

\$350,000 Road Bond Election December 31st

COUNTY H. D. ACHIEVEMENT DAY TOUR FRIDAY

The following schedule has been announced by Miss Mabel Martin, home demonstration agent, for the county Home Demonstration achievement day tour to be held December 6, (weather permitting).

Leave Courthouse at 8:00 A. M.

Ar.	Lv.
Mrs. Bill Crabtree	8:30 8:45
Mrs. Jim Gorman	9:15 9:30
Mrs. Fred Roberts	10:00 10:15
(If time permits)	
Mrs. Sherman Holt	11:00 11:15
Mrs. C. F. Moon	11:45 12:00
Mrs. Lew Flyr (Lunch)	12:30 1:30
Mrs. Reubin Baskin	2:00 2:15
Mrs. Claude Sloan	2:45 3:00
Mrs. Kenneth Borth	3:30 3:45
Mrs. Roscoe Dyess	4:00 4:15
Mrs. Bert Cook	4:30 4:45
Mrs. G. E. Taylor	4:50 5:05

Mrs. O. R. Blankenship will be visited if time permits. That is, if one hour isn't taken for lunch. Each woman is asked to bring a covered dish, a plate, and something to eat with. This will save washing dishes and time. The public is most cordially invited to go along.

PIONEERS TO SWAP HISTORY YARNS SATURDAY

Early day residents of the county are invited to be present in the office of County Clerk J. R. Pendleton at 2:00 P. M. Saturday to disclose the early day history of the county for Mrs. Weeks of Dalhart, Mrs. Elizabeth K. Hilgenberg, and Mrs. Winnie D. Hale, representatives of the West Texas State College Historical survey.

G. L. Taylor has consented to write a story of viewing the death of the last wild mustang in Sherman County. The wild horse had been roped by John Woods, an early day ranchman, and tied to one of the burrows roaming the plains at that time with a large well rope. Mr. Taylor had often seen the mustang at a distance and had hoped to catch him for a saddle horse. A few days after hearing the wild pony had been captured he noticed two objects which later proved to be the burrow and the mustang headed for a herd of cattle he was driving. As he rode toward them to head them off from the cattle, the mustang suddenly reared, pawed the air and after a shrill whistle, dropped dead. He started to ride away before considering the plight of the burrow tied to the dead horse, and then returned to the scene of the passing of the last mustang in the county and cut the rope to free the burrow.

This and many other tales will be reviewing for the historical survey ladies at the meeting Saturday afternoon. Everyone interested in the historical collections which will be presented with any contributions they may wish to make are invited to attend the meeting in the office of County Clerk J. R. Pendleton Saturday at 2:00 P. M.

BOY SCOUTS MEET EACH MONDAY

Stratford's Boy Scout troop will meet each Monday evening at 7:00 o'clock in the school building. Scoutmaster E. R. Pigg announced this week. Eight scouts are taking active part in the work and a membership drive for new members is being opened this week.

Some of the scouts will take their second-class scout tests in the near future. The boys enjoyed the scout day at Canyon for the annual jamboree held recently at which 1,200 were present, an increase of 450 over the number attending last year.

The local troop is laboring to build its organization on a sound basis, having set their budget at a cost of 5 cents a week for each scout, which will more than pay their dues at the end of the year. A few supplies are being added gradually, and within the next 12 months, a course in military training, made available to boy scouts soon after the world war, will probably be re-instated in their regular routine of work.

In 1937-38, corn production in the United States was five times that of all Latin America.

CURRENT PROGRAM AT THE ROXY

Tonight, "Mark of Zorro," with Tyrone Power and Linda Darnell.

Friday and Saturday, "Dr. Kildare Goes Home," with Lew Ayres.

Sunday and Monday, "Lady With Red Hair," with Miriam Hopkins and Richard Ainley.

Tuesday, "Boys Town," with Spencer Tracy and Mickey Rooney.

Dec. 11-12, "Little Nellie Kelly," with Judy Garland and George Murphy.

Miss Mary Zimmer Listed In Universities' Who's Who In U. S.

Miss Mary Zimmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Zimmer of Stratford, is among those students who will be listed in the 1940-41 issue of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Miss Zimmer will receive her B. S. and Smith-Hughes Degrees from West Texas State College of Canyon, Texas in June. The book will be released in January.

This book is published through the cooperation of over 500 American universities and colleges. It is the only means of national recognition for graduates which is devoid of politics, fees, and dues, and is the highest honor a student can receive while in college. Several students from accredited colleges are selected, each year, by an unprejudiced committee, for their biographies to appear in Who's Who Among students in American Universities and Colleges. These books are placed in the hands of hundreds of companies and others who annually recruit outstanding students for employment.

The purpose of Who's Who is to serve as an incentive for students to get the most out of their college careers; as a means of compensation to students for what they have already done; as a recommendation to the business world; and as a Standard of measurement for students.

Miss Zimmer is a member of Kappa Omicron Phi at West Texas State College, was President of the organization, represented the college in the National Conclave at Williamsburg, Virginia in June 1940, was second winner in 4-H club achievement, and was Social Chairman of Wesley League two years.

Miss Zimmer graduated from Stratford High School with the class of 1937.

Wheat Drilling Rush To Begin As Farmers Can Enter Wet Fields

Farmers of Sherman County will take advantage of the three to five inches of moisture received the past week to finish planting their wheat acreage allotment just as soon as they can get into their fields. Some of them will have received needed cash to purchase extra planting seed from two shipments of 1940 ACP checks received in the county office.

Few farmers had wheat up and some others had planted part of their wheat in the dust, but most of them have some acreage now ready for seeding in order to take up their full allotment. Wheat planted this late should be treated against smut with copper-carbonate or some commercial mixture for this purpose.

All 1940 applications for conservation payments have been submitted to state office where farmers earned all units on the farm. These amounted to approximately 45 percent of the total in Sherman County. An additional 30 percent was submitted to the state office the first of December, which included applications where farmers fail to earn all units set upon the farm. The state office refused to accept applications for payment unless all units earned, before December 1st. The balance of the applications will be submitted as fast as they can be completed.

Dutch Ellison Ships 120 Fat Steers To Kansas City

Dutch Ellison shipped 120 fat steers to Kansas City Saturday. Dich Diehl says the steers will top the K. C. market.

Funeral Services For W. H. Durr Sunday At Boise City

Funeral services were conducted at Boise City Sunday for W. H. Durr, aged 80 years, 3 months and 10 days, who passed away at the home of his son southwest of Kerrick last Thursday.

Interment was made in the Boise City cemetery under the direction of Wilson's Funeral Home.

ZEKE SEZ:

(By Nugent E. Brown)

A traveler informed a Pullman agent that he wanted a pullman berth. "Upper or lower," asked the agent. "What's the difference?" he asked. "A difference of 50 cents," replied the agent. "The lower is higher than the upper. The higher price is paid for the lower. If you want it lower you'll have to go higher. We sell the upper lower than the lower. In other words, the higher the lower. Most people don't like the upper, although it is lower on account of it being higher. When you occupy an upper you have to get up to go to bed and get down to get up. You can have the lower if you pay higher. The upper is lower than the lower because it is higher. If you are willing to go higher, it will be lower." But the poor man had fainted.

THE SOLE ISSUE IN THE EYES OF THE TEXAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION

SUPPORT THE BOND ISSUE and Pave 7 1/2 miles of U. S. 287 from Stratford toward Kerrick to the Dallam County line; and 26 1/2 miles of the Stratford-Gruver road from Stratford to the Hansford County line at no cost to the taxpayers except the 1 Cent gasoline tax which you have paid and has been deferred for the payment of road bonds in other counties since 1932 with the passage of the Bond Assumption law.

OR DEFEAT THE BOND ISSUE; pay the 1 Cent gasoline tax as you have been since 1932 for the payment of road bonds issued in other counties for paving roads, and bid farewell to the opportunity of paving more roads in Sherman County for the next 5 years as all other funds will be required for paving of No. 1 preferred military highways in the State, of which the county has none.

The Sherman County Commissioners' Court has issued an order for an election for voting or rejecting \$350,000 road bonds December 31. The order expressly stipulates that if the proposition for the issuance of the proposed bonds is approved by the necessary vote of the qualified voters (two-thirds majority) of said county at such election, the bonds will be issued and sold and the tax levied in payment thereof when and only when the County receives from the State Highway Commission and the Board of County and District Road indebtedness definite assurance that the roads hereinabove designated will be taken over, acquired, or purchased by the State of Texas, and that the principal of and interest on said bonds will be paid out of funds lawfully appropriated or set aside for that purpose by the proper State Agency, provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed as releasing the Commissioners' Court, or any other county officials, from discharging and performing any and all duties.

The bond assumption law was first passed by the Texas Legislature in 1932 for taking over all outstanding road bonds of each county in the state for paving at that time. The bill was renewed each year until 1939, when the bill was renewed and changed to include all outstanding road paving bonds to that date. One cent of the State gasoline tax paid by each car and truck owner has been deferred and has gradually paid off the outstanding road bond indebtedness of these counties.

16 TO 18 MILLION TO BE VOTED

Counties are voting 16 to 18 million dollars worth of bonds subject to the bond assumption law as is being offered in Sherman county at the election December 31 to enable the State Highway Department to get funds for continuing its program of building roads in counties that have been neglected for many years. The one-cent deferred gasoline tax is retiring outstanding bonds rapidly and it is highly probable that the State Legislature will enact the Bond Assumption bill in the next session of the Legislature to assume all bonds which are outstanding at the time, the time limit ending January 2.

SANTA ARRIVES

Santa Claus has arrived in Stratford and left a large assortment of Christmas gifts and toys with most all of the stores.

Spend Saturday in Stratford and give the children a treat. Read the advertisements for special attractions.

Boston Bull Dog Enters Mouse Club Contest In Stratford

Colonel, the well known pet Boston Bull dog, belonging to F. L. Yates entered his bid for recognition in the Stratford mouse club of members who have caught two mice in the same trap at the same time. Colonel cornered two mice in a corner of the Yates apartment last Thursday night and proceeded to exterminate the rodents.

Mrs. Lura Sellars Is Seriously Ill

Mrs. Lura Sellars, mother of Mrs. J. W. Garoutte, who has been in frail health for several weeks, was rushed to St. Anthony's hospital in Amarillo Tuesday night in the Wilson ambulance.

Sherman County has paid its share of the deferred gasoline tax since 1932 but as it had no outstanding bonds it did not receive any of the benefits except until this year when a surplus was created in the bond assumption fund, and the county was given \$3,800 to be applied on the construction of a grade for the Stratford-Gruver road, with the provision of it and when the land owners would move back their fences and donate the right-of-way. Cooper Dewey, resident engineer only received his work order this week for a survey of the road to enable land owners to go ahead with their work which many had agreed to do for the construction of the road.

The passage of the bond issue of \$350,000 the land owners will have the privilege of receiving payment for their land to be used for the right-of-way, and instead of having to wait for an opportunity to get money from the surplus funds left over from paying paving bills for other counties, can have a paved road from Stratford to the Hansford county line.

The bond issue also calls for the paving of 7 1/2 miles from Stratford northwest to the Dallam County line on U. S. 287, which places the burden for paying the balance of U. S. 287 on the Commissioners' Court of Dallam County for the paving of the right-of-way for U. S. 287 which was bought and paid for by the donations of Stratford business men to provide a road in the Kerrick territory.

Pronger Bros. Win Hereford Cattle Breeding Honors

At a meeting of the American Hereford Association held during the week of the American Royal Stock show at Kansas City recently, as reported in the Hereford Journal, a list was made of all hereford breeders recording more than 200 head of cattle during the year just passed. This list showed Harriett E. McClellan of Lubbock to be first in Texas and fifth in the U. S. with 461 head recorded, and Pronger Bros., Stratford, to be second in Texas and 7th in the U. S. with 437 recorded. Others in the United States having recorded more than that were T. E. Mitchell and Son, Albert N. M., 792; Wyoming Hereford Ranch, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 751; Green Cattle Co., Patagonia, Arizona, 714; Barning-Lewis Ranches, Colorado Springs, 602 and Woods Bros. & Kelly, Wood Lake, Nebraska, 447. Twenty-three other breeders in the United States were mentioned as having recorded 200 or more.

Harold Bennett Solos Over City

Harold Bennett was the pilot of the air plane soaring over Stratford Sunday afternoon. He has about 15 hours of solo flight to his credit for a commercial pilot's license.

Represent County At AAA Compliance Meeting In Dalhart

W. A. Spurlock, H. S. Hawkins, R. C. Buckles, AAA committeemen, Mrs. Jerry Knowles, Mrs. M. E. Cleavinger, County Agent E. Goule, and Johnny Bergner, county farm supervisor, attended the 1941 AAA compliance parity meeting in Dalhart Wednesday. They were schooled in methods for the annual compliance check-up program to open in the county in the near future. W. B. Dryden, District AAA supervisor, conducted the meeting.

Richard Dortch And Marvin Patterson Assist Dalhart Band

Richard Dortch and Marvin Patterson went with the Dalhart High School Band to Guymon Wednesday to play for the Santa Claus program and parade. Richard played bass and Marvin cornet.

PTA Asks For School Lunch Room Child Ticket Sponsors

Stratford Parent-Teacher officials this week are issuing an appeal to local residents who do not have children in school to adopt an underprivileged child and purchase a \$2.00 meal ticket to furnish the child noon day lunches for 4 weeks.

H. D. Club Tea Honoring Officials Set For Monday

The Sherman County Home Demonstration Council will honor all county officials and club women with a tea Monday, the 9th of December at 2:30 to 4:00 o'clock in the club room in the court house. The program will be given at 3:00 o'clock.

Wheat Roots Growing Rapidly

Roots of wheat that had been planted early are growing so rapidly that some farmers believe that they will have wheat for pasture in less than a week. Most of the early wheat had not had sufficient moisture to spread the roots of the plants and were still holding in the soil by the small tap root developed with the sprouting of the seed.

AAA ELECTION ANNOUNCED FOR FRIDAY

Since the AAA program has a direct effect on every farmer and ranchman in Sherman county, great care should be taken in electing the men who will administer that program in the county during the coming year.

That's the advice E. Goule gave to AAA cooperators this week in reminding farmers that community meetings would be held on December 13 in the Spurlough community, and Texhoma and Stratford December 14.

In the community meetings all farmers and ranchmen cooperating with the AAA have one vote each, the agent said. The purpose of the meetings is to give out all available information and elect the County Committee for 1941.

Broader administrative powers are given to the county committees, the agent said. He listed a few of the committee's duties as determining farm acreage allotments, normal yields, productivity indices and other agricultural facts preparing budgets; supervising and directing activities of community committees; reviewing and certifying various forms; conducting hearings and investigations; generally supervising the work in the county office; and assisting and working with the state committee.

A county meeting which all AAA cooperators should participate in, will be held at the Courthouse the afternoon of December 13, the agent said.

ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPLETED IN STRATFORD

Electric service was restored to normal this week, shortly following the return of the current to Stratford about 4 o'clock last Thursday, two days earlier than estimates for the completion of the work had been figured. Only Channing remains without service on the West Texas Utilities lines, according to the latest reports. An estimated 405 poles were down on the Hartley by way of Channing route to Dumas.

NEW POWER PUMP ARRIVES

A new power pump head is stored at the local West Texas Utilities office for use in case of emergencies which might arise in the future. The new pump head can be attached in the place of the electric pump and water may be pumped into the stand-pipe by the use of a tractor in only a few minutes time.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Letters to Santa Claus should be delivered to the Stratford Star by Tuesday noon of the week children wish for them to be published. Parents and teachers are requested to help the writers to sign their names plainly to prevent mistakes.

Dec. 2, 1940.

Dear Santa: I have been a good girl. I have a good report card and love you dear Santa. I practice on the piano every day. I want a real pretty dolly. Bring my four little brothers something too.

Jean Avon Harrison.

Dec. 3, 1940.

Dear Santa: I want some pigtail just like Sisty's; also a table and chairs, a doll, and doll-bed. Please remember Aunt Fay.

Timmie Lu Williams.

Dec. 3, 1940.

Dear Santa: We have been two good boys and we would like for you to bring us a tricycle, a truck, a tractor, some soldiers and a gun.

With lots of love from, John and Jay Harrison.

THE DUSTER

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SCHOOL LUNCH ROOM OPENED

One hundred and fifty-four lunches were served in the P. T. A. lunch room on Monday, December 2, when the doors were opened for the first time.

Mrs. Robinson, lunch room supervisor, was assisted by volunteers from the P. T. A. in preparing and serving a highly satisfactory lunch. The lunch room is a real asset to the school, and the P. T. A. wishes to thank all those who have cooperated in any way in the planning or beginning of the work.

HONOR STUDENTS FOR SECOND SIX WEEKS

Because of the fact that the

number of students who failed one or more subjects the second six weeks is unusually large, we are doubly proud of those whose names are listed on our roll of honor.

Distinguished List (No grade below 90.)

Marcella Garrison.
 Honor Roll
 Clarence Betzen.
 Nettie Beth Everett.
 Eugene Harrison.
 Ermalee Bonar.
 Robert Steel.
 Pat Haynes.
 Marcile McWilliams.

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

By Edward C. Wayne

Key Albanian Cities Fall as Greeks Continue to Drive Back Italy's Army; Turks Declare Martial Law in 'Crisis'; Murray Heads CIO as Lewis Resigns

(EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.)
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**BACK DOOR:
War in Reverse**

Events on the Albanian and nearby fronts gave military experts what they considered proof that the grand British plan of conducting the war from now on will be to knock out Italy first, then turn attention to Germany.

Hence Europe was treated to a war in reverse. Although England was continuing bombing raids against military objectives on German and occupied European bases including Norway, chief attention was focused on Italy, both on the continent and in Africa.

To full reports on the Taranto affair were added the fall of Koritza, accomplished with British air aid, and further Greek successes were accompanied by word that British territorialists were fighting side by side with Greeks in the snowy and mountainous terrain of the Albanian frontier.

Mussolini, after denying all British and Greek claims of victory, two days later was the first to announce to the world the fall of Koritza and that a major defeat had met Italian arms.

Gen. John Metaxas, handsome Greek leader, was hailed as the savior of the nation from the Italian menace, and the numbers of prisoners taken were succinctly summed up as "too many to handle."

**MONKEY WRENCH:
In Diplomacy?**

Germany's diplomatic maneuvers, usually believed forerunner to huge military operations, continued to be watched closely in half a dozen capitals, and wonder was expressed again whether perhaps Soviet Russia might throw a monkey wrench into the proceedings again.

Balkan resistance to Axis domination showed signs of crumbling, with Hungary first to give in to Nazi demands, and Rumania showing final collapse, though it was pointed out that the latter was already in Nazi hands.

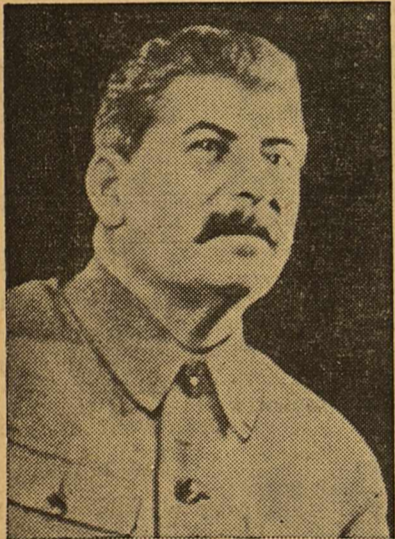
At this moment, Russia stepped in with two moves, the significant character of which was evident, but the meaning of which was not at once ascertainable.

Russia recalled Schwarzkef, Moscow's ambassador to the Reich, and replaced him with another commissar.

Russia sent a warning to her little Slavic neighbor, Bulgaria, to be slow and careful about joining fully in the Axis plans.

Tass issued a flat denial, publicly, that Russia had had any hand in Hungary's joining the Axis.

These three moves were projected on the diplomatic screen for what



RUSSIA'S STALIN
Monkey wrench thrower.

they were worth, speculators wondering mostly about the "monkey wrench" angle. Dictator Josef Stalin has a record of throwing "monkey wrenches" into international affairs.

They can't forget the famous "treaty of Tilsit" in the Napoleonic war, and many are still betting that in the last analysis Russia will prove the turning point in the upset of the Axis hopes—if they are to be upset.

**TURKEY:
Again to Fore**

Declaration of martial law by Turkey throughout all the European part of her nation brought her again to the fore as a major factor in developments on the southeastern front of the world war.

NAMES

... in the news

A report from New York indicated that Secretary of Labor, **Frances Perkins**, was resigning from President Roosevelt's cabinet.

Ralph W. Barnes, foreign correspondent of the New York Herald Tribune, was found dead in the wreckage of a British bomber which crashed and burned near Danilov Grad, Yugoslavia.

The Turks expressed their own attitude as follows:

"If the Germans are to aid Italy against Greece, Russia will not be willing to sit idle.

"However, even if Russia gives her consent, Turkey will defend herself.

"Bulgaria must be kept aloof from this newest move."

So Turkey, joining Russia in the warning to Bulgaria, evidenced that she was on the threshold of entrance into the war on the anti-Axis side.

The counter diplomatic move was coming from Von Papan, who was believed ready to offer Turkey a huge slice of France's Syrian territory if she would agree to remain aloof while the Germans go down through the Balkans and knock out Greece.

Observers felt there was little chance that Turkey would accept, fearing rather Axis domination of the Dardanelles than wishing a slice of territory she could take over herself any time she desired.

S. S. S.:

Stress, Strikes, Sabotage

The defense front in the United States moved into the second of the phases that always have confronted this nation in times of industrial stress.

After a series of incidents that were widely interpreted as sabotage, strikes broke out in key in-



ROBERT JACKSON
He blamed the Reds.

dustries in widely separated sections of the country.

Leading squabbles involved the Aluminum Company of America, a plant employing 7,500 workers, and the Vultee Aircraft corporation at work on government orders totaling \$84,000,000.

Strike fever spread to Baltimore, where 2,000 city workers went out, demanding more money and pay for overtime, most serious public employees' strike in city's history.

The Aluminum strike was over company's refusal to discharge one employee who owed \$12 back C. I. O. union dues.

The Vultee shutdown, also a C. I. O. matter, was blamed by U. S. Attorney General Jackson on "Reds." Workers were demanding raises of 50 to 75 cents an hour in pay.

Back of these scenes of labor stress stood the Dies committee, probing and publishing, charging the Nazis with responsibility for much and the Soviet agents with the rest of it all.

Jackson whipped back at Dies, stating he felt that the Dies group was accomplishing nothing but breaking down the public confidence in the ability of the G-men to solve crime and keep order and safety in the nation.

The C. I. O. closed its convention by electing Philip Murray to John L. Lewis' post, Lewis thus carrying out his "step-down" promise of the presidential campaign. The C. I. O. then announced it would attempt to organize the Ford Motor plant, and in the same breath asked governmental investigation of any affiliations the company might have with Nazi interests.

OVERSEAS BITS

Mail—Lisbon air mail shipments were resumed, first flight carrying 3,000 pounds, a lot of letters.

Home—Stay home for Christmas is the German slogan this year, people being told that railroads will be needed for war purposes, and not for travel.

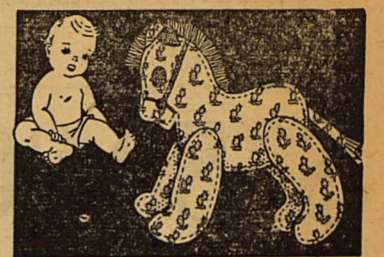
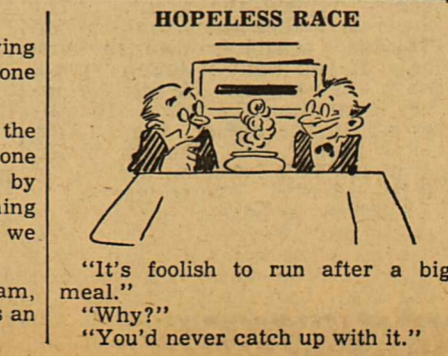
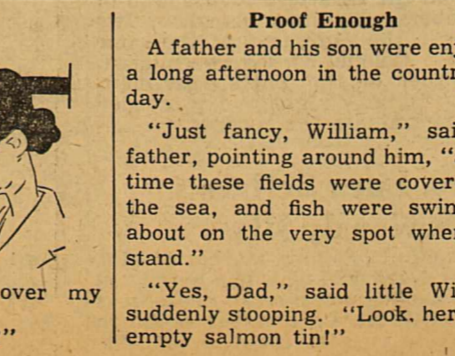
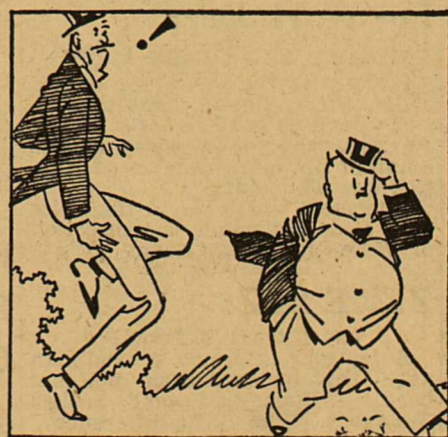
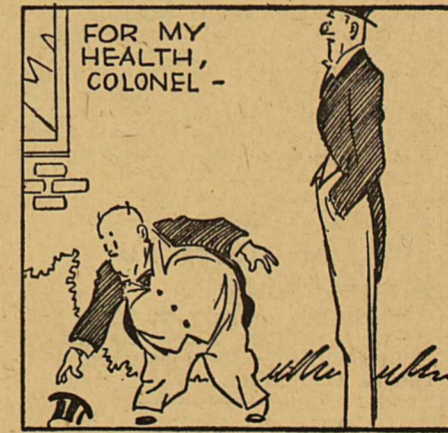
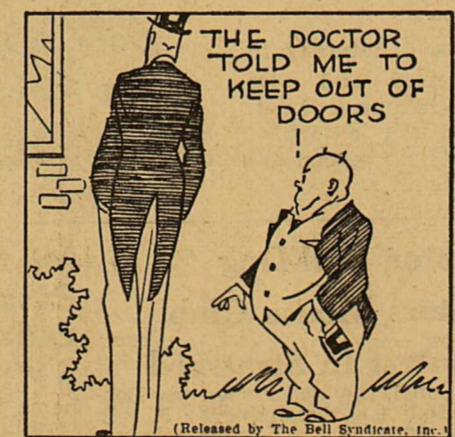
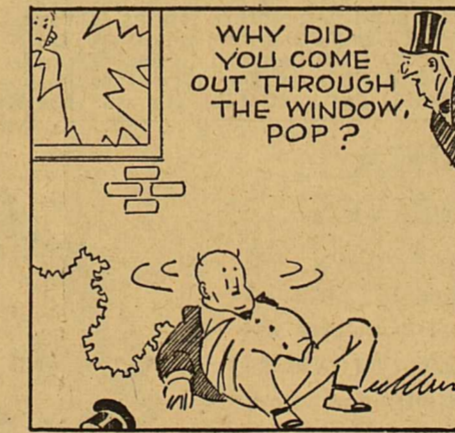
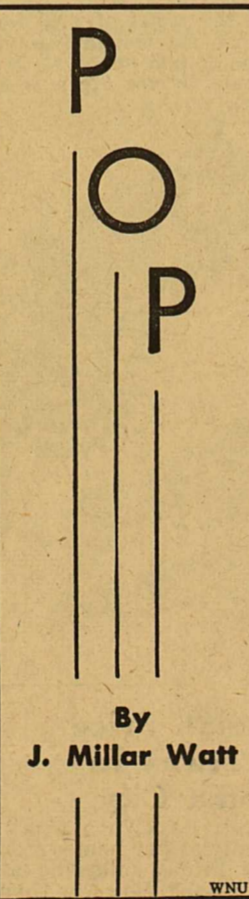
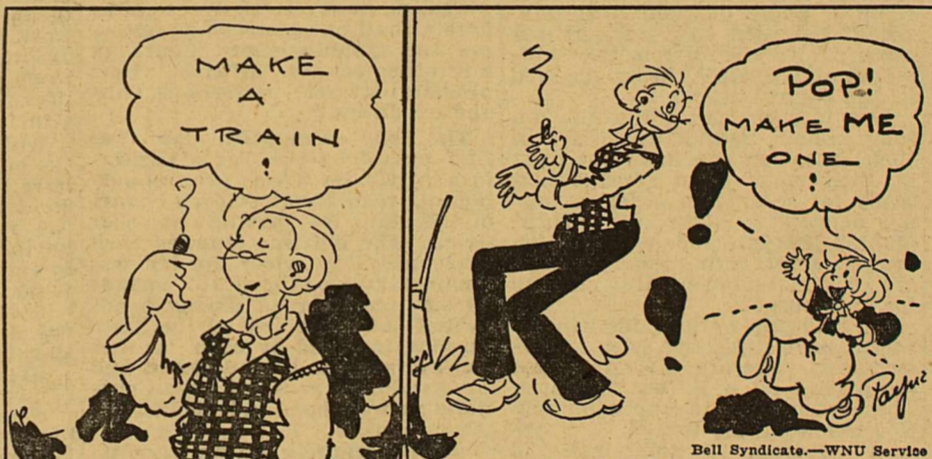
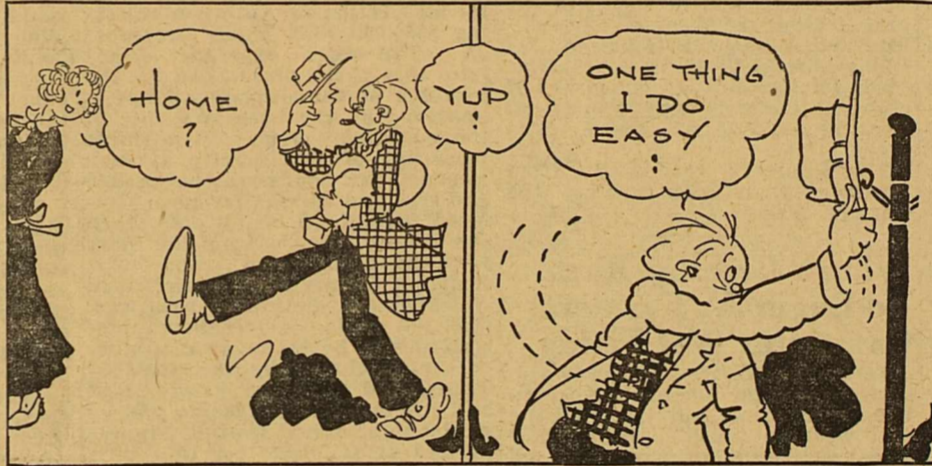
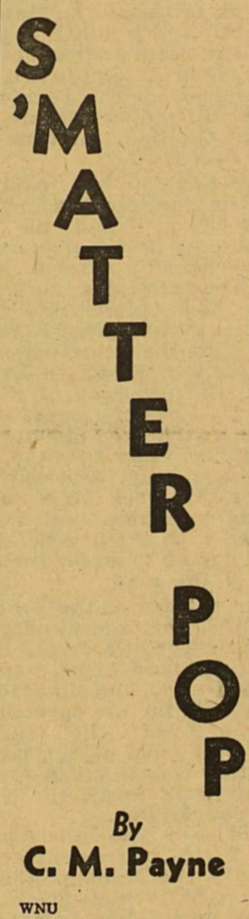
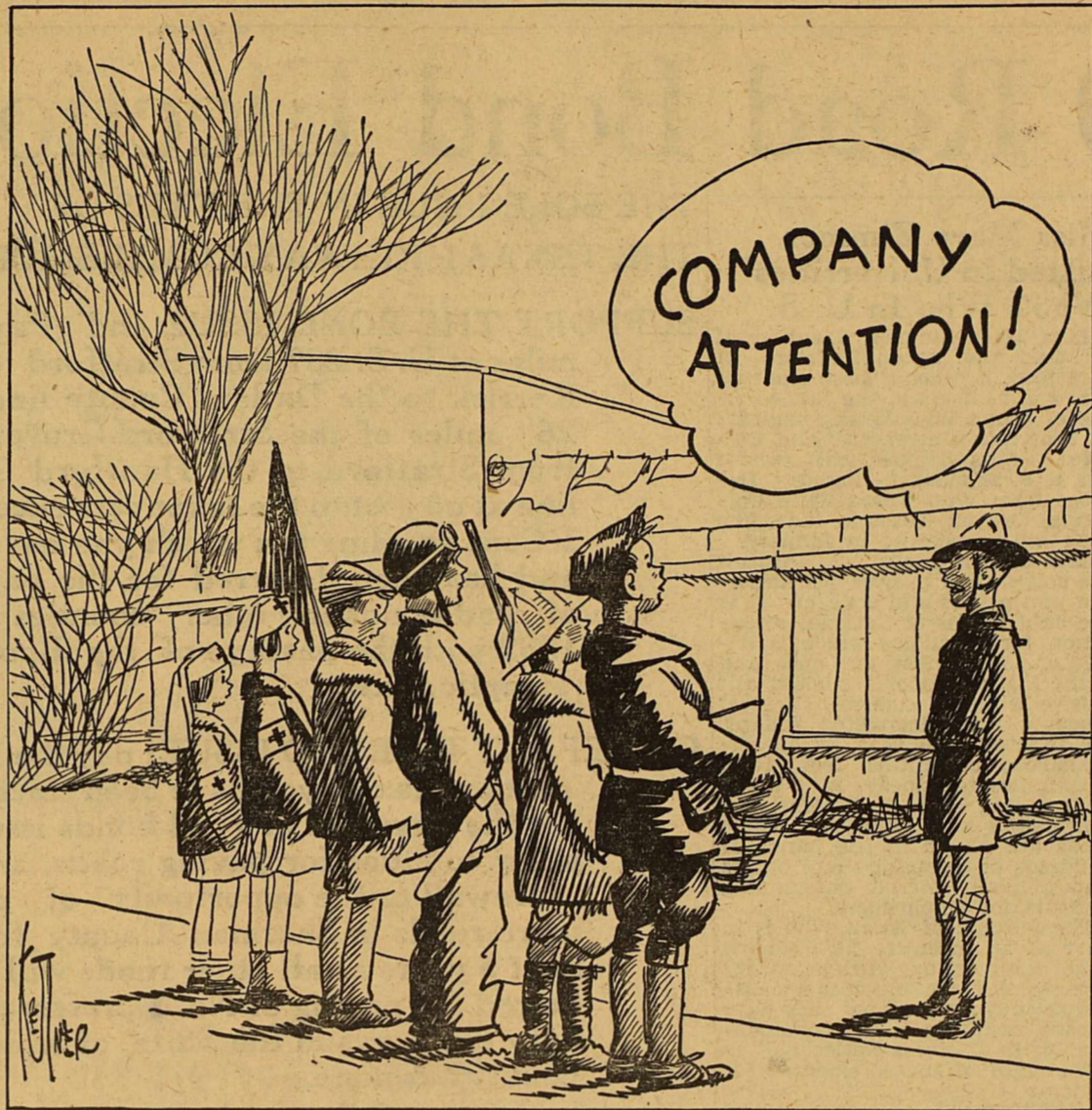
Surrender—Unconfirmed reports were that a first-line French battleship had surrendered to the British at Gibraltar.

Americanized—A veteran of the Argonne battle of American troops in France, seeing the Greco-Italian Pindus mountain fight, said the Greeks fought like the Yanks, from rock to rock and tree to tree.

Classes—W. L. White wrote from London that he couldn't understand Kennedy's statement that democracy was dead in England. He said all classes mix on equal footing when the bombs fall.

OUR COMIC SECTION

Events in the Lives of Little Men



Pattern No. Z9033.

SLEEPY, an oilcloth burro, is as lazy as he can be. He just nods and sleeps all day, and seems not to care what the children do with him. But he has three redeeming recommendations: a cute personality, ease of making, and his ability to part from fingerprints with the whisk of a damp cloth.

Z9033, 15c, brings outlines and directions for this 12-inch burro with the green yarn mane and red halter. Send order to:

AUNT MARTHA
Box 166-W Kansas City, Mo.
Enclose 15 cents for each pattern desired. Pattern No.
Name
Address

Auctioneer Had No Trouble Obtaining a Higher Bid

At an auction sale, the business was interrupted by a whispered conversation between the auctioneer and one of the prospective bidders. At the conclusion the master of ceremonies announced:

"A gentleman present tells me that since proceedings started in this room he has lost a wallet containing the sum of five hundred dollars. He hereby offers a reward of fifty dollars to anyone for its return."

There was a short period of silence, then one of the members of the crowd nodded his head to the auctioneer and announced: "I bid sixty."

Mason and Dixon's Line

Several miles of Mason and Dixon's Line may still be seen near Cumberland, Md.; a tea chest left from the Boston Tea Party is preserved in the Royal House in Medford, Mass.

The gold nugget that started the California gold rush is on exhibition in the U. S. National museum in Washington; and the first cannon ball fired in the Civil war is in Courthouse square in Thomaston, Ga.—Collier's.

Beware Coughs from common colds That Hang On

Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm, and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough or you are to have your money back.

CREOMULSION
for Coughs, Chest Colds, Bronchitis

Welcome Beauty
Beauty is God's handwriting . . . welcome it in every fair face, every fair sky, every fair flower.—Kingsley.

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U. S. COULD TIP BALANCE
The diplomatic reports which President Roosevelt now has on his desk all indicate that the war has reached the most crucial point in its varied history, and that adroit, even strong-arm diplomacy by the United States might tip the balance to a British victory.

How this may be done is now the most vital question before the White House and state department.

One possibility was to woo Russia, keep her out of the Axis. This was the chief reason for the Oumansky-Sumner Welles conversations. They have partially failed, due to the fact that all the United States can offer Russia is machine tools and gasoline, while Adolf Hitler can make an offer of India, Persia, Afghanistan.

Another possibility was to stiffen U. S. policy against Japan, perhaps by sending ships to Singapore, thus taking over the British burden of policing the South Pacific. This would have devastating repercussions upon the Axis, but Roosevelt considers it risky, so it is being held in abeyance.

Third possibility, and the one actively under discussion inside the state department now, is to bolster the French forces in North Africa, help bring them in on the side of the British.

This has tremendous possibilities. For at present General Graziani is bogged down in Egypt, where Mussolini has been sending him peremptory orders to advance on Suez, to which Graziani has replied that he will not advance until he has sufficient supplies. So should Graziani be attacked by the French from the Tunis side, and by the British from the Egyptian side, it would mean certain defeat and probably the end of Mussolini.

Furthermore, it would probably take Italy out of the war.

This is the main effort to which American diplomacy is now directed. First step was a plan to send General Pershing, old friend of Marshal Petain, as special ambassador to France. To this end, the 80-year-old general underwent a thorough physical examination at Walter Reed hospital. But although anxious to undertake the mission, his doctors forbade it. Unless he ignores the orders of the physicians, which is not likely, the Pershing mission is out.

However, the chief problem is to influence not merely Petain, who already has veered away from the Axis, but also Marshal Weygand. The latter is now in North Africa, and the French troops in that area would rise to his leadership overnight in any attack upon Italian Libya.

U. S. SHIPS TO DAKAR

Another plan which has been considered in army and navy circles is for the United States to take cognizance of the part which Dakar might play in any attack upon South America.

The Germans are now developing Dakar as a giant air base under the protection of the French fleet. This is of vital concern to the United States, Brazil, Argentina and the rest of South America. Therefore, it has been suggested that the United States instigate joint Pan-American representations, followed perhaps by a naval display off Dakar, in order to persuade the French fleet to divorce itself from Germany and neutralize Dakar.

This plan does not get much encouragement from the White House and state department, where it is considered risky.

NEW CROP CURTAILMENT

Beginning December 1, the AAA inaugurated the "Alabama plan," which marks a sharp turning in the policy of crop control. It is aimed to remedy what has long been loosely described as "paying farmers for not growing something."

Henry Wallace and the AAA never acknowledged that their program was as negative as that, but the new program sets out to eliminate all doubt.

Heretofore a farmer could earn benefit payments merely by abandoning a certain acreage—that is, by reducing the number of acres of his major crop. But under the Alabama plan, he is required also to carry out certain soil building practices, such as terracing, planting erosion-resisting crops, and setting aside an acre of permanent pasture.

The plan, first adopted in Alabama, puts farmers on their mettle. If they fail to perform, the benefit payments are withheld. In other words, the objective is shifted, from acreage reduction to improvement of the soil of American farms.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

The surplus marketing administration is pushing the consumption of powdered eggs, which its experts claim taste about the same as fresh eggs. Last year bakers used 19,000,000 powdered eggs, which sell from three to five cents less than fresh.

Few people realize the expanding scope of the defense commission. For instance, its press relations officer has a representative in Hollywood, Leo Rosten, to explain Washington to film directors.

Kathleen Norris Says:

The Quick Way to Peace

(Bell Syndicate—WNU Service.)



Do your share by establishing one small unit of perfection. A home in which man and woman love each other and their children. It is only when we get many such tiny solved individual problems that we can hope to solve the bigger ones.

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

IN THESE exciting times try to live one day at a time, and do your best by that day.

Take it hour by hour and minute by minute, and polish those fragments of time as if each one was priceless—which indeed it is.

Stop worrying along vague and general lines, and take firmly into your hands those lines God has given you to hold. Ask yourself how much serenity and cheerfulness and courage you impart to the family circle; whether its members like to get home to you—look to you for inspiration and comfort and reassurance.

You may be very sure that in the great first war that gave us America, that gave us our new world of independence, there were women who were frightened, sneering, despairing, doubtful, helpless. There were other women who held firmly to hope and courage through the darkest hours, who knew that the ideals for which their men were fighting were the true ideals, who never lost heart or faith. They had mighty little to go on, those early colonial women who saw the shabbiness, the poverty, the lack of training, the six-week enlistments, the treachery of congress when Washington's ragged army was marching. But that didn't matter. They knew that issues in this life aren't decided by anything you can write on a blackboard or prove by a chart. They knew that the final and deciding factor is what is in men's hearts and souls, and of that they were sure.

Be Brave—It's Contagious.

Solve YOUR problem today, with charity and energy and cheerfulness, and never doubt that that bravery will unite itself to a thousand—a million more scraps of bravery and hope everywhere in the world, and bring us all out to a freer and happier future.

Keep the house clean and peaceful. Keep your own soul and mind the same. Keep out of agitating arguments and contentions; don't let anyone scare or depress you with glib predictions of dismay and ruin, and if you must think of the madhouse that is Europe today think of it with prayer.

These are the days in which to see life as an adventure, not a flowery stroll through the Garden of Eden. Sometimes a scary adventure, sometimes a breath-taking adventure, but of nothing of which to be afraid—except fear. Don't let children hear discouraged talk; don't let the man of the house come to discouragement.

An Optimistic Spirit Marches On.

You've of course had the experience of sometimes meeting a friend in the market or at the club—a friend who is irrepressibly optimistic and heartening. She doesn't know any more about world conditions than anyone else, but at that she probably knows as much as the smartest politician, statesman or press agent does.

She says that things are better everywhere. People's spirit is wonderful. The nations we love are showing wonderful courage, and the nations we dislike are merely mis-

HAPPINESS

Kathleen Norris says there is no need to worry about the rest of the world, or what will happen to us at some distant time in the future. She advises everyone to live one day at a time, and to make the best of that day. Stop worrying about the trouble elsewhere in the world, Miss Norris says, and concentrate on your own home and family—make them as happy and perfect as you can.

led and will come back to their senses one of these days. Dictators will die and peace will be re-established on firmer ground and after the darkness of this temporary fury, we will see the dim beauty that means a new dawn.

Well, you may not fully believe her but what a tonic she is! In spite of yourself you find yourself more hopeful; and when you quote her at home everyone else partakes of the same hope.

Civilization Will Survive.

And why not? She is at least as reasonable as the fearful and dismal prophets who see nothing but gloom ahead. For all wars HAVE ended, and although Napoleon and Cromwell and many others were all supposed to destroy civilization in their day, and wipe great nations from the face of the earth, somehow they never did. Sanity crept back again; schools reopened, fields were sown; mourning and poverty held sway for awhile, and then the spring came back, and with it lovers and lilacs and new plans.

After the war the world is going to need everything that we can give it of help and service. They are going to need food, over there, clothes, bedding, medicine, tools. We have to be ready with all that, and the only way we can give it is to get our own house in order. Solve America's problems; lessen the need for relief; lessen unemployment; replace un-American plots and "isms" with a good healthy revival of the spirit that created the Declaration of Independence.

And that has to begin with individual homes like yours and mine. Homes free of debt and disorder, of complaining and discontent. One million such homes, scattered all over the continent, would be the beginnings of a new America. Ten million would make us the strongest, happiest, richest, most independent nation on the earth.

Put Own House in Order.

So do your share by establishing one small unit of perfection. A home in which a man and woman love each other and their children. A home with a clean, warm kitchen, and a little garden, and a telephone and a radio and a gas stove and an electric refrigerator. A home to which outsiders look with admiration and envy. A home with books in it, and winter fires, and laughter, and a flag, and pleasant voices. One small oasis of perfection in a turbulent and troubled world. For it is only when we get many such tiny solved individual problems that we can hope to solve the bigger ones.

Too few women—honestly eager to do their part in great national crises, forget that those crises are caused and brought on by the inefficiency and ignorance and discontent of millions of apparently unimportant citizens who won't live the day for the day, and the hour for the hour, and make perfect those things they do control and so lift from the world just one more fraction of its age-old pain.

Sportlight

by GRANTLAND RICE

IT MUST be remembered, in your remaining prognostications and your selections that while American football is the greatest game ever invented when it comes to a mixture of spirit and skill, to condition, to player interest and to crowd excitement, it is still an unbalanced game in the way of just rewards.

The better team doesn't always win—not by 50 kilometers. I have talked this season with over 20 leading coaches about this phase of football, and they all agree. They admit that you can outplay another team badly—along the ground and through the air—and still lose the ball game.

I've located over 40 teams this season who have made more yards along the ground and through the air and have had the better kicking, and still have lost. When two good teams meet, the breaks almost always carry the winning story. Which means the flip of a coin.

This is no indictment of football, as a game. It is the turn that gives the underdog his chance against better football people. It is the factor that gives its thrills to big crowds, which have realized there are few setups.

First downs have become minor factors. On a recent Saturday 17 teams made more first downs and greater yardage—in many cases by decisive margins—and yet lost. It is something like an open golf championship with a vast roulette wheel spinning the answer.

But it is stupid to say always that "the better team won." It is often truer to say, "The lucky team won." And most coaches know this.

Calling the Turn

The forward pass came along in 1906. That was 34 years ago. Four years later, some 30 years ago, I happened to be with Hurry-up Yost of Michigan and Bill Hanna, one of the star football writers who was a veteran when Frank Hinkey was a freshman at Yale.

"This is a new game," Yost told us. "I've found at Michigan we can beat the second team by seven touchdowns on Tuesday, and fail to score on Wednesday. Passes and plays click one day. They don't the next. It's all different."

That was 30 years ago. But Yost saw what was coming—a better game for the player, a far better game for the crowd, but no longer a game for past performance nor for accepted form. Yost at that time saw ahead how many better football teams were going to be beaten by underdogs, by minor teams.

For Example, Minnesota

This season Minnesota stepped into one of the toughest schedules of the year. I'd say the toughest.

The Gophers barely scrambled by Washington, and I happen to know that both Jimmy Phelan and Washington thought they should have won—with 30 per cent of the breaks.

Ohio State had two easy chances to beat Minnesota and blew both, which is nothing to Buckeye credit. An intricate play called in the rain for a one-yard touchdown wasted one of them.

One point after touchdown for Northwestern would have tied Minnesota. Two points after touchdown would have won. The point after touchdown is the cheap concession from the rules committee to the crowd—not to the good of football.

In the Michigan game the Wolverines were all over the Gophers—something like 15 first downs to 5. Michigan that day was the better team on the field. But Minnesota won on a single play.

Yet, I still say Minnesota has turned in the best job of the year, barring nobody, when you look at the Gopher schedule. Yet, without the breaks, Minnesota could easily have lost at least three ball games. Maybe four.

"Minnesota this fall," a veteran Big Nine coach told me, "was like Iowa was last year. Iowa last year could easily have been beaten by Indiana, Minnesota, Purdue and Notre Dame, which Eddie Anderson knows. Notre Dame was in the same spot. Notre Dame on the day's play could easily have lost to both Army and Navy. When you play tough schedules, anything can happen."

"You've got to give Minnesota credit for taking the year's big gamble—a gamble that even Minnesota might easily have lost three ways. But it has still been the big job of 1940."

For One Game

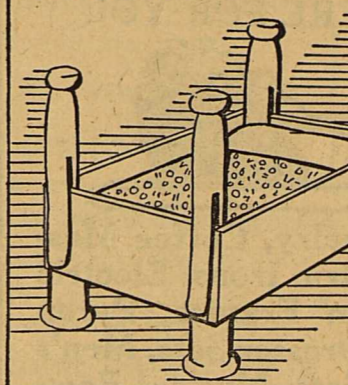
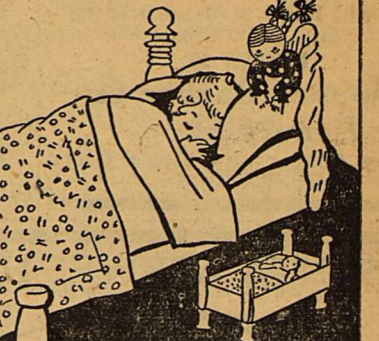
"The main angle in football," Elmer Layden of Notre Dame said, "is the mental attitude for one game. I know how Army and Navy shoot for us. I told you that you could throw out all other games. When you get set to win one game, no one can say what will happen. For example, blocking and tackling are about 80 per cent spirit for that one day.

"Don't figure that any unbeaten team rides safely. They definitely do not."

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Partly cook cereal in a double boiler the night before using and leave it on the back of the stove, being sure to cover well with water. It will be well cooked in the morning.

If a teaspoon of molasses or brown sugar is added to griddle cake batter, the cakes will brown more easily.

Wild rice expands about twice its bulk. Over-cooking will darken it as well as decrease the flavor. Wild rice combines nicely with creamed mushrooms, served plain or escalloped.

An ice cream carton makes an excellent mold for ice-box cookies. Press the mixture in firmly and put on the cover. Then, when wanted, just tear away the cardboard and you have a perfectly shaped cylinder all ready to be sliced.

There's a Good Reason You're Constipated!

When there's something wrong with you, the first rule is: get at the cause. If you are constipated, don't endure it first and "cure" it afterward. Find out what's giving you the trouble. Chances are it's simple if you eat the super-refined foods most people do: meat, white bread, potatoes. It's likely you don't get enough "bulk." And "bulk" doesn't mean a lot of food. It's a kind of food that isn't consumed in the body, but leaves a soft "bulky" mass in the intestines and helps a bowel movement. If this is your trouble, you should eat a natural "bulk" producing food—such as one as the crunchy, toasted, ready-to-eat cereal, Kellogg's All-Bran. Eat it often, drink plenty of water, and "Join the Regulars." All-Bran is made by Kellogg's in Battle Creek. If your condition is chronic, it is wise to consult a physician.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Hunter motored to Dalhart Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Stillwell, New Sharon, Iowa, visited with friends from Friday to Monday and left for Carlsbad, New Mexico for a trip through Carlsbad Caverns.
Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Farris, Eudora and Eugene Farris, were visitors in Dumas Sunday.
Mrs. R. E. Minnis was a Dalhart visitor Monday.
Mesdames Leslie Parker, Louie Green, Leo Smith, W. N. Price and W. F. Wiginton were in Amarillo Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Hunter were business visitors in Amarillo Wednesday.
Mrs. Ellis Williams has accepted a position as clerk with Ross Bros. Dry Goods.

Walter Wilson and Guy Board, Boise City, were here on business Monday.
Stanley Ullom spent the week end with relatives in Dumas.
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wherry attended the football game in Amarillo last Thursday.
Mrs. Bessie Lee attended the welfare case workers meeting in Amarillo Saturday.
Mrs. V. M. Lee and J. R. Pendleton spent the week end with relatives in Lubbock.
Arthur Milton is spending the week in Channing and Spearman preparing an inventory of the Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber yards in those cities.
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Benson, Texhoma, visited friends here Monday.
Bill Bergner, Texhoma, transacted business here Monday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. Condy Donelson spent the week end with her parents at Texaco, New Mexico.

Embroidery Club Meets With Mrs. Shirk
The Embroidery club met with Mrs. Earl Shirk November 14 for the annual Thanksgiving dinner.
A lovely turkey dinner was served at one o'clock to the following: Mesdames Arnold, Batterson, Butler, Cook, Calvird, Dortch, Flores, Green, Garrison, Hunter, Allen, Kelley, Robinson, Massie, O'Brien, Curran, O'Brien, Price, Pendleton, Shirk, Smith, Taylor, Buckles, and Ullom.
An election of officers was held. Mrs. Ozell Robinson was elected President; Mrs. Inzalee Buckles, Vice President; Mrs. Bernice Dortch, Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. Clea Garrison, Press Reporter; Mrs. Darline Smith, Assistant Press Reporter.
The next meeting December 12 will be with Mrs. Massie at 2:30 P. M.

Chairman of the provisional Dirt Farmers Congress is now its first President. He will continue to be the only full-time executive with headquarters established at Austin. The President is elected by and directly responsible to the Board of Directors; and is to be re-elected annually following the Annual Dirt Farmers Congress in February, by the Board.

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The tour for achievement day was discussed and we hope many from our club will go.
We decided to have a Christmas party December 14 at the home of Mrs. Harold Bennett told how pie to entertain our husbands with a dinner.
Those enjoying lovely refreshments were Mesdames Kenneth Borth, Summeror, Roscoe Dyess, Sekki Lavake, Warner Williams, Raymond Keener, Shuler Donelson and the hostess, Mrs. Harold Bennett.
The next meeting will be December 13 with Mrs. Ernest Cummings.

Priscilla Club Meets With Mrs. Blanks
The Priscilla Club met October 21 in the home of Mrs. Frank Blanks. The afternoon was spent embroidering and piecing on quilt blocks.
Mrs. B. B. Eubank was honored with a pink and blue shower. Refreshments were served to the following members: Mesdames Sidney Park, O. Watkins, J. B. Craig, Bettie Wells, Wayne Williams, Luther Browder, Roy Browder, C. F. Moon and the hostess, Mrs. F. Blanks. The next meeting will be December 5 with Mrs. Luther Browder.

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Lone Star Club Has Achievement Day
"I have completed my goals," Mrs. Sherman Holt, living-room demonstrator, told members of the Lone Star Home Demonstration Club which met in her home October 20.
Mrs. Holt has papered her living room, dining room, and one bed room, refinished her wood work, built some book and flower shelves and made numerous other marked improvements.
Each member answered roll call with some accomplishment they had made this year. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Sam Cluck, President; Mrs. Frank Blanks, Vice President; Mrs. C. F. Moon, Secretary-Treasurer.
After a short recreation period delicious refreshments were served.
The next meeting will be December 3 with Mrs. Frank Blanks.

KERRICK NEWS
Miss Annie Schrier, daughter of Mrs. Phillip Schrier, and Harley Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Adams, of Hart, Texas, were married Monday, November 25, at 2 o'clock at Clovis, New Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moulton accompanied them. Mr. Adams and Mrs. Moulton are brother and sister. From Clovis they went to Carlsbad Caverns on a wedding trip.
Mr. Adams has been employed at the Perkins ranch for several months.

Funeral services for Walker Durr, who died here Thursday, were held in Boise City, Okla., at the Methodist Church Friday afternoon.
Mr. Durr, who was 80 year of age, settled in the Felt Community about 30 years ago. He was living with his son, Charles, at the time of his death. Mr. Durr is survived by six children, a daughter, Mrs. Newton Crabtree, and a son, Charles Durr, live in this community.
Several from here attended the funeral.

The 4-H club girls entertained with a Christmas party at the school house Saturday night. Games and contests were enjoyed until a late hour when refreshments were served to the following visitors and members: Misses Mabel Murdock, Paulgean Wadley, Dorothy Johnson, Dorothy Moulton, Mary Taylor, and Stanley, Lyall Jr., and Burt Murdock, Lee and Dwain Johnson, John and Clayton Moulton and Charles Fulton of Dumas.
Mrs. Ida Luthier and Ruth Adee of Boise City spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Luthier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Dunlap.
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Crabtree and family were visitors in Amarillo Saturday.
Richard Williamson, who is in training in Amarillo, was home for Thanksgiving. He is to resume his teaching here in about two weeks.
Mr. and Mrs. Harley Fulton and family were visiting friends here Sunday. Charles, who had been visiting here several days with Lee Johnson, Jr., returned home with them.
Orvel McDaniel carried his daughter, Ina, and Miss Winnie Ruth Taylor to Amarillo, where they are attending Beauty school, after they had spent the Thanksgiving holidays at home.

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Directors Of Dirt Farmers Congress Meet In Austin
The Board of Directors and the Advisory Board of the Dirt Farmers Congress met in the House of Representatives in Austin, November 27.
The Directors were formally organized. The meeting was devoted primarily to discussion of the final adoption of a Constitution and By-laws.
In drafting this broad constitution, providing for a federation of farm and ranch organizations in the Congress, the Directors deviated from customary organization procedure of providing for officials. They provide that the Board of Directors should be composed of one official from each affiliated organization, and should be the Executive Agency of the Congress with a President of the Congress to be chosen outside the Board. Bailey B. Ragsdale of Crockett, now in Austin, who has been serving as

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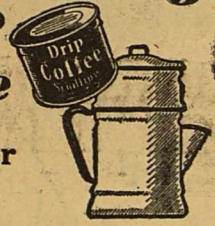
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Training Union 6:00 P. M.
Evening worship 7:00 P. M. subject: "There is no Difference."
Come and enjoy the Blessings of God with us.

Church Of Christ

Bible Study 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
Communion 11:45 A. M.
Young Peoples classes 6:45 P. M.
Evening Worship 7:30 P. M.
Song drill Thursday evening at 7:30.
All services will be conducted in the home of E. R. Figg.
The public is invited to any and all services.

Methodist Church

(J. B. Thompson, Pastor)
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
subject: "Gifts That Money Cannot Buy."
Epworth League 6:00 P. M. for High School Young People.
Evening Service 7:00 P. M.

Christian Church

(L. B. Chaffin, Minister)
Bible School 10:00 A. M., J. R. Pendleton Superintendent.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
Junior Endeavor 6:00 P. M., Mrs. C. R. Bomer Sponsor.
Intermediate Endeavor 8:00 P. M., Mrs. S. J. Calvird sponsor.
Senior Endeavor 6:15 P. M., R. C. Buckles Sponsor.
Evening Worship 7:00 P. M.
Choir practice Wednesday 7:00 P. M., Mrs. Frank Judd Leader.
Booster Choir Thursday 4:00 P. M. at the parsonage.

FARM, RANCH AND HOME FACTS

By ERNEST GOULE (County Agricultural Agent) And Miss MABEL MARTIN (County Demonstration Agent)

Now Is The Time For The Housewife To:

Think of baking oatmeal and other cookies for Christmas. Can up some of that fall-butchered meat, and cull your flock of hens for the canner.

See that plenty of sandwich spreads are made at the butchering and canning time so that the children will have well balanced school lunches.

Take a rest after the fall house cleaning.

Plant bulbs for next year's flowering.

Have your husband nail up the cracks in the barns and hen houses.

Introducing Smoked Turkey

People who have never eaten smoked turkey have a treat in store for them. And while smoking a turkey requires more time than just roasting one, the finished product pays big dividends, according to George P. McCarthy, poultry husbandman for the A. & M. College Extension Service and Nora Ellen Elliott, extension specialist in food preparation.

Curing the turkey is the first step. Prepare the turkey for roasting, removing the tendons from the legs, and cool the bird over night.

Make a brine solution containing six pounds of salt, three pounds of sugar, three ounces of salt peter, and four and one-half gallons of water. This mixture is sufficient to cover two turkeys packed in an 8-gallon crock. Should you desire to cure more than two turkeys make sufficient brine to cover all of them. Be sure to use an earthenware crock. The size will be determined by the number of turkeys to be cured. Submerge the birds and weight them down to see that all parts are covered by the mixture. Then place in a cooling vault with a temperature of 34 to 38 degrees F. for two weeks.

At the end of the first week, stir the mixture and change the positions of the turkeys. At the end of the second week remove turkeys from brine, wash in tap water, and place back in the cooling vault for 24 hours.

The turkeys are then ready to be smoked. Hang them in a cloth sack made of thin cheese cloth or similar material and smoke for 8 to 12 hours or until a good nut-brown color is obtained. Good woods for smoking are hickory, oak, and pecan. Other good materials are clean corn cobs or any of the hard woods. Be sure to avoid resinous woods such as pine McCarthy warns.

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Methodist Conference Makes Appointments

Rev. J. B. Thompson, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. A. L. King, Mrs. Joe Doby, Ernestine Thompson and Charles Thompson attended sessions of the Northwest Texas Methodist Conference in Pampa. Attendance from over the territory of the conference was unusually good and much interest was shown in the business and worship sessions of the conference. Eight young ministers were inducted into the conference membership and assigned to pastorates. Among these was Rev. Charles Gates, son of Rev. Phil H. Gates, pastor at Dumas, who was assigned to the church at Kellerville in the Clarendon District.

Rev. W. A. Hitchcock, a former pastor of the Stratford church, was assigned to Hale Center in the Plainview District. Rev. C. E. Fike, was again placed on the active roll of the conference and re-assigned to Denver City in the Lubbock District, an old field town where he worked last year to build up a strong church. Rev. P. E. Yarborough, another former Stratford pastor was moved from Perryton to Tulla. Rev. John E. Eldridge, former Stratford pastor and also former presiding Elder of the Perryton District, was assigned to Central Church, Dalhart.

The appointments for the Perryton District are as follows: District Superintendent, Thomas S. Barcus; Cooke, E. B. Thompson; Borger, Harold G. Scroggins from Central Church, Dalhart; Channing and Hartley, M. R. Pike; Dalhart, Central Church, John E. Eldridge from Borger; Dalhart, Pine Street, R. H. Campbell; Darrouzett, F. M. Simpson; Dumas, Phil H. Gates; Follett, C. R. Lemond from Texline; Gruver, W. A. Cox; Perryton, W. E. Fisher from Paducah; Phillips, S. Y. Allgood from East Oklahoma Conference; Sanford, S. A. Hartley; Spearman, W. B. Hicks from Crowell; Stinnett, Carl D. Morehead from Colorado Conference; Stratford, J. B. Thompson; Sunray, O. C. Coppage from Shamrock Circuit; Texhoma, A. F. Click; Texline, S. J. Manning from Pollett.

CCC Ceases To Be A Relief Agency

The CCC has ceased being an agency for relief. Now the main eligibility qualifications are good character, desire for employment, willingness to learn, ages 17 to 23 1-2 years inclusive.

Changes have been announced regarding the pay of all members of the CCC. Beginning January 1 the amount sent home monthly will be reduced from \$22 to \$15. The \$7 will be placed aside for the boy, to be given him upon discharge. Eight dollars will be paid to him in cash at camp, as heretofore.

Training is being intensified in building, operations, and repairing bridges, roads, and telephone lines so that youths may become competent repairmen and fit into the general defense program.

Healthful outdoor work and good food is reflected in the physical improvement of members of the Corps. The average gain in weight is ten pounds within the first two months. With doctors and dentists available in all camps every boy is assured of first class attention. When serious illness develop he is sent to one of the Army Hospitals for treatment and care. Operations may be performed only with the consent of parents or guardians. Alertness and health go hand in hand and the CCC has an outstanding record of returning boys to their homes better citizens who are confident and able to cope with problems that must be solved in every day life. Applicants for enrollment in January should be made at once with your County Welfare Worker.

CHANGE RESIDENCES

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Billington moved to their new home this week that they recently purchased from J. T. Weatherly. Mr. and Mrs. Weatherly moved to the Earl Albert residence property. Mr. and Mrs. R. Roberson moved to the house vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Billington.

SANTA FE CARLOADINGS DROPS 279 CARS FOR WEEK

The Santa Fe Railway system carloadings for the week ending November 23, 1940, were 19,301 compared with 19,580 for the same week in 1939. Received from connections were 7,210 compared with 5,487 for the same week in 1939. The total cars moved were 26,511 compared with 25,067 for the same week in 1939. The Santa Fe handled a total of 26,863 cars during the week.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF SHERMAN) TO THOSE INDEBTED TO, OR HOLDING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF H. C. KING, deceased:

The undersigned having been duly appointed Executor of the Estate of H. C. King, deceased, late of Sherman County, Texas, by F. B. Mullins, Judge of the County Court of said County on the 18th day of November A. D. 1940, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement and those having claims against said estate to present them to him within the time prescribed by law at his residence at Stratford, Sherman County, Texas, where he receives his mail, this 18th day of November A. D. 1940. A. L. KING, Independent Executor of the Estate of H. C. King, Deceased. Nov. 21, 28; Dec. 5, 12.

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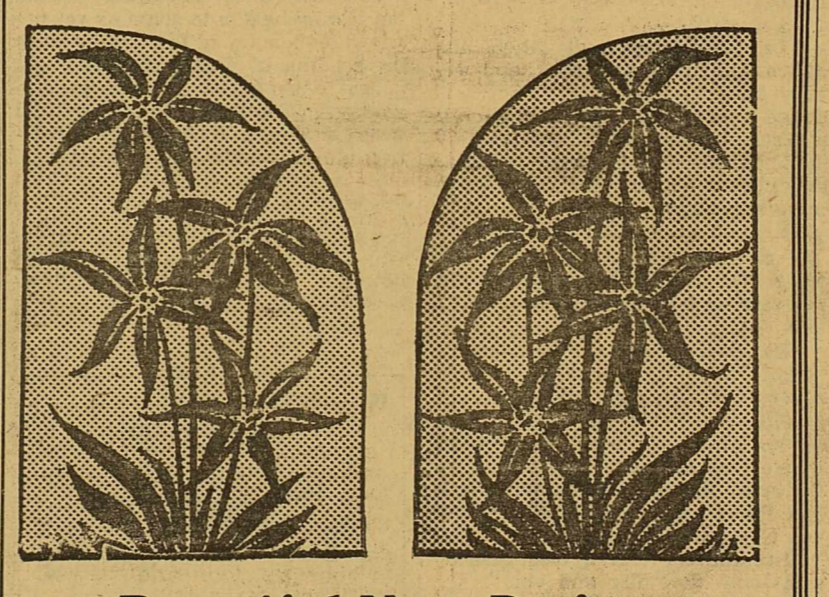
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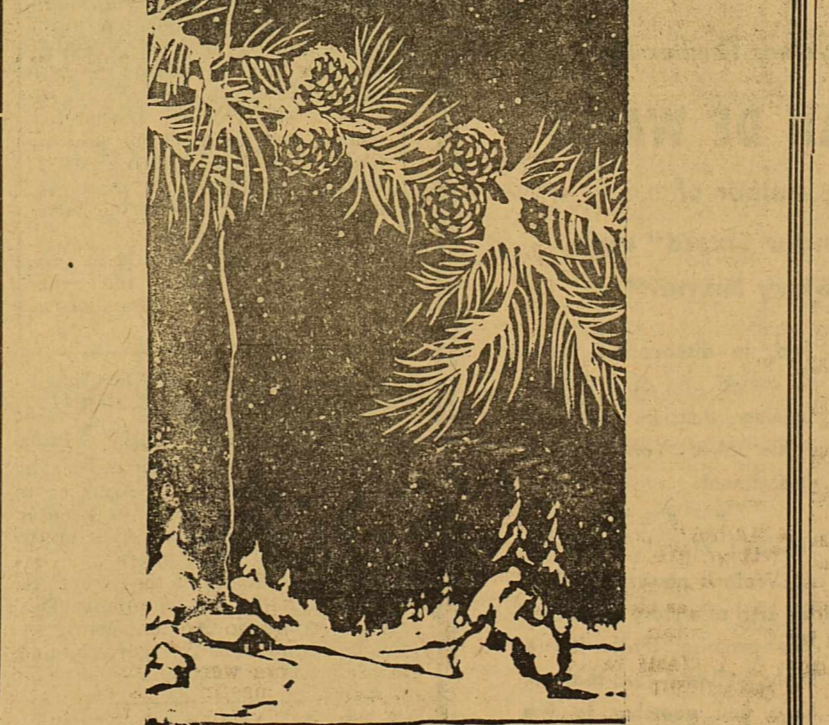
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BASKET BALL TEAM INSURANCE OFFERED

AUSTIN, Dec. 4.— It won't cost but 60 cents per man to insure your high school basketball squad, University of Texas Interscholastic League officials announced this week.

For the first time this year members of the League basketball tournament may obtain blanket policies to protect their teams, R. J. Kidd, League athletic director, said. Insurance must include all members of a squad under 20, or a minimum of 20 players for teams, over that number.

Modeled after the blanket insurance policies issued high school football teams this year, basketball policies will cover specified injuries, X-rays, fractures, dislocations, sprains and lacerations.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Notice of a public hearing on the budget of the Stratford Independent School District for the year 1940-41, will be held at the High School building, Monday, December 16, at 7:00 P. M.
H. T. JACKSON, President,
A. L. KING, Secretary,
Stratford Independent School District Board of Trustees.
Dec. 5-12.

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CHAPTER XIX

Bowie, leaping his horse into the jungle as he crouched in the saddle, knew he had one more pistol slug to face; and knew that only his knife was left him for a hand-to-hand fight. Yet such was his tradition and his training that, of all weapons available to him, the bowie knife would be his choice in a short arm struggle. He plunged into the jungle without quail and headed his horse through the thicket by the sounds of the struggling horse ahead.

Then came a silence as Bowie, with his shattered arm, pressed forward. A pistol shot from the squatter rang and echoed through the jungle. The slug whistled past Bowie's head. His only answer to it was a cry, a plainsman's cry. Blood spurted to the right, close to a huge sycamore. Bowie's horse was struggling up to its knees in mud and slime with every leap like to be its last. Suddenly there came a whirring, clashing sound ahead, and a terrible cry choked short.

Through the tangle of vines and branches before him Bowie caught a glimpse of a riderless horse, lying boggled. What did it mean? Slowing up, the Texan peered through the screen of leaves ahead. He worked his way closer to the giant sycamore, when his horse shied violently.

Half submerged, face downward in the marshy water, lying so close that Bowie's horse almost trampled it, he saw the sprawling figure of a man. Clutching his knife in his left hand, the Texan slipped from his saddle, plunged through the slime and, watching narrowly for a trick, lifted the man's head by the hair out of the ooze. As he took the head in his hands it turned, disjunct at the neck; the squatter was quite dead.

With one arm disabled, Bowie could do no more than partly drag the trunk of the body closer to the roots of the big tree. He stood for a moment in bewilderment and confusion, stunned by the gruesome sight. Almost at his side lay the squatter's pony, only its heaving flanks showing life.

The Texan stood hatless beside his panting horse, wiping beads of sweat from his forehead and trying to decide what to do.

The instinct to hurry away from the tragedy must be denied. If he left the body it would be virtually impossible to find it again, and it would almost certainly be mangled by coyotes before it could be recovered. Nor could Bowie, partly disabled, get it on his horse—the squatter was a large man—to carry it out of the swamp. Nor had he a pistol in hand to load for a shot.

But he had still a stentorian voice. He knew Pardaloe and Simmie would trail him to the Meleña. He sent out a slow high cry and listened. No response greeted his ear. After a long wait, for even breath was precious in his predicament, he tried a second call and sat down to figure out what had befallen Blood. Soon he heard in the distance a pistol shot. He knew it was a signal. Again he gave the plainsman's shrill plaintive cry, and there came at last an answering call.

It was frontier wireless long before the day of wires. Patience and calling and answering brought Pardaloe and Simmie, swearing their way into the heart of the Meleña to where Bowie stood leaning with his left hand on the sycamore tree.

"Henry, you been hit! Where? Dog it, man, you've lost aplenty blood. Set down. Where's Blood, Henry?"

Pardaloe was concerned. His questions came fast. Bowie pointed to the fallen squatter. Simmie pulled at his beard reflectively—the only sign he ever gave of excitement. Pardaloe stared a moment, pulled the body around, but he saw no blood.

"Henry," he asked, peering, "where'd you hit him?"

"I had no pistol. We were going fast. I was within ten yards of him when we got here. He jumped his horse past the tree without seeing this pool. The horse went down." Bowie pointed upward. "See that old grapevine hanging across from the trunk to the branch? That's what did it."

Late that morning Carmen, after searching the horizon since day-break with straining eyes, perceived a little party of horsemen riding slowly toward the ranch house.

Most of all she searched among them for the caballero to whom she had given her life in promise. Her acute agony of suspense ended when she made out his broad hat and tall figure in the saddle.

Carmen had promised herself she would be very collected when he returned. All night and all the morning her prayers had been poured up to heaven for his safety, and with her prayers answered and her lover, out of the saddle, clasping her close, everything went black before her. She disgraced herself by fainting in Bowie's one good arm.

"I saw the flames in the night along the river," she sobbed when she came to. "Oh, Henry, if you ever ride into danger again, I ride with you. I must. Never again can I stand such a night. What's this?" she exclaimed, catching sight of the

blood-soaked bandage on Bowie's right arm. "You are hurt! You are wounded! Madre de Dios! You will die!"

Bowie laughed as he held her. "I will, but not yet, querida. Not yet." Despite his assurances, she was atremble. "Come into the house, quick, querido. You do not know how bad you are hurt. Come."

As the couple entered the living room the excitement began all over again. The next moment the senorita and the senora, breathless with fear, had the serving women running, hot water splashing, sheets torn up and enough bandages ready to equip a small hospital. The rough bandages were soaked off. Carmen calmed herself until she saw the ragged wound of the slug in the arm as it was bared. Whereupon, without even apologizing, the excited girl fainted again.

When Dr. Doane took charge he, too, laughed at Carmen's fears. "All



In your honor and mine—

that I wonder at," he said insincerely, "is that you would send for me to attend to a little thing like this. Bowie, my boy, you'll be succeeding in your quest." He successfully concealed his anxiety lest Bowie should suffer a stiff forearm from the shattered bone.

Carmen's confidence in Dr. Doane was very great, but her solicitude for Bowie was unabashed. She tried, for the most part unsuccessfully, to keep the Texan in bed; and failing this, to keep him in the house. "Cease protesting," she would say decisively. "This is my hour, Enrique. I have been waiting for it. God sent me once a protector; it was no credit to you, big man, that he chose you—"

"No credit to me, pobrecita, but it is the only thing in my life that I count."

"He sent me a protector—why shouldn't I persecute him? Why shouldn't I persecute him?"

"You're too young to be cruel," he retorted.

"I don't care! He's mine. I've had too many tragedies in my life not to value a protector. Had only you been there that dreadful day at Los Alamos!"

"Querida! My right arm is getting quite strong again. But Dr. Doane says it must be exercised regularly so it won't be stiff. How about exercising it a little now?"

"My darling, you must take no chances! You might strain it, you know."

"Tomorrow then?"

"Perhaps tomorrow if you behave yourself. Do you realize, bad Texan, how I've already cast to the winds the rigid etiquette of centuries? I'm sure if Don Ramon knew how bad I've been—and all through associating with you—he would disown me. You ought to be ashamed of yourself to impose so on the weakness of a poor girl like me. And I don't believe you are a bit ashamed. What sort of people live in Texas? And you did say something, if I remember rightly, about marrying me—not?"

"If I have so imposed on your lovely nature, querida, I want, of course, to make amends."

Then Carmen spoke, "In the morning, Henry, I want you to take me down to the valley of the strawberries. Will you? I want to go to that redwood tree where we sat. Do you think you could find it? There were two close together."

"I would find it, Carmen, if there were two thousand close together."

"Leave the horses here, Henry. I want to walk the rest of the way up the hill just with you."

"This is the tree, Carmen. Tell me now, from your beating heart, what you told me that day, my Carmen."

"And tomorrow, Henry," said Carmen a week before the wedding day, "we must go to Monterey to engage the musicians. I want a violin and a flute and a guitar. They will ride with us in the procession to the mission and play on the way—won't that be nice? And Henry, we will take the horses from Don Ramon's caballeros of blacks—they are such beauties. You and I will ride together, then Don Ramon and Dona Maria, then the music, and then everybody else!"

"How many?"

"Oh, a hundred or so."

"My! Carmen, this business of getting married in California seems to be important."

"Important, Henry?"

"Why, for a week now, every servant, every vaquero, everyone in the household, has been getting ready for our marriage."

"Ah! But, Enrique, it's not all for you and me that the fattings have been killed, the game brought in. Not all the champagne, the wines, the cordials and the sweet potatoes and coconuts and Chinese ginger and Island sugar and the strong cigars have been brought in just for you and me. No, no, Guadalupe will be host to a hundred guests—every ranchero in the valley, with his wife and sons and daughters and his guests, will be here every day for a week. So will all the De la Guerras from Santa Barbara."

"A week?"

"Yes, and they will laugh and dance and sing and play and get very hungry, Enrique. They will dance every night and all night for a week, in your honor and mine."

"Then all our Monterey cousins and friends and our San Diego cousins and friends—"

"Heaven protect us, pobrecita!"

"You may well say that. I hope we shall have a little time to ourselves after two or three days—don't look for it before that."

"But where will all these people sleep?"

"Oh, nobody sleeps while the celebration lasts! Only perhaps an hour or so after sunrise. They sleep where they can. Then in the morning come the meriendas—like yours and mine," she whispered. "Don't you remember?"

"I remember nothing else, querida—only that day and you."

[THE END]

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HIDDEN WAYS

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LOSS BY FIRES GREAT ON FARMS

Fires Are Preventable, Experts Assert.

By PROF. J. B. RODGERS

(Agricultural Engineering Department, University of Idaho.)

Loss from rural fires averages \$400 every minute of the day, a loss the village home owner or farmer might reduce by his own efforts.

The farmer in particular, he points out, must be his own building inspector, zoning officer and in an emergency his own fireman and fire chief. If he does a good job in each case, he can do much toward reducing an annual rural fire loss of about \$225,000,000.

When possible, farm buildings should be in line at right angles to prevailing winds. With this arrangement there is less danger of sparks being carried from one building to another. Roofs of major buildings should be of fire resistant material. Chimneys may be cleaned of soot using a few bricks or rocks in a sack at the end of a long rope. Furnaces, stoves, and stove pipes properly installed and inspected regularly reduce a common cause of fire.

A system of grounded conductors gives protection against lightning. Carelessness in handling lamps and lanterns, in disposing of ashes, in storing and handling gasoline and kerosene and in allowing rubbish to accumulate where it becomes a fire hazard accounts for many farm fires.

The U. S. Engineers report that many serious rural fires have been avoided because ladders were at hand and water or fire extinguishers were readily available. This is a safety measure that is always highly desirable.

Overcrowding Has Effect

On Poultry Cannibalism

While feather picking, cannibalism, and egg eating are in part the result of dietary deficiencies, overcrowding is important among the causes, according to H. W. Titus of the federal bureau of poultry nutrition. It has been found that feather picking is less likely to occur if the diet contains about 20 per cent of barley or oats.

"Cannibalism" is a term used by some poultrymen in referring to the habit sometimes developed by chickens of picking one another's toes, combs, vents, feathers, and other parts of the body. Used in this sense, the term also includes feather picking; it is however, more common to restrict its use to those cases where blood is drawn.

Cannibalism is of most frequent occurrence in overcrowded flocks, but it may be due to some as yet unknown deficiency of the diet because the feeding of oats and barley appears to be of some value in prevention. The use of ruby-colored window panes and ruby-colored electric lamps in the poultry house is often a simpler means of preventing cannibalism.

Egg eating is also likely to develop as a result of overcrowding; however, the tendency to eat eggs is markedly stimulated by a deficiency of calcium in the diet.

Worm-Free Chicks Safer From Colds

Danger of colds in the poultry flock will be lessened by keeping the birds free from worms. Colds and worms often run hand in hand, since worms lower body resistance.

Watch the droppings and examine the intestinal tract of birds dressed for eating. If worms are found, treat the flock with individual worm capsules. A number of satisfactory worm expellers are now available on the market.

After treatment, thoroughly cleanse and disinfect the poultry house. Remove and burn all droppings or scatter them in a far-away field. Also keep the birds confined for 36 hours.

Birds with colds should be protected against drafts and overcrowding, and fed a balanced ration.

Sale of Fruit, Vegetables Doubles in Twenty Years

Average per capita consumption of fruits and vegetables in America is at least two to three times greater than 20 years ago, and maybe six to ten times that of 40 years ago, according to officials of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea company. This greater domestic consumption is attributed to modern refrigeration and improved transportation.

Burn Out Stumps

Old stumps can be burned out with the use of saltpeter. First, put a hole two inches in diameter deep into the stump with a drill or hot iron. Drop two ounces of saltpeter into this hole and fill to the top with water. Plug up the hole entrance and leave until the liquid has been absorbed into the wood. Then fill the hole with paraffin or fuel oil and set on fire. If enough of the chemical has been used, the fire should burn until the stump is consumed.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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

Lesson for December 8

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A GOOD NEIGHBOR

LESSON TEXT—Luke 10:25-37. GOLDEN TEXT—Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.—Luke 10:27.

What shall I do? These words fall from the lips or pass through the minds of millions of men and women each day.

Never does the question go more deeply than when it concerns man's eternal welfare, as it does in our lesson. Always the question indicates that man is not able to decide for himself, and needs the guidance of someone greater and wiser than he. It should lead us back to God, for only He can fully answer it. The good neighbor story of our Lord tells us

I. What to Do to Have Eternal Life (vv. 25-28).

The lawyer (a student of the law of Moses and hence a theologian rather than an attorney) was posing a question to try to entrap Jesus. He was apparently not much concerned about eternal life and assumed that it could be obtained by doing something. We know that eternal life is a gift (John 1:12; Rom. 6:23), but if the man wanted to have it by doing, Jesus was ready to meet him. In response to Jesus' question (v. 26) the lawyer gave Him what the Jews regarded as the summary of the whole law.

The man who can perfectly keep that law will have eternal life, declares Jesus. But note that you must do it, not just talk about it. And you must keep the whole law, "for whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is become guilty of all" (James 2:10, R. V.; see also Gal. 3:10). We see then

II. Why It Cannot Be Done by Man (v. 29).

The lawyer's effort to justify himself by diverting attention to the word "neighbor," which he felt needed definition, showed that he could not do the thing expected of him. The reason for man's failure lies primarily in his own weakness and inability to do what God requires, but is also revealed in his pitiable and futile efforts to justify himself.

The one who seeing his sinfulness and his utter inability to keep God's law casts himself on the Lord and is ready to receive the gift of eternal life; but the one who tries to defend his position and justify himself has shut the door on God's grace and mercy (see Luke 18:9-14). Let us see

III. How Christ Does It for and in Man (vv. 30-37).

The parable of the Good Samaritan answers fully and finally the question, "Who is my neighbor?" by making it clear that anyone who is in need, regardless of race, social position, condition or religion, is our neighbor. The priest and the Levite doubtless had plenty of excuses for not helping the wounded man, but let us remember that excuses, while they may count with men, mean only our condemnation in the presence of God.

It was the spirit of Christ that made the Samaritan show a compassionate and sacrificial interest in the needy man. Only Christ can make you and me like that; His love in the heart is the only "good neighbor program" that will ever work.

But Christ not only enables man to be a good neighbor, He is in fact the true Good Neighbor Himself; He is the Good Samaritan. "Jerusalem is the city of God; Jericho represents the world. The traveler is the man of humanity. Man has fallen in the awful road which leads down; fallen among thieves and is naked, wounded, helpless and hopeless. The failure of the priest and the scribe to help illustrates the inability of the law and the ordinances to save man out of his deplorable condition. The Good Samaritan is the Lord Jesus Christ. He came to the place where the lost are and He alone could have compassion on them. The wine typifies His precious blood He shed to save us. The oil is the type of the Holy Spirit, who applies the blood. He takes care of fallen man found by Christ. The inn is typical of the church, where the Lord through His spirit cares for His own. The two pence are not typical of two sacraments, but speak of the reward which those receive who under the Holy Spirit care for souls. The promised coming again with a greater reward offered is the second coming of our Lord" (A. C. Gaebelin).

Two truths stand out in our lesson. There is such a thing as being a good neighbor by the grace and blessing of God, and if we are followers of Christ we should be real neighbors. Then there is the One who is Himself our Friend and Brother, the One of whom we sing: "He washed the bleeding sin wounds And poured in oil and wine; He whispered to assure me, 'I've found thee, thou art Mine.'" —(A. J. Gordon)

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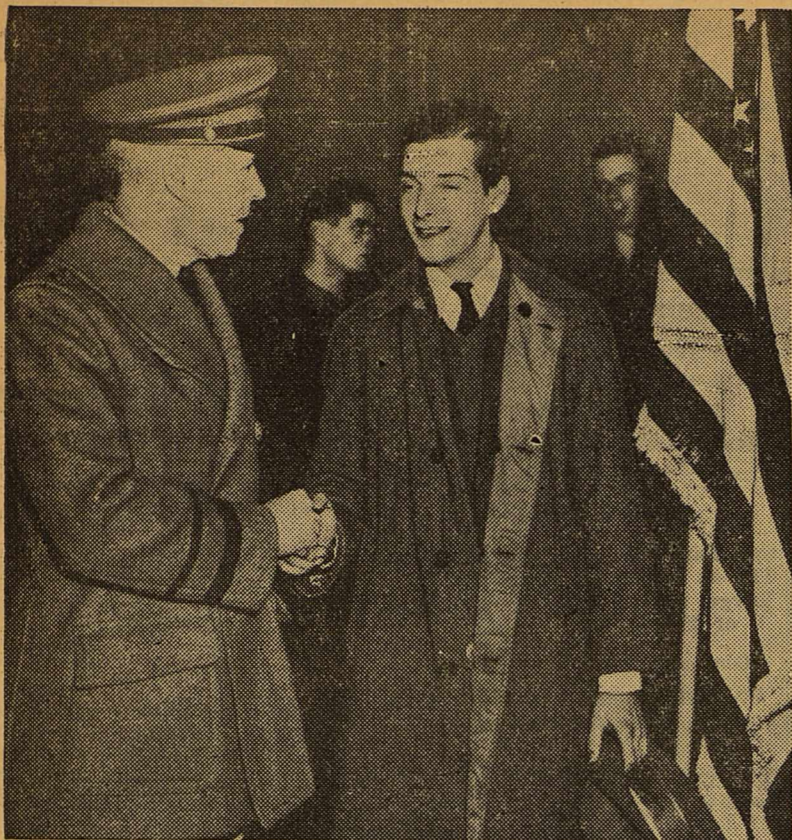
May Warn of Disordered Kidney Action

Modern life with its hurry and worry, irregular habits, improper eating and drinking—its risk of exposure and infection—throws heavy strain on the work of the kidneys. They are apt to become over-taxed and fail to filter excess acid and other impurities from the life-giving blood.

You may suffer nagging backache, headache, dizziness, getting up nights, leg pains, swelling—feet constantly tired, nervous, all worn out. Other signs of kidney or bladder disorder are sometimes burning, scanty or too frequent urination.

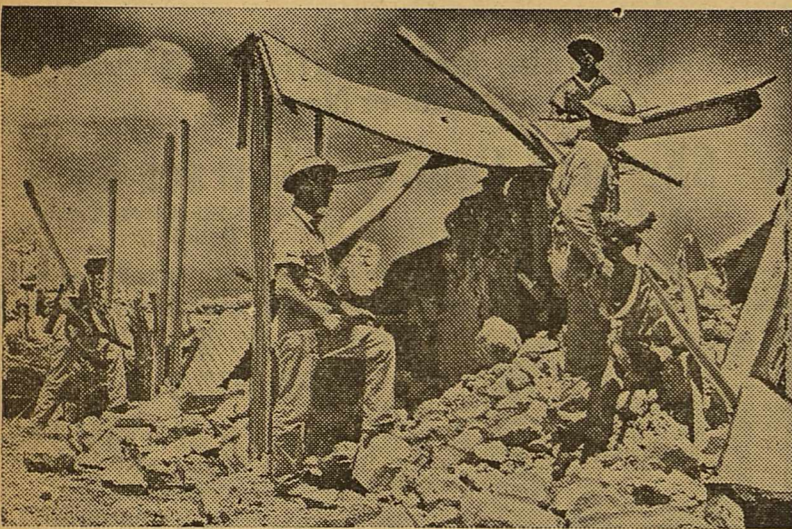
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John E. Lawton, 21-year-old Everett, Mass., plumber's helper, shaking hands with Maj. Gen. James A. Woodruff, at the army in Boston, after winning the signal honor of being the first man in the U. S. to be accepted for the army under the selective service program of 1940. He passed the stern physical examination with flying colors.

Desert Fort Now in British Hands

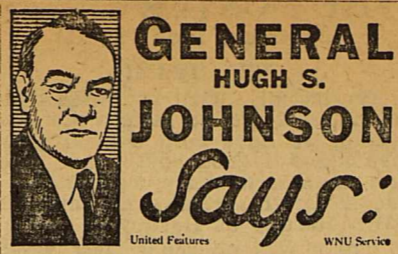


Somewhere in Africa . . . These British soldiers are shown occupying the ruined Italian fort which was captured by the western forces of Great Britain while fighting Mussolini's army in Africa. A fierce shelling reduced the fort to so much rubble. This official photograph was approved by the British censors.

Here From Orient



More than 200 American evacuees from the Orient arrived in San Francisco on the "President Pierce." These youngsters from Hong Kong and Shanghai were aboard.



Washington, D. C.

GENERAL HUGH S. JOHNSON Says:

CURRENT TRADE PICTURE As all current trade statistics show, due largely to the defense program, the gigantic American economic system is swinging into an upward surge of consumption, production and employment. As those statistics do not show, we ain't seen nothin' yet. Neither the mere appropriation of federal money, nor even the letting of contracts, produces these results. They come from the actual out-pouring of money in payment by the government for goods delivered, or by contractors in preparing to produce those goods. This process has scarcely started. Yet it has already resulted in a vast re-employment, not merely in the war industries, but in all industries to which the increased payrolls trickle down to supply all those human wants so long deferred.

As this column has tried to show from studies of our experience in the World war and the experience in other countries, this is a snowball-rolling-downhill process. We have started it. There are ways—not of stopping it—but of regulating and controlling it. If it isn't regulated and controlled it could create complete and explosive disaster.

Let's skip that for a moment. The point to make just now is that, judging from results of meager spending to date, by next summer, American business—all of it—will be running at the highest rate it has ever known. Beyond that, and depending on the course of war, which no man can foresee, the sky is the limit. So what?

Let me quote from a UP dispatch, a recent colloquy between Robert Garner, a banker, and Rex Tugwell, the administration "spend" enthusiast, who was dropped into a fox-hole until after election, and who now emerges unabashed.

"Garner—If the administration knows how to create employment, why hasn't it done so in the past eight years?"

"Tugwell—It always required from 12 to 15 billion dollars of government spending a year to do the job, not two or three billions."

"Interruption by Thurman Arnold—Do you mean that, from an economic point of view, it's a grand war?"

"Tugwell—Yes, if we don't get into it."

In other words, this necessary but hectic war extravagance was our only way out. It was Hitler's way out—absorb his unemployed by the forced draft of vast industrial re-employment, labor battalions and into the army, navy and air force. It worked to the point where it could work no longer without war—"export or die, conquer or die."

For a century it was truly said: "The principle business of Prussia is war." But modern war is no longer good business. It costs too much in capital investment to leave any room for revenue. It destroys too much of the conquest to make the game worth the candle.

A people prosper when their labors create production for their use and the instruments of greater production. War production is not for use but for destruction and for creating instruments of still more destruction. It may bring momentary industrial activity and employment, but that blows a bubble the very existence of which depends wholly on greater wars or the threat of them.

If peace came tomorrow and his industrial war bubble blew up in Hitler's face, the whole economy of Germany would collapse in greater unemployment, bankruptcy and desperation than her people have ever known. If, without proper wisdom in controls and regulation of our war effort, we gear up our industrial machine in complete dependence on the continuance of war, we shall be in exactly the same position.

PRICE AND PRODUCTION

At times I have discussed war inflation and its cures. Now I want to talk about a kindred subject upon which I have merely touched—taxation. It is the fashion now to say: "Pile on the taxes. What we need now is confiscatory taxes, especially on profits." For excess and profiteering gains, yes. But on ordinary profits, new investments for increasing production or on living costs, it would be a blunder amounting to a crime. Our authorities must see and act on this principle. It is the first and truest one in the book.

What we need is not merely more taxes, but more revenue and more production. Revenue is mostly a sum in multiplication—"total production, profits and sales multiplied by whatever percentage of taxes you assess on them."

Revenue at any given tax rate will surely rise as you increase production, profits and sales. It may not rise at all if you increase the percentage of taxes. It is more likely to fall and produce the worst evils of war—high prices and reduced production. For example, a 40 per cent tax on 80 billions of national production is 32 billions of revenue, but a 32 per cent tax on 100 billions produces the same amount. In between is no difference in revenue, a terrific difference of 20 billions in price production, consumption and employment.

Her Companionate Marriage

By EDWARD FARNHAM (Associated Newspapers.) WNU Service.

"MY DEAR, marriage is a lottery," said Aunt Prue. "That is why your Aunt Sue and I never married."

"Well, I prefer to take all the risks that are going," June told her great-aunt, who had raised her. And two days later she had married Stann Wiseman. Companionate marriage, as to whose meaning June was a little vague, was only a theory then. But as it was hanging around waiting to be set up in practice, her aunt's parting shot that Stann would no sooner get her than he would want some one else prompted her to ask him the day before the ceremony what he thought of companionate marriage. "Suits me right down to the ground," he said. "What about you?" And with a sob in her heart and a smile on her lips she had acquiesced. "But we'll keep it quiet," she had faltered. "Sure," he had agreed. "And for five years," he had added.

That was five years ago. And today her five-year lease of Stann was due to expire. It was the fifth anniversary of their wedding. Two days ago he had phoned her to pack his bag. He would run up for it—was rushing out of town for the firm—would be back the next night sure.

But he had not returned. As she watched little two-year-old Buster, the party of the third part to their strange marriage contract, she completed her preparations for departure.

Through the silent watches of the previous night she had decided that she would start for Aunt Prue's early this morning. Stann had slipped away; it was the kindest way of terminating their contract, he had doubtless thought.

She called a taxi. It was just striking eight when June and Buster rumbled over the rough road. As the driver pulled up at the curb June stifled a cry. For there—stepping out of a car ahead of them—was Stann in his stocking feet. He hopped across the puddles on the sidewalk to a boot and shoe shop and rattled the door vigorously. The store was not yet open.

An almost inarticulate order to the driver, and in fifteen minutes June was back home, moving listlessly about, collecting a few personal belongings preparatory to quitting the house forever. The phone rang. "Yes, Della," June answered.

"Say, June, Peg just rang up, says Molly phoned her that Marge Baker has Stann's boots at her house; left them behind him or something; didn't hear the particulars. Ha! Ha!"

A loud peal through the house. June hurried to the door. "The gentleman's boots," said the chauffeur of a smart limousine as he hurriedly handed them in and ran down the steps.

Stann's boots! She caught her breath as there fluttered from the toe a little slip of paper which Stann had placed there on their wedding night. June had been superstitious, and so he had worn an old pair of boots for luck. When he took them off that night he had scrawled on a scrap of paper, "Sacred to the memory of our wedding day," and laughingly stuck it in the toe. And each anniversary since Stann had worn the old boots for luck—just to please her.

She set the boots on the hall chair. So he had been at Marge Baker's. That was the Bakers' car. As she mechanically stuffed Buster's Teddy bear and dancing monkey into her bag the door opened and Stann rushed in, a long box under his arm. As he dropped it and came forward with outstretched arms to encircle June and Buster his eye caught sight of the boots, then June's face set, the open bags being made ready for departure. He flushed.

"Gosh! Where did these come from? A darn pretty mess these boots got me into this morning. Somebody on the train pinched them."

The ringing of the telephone interrupted him. "Yes, Mr. Baker," June answered. "My husband is just telling me about it now—" "Sorry," Mr. Baker said. "My daughter and I left the train at the junction. She rushed back for her umbrella. In the scramble to get off again she made a mistake in the berth and grabbed Mr. Wiseman's boots; thought I had left them behind me. Luckily the address was in the toe."

"Is that the old duffer who pinched my boots?" Stann casually asked June, as half laughing, half crying, she turned from the phone to be smothered in two dozen American Beauty roses swathed in white satin ribbon.

"But, Stann," she irrelevantly interrupted, "this is our fifth wedding anniversary; I thought it was to be companionate marriage—"

"So did I! And hasn't it been?" he asked as he tossed Buster the end of a ribbon and started the phonograph whose strains of "Here Comes the Bride," mingled with Buster's shrieks of baby laughter as he dragged the old boots behind him on a white satin ribbon, almost drowned Stann's voice as with a mock bow and a laugh he stepped under the portieres and said: "Waiting at the church—to renew my vows in the only companionate marriage I recognize—companionate until death do us part!"

Ask Me Another

A General Quiz

The Questions

- 1. What bird is referred to in William Cullen Bryant's poem that ends: "Robert of Lincoln, come back again, chee, chee, chee"?
2. What did the United States acquire by the Gadsden purchase?
3. Who was the youngest President ever inaugurated in the United States?
4. What history-making document was signed at Runnymede?
5. Where does most of the world's supply of quinine come from?
6. What bird is an emblem of immortality?
7. What is the greatest depth under water that has ever been reached by a diver?

The Answers

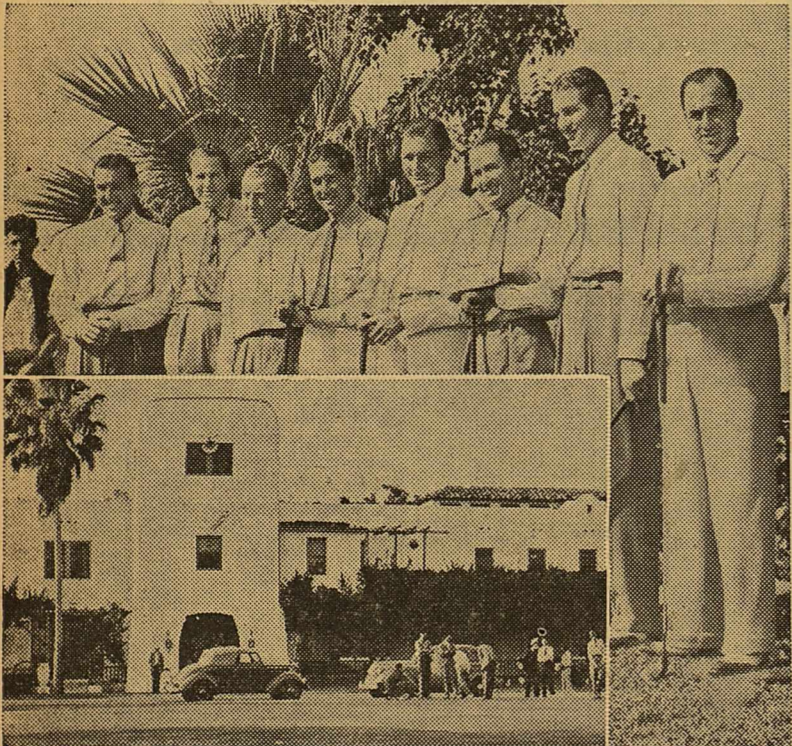
- 1. The bobolink.
2. Part of Arizona and New Mexico (south of the Gila river).
3. Theodore Roosevelt at 42.
4. Magna Charta.
5. Java.
6. The phoenix (mythological).
7. Dr. Wm. Beebe went down 3,028 feet in his bathysphere in 1934.

Escape Nazi Bomb



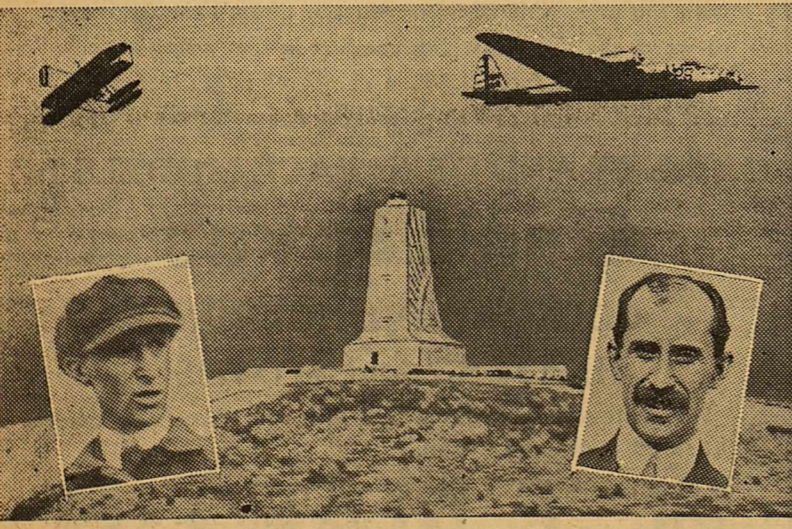
Mrs. Ann Haltrecht and her son, (shown on arrival in New York) who had narrow escape in their English home when a bomb pierced the cot in which the boy was sleeping, continued through the floor, and exploded in the basement.

Noted Golfers Compete for Crown



Many nationally famous golfers will compete in the seventeenth annual Miami \$10,000 Golf Open Tournament in Florida December 12-15. Chief contenders, shown above, are (L. to R.): Vic Ghezzi, Ralph Guldahl, Jimmy Hines, Dick Metz, Harold McSpaden, Paul Runyan, Horton Smith and Sammy Snead, the defending champion. Lower left: the spacious Miami Springs Country club, scene of the tournament.

Pan-American Aviation Day



President Roosevelt has proclaimed December 17 as Pan-American Aviation day in commemoration of the Wright brothers' first successful flight at Kitty Hawk, N. C., this day in 1903. The first Wright plane and a 30-ton Super-Boeing Flying Fortress are shown flying over Kitty Hawk memorial pylon. The Wright brothers, Wilbur and Orville, are pictured in the insets.

Farm Bureau



About 1,800,000 people are being represented at the 22nd annual convention of the American Farm Bureau federation, at Baltimore, which closes its session Dec. 12. E. A. O'Neal, president, is shown above.

Birthday Greetings!



Only a day separates the birth days of two very prominent men, although widely separated by years and miles. Dr. Francis E. Townsend will celebrate his seventy-fourth birthday on December 13. King George VI of England will celebrate his forty-fifth birthday on December 14. This is the second birthday which King George will celebrate under wartime conditions.

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THE DUSTER

(Continued from Page 1)

YEA, TEAM!

Basketball season is with us again, and we are glad. For one thing, we have both a good girls' team and a good boys' team; and for another we have a game scheduled for this Friday, December 6, with Hartley at Hartley.

There was no school last week, and as a result everyone is rather stiff and not so good as he was before, but we will soon get limbered up again and ready to go.

Practically all sports reports so far have been concerned with boys, football and basket ball; but our girls are clamoring for attention, and they really rate it. We have a real team; they claim they will win more games than the boys. If they do, it will be only because they are allowed to play more games. As you probably know, the boys are limited to twenty games while there is no restriction on the number the girls may play.

Watch next weeks report for returns on the Stratford-Hartley game.

DUST AND DIRT

S. O. S. — S. O. S. This is terrible, or is it? No school, no news!

This had been a blissful Thanksgiving holiday (s)—but, my dear friends, it won't be a blissful week next spring when we have to make it up. O, well, I guess old man weather knows his—weather, yes? School Monday was rather a day of idleness. Who could remember assignments given ten days ago—or were there any? So what was the use to study. The only trouble was fooling our "pros".

The senior pictures arrived Monday, also \$\$\$ due. I really hope our night watchman don't get suspicious (if you get what I mean).

The poor seniors, at the end of this year will be absolutely out of anything to use for money. Well, folks, when there's no news, there's just no news. So—

SO THEY SAY

Question: Do you approve of freshman initiation?

"I think we should because it is an old custom in our high school and it wouldn't be fair to deprive us of initiating new pupils into high school."—Marvin Patterson.

"I most certainly do think that the fish should be initiated good and proper. We got it that way, so why shouldn't they?"—Eugene Harrison.

"I think initiating the freshmen is O. K. if it is not carried too far, but I think it spoils all the fun if everyone carries the matter beyond the common sense limit."—Pat Haynes.

"Yes, I think the fish should be initiated because I got my part of the cloth worn off my pants and I would like to wear some off somebodys pants too."—Edward Brannan.

"Yes, I agree that we should initiate the fish because it is traditional. Everyone enjoys it (including the fish), and it is something to relieve the monotony of everyday school life."—Calvin Blewins.

SENIOR REPORT

The last assembly program was presented on Tuesday, November 19, by the senior class. The one-act play, "Battle of the Hardy Family", was very successful, considering the fact that there was little time to spend on it because of six weeks tests. Members of the cast were Joyce Ann Billington, Mary Grace Foreman, Gene Harrison, Ira Guthrie, and Jim McCarthy.

The committee appointed for the investigation of suggested gifts for the school is sadly in need of suggestions to investigate. If you have any ideas about a gift, please see Pat Haynes, Nettie Beth Everett, or Eugene Harrison.

JUNIOR REPORT

It gets rather monotonous to see the editor of the Duster coming down the hall straight for me every Monday at the same hour, and to hear her politely inquire, "Do you have your junior report ready?" For of course she already knows that we don't have one. Anyway, I guess it gets equally monotonous to the editor to hear me say, "No, I haven't, but I will try to get it in by 4:00 o'clock."

Then I hand in a half-pint sized report. Well, there just isn't anything to report except that we did have a class meeting this week and made an attempt to get assembly program planned for this week.

It seems that the reason so many scholars tired of classes this Monday was that they were groggy-headed from an overdose of sleep while the lights were out.

SOPHOMORE REPORT

The sophomore bureau of information continues with some interesting facts about sophomores.

Mary Jane Lasley
 Date of birth: April 8, 1927. Place of birth: Dalhart, Texas. Hair: Brown. Eyes: Hazel. Ambition: Hasn't any—yet. Hobby: Outdoor sports. Nickname: Skeeter.

Zola Faye Hodges
 Date of birth: July 20, 1926. Place of birth: Pueblo, Colorado. Hair: Light brown. Eyes: Blue. Ambition: To be an aviatrix. Hobby: None. Nickname: Trix.

Jewel Rita Cowdrey
 Date of birth: February 16, 1925. Place of birth: Taft, California. Hair: Dark brown. Eyes: Blue. Ambition: To be a beauty operator. Hobby: Basketball. Nickname: Boots.

Leon Pearl Pigg
 Date of birth: July 24, 1926. Place of birth: Weatherford, Okla. Hair: Dark brown. Eyes: Dark brown. Ambition: To be a secretary or radio singer. Hobby: Collecting songs, stamps, and pictures. Nickname: Piggie.

Gerald Lasley
 Date of birth: March 20, 1925. Place of birth: Texhoma, Okla. Hair: Brown. Eyes: Blue. Ambition: To be a wheat farmer. Hobby: Horse raising and training. Nickname: Girl.

Arthur Lee Ross
 Date of birth: May 15, 1925. Place of birth: Stratford. Hair: Brown. Eyes: Blue. Ambition: To be a cattleman. Hobby: Horse raising. Nickname: Art.

FRESHMAN REPORT

We are all glad to be back even though the holidays did spoil us. However we are settling down some now.

In activity period this morning we planned our class Christmas party. The members of the committee appointed to plan it are Wanda Jean Bryant, Billie Frank Trainham, Vendell Guthrie, Ira Lee Brannan, Elmer O'Quinn, and Virgil Rogers. We hope it will be a success.

SEVENTH GRADE REPORT

It won't be long till everyone will have fallen down in our grades. Those making the honor roll were Peggy Jean Wilson with an average of 93%, Dorothy Walsh with 91%, and June McDaniel with 90%.

It won't be long till everyone will be busy writing book reports since we have now secured our typed forms.

We have adopted a room mascot. She is a little kitten which we have named Eddie Cation. She is a little orphan and a great pet among us.

We really enjoyed our vacation last week but are ready to start to work again with new and higher hopes.

SECOND GRADE

We are all glad to be back in school after our extended vacation. Several of us went visiting for Thanksgiving.

Alvin Engelbrecht went to Kansas to visit his aunt. Gene Ross visited in Fort Worth. Jeanne Harrison spent the holidays in Texhoma with her grandmother. Stephen Wolfrum visited his grandfather in Goodnight, and Alton Blades went to Dalhart. Some of us stayed at home and had company visit us.

Twelve of us ate at the lunch room today, and every one thought the lunch was delicious.

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FIRST GRADE

We were made very happy to have so many do so well this month. They are all trying very hard. On our Distinguished List we have Wanda Marie Lemke with an average of 92 3/11. Darlene Palmer 93; Dorothy Nell Harding, 91 5/11; Georgia Lowe, 91 5/11. On our Honor Roll are Tommy Wakefield, Retah Cameron, Jimmy Arnold, Richard Williams, and Joe Cleveland.
 We are sorry to lose Wanda Marie Lemke, who moved to Amarillo.

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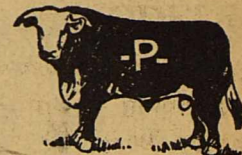
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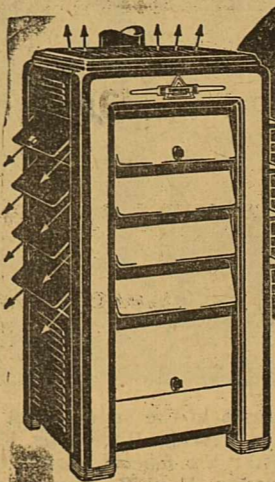
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