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News Regarding UCRA Promises To Break Soon

We have been trying to get some information regarding the UCRA surveyors that were supposed to have started first this month, but nothing could be found out. However, it is said they have been in San Angelo for some time awaiting orders, and it is likely something will break soon.

"El Valle" Garden Club

Mrs. J. C. Snead, Jr., was chosen for president of the El Valle Garden Club for the coming year when Mrs W. J. Cumbie entertained last Thursday.

Mrs. Houston Smith led the program and called the roll to which response was made with the name of a flower often mispronounced. Mrs Lamont Scott talked on the planting and culture of dahlias and Mrs. W. K. Simpson, Mrs. W. B Clift and Mrs. Cortez Russell gave an interesting report on their visit at the National Flower Show at Houston.

Chosen to serve with Mrs. Snead were Mrs. Cortez Russell, first vice-president; Mrs. Lamont Scott, second vice-president. Mrs. Jack Lassiter, third vice-president; Mrs. W B. Clift, secretary-treasurer and Mrs. Houston Smith, corresponding secretary.

One visitor and sixteen members were present.

American Legion to Meet In San Angelo

Post Commander
American Legion
Robert Lee, Texas.

Dear Buddy;

As you perhaps already know we are having our 21st district convention in San Angelo on Saturday and Sunday, March 18 and 19, and we are very anxious to have you and a good delegation from your post. Join us on the above dates.

The boys at San Angelo have been working hard and have an excellent program outlined for both business and pleasure. A number of state officials will be present, and I feel sure that you will consider it time well spent. Please give this matter all the publicity that you can in your post and town and if possible get a notice in your local paper.

Hoping to see you and a lot of the boys from your post in San Angelo on March 18 and 19.

W. A. Wilhite,
21st District Commander.

If you have any news phone 69 or tell us. It will be appreciated.

School Honor Roll

The honor roll for the fourth six weeks term of school is as follows:

First Grade

Lonnell Landers, Paul Smith, Bobbie Selts, Joe Dennis Thetford, Ruth Austin, Ben Douglas Snead, Charlotte Denman, Janie Sue Higgins, Joe Louis Pate, Edna Mae Wallace.

Second Grade

Joe Martin, Catherine Rabb, Nelda Ann Sheppard, Clydene Gartman, Patty Taylor, Yvonne Jolly, Craig Landers, Maudie Watson.

Third Grade

Yvonne McCutchen, Juannell Jay, Francis Johnson, Jo Ann Bilbo, Doris Pettit, Charline cCutchen, Jack Snead, Floy Gunnels, Dorothy McDonnan.

Fourth Grade

Don Austin, Bobbie Baker, Charles Bessent, Francis Parker, Preston Ross, Billie Allen, Allene Olson, J. C. Wallace, Billie Faye Jolly, D. J Walker.

Fifth Grade

Royal Jordan, Dora Richardson, Barbara Ross, Jamie Bilbo, Reba Faye Woods, Mabel Jay, Martha Francis Smith, Geraldine Wright.

Sixth Grade

Curtis Smith, Ruth Ann Taylor.

Seventh Grade

Clema Cowley, Wallace Clift, Bryan Jolly, Agnes Walker.

Eighth Grade

Roy Keenan, Billie Sue Brown.

Tenth Grade

Maxine Craddock, Katie Sue Good, Hazel Ruth Peay.

Eleventh Grade

Gail McCutchen, Mary Jo Bird, Zelma Slaughter, Josephine Taylor, Nina Gramling, Eugenie Davis, Glennell Johnson, Edwina Ross.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chapman of Wasco, California, are guests in the Jim McCutchen home this week.

Rev. and Mrs. G. P. Hester of Marathon have moved to Robert Lee. Rev. Hester has accepted the pastorate of the Methodist church here, having been appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Rev. Hoggard who recently resigned.

Tom Peays, Jr., senior student in agriculture at Texas Technological College, is on the Junior Livestock Judging team which is competing at the Fort Worth Fat Stock show this week. He is the son of Mr and Mrs. Tom A. Peay of Edith.

Urgent, Buy Your Car License Early, Please

We have been requested by the sheriffs department to inform the public that time is getting short to register your car and they ask that you register as soon as possible in order to avoid the last week rush. Up to now there has been too few who have registered.

They ask that you please bring your receipt slip they gave you, or remember your number when you come so as to save time.

What's On At The Show

Friday and Saturday we have another one of those delightful Jane Withers pictures, "Always In Trouble." She is ably assisted by Jean Rogers and Arthur Treacher.

Jane is always filled with good intentions. She's always trying to help folks out, hoping to square things up, and it ends up with plenty of trouble for her.

Also 6th episode of the Flying G-Men and a comedy.

Sunday and Monday "Angels With Dirty Faces" will be on the screen, starring James Cagney, Pat O'Brien and other well-known stars.

Here's a picture which can hold its own on any theatre's bill where action counts. For entertainment value, it runs ahead of many seen this year. In spite of the gangster theme, this dramatic picture deserves the patronage of everyone. It teaches a vital lesson without preaching; it brings to the fore all the elements of a smashing picture.

Also a comedy and latest news flashes.

Wednesday only, "Breaking The Ice" with Bobby Breen, the young English actor, assisted by Charles Ruggles, Dolores Costello, Billy Gilbret, and dozens of others, also featuring Irene Dare, the world's youngest ice skater. Only six years old, she's a wonder with skates. You will also hear the latest song hits sung by Bobby Breen.

Good orchestra music and a good comedy.

W. M. S. Society

The Methodist W. M. S. met in the home of Mrs. Latham with the following members present:

Mrs. W. K. Simpson, Mrs. Ruby Brown, Mrs. J. A. Clift, Mrs. Lela Craddock, Mrs. Marvin Simpson, Mrs. J. K. Griffith, Mrs. Bruce Clift, Mrs. J. S. Gardner, Mrs. W. H. Bell, Mrs. Elsie Wright, Mrs. Frank Keading, Mrs. McNeil Wylie, Mrs. J. T. Thetford, Mrs. F. C. Clark, Mrs. Lizzie Hester, one visitor, Mrs. Viola Webb.

Mrs. McNeil Wylie taught our mission study book, "The Church Takes Root In India." Mrs. Wylie was given a rising vote of thanks for her splendid lesson.

Mrs. Latham served a delicious refreshment plate.

Coke County Interscholastic League Meet Here

The County contest in Volley Ball, Baseball, and Tennis will be held at the Robert Lee High School Saturday, March 18, beginning at 9:00 o'clock a m. All teams and contestants are urged to be present strictly on time.

All Literary events will be contested at the Robert Lee High School Thursday, March 23, beginning at 9 o'clock a m.

All track and field contests will be held at the Robert Lee High School Athletic field Friday, March 24, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Printed programs will be out on the day of the meet for the convenience of the participants and visitors. You are all invited to attend these events free of charge.

The one-act play contest will be held at the Robert Lee High School Auditorium Thursday night, March 23, beginning promptly at 8:00 o'clock. Admission prices will be 10c and 20c. Both Robert Lee and Bronte will present one-act plays and the winner will go to the district meet in San Angelo. The proceeds from these plays will be used to pay the expense of the out of county judges that will be selected for the meet.

Supt. Bob B. Covey of Bronte will be in charge of the meet and all information should come from him.

Geo. L. Taylor, Supt.,
Robert Lee High School.

Farm Security Loans

The Farm Security Administration is now making loans to some of the most able farmers in the county and is not limited, as it once was, to the farmer who has been on relief, it was made known today by T. R. Andrus, F. S. A's County Supervisor.

"Let me say right here that Farm Security Administration loans are made only to those who are unable to obtain adequate financing from any other source," the supervisor said. "The borrower who can get the financing which he needs from a bank or from any other private financial institution is not eligible for an FSA loan. But there are some types of loans which even fairly large farmers and ranchers can obtain only from FSA."

Farm Security has made many loans this year to farmers or ranchmen who were in need of more capital to buy livestock or to rent more acreage. In these cases, the orperator was always hard-pressed, and many of them had to meet with their creditors and get their debts adjusted Farm Security will not lend to a man who is in such a hard situation that he has no prospect of paying off old debts as well as new. If the old debts are too heavy, FSA helps work out an agreement with creditors by which the debts are scaled down.

"Many of these borrowers are fairly large operators, and the loans sometimes run to several thousand dollars," the supervisor said.

He also pointed out another type of farmer served by FSA, who can get the money he wants at the bank for his individual operations. But he may occasionally need to use big scale equipment for a few days, or a purebred sire, and yet too little need of it to own one himself. He is eligible for one of the cooperative enterprises which FSA is financing.

Only ten percent of farmers in this state have taken advantage of these opportunities offered by FSA to date, said the supervisor. Those who cannot get adequate financing from any other source were invited by him to call at the Farm Security Administration office.

The Lewis Produce Co. have installed a 2000-egg capacity incubator and can take care of your future hatching needs.

J. O. Greer is running an ad this week regarding his high bred sheep. Mr. Greer has some of the best sheep in this section and you should see them in Robert Lee Saturday.

Kirk's Second Hand Store

When you are in want of anything in new or second hand odds and ins, Mr. Kirk says, "You'll find it here".

In this issue you will find a display ad of Mr. Kirk's bid for your business. Conveniently located at 32 East Fifth Street, just north of the old Santa Fe depot, on your way in or out of San Angelo.

Mr. Kirk already has many friends in Robert Lee and territory since he has visited our city several times recently and he invites you to drop by when in San Angelo.

Dr. F. K. Turney, who has been practicing in San Angelo for the past year or so, has sold his residence in the former city and has moved back to his ranch. His office will be in the City Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Allen and Mrs. Lois Landers attended the West Texas Druggists' Convention in San Angelo this week. Mr. Allen, past president of the association, was made chairman of the resolutions committee of the West Texas druggists.

Weekly News Analysis

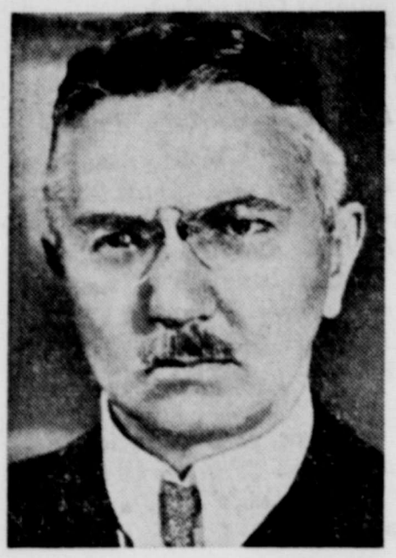
Economic Crisis in Germany Forces 'Now or Never' Choice

By Joseph W. La Bine

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

Germany

In 1939 economic poverty can throttle the most warlike nation, because modern conflict needs manpower far less than gunpowder, airplanes and battleships. Moreover, foreign trade has become a vital weapon of diplomacy. When Adolf Hitler first reached power he could import and use the raw materials of war by capitalizing on his inheritance from democratic government. Commodities, a huge reserve of unused capital, equipment and unemployed labor helped build the Third Reich's military machine. Other millions went for costly public works to impress the world with Germany's prowess. Meanwhile heavy imports cut the Reich's foreign exchange to a reported 800,000,000 marks by January 1 this



DR. HJALMAR SCHACHT
His job, now or never.

year, while Germany's moral stock fell on the world market thanks to Jewish persecution and the Czech crisis. Barter trade (swapping) was a desperate and unpopular recourse to combat the more orthodox type of agreement like America's reciprocal program.

Among typical German signs-of-the-times:

(1) Twenty-nine per cent of the national income goes to the state via taxes; 10 per cent more reach the Reich's coffers via social insurance and enforced donations. Of the basic 29 per cent, 25 goes for rearmament.

(2) Total tax revenue for this fiscal year (excluding Austria and Sudetenland) will be $8,880,000,000; miscellaneous income, $80,000,000; income via long and short term borrowing, $4,800,000,000; the rough total income, $14,000,000,000. Today's public debt stands at between 21 and 24 billions, far larger in proportion than the bemoaned U. S. public debt.

(3) Minus cash, the Reich has paid armament makers $400,000,000 in I. O. U.'s since November 1. Bearing no interest, half of them have gone back to banks as collateral for loans. Result: A completely artificial credit structure which could collapse overnight.

Chief worrier about this impossible situation has been Dr. Rudolf Brinkman, successor as Reichsbank president to Dr. Hjalmar Schacht. On the job a few weeks, Dr. Brinkman worried himself into a nervous breakdown. Meanwhile developments reveal that Dr. Schacht was not kicked out of the Reichsbank into disfavor, but to tackle the job Adolf Hitler had in mind when he told the Reichstag January 30 that Germany "must export or die." A financial wizard who has more friends abroad than any other influential Nazi, Dr. Schacht is now in charge of a campaign to revive foreign trade by (1) seeking new markets to provide additional foreign exchange, and (2) thawing out frozen debits and credits created under the Nazi system.

The significance of this situation is that France and Britain, now weaker than Germany in military might, will eventually be stronger by virtue of superior financial reserves. Without batting an eyelash, London is spending more than $3,000,000,000 for defense next year and can continue at this pace for several years to come. Germany must get foreign exchange immediately or stop rearming, and Britain is now waging an aggressive and successful campaign to block the Reich's trade expansion plans.

One very important reason why observers predict a European showdown this spring is that the Reich must strike now—while her might is still supreme—or suffer eventual diplomatic defeat. Moreover this economic supremacy of world democracies will have the same effect on dictatorial Italy and Japan.

Congress

Most Americans do not realize that the bulk of New Deal reform measures have been adopted in one form or another. But practically everyone realizes the cost of reform has been tremendous, that the public debt now stands at $40,000,000,000, that the treasury has a current deficit of $2,200,000,000. With reform achieved, President Roosevelt is willing to join conservatives in two mutually desired ambitions, balancing the budget and helping business get back on its feet.

Chief arguments concern the method. New Dealers, whose program is voiced by Secretary of Commerce Harry Hopkins, would remove oppressive taxes and hope that the resultant boom would swell federal coffers, balancing the budget without eliminating "necessary" activities. Most businessmen and many congressmen would take an additional step—economy.

Total 1939-40 budget estimates are $8,995,000,000, creating a new $3,326,000,000 deficit and zooming the public debt smack against its legal debt limit of $45,000,000,000—unless congress raises the limit. Far from willing to raise it, or even to approve the new budget, congressional Republicans have found strong support in rebellious Democrats. Their spokesman is Mississippi's Sen. Pat Harrison, who came out for a flat 10 per cent budget cut and a warning: "The country's credit is good and I don't think we have reached the debt danger point, but the stop-look-and-listen sign is up . . . A lot of this emergency stuff could be cut, and I'm in favor of cutting."

Senator Harrison has already found support in two studies:

Brookings. Surveying the new governmental reorganization bill (to consolidate and abolish executive agencies for the sake of economy and efficiency), Washington's thorough-searching Brookings institution claimed it was ill-conceived, that no economies would result. Of 132 agencies listed for reorganization, only 54 require legislative authority, and no legislation is necessary unless congress wants to "give the President authority to make laws by executive order." Suggestions: (1) Prune all present activities "rigorously;" (2) develop a "more consistent" program.

SENATOR HARRISON
Time to stop-look-and-listen?

National Economy League. Reason for this survey was that "before lasting recovery and increased employment can be a reality . . . all doubts about national credit must be removed. The plan: Reduce next year's deficit from $3,000,000,000 to $500,000,000. Comparative budgets (000,000 omitted):

Expenditure	President's Budget	League Budget	Saving
Relief	$2,040	$1,400	$640
Public works	1,131	700	431
Social security	928	928	....
AAA	694	500	194
Defense	1,320	1,320	....
Interest	1,050	1,025	25
Veterans	539	539	....
All other	1,293	875	418
Total	$8,995	$7,287	$1,708
Receipts	5,669	* 6,142	....
Net deficit	3,326	1,145	....

*Assumes business improvement from pared budget.

So potent are economy's new friends that the administration may well find its cautious business-wooing program a boomerang. Wading half way across the pond of conciliation when opinion favored a complete passage, Mr. Roosevelt has been left behind and confronted with charges of insincerity because Harry Hopkins—the man who started his program—would need business' support to win the 1940 nomination.

Floyd Gibbons' ADVENTURERS' CLUB

HEADLINES FROM THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF!

"Fanged Death"

HELLO, EVERYBODY:

Distinguished Adventurer Graham Babcock of Paterson, N. J., takes the Adventurers' club rostrum today, and Graham wins ten bucks because he wouldn't take another fellow's advice. If he'd done what that fellow told him to he'd have had no story to tell us today. But Graham paid no attention to that fellow, and the result is one of the most thrilling, blood-curdling adventure yarns I've seen in a coon's age.

It was in August, 1913. Graham was just seventeen years old, lived in Suffern, N. Y., and spent his spare time hunting in the Ramapo mountains, in season and out. At the time, hunting was out of season, so Graham carried his rifle in a gun case and took along a fishing basket, just in case he happened to meet up with a game warden. Game wardens can put you in the jug for hunting in August, but there's no law against fishing for minnies at that time of year.

Graham started out up the tracks of the Erie railroad and walked as far as the Ramapo crossing. From there he planned to cut into the mountains, but the crossing tender, an old friend of his and an old-timer in that section tried to dissuade him. "There's a rattlesnake den just up the side of that gully," he said, "and rattlers are mean at this time of year. Better go in up the track a ways."

Graham Unknowingly Walks Into Nest of Snakes.

But Graham had seen rattlers before and he wasn't afraid of them. Whenever he'd come on them they had always wriggled out of sight as fast as they could. He forgot, though, that a nest of rattlers in the late summer season might actually be LOOKING for trouble.

Graham climbed up the side of the hill and walked along a ridge until he came to a place where a big boulder jutted out over the edge of a small cliff. There wasn't a rattler in sight, and he began to think he must have passed the nest the crossing tender had spoken of. He saw some berry bushes a few yards away and set his gun and fishing

I remembered everything I had ever heard about rattlers.

basket down on the boulder while he climbed up to pick a few berries. But Graham never picked so much as a single berry. The minute he reached for them, things began to happen.

As he stooped down to part the leaves of the first bush, a rattler shot out from beneath it and landed almost at his feet. Graham leaped back. As he did, the skirring ruffle of another rattler sounded from a niche in the rock just over his head. Then, all at once, that sound was repeated from a dozen directions. From the right. From the left. From behind him! The sound swelled into a low, ominous hum.

Graham realized, then, that he was right in the middle of that nest of vipers. He took a quick step forward—and stopped dead in his tracks. "A big one lay right in my path," he says, "coiled and ready to strike, its whole body swelling and deflating with anger, as if it were being blown up by a bellows. Its tail sounded its threatening war-note and its head was flattened and drawn back for the kill. I tried to back up, and right behind me near a rotted tree trunk another one reared its head and rattled and hissed.

"Talk about things flashing through your mind! In a split second I remembered everything I had ever heard about rattlers. I remembered my grandfather telling that this was the worst time of year to be bitten, for in late August when the rattler is about to seek his winter quarters his venom is twice as poisonous as it is at other times. And I remembered hearing that the speed with which the venom takes effect depends on where you are bitten. My uncle once told me of a woman bitten in the breast who lived just 17 minutes."

Those thoughts went through Graham's mind in just the smallest fraction of a second, and they stirred him into action. Over his head was a tree limb. He leaped for it, caught it, and swung out from between the snakes that had him cornered. He landed in an open space, grabbed up a stick and began flailing the bushes to right and left. "I made for the boulder where I had left my gun and fishing basket," he says, "still beating frantically with my stick. Another snake struck at the stick, and I threw it away as hard as I could and tore through the bushes like a madman."

Suddenly He Heard Another Low-Pitched, Ominous Hum.

Graham reached the boulder where he had left his gun, out of breath and shaking like a leaf. He had hurt his knee in his mad scramble through the brush and now, believing himself out of danger he sat down to look it over. And then, suddenly, he heard another low-pitched, ominous buzz.

Says he: "I looked back over my shoulder just in time to see another big rattler leap at me. How I ever did it I'll never know, but from a sitting position, without getting to my feet, I actually jumped three feet to one side, and the snake missed me by a foot. It knocked over the basket and landed coiled right on my gun case. I ran to the left edge of the boulder and broke a limb from a green sapling as if it were a pipe-stem. I saw the infuriated snake make ready for another strike and I knew it wouldn't miss this time.

"Behind me was the cliff. In front of me was the snake, and I couldn't get off the boulder without getting in range of its strike. Then I saw two other rattlers edging up to join in the attack, and although it was a terrible jump I preferred the cliff to death by snake-bite. I hesitated only an instant, hoped for the best, and leaped into space."

The top of a cedar tree broke Graham's fall. He landed in a bed of pine needles below it and he says he fairly bounced as he landed. "Luck was with me," he says, "and the only injuries I suffered were the terrible scratches on my body, arms and face. I went home leaving my gun and basket right where they were, and I didn't go back for them until after cold weather set in and the snakes were all holed up in their winter quarters."

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Redwood Stump a Shrine

On the Redwood highway in Santa Rosa, signs invite the public to attend church services at "The Stump of the Tree"—from which the First Baptist church was built.

Expecting to find a freakish edifice, we drove instead to a dignified house of worship. The church seats 300 persons.

The builder had a sense of drama, for it was not until the dedication services, one Sunday in 1873, that he announced to the congregation that their commodious church was built entirely from a single redwood. After it was completed there was enough lumber left over to erect a five-room house near by.—J. R. Hildebrand in the National Geographic Magazine.

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There COMES a MOMENT

By ELINOR MAXWELL

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"I shan't have lunch with Mr. Buchanan and talk things over," Mary thought bitterly as she slowly sipped the water. "There's no use in that. There's nothing to talk over! I've tried for years to be an author, and I've failed. My writing one story that was worthy of acceptance was evidently just an accident. There's only one thing left to do now, and no matter how repugnant and cheap and vile, I'll simply have to do it. I'll marry Jerome Taylor. Perhaps Aunt Linnie was right all along! At least, it's the only way out—to save my family."

She had an engagement for dinner and the theater with Jerome Taylor that evening. He would "make love" to her sometime during the evening. He always did He would tell her how beautiful she was, and how he never tired looking at her; and he would ask her if she didn't care for him "just a little bit." She had always evaded this question, or else answered, "Why, of course, Jerry, you know I like you very much," in a manner so definitely platonic that it forthwith brought the topic to a close.

She dressed with unusual care, wearing, as she had for that first dinner at Jerome's penthouse, her frock of silver and white; pinning, as she had also done on that night, his superb orchids high on her left shoulder. And again, as on the evening of their first dinner together, she wore Lelia's ermine wrap. Casting one last glance at herself in the mirror before going to the living room to greet him, she smiled with bitter approval. "Yes," she told herself with acerbity, "I look just what I am—a glorified gold-digger—orchids, ermine cape, and all!"

Jerome rose hastily from a chair as she entered the room. "Mary!" he exclaimed at sight of her. "My dear, you're more beautiful tonight than I've ever seen you!" And, lifting her hand to his lips, he kissed it.

She did not withdraw it immediately, although the touch of his lips on her hand made her cringe. She must not be aloof, as she heretofore had been with this man. She must pretend that she liked him. She must bring on a proposal tonight—tonight.

He evidently noticed the change in her, for they were hardly settled in his car before he again sought her hand and held it. She did not attempt to draw it away, although she felt as if it were imprisoned in the claw of a large eagle. "This is part of the business of getting engaged," she scathingly informed herself. "I'll have to grin and bear it. It's—it's all in the day's work!"

"You're — different tonight, darling," Jerome was saying in that purring, tender voice she hated. "And, my dear, I've never seen you quite so beautiful. That coronet braid around your lovely little head makes you look like a queen! You do like me, don't you, dear? Somehow, tonight, I feel . . . "

But Lorgan, the chauffeur, was pulling up at the curb in front of the Waldorf, and the uniformed doorman was opening the door of the car.

Thankful that the drive was at an end, Mary withdrew her hand from Jerome's clasp, and slipped on a long white glove. "That's over—for a while," she told herself, an imperceptible shudder going over her body.

It was not over for long, however. Jerome Taylor, warmed by her apparent encouragement, waited only until after their entree had been served to begin again. His eyes, no longer quizzical, held a new glow of sanguinity; his voice had lowered to a new note of fervor.

"Mary," he began as soon as the waiter had left their table, "I believe you're beginning to like me just a bit after all this time. How about it, dear? You know I've been simply mad about you ever since the first day I saw you."

"Have you really?" Mary countered. And then, desperately forcing herself, "I'm—I'm glad, Jerry."

The man placed his fork on the side of his dinner plate. "Darling, how can you ask? You certainly have known it all along. You're the sweetest and the loveliest and the most beautiful thing I've ever seen. And, Mary, I want you always."

Eventually, she raised her eyes to the man, and forced a smile to her lips. Jerome, wrapped in his own thoughts, saw nothing amiss in her long silence; that cynical twist to her lips. "Darling," he was saying, and now he had pushed aside his untouched food, and lighted a cigarette. "I want to take care of you always—give you the rare jewels that only you are suited to wear; the exquisite clothes you should have to accentuate your beauty. We'll travel everywhere, Mary—see everything—do everything there is to be done! I'll always be proud of you. So very proud of you!"

Still unable to bring any words to her lips, she sat there; now lifting her goblet of water to her mouth; now sipping some water; now placing the goblet back on the table.

Jerry, unmindful of the people about them, reached across the table and placed his hand over hers. "Darling, why not go down to Palm Beach with me tomorrow? My yacht's down there, you know, and . . ."

Mary glanced sharply across at him. "Tomorrow? But, Jerry, how in the world could we get married in such a short time?"

The man hastily relinquished her hand, and leaned back in his chair. The warm glow that had filled his narrow gray eyes disappeared. "My dear," he purred, "you seem to have misunderstood me."

Mary stared at him with incredulous eyes. "You weren't asking me to marry you?"

Jerome Taylor laughed. "What a provincial little thing you are! Why, everybody knows I'm not the marrying sort. But, my dear, there are so many things I can do for you . . ."

Mary felt for the cape which lay across the back of her chair, and with trembling fingers, pulled it over her shoulders. "You conceited old fool! I hate you! I've always hated you! I never want to see you again!" And grabbing her gloves and bag from the table, she rose from her chair.

As unperturbed as if she had told him she'd just remembered a telephone call she had to make, Taylor rose too, his sleek gray head inclining in a suave little bow. "Don't make a scene, my dear," he said in a low voice, his lips fixed in a

"My dear, you're more beautiful tonight than I've ever seen you!"

smile. "Remember, we're in a public place. Besides, you're not exactly suited to melodrama, you know."

Mary flashed him an enraged look; then, with steps which she tried desperately to keep steady, made her way blindly through the tables, and out of the room to the lobby.

Eventually, she reached the door, and, in a voice that was still throaty with anger, asked the doorman to call for a taxi. She wondered if she had enough money in her bag to pay for the cab, but she was so dizzy with anger, she could not even bring herself to look.

She was whirling up the Avenue—away from Jerome Taylor—closer, closer to Aunt Linnie's apartment and the safety and security which it betokened. Now, the cab was pulling up before Aunt Linnie's apartment house. Mary glanced at the meter; then emptied her purse into the driver's hand.

She stepped to the curb, and ran across the canopied walk to the entrance door. Her head was down, and in her eagerness to get into the foyer, she did not see the man who was leaving it. He caught her arm in an attempt to prevent a collision; then, as they both came to an abrupt standstill, she looked up. "Why, Umberto!" she exclaimed. "I didn't see you!"

"That is quite evident, little Mary!" he replied with a smile. "I had just dropped in to call on you, and but now was leaving with a heavy heart."

"Mush! Mush! Mush!" thought Mary. "Why can't other men talk as sanely as Phillip Buchanan?"

"You are back early, my beautiful!" Balianci continued, his hand still on her arm. "Is something wrong?"

"No, Umberto, I wanted—to—come home."

"But then, I may go up with you, and stay a while?"

Mary frowned. "No, Umberto. No, no, no." Then, seeing the shadow that crossed his handsome dark face she said, "Oh, all right! Come on for a few moments. We'll listen to the radio."

Addie opened the door in answer to Mary's ring. "Why, Miss Mary!" she exclaimed. "I just told this gentleman you were out for the evening!"

"I changed my plans, Addie," Mary returned and, slipping Lelia's wrap from her shoulders, handed it to the woman. "Addie, I wonder if you'll make us some black coffee. I have a headache."

"Yes, ma'am, honey!" Addie replied. "I'll have some for you in just a few minutes."

Then, as Addie disappeared into the kitchen, Balianci came towards her. "Darling," he murmured in the honeyed tones that Mary loathed, "something has gone wrong with you! Something has hurt you! I can see it written on your lovely face. Tell Umberto, my sweet."

Mary glanced up into his somber eyes—eyes that were filled with compassion and pity. "It's nothing," she began in a voice that was husky with emotion. The ugly shock of Jerome Taylor's words had left her at last, but in its place there burned a blind rage against the man, and a fear for all things to come. "It's nothing," she repeated. And then, bursting into wild, uncontrollable sobs, she cried, "Oh, Umberto, it's everything! It's everything! Yes, something has hurt me terribly!"

And, quite without knowing how it happened, she found herself in his arms, his lips softly pressing her cheek, her head against his shoulder.

"Darling! Darling!" he was saying softly. "Cara mia, I love you!" And, for the moment, she felt safe, supremely secure in his arms. "Tell Umberto all about it, my sweet."

She shook her head. "No! No! No! I can never tell anyone!"

Taking a handkerchief from his pocket, he dried the tears on her face. "You've been crushed by something, my darling, and I could kill the beast who hurt you. Oh, Mary, my dear, I love you! I want to take care of you. I want you to be mine always, so that no one can ever hurt you again. Darling, will you marry me?"

"Oh, no, Umberto, I can't marry you! I don't want to marry anybody!" And then, with a badgering persistence, the thought, "But, I must marry somebody. I must do something!" again flooded her mind.

"Ah, darling," Umberto replied, touching his lips lightly to her eyes, "you say that tonight because you are upset by this dreadful something; but tomorrow, tomorrow, it will be different! Ah, feratasa, say you will consider it! Say I may leave you tonight with my heart warmed with the hope you will marry me soon."

Mary withdrew from his embrace, moving towards the fireplace, her cold hand against her throbbing forehead. "I—don't know, Umberto. Let's not talk about it tonight. Maybe . . ."

Balianci followed her. "Maybe?" he repeated softly. "Maybe! Oh, cara mia, that means you will make me the happiest man on earth!"

He attempted to take her in his arms again, but she pulled away, grateful to hear Addie approaching from the kitchen.

She had hardly finished pouring the coffee when a key could be heard turning in the latch of the entrance door. An instant later, Lelia Ormsby came into the room. Her eyes widened when she saw Mary sitting there with Count Balianci. "Why, Mary!" she began. "What are you doing at home? I thought—"

Umberto jumped to his feet. "Mrs. Ormsby," he exclaimed, his dark eyes flashing, "congratulate me! I am the happiest man on earth! My lovely lady has promised to marry me!"

A look of consternation flashed across Lelia's face. "Why, what do you mean?"

"But just that!" Balianci returned, with a grandiose wave of his hand. "You will felicitate us, yes?"

Lelia moved towards the lounge where Mary sat, her gaze riveted on her coffee cup. "Mary," she demanded, "is this true? You're not really going to marry Count Balianci, are you?"

Mary could not look up, nor could she speak for a moment. "I—don't

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—know—Lelia," she finally replied in a remote voice. "Maybe I shall."

Lelia continued to regard the girl with eyes that were cold with unbelief. "Well," she said at last, and her voice was crisp, "I wish you both happiness. Perhaps Linnie Cotswell will be satisfied now. She's down in the lobby talking to the manager of the building. She'll be up here in a minute and you can break the joyous news to her. We were planning to go on to Club Torquay to join the Bascoms for a bit of roulette. No doubt, she'll want to make a party of it in celebration of this—ah—happy event."

"But that is wonderful!" cried Umberto. "I shall buy champagne, and everybody will drink a toast to my bride-to-be!"

Mary finally glanced up at Lelia. "You—you will come, Lelia?"

A pregnant silence followed—a silence in which Lelia snapped open a cigarette box that lay on the table beside the lounge, removed a cigarette and lighted it. "Yes," she finally said, "I'll go along."

CHAPTER XI

Aunt Linnie arrived on the scene a few minutes later. "Don't say anything!" Mary admonished Balianci and Lelia. "Please. Please!" And her voice was so importunate that they both nodded their acquiescence.

If Aunt Linnie felt any surprise at seeing Mary sitting in the living room with Balianci when she had supposed her to be at the theater with Jerome Taylor, her face did not betray her. "How nice to find you and Balianci here," she exclaimed. "Lelia and I are going to the Club Torquay to meet the Bascoms and play a bit of roulette. Will you join us?"

"Thanks so much," Balianci replied. "We'd love it."

"I'll change in a jiffy," Lelia was saying, as if from a great distance. "Will you excuse me for five minutes?"

Lelia appeared in but a moment, looking slender and lovely in a frock of flame-colored chiffon, and carrying over one arm her ermine wrap, and a black velvet coat with a white fox collar.

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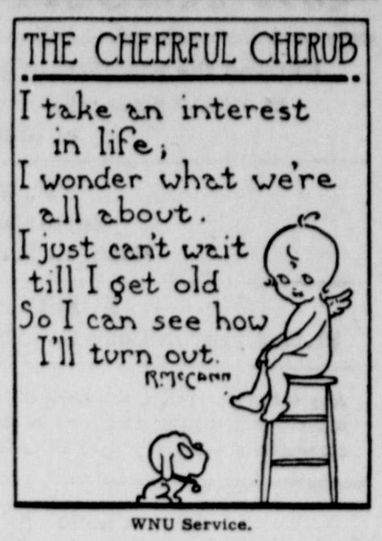

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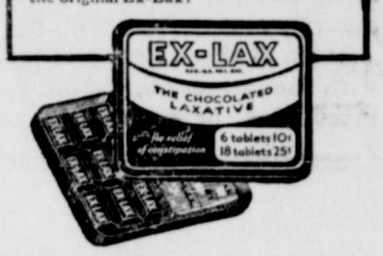

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If the people of Texas want to assume a new tax burden of $30,000,000 to $40,000,000 a year in order to pay liberal pensions to aged people, school teachers, dependent persons and those with impaired eye-sight, they are going to have to say so with votes at the ballot box, sometime this summer.

That appeared to be the concensus of informed opinion in Austin this week-end, as the House of Representatives sent all of the various tax bills it has received to a subcommittee with instructions to bring out recommended legislation without delay. Whatever tax plans are submitted to raise the social security money, they will, in the opinion of those closely in touch with the situation, be incorporated in one or more constitutional amendments.

This Legislature appears at this time entirely unwilling to heap that such tax burden upon the citizens without a direct mandate at the ballot box. So the prospect at this writing is that bill be an entirely taxless session of the Legislature.

Whether the constitutional plan incorporating a tax program will be a series of amendments, offering alternate proposals, such as a sales tax, a "use" tax, a transaction tax, an income tax, a gross receipts tax, and increased natural resource taxes, or whether it will be a single "omnibus" amendment, including several of these tax plans, depends entirely upon the prevailing sentiment among members of the House committees on taxation and revenue and on constitutional amendments.

The familiar arguments against each of the tax forms mentioned have been heard by the legislators from spokesmen from each of the each of the affected groups. The sales tax, obviously is a burden upon the low income group--the farmer, the laborer and the small salaried worker. The transaction tax is a multiple sales tax, with its evils and burdens multiplied. The gross income and "use" taxes are but sales taxes, with the collection method simplified. The natural resource people claim they are approaching the breaking point in their ability to pay further taxes. The protests from representatives of almost every economic group, including, farmers, labor, manufacturers, retail merchants, oil men and consumers have poured into Austin until many of the legislators are convinced that the best way out of maze is to check the problem back to the people.

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And clawed the cover off,
And starting in to lapping cream;
So fast, it made him cough.
And when Ma saw the old Tom cat,
She chased him with the broom,
The old cat turned and jumped and ran,
Into the other room;
Where Pa was dozing on a lounge,
Ma moved in from the hall,
Pa did not hear Ma holler, "scat,"
He didn't wake at all.
The old cat jumped up on the lounge,
And croughed down by Pa's head.
Ma raised the broom, hit at the cat,
But hit poor Pa instead.

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To the Sheriff or any Constable of Coke County, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon M. J. Sandefer, J. B. Sandefer, J. W. Wood and wife, L. E. Wood, J. T. Morris and wite, Alice Morris, Thomas Roberts and wife, Willie C. Roberts, Mrs. L. J. Pittman, a widow, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of M. J. Sandefer, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of J. B. Sandefer, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of J. W. Wood, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of Mrs. L. E. Wood, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of J. T. Morris, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of Mrs. Alice Morris, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of Thomas Roberts, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of Mrs. Willie C. Roberts, and the unknown heirs and legal representatives of Mrs. L. J. Pittman, a widow, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County. If there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Coke County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Robert Lee, Texas, on the Third Monday in April A. D. 1939, the same being the 17th day of April A. D. 1939, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 7th day of March A. D. 1939 in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 1488, wherein I. A. Bird is Plaintiff, and M. J. Sandefer, J. B. Sandefer, J. W. Wood & wife, L. E. Wood, J. T. Morris & wife, Alice Morris, Thomas Roberts & wife: Willie C. Roberts, Mrs. L. J. Pittman, a widow, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of M. J. Sandefer, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of J. B. Sandefer, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of J. W. Wood, the unknown heirs and legal represetatives of Mrs. L. E. Wood, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of J. T. Morris, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of Mrs. Alice Morris; the unknown heirs and legal representatives of Thomas Roberts, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of Mrs. Willie C. Roberts, and the unknown heirs and legal representatives of Mrs. L. J. Pittman, a widow, are defendants and said petition allegl ing, that plaintiff resides in Coke County, Texas, and that the residences of the defendants and each of them, and that the names and residences of the unknown heirs and legal representatives of M. J. Sandefer, J. B. Sandefer, J. W. Wood, Mrs. L. E. Wood, J. T. Morris, Mrs. Alice Morris, Thomas Roberts, Mrs. Willie C. Roberts, and Mrs. L. J. Pittman, a widow, parties to such suit, are unknown to plaintiff.

That heretotore towit, on the 15th day of February, 1939, the plaintiff was lawfully seized and posessed of the following described land and premises, situated in Coke County, Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple, towit; Lots Nos. One (1), Two (2), and Three (3, in Block No. Twenty-eight [28] in the town of Robert Lee, as shown by the map or plat thereof of record in the office of the County Clerk of Coke County, Texas, and that on said day and year the defendants unlawfully entered upon said land and premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom, and unlawfully withholds from him the poeession thereof, to his damage, One Thousand Dollars. That the reasonable annual rental value of said land and premises is the sum of One Hundred Twenty Dollars.

Plaintiff specially pleads the acquisision of full title to said land and premites by virtue of the five and ten years statute of limitation, as required by law, and further alleges that defendants are asserting some character of right, title, claim or interest in and to said land and premises, the nature of which is unknown to plaintiff, and of which the plaintiff is unable to ascertain, and alleges that all such rights, titles, claims and interests so asserted by said defendants are invalid, and without legal authority in law or equity, and should be canceled by judgment of this court, and that he should be quieted in his title tosaid land and premises.

Plaintiff prays for citation as provided by law, for judgment against the defendants and each of them for the title and possession of said land and premises, for judgment quieting his title to said land and premises, for costs of suit, and for general and special relief.

Herein Fail Not, and have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given Under My Hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Robert Lee, Texas, this the 7th day of March, A. D. 1939.

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Lesson for March 19

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PETER EXHORTS TO CHRISTIAN LIVING

LESSON TEXT—I Peter 3:8-18.

GOLDEN TEXT—But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.—I Peter 1:15.

Christians are not only "the called of Jesus Christ," but are also "called saints" (Rom. 1:6, 7). Peter had the same thing in mind when he (in v. 9 of our lesson) says that we "are thereunto called." Let us remember that when we are tempted to say that we "do not profess to be saints." "Dr. James Denney once remarked how odd it would look to see in the New Testament the statement, 'I don't pretend to be a saint.' It would be tantamount to saying, 'I do not take the call of God very seriously and I do not profess to live up to it.' When God calls, our answer is not a matter of indifference and . . . not a matter of presumption. 'It is not a life for which we volunteer, or on which we adventure of our own motion, or which we have to carry through our own resources; it is a life for which we have a divine summons, and that summons is our justification' " (Arnold's Commentary). All believers are called to live a consistent, powerful, useful Christian life, and God makes such a life possible.

I. Living for Christ (vv. 8-12).

To live for Christ one must be born again into the position of a true believer. Peter was not so foolish as to urge that his readers try to live a Christian life without first being born into the family of God. He therefore lays a foundation for his exhortations by discussing in the early chapters of his epistle the atonement of Christ and the position of the believer.

1. Among brethren (v. 8). Knowing what Christ has done for us, it might well be assumed that all of us who are His followers would love one another and do nothing but that which would promote Christian fellowship. But human nature prevails even in the Church, and sometimes displays its worst side there. Hence we need to consider this instruction of Peter that we cultivate unity, sympathy, and love among the brethren.

2. With unbelievers (vv. 9-11). God has called us to live peaceably with all men. We will not cure evil by returning for it more evil. If our ungodly neighbors or fellow workers mistreat us by word or deed, we are not to retaliate in kind. We are to control our tongues —how much we need to learn that lesson. We are not to be tricky and deceitful, not to look for a fight, but to seek peace.

3. For our own good (v. 12). What blessed assurance we find here for the believer. The eyes of the Lord are upon both the good and the evil in the world. He knows. Consider also the promise of "blessing" in verse 9, of seeing "good days" in verse 10, the assurance of peace in verse 11. It is not only honoring to God, but good for us to live as Christians.

II. Suffering for Christ (vv. 13-18).

Peter was writing to those who were bearing bitter persecution because they followed Christ. Perhaps some were tempted to say then as they do now, "If there really is a God, if Christianity amounts to anything at all, certainly believers would not be permitted to suffer at the hands of enemies of Christ." Let us be clear that being a Christian in no way exempts us from the common experiences of humanity, nor does it assure us that we will not have to bear persecution.

1. Not afraid (vv. 13, 14). The martyr spirit has not died out in the earth, and there are those in our day who stand unafraid before dictators and rulers who would destroy them because of their loyalty to Christ. "Be not afraid."

2. Not discouraged (vv. 15-17). The one who knows God's Word (and every Christian ought to know it) can give answer (v. 15) concerning his faith. Note that if we are punished for our own wrongdoing we may well be depressed, but if we meet persecution with a clear conscience (v. 16) we need feel no discouragement.

3. Not alone (v. 18). The path may be dark and difficult, but one thing we know, our Leader, Christ, walked an even darker and more desolate road. He it is who is now with us, yes, in us. Remember that "Christ also hath once suffered" (v. 18) and go on your way in victory.

Easter Costume Is Prettied With Beguiling Accessories

By CHERIE NICHOLAS

IN PLANNING your Easter outfit remember that fashions this season have gone utterly, enchantingly feminine. The whole story is one of softly styled suits, dresses and coats that are garnished with brain-storming accessories and breath-taking color schemes all of which bespeak womanly wiles and witchery.

It matters not how fundamentally simple and demure your costume starts out to be, by the time it has been accessoried in accord with fashion's idea of things for spring, it will have become a masterpiece of sophistication.

And so, in the forthcoming Easter fashion parade, eyes will shine from behind romantic veils as gaily colorful as blossoms in springtime, gloves will be worn that look as if they may have been dipped in Easter egg dyes, hats will be as sweetly feminine as flowers and wing trimmings and ribbons can make them. However, for news that is biggest news there's nothing quite so exciting as the irresistibly lovely lingerie touchesof frothy frills and dainty lingerie neckwear fantasies that give a freshness to spring outfits.

When it comes to the costume-ideal to wear on a gladsome Easter day choose a suit. Style-leaders have already declared this to be a suit season. This year suit enthusiasm reaches a new high, especially so because the woolens that fashion them are beyond a doubt the handsomest that ere glorified the fabric realm. It would be beyond human imagination to conceive of weaves more eye-appealing than the gorgeous plaids and stripes that go to make up the jaunty jackets that partner with pleated or gored swing suits registering as "little girl" fashions for grown-ups on the new style program. And tweeds! We have gone so completely English on the subject of tweeds. There are suits and ensembles and gowns galore to choose from made of the daintiest most fetching woolens that ever you saw.

So, if your fancy turn to other than tweed why not a superbly tailored pencil-striped lightweight wool crepe suit such as centers the group pictured?

To the right in the picture, see what white violets and frothy white organdie do in the way of toning a sheer black wool dress up to a fascinating degree of femininie allure. The draped cowl of embroidered organdie with val edging as here worn is real news as to what's doing in the neckwear realm this spring. Top this costume with a white violet crowned hat, add a violet corsage and you couldn't look sweeter on a bright Easter morn.

To the left is a charming suit in navy serge with collar and cuffs of pique.

With a greater than ever suit season heralded for spring one can't possibly have too many blouses, and the big news in the blouse realm is the revival of the sheer handmade "baby blouse" exquisitely tucked and frilled, hand-embroidered and lace trimmed. See the picture of one of the newest lingerie blouses inset in the group below. It is of self-printed organdy. Note the new fluted collar with its tiny narrow lace-trimmed edge to add to its sheer daintiness.

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Style Intrigue

Jacket costumes are having their big moment this spring. According to reports more jacket suits are selling than any other type. The jacket suit presents a particularly interesting theme in that it invites not only intriguing color schemes but also it affords opportunity for contrasting materials, features which designers are playing up most dramatically. The clever plaid jacket pictured has an individuality all its own in that the arrow-shaped contrast fastenings add an unusually interesting decorative note.

Style Notes

Rickrack is a favored trimming for linen dresses.

Cocktail tuck-in blouses are made of laces and nets.

The fashion world has launched a fleet of "sane hats" for spring.

Full-skirted pajama costumes are winning applause here and there.

Beige is now a pronounced leader even when they call it champagne.

A white lace apron on a black taffeta evening dress is a new style whimsy.

Here's a note from Paris. The "apron dress" is a new note in Chanel's spring collection.

A new treatment of wood makes it practical for use in fashioning hats and bags.

Uncle Phil Says:

Not by Compulsion

The best "improving" of moral character is by advice and example.

Safety is the dividend paid by caution.

A friend is one who thinks you are a dear old cuss when your opinion differs from his.

Hardly an Instance of It

Does any man become a millionaire by his own efforts who wasted money in his youth?

How to make the best of life: Dodge some of the drudgery.

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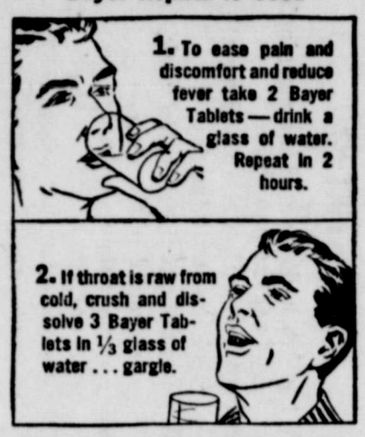

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The simple way pictured above often brings amazingly fast relief from discomfort and sore throat accompanying colds.

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Through Trials

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THE TRUTH SIMPLY TOLD

Today's popularity of *Doan's Pills*, after many years of world-wide use, surely must be accepted as evidence of *satisfactory* use. And favorable public opinion supports that of the able physicians who test the value of Doan's under exacting laboratory conditions.

These physicians, too, approve every word of advertising you read, the objective of which is only to recommend *Doan's Pills* as a good diuretic treatment for functional kidney disorder and for relief of the pain and worry it causes.

If more people were aware of how the kidneys must constantly remove waste that cannot stay in the blood without injury to health, there would be better understanding of why the whole body suffers when kidneys lag, and diuretic medication would be more often employed.

Burning, scanty or too frequent urination may be warning of disturbed kidney function. You may suffer nagging backache, persistent headache, attacks of dizziness, getting up nights, swelling, puffiness under the eyes—feel weak, nervous, all played out.

Use *Doan's Pills*. It is better to rely on a medicine that has won world-wide acclaim than on something less favorably known. *Ask your neighbor!*

DOAN'S PILLS

Wise and Otherwise

If a man could live by the sweat of his brow, what a jolly time he would have in hot weather.

Gangsters no longer have their pictures on the front page. Most of 'em have been framed and hanged.

A girl always feels so sorry for a fellow who gets himself engaged to some other girl when he might just as well have had her.

Men are always ready to share the money burdens of a wealthy heiress.

A pretty new hat may not effect a woman's brain, but it always goes to her head.

DIZZY DRAMAS—*Now Playing*—"OLD CHOP"

By Joe Bowers

Captain Gives Recruit Triggernometry Lesson

The company was at target practice when the captain swaggered up to the latest recruit and proceeded to give some instructions about his gun.

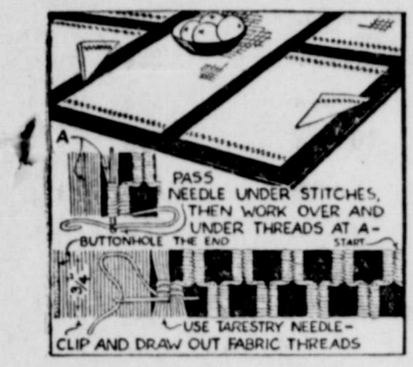
"See here, this thing is a rifle. Here's the barrel, there's the stock. You slip the cartridge in there. These little things on the barrel are the sights. When you have taken careful aim you pull this little thing which is the trigger. Now smarten up and look more like a soldier. By the way, what is your business? A clerk, I presume?"

"No, sir," was the reply, "I'm a gunsmith."

HOW to SEW

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS

"DEAR MRS. SPEARS: I had been wanting some really handsome velvet roses to pep up an evening dress. I was thrilled to find in your Book 2, instructions for making them from materials I already had. I would also like to thank you for the knitted rag rug in Book 1. My Mother spent many happy hours making it last winter."

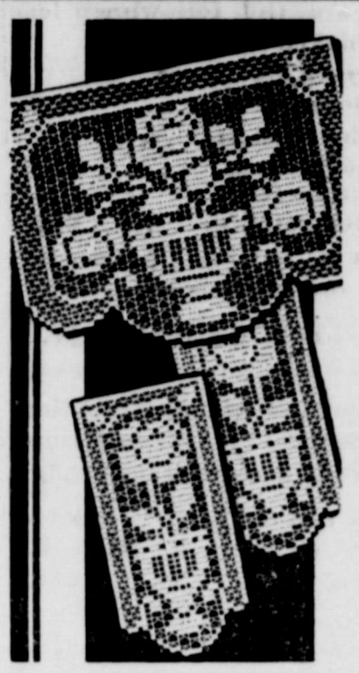


"I thought you might be interested in a luncheon set I have just finished. It was planned to go with a set of blue dishes. There are four mats and a long runner in medium blue linen with bands of old fashioned needle weaving in darker blue across the ends. Just two edges of the napkins are banded with the weaving."

We can imagine how attractive the table must be set with these mats and the blue dishes. Some of you who have pink dishes might like to try the same idea in tones of rose. Use a rather coarse linen. Prepare the work for the weaving by drawing out the fabric threads as for hemstitching. Each step is shown here in the diagram. Either linen or mercerized embroidery thread may be used.

Sewing Book No. 2, Gifts, Novelties and Embroideries, contains 48 pages of step-by-step directions which have helped thousands of women. If your home is your hobby you will also want Book 1—SEWING, for the Home Decorator. Order by number, enclosing 25 cents for each book. If you order both books, copy of the new Rag Rug Leaflet will be included free. Those who have both books may secure leaflet for 6 cents in postage. Address Mrs. Spears, 210 S. Desplaines St., Chicago, Ill.

Filet Crochet Chair Set



This graceful bowl of filet crochet roses is set off by the K stitch. The design is lovely as a chair set, scarf ends, or buffet set.

Pattern 1830 contains directions and charts for making this set; illustrations of it and of stitches; materials required.

Send 15 cents in coins for this pattern to The Sewing Circle, Needlecraft Dept., 82 Eighth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Mother Instinct

Recently a baby porpoise died at the Marine Studios, St. Augustine, Fla. The cause of the death was found, upon autopsy by staff attendants, to be a ball of eelgrass found undigested in the young mammal's stomach.

The most startling thing about the tragedy was the disclosure that attendants on arrival in the early morning found the lifeless young mammal being supported on the surface of the water by its mother.

Being air-breathers, the mother porpoise had instinctively raised her baby's body to the surface in a vain effort to revive her offspring.

QUICK QUOTES

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You never seem to have a cold, Ethel.
ANSWER
Perhaps I'm just lucky. But I always use Luden's at the first sign. They contain an alkaline factor, you know.
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Thoughtless Words

Words without thought never to heaven go.—Shakespeare.

HEADACHE?
Here is Amazing Relief for Conditions Due to Sluggish Bowels
Nature's Remedy NR TABLETS NR
If you think all laxatives act alike, just try this all vegetable laxative. So mild, thorough, refreshing, invigorating. Dependable relief from sick headaches, bilious spells, tired feeling when associated with constipation.
Without Risk get a 25c box of NR from your druggist. Make the test—then if not delighted, return the box to us. We will refund the purchase price. That's fair. Get NR Tablets today.
NR TO-NIGHT TOMORROW ALRIGHT
ALWAYS CARRY TUMS
QUICK RELIEF FOR ACID INDIGESTION

To Check Constipation Get at Its Cause!
If constipation has you down so you feel heavy, tired and dopey, it's time you did something about it. And something more than just taking a physic! You should get at the *cause* of the trouble.
If you eat the super-refined food most people eat, the chances are the difficulty is simple—*you don't get enough "bulk."* And "bulk" doesn't mean heavy food. It's a *kind* of food that isn't consumed in the body, but leaves a soft "bulky" mass in the intestines.
If this common form of constipation is your trouble, eat Kellogg's All-Bran for breakfast every day and drink plenty of water. All-Bran isn't a medicine—it's a *crunchy, toasted, nutritious cereal.* And it will help you not only to *get* regular but to *keep* regular, day after day. Made by Kellogg's in Battle Creek. Sold by every grocer.

WATCH GEORGE WOOD CLOSELY AS HE ROLLS UP HIS JOY-SMOKIN'

1 *THE "MAKIN'S"!* Ready with the paper, ready with the tobacco! And look at what he rolls—yes, sir, Prince Albert! His name is George E. Wood (insurance) and he says: "Start with Prince Albert and you're all set. I got a yen for P. A. and you're about to see why..."

2 *LAYS RIGHT!* P. A. snuggles right down in the paper, pinches up tight, thanks to its "crimp cut." "I'll say it rolls firm and neat," says Wood. "It's the easiest-handling 'makin's' tobacco I know of. That special cut helps Prince Albert to smoke cooler and taste mellower..."

3 *ROLLS RIGHT!* It's so easy to get the "hang" of rollin' 'em if you use P. A. The picture can't show how quickly Wood twirls up his "makin's," but it's only a matter of seconds. "And speakin' of taste," he says, "well, Prince Albert has more taste—more smoke-joy—and no bite."

4 *READY? GO!* Look at that smile on George Wood's face as he lights up his mellow-smoking "makin's" cigarette. "Show me a man with a P. A. tin peeking out of his pocket," he says, "and I'll show you a real contented smoker who's enjoying a smooth 'makin's' cigarette."

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by HOBAN

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New farm implements at the price of second hand. B. F. Bridges Hwd. Co., Bronte, Texas.

Frank King, who resides in New Mexico, is here on a two weeks visit. Mr. King says that New Mexico has been experiencing severe winter weather.

New two row cultivators John Deere or Avery, $75.00 B. F. Bridges Hdwe Co., Bronte, Texas.

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NOTICE

I am now booking orders for planting seed to be delivered at any time within the next thirty days.

In the past planting seed have advanced in price during April and May, and I feel that I can save you some money by booking your seed early and storing them at the gin until planting time. If you are interested in buying Sudan, cane, milo maize, hegira, ect., give me your order as early as possible, as prices have advanced this past week.

I am still selling cotton seed cake and meal at oil mill prices plus $1.50 per ton, and salt at 65c per 100 pounds.

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I am paying 2½ cents for cake and meal sacks.

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Our Brand PEACHES,	1 lb cans	2 for	22c
SPINACH,	no 2 cans	2 for	15c
TOMATO JUICE,	1 pt 4 oz	2 for	20c
Empson's KRAUT,	no 300 cans	2 for	14c
HOMINY,	no 2½ cans	3 for	25c
Pure Maid PEAS,		4 for	18c
TOMATOES,	no 2 can	3 for	20c
TUNA FISH,		2 for	24c
DRIED APPLES,		2 lbs for	26c
DRIED PRUNES.		3 lbs for	25c
Bulk RAISINS,		3 lbs for	25c
Excell Graham CRACKERS,		2 lbs	18c
Sun Ray Soda CRACKERS,		2 lbs	16c
Large TABLET and PENCIL,		both for	5c
Moon Rose OATS,	with cup and saucbr		22c
NAPKINS,	80 count	2 pkgs	15c
SPUDS,		10 lbs	19c
ORANGES and APPLES,		doz	12c
Good BROOMS,		each	26c
Large Head LETTUCE,		each	5c
Pinto Beans	no 2 with splits,	10 lbs	33c
	no 1	10 lbs	59c

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For this week end we offer you Special Prices on items you need in your pantry every day -

No 10 can **Prunes, 25c**

Gallon can Louisiana Cane Syrup, 39c

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APRICOTS gal 39c

CARROTS 3 bun 5c

Royal Fruit Flavor GELATIN 3 for 14c

SPUDS, Good Ones 10 lb **17c**

PIG LIVER,	lb	15c
BRAINS,	lb	15c
Sliced BACON,	per lb	23c
RADIO SQUARES,	lb	15c
Jubilee Sliced COOKED HAM,	lb	39c
Lily OLEO,	lb	15c
PORK CHOPS,	lb	23c

Heinz Soups, 3 small 25c, 2 large 25c

PICKLES, CUT, quart, 2 for 19c; WHOLE, qt 2 for 25c

Jewel SHORTENING, 4 lb 38c, 8 lb 75c

Albatross Flour 24 lb 69c 48 lb 1.25

Empson's Garden Gathered PEAS, 3 cans 29c

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Bulk SPAGHETTI or MACARONI, 2 lb 15c

Westfield Maid Grape Juice, 2 cans 25c, pt bot 15c, qt bot 25c

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