

# THE MCLEAN NEWS

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## Agent Urges Attendance at Dairy Meet

County Agent Ralph R. Thomas is urging that farm men and women and young people interested in dairy cattle and dairying, attend the dairy program sponsored by the Extension Service of A. & M. College, the Texas Jersey Cattle Club, and farm organizations, to be held at the White House Lumber Co. at Shamrock Friday, April 21. This program will be of an exceptional educational value since the farm people will be given an opportunity to judge classes of dairy cattle and dairy products.

Persons having dairy cattle should enter animals in this show and have them classed by experts. Judging will be done on a classification basis. That is, there might be either one blue ribbon animal or several blue ribbon animals in one class. In other words, each exhibitor will be competing with the ideal dairy type rather than the other animals in the show.

Animals will be graded as follows:

1. Class A—blue ribbon—animals classed "excellent" and "very good" or 85 points or above.
2. Class B—red ribbon—animals classed "good plus" and "good" or 75 to 85 points.
3. Class C—white ribbon—animals classed "fair," 70 to 75 points.
4. Class D—no ribbon—animals classed "poor."

Best female—purple rosette.

The following classes will be used in the show:

Females—(1) 3 years and over; (2) 2 years and under 3, also yearlings in milk; (3) 1 year and under 2 years; (4) calves 6 months and under 1 year.

Bulls—(1) 2 years and over; (2) 1 year and under 2. (No bull should be allowed in the show unless he has a ring in his nose).

The following suggestions relative to the entering of dairy products has been made by Mrs. Julia E. Kelley, county home demonstration agent:

Two identical samples of each product must be submitted.

Butter—Farm butter prepared for market, wrapped in butter parchment paper.

Cheese—Cottage, processed cottage and Neufchatel cheese may be exhibited in one-half pint glazed cartons.

Note: Cottage, processed cottage and Neufchatel cheese should be plain color may be added to processed cottage and Neufchatel cheese but no flavoring material should be added to either of the cheeses. The cottage cheese should be creamed.

Milk—Sweet milk should be displayed in quart bottles and capped with a cardboard cap. The tops of the bottles should be covered with butter parchment paper, using a rubber band to hold it in place.

Cream—should be displayed in pint bottles prepared the same as for milk.

All entries both in the cattle and the cattle products must be entered by 9 a. m., April 21. There will be no entry fee for either cattle or dairy products.

## METHODISTS TO WHEELER

The Clarendon district conference comprising 48 Methodist Churches, will meet at Wheeler next Tuesday, April 18, at 9 o'clock.

The delegates from the McLean church are: Creed Bogan, Mrs. C. A. Fryer, Mrs. J. W. Story, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Greene, Mrs. J. E. Kirby and Homer Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Boyd visited relatives at Henrietta Sunday.

## BIRTHDAYS

- April 16—Ted Glass, Millard Winton.
- April 17—Una Howard, Mrs. Troy Winton.
- April 18—Thos. Ashby, Larry Ledbetter.
- April 19—Chas. Cousins, C. P. Calhoun, Mrs. J. M. Carpenter.
- April 20—Bernice Combs, Mrs. Pete Allison, C. J. Cash, Haskell Smith, Boyd Erwin.
- April 21—Mrs. J. J. Simmons, Harold Meador.
- April 22—Mrs. Clifford Allison, Mrs. Mae Blake, Norvin Ashby.

## McLEAN BOYS WIN BOXING TOURNAMENT

Three weeks ago McLean boxers started training with the desire in mind to be able to cope with the neighboring teams who had been training since the end of the football season, and during this time the McLean boys have been awarded 14 miniature boxing gloves and a first place team trophy.

Winners of gloves are Ed Cadra, three gold gloves; Myrl Norman, one bronze; Fred Gordon, one gold and two bronze; Junior Windom, one bronze; Leo Thompson, one bronze; Leonard Roach, one gold; LeRoy Braxton, one gold; Raymond Bonner, two gold and one bronze.

After the boys make their challenge to the Pampa boxers, and after the results, they will hang up their gloves until next season.

The bout with Pampa will be held in McLean next Tuesday night.

Other McLean boxers are Ernest Burrows, 155 pounds; J. H. Gordon, 145; Herman Hugg 128; Bob Sherrod, 115; and James Roy Franklin, 85. Orville Cunningham, with the assistance of Clyde Magee, is coaching the boxers.

## NAZARENE REVIVAL BEGINS FRIDAY NIGHT

According to announcement by Rev. W. E. Bond, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene Church, a series of revival services will begin here Friday night of this week.

Rev. Joe Bishop, pastor of the Dalhart Church, will conduct the meeting, and services will be held only at night for the present.

Good song services will be featured each night. Everyone is invited to attend and take part in the services.

## ENRICHMENT OF PERSONALITY

By Rev. W. B. Swim

Personality is that indescribable and intangible something which makes the difference in people. It is a greater asset than a university education. It was once thought to be nature's gift and in no way attainable. "If you have it, you have it; if you have it not, nothing can give it to you." We know today that, though nature's gifts are not always the same, personality can be greatly improved and enriched.

A psychological survey made by the American Association for Adult Education, financed by the Rockefeller Foundation, examined 10,000 adults, seeking to find the influences which develop and enrich personality. It was revealed by the survey that those adults who belonged to the church possessed much better personality traits than those who did not belong to the church. It was found that those children who went to church school had better personality traits than those who did not attend. It was found that the children of those parents who attended church had better personality traits than the children of those parents who did not attend church. These findings only confirm the testimony that the church has meant more to them than anything else in the world except the home.

Go to church for the enrichment which it has to give to the sum of your qualities of body, mind and character—which is what personality is.

## TRIMBLE SAYS ADV. PAYS

H. R. Trimble, manager of the Trimble Grocery Co., says he is well pleased with the response to his advertisement in last week's paper; that it brought a better response than other forms he has tried.

This grocery has another advertisement of food bargains for this week end on another page that deserves the attention of every careful shopper.

## SHAMROCK PUBLISHER HERE

Albert Cooper, publisher of the Shamrock Texan, was a caller at the News office Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Cooper has announced that the Shamrock Texan will be published semi-weekly, instead of daily, after this month. The Texan has always been an outstanding paper in this part of the Panhandle and should be able to give its readers efficient service in its new form.

## BANKER COOK WRITES BOSWELL ENDORSEMENT

Following is a copy of a letter written by Reuben R. Cook, former McLean banker, to the secretary of the Weatherford chamber of commerce, marked "private and confidential":

"Dear Sir:

"I am a stranger to you and have hesitated considerably to write what I am now going to say. My father taught me if I couldn't say something good about a person to say nothing. But having been president of a chamber of commerce myself, I feel that you should know some things about Mr. Boswell that I am sure he will never tell you, for I read in the McLean News that you have elected him president of your organization. This is a very responsible position and a very honorable one, therefore it would be a great mistake to hand it over to the wrong man. As I said, you do not know me, but Mr. Fant and Mr. Holland, your two bankers there, know me and I feel sure will vouch for me.

"Now, of course, Mr. Boswell is well educated, and I hope not over-educated, as some probably are, and he has always been a good friend of mine. In fact, when he was superintendent of the McLean schools and I was in one of the banks there he used to give me the privilege of telling his young pupils something about banking, the Federal Reserve System, and money; for all he knew about a bank was that it loaned money, and he didn't know much about that, for he borrowed so little.

"That the McLean schools made good progress under his management, no one can deny, but I sometimes wonder if it were not largely for the reason he had one of the best football teams in the Panhandle, and took a right sharp interest in it. But I must get to the point and be brief.

"As I said before, I was president of the chamber of commerce in McLean and Mr. Boswell never had much connection with it, only serving on various committees when called upon. One thing I will give him credit for, he was always punctual to keep appointments and served to the best of his ability. One reason he might not have taken a more active part in chamber of commerce work may have been that he was president of the Lions Club. And I will admit that we worked together nicely and cooperated fully.

"Since I have started out to tell you the whole truth, I am compelled to say, also, that everyone in McLean regretted to see him leave. However, I also understand that Mr. Cryer, the man who took his place, is mighty well liked. But that is neither here nor there. What you need to know is more about Mr. Boswell. I will say in passing that he has an awfully nice family and everyone loved them.

"When I knew Mr. Boswell (you may call him Dr. Boswell now) he was a devout member of the Methodist church, and actually used to fill the pulpit when the preacher was away. I never heard him preach a sermon, but he would read a lot and never get through talking about it. Some churches do that all the time and call it preaching. Well, I'll not say all the things I could about him, but shall only hope that he gets along all right with the chamber of commerce and that all of you learn to like him better as you go along. I believe in being charitable and, therefore, wish him well.

"Very truly yours,

"REUBEN R. R. COOK."

## DRY GOODS BARGAINS

Brooks Dry Goods offer bargains for the week end in an advertisement on another page. The News also printed circulars advertising the bargain days.

The prices in the advertisement are only samples taken from the stock, and the careful buyer will do well to investigate the values offered during the three-day sale.

## FIRE AT G AND L

Fire was discovered at the G and L Food store early Sunday evening, and prompt attention by the fire department saved the stock and building, except for smoke damage. Scoblefield's Dry Goods next door also suffered some smoke damage.

## EVANGELIST



REV. JOE BISHOP of Dalhart, who will preach at the Church of the Nazarene revival beginning Friday evening.

## CLARK FUNERAL HELD AT ALANREED TUESDAY

Funeral services were held at the Alanreed Baptist Church Tuesday, by Rev. S. T. Greenwood, for Geo. C. Clark, aged 78 years, 1 month and 25 days. Mr. Clark died at Alanreed Sunday evening, April 9, 1939.

Pallbearers were W. E. James, J. P. Elms, R. M. Gibson, Buddy Hill, Everett Hill and Oscar Tibbets.

Flower girls were Shirley Beale Hill, Edith Earthman, Edith Gibson, Edna Gibson, Beatrice Wetzel, Mary Oakley, Wilsie Blakney and Mildred Hill.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Mattie Clark; three sons, Fred N. of Floydada, Ben L. of Oklahoma City, Frank T. of Colton, Calif.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Burial was made in Alanreed cemetery, with Rice Funeral Home of McLean in charge.

## BAPTIST W. M. U.

The Baptist W. M. U. met Tuesday with Mrs. Lee Wilson, with Mrs. Murray Bolton as co-hostess.

A Royal Service program was given with the Great Commission as the theme.

Mrs. H. W. Finley brought the devotional followed by discussions as follows: The Great Commission, Mrs. P. E. Stewart; Gospel in Latin America, Mrs. W. H. Floyd; Fruits of the Word, Mrs. J. T. McCarty.

The following ladies attended: Mesdames Minix, Kunkel, Abbott, Wilson, Keith, Floyd, Grigby, McCarty, Langham, Johnston, Stewart, Smith, Holloway, Abbott, Batson, Finley, Thomas, Dickinson and Appling.

## SIGMA GAMMA HEARS REVIEW

A review of "With Malice Toward Some," by Margaret Halsey, was reviewed by Miss Helen Heath, at the regular meeting of the Sigma Gamma held Monday evening.

The club met at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Swim, with Misses Ruby Swim and Marion Johansen as hostesses.

During the business session plans for the annual May breakfast were discussed and committees appointed.

A lovely refreshment plate was served by the hostesses to the following: Mrs. Willie Boyett, Misses Rosalie Carter, Helen Heath, Lucille Scott, Myrtle Marion Shaw, Julia Slough, Dale Smith, Ina Nelle Still, Eunice Stratton and Lorene Winton.

## LIONS ELECT DELEGATES

C. A. Cryer, Creed Bogan and Joe Dowlin were elected delegates to the state convention at El Paso, with C. O. Greene, Boyd Meador and T. N. Holloway alternates, at the regular weekly luncheon held by the Lions Club Tuesday.

County Agent Ralph R. Thomas was presented as a visitor.

## METHODIST REVIVAL CLOSES

The revival services at the First Methodist Church closed with last Sunday night's service.

Rev. H. C. Smith of Amarillo did the preaching, and 24 additions to the church are reported.

W. M. Smith went to Dallas last Thursday for a visit with relatives.

## PEPPER FUNERAL RITES TO BE HELD TODAY

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock this (Thursday) afternoon at the First Methodist Church, for L. E. Pepper, aged 67 years, 6 months and 15 days, who died at his home here Monday evening, April 10, 1939.

Services will be conducted by Pastor W. B. Swim.

Pallbearers are: John W. Cooper, Booth Woods, J. A. Wheeler, Porter Smith, Ernest Jones and W. T. Wilson.

Honorary pallbearers: Vester Smith, M. D. Bentley, Dr. H. W. Finley, J. W. Lively, J. W. Burrows, Ted Woods, T. N. Holloway, Barney Fulbright, S. M. Hodges, June Woods.

Survivors include five sons, Thomas of Shamrock, Boyd of Tulla, Louis of Borger, Carl of Lemon Grove, Calif., Walter of Perryton; and one daughter, Mrs. H. H. Lamb of McLean.

Burial will be made at Shamrock, with Rice Funeral Home of McLean in charge.

## FRED STAGGS' MOTHER DIES AT SHAMROCK

Mrs. Georgia A. Staggs, aged 68, mother of Fred Staggs of McLean, died at Shamrock last week. Funeral services were held at the Shamrock Primitive Baptist Church, conducted by Pastor Price, assisted by Rev. Webb of the Shamrock Methodist Church.

Mrs. Staggs is survived by 10 sons, the six oldest acting as pallbearers. Burial was made in Shamrock cemetery.

## EASTSIDE H. D. CLUB

The Eastside Home Demonstration Club held its regular meeting Friday afternoon at the Liberty school house. Mrs. Julia E. Kelley, home demonstration agent, gave a demonstration on living rooms, using illustrations of wall paper for background and showing various floor coverings. Mrs. Kelley said that "harmonizing colors should be used on woodwork and walls, graduating hues from dark to light, as in nature."

She said that old floors should be sanded and a crack filler used before putting on new varnish or wax. "If a color is desired, the floor may be painted, wiping most of it off to obtain a grained effect."

During the business session conducted by Mrs. H. M. Roth, president, reports were heard from the recreational, finance and educational committees. Miss Hettie Burr gave a report on the council meeting, and Mrs. Luther Petty on the reporters school which they recently attended at Pampa.

Mesdames J. M. Ziegler and Olen Davis were appointed as exhibit committee for the dairy show to be held at Shamrock next week.

The club cake furnished by Mrs. Buster Stokes was cut and served at 5c a slice. Mrs. Roth received the token and will bake the next cake.

Mrs. Jess Ledbetter of McLean was a visitor. Members present were: Mesdames Davis, Roth, Ziegler, Petty, Buster Stokes, Kate Stokes, C. A. Myatt, Floyd Lively, J. H. Wade, Bill Tate, Howard Hardin and Miss Burr.

Mrs. A. L. Morgan will be hostess for the next meeting, which will be held Wednesday, April 19, instead of Friday the 21st, on account of the dairy show at Shamrock.

An all day meeting will be held with pot luck dinner at noon. The afternoon program will be on house plans.

Visitors will be welcome.

## B. T. U. SOCIAL

Members of the intermediate group of the Baptist Training Union held a social Monday evening in the basement of the church.

Games were played and a picnic supper was served. Plans had been made for an outdoor party, but due to the rain it was held in doors.

The young people were supervised by their leader, Mrs. F. E. Stewart.

W. N. Hiett, of the forest service, has been transferred to Allison. Mr. and Mrs. Hiett leave hundreds of friends here who wish them well in their new location.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Watkins of Borger have been visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Watkins.

## Cotton Farmers Meet Saturday to Elect Officers

A meeting of the Cotton Producers of the McLean community will be held at the Odd Fellows hall Saturday, April 15, at 2:30 p. m., for the purpose of organizing the one-variety cotton community and electing officers, according to County Agent Ralph R. Thomas.

At a meeting held April 4, of the Gray county producers, at which 59 cotton producers were present, it was decided that before the community could be properly organized, producers in Donley, Collingsworth and Wheeler counties who gin at McLean should be invited to an organization meeting.

At the meeting Saturday, the officers for the one-variety community will be elected and the variety to be grown in 1939 will be selected. The problem of ginning the one variety cotton in order to secure pure seed and prevent the mixing of the staple with other cotton will also be discussed.

At the meeting held on April 4, the producers present decided that a producer, in order to become a member of the association, must plant at least 25% of his cotton acreage to the selected variety.

It is estimated that about one-fourth of the 1938 acreage in Gray county was planted with pure seed of an improved variety and farmers reported that the yields were as good or better than cotton seeded with gin-run seed. An increase of loan value amounted to from one dollar to six dollars per bale.

The farmers reported that the improved varieties were equally as early as other cotton and were not as subject to weather damage.

## Y. W. A. MEETS

The Y. W. A. of the First Baptist Church was reorganized Monday, April 3. The meeting was held in the basement of the church. The room was decorated in gay Easter colors by some of the girls, assisted by Mrs. R. L. Appling.

Officers were elected as follows: President—Frances Landers. First vice president—Glenda Landers.

Second vice president—Ermadel Floyd.

Third vice president—Julia McCarty.

Secretary—Georgia Colebank.

Assistant secretary—Flora Duncan.

Pianist—Johnnie Mae Scott.

Song leader—Louelle Cobb.

Reporter—Evrone Floyd.

Mrs. Wall was selected as counselor.

After the business meeting was completed, members of the Y. W. A. served ice cream with strawberries and angel food cake.

The next meeting was held April 10. A program was given consisting of a talk by Frances Landers and two numbers played by Mary Beth Steph on the accordion.

All young ladies of the Baptist Church, and others interested, are cordially invited to meet with the Y. W. A. at 6:30 every Monday.

## FORD INVITATION MONTH

April has been designated as Ford Invitation Month, and every motorist in McLean and surrounding territory has an invitation to drive a new 1939 Ford V-8, courtesy of the Gray County Motor Co.

Mr. McLaughlin, of the Gray County Motor Co., says that members of clubs, societies and charitable organizations are invited to use the facilities thus extended as a means of transportation to and from their meetings any time during the month.

It is hoped that every motorist will take advantage of the invitation to enjoy a ride in the new Ford during April.

Further details will be given in our advertising columns next week.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

W. A. Erwin, Minister

Sunday school 10 a. m.

Morning worship 11.

Christian Endeavor 7 p. m.

Evening worship 8.

The annual congregational meeting will be held at the close of the morning service.

Mr. and Mrs. Witt Springer returned Sunday from a visit with their daughter, Miss Frances, at Dallas.

## Weekly News Analysis

### Congress Speeds U. S. Defense: Okay Army Bill, Plan Big Ships

By Joseph W. La Bine

EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst, and not necessarily of the newspaper.

#### Defense

On January 1, 1936, Japan scrapped her 5-5-3 naval treaty with the U. S. and Britain. Subsequently an arms race started on both land and sea, precipitated each time Der Fuehrer or Il Duce made an aggressive step. In the U. S., even loud-mouthed congressmen were loathe to think of defense in terms of actual invasion until self-righteous Germany swiped Czechoslovakia and Memel. Two weeks later congress got down to talking cases, passing an unprecedented \$513,188,000 army appropriations bill in jig time after war talk like this in the senate:

**Oklahoma's Thomas:** "Every nation must be ready every moment to defend itself."

**Utah's King:** "The only possible danger is from Japan, and Japan is beating her head against a stone wall in China. Even if Ger-



SENATOR LUNDEEN  
He favored Hitler technique.

many should defeat England, I haven't the slightest idea that would endanger us."

**Indiana's Minton:** "Germany might obtain Bermuda or part of Canada."

**Minnesota's Lundeen:** "Then let the United States seize Bermuda and Britain's West Indian possessions to force payment of her war debts. Andrew Jackson set a precedent in collecting a debt from France by threatening to seize French territory in this hemisphere."

**Indiana's Minton:** "That would be adopting the technique of Hitler."

Having boosted army funds \$52,067,000 over the current year's appropriation, congress had next to consider navy news from the White House. Admitting Japan's secret naval program was one reason, President Roosevelt approved two 45,000-ton super super-battleships to cost \$95,000,000 each, bigger than any yet conceived and capable of squeezing through the Panama canal with two feet to spare on either side. One good reason: By showing that the U. S. is able to out-arm any other nation, Japan might be forced back into a limitation treaty.

Present U. S. strength includes 15 capital ships (one nearing obsolescence) ranging from 27,000 to 33,000 tons. Six more are authorized. Britain has 15 capital ships in the same category, plus the 42,000-ton Hood and nine other boats underway. Last Japanese report (in 1936) showed 10 capital ships, none over 33,000 tons, and three under construction. Vague rumors since then indicate about five new super dreadnaughts of excessive tonnage. Treaty or not, both Britain and the U. S. feel obligated to maintain a 5-5-3 ratio even though the world's third largest sea power sets the pace.

#### Agriculture

Though the house approved an \$816,513,000 agriculture appropriations bill (\$499,500,000 of which is for soil conservation benefit payments) the measure was far more significant for two exclusions:

(1) Parity. Not included in the

### Trend

**How the wind is blowing . . . WEALTH WESTWARD**—Fleeing European war scares, \$56,204,000 in gold—largest consignment on record—arrived in New York on the S. S. Manhattan.

**MATURING UNIONISM**—In 1938, U. S. labor strikes dropped 50 per cent and union membership hit a record high of 8,000,000. Reason given by the labor department: Transition in management-employee relationship.

**FARM HEADACHE**—More than 40 per cent of the \$7,632,000,000 U. S. farm income for 1938 went for debts and taxes, agriculture department figures show.

**EARNINGS DOWN**—Standard Statistics company reports the net 1938 income of 1,898 corporations was 42 per cent under 1937's figure.

President's original budget, but tossed in anyway, was a \$250,000,000 grant for parity payments. But no financing was provided, and the house seemed economy bent. Rather than resort to unpopular processing taxes the house voted against parity, winning disfavor of the potent farm bloc and a victory for the President, who insists extra-budgetary needs must be met with definite taxation. Agriculture leaders hoped the senate would restore parity; even so, an embarrassing situation apparently lay ahead. With no money, glum dirt farmers saw only one way to pay off the government loans on which they have pledged 81,000,000 bushels of wheat. The way: To default, making the U. S. the world's largest wheat owner.

(2) **Cotton.** Another rejected amendment called for \$60,000,000 "to develop domestic markets and subsidize foreign exports." This obviously referred to the plan President Roosevelt broached a few hours earlier: To spend \$15,000,000 between now and August 1 by paying producers \$1.25 a bale (on 8,000,000 bales) for releasing their government-held loan cotton for sale on the world market. Though the 1939 crop will otherwise swell government-held surpluses to 13,000,000 bales, congressional economy apparently won. Said Virginia's Rep. Clifton Woodrum: "We might as well repeal the budget and the accounting act, and let pandemonium and chaos reign."

Meanwhile, far in the future, southern cotton farmers saw relief in the revolutionary "cottonless" cotton developed at Texas A. & M. college's experimental college. Said to produce an over-large, oil-rich seed without detracting from the grade of the lint, the new product made farmers wonder if cotton couldn't be raised exclusively for oil, whose price is fairly constant.

#### Transportation

Among other things, U. S. railroads blame high taxes, bad business and unfair competition from other media for their present plight. Labor blames the railroads themselves. Most people blame a mixture of geographical, economic and political factors, in which everybody's hands are partially soiled. When railroading reached a crisis last autumn and congressional aid became imperative, a flock of panaceas arose ranging from the Hastings "postalizing" plan to the substantial bills of Montana's Burton K. Wheeler and California's Clarence F. Lea. Both management and labor pressed their particular cases and after two months of haggling the issue seemed little nearer a solution.

The latest voice is that of Joseph B. Eastman, interstate commerce



ICC'S COMMISSIONER EASTMAN  
A guiding hand?

commissioner, who told the house interstate commerce committee that "the government must at least assume leadership and apply some form of compulsion." Whether Mr. Eastman's will be the guiding hand remains to be seen, but his comments were at least clarifying. After attacking the apparent reluctance to consolidate or co-ordinate as "wasteful practices," and after refusing to recognize any benefits from greater freedom to increase rates, the ICC member outlined a few high points for rail recovery:

(1) The government should give concessions in taxation and relief in connection with grade crossing elimination and reconstruction of bridges over navigable waters.

(2) Elimination of rate concessions to the government would save about \$7,000,000 a year.

(3) All important forms of transportation should receive "equal and impartial regulation," preferably under ICC direction.

While the house sped passage of a bill to facilitate voluntary rail reorganizations, Mr. Eastman pointed out that creation of a new reorganization court would delay rather than facilitate matters. His alternative: Give ICC charge of reorganization duties.

#### People

Douglas Fairbanks, ex-movie star, has been ordered to return \$72,198 refunded by the U. S. on income tax payments in 1937-38-29.



By LEMUEL F. PARTON

## WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

**NEW YORK.**—There is an Anthony Edensish flavor about the way Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles denounces Germany in the absence of Secretary Hull, and there is an Edensish flavor about our Mr. Welles himself. He is tall. He is lean. He has a wee, precise mustache, and why nobody has picked him in a best-dressed poll is a mystery. His long, big nose is perfectly cut, too, and not a hair is out of place in the thinning pompadour that reaches back from a domed forehead.

This is not, however, to hint that the undersecretary is anything less than 100 per cent American. He was born in New York City 46 years or so ago. President Roosevelt's own Groton and Harvard shaped him, and he is at home in four or five clubs that insist on looking up candidates in the Doomsday book of the Revolution of '76. His church, naturally, is the Episcopal church, and his home now is understandably in historic Maryland, where two sons are no doubt also preparing for Groton.

The diplomatic gauntlet that he ran to reach his present post extends back to 1915 and Tokyo. Besides he has been much in South America. He has been first assistant since 1937 to Secretary Hull.

**ONE** of Carl Sandburg's songs runs: "I have led a quiet youth, careful of my morals; I shall have an old age full of vice and quarrels."

**Youth in Peace** So it goes with **And Quiet; Now** Walter Brennan, making a distinguished film career playing likable old reprobates. Hollywood pegs him as the successor to Will Rogers, and four Rogers pictures are being readied for him.

He is a personable young man of 40, but in "Barbary Coast," "Kentucky," and such earlier films as "Smilin' Guns" and "The Lariat Kid," he came through handsomely as a tough old-timer, and now that's his ticket. He likes it, and, living these roles, becomes a sage, homespun old codger given to offhand, David Harum aphorisms. I have heard of similar occupational trends in Hollywood. He says he is growing old happily.

He first upped himself as an actor by lying about his age to enter the war. Gassed in France, he lost all his teeth and got a rasp in his voice, which also helped. He raised pineapples in Guatemala, made money, lost it in Los Angeles real estate, and then crashed the films. Born and reared in Swampscott, Mass., he is a master of the quaint western and southwestern idiom.

**WHEN** this writer was doing a short turn helping build the Panama canal, he fell in with a Jamaica Negro water boy, a sort of Gunga Din of a squad of Paraiso swamper, who was worried about the canal being too narrow. In the quaint lingo of the British-taught island Negroes, he used to say:

"Yes babs, ships grow hugely in coming years and if some is fighting ship it must go swiftly and not fear other passing great ship. Axing parding sir, we Jamaica boys say canal need great enlarging."

Frank J. Taylor, president of the American Merchant Marine, returns from the canal to New York with the same idea. He says congress should spend \$300,000,000 to widen the canal for both commercial and national defense reasons. Mr. Taylor's career is Brooklyn's favorite "boy who made good" story—from \$1 a day to \$35,000 a year, which is the possibly vulgar epitome of such careers in this day and age.

He was an orphan lad in a Manhattan slum, at work at 12 as an apprentice at Robbins dry dock in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn. He rose in politics, in the state assembly for 12 terms, sheriff, commissioner of records, welfare commissioner and comptroller of New York City.

Retiring from the last office in 1937, he went to Florida, but the steamship owners tracked him down and burdened him with this \$35,000 job. He fights government intrusion on private enterprise, but says the shipping interests will co-operate effectively with the United States maritime commission.

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## Floyd Gibbons' ADVENTURERS' CLUB

HEADLINES FROM THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF!



### "Terror in a Tent"

HELLO, EVERYBODY:

You know, there's always a lot of hard luck on camping trips. Somebody is sure to get sunburned, and somebody else always steps on a rusty nail or clips himself with the hatchet while chopping wood for the fire. The bird who is doing the cooking burns half the food, and just when you're comfortably settled and getting along fine, Farmer Jones comes along and orders you to move on.

Camping trips just breed hard luck, but the one Syd Rapoport went on was the champion hoodoo camping trip of them all. It started dealing out tough breaks before Syd and his pals even got started.

Syd lives in Brooklyn, N. Y. It was in the summer of 1935 that he and half a dozen other lads began planning that camping trip. They had picked a spot upstate, in the neighborhood of Poughkeepsie, and were all ready to go. Then, two days before they were due to leave, there was a terrific rainstorm in New York, and, after inquiring about the weather, they learned that it was the same upstate.

The gang decided to go anyway—at least, some of them did. When the day of the big trip rolled around one fellow had the mumps. Another was laid up with an infected foot, and two other fellows had mothers who said they couldn't go camping in such weather because they'd catch their death of pneumonia sleeping on damp ground. The trouble had started early, but it was nothing to what Syd was to get into before that trip was many days older.

#### The Hikers Find a Camping Site.

"There were only two brothers and myself left," says Syd, but we went anyway." The brothers were Harold and Jerry Leff. The three of them took a boat to Bear Mountain and then started to hike, with two tents and blankets and equipment on their backs. After a day on the road—and Syd doesn't say whether they walked or thumbed rides—they reached the spot they had chosen and picked a camping site.

The ground was wet, and the earth was loose. They had a little trouble putting up their two small tents. But finally everything was



Finally he had a horrible dream.

shipshape. They got a fire going, cooked a meal, and when they had eaten it they were ready to turn in. Jerry and Harold occupied one tent, and Syd slept alone in the other.

Syd dropped off to sleep, but he didn't sleep very well. Finally, he had a horrible dream—a dream that something cold and slimy was crawling over his arm. The dream woke him up, and as he came slowly to his senses he realized that that dream was a cold, hard reality. Something cold and slimy was resting against his arm.

In an instant Syd was wide awake. A full moon was shining and its bright light streamed in through the open flap of the pup tent. In that light Syd saw something that made his blood run cold. His arm was lying outside the blanket and a snake had crawled up and nestled against it. And Syd recognized that snake for a poisonous copperhead!

#### Frozen With Fear, He Cannot Move.

Says he: "My first impulse was to jump and scream. But I couldn't move to save my life. I was frozen stiff with fear. The moon bathed the head of the snake with light, and as I lay there stiff and trembling it crawled up to my shoulder. A cold sweat broke out on my forehead. Now I began to realize that I didn't dare move, even if I could. One move would cause the reptile to strike."

But it seemed to Syd that he could hardly keep himself from moving. Somehow he managed to lie there stiff and still. The hours rolled on. Syd doesn't know how many of them went by. Each minute seemed like a year and each second was like a week of torture. "I wanted to scream," he says. "I felt as if I could control myself no longer. At last the sky began getting gray, and off in the distance I could hear some farmer's rooster crowing. Then, again, the snake shifted its position. This time it came to rest with its head across my gullet."

Now Syd was afraid to swallow for fear of disturbing the snake. He felt his spine begin to creep and his hair felt as if it were standing up on his head. It was getting lighter now, and Syd was able to distinguish objects around him that he had lost sight of when the moon went down. Still it was a long time before dawn, and his only hope was to lie still until his pals awoke.

#### The Snakes Smelled of Rotten Cucumbers.

He could see the snake clearly now. And then, out of the corner of his eye, he saw another—and another. There were a bunch of them in the tent. And two of them were over four feet long. "I couldn't see the others very clearly," he says, "for I didn't dare turn my head and it strained my eyes to look at them from my position. I was beginning to shiver. My muscles were cramped and saliva dripped from my mouth. The snakes smelled of rotten cucumbers and the odor sickened me. But the sun was coming up, and I could hear movements in the other tent. That renewed my courage."

Harold and Jerry were up. A couple of times they walked past Syd's tent, but they didn't look in. Then Jerry glanced through the open flap and his eyes froze on the terrifying sight. Syd says he owes his life to those two brothers. He thought Jerry was going to scream, but he didn't. He remained cool and so did Harold. The pair of them stole up behind Syd's tent, gathered some damp hay from a field and set it afire. Huge billows of smoke poured through the tent.

"I began choking," says Syd, "but so did the snakes. They moved, and I lay back and breathed a sigh of relief. After a few minutes I went outside, picked a spot in the sun and dozed off. It was seven hours before I woke up again. And if you want to know what a nightmare is like, just ask me. I've had dozens of them since that night."

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### Ukulele Is of European Origin; Known for Ages

The ukulele is essentially a small guitar with four strings and was introduced to the Hawaiians in the latter part of the Eighteenth century by Portuguese sailors. So far as known, the guitar itself is of European origin, observes a writer in the Indianapolis News.

In the Royal library at Stuttgart, Germany, is a manuscript dated 1180 A. D. which contains a representation of the instrument. The Hawaiians imitated and modified the smaller guitar of the Portuguese and popularized it under the name "ukulele." The same instrument, particularly adapted to the wistful minors peculiar to the native music of Hawaii, became an instrument of jazz in the United States.

"Ukulele" is a native word, being derived from "uku" (sea or insect) and "lele" (to jump). Thus "ukulele" literally means "jumping flea," a name no doubt suggested by the motions of the fingers of the players over the instrument. The most common English pronunciation of the name is "yoo-koo-lay-le," although "oo-koo-lay-lay" more nearly approaches the Hawaiian pronunciation.

Hawaiian ukuleles are generally made of koa, a fine-grained wood obtained from the native tree called "scacia koa."

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### EDITORIAL

#### Thomas Jefferson

Today is Thomas Jefferson's birthday.

He was the author of the Declaration of Independence and the third president of the United States. We may not remember him as the third president but we remember him as the author of the Declaration of Independence.

Thomas Jefferson was born at Shadwell, Albemarle county, Virginia, on April 13, 1743. He was the oldest son of Jane and Peter Jefferson.

He received his first education in a common school and his college education at William and Mary's College. Jefferson was an outstanding student in classics, French, Italian and Spanish, and acquired an equipment in mathematics and science which was rarely had except by special students.

In person, Jefferson was six feet two inches tall. He had a bony but strong frame, angular features, ruddy complexion, sandy or reddish hair, and light hazel eyes. His manners were remarkably winning, and he had a kind disposition, not only to his family and his friends, but to his slaves, as well.

#### Annual Banquet Juniors-Seniors Held Tuesday

The annual junior-senior banquet was held in the basement of the Presbyterian Church Tuesday night.

A nautical theme was carried out with red, white and blue predominating. Miniature ships were used for centerpieces; shipwheel ashtrays were nut cups; table covers and napkins were decorated with port-holes; a large life saver was at the door; and favors of sailor caps, which were given at the check room by Betty Floyd and Mary Alice Ledgerwood, were used in the decorating.

The programs were printed in blue and a picture of the largest senior class in McLean high school was printed on the second page.

The program was as follows, with James Fulbright as Engineer:

Invocation, Rev. W. A. Erwin; Welcome, Robert Wilson; Response, Ray Humphreys; Anchors A-weigh, Jo Ann Campbell and Ruth Strandberg, directed by Miss Myrtle Marion Shaw; Ship Ahoy! Mates, Vester Lee Smith; The Seniors' Will, Mabel Back; Sailors' Heritage, Mabel Roach; Shovin' Right off, and Don't Give up the Ship, Louelle Cobb, Juanita Hancock and "Missie" Hodges; Building the Ship, James Fulbright; Sailors' Prophecy, "Missie" Hodges; accordion duet, All Ashore and Harbor Lights, Glenda Landers and Virginia Blackerby; Toast to Junior Room Mothers, Opal Thacker; Toast to Senior Room Mothers, Dorothy Sitter; comments, C. A. Cryer; Pop Eye Song by all.

The sophomore girls who served were dressed in blue and white blouses, middie blouses and sailor hats. They were: Doris Doane, Leola Nelson, Louise McWhirter, Naomi Hancock, Oleta Cunningham, Helen Magina, Mary Alice Ledgerwood, Evonne Floyd, Eleanor Hanes, Madge Burrows, Cleo Shelburne, Opal Tedder, Maxine Goodman, Virginia Webba, Mattie Lee Wilson, Earline McPherson, Jewel Allen and Jo Wardlow.

The menu was Captain's blood, sea weed on the foam, celery boats, anchors and ship oil, dark icy waters, anti-arctic icebergs, coral reefs and port sweeties.

The junior room mothers who had charge of the food were: Mesdames E. J. Windom, C. S. Doolen, Sam McClellan, Barney Fulbright, J. H. Wade, Percy Kinard, C. M. Eady, W. L. Hancock, Byrd Guill and T. J. D'Spain.

### RAZZBERRIES

That "red headed" boy from Alanreed is coming to see Opal Tedder again.

Doris Doane, how much of Plainview has McLean got since you came back?

We can't believe Junior Windom is bashful, but Bernice certainly had a hard time getting that date for the banquet. It took all of Julia Mae and James' help.

Audrey Terrell, do you think that you will go to N. M. S. T. C. in New Mexico next summer?

We collected all the songs being sung by high school students and put them together and this is what we got:

"I Promised You Down by a Little Hot Dog Stand that I Would Build a Boat of Dreams, but the Blue Sky turned into Deep Purple and then we had Stormy Weather, but since I Ain't Got Nobody, It Makes no Difference Now, because you remind me of Two Sleepy People Deep in a Dream and You're Bound to Look Like a Monkey When You Grow Old, so I Ain't Gonna Grieve My Lord no More."

We wonder what McLean has that lured George Watson to stay here until 4:30 Tuesday morning?

Opal Thacker, aren't you afraid that you are losing out? Leonard Glass really had a beautiful girl with him Sunday night.

Clint Doolen has a "honey" in Pampa now. You'd better get to work, girls!

Pauline Word has taken a sudden interest in Shamrock lately. Would it be because of a tall, black headed handsome hero?

Oleta Cunningham and J. M. Montgomery have been seen whispering sweet nothings lately.

### TEACHERS' EASTER VISITS

W. M. Bralley and Orville Cunningham went to the Easter pageant at Lawton, Okla.

Miss Sill visited in Pampa and Lefors.

Miss Slough visited her parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Baldwin, of Wellington.

### SPRING RUSH REDUCES CLUB MEETINGS

Due to the spring rush, the history, science, dramatic and home economics clubs are reducing the number of their meetings and activities.

The spring rush will include the presentation of the senior play, preparation for the graduating exercises, parties for different organizations, and the seniors' trip to Carlsbad Caverns.

It has included preparation for the band trip to the contest at Plainview, the junior-senior banquet, and practice for the senior play.

### DISTRICT SHORTHAND CONTEST APRIL 15

The district shorthand contest to be held at Pampa April 15 will be attended by three McLean girls.

A tryout was held April 6 to select the three students to represent McLean. The three places were as follows: Wynema Lamb, first; Wanda Nell Ladd, second; Dorothy Mertel, third. Zoelena Lankford and Johnnie Mae Scott were given honorable mention.

### Jack Young Wins First in National Div. at Plainview

Jack Young won first with his clarinet solo, in the national division at Plainview last Thursday, which will make him eligible for the national meet in Abilene, April 28.

Rather than be out the expense of making this trip, Jack has decided to put his money on a new saxophone.

**First Division Winners**  
Clint Doolen, high school trombone solo; Billy Rae Reeves, grade school trumpet solo; Joe Reeves, grade school trombone solo.

**Second Division Winners**  
Solos—Jack Bogan, high school cornet; Eric Fulbright, junior high trombone; John Byrd Guill, national bass; Glenda Landers, high school flute; Walter McCord, national oboe; Wilfred Newberry, junior high tenor saxophone; June Young, junior high snare drum; Dickie Everett, junior high cornet; Bobby Bentley, grade school clarinet; Jack Sanders, grade school French horn.

**Ensembles—Saxophone quartet, high school; clarinet, high school; clarinet duet, high school.**

**Third Division Winners**  
Bill Cooke, high school clarinet; Earl Humphreys, junior high clarinet; William Mills, high school clarinet; D'Spain.

Cleo Shelburne, junior high French horn; cornet duet, grade school.  
The band as a whole won second on marching and third on concert playing.

"Due to the competitive towns being so large, I think our band did exceptionally well in both the marching and playing," stated Prof. C. H. Leeds. "Our band has never received so many nice compliments from individuals as they did on this occasion."

### MCLEAN WINS IN TENNIS

McLean won everything in the tennis contest which was held here March 24 and 27.

We played Lefors March 24 and Alanreed March 27.

The winners were: boys' junior doubles, Joe Cooke and Oran Back; junior boys' singles, Glen Brewer; senior boys' doubles, Vester Lee Smith and Clint Doolen; senior boys' singles, Norman Trumble.

All of the girls' matches were won by forfeit.

The junior girls' team was composed of Bennie Mae Wade, Naomi Hancock and Cleo Ledbetter. The senior girls' team was composed of Naomi Gunn, Opal Thacker and Velma Mann.

The McLean senior tennis teams, both boys and girls, will take part in the district meet at Pampa April 14.

### YOU SHOULD KNOW

That the grade school recital will be held Thursday, April 13.

That the band contest at Enid, Okla., will be held April 19, 20, 21.

The junior-senior banquet was given April 11.

That the opening of the civil war was 77 years ago yesterday.

That today is Thomas Jefferson's birthday.

### BABY CHICKS STARTED CHICKS CUSTOM HATCHING

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That next Wednesday is "Patriots Day" because the battle of Lexington was fought April 19, 1775.

### Ex-Students Home for Easter Holidays

Ex-students of McLean high school spent the Easter holidays at home. Those from W. T. S. C. at Canyon were: Mary Alice Patterson, George Watson, Harold Rickard, Eula Fay Foster, Wilbur Lee Wilson and Chloe Hanes.

Those attending other schools are: Leta Mae Phillips, Abilene Christian College; R. L. Floyd and Catherine Patterson, Texas Tech; Shirley Johnson, T. S. C. W. at Denton; Jesse Dean Cobb, Hardin-Simmons, Abilene; George McCarty, New Mexico State; Charles Finley, Dallas Dental College; Gwynne Finley, Mary Hardin-Baylor at Belton.

### NEWS BRIEFS

The juniors have ordered their senior rings for 1939-40. Wynema Lamb visited in Shamrock Monday.

Wilda Joyce McMullen, Marie and Juanita Hornsby visited in Bovina over the week end.

Ermadell Floyd won second place in the county ready writers' contest. Mr. and Mrs. Vester Smith sent

several copies of the National Geographic magazine to the high school library March 20.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Bidwell of Santa Fe, N. M., visited the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sparks, Sunday and Monday. They were accompanied by their niece, little Miss Janet Regal of Amarillo, who remained for a longer visit.

D. A. Davis was in Memphis the first of the week at the bedside of his sister, who suffered the loss of a limb in a hospital operation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sparks went to Amarillo Wednesday. Their little granddaughter, Janet Regal, returned to her home with them.

Misses Lucille Scott and Lorene Winton attended the Easter pageant at Lawton, Okla., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Andrews of Hereford visited in McLean over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vaughn and daughter of Dumas, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Loter and son of Pampa visited the ladies' mother, Mrs. Lula Young, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Gibson of Alanreed visited their daughter, Miss Elsie, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Rice have returned to Lubbock after a visit with relatives here.

Rev. S. T. Greenwood of Alanreed was in McLean Monday.

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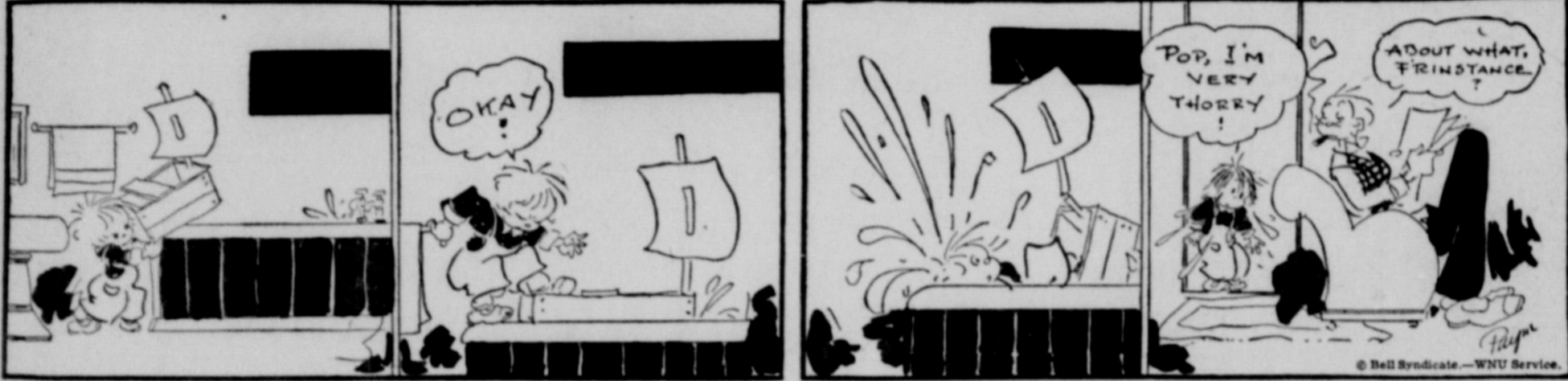
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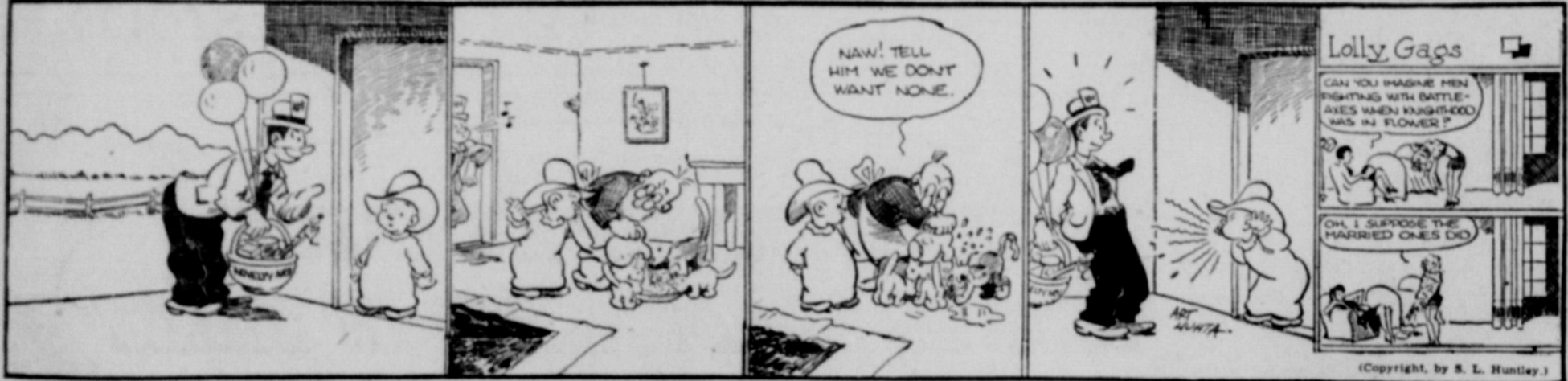
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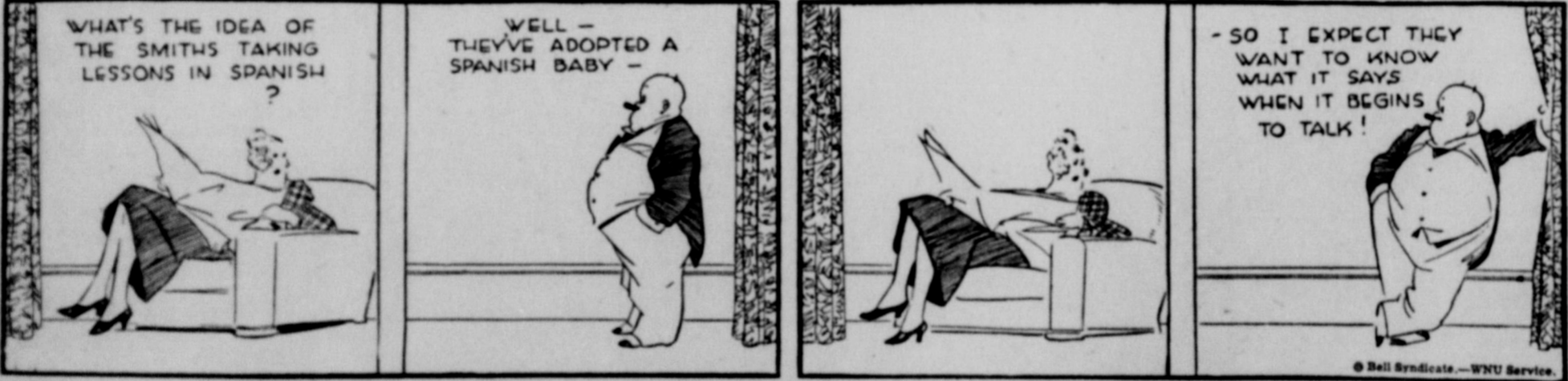
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**CHAPTER XV—Continued**

Louise and Breck finished roasting beef from the can, had chocolate bars for dessert, then cups of coffee. Beyond their shelter the rain fell with soft rustling through the pines, then drifted on. Clouds parted and stars came out. Breck looked at his watch. Two o'clock. Dawn would break in another hour. He must leave her then and go down to the Potholes.

"When did Cook call your camp?" he asked, leading their talk to the nesters.

"About the middle of the afternoon. He and Slim were to start, but they would be a day on the trail."

"I hope Kern Peak can head them off, now that it's over," Breck continued. "Didn't Cook think I had help from the Potholes?"

"He didn't say," Louise stirred up the fire and hunched herself closer to it.

Breck pushed their plates from the bedroll and sat next to her. "Louise," he asked, "can you tell me what I'm thinking about now?"

Her lips began a smile, parted, closed. Then she answered with a slow shake of her head.

"Well, I'm thinking of the Potholes, and of what kept the nesters from coming into this fire. It will be daybreak in another hour and I must go down there. You're going back to Temple Meadow, I suppose? Will you try to get Cook on the line and let him know about this fire? Tell him I'll call later."

She avoided his request. "Why are you going to the Potholes?"

"I'm afraid that's asking my business, isn't it?"

"Yes, I meant it that way. But I'm sorry; my mistake. I somehow thought we had reached a point where we could talk openly."

Breck dropped his hand upon both of hers, resting in her lap. "I was short, Louise. Forgive me. I'm going to the Potholes to prove a suspicion."

Still with her eyes upon the coals, she asked, "You think the nesters started this fire?"

"I'm not certain. I do know someone drove them from helping on it."

"The Tillsons?"

Breck nodded.

Louise turned to him. "I can tell you about this fire, exactly. Lightning started it."

"Of course. Lightning always starts them!"

"It's true this time."

"You seem to know. How?"

Louise hesitated. She released her hands. "We're talking openly? No mistakes. No misunderstanding, is that right?"

"Yes."

"Well, Art Tillson came to our camp, day before yesterday. That was before the fire started. He stayed all night—the night it started, and I talked with him. Now do you see?"

"Too much!" Breck bit off the words, striving to conceal a flare of temper. He was jealous, foolish, yet helpless to stem the burst of feeling the name had aroused.

"What if they didn't start the fire?" he demanded. "The Tillsons are holding a threat over the nesters. It's time for a cleaning and the trail starts down there!"

Louise did not speak. He sensed a swift tension of her body, though the only visible sign was of her fingers clasped tight about one knee.

Suddenly she lifted her face to him. "Gordon Breck, I know the rules. A girl should never plead with a man. I'm not pleading, I merely ask. Promise me you will not go there now."

She was so close at his side. He felt her quick breath and knew she spoke in desperation. And yet—

"You ask me to ignore a ranger's duty?"

A note of defiance came into her voice as she replied. "What is a ranger's duty if it isn't to use his head? You have nothing on the nesters—you can get nothing. That isn't the place to begin. You'll think I'm begging for them. I guess I am. I know some of the families, the women, and I don't want to see them driven out. Give me a chance with them, won't you?"

"A chance for what?"

"To talk with Weller sometime."

"I've talked with him already. It's useless. I'm through with words!"

"Oh, you men are stupid!" she flared. "Stupid! All you think of is strapping on a gun and going out to shoot. Is there never another way to settle?"

"Not this," Breck asserted. "At least not for me. I have more than a ranger's duty here."

"How have you?"

"Did you know the man who had this job before me?"

"Jimmy Cotter? Yes, I knew him well. He was killed and you've come to retaliate."

Breck frowned, asking, "Who said so?"

"No one said it. But you're wearing his Luger. I knew that meant some connection."

Surprised, Breck said nothing.

"You see," Louise continued, "I understand many things in these mountains—too many, I understand the nesters' position, and Art Tillson's, and yours."

In sudden impulse, her hand clasped his, warm, throbbing.

"Gordon! Don't you see? Cotter lost his life and gained nothing; threw it away on a chance. It's terrible, all of it. Something will happen, I know. But you, you must not be the one to pay heedlessly. Won't you consider it like that for your own sake?"

Swept by the girl's fervor Breck drew her madly into the circle of his arms. "And for yours?" he asked, holding her close. "Louise!"

She yielded only for an instant as he kissed her. Then she held her face away while her eyes searched deep into his. "I cannot answer

you, not now. But I want your trust. Promise me that?"

He nodded, bending his head until it touched the softness of her hair. With the dawn they rode north together, and parted on the ridge where Breck's trail struck west toward Rock House.



With the dawn they rode north together.

fragrance, yet now, here in the odor of pines he was not sure that he liked it. His name was written with a swift impulsive dash, while the flap bore only, Irene Sutherland.

He tore it open at once, and as he read, Irene came to him vividly. Tall and slender and undeniably beautiful. Black hair drawn to make three corners her high forehead and accentuate her languorous dark eyes. It was a strange beauty, perplexing, all out of accepted standards.

The note began with gossip, ignoring the fact that they had agreed not to write. She filled a page and said nothing. But then, on the second, came to her real purpose. The senator was home now, grumping for a vacation. No place to go; nothing new. Driving the family frantic—like a big grizzly. "Do you have grizzlies? How splendid you must look in uniform! Like the rangers at Arrowhead."

Breck looked down at his blackened work clothes and grinned.

And then the truth. The High Sierras! How marvelous for the Senator's vacation. And with a ranger friend to show them about. "Gordon, you can't refuse! Be a dear!"

He stuffed the letter into his shirt pocket. Irene had turned to him again for amusement. She would do that where any other girl would have suffered the limits of ennui first. Somehow it seemed natural in her.

**CHAPTER XVI**

There were others already at his cabin, when, about mid-morning, he came into the meadow bowl. He saw smoke rising from the chimney, and then with glasses, made out Sierra Slim in the doorway. Presently Cook appeared. They too stood with glasses at their eyes. Breck lifted one arm to them and rode on at a lope.

"Howdy, pardner," Slim greeted him.

Cook's first question was, "Like fire fighting, son?"

Breck swung off and shook hands, glad to see them. Sierra's face was as long and melancholy as ever. After the first welcome he said nothing. Cook was genial and helped throw off the pack, though he did not mention more of the job until they had turned out the animals. Then, walking from the corral, he said, "Hot one for a time, wasn't it?"

"Kept me busy," Breck agreed.

"We were on our way, but called Kern Peak and found you had it under control. There's some mail for you in my bag. That's why we swung around here. Pack train came up from Lone Tree yesterday and goes down tomorrow, if you have anything to send out."

Breck nodded. He hadn't written a letter in six weeks.

"Nesters help you?"

"No."

They had reached the cabin door. Cook halted, one hand on the knob. "What the devil! Did they refuse?"

"Their excuse was that they had no tools."

"I know it," said Cook scowling. "And that's a damn shame! There's nothing at the Potholes. We're short. But they never held out on that account. How do you figure?"

"Tillsons, of course. Art was in the Pothole country two days ago, giving them orders."

"Then you found out that it was a man-made fire?" Cook asked gravely.

"If it was, we'll have to ride."

"It wasn't," Breck asserted. "I'm sure it was from lightning. Art's business was more to keep them from giving us help."

He kept back the source of his information. That would involve too much explaining. Riding alone, after leaving Louise, he had thought of what she had told him. He began to see the heart of her with its deep compassion for all mountain people; taking their burdens upon herself, trying to solve troubles here without more bloodshed. To him that way was impossible. But he

saw the fineness of her attempt and could yield to it until his plan opened.

Upon entering the room Cook drew a packet of letters from his saddle bag. Breck carried them to his bunk and stretched himself full length. Muscles were beginning to stiffen.

Breck unwrapped his letters, seeing at once the postmarks were from one to three weeks old. His correspondence was not large, as his plan of coming to the mountains was known only to a few persons. Here was business mostly; though one envelope among the lot had never seen an office desk. It had cream paper inside, and even through the accumulated smell of leather and mules, gave off a certain fragrance.

Breck had reason to recall that

"Mud's up," said Slim, pouring a cup of coffee.

Breck left his bunk and joined the two men around a big black pot on the table.

"So the nesters threw you down, did they?" Sierra began at once. "And Art Tillson was riding their country before the fire. Ain't hard to read that sign. A pack of bug-juice was about due to go out of these hills. Tillson wanted to keep us too busy to notice it."

"This was a lightning fire," Breck argued. "No one set it to help the Tillsons."

Sierra shrugged. "Hand of God on their side then!"

"I think Slim has the straight of it," Cook put in. "This particular fire may have just happened, but the Tillson crowd are due to make a shipment and might have used it."

They've been in here long enough to have made up quite a batch."

"Maybe so," Breck agreed. "And when they do start out—"

"We close in. There's a new judge down on the valley. He'll back us with convictions if we send any man before him. I've only waited for Jud to make his first play and that certainly won't be long now."

Breck stirred his coffee and stared into the cup while old thoughts swept him at Cook's words. "We close in."

"What about the nesters?" he asked presently. "Do we include them in the clean-up?" He was thinking of Louise and her anxiety for the families there.

"The Potholes are a different proposition," Cook said. "I don't look for any trouble from them if we take care of the Tillsons. Like this tool business. Art may have scared them off, but if you'd had tools you could have forced them to work. Lack of equipment was our fault, not theirs."

Breck shot a glance at the gray-haired man across from him. Bitterness had come into the ranger's voice when he talked of tools.

"Dad," Breck asked, "just why aren't there any in the Pothole box?"

"Now you done stirred something!" Sierra cut in. "You been to college; maybe you can figure it out. Go ahead, Dad, and tell him about the seventy-eight bucks."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

**Tibet Holds Hunting Is a Crime; Law Is Discreetly Evaded in One Province**

Descendants of former criminals, the present Zayulis (of Zayul province, Tibet) seem to have inherited a cheerful disregard for the law. Hunting is one of the greatest crimes in Tibet; for Buddhist doctrine forbids the taking of life in any form. Inevitably a certain compromise has been made, and in most monasteries you will find that meat is eaten, but only the meat of domestic animals, which, it is thought, are clearly expiating some past sin in a former human existence by their present enslavement, writes John Hanbury-Tracy in Asia Magazine.

Wild animals are considered to belong to a higher form of life, and killing them is severely penalized in most parts of Tibet; I have seen a man given 300 lashes with rawhide whips for killing a hare. The result is that wild creatures are extraordinarily tame: it is delightful in some parts of southeastern Tibet to see hares, marmots, partridges, white pheasants, wild ducks and geese completely unmoved when one approaches to within a dozen feet of them.

But in Zayul the law is discreetly evaded, and the people are excellent hunters over difficult ground. In

the forests are taken goral, serow, musk-deer, bear and wild pig. Traps, dogs and guns are all used. The guns are mostly long-barreled prong-guns of great age. The prong, which is made of the two horns of a deer, is hinged to the barrel of the gun close to the muzzle; normally it projects beyond the muzzle and looks like a pitchfork, but when the moment for action arrives it is turned down and stuck in the ground forming a rest for the gun. A slow match is applied, and, after some 15 minutes of waiting, the gun may or may not go off. Its use is clearly limited.

**Plants Have Nerves**

Plants have nerves. One in this class might be called a nervous wreck, judging from its actions when anyone so much as touches one of its leaves. The sensitive plant, or mimosa pudica, will immediately curl up its leaves at the slightest touch. After a leaf has curled up in apparent anguish it remains in a fallen position for about 15 minutes, then gradually uncurls and becomes its normal self again. This plant, originally from Brazil, grows wild in the Gulf states.

**IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**  
By REV. HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST,  
Dean of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago,  
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**Lesson for April 16**

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**PAUL ESTABLISHES CHURCHES**

LESSON TEXT—Acts 14:1-7, 19-23.  
GOLDEN TEXT—According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.—I Corinthians 3:10.

"Onward, Christian soldiers," says the well-known hymn, thus expressing the truth that Christianity is engaged in a relentless warfare against the world, the flesh, and the devil. Those who conceive of their relationship to the church as a convenient and comfortable social arrangement, with a bit of spiritual flavor but no responsibility, have none of the Spirit of Christ, or of His bondservant Paul, whose life we are now studying. Phillips Brooks was right when he said, "If Christian faith does not culminate in the effort to make Christ known to all the world, that faith appears to me to be a thoroughly unreal and insignificant thing, destitute of power, and incapable of being convincingly proved to be true."

The constraining love of Christ sent Paul and his co-workers pressing on from Cyprus to Antioch in Pisidia, to Iconium, to Lystra, and to Derbe. Joy and sorrow, fellowship and hatred came and went, but the witness for Christ went on. Our lesson can best be considered as a study in contrasts.

**I. Belief and Unbelief (vv. 1, 2).**  
"Multitudes both of the Jews and Greeks believed." What joy that must have brought to the preacher. "Unbelieving Jews" and Gentiles with "minds evil affected"—how sad such a result made Paul's heart. The same division prevails today. There are only two kinds of people in the world, the believer and the unbeliever.

**II. Popularity and Persecution (vv. 4).**  
"The multitude was divided," Paul knew all about that, so does every faithful teacher and preacher of the gospel. Paul and Barnabas were thus made ready for the experience which they were to have at Lystra where the healing of the crippled man first brought them worship as gods, and then bitter persecution. Few temptations are more appealing to the Christian worker than popularity, and possibly none is more treacherous. Let us labor to please God, not men, and when men give us false acclaim let us like Paul urge them to "turn from these vanities to the living God" (v. 15).

**III. Boldness and Caution (vv. 3, 5, 6).**  
The persecution at Iconium only made the messengers bold in their purpose to stay on (v. 3), giving testimony to God's grace. The Christian worker need not be afraid of the devices of evil men so long as God leads him to stand his ground. Christian testimony calls for courage! But wait, in verses 5 and 6 we find the preachers fleeing to another city. Is their courage gone? No. They are exercising God-given judgment and caution. "Sometimes it is needful to fling away your life for Jesus; but if it can be preserved without shirking duty it is better to flee than to die. . . . A voluntary martyr is a suicide. . . . Heroic prudence should ever accompany a trustful daring, and both are best learned in communion with Jesus" (Alexander Maclaren).

**IV. Death and Life (vv. 19, 20).**  
The persecution at Lystra culminated in the stoning of Paul and his being left for dead. Some believe that he really died and had the glorious experience recorded in II Corinthians 12:2-5 before he was raised by God from the dead. Be that as it may, God miraculously brought the dead or apparently dead man to full life and vigor, and he went to the city of Derbe. Those of us who belong to Christ and serve Him should recognize that our very lives are in His blessed hand. Our purpose should be to glorify Him, whether by life or by death.

**V. Advance and Return (vv. 21-23).**  
The work of God is not completed by the pioneering forward thrust into the strongholds of Satan. That work is necessary, and just now men are desperately needed to do such work in heathen lands. Women shame the men by their willingness to go where missionary boards can only send men, who are all too often lacking.

On the other hand, there is no more important work than that of confirming and establishing new Christians in their faith. Paul and Barnabas were not making a retreat. They were courageously returning to the stoning and the hatred of the cities they had served in order to give counsel and encouragement to the believers. Note that they ordained elders, evidently consummating some form of church organization. Sometimes one becomes so tired of intricate church machinery that the tendency is to wish there were none at all, but here again we need to be balanced in our thinking and acting.

**HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONS**

**When Tinting.**—Before tinting or dyeing fabrics be sure to have them clean and free from spots or stains which may show up afterwards.

**On the Davenport.**—A row of cushions along the top of a davenport hides the top of this piece of furniture and often spoils its proportion.

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Using a Mexico radio station to advertise from does not seem consistent in anyone who advocates building up Texas industries.

There seems to be another wave of motorists cutting corners, turning in the streets, and speeding, in McLean. These practices will result in injury to someone, if not stopped.

The oil industry seems to get a case of "jitters" very easily, and the railroad commission has its hands full trying to please everybody and keep the industry on a safe footing.

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It is estimated that 63% of all taxes are hidden, and figuring from this rate Gray county citizens pay \$1,531,920 in hidden taxes annually on retail purchases alone. With burdensome taxes that are not hidden, if we get the sales tax we can give up and just begin working entirely for the tax collector.

There seems to be a well organized plan to make this country war-minded, but it is to be hoped that the lesson learned in the last one may be kept in mind by those in power. The United States has no business in any kind of a war except a war of defense. Old countries make war on the slightest provocation, and all of them have engaged in wars of conquest from time to time. Let them keep their quarrels at home; we have nothing to gain by mixing in them.

**News from Pakan**

Mrs. W. J. Campbell of Sacramento, Calif., arrived Sunday morning to visit her brother, C. A. Linkey. Mr. and Mrs. Miro Pakan are the parents of a boy born Sunday morning.

The Pakan school children had an Easter egg hunt Friday afternoon. John Hrnciar, Sr., accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Bill Knoll and family of Wellington to Plainview Saturday on business.

Miss Betty Flak of Amarillo arrived Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Flak, and brother, Paul, during the Easter holidays.

Miss Chloe Haznes, who is attending school in Canyon, spent the week end with her parents and other relatives here.

Paul Flak and son, Paul, made a business trip to Dallas Monday.

The Sunday school children had an Easter egg hunt at the Pakan place Sunday afternoon.

John Meriel left Monday for a visit to Eureka, Ark.

Paris Ham of College Station visited home folks here over the week end.

**News from Liberty**

Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Preaching each Sunday night at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Davis visited relatives at Clarendon Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Morgan were in Pampa Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Roth and daughters, Betty Lou and Mrs. Floyd Lively, and children were in Shamrock Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Tate and son spent the week end with relatives at Abra.

Mrs. J. S. Lovelady of Lakeport, Calif., returned to her home Thursday after a few days' visit with her sister, Mrs. C. A. Myatt, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Olen Davis, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Morgan were in Shamrock Thursday.

C. A. Myatt and family were in Shamrock Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Stokes and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tate visited relatives at Abra Easter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Roth, Mrs. Floyd Lively and children were in Shamrock Saturday. They were accompanied by Misses Frankie Roth and Ruth Ballard of McLean.

Joe Haddon of Lubbock and Miss Nora Lee Morgan of Kellerville visited Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Morgan Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Myatt and children, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Dorsey and daughter of Kellerville, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lively and family enjoyed an Easter egg hunt at the Roth home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Callie Haynes visited her daughter, Mrs. Frank Rodgers, at Pampa over the week end.

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Miss Margaret Weaver, who is attending W. T. S. C. in Canyon, spent the Easter holidays with her mother, Mrs. C. P. Weaver.

Bonnie Jean Burr visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Burch Sunday.

Billie Faye Glass spent Tuesday night with Hermie Maye Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Waldrop and son of Pleasant Mound; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Kalka and family of Watkins; Mr. and Mrs. McGann and family of Turkey visited Mrs. C. P. Weaver and children Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell visited Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Amerson Sunday.

Miss Catherine Dotson visited Mr. and Mrs. Buck Glass last week end. Susan Baker of McLean visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Preston Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hunt and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Hunt at Alanreed Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Glass and Miss Dotson visited Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Preston Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Preston and children of McLean spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Preston.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Giesler, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Hunt and Miss Sara Preston visited relatives at Skellytown Sunday.

Mrs. Fannie Rector and son of

Ashtola spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Wood.

Jimmie Lee and Billie Faye Glass visited their Grandmother Glass in McLean Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Baker and family visited relatives in Groom Sunday.

John Morse of Magic City visited Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Burr Sunday.

Those who visited the school Friday were: Mrs. Geo. Baker and children, Maye and Jason; Mr. and Mrs. Buck Glass and son, Joe; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Preston and children, Dean and Jerry; Mrs. Beck and son, Larry Dale; Miss Nola Burr, Cou. Supt. G. W. Kavanaugh, and Mr. Wilson of Van Alstyne.

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of McLean in the State of Texas, at the close of business March 29, 1939, published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS	
Loans and discounts (including \$170.49 overdrafts)	\$134,000.00
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	50,000.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	20,000.00
Corporate stocks, including stock of Federal Reserve Bank	1,500.00
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	62,000.00
Bank premises owned \$6,972.88, furniture and fixtures \$1,500.00 (Bank premises owned are subject to no liens not assumed by bank)	8,472.88
Other assets	0.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$236,972.88</b>

LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$220,000.00
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	10,000.00
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	10,000.00
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	10,000.00
Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	0.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$250,000.00</b>

CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
Capital Stock:	
(a) Class A preferred, total par \$10,000.00, retractable value \$10,000.00 (rate of dividends on retractable value is 3%)	10,000.00
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Surplus	70,000.00
Undivided profits	10,000.00
Reserves (and retirement account for preferred stock)	10,000.00
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT</b>	<b>\$180,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNT</b>	<b>\$430,000.00</b>

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# It's Most Exciting Blouse Season Known in Years

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



WHEN it comes to drawing the crowds it's the blouse sections that are doing it these days—most exciting blouse season known for years.

The main reason for this stampede in the blouse direction is that suits rank ace-high in importance this spring and as every woman and her sisters and her cousins and her aunts well know, the proper upkeep of a suit calls for one chic blouse after another. However, the fact that suits are "tops" this season is not the only reason for the mad rush blouseward that is going on. It's the blouses themselves that are the magnet that draws, from the standpoint of "style" color and material they are simply not to be resisted.

The interest displayed in sterling pure silk weaves for the blouse this season is especially significant. Simply tailored blouses like the one shown below to the right in the illustration are indispensable with your tweeds. This model, a Lelong creation, is tailored of a heavy exotic silk crepe in rich deep red. It has a tucked shirt front fastened with leather thongs that clasp into gilt "croquet wickets."

Collarless jacket suits frequently have the jacket lined in the same silk print (jacket is often reversible) as fashions the blouse. Dotted silks are the rage for this sort of styling. If it is something out of the ordinary you are wanting to fit into the scheme of things take note of the stunning "bib blouse" pictured to the left below. It classifies under ingenue or schoolgirl type, which does not mean that it is restricted to teen-age wear, for it's the fashion to wear young looking clothes this spring that belie age

counted in years. The clever big effect is achieved via an insert of bold big dots contrasting the tiny-dot-print.

The revival of the ornate dressy blouse reflects the influence of the gay nineties. See the model in the upper left corner of the picture. In creating this lady-type blouse for dinner or cocktail hours Lanvin alternates bands of black silk organdy with lace-trimmed jabot coming off with highband neck and turnover collar.

The revival of the white blouse with the dark suit is one of fashion's top-most highlights. The Gibson girl blouse pictured above to the right is in white silk organdy with lace-trimmed jabot coming high at the neck. The bishop sleeve with its lace-trimmed frill at the wrists give this blouse the new look that is copied from the old.

For the be-frilled and lace edged, tucked and finely hand-worked white blouse now so fashionable, thin silks such as silk organdy or silk triple sheers that will wash well and keep their whiteness are highly recommended.

Perhaps the biggest sensation in the present vogue is the white peasant blouse with full-to-the-wrist long sleeves that gather into a tight band such as are worn with the very new gypsy skirts fashioned of vivid striped or plaid silk. For this blouse, designers use washable white silk chiffon or white silk organdy with gratifying results.

In the color madness that has gripped the world of fashion blouses are playing a dramatic role. Surah silk is a great favorite, printed or plain, stressing chartreuse, fuchsia, yellow gold, rust, violet, mustard and citrus colors.

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## Cloque Organdy



A multi-color floral print Swiss cloque organdy with a permanent crinkle that won't come out in the wash makes this lovely and practical dress for a little girl. The round ruffled collar is of white organdy inset and edged with val lace to match the lace edge finish of the puffed sleeves. The velvet ribbon sash is of soft blue to harmonize with the deeper blue background of the print. There will be quantities of cloque printed organdy used during the coming months.

## Cottons Have New Roles This Spring

Cottons have new roles in the creation of spring fashions. Pique and linen, for example, are used for white toques and sailors to wear with navy blue suits. These fabrics also are important for collar and cuff sets that are attached to dark evening dresses. Gloves also are being made of these washable materials.

Gingham accents are equally as popular and unusual in their application to newest costumes. Plaid gingham pipings appear as trimming on navy blue reefer suits and also make matching blouses.

## New Hairdress Is Becoming Popular

A new hairdress covers the entire head in flat curls that remind of a boyish bob. It is very youthful and is referred to as the "little girl" hairdress. The high-do for hair is seen less in the daytime but still persists for formal occasion. At the immediate moment hair worn page-boy fashion is popular. A pleasing compromise is the arrangement that brings curls or puffs to the front in somewhat of a pompadour effect, with the almost shoulder-length end-curl bob at the back.

## A Town Bag for You

One of the new handbags in rough straw braid is a navy town bag in plain rectangular shape with thick base, having a heavy gold chain around it near the top to simulate drawstrings.

# CAP AND BELLS



### URGENT

A distinguished bishop, while making a journey by rail, was unable to find his ticket when the inspector asked for it.

"Never mind, bishop," said the official, who knew him well, "I'll get it on my second round."

However, when the inspector passed through the coach again the ticket was still missing.

"O, well, bishop, it will be all right if you never find it," the inspector assured him.

"No, it won't," contradicted the bishop. "I've got to find that ticket. I want to know where I'm going."—Stray Stories Magazine.

### No Hurry

"My daughter wants a roll of No. 120 camera film."

"Regular or verichrome?"

"What's the difference?"

"The verichrome is a much faster film than the regular, but it is five cents higher."

"Give me the regular. My daughter has plenty of time."

### READY TO GO



Artist—I'm sure, madam, I shall never be able to reproduce the wonderful coloring of your face.

Subject—That's easy—you'll find plenty of it in my compact.

### Under Par

Pa—Well, son, how are your marks?

Son—They're under water.

Pa—What do you mean, under water?

Son—Below "C" level.—Royal Arcanum Bulletin.

### Literat

Lawyer (paternally, to client anxious for divorce)—My dear young lady, occasional tiffs are bound to occur in your married life. But think of the joy to be got out of it.

Client—Exactly. Get me out of it.

### Cautious Encouragement

"So you never find fault with your wife's cooking?"

"I should say not," answered Mr. Meekton. "When my wife condescends to cook I say everything I can to encourage her!"—Washington Star.

### Narrow Escape

"That teacup you broke yesterday can't be matched anywhere, Mary!"

"Oh, aren't I lucky, mum? I thought I should have to buy a new one!"

### Another Tyrone Power.

Teacher—Andy, write: "I'm a bad boy," on the blackboard and sign your name 100 times.

Andy—Oh, just an autograph hound, huh?

### Brave Boy!

Oliver—Last night, I heard a burglar. You should have seen me going downstairs three steps at a time.

Betty—Where was he—on the roof?

### Special Delivery

Teacher—Can you think of two words that contain over a thousand letters?

Oliver—Yes, ma'am. Post office.

### Took No Chances

"Won't you take the sleeping powder the doctor prescribed, Maria?"

"Yes—but you won't get the front-door key."

### USE SOFT PEDAL



Masseur—Yes, sir, as I said before, sir, your skin is very unsightly.

Patron—Well, you needn't rub it in!

### Slow Motion

Mrs. Horner—To whom are you writing that letter, Andy.

Andy—To Professor Wotasnuzzle.

Mrs. Horner—Why are you writing so slowly?

Andy—He can't read very fast.

### Precocious

"I want a box of powder for my sister, please," said the angel child.

"The kind that goes off with a bang?" asked the jolly old chemist.

"No, clever, the kind that goes on with a puff."

# What to Eat and Why

C. Houston Goudiss Explains How Food Can Make You Fat or Thin; Offers Tips on Gaining Weight

By C. HOUSTON GOUDISS

TO NEARLY every adult, weight is a matter of great concern. Thin people step on the scales in the hope of finding that they have gained a pound or two. Fat people sometimes weigh themselves several times a day, trusting each time that the arrow will point to a slightly lower figure. In many cases, the reason for this absorbing interest is vanity—a desire to look better. But the real objective should be to attain the weight at which one feels better, for few people realize that to weigh neither too much nor too little is one of the best possible aids to buoyant health. Moreover, the secret of weight control for normal individuals lies in the kind and amount of food consumed.

The science of nutrition teaches us that all body fat originates as surplus fuel . . . that is, food which has been consumed over and above the immediate requirements of the body machine. It therefore follows that in general the problem of gaining or losing weight is concerned with an increase or reduction in the total fuel value of the diet.

Shortage or Surplus of Fuel  
Those who find it difficult, after 30, to avoid taking on excess pounds must learn to reduce the total fuel intake. Otherwise, they may find themselves burdened with a mounting surplus of fat, which not only destroys beauty, but impairs health, and tends to decrease both mental and physical efficiency. On the other hand, those who feel that they must struggle to keep their weight up to normal . . . who declare that they simply cannot gain, no matter how much they eat, should acquaint themselves with the high-calorie foods and make a persistent effort each day to eat a little more than enough to meet their needs. If a gain is achieved, the result will be well worth the effort. For just as overweight is a handicap to health and efficiency, so have nutritionists observed that physical efficiency may be definitely decreased when the weight falls more than 10 per cent below the average for one's height.

It is often said that it is easier to lose weight than to gain it, and in many cases this is true. For the overweight person who consistently cuts down the fuel value of the diet, should, under normal circumstances, be able to reduce gradually, comfortably and effectively. But the individual who is underweight often has a small appetite and therefore has little desire to eat the increased quantities of food that are required in order to gain.

Influence of Body Build  
Nutritionists have observed that many people who find it difficult to gain have a tall, slender type of body build. It has been determined that in people of this type, the digestive tract is usually shorter than in those having a stocky build. Moreover, they tend to be more tense, more active and of a more nervous temperament. As a result, the passage of food through the digestive tract may be so rapid that it leaves the body before all the available nutrients can be utilized. At the same time, these active people tend to burn up more of their food for energy, so it is

not surprising that they fail to store body fat, unless the diet is especially planned to meet their needs.  
Concentrated Foods Desirable  
The well balanced diet, with its full quota of minerals and vitamins is basic to good health for all. But in order to produce a gain in weight, the diet of individuals belonging to the slender type should be composed of easily digested foods, which can be utilized by the body with a minimum of effort; and it should include generous amounts of concentrated and highly nourishing foods.

Included in this classification are eggs, cheese, cream, butter or margarine, bacon, bread, cereals, cream soups, custards, ice cream, rice and tapioca puddings. The addition of two or three glasses of milk to the regular meals will be found useful in increasing the fuel value of the diet. Milk also belongs in the reducing diet, but there it is used to replace other high-caloric foods. Fruit juices will be found useful in stimulating the appetite of those who desire to gain; and the fuel value of these beverages may be increased by the addition of milk or cream.

An Extra Meal  
Very often it is possible to get extra nourishment into the diet by way of a light lunch in mid-morning, mid-afternoon or both—provided it does not interfere with the appetite for the regular meals. This may take the form of fruit juice and crackers; malted milk; cocoa, egg nog or plain milk. A between-meal snack is regarded as especially desirable for thin people whose work is fatiguing. It will help them to sustain energy and prevent them from coming to their regular meals too tired to enjoy or profit by food.

Importance of Rest  
Since thin people have a tendency to tire quickly, they are advised to get plenty of rest. There should be long hours of sleep at night, and nutritionists have also observed that the food is apt to be better utilized if a short rest is taken before meals.

Questions Answered  
Miss G. L. D.—It has been estimated that one quart of fluid skim milk and one-and-one-half ounces of butter may be considered as approximately the equivalent in food value to a quart of fluid whole milk.  
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# HOW to SEW

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS



DEAR MRS. SPEARS: My living room is looking very smart and gay; the clear sketches on how to fit and make slipcovers in your Book 1, SEWING, for the Home Decorator, have been a great help.

"While shopping in a drapery department I found some braid 1 1/4 inches wide in blue, green and red. The result is a chair covered in plain blue glazed chintz with green seam bindings and the blue, green and red braid around the cushion and the bottom ruffle. It is very stunning and everyone admires it. My problem now is keeping my slipcovers firmly anchored in place. How should this be done?"  
Here is a sketch of the chair that was inspired by a shopping tour. I have also sketched a

method that is often used by professionals for anchoring slipcovers.

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## QUICK QUOTES

### PREPONDERANT SENTIMENT

"AFTER one hundred and fifty years, notwithstanding expansion of territory, enormous increase in population and profound economic changes; despite direct attack and subversive influences; there is every indication that the vastly preponderant sentiment of the American people is that our form of government shall be preserved."—Charles Evans Hughes, Chief Justice of the United States.

## Hail Those Depressed, Yet Optimistic Souls!

DO YOU ever think as you pass folks that they are thinking much as you are. They have much the same hopes and fears, the same joys and sorrows, the same defeats and victories—and also about the same problems to worry about. There is the perpetual struggle to make a living, to get food, clothing and shelter for ourselves and for our own.

Some seem to have more of shadow than sunshine, but most of these meet life with a smile instead of a whine. We owe more than we think to such optimistic souls—and they would also enjoy a smile from us instead of a whine.—Ohio Farmer.

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