe (satin if you prefer) and a high-waisted bodice with sleeves puffed to the elbow of the eggshell lace. Skirt and bodice are zipped for convenience.

GAY MITTENS AND GLOVES ARE SMART

By CHERIE NICHOLAS

Here's your chance to go darily fashionable this season. Be first in your set to come out gloved in a pair of crocheted or knitted mittens that for color will startle the eye. These new wool gloves and mittens are the smartest thing ever, so don't miss a chance like this to stir your neighbors into a state of frenzied envy.

A pair of these cuddly wool hand-coverings and your entire costume is dramatized. The handknit ones from Vienna are perfectly charming—have gay embroidery up the center and about the wrist. You can get scarves to match. Do not carry the mistaken idea they are simply for winter sportswear. No, indeed. The big news lies in the fact that they are worn with your "bestest" town suit or "highbrow" fur coat.

Birds of Paradise and Flowers, Spring Forecast

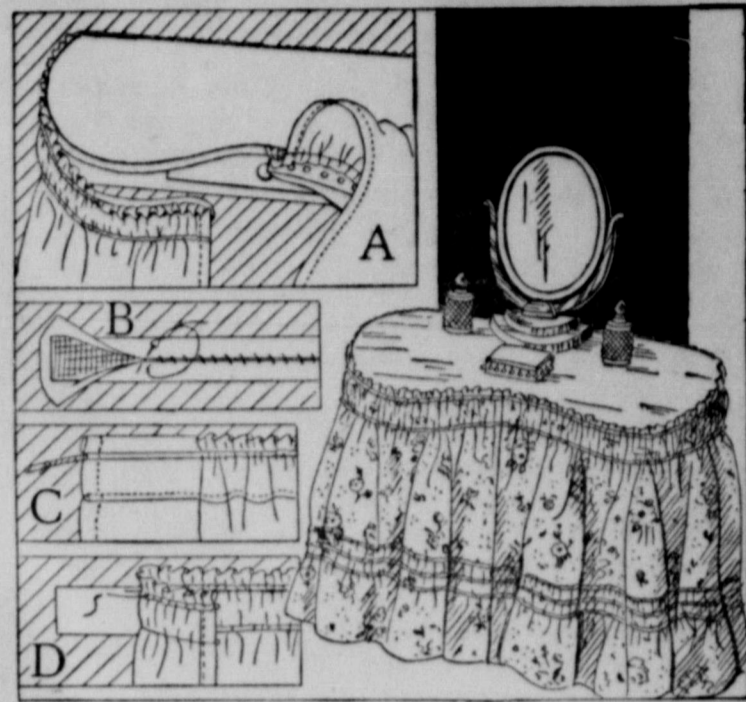
Birds of paradise and flowers or shaded breast feathers in light fuchsia and purple shades are combined in perfect harmony on Louise Bourbon's latest spring hats.

Ranking foremost is a color range individually suited to the eyes, hair and personality of every client as well as to her mood and the occasion. It is developed in a variety of helmet-like toques featuring asymmetric height or small shapes accented in colored feathers as, for example, a black belting model stitched and trimmed with contrasting ostrich tufts.

Velvet for Afternoon
Velvet hats are a feature for afternoon wear in Paris midseason collections.

HOW TO SEW

by Ruth Wyeth Spears



A Dressing Table Skirt With Corded Shirrings

THIS dressing table skirt has a curved front and hinged arms on which to mount the skirt so that it can be opened to permit access to the drawer. To mount the skirt it must first be sewed to a band of covered buckram. Cut the buckram in a strip 2½ inches wide. Cover it with a straight piece of material as shown here at B.

ery type of room and purpose. Making lampshades, rugs, ottomans and other useful articles for the home. Readers wishing a copy should send name and address, enclosing 25 cents, to Mrs. Spears, 210 South Desplaines St., Chicago, Illinois.

Make the heading at the top of the skirt just the depth of the thickness of the table edge so that it will cover the edge of the table when the arms are closed. Use ¼-inch cable cord for the shirring. This is sewed to a safety pin and run through tucks stitched in the material as shown here at C.

The top of the ruffle is also shirred with cords. When the shirrings are all finished, sew the top of the skirt to the covered buckram strip as shown at D and then thumb tack it in place as at A.

Every Homemaker should have a copy of Mrs. Spears' new book, SEWING. Forty-eight pages of step-by-step directions for making slipcovers and dressing tables; restoring and upholstering chairs, couches; making curtains for ev-

AROUND THE HOUSE

Baking Escalloped Mixtures.—Time and fuel will be saved if escalloped mixtures are baked in shallow, wide dishes or pans.

Preventing Rust in Oven.—After using the oven, leave the oven door wide open, to allow it to cool down thoroughly. This allows all moisture to escape and prevents rust.

Home-Made Flower Holder.—If you cannot buy a flower-holding frog (the stand with holes pierced in it to steady flowers in a vase) to fit an oblong vase, a block of paraffin will serve the purpose very well. Holes may be made with a heated ice pick or some other round instrument.

Watch Your Step.—Painting the bottom step of the cellar stairs white makes it more conspicuous and often helps to prevent accidents.

Lining a Coat.—When lining a coat, put the coat on inside out. Have the lining all ready stitched up, and slip it over the coat. It will fall into position naturally. Pin it in place, and finish in the usual way.

Sliding Dresser Drawers.—Rubbing a candle stub or wax along the sliding edges of dresser drawers will make them move in and out much more easily, even when heavily loaded.

Ask Me Another

A General Quiz

1. How many bachelor Presidents has the United States had?
2. What does the abbreviation "non sec" stand for?
3. How does a twelve-year-old dog correspond to age in a human being?
4. What is wind?
5. Who was the Greek cynic philosopher who lived in a tub?
6. What is the procedure when a bank certifies a check?
7. What was the last federal territory to be admitted into the Union as a state?

Answers

1. Two—James Buchanan and Grover Cleveland, but Cleveland was married while he was in the Presidential office.
2. Non sequitur (it does not follow).
3. A dog twelve years old is as old as a man at eighty-four.
4. Air naturally and horizontally in motion with a certain degree of velocity.
5. Diogenes.
6. It withdraws the amount of the check from the drawer's account, and holds it for the purpose of paying the check which it guarantees.
7. Arizona.

Constipated?



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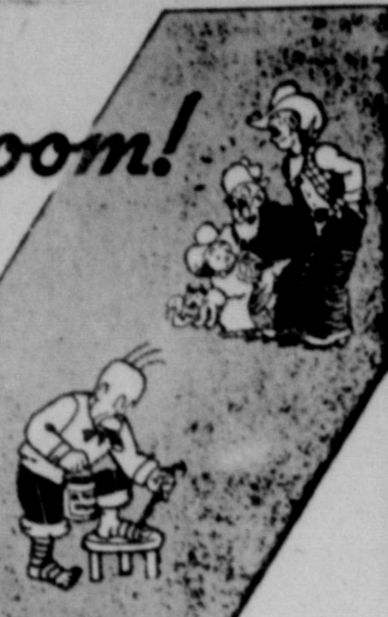
"That looks better . . . but it's still a little snug."

Goodbye, Mr. Gloom!

... We're a jolly bunch of renegades... our sole purpose in life is to give Old Man Gloom the gate and usher in Mr. Sunshine by way of a million laughs. Turn to the Funny Page in every issue and let us help dispel those troubles!

● No man can really live by bread alone. Yes, we admit he'll EXIST, but there will be heavy lines of care running down his face, he'll forget how to smile.

● Verily, we humans need a few hearty guffaws now and then to chase away those wrinkles of care and give our spirits a lift. That's why this newspaper runs a collection of laugh-provoking comic strips on the Funny Page. Amid the depressing news of floods and earthquakes, crime and war, economic troubles and a host of other maladjustments on the face of Mr. World, it's a pleasant relaxation to shut your eyes on the day's bad tidings.



● You can get a joyful lift in spirits from the comics. We invite our readers to take a big swallow of this bottled sunshine. Turn to the Funny Page right now and forget your troubles!

● Our comic characters are a versatile lot, as you'll notice by glancing down the accompanying panel. If you want to chuckle over real troubles, turn to C. M. Payne's strip "S'Matter Pop," and see what a whale of an order he has to keep these boys of his under control... Or glance at the adventures of the intellectual Adamson, as drawn by O. Jacobson.

● Something that will truly draw tears—of laughter—are Gluyas Williams' mischievous but lovable youngsters, Junior and the Baby... Then there's "Finney of the Force," by Ted O'Loughlin, as comical and as true-to-life an Irishman as ever flipped a night stick... Life out in Cactus Center, as described in S. L. Huntley's "Mescal Ike," has its exciting moments when its rip-roaring citizens are on the loose... And when it comes to "The Featherheads," by Osborne, they speak for themselves. In fact, that's the best thing they do!

● Let these bearers of fun whittle your blues down to size. Toss trouble right out the window and get a new lease on life through the comic page—turn to it right now!

1-MINUTE SAFETY TALKS

By Don Herold

We'll drive moderately, and if we have an accident, it will be a nicer one



How to Have More Trivial Accidents

If we are going to have automobile accidents, let's have little ones. It is not such a serious matter when we dent a fender. What we don't want to dent is a skull. How shall we select for ourselves the smaller or more insignificant or skin-deep or grade "C" accidents? About the surest way to clinch your death in an automobile accident is to mix in a little alcohol. With an intoxicated driver (you or somebody else) at the wheel, your chance of death is greater than with a sober man at the wheel. I mean if you take 1,000 drunk accidents and 1,000 sober accidents there'll be more deaths in the drunk accidents. Even an intoxicated pedestrian has a better chance of being killed than a sober pedestrian—per accident. There has been a lot of loose talk about the safety of driving fast. A lot of people think that it is all right to drive fast if they drive "careful." But the figures show that the rate of death per accident which involves exceeding the speed limit is much worse than the average death rate for all accidents due to improper driving practices. Places, too, have a lot to do with the violence of your accident. The rate of death per accident on highways and at rural intersections is more than 200% greater than on city streets. Time plays a part, also. The death rate per accident after dark is about 60% worse than during daylight. May all your accidents be little ones, and they're more apt to be little if you know about and avoid these deadlier spots and practices.

Mrs. Vester Smith and daughter, Mrs. J. T. Hicks, were in Amarillo Tuesday.

Miss Ethel Lane has returned to Honey Grove after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hembree.

Miss Samantha Stanley has accepted a position with the Brazos River Gas Co. here.

County Clerk Charlie Thut of Pampa was in McLean Friday.

Miss Marie Landers of Miami spent Monday night with her parents here.

Miss Oella Hunt of Miami spent Monday night with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Campbell and son visited at Canadian Sunday.

L. A. Tolliver of Russellville, Ark. is visiting here.

Mrs. Leslie of Lefors visited Mrs. M. H. Lassiter Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Holloway were in Amarillo Sunday.

Jim Pivett of Shamrock was in McLean Thursday night.

Buell Ellison of Abilene is home for Christmas.

Arlie Carpenter of Lefors was in McLean Thursday.

County Attorney Joe Gordon of Pampa was in McLean Friday.

Miss Myrie Andrews of Canyon is visiting home folks here.

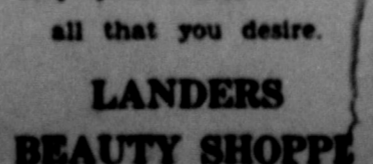
S. L. Ball of Alanreed was in McLean Friday.

James Emmett Cooks of Abilene is home for Christmas.

Sheriff Earl Talley of Pampa was in McLean Thursday night.

Mrs. Tiney Green of Fort Worth is visiting relatives here.

For Holiday Loveliness



Kalor-Wave
Enjoy a Permanent Wave at our shop by this new **Non-Hot Method**. A **KALOR** test-our will convince you of its superiority. **COME IN TODAY!**

May your Christmas be all that you desire.

LANDERS BEAUTY SHOPPE

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE OR LEASE—960 acres, 160 in cultivation, some improvements, located 1 mile west, 3 north Magic City, Wheeler county; running water, good protection for stock. Frank Crisp, owner, Alanreed, Texas. 50-2p

MISCELLANEOUS

WE WANT to thank those who bought Christmas cards at the News office. We were glad to print the names on the cards free of charge. There are a few numbers left for the last minute shopper.

ONLY ONE more week to take advantage of the bargain rate on the Amarillo News or the Star-Telegram. Orders taken at the News office.

TYPEWRITER ribbons, 60¢; portable, 40¢. At News office.

ADDING MACHINE paper and ribbons, at News office.

MERCHANTS SALES PAID — 10¢ each, at News office.

Jess Dickinson, Mrs. Elsie Thomas and children of Amarillo visited their brother and uncle, J. P. Dickinson, Sunday.

J. C. McCabe takes advantage of our bargain rate on the Amarillo News this week.



Christmas Greetings

To you and yours, may this Christmas bring every happiness you could possibly wish for.

After the holidays, come to our shop for beauty aids. Your patronage is appreciated.

ORCHID BEAUTY SHOPPE

Meet Mescal Ike

Comic Hero of the Golden West

now appearing each week in this newspaper



It has been the policy of this newspaper to bring to its readers the best features obtainable, and in Mescal Ike we know we have another winner. The hilarious doings of Mescal Ike and the other citizens of Cactus Center won instant favor with newspaper readers when this strip was introduced a short time ago, and we know that you too will enjoy this great comic.

IN RETROSPECT

A fly was walking with her daughter on the head of a man who was very bald. "How things change, my dear," she said. "When I was your age, this was only a foot path."

Only as men see the stars which shine for them, shall their hearts, brimful of good will to others, find the deepest joy that comes from the riches of love no money can ever buy. Christmas is the time of year for those stars to shine the brightest.—Laverne Dennis.

Angus was out for the evening, and when he returned he found his father waiting up for him. "How much did the evening cost you, lad?" he asked at once. "Half a dollar." "That's not so bad," said the father, visibly relieved. "It was all she had," the boy explained.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The News is authorized to carry the following as candidates, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in July: For Commissioner, Precinct 4: E. C. CREWS

Once upon a time a man got up early one Sunday morning to let the woman in, and not being able to find his bathrobe he slipped on his wife's kimono. When he opened the door he was greeted by a nice big kiss from the woman. And the only way he could figure it out was that the woman's wife had a kimono just like the one he had on.

Mrs. C. M. Carpenter and daughter, Miss Gwynne, accompanied by Mrs. J. M. Noel, were in Amarillo Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Gibson of Alanreed were in McLean Wednesday.

W-H-A-T CAN YOU DO?

Weep, and you're called a baby; laugh, and you're called a fool; yield, and you're called a coward; stand, and you're a mule. Smile, and they'll call you silly; frown, and they'll call you gruff; put on a front like a millionaire, and somebody calls your bluff.

Mrs. H. W. Finley and son, Charles; Mrs. C. E. Cooke and son, James Emmett, were in Amarillo Wednesday. They were accompanied by Misses Gwynne and Juanita Carpenter.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Norman of Pampa visited in McLean Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. George Thut and son of Lefors were in McLean Monday.

T. N. Holloway was in Wheeler Thursday.

Rev. W. A. Erwin was in Amarillo Thursday.

Mrs. Laura Robinson has returned from Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Rippe were in Amarillo Tuesday.

Miss Opal Moore visited in Amarillo Friday.

Earl Jones of Clarendon was in McLean Thursday.

C. M. Jones was in Fort Worth last week.

Mrs. Travis Stokes was in Amarillo Saturday.

Dock Buss of Lefors was in McLean Saturday night.

Marvin Hindman of Lubbock is at home for the holidays.

J. N. Sublett of Shamrock was in McLean Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Medley of Lefors were in McLean Saturday.

Mrs. E. H. Kramer visited at Childers Sunday.

Miss Juanita Carpenter of Lubbock is at home for Christmas.

Scott Johnston has returned from a trip to Arlington and Fort Worth.

ANNOUNCING AMAZING TYPEWRITER BARGAIN

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BRAND NEW REMINGTON PORTABLE

The opportunity you've waited for! A brand new Remington Streamline Portable for only 10¢ a day. An easy, practical Home Typing Course FREE! With it, anyone can quickly become an expert on this machine—the latest speed complete typewriter ever made. Not used or rebuilt. Standard 4-row keyboard. Standard width carriage. Mary's Release on keyboard. Back Spacer. Automatic Ribbon Reverser. Exclusive Remington feature—"Self Steerer" Paragraph Key. Every essential feature of big office typewriters!

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Hundreds of jobs are waiting for people who can type. A typewriter helps put your ideas in logical, impressive form, helps you write clear, understandable sales reports, letters, articles, or stories. A Remington has started many a young man on the road to success.

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With your Remington Streamline you get a 250-LETTER FREE 19-page simplified typing course. Features Paragraph System quickly, easily. A few minutes a day and you should be able to type faster than you can talk. Also a FREE Carrying Case, sturdy built of light wood, lined with heavy blue fabric.

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