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Resettlement Administration

Texas farmers whose land has been actually sold under foreclosure proceedings have no way to redeem it under the Frazier-Lemke Act, upheld by the Supreme Court this week according to G. C. Allen, chairman of the Farm Debt Adjustment Committee of this county. News dispatches from Washington carried by the larger dailies stated that the decision would help farmers whose land has been foreclosed. The Debt Adjustment Committeeman stated that this is true in states where there is a period of redemption provided by the state laws, but that no such redemption period is provided in Texas. He urged farmers who were threatened with foreclosure to take prompt action as they must avail themselves of the moratorium privileges provided in the Frazier-Lemke Amendment before actual foreclosure has taken place.

Farmers interested were invited to get in touch with the county supervisor of the Resettlement Administration, or directly with the Farm Debt Adjustment committee, which is composed of volunteer, unpaid workers. This committee will endeavor to bring about an agreement between the debtor and the creditor, under which the debt will be adjusted and possibly refinanced. If a voluntary agreement cannot be reached, the Debt Adjustment committee will assist the farmer in placing his case with the Conciliation Commissioner. Such commissioners have been appointed in every county of the state that has as many as 500 farmers. The Conciliation Commissioner holds a hearing with the farmer and his creditors in further effort to bring about an agreement which will provide a composition of debts and a further extension of time. If this fails, the farmer is allowed to amend his petition and ask that he be left in possession of all or any part of his property, and that appraisers be appointed to fix a reasonable rental for the property left in his hands. This rental must be paid into the Conciliation Commissioner for the account of mortgage holders, and distributed according to priority of claim. The farmer is allowed to continue payment of this rental for a period of three years, at the end of which time an agreement must have been reached for final settlement. In the meanwhile, if the mortgage holder feels that his rights are not being protected, he has the right to ask that the property be sold immediately.

Hundreds of farms in the state are on the verge of being foreclosed because their owners do not understand that the Frazier-Lemke act gives them the privilege of a three-year moratorium, the committeeman asserted. The price of farm land has recently advanced and some creditors who formerly were willing to let matters rock along are now showing a tendency to seek possession, he said.

W. M. Allison

Last rites for W. M. Allison, well known farmer-stockman of the Silver community who died at his home Sunday, were held Monday afternoon and burial was made in the McKinzieville cemetery.

Born in Angelina county, Texas in 1858, Mr. Allison came to Coke county about 45 years ago and has made this his home since. He is survived by his second wife, three sons, Walter, Jim and Horace, and six daughters, Mrs. Susie Clepper, Mrs. Nettie Ellis, Mrs. Pearl Mathers, Mrs. Boyd Phelan, Mrs. Bessie Walker, and Mrs. Artie Walls.

Funeral services were conducted by N. C. Brown of Robert Lee, a long time friend of the deceased. Pallbearers were Sam Walker, Horace Bloodworth, F. A. Whitt, J. B. Walker, B. E. Mathers, and Felix Jameson.

W. K. Simpson funeral home was in charge.

Annie Ruth Blair

The body of Annie Ruth, 19-day old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blair, was brought here Sunday from New Mexico and buried in the Robert Lee cemetery. The baby died unexpectedly Saturday morning from what physicians thought to be a heart attack. It breathed only a few times after it was rushed to a hospital near the home.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. Lewis Stuckey of Bronte, were held Sunday afternoon at the Robert Lee Baptist church. Aubrey Blair and Calvin Sparks, brothers of the bereaved parents, bore the tiny casket and Mrs. Calvin Sparks and Misses Vera Mae Adams, Helen Newton and Winnie Escue carried flowers.

W. K. Simpson funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Blair from New Mexico were Calvin Sparks, Mrs. Annie Lee Stewart and Miss Viola Webb. Mrs. Blair is still suffering from burns she received in the fire which destroyed their household furnishings two weeks ago.

Coke County Singers

The Coke County Singing Convention will be held Sunday, April 11, at the Kickapoo Church just north of Bronte. There will be dinner on the ground and singing all day. Everyone is urged to come. If you can't sing you can help by listening.

Due to the Convention meeting the Robert Lee Singing class will not meet as usual on this second Sunday.

R. E. Jay, Pres.

This day and time it takes seven men for every government job - one to do the work and six to fill out the blanks.

Mrs. Earl Hester

Funeral service conducted by Rev. Earl Hoggard, were held here at the Methodist church Saturday afternoon for Mrs. Earl (Jockey) Hester and the body of the young woman was laid to rest in the Robert Lee cemetery.

Mrs. Hester died in a San Angelo hospital about noon Friday of complications following pneumonia. She is survived by her husband, two small children, Dortha Joan, three years of age, and Billie Earl, three months, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Childress, and two brothers, Earl and Burl.

Born in Hot Springs, Ark., Sept. 12, 1909, Willie Elizabeth Childress was married Sept. 9, 1933 to E. E. Hester. Though she never united with any church she professed religion at a Methodist revival when she was 16 years of age.

Pallbearers were Artell Roberts, Linzie McDorman, McNeil Wylie, Willis Smith, Lee Roberts and Otis Smith. Those who carried flowers were Misses Charlotte Oakes, Helen Johnson, Margaret Smith, Lauda Denman, Ellie Ditmore and Mrs. Cova Sparks.

First Places

First places taken in the Coke county meet at Bronte are as follows: Girls debate, Jane Taylor and Hilda McCutchen--high school declamation: James Smith, Jim Mack Taylor and Zelma Slaughter--ward school declamation: Memoir Graming and Maxine Slaughter--typing: Hilda McCutchen and Zada Patterson, first and second--extemporaneous speech: William Hawkins--high school spelling: William Hawkins and Beatrice Wojtek--intermediate spelling: Catherine Taylor and Billie Sue Brown tied for first.

Track events won--tennis singles, boys: Wilson Carwile--first place take-up by high school junior boys track team, ward school boys track team and high school girls playground ball.

Trustee Election

The election of school trustees for this district was a rather quiet affair this year. Only 35 votes were cast in Robert Lee. The Robert Lee board will have only one change, D. J. Walker being elected to fill the vacancy made when J. F. Hamilton moved residence to New Mexico. J. S. Craddock and Jim McCutchen were reelected. Other members are V. V. Wojtek, W. F. Fikes, Raymond Jay and Lem Cowley. Henry Williams, living in the southwest part of county, was elected county school board member.

New dresses

at
W. K. Simpson & Co.

Clean-up Week

The following committee has been appointed by Mayor R. C. Russell and City Health Officer, Dr. J. K. Griffith, to take charge of and direct the work in the clean-up week to begin Monday, April 19, and last all week. Committee in charge of all work west of Austin Avenue.

Mrs. J. S. Gardner, captain, Mesdames W. B. Clift, Chism Brown, W. M. Simpson Lamont Scott, Dr. J. K. Griffith.

Those in charge of all work east of Austin are:

Mrs. J. N. Buchanan, captain, Mesdames J. K. Griffith, Lela Craddock, Raymond Jay, T. T. Rabb, Mayor R. C. Russell.

The city will furnish trucks to move all trash, same to be piled in streets and alleys where trucks can drive up to it. Trucks will not get weeds or dirt.

The City Commission ask that every citizen cooperate with the clean-up campaign committee. Don't be the kind of neighbor who will make it necessary for your friends to call in and report that you have a dirty yard.

New Source of Revenue

Texas farmers are reaping a harvest selling bones at \$10 per ton and scrap iron at \$4 and \$5 per ton, according to a survey just completed by the Texas Planning Board.

Most of the bones are being purchased for fertilizer, chicken feed and bone meal. The best grade of bones are being bought up by sugar factories for use as a bleaching agent for pure cane sugar.

The scrap iron is being purchased by buyers representing Japan.

Texas farmers who "plowed under" thousands of head of cattle for the Government during the AAA cattle buying program are now writing a glorious end to this phase of the New Deal by digging up the bones of the slaughtered cattle and selling them for fifty cents per hundred pounds.

It is not uncommon to see scores of wagons scouring the country-side in some parts of the state for bones. In several West Texas towns huge piles of bones have taken the place of the usual scrap iron heaps.

Notice!

We, the undersigned, will close our place of business at 7 o'clock each day except Saturday, beginning Monday, April 12, ending Sept. 1.

M System Store,
W. K. Simpson & Co.,
W. J. Cumbie,
H. D. Fish.

Don't fail to read the ads this week.

Department of Health

Governor James V. Allred has proclaimed May 1 as the eleventh annual Child Health Day in Texas, in conjunction with a national observance of the day under proclamation issued by the President of the United States. The State Department of Health is sponsoring May Day in Texas.

Governor Allred said, "May day has become an incentive for campaigns to immunize our children against smallpox, diphtheria typhoid fever, whooping cough--to encourage child health clinics--dental, prenatal, preschool, and to find and treat crippled children; to wage safe milk campaigns, realizing that the health and security of our children are essential to the well-being of our State and Nation, and as such deserving encouragement through the development of plans to promote maternal and child health and to extend child welfare, now therefore, I, James V. Allred, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby proclaim May 1 as Child Health Day, and urge all agencies, public and private, concerned with the health and welfare of children, on this day to cooperate in the plans of Federal, State and local agencies in promoting the health and security of the mothers and children of Texas, and to make arrangements for carrying these benefits to the children of every county in the State."

Dr. John W. Cox, State Health officer, and the Division of Maternal and Child Welfare of the State Department of Health joins with Governor Allred in an earnest plea for coordinated efforts of all health agencies, and voices the hope that May Day may be the incentive for better health conditions throughout the year.

P. T. A. Session

Executives of the Coke county council of the P. T. A. met Saturday afternoon for a business session at the home of Mrs. G. L. Taylor in Robert Lee.

Plans were made for attending the district convention of the P. T. A. in San Angelo on April 9 and 10, and schemes discussed for an interesting manner of presenting reports of the past year's work.

The hostess served tea to Mrs. D. Hull, Mrs. Ed Cumbie and Miss Nell Lowry from Bronte, Mrs. Scoggins from Robert Lee, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Green, Miss Lee Alice King from Tennyson, Mrs. Brey and Mrs. Powell from Green Mountain and Mrs. Savage from Silver.

New and Renewals THIS WEEK

Mrs. Allen Davis, Taft Texas, Pleas Millican, Bill McCutchen, Charlie Thompson, D. W. Markham, Eugene Wojtek, W. F. Clawson,

Current Events in Review

By Edward W. Pickard

Supreme Court Upholds Three New Deal Acts

THREE New Deal acts of legislation were upheld by the Supreme court in decisions that indicated that tribunal was becoming almost liberal enough to suit the administration. Two of them were unanimous. The third and most significant was rendered by five of the justices, with four dissenting. This last opinion was given in the case of the Washington state law establishing a minimum wage for women and the court reversed its position taken a year ago in upsetting similar legislation passed by the New York legislature. Justice Owen J. Roberts had swung over to the other side, but Justices Sutherland, Butler, McReynolds and Van Devanter dissented from the present judgment, declaring that "the meaning of the Constitution does not change with the ebb and flow of economic events." This was a slap at the majority opinion, which was read by Chief Justice Hughes.

The court unanimously upheld the provisions of the railway labor act requiring railroads to engage in collective bargaining with their employees for the purpose of settling labor disputes. The opinion was read by Justice Stone and was closely studied by leaders of the administration who hoped to glean from it an indication of what the court might decide concerning the Wagner labor relations act, now in litigation. The Wagner act does not apply to railway workers.

The decision was handed down in the case of the Virginian Railway company and upheld a ruling by the Fourth circuit court of appeals directing the company to engage in collective bargaining.

"In considering the propriety of the equitable relief granted here," Justice Stone said, "we cannot ignore the judgment of congress, deliberately expressed in legislation, that where the obstruction of the company is removed, the meeting of employers and employees at the conference table is a powerful aid to industrial peace."

"Moreover, the resources of the railway labor act are not exhausted if negotiation fails in the first instance to result in agreement."

If disputes concerning changes in rates of pay, rules or working conditions, the decision added, are not adjusted, either party could invoke the services of the national (railway) mediation board.

The Supreme court also upheld the constitutionality of the new Frazier-Lemke farm mortgage moratorium act. The decision, read by Justice Louis D. Brandeis, whose opinion condemned the earlier Frazier-Lemke act, was unanimous.

Compromise Is Urged on Supreme Court Bill

SENATORS, some fifteen in number, who have not committed themselves on the President's bill to enlarge the Supreme court, are earnestly trying to bring about a compromise that would enable them to go along with Mr. Roosevelt without laying themselves open to charges of supporting a plan to pack the court. Several compromise measures have been devised, one of which is that of Senator Carl Hatch of New Mexico, a Democrat and a member of the judiciary committee that is holding hearings on the administration bill.

Mr. Hatch proposes to modify the President's bill so that no more than two additional justices could be appointed in any one year. Furthermore, it would provide for a flexible court with a membership varying between fifteen and nine judges. The additional appointments, made upon the failure of justices past 70 to retire, would not become permanent increases. They would be offset by failure to fill an equal number of vacancies caused by subsequent retirements.

Further witnesses for the opposition, appearing before the judiciary committee, included Dr. Irving Griswold, professor of constitutional law at Harvard; Dorothy Thompson, prominent journalist; Walter F. Dodd of Chicago, constitutional authority, and Dean Henry M. Bates of the Michigan university law school.



Senator Hatch

No Government Action Yet on Sitdown Strikes

UNDER pressure from his advisers to take a public stand concerning the sit-down strike, President Roosevelt immediately after his return from Warm Springs held a conference with Vice President Garner, Senate Majority Leader Joe Robinson, Speaker Bankhead and House Majority Leader Sam Rayburn. At its close Senator Robinson, presumably voicing Mr. Roosevelt's views, said:

"The government cannot initiate action under the circumstances thus far presented. It is felt that the sit-down strike situation in a general sense is improving."

"There are two conditions under which federal action may be invoked in case of acute strike conditions; namely where federal laws have been violated or where federal property, including the mails, is interfered with."

"Neither condition has so far arisen. Except in instances where interstate commerce is interfered with, where a federal law is disregarded, the federal government does not, and cannot under the Constitution, initiate action."

Contrasting Views of Miss Perkins and Green

SECRETARY OF LABOR FRANCES PERKINS, replying to criticism of her views on sit-down strikes by Representative McCormack of Massachusetts, wrote him:

"I think that it is the duty of the secretary of labor to point out the problems, purposes and intentions, as well as the conditions, of the wage earners of the United States of America, so far as these are understood or expressed."

"So I think it is my duty to say that careful inquiry indicates that the sit-down strikes do not reflect any widespread movement to defy the law or impair civil government or change current conceptions of property rights. The objectives are the usual objectives of unions in labor disputes."

That the sit-down strike involves "grave implications detrimental to labor's interests" is the view of the American Federation of Labor as stated by President William Green. This for two reasons:

"First, public opinion will not support sit-down strikes. That means labor loses public support when any part of it engages in sit-down strikes. Without such support organized labor cannot win strikes or establish and maintain itself as a vital force in the economic and industrial life of the nation. Labor cannot afford to lose the support of public opinion."

"Second, temporary advantages gained through sit-down strikes will inevitably lead to permanent injury. The public generally will not long tolerate the illegal seizure of property. If persisted in, it will through state and federal law-making bodies force enactment of legislation providing for compulsory arbitration, the incorporation of unions and other repressive forms of legislation."

Eminent Men Are Named for the Coronation

THREE famous Americans, with their aides, will represent the United States at the coronation of King George VI of Great Britain in Westminster Abbey May 12. They were selected by President Roosevelt and are: James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, special representative; Gen. John J. Pershing, commander of the A. E. F. in the war, and Admiral Hugh Rodman, U. S. N., retired, special representative. Curtis Bok of Philadelphia will be secretary of mission. Col. James L. Collins will be aid to Gen. Pershing, and Commander Frank E. Beatty will be aid to Admiral Rodman.

The battleship New York, flagship of the Sixth battle squadron with the grand fleet in British waters during the World war, will participate in the international naval review off Spithead on May 20.



Gen. Pershing



Sec'y Perkins

Washington Digest

National Topics Interpreted
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Washington—Throughout history, unsound economic policies have had a way of demonstrating their unsoundness by the results that eventually become understandable to the rank and file of the people. Likewise, throughout history the rank and file of the people have learned their lesson each time and have avoided burning their fingers a second time. That is, fingers were not burned a second time until a new generation came along and refused to examine and take into account the lessons of experience.

Lately, we have seen another such demonstration. We have seen both the results and the refusal of current leaders to profit by experiences of the past. I refer particularly to conditions involving United States bonds. Those who have followed market quotations must recognize that United States bonds and other securities issued by the treasury have suffered from fluctuations in prices that portend, if, indeed, they do not prove that federal financial policies of the last four years were unsound. There was propaganda from official quarters during one of the periods of sagging prices that the condition resulted from market manipulations and the activities of "tipsters." Stories to this effect came directly out of the treasury although they did not carry the identity of the official who made the statements.

The whole circumstance must be considered together, however, if one is to arrive at any sort of a conclusion concerning the true state of affairs. One must think of the total amount of government securities outstanding—something like thirty-four billions—and one must recognize as well what is going on in commerce and industry. In addition to these factors, attention must be given to conditions of the last several years when the Roosevelt administration was engaged—and still is engaged—in the greatest orgy of spending that our nation ever has known. When you add up these various factors, you get an answer which seems to me to be irrefutable.

In the first place, no nation nor any of its individuals can go on indefinitely spending money when it does not have that money. That is, it cannot spend more than its income over any extended period without suffering bad results. Our nation did that. It made up the difference between its income and its spending by borrowing. It gave government bonds to those from whom it borrowed, evidence of its debt. The immediate result of this condition was that there are millions upon millions of government bonds held by banks, corporations and individuals. These bonds bear an exceedingly low rate of interest.

It is only natural that anyone with money to lend will look for the highest interest rate they can get. If they happen to hold government bonds, those bonds will be dumped in favor of securities paying higher returns. That has happened to some extent already. It is to be remembered as well that these bonds were issued in the currency of the devalued dollar, the fifty-nine cent dollar as measured by the value of gold. Now, the law of supply and demand that has always operated and which always will operate places a basic value upon commodities, upon the services of labor. It is operating again and has brought about a greater demand for commodities, the things we need to eat or to wear and the countless items of modern day living. The prices of these, measured in present currency, are higher because it takes almost two of the present day dollars to buy the same quantity as formerly could be purchased with the dollar that was good for one-hundred cents in gold. The answer to this is that most of us can not help regarding gold as a commodity having a stable value. So, we see a result in this direction.

Labor, too, is demanding more of the fifty-nine cent dollars for its share of production. It has a right to do so. If you measure wages as you measure commodity values, and it seems to me there can be only one yardstick, then labor is justified in asking for higher pay. Again, a result of tinkering with the currency becomes evident because labor is forced to pay more for what it buys as a result of the reduction in the dollar's gold value.

Then, finally, I am quite convinced that in addition to the factors I have discussed as having weight in causing fluctuation of government bond prices, no one can deny the influence that is being exerted by the radical labor element throughout the strikes that have been promoted.

These strikes have done more than just violate law by unjustified and unwarranted seizure of the property of other persons. They have developed among the strikers themselves a resentment against everyone who owns a farm or a home or a business. The tragedy of this condition, to leave the subject of currency for a moment, is that the strikes show how little respect for law and order exists among a segment of our population. It is not only a tragedy. It is a dangerous sign and unless somewhere in our nation, government asserts its authority and protects rights, we may possibly be faced with a circumstance in which our nation will be held together again only by use of army guns.

To get back then to the bond market it seems to me there is a closely knit skein of conditions that prove where our government has gone into unsound ground. It can be pointed out how the tinkering with the currency has carried through to the ultimate consumer and the wage worker. It can be shown how the national government has disregarded the rights of part of the population and favored another part of the population and in doing so has created a class hatred which is liable to cause trouble in the nation for the next fifty years. Notwithstanding the lessons to be learned from these experiences we observe how the same mistake is being made in another way. I refer now to the attitude of administration leaders who are supporting President Roosevelt's program to add six justices of his own choosing to the Supreme court of the United States. Throughout the argument that has come from proponents of the President's packing plan there runs a constant and recurring appeal that if we can only have six new justices in the Supreme court we can do all of the things that are necessary to bring about labor peace and business recovery. Disregarding the merit or demerit of this argument, it seems to me one cannot help looking somewhat into the future and determining on the basis of experience of the past what may happen if the Supreme court is emasculated as the President proposes. I said earlier in this article that there has grown up a tremendous disrespect for law. The continued prattle about the necessity for "new blood" in the Supreme court is simply and frankly another step in the direction of a government by men and not a government by law. It is to be recalled that Mr. Roosevelt was given by his rubber stamp congress more power than any President of the United States ever has exercised before. I do not make the charge that the difficulties that I have attempted to analyze above resulted directly from according the Chief Executive so much power. But history surely teaches the lesson that where one man has so much power available he always makes more mistakes than where that power is exercised by the properly appointed or elected representatives of the masses of the people. I recall a homely saying, often heard in my youth, that two heads are better than one even though one may be a cabbage head. I am quite convinced that the 435 members of the house of representatives and the 96 members of the senate have more wisdom collectively than one man. Adverting again to the questions of currency and prices, we have only to look across the Atlantic ocean and see what happened in Italy, in Russia and in Germany where one man attempted to establish his own ideas on the currency. From what I have heard from official sources, it must be true that in those three countries I mentioned, there are billions of pieces of paper money that are worth altogether little more than the cash value of the paper on your walls. It always has worked out that way.

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By VIRGINIA VALE

WHILE the director, George Cukor, was in New York making film tests of Southern debutantes and several young actresses from the New York stage, the news inadvertently leaked out in Hollywood that David Selznick, the producer, had already made up his mind about who should play the leads in "Gone With the Wind."

Miriam Hopkins is to play Scarlett, Clark Gable will be Rhett, Janet Gaynor draws the appealing role of Melanie, and Leslie Howard will be Ashley, whom Scarlett loves but loses. Undoubtedly if the tests made in New York show real talent, the girls will be put under contract to play supporting roles in "Gone With the Wind" or for future pictures.

That cast that Hal Roach has lined up to support Constance Bennett in "Topper"—

Connie's entry in the high comedy race—has everyone gasping. Cary Grant, so overwhelmingly popular since he dominated Grace Moore in "When You're in Love," draws the lead. Hedda Hopper and Billie Burke, who are just as slick at comedy lines as they are at wearing exquisite clothes, are next in importance, and Roland Young and Alan Mowbray join the cast to add to the hilarity. Even if Greta Garbo were playing the lead, a more imposing cast could not have been commandeered.

A few years ago it was considered the lowest form of insult if a screen actress was called a "Clothes-horse." In fact, Gloria Swanson used to threaten to play nothing but waifs in rags if reviewers didn't stop praising her ability to wear clothes. Now, all the girls in Hollywood want to be considered good dress models, partly because the top dramatic stars, Greta Garbo and Luise Rainer, want dress-up roles, but largely because so many fashion-show pictures are going into production.

Fruits and vegetables are the heroes and heroines of a movie being shown extensively in the producing regions of the South and Far West. The picture, designed to bring the big city auction markets to growers, dramatizes the selling process on a typical auction market where thousands of cars of fruits and vegetables are translated into millions of dollars in revenue to the growers every year.

List among your future film favorites Ella Logan whom you will soon see in Universal's "Top of the Town." She is the enchanting singer with a thick Scottish burr to her voice who, accent or no, used to shout swing music over the radio with Abe Lyman's band. I like her best when she sings simple songs, but swing addicts rave about her ability to improvise new hi-de-hos.

"Seventh Heaven" was previewed in Hollywood this week and everyone agrees that it brings more glory to Jimmy Stewart than to Simone Simon, though she is pert and appealing in the role that brought Janet Gaynor fame. Simone arrived at the preview wearing a hair ribbon tied in a demure bow just over her forehead, and was so noticeably nervous that she fidgeted with her coat, her dress, and her hair ribbon all evening. She was accompanied by Anton Litvak, who usually looks at no one but Miriam Hopkins.

ODDS AND ENDS—A make-up girl at the Paramount studio has twelve wrist watches given to her by grateful stars. Just to be different Frances Dee gave her an alarm clock at the finish of "Souls at Sea" . . . Ann Southern will probably win the airlines award for the most persistent air-commuter of the year. Whenever she has two or three days to spare, she dashes off to Chicago to see her husband, Roger Pryor, who is leading a band there . . . Everyone at Paramount is glad to have Marlene Dietrich back, particularly the electricians and carpenters on her set. She brings such luscious Viennese cakes and cookies to them.

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Cary Grant



Simone Simon

The Garden Murder Case

by S. S. VAN DINE

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CHAPTER IX—Continued

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"I was fully prepared to run that risk. It wasn't a hell of a lot. What did the old oat-muncher pay, anyway?—less than two to one. A dollar and eighty cents to the dollar, to be exact. I would have been out \$18,000. But there wasn't a chance of Equanimity's coming in—I was quite certain of that. I took the chance for Woody's sake."

Vance looked at the man thoughtfully.

"Thanks for the affectin' confession," he murmured at length. "I think that will be all for the moment."

As he spoke, two men with a long coffin-like wicker basket bustled into the passageway. Heath was at the door in two strides.

"The public welfare boys after the body," he announced over his shoulder.

Vance stood up.

"I say, Sergeant, have them go down the outside stairway. No use returning through the apartment." He addressed Garden again. "Would you mind showing them the way?"

Garden nodded morosely and went out on the roof.

Markham regarded Vance with dismal concern.

"What's the meaning of Garden's not placing that bet?"

Vance sighed.

"What's the meaning of anything? Yet, it's from just such curious facts as this that some provisional hypothesis may evolve."

"I certainly can't figure out what bearing Garden's conduct has on the case, unless—"

Vance interrupted him quickly.

"No. Puzzlin' situation. Put everything we have learned so far might mean something. Provided, of course, we could read the meanin'. Emotion may be the key."

"Don't be so damned occult," snapped Markham. "What's on your mind?"

"My dear Markham! You're too flatterin'. Nothing whatever, I'm seekin' for something tangible. The other gun, for instance. The one that went off somewhere when the chappie was already dead. It should be here or hereabouts. . . . He turned to Heath. "I say, Sergeant, could you and Snitkin take a look for it? Suggested itiner'ry: the roof-garden and the flowerbeds, the terrace, the public stairs, the lower hallway. Then the apartment proper. Assumption: any one present may have had it. Follow up all the known local migrations of everyone downstairs. If it's here it'll probably be in some temporary hidin'-place, awaitin' further disposal."

Heath grinned.

"And, Sergeant, before you start reconnoiterin', will you fetch Hammle. You'll probably find him at the bar downstairs."

Hammle strutted pompously into the study and was cursorily presented to Markham.

Vance waved Hammle to a chair and studied him a moment with a melancholy air.

The interview was brief and, as it turned out, of peculiar significance. The significance lay, not so much in what Hammle said, as in the result of the curiosity which Vance's questions aroused in the man. It was this curiosity which enabled him later to supply Vance with important information.

"It is not our desire to keep you here any longer than necessary, Mr. Hammle," Vance began the interview with marked distaste—"but it occurred to me to ask you if you have any ideas that might be helpful to us in solving Swift's murder."

Hammle coughed impressively and appeared to give the matter considerable thought.

"No, I have none," he at length admitted. "None whatever. But of course one can never tell about these things."

"Of course," Vance agreed. "But I thought there might be something in the relationships of the various people here this afternoon."

"All I can say," returned Hammle, carefully weighing his words, "is that there were many warring elements in the gathering—that is to say, many peculiar combinations. There was a combination of this and that, which might lead to—well, to anything."

"To murder, for instance?" Hammle frowned. "Now, murder is a very, very serious business. But, Mr. Vance, you can take it from me, in all solemnity, I wouldn't put even murder past any

one of those present today. No, by Gad!"

"That's an amazin' indictment," muttered Vance; "but I'm glad to have your opinion and we'll consider it. . . . By the by, didn't you notice anything irregular in Garden's placing Swift's large bet on Equanimity at the last minute?"

Hammle's countenance went quickly blank. Then, unable to withstand the direct scrutiny of Vance's cold gaze, he puckered up his mouth into a shrewd smile.

"Why deny it?" he chuckled. "The laying of that bet was not only irregular—it was damned near impossible. I don't know a book-maker in New York who would take such an amount when there was not even enough time to throw some 'come-back money' into the totalizer."

Vance leaned forward.

"That might easily have had some bearing on the situation here this afternoon, and I'd like very much to know why you didn't mention it."

For a brief moment the man seemed flustered; but almost immediately he settled back in his



I Heard What Sounded Like a Shot.

chair with a complacent look, and extended his hands, palms up.

"Why should I become involved?" he asked with cynical suavity.

"That's one way of looking at it," Vance drawled. "And it has its points. However. . . ." He contemplated the tip of his cigarette, then asked: "Would your discretion permit you to comment on Zalia Graem?"

Hammle sat up with alacrity. "Ah!" He nodded his head significantly. "That's something to think about. There are varied possibilities in that girl. You may be on the right track. A most likely suspect for the murder. You never can tell about women, anyway. And, come to think of it, the shooting must have taken place during the time she was out of the room."

"But don't think, for a minute," Hammle hurried on, "that I am intimating that she had anything to do with Swift's death. Absolutely not! But the mention of her name gave me pause."

Vance stood up with a stifled yawn.

"It's quite evident," he said, "you're not in the mood to be specific. I wasn't looking for generalities, don't y' know. Consequently I may want to have another chat with you. Where can you be reached later, should we need you?"

"If I am permitted to go now, I shall return to Long Island immediately," Hammle answered readily, glancing speculatively at his watch. "Is that all you wish at the moment?"

"That is all, thank you." Hammle again referred to his watch, hesitated a moment, and then left us.

Vance went to the buzzer, and pressed the button.

"Queer reports on that Graem girl," he walked back to his chair musingly. "The time has come to commune with the lady herself."

Garden appeared at the door.

"Did you ring for me, Vance?"

"Yes," Vance nodded. "The buzzer is working now. Sorry to trouble you, but we would like to

see Miss Graem. Would you do the honors?"

Garden hesitated, his eyes fixed sharply on Vance. He started to say something, changed his mind and, with a muttered "Right-o," swung about and returned downstairs.

Zalia Graem swaggered into the room, her hands in her jacket pockets, and surveyed us with breezy cynicism.

"Miss Graem," Vance's voice was courteous but firm—"it will be necessary to ask you questions that you may deem objectionable. But please believe that it will be for your own good to answer them frankly."

"Am I suspected? How thrilling!" "Everyone I've talked to thus far thinks so." He looked at the girl significantly.

"Oh, so that's how the going is! I thought I detected a vague look of fear in people's eyes. I think I will sit down." She threw herself into a chair and gazed up with simulated dejection. "Am I to be arrested?"

"Not just at the minute. But certain matters must be straightened out. It may be worth your while to help us."

"It sounds ghastly. But go ahead."

"First," said Vance, "we'd like to know about the feud between you and Swift."

"Oh, the devil!" the girl exclaimed disgustedly. "Must that be raked up? There was really nothing to it. Woody bothered the life out of me. I felt sorry for him and went around with him a bit when he implored me to and threatened to resort to all the known forms of suicide if I didn't. Then it became too much for me, and I decided to draw a line across the page. But I'm afraid I didn't go about it in a nice way. I told him I was extravagant and cared only for luxuries, and that I could never marry a poor man."

"And so, the conclusion we may draw is that he played the horses heavily in the forlorn hope of amassing a sufficient fortune to overcome your aversion to his poverty—and that his bet on Equanimity today was a last fling—"

"Don't say that!" the girl cried. "It's a horrible idea, but—it might be true. And I don't want to hear it."

Vance continued to study her critically.

"Yes, as you say. It might be true. On the other hand. . . . however, we'll let it pass." Then he asked quickly: "Who telephoned you today, just before the Rivermont Handicap?"

"What has that to do with anything?"

"And why were you so eager to take the call on the den phone and shut the door?"

The girl leaned forward and looked at Vance defiantly.

"What are you trying to get at?" she demanded furiously.

"Are you aware," Vance went on, "that the den downstairs is the only room directly connected by wires with this room up here?"

The girl seemed unable to speak. She sat pale and rigid.

"And do you know," he continued, without change of intonation, "that the wires at this end of the line had been disconnected? And are you aware that the shot which we heard downstairs was not the one that ended Swift's life—that he was shot in the vault of the hall, several minutes before we heard the shot?"

"You're being ghastly," the girl cried. "You're making up nightmares—nightmares to frighten me. You're implying terrible things."

Vance held up his hand to stop her reproaches.

"You misinterpret my attitude, Miss Graem," he said softly. "I asked you, a moment ago, for your own sake, to answer my questions frankly. You refuse. In those circumstances, you should know the facts as they appear to others." He paused. "You and Swift were not on good terms. You knew, as did the others, that he usually went up to the roof before races. You knew where Professor Garden kept his revolver. You're familiar with guns. A telephone call for you is perfectly unred. You disappear. Within the next five minutes Swift is shot behind that steel door. Another five minutes pass; the race is over; and a shot is heard. That shot could conceivably have been fired by a mechanism. The buzzer wires up here had been disconnected. ob-

viously for some specific purpose. At the time of the second shot you were at the other end of those wires. You almost fainted at the sight of Swift. Later you tried to go upstairs. . . . Adding all this up: you had a motive, a sufficient knowledge of the situation, access to the criminal agent, the ability to act, and the opportunity." Vance paused again. "Now are you ready to be frank, or have you really something to hide?"

A change came over the girl. She relaxed, as if from a sudden attack of weakness. She did not take her eyes from Vance, and appeared to be appraising him and deciding what course to follow.

Before she managed to speak Heath stamped up the passageway and opened the study door. He carried a woman's black-and-white tweed top-coat over his arm. He cocked an eyebrow at Vance and nodded triumphantly.

"I take it, Sergeant," Vance drawled, "your quest has been successful. You may speak out." He turned to Zalia Graem and explained: "Sergeant Heath has been searching for the gun that fired the second shot."

The girl became suddenly animated and leaned forward attentively.

"After going over the roof and the stairs and the hall of the apartment, I thought I'd look through the wraps hanging in the hall closet," said Heath. "The gun was in the pocket of this." He threw the coat on the davenport and took a .38 gun-metal revolver from his pocket. He broke it and showed it to Vance and Markham. "Full of blanks—and one of 'em has been discharged."

"Very good, Sergeant," Vance complimented him. "Whose coat is this, by the by?"

"I don't know yet, Mr. Vance; but I'm going to find out pronto."

Zalia Graem had risen and come forward.

"I can tell you whose coat that is," she said. "It belongs to Miss Beeton, the nurse. I saw her wearing it yesterday."

"Thanks awfully for the identification," returned Vance, his eyes resting dreamily on her.

She gave him a wry smile and returned to her chair.

"But there's a question still pending," Vance said: "—to wit: are you ready to be frank now?"

"All right." She focused her gaze on Vance again. "Lemmy Merritt, one of the various scions of the horsey aristocracy that infests our eastern seaboard, asked me to drive out to Sands Point with him for the polo game tomorrow. I thought I might dig up some more exciting engagement and told him to call me here this afternoon at half-past three for a final yes or no. I purposely stipulated that time, so I wouldn't miss the running of the Handicap. As you know, he didn't call till after four, with excuses about not having been able to get to a telephone. I tried to get rid of him in a hurry, but he was persistent—the only virtue he possesses, so far as I know. I left him dangling on the wire when I came out to listen to the race, and then went back for a farewell and have a nice-time-without-me. Just as I hung up I heard what sounded like a shot and came to the door, to find everyone hurrying along the hall. An idea went through my head—that maybe Woody had shot himself—that's why I went mid-Victorian and almost passed out when I saw him. That's everything."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

New England

Six states comprise New England. Each has its popular charms, its special characteristics, yet all six stand together as a region. Somewhere in almost every New England scene there is a mountain. There are the famed Green and White mountains. There are widely-known individual peaks like the Great Stone Face in New Hampshire, and Mt. Washington, highest New England peak. The mountains are forest-covered and threaded with fine highways and winding, shaded trails. Five of the six states have in common the sea. In fact, much of New England's fame rests in the sea. In days gone past, her sea captains roamed the world and sailed the fastest ships, and today the sea gives New England one of its greatest industries—fishing.

Foreign Words and Phrases

- Novus homo. (L.) A new man; an upstart; parvenu.
- Summum bonum. (L.) The supreme good; the chief good.
- Tout-a-l'heure. (F.) Presently.
- Oubliette. (F.) A dungeon.
- Pater noster. (L.) Our father; the Lord's prayer.
- Suum cuique. (L.) To each one his own.
- Sans souci. (F.) Without care.
- Piece de resistance. (F.) The chief meat dish of a dinner.
- Vide ut supra. (L.) See what is stated above.
- Succes d'estime. (F.) A success only in the eyes of the enlightened few.
- Semper idem. (L.) Always the same.
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**Problems Haven't Changed
In a Century**

We have the radio, the airplane, the automobile; pajamas have been substituted for night-shirts, and women bob their hair, smoke cigarettes and drink whisky straight, but our problems are much like those that plagued our ancestors.

A Washington newspaper is running a "feature" made up of extracts from American papers printed 100 years ago. "Peace hangs by a single thread," declared a Paris paper. That certainly sounds familiar.

Food riots in Philadelphia because prices were soaring; foods in New England; Maine and New York worried about proposals to increase the size of their state courts. They called it "packing," even then.

Speculation in Wall Street described as "dangerous," and great excitement along the New York waterfront because the "Leviathan" made the passage from Liverpool to New York in seven days and 23 hours.

But here's one item we can't duplicate today: The Illinois legislature called for bids to determine where the state capitol should be located. Springfield was awarded the prize, agreeing to put up \$50,000. That was the fifth time the Illinois capital had been moved. Well, the bidding was open. Today lobbyists would probably settle the affair in a back room.--LABOR.

Modern Gypsies

That there's a strain of "gypsy blood" running through the American people is indicated by the fact that in 1936 they spent \$30,000,000 for 35,000 auto trailers in which to wander about and see the country.

"See America First" has always been a popular slogan, and seeing it from a trailer seems to have become nationally popular. It is a rather inexpensive means of travel, too, since hotel bills are unknown to the trailer family and high-priced Pullman berths do not enter in. Anything that provides an opportunity to see the country, get a lot of fresh air and sunshine and provide entertainment for the entire family is bound to be a good thing. The trailer, providing these advantages at reasonable cost, is doubtless here to stay.

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Special attention is called to the next regular meeting of the Coke county council which will be held at the Green Mountain school on Saturday, April 17. This will be an all-day meeting and features of particular importance will be the election of officers for the coming year and a school of instruction. It is expected that Mrs. Mittie Riley of Junction, district president, and Mrs. Roy Thompson of Sweetwater, district vice-president, will attend this meeting.

Mrs. Lizzie Davis and Mrs. W. C. McCutchen have just returned from an extended trip to Del Rio, Spofford. They visited the W. W. and Jess McCutchen families while there. They went from there to the Will Hamilton ranch on the Nueces and spent several days fishing. You should hear them tell about what fine luck they had. Just caught so many that it ceased to be sport.

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So far, 1937 is piling up a list of calamities that's never been equaled. More violent deaths have occurred since first of the year than has ever been recorded. Explosions, airplanes, cars, murders, drownings, etc., are snuffing out lives that is becoming alarming.

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"Backward" Party

Costumes of guests ranged from clean suits to a great-grandmother's best dress at a "backward" party given at the home of Mrs. Sam Powell on April Fools Day. The guest list, too lengthy to print, included adults, youths and children who came in response to the hospitable everybody-invited, but honor guests were the boys of the Green Mountain baseball team.

Guests were bidden to enter by the back door, registrations were made with a pencil fastened to a baseball hat and throughout the evening games with a backward slant were in progress.

Prizes for the best costume get-up were awarded to Conrad Millican, Milbern Millican, Vau-na Beth Millican, Chris Millican and Zada Patterson.

The Town Where I Live—
It's My Town

Honoring her son, Joe Jr., on his twelfth birthday, Mrs. Joe Dodson entertained friends and schoolmates of the lad after school, Thursday. Lemonade and cookies were served to Elmer Lee and Royce Jean Hurley Doyle Day, Maxine Craddock, Ida Belle Eaton, Carline Clark, Joe and Zena Mae Sawyer, Billie Sue Brown, Agnes Scogging, Kitty Taylor, Billie Allen, Bobbie Arnold, Eddie Paul Good, Lloyd and Floyd Higgins, Jack Tubb and Memory Gramling.

In spite of the cold wave Sunday and in spite of the way we like to hang around the kitchen stoves these chilly mornings, the West Texas signs say it is spring time in Coke county. Bluebonnets have been showing blue for several weeks, mesquite leaves are coming out of the winter blankets, a few scissortails are back and Monday morning the first doves were heard cooing among the cedars on Mountain Creek.

Doings of the Legislature

By James M. Simpson

To date one thousand fifty-nine bills have been introduced in the Senate. Of this number of bills introduced fifty-two have passed both Houses, even as large as it is, bodes well for the citizens. We need fewer and better laws.

At the present time the Legislature is considering the Natural Gas Tax. A determined effort was made to postpone this Bill for the purpose of bringing up the Rural Aid Bill. A majority of the members think that to postpone the Natural Gas Tax probably would defeat the Bill, as the Session is at an end almost notwithstanding the fact that some three hundred school officials are in the gallery.

I am glad to see these visitors, some of which are from my District, for more of the good citizens should know how Legislators represent them. If the good citizens would keep a check on their Representatives we would have decidedly better legislation.

Mrs. W. H. Bell is visiting in Norton this week, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Marcus Turner.

Remember April 19th is clean-up day in Robert Lee. Cooperation is the thing needed to make it a success. Do your part!

Texas Woodmen to Meet in Abilene on April 15, 16 and 17

SIX NATIONAL DIRECTORS TO ATTEND THE BIENNIAL HEAD CAMP CONVENTION



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The biennial Head Camp convention of the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance association in Texas will be held on April 15, 16 and 17 in Abilene, according to E. R. Coffee, of Houston, head consul for the state of Texas.

No less than six national directors will attend the session, he said. They are De Emmett Bradshaw, national president of the order, of Omaha, Neb.; United States Senator Morris Sheppard, national treasurer, of Texarkana; Farrar Newberry, newly-appointed secretary, of Omaha; and State Manager R. E. Miller, of Dallas, William E. Mooney, of Chicago, and Dr. H. B. Kennedy, of Omaha.

Prominent Sovereigns of Texas who have indicated that they will attend the convention include John J. Wahl, member of the Committee on Legislation of the 1935 Sovereign Camp; Judge E. D. Henry, member of the Judiciary Committee of the Sovereign Camp; Dr. C. J. Koerth, medical superintendent of the Woodmen of the World hospital, all of San Antonio; and the following Head Camp officers: W. A. Tidwell, of Shreveport, J. H. Flood, of Dallas, Frank Butts, of Ector, Guy Quisenberry, of Dallas, W. T. Moore, of Beaumont, George Knapp, of Calvert, and Pete Bacher, of Houston.

Elect Sovereign Camp Delegates
 At this meeting, delegates will be elected to represent the jurisdiction at the Sovereign Camp convention, the supreme representative legislative body of the Woodmen of the World, which meets later in the year.
 A feature of the convention will

be the initiation of a large class of members from all sections of the jurisdiction.

Large Local Investments
 Woodmen activities in this state are always noted with interest by national headquarters, it is said, as the association has large investments in municipal, county and state securities in this area.

The Woodmen of the World is today the strongest fraternal life insurance association in the world, with assets of \$124,493,977, as of January 1, 1937.

During 1936 alone, the Woodmen of the World enrolled more than 90,000 new members, with insurance protection totaling in excess of \$108,000,000.

Woodmen membership now totals nearly 400,000 men, organized in about 8,000 local camps, in 44 states.

Two \$1,500,000 Refunds
 In the spring of 1936, and again in February, 1937, the association returned about \$1,500,000 of assessments to its members. These were the largest single refunds ever made by a fraternal society, and affected nearly 300,000 members each year. Eligible for refunds were all members who had held a beneficiary certificate (in good standing at the end of 1936) for two years or more.

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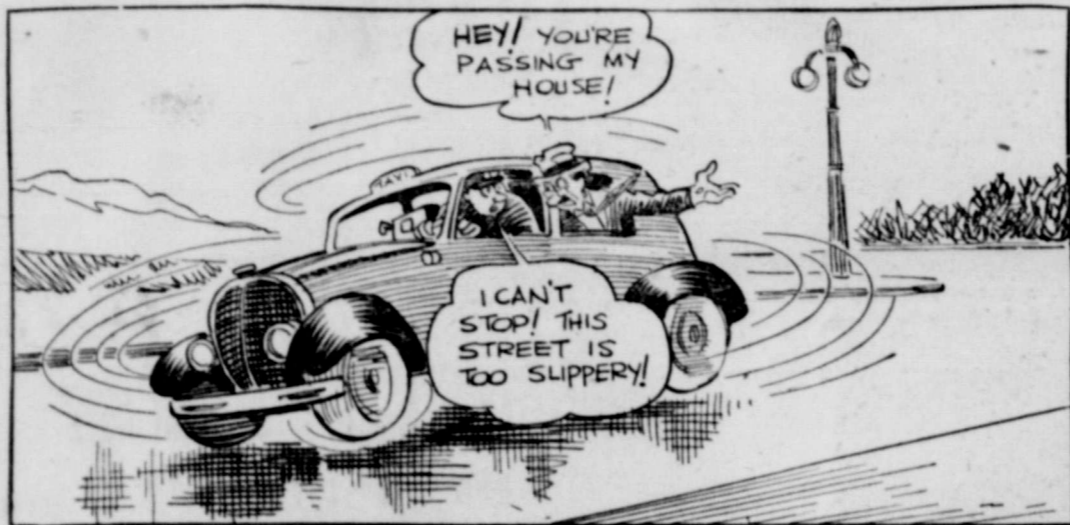
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Events in the Lives of Little Men



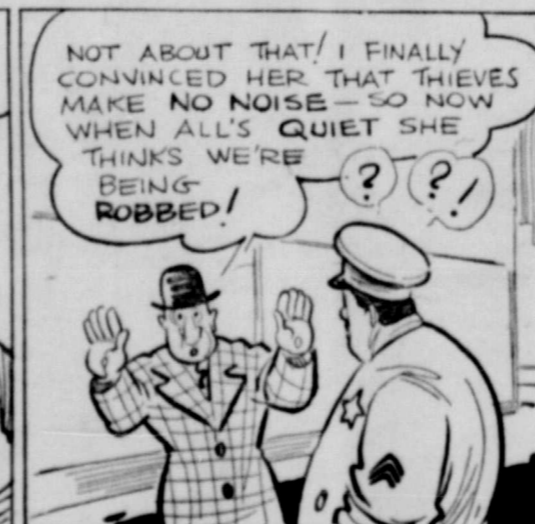
The FEATHERHEADS

By Osborne



FINNEY OF THE FORCE

By Ted O'Loughlin



From Perfectly Cut Patterns



"I'M GLAD I'm not on the serving committee this week" muses Mrs. Smith of Walnut street, as she takes stock of herself in the mirror preparatory to leaving for the church supper. "I look entirely too swell for me—why, I'm almost excited! I always knew surplice waists were becoming, but how becoming I never knew till now. That little deceptiveness is just what I need, and these sleeves are the most comfortable things! If about half our circle wore dresses like this it would be better for all concerned; so many of us have outgrown the tailored streamlined styles. Now, Mrs. White for instance—"

Enter an Admirer.

"Why Mother, you look de-vely in that shade of blue! And you look real stylish, too—you ought to be going to a Coronation." "Oh, I'd much prefer the church supper, dear. I'll be a somebody there in my new dress but at a Coronation I would be little potatoes. By the way, what did they say about your new jumper at school?" "Mother, I meant to tell you. Mary Jane and Betty are both going to coax their mothers to make one just like it. I said maybe you would loan them the pattern, would you?" "Why of course. Did you tell them it took me only two afternoons to make yours including two blouses?"

Enter "The Duchess."

"Sis, you're pretty young to be talking about clothes so intelligently. When you get a figure that clothes really count on—ahem, like Yours Truly's for instance; then it might be different—oh Mother, how nice! I'm crazy about it. Gee, such smart lines! Remember, you promised to help

me with a new party frock next week if I did well with this-shirt-waister. I wish all dresses were as easy to sew and as swell to wear as it is." "Perfectly cut patterns spell success for any frock, Kay; your party dress is as good as made right now. But I must be on my way or I'll be more than fashionably late for the affair. Bye, bye—be good girls and see that Daddy gets something to eat."

The Patterns.

Pattern 1268 is for sizes 36 to 52. Size 38 requires 5 1/4 yards of 39 inch material.

Pattern 1996 is for sizes 6 to 14 years. Size 8 requires 1 1/4 yards of 39 inch material for the jumper and 1 1/2 yards for the blouse. Armscye and neck edges of jumper require 2 1/2 yards of 1 1/2 inch bias facing.

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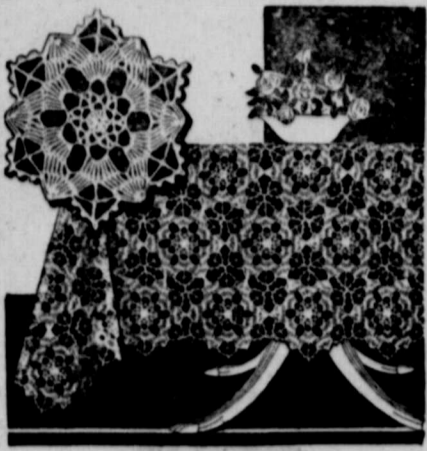
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His own misdeeds often return to the author of them.—Seneca.

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Wills vs. Wishes
Great souls have wills; feeble ones have only wishes.—Chinese Proverb.

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"Tis in thy power to think as thou wilt.—Walter Pater.

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THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

A lady comes to clean our house Who bothers me a lot, So scornfully she bangs around What little things I've got.
got.
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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By REV. HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, Dean of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. © Western Newspaper Union.

Lesson for April 11

THE SIN OF ADAM AND EVE

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 3:1-15.
GOLDEN TEXT—The soul that sinneth, it shall die. Ezek. 18:4.
PRIMARY TOPIC—In the Garden of Eden.
JUNIOR TOPIC—Trying to Hide From God.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—What Sin Is and Does.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Consequences of Sin.

"One of the curiosities of the British Museum is a brick from the walls of ancient Babylon which bears the imprint of one of Babylon's mighty kings. Right over the center of the royal seal is deeply impressed the footprint of a 'pariah' dog which apparently trod upon it when it was soft and plastic. Long ages have passed; the king's superscription is visible but defaced; the footprint of the dog is clear and sharply defined.

"Human nature is like that brick. . . . Man originally was made in the image of God, but over the royal beauty of the Divine likeness there has been superimposed the dirty disfigurement of the Devil's imprint" (D. E. Hart-Davies).

Last Sunday we saw the heavens and earth, the animals, yes, the entire creation crowned by man himself, as it had come from the hand of God—"and behold it was very good" (1:31). But, sadly enough, it did not long remain so, for sin which had already entered the universe soon found its way into the world.

God created Adam in his own likeness and image, gave him "a helpmeet unto him," and placed him in perfect surroundings. He gave him congenial employment, and above all the inestimable privilege of fellowship with Him.

But because man was not a mere automaton—a toy in the hands of a superior being—God gave him the power of moral choice, the opportunity to exercise his God-given personality in making that choice. Obedience is the underlying moral principle of the universe.

Today we go with Eve and Adam into that cataclysmic experience which we call "the Fall of Man," for as we read in Romans 5:12, "by one man's sin entered into the world, and death by sin; so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

I. Temptation (vv. 1-5).

Satan is not a cloven-footed monstrosity with a forked tail and a trident in his hand. No, indeed, he is more subtle than anything in creation. We read that he is "transformed into an angel of light" (II Cor. 11:14). His approach in our day is as smooth, and cultured as it was in the garden of Eden. An example is the insidious liquor advertising of our day. Another is his use of the man who stands behind the pulpit or sits in the professor's chair and destroys the Christian faith of young men and women.

II. Sin (v. 6).

Sin is deliberate transgression, not a natural weakness, nor a necessity. It showed itself in its true light when it at once reached out and dragged down another. We do not sin alone for very long.

III. Consequences (vv. 7-15, also 16-19).

1. The serpent is cursed.
2. Sin, death and condemnation enter the world.
3. Sorrow is linked with motherhood.
4. Responsibility and headship is given to man.
5. The ground is cursed and the burden of labor introduced.

IV. Redemption (v. 15).

Here we have the first promise of redemption, and the scarlet thread of redemptive truth thus runs from this point at the Bible's beginning to its very last chapter. Even in judging the first Adam for his sin God promises the coming of the second Adam who is to redeem the race. You are in the family of the first Adam by natural birth; have you entered the family of the second Adam by supernatural rebirth? (I Cor. 15:21, 22, 45.)

HOW ARE YOU TODAY

DR. JAMES W. BARTON Talks About

Inherited Overweight.

WHEN a patient consults a physician regarding a reduction in his or her weight one of the first questions the physician will ask is about the parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins. If there is a "tendency" to overweight on the side of either of the parents, the physician knows that the weight reduction is likely to take time.



Dr. Barton

Dr. R. Gurney, Buffalo, in Archives of Internal Medicine, Chicago, studied seventy-five stout women in the outpatient department of the Buffalo General hospital, with three points in mind: (1) the factors associated with the onset of overweight as compared to the same factors or circumstances occurring in a non-stout group of women; (2) the incidence or occurrence of overweight in the parents of the stout group as opposed to that in the parents of a non-stout group; (3) the body build of the progeny or children of different matings with especial reference to inheritance of build.

Fifty-five women who were definitely not stout were chosen at random as "controls" (that is, for comparison because they were of normal weight and build). These "controls" were of the same age group as the stout women and had practically the same number of operations and the same number of children—operations and childbirth were named by both groups of women as the time at which they noticed the great increase in weight. Others reported that the great increase in weight came on at puberty (14 to 16 years of age) and others that it came on at the change of life (45 to 50 years of age).

When the "build" of the parents of the stout group and of the control group is investigated a difference in the occurrence of overweight is noticed.

Many Had Stout Parents.

Of sixty-one stout women whose family history was easily investigated, twenty-six had a stout mother, nine had a stout father, and fifteen had both a stout mother and a stout father. In contrast to all this stoutness in the family history, of the forty-seven not stout patients whose family history was also easily investigated, fourteen had a stout mother, one had a stout father, and three had both a stout mother and a stout father.

Thus in the non-stout group there was a total of 38 per cent with either one or both parents stout as opposed to 82 per cent in the stout group.

It is in the cases with an "inherited" tendency to overweight that a physician is justified in using gland extracts. Where the excess weight is distributed all over the body, the thyroid extract may be of help. Where the excess weight is over abdomen, hips and shoulders, with forearms and lower legs slender, the use of extract of the anterior pituitary gland (the little gland lying on the floor of the skull) should give results.

Planning Health and Energy.

When the business man plans that his income will take care of expenses, he is said to budget his financial undertakings. A great many housewives work on or use a budget, putting aside so much for rent, for food, for fuel, for clothing, for medical and dental attention and a little for the savings bank.

It would seem then that it would be only good sense if each and every one of us were to budget our health, our energy, so that we could do all that was possible for our health or energy to do without robbing ourselves and so causing ill health and lack of energy.

Dr. George Crile, in his book "Diseases Peculiar to Civilized Man" shows how the insane desire for speed of all kinds which afflicts and sometimes seems like to ruin this rather mad generation, is the cause of such well recognized ailments as ulcer of the stomach and intestine, increase in the activity of the thyroid gland in the neck, so that all the processes of the body are driven at an increased rate of speed, weakness of the muscular and nervous system, and brought about the knowledge of how to cure these conditions by cutting the transmission between the brain and the overdriven organs.

The treatment is for the physician to show the patient that it is overspending of energy in work or play that is causing the symptoms.

AROUND the HOUSE Items of Interest to the Housewife

Boiling Cabbage—When you cook cabbage, put a small handful of breadcrumbs tied in muslin into the pan. The bread absorbs all the bitter juices and makes the vegetable more digestible.

Worn Socks—Children very often get enormous holes in the heels of their socks. This is often due to the lining of the shoe which has worn rough. If the ragged bits are cut off and the inside of the shoe covered with adhesive tape, many a large "hole" will be prevented.

Washing Embroidery—Do not wring embroidery after washing. Press out as much moisture as possible between the folds of a towel, then spread on a towel or blotter to dry, face up.

Sausage and Fried Apples—Pan broil the required number of small sausages or cakes of sausage meat and as soon as the fat collects, add as many halved, cored and unpeeled apples as required, first dipping them in flour to which a little sugar has been added. Saute slowly until soft and

browned. Place on a serving dish, with two small sausages on each half.

Cooking Vegetables—A small piece of butter added to the water in which vegetables are to be cooked will prevent them from boiling over.

Flavoring Gravy—Half milk and half water makes the best colored and best flavored gravy.

Suede Shoes—Rain spots can be removed from suede shoes by rubbing with fine emery board.

Ironing Shirts—Soft collars attached to shirts should be ironed on the right side first, then on the wrong side. This prevents wrinkling the collar.
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Family Racket

For the past 99 years, a unique racket has been in operation, first by the father and now by the son, on the river Nile near Luxor, Egypt. As each ship has passed "their point," they have rowed out and asked for a toll on the basis that, through their psychic powers, they could either help or hinder a vessel on the remainder of its journey. In the beginning ship captains paid through fear. Now they do it through custom.—Collier's Weekly.



A Star for You

Some of the pleasantest remembrances are those when you didn't get even although you could.

Nearly all aliens judge America by New York, which it doesn't resemble in the least. Chesterton alone found that out by living at South Bend.

There never was an age that wasn't the age for young men with ability.

And Then It's a Habit

Men who have made a great success don't have to get up early in the morning; but before that they do.

Yes, and some of the things Experience, the "dear teacher," teaches aren't worth knowing. They are just unhappy memories without a lesson.

Way of the transgressor is hard, and not only that, it is expensive—to the law-abiding citizen.

My Favorite Recipe

By Irene Rich, Film Actress

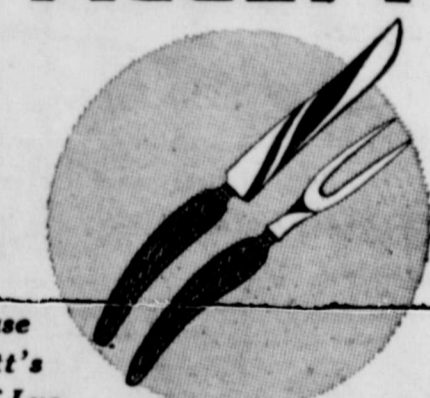
Chicken Stew

Divide a chicken, stew until tender, and remove to hot platter. To the stock add one-half cupful of rice and dumplings made as follows:

Beat one egg, add one-half cupful of water, pinch of salt, and sufficient flour to make a thin batter; drop by spoonfuls into the stock and cook about ten minutes. If rice is uncooked it should be boiled twenty minutes before dumplings are added.
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Card of Thanks
To our many friends who were so kind to us in our recent bereavement, the loss of our loved one, we take this method of extending to you our heartfelt thanks for the kindness shown. May God's richest blessings rest on you all is our prayer.
E. E. Hester and family,
Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Childress and family.

Card of Thanks
We want to express our deepest heartfelt thanks to our neighbors and many friends for the beautiful floral offerings and the loving words and deeds that were bestowed upon us during the burial of our baby daughter, Annie Ruth Blair.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blair,
Mrs. E. T. Sparks & family,
Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Latham and family.

The Clean-up Campaign committee will use the Boy Scouts to report on all parties not participating in the campaign.

The baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jones is seriously ill at the home of the maternal grandmother, Mrs. Mable Williams. It is feared the trouble may be meningitis or mastoiditis. The child is under treatment of San Angelo physicians.

P. T-A Election
At a call meeting of the local P. T. A. last week, the nominating committee, of which Mrs. G. L. Taylor was chairman, recommended the following as officers for the coming year: President, Mrs. Houston Smith; vice president, Mrs. A. C. Johnson; secretary Mrs. A. F. Landers. The report of this committee was accepted and the officers-elect will be voting delegates to the district convention at San Angelo, April 9 10.

Corder-Ekrut
Announcements have been received here of the approaching marriage of Miss Carrie Corder and Rev. R. O. Ekrut, the rites to be solemnized April 12 at the Baptist church in Stockdale. The couple will be at home in Nixon, Texas after April 25. Miss Corder is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Corder of Stockdale, Texas. Rev. Corder was pastor of the Robert Lee Baptist church for several years. Miss Corder and Ekrut were college mates at Howard Payne, Brownwood.

Rev. and Mrs. Earl Hoggard are moving into the new parsonage, a residence the Methodists recently bought from Veva Welch and moved to the site of the old parsonage. The Rial Denman family has moved to the old parsonage which he bought and moved to a lot in the northwest part of town. Mrs. Josie Woodmanson has leased her beauty shop in Robert Lee and has accepted a position as operator in a beauty shop at Monahans. Part of her household furnishings were moved Wednesday but she has not decided whether she will move all the furnishings and rent out her house here.

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Sun Spun SALAD DRESSING, pints	24c
Red & White MILK, 4 small cans or 2 large cans	15c
R & W FLAV-R-JELL, 3 packages	14c
Seaview MACKERAL, 2 No 1 tall cans	17c
R & W Sifted PEAS, 2 No 2 cans	35c
Sinclair LIMA BEANS, 2 No 2 cans	25c
Seaspray CATSUP, 14 oz bottle,	12c
R & W CORN FLAKES, large package	11c
Brimful PORK & BEANS, No 1 cans, each	6c
Blu-Kross TOILET TISSUE, 3 roll carton	20c
B & W SOAP CHIPS, 5 lb box	35c
R & W White Laundry SOAP, 6 giant bars	25c
R & W CLEANSER, 3 cans for	11c
R & W MARHMALLOWS, 1/2 lb bag	9c
1 lb bag	15c
R & W DATES, 10 oz package	15c
Raycraft PEARS, salad pieces, No 2 1/2 can	17c
R & W TUNA, No 1/2 can	19c
BEETS, 2 lge bunches,	5c
CARROTS, SWISS CHARD,	
NEW RED POTATOES, 5 pounds	19c
SPUDS, 10 pounds,	29c
ORANGES, California, 176's, doz	39c

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