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## WHO PAYS OLD-AGE PENSION COST IN TEXAS

### State Taxes of Business and Industry Groups Were Hiked For the Purpose of Raising Money for Pensions

Who pays for old-age pensions in Texas?

Much misinformation regarding the answer to that question apparently exists in the State. Such misinformation needs to be cleared up. The people of Texas ought to have a clear view of the actual facts about every phase of the problem of old-age assistance. They ought to inform themselves accurately as to how many Texans are receiving pensions, how much they are receiving, and from what source the money comes.

Assistance to the aged has to be paid for with tax money, of course, just as the cost of every other governmental activity has to be met with tax money. The pension problem is primarily a tax problem.

#### Who Pays The Bill?

Where is the money coming from--the tax money now being used to pay old-age pensions in Texas? Who's paying that money?

An article appearing recently in some Texas newspapers stated that practically the entire old-age pension revenue of the State comes from cigarette taxes, liquor taxes, and amusement taxes. It was pointed out that the old-age assistance fund gets two-thirds of the State cigarette tax, all of the cigarette permit fees, and three-fourths of the State liquor tax. Except for the money coming from these sources, the article said, the pension fund's revenue is negligible. The article stated specifically that products of oil, gas, and sulphur, insurance companies, and so on contribute nothing toward paying Texas' pension costs.

#### What are the facts?

It is true that nothing at all is contributed to the payment of pensions by the oil industry, the gas industry, the sulphur industry, the utilities, the insurance companies?

#### The Actual Situation.

The answer known to every Texan who is even remotely familiar with the governmental fiscal picture, is that it is not true. There is no basis whatever for the assertion that these groups are paying no part of the cost of Texas' old-age assistance program.

The truth is, of course, that the cost of the old-age assistance program, superimposed on an already costly State Government structure, is so great that no business activity in Texas can escape the necessity of bearing its share of the burden. Taxes are, in the final analysis, borne by all the people--and, as stated, the pension problem is primarily a tax problem.

#### Business Pays

All businesses in the State are affected by the cost of pensions. And the groups mentioned in the article as contributing nothing to

## ROBERT LEE TO HAVE FILTERATION PLANT

Work was begun Tuesday on a first class filtration plant at the City Lake. A W.P.A. Project will employ twenty eight workmen for three months. If necessary laborers may be transferred from other districts to finish the project in a shorter time. The purification plant and storage tank will be constructed of concrete.

A W. P. A. grant of \$4601, and \$1971 for the City will represent the cost of this very much needed improvement. This will give Robert Lee a water supply to be envied by towns of twice the population. B.C. Roger, Area Engineer, of Abilene, will be in charge.

## LIONS ROAR

The Lions made plans Tuesday night, for the celebration of their First Anniversary February 20.

Several business matters were discussed and a "little red wagon" (which might hold a quart of dirt) was presented to City Secretary Fred O. Green for the purpose of improving the main street of Robert Lee. There's a good joke attached to it, but the street may be improved soon. County Agent H. E. Smith told of the progress made thus far in plans for the Coke County Fat Stock Show to be held here February 27.

John F. Robertson is laid up from work with a lame shoulder caused when he slipped and fell while building a garage at Bailey Russell's and dislocated his shoulder.

Claud Berger and wife of Alpine and Homer Berger of Marfa, are with their father C. M. Berger who is ill, but at last reports is improving.

Mrs. S. E. Adams is back at home after spending some time in hospital at San Angelo.

Bobby Lee Davis who has been in Dallas at the Carroll-Driver Clinic, Bone Specialist is back at home.

Miss Daisy McCutchen underwent an appendectomy at Shannon Hospital last Friday.

Miss Myrtle Hyrley after spending several days in hospital at San Angelo is now at home recuperating.

As we go to press we learn that Mrs. M. Stroud is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Childress and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams visited relatives in Sweetwater Sunday.

Rev. W. E. Hawkins will preach at Edith, Sunday. All day service, and you are invited to bring something to eat.

A crew of highway boys from San Angelo were in Robert Lee Thursday gathering bird of paradise shrubs for State Parks along highways.

Workers Meeting of the Runnels Baptist Association will be at Winters Church, Tuesday, Feb. 13th.

Lem Cowley received a message from San Antonio Thursday morning that his father, J. F. Cowley had passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Cowley left to be at the funeral.

For Sale Two good Milch cows, see Coke Austin

For a good second hand tractor and farming tools, see H. L. Scott.

## MRS. W. E. NEWTON

Mrs. W. E. Newton died in Odessa Monday from injuries sustained in an automobile collision Saturday.

The services were held from the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Fred DeLashaw, pastor officiating. Burial was in the Robert Lee cemetery with Simpson Funeral Home in charge.

The Rebeccahs had charge at the cemetery.

Mrs. W. E. Newton was born in Williamson County, Texas, on November 12, 1897. She departed this life on February 5, 1940.

Surviving her are her husband, W. E. Newton, two sons, W. E. Newton Jr. and Billie Jack Newton of Odessa, and James Newton of Fort Stockton, two daughters, Mrs. Curtis Jackson and Mrs. J. D. Olsen of Odessa.

Two brothers survive, Forest Gray, Bishop, Texas, Elvin Grey, San Angelo, Texas. Four sisters Mrs. Edna Beavers, Miss Edith Grey of Hollvills, Calif. Mrs. Verna Price, Ebbensro, Calif., Mrs. Fannie Demoval, San Angelo.

She was a member of the Robert Lee Baptist Church and of the Rebeccah Lodge of Odessa.

Other relatives and many friends grieve the parting of this loved one.

She was known by all those who knew her as a happy, faithful mother, companion, neighbor and friend.

ward the payment of pensions are the very groups that had their taxes raised for the precise purpose of providing pension revenue.

Former Governor Jas. V. Allred called a special session of the Legislature in the fall of 1936. Purpose of the session was to raise money for old-age pensions. When the session was over, the direct taxes levied on every one of the businesses and industries listed above had been increased.

The various tax increases were provided for in House Bill No. 8, which was passed finally by the Senate on October 26, 1936, and by the House on the following day. The purpose of this bill was declared specifically to be that of providing "for the payment of old-age assistance benefits." "More revenues must be provided for the purpose of paying such benefits," it was pointed out in the first section of the bill--and "the accomplishment of this object is the purpose of this Act".

That statement of purpose makes it clear that this measure House Bill No. 8, was enacted to raise money to pay old-age pensions. The bill was comprehensive and did a good many things. Among the things it did was to increase taxes on every one of the business activities mentioned above--on the oil industry, on the gas industry, on the sulphur industry, on public utilities, and on insurance companies doing business in Texas.

#### Provisions of the Bill

Here is an outline of the principal provisions of this measure: The net revenue derived from the State cigarette tax, which

previously had been divided between the general revenue fund and the available school fund, was reallocated, one-third going to the school fund and the other two-thirds to the old-age assistance fund. The general revenue fund, which during the 1936 fiscal year obtained \$1,238,615 from the cigarette tax, lost this source of revenue entirely.

The State tax on liquor was increased from 80 to 96 cents per gallon. The tax on wines also was raised, and it was provided that the old-age assistance fund should receive three-fourths of the revenue accruing from sale of liquor tax stamps. Thus was lost another source of revenue for the ordinary operating expenses of the State Government.

#### Oil, Gas, Sulphur

House Bill No. 8 raised the tax on petroleum production of 2 3/4 cents per barrel, or 2 3/4 per cent when the price of oil exceeds \$1 per barrel. This was a per-barrel tax increase of three-fourths of a cent and three-fourths of 1 per cent, respectively.

The tax on the production of gas was raised from 2 to 3 per cent of the actual market value.

The measure provided for levies ranging from five-eighths of 1 per cent to 3 25 per cent on the annual gross premium receipts of insurance companies doing business in the State of Texas.

The tax on sulphur was raised from 75 cents to \$1.08 per long ton, and increase of more than 37 per cent.

Increases ranging from one-fifth of 1 per cent to 1 per cent were made in the gross receipts taxes levied on utilities--tele-

phone companies, telegraph companies, power companies, gas companies, and so on.

The measure taxed carbon black at the rate of one-twelfth of a cent per pound when the price is four cents or less, and 3 per cent when the price is more than four cents. Another new levy was the replaced on oil well cementing companies: 1 per cent on the income from cementing.

#### Over \$7,000,000

Various other provisions were included in the bill, but these are the tax levies pertinent to the present discussion. These new taxes and these increased taxes were provided for, it should be kept in mind, by a legislative bill enacted especially to provide for the payment of old-age assistance benefits. They are taxes that were called for by the establishment of Texas' old-age pension program--some of the revenue going directly to the pension fund, some of it taking the place of revenues shifted from the general fund to the pension funds.

It was estimated that the new and higher taxes included in the measure would raise net revenues of something more than seven million dollars annually, most of this sum to come from the State's natural resource industries and from public utilities and insurance companies.

This legislative act has been on the statute books of the State for more than three years. Ever since it became effective, substantial contributions to the cost of paying old-age pensions have been made by those business groups which the newspaper article stated were paying nothing at all for

pensions.

The kind of misinformation contained in that article is dangerous to the economic well-being of the people of Texas. This pension problem is vexatious enough without its being made more so by the spreading of misstatements of fact regarding it.

Shortly before House Bill No. 8 was passed by the Texas Legislature, the then head of the Old-Age Assistance Commission issued the following significant statement:

"Texas embarked on a program of old-age assistance that will very shortly reach proportions never before attained in this country. However commendable may be this concern of the State for its aged, it carries a resulting tax burden that may not be considered lightly. The ability of the State to care for these people is measured finally by the taxes that can be borne by its citizens. Due consideration must be given not only to the persons to be benefited but also to those who pay the bill".

That statement was issued more than three years ago, but it is still pertinent. "Due consideration" needs to be given today "to those who pay the bill" for old-age pensions. The business and industry groups of Texas are paying a large share of the bill, and certainly the people of the State should recognize that fact.

The pension problem never will be solved unless it is viewed clearly in all its phases. It will never be solved by the dissemination of misinformation regarding the source of money used to pay pensions.--Taxpayers Digest.



WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS BY JOSEPH W. LaBINE

## Congress 'Stalls' on Jap Issue Awaiting Concessions by Tokyo; Economy Drive Hits Farm Fund

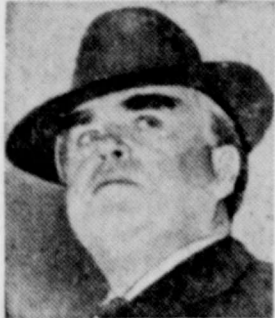
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### Topic-of-the-Day: Wheeler and C. I. O.

#### POLITICS:

##### Labor's Candidate

A New Englander who comes from Montana went from Washington to Columbus one day in late January, indicating that Sen. Burton K. Wheeler has been around enough to rate as presidential timber. Day before he left Washington, Senator Wheeler learned C. I. O.'s John Lewis had told the United Mine Workers in Columbus that President Roosevelt would suffer "ignominious defeat" if he sought a third term. Even earlier, Mr. Lewis had scored Vice President Jack Garner and Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt, both presidential hopefuls. Moreover, John Lewis has always criticized Republicans. And since Senator Wheeler had been invited to address Mr. Lewis' U. A. W., he automatically became C. I. O.'s one and only candidate.



LEWIS  
A kiss of death?

Despite warnings that C. I. O. support was a "kiss of death" to any candidate, Senator Wheeler stepped into the fire.

Arriving at Columbus he publicly hoped President Roosevelt wouldn't seek a third term, nevertheless he promised to support him if the President did not agree with John Lewis that the administration had "broken faith" with labor; that would be a too obvious bid for the labor vote. But he did announce C. I. O. support would be welcome if he decided to run.



WHEELER  
He accepted...

At the convention Senator Wheeler practically tossed his hat in the ring. Bands blared and 2,400 delegates roared as he mounted the rostrum in an atmosphere reminiscent of a political conclave. There he outlined an economic, social and legislative program which would have been out of place had he not been really presenting his platform. Planks: (1) strict neutrality; (2) increased South American trade; (3) "advancement of organized labor"; (4) jobs in private enterprise; (5) relief; (6) solution of unemployment, which he called "America's No. 1 problem."

#### CONGRESS: Embargo

Tokyo sat watching the U. S. like a spanked child awaiting forgiveness. Yet there remained enough lack of Japanese unanimity to make forgiveness impossible. Abrogated was the 1911 trade pact, paving the way for an embargo against arms shipments. All this was the disastrous price Japan might pay for flouting U. S. rights in the Orient.

(Meanwhile the Japs vented their wrath against Britain, storming the Tokyo embassy and tightening the Tientsin food blockade in retaliation against British seizure of 21 Germans from a Jap steamer. It was freely admitted in some Tokyo quarters that a U. S. embargo would hamstring Wang Ching-wei's "new order" government in China.)

At Washington neither the state department nor the senate foreign relations committee seemed in a hurry to take further action. Said



SCHWELLENBACH  
He would censure the U. S.

one congressman: "The Japs have made their bed with a long list of violations of American treaty rights. Now let them lie in it awhile." But Senators Pittman, Barkley, Minton and Austin to the contrary, Washington's Sen. Lewis Schwelienbach had his own opinions. Whereas the original Pittman embargo resolution would censure Japan for vio-

## NIBLETS

**UTILITIES** — Disappointed because public utility companies had not started voluntary integration programs as provided by the holding company act, Securities and Exchange Commissioner Jerome N. Frank announced the government is "about to begin" proceedings against them.

**FINANCE** — In Washington the treasury announced that Britain sold nearly 10 per cent of its readily marketable American securities during the first two months of the war, presumably to get cash for munitions.

#### WOMEN:

##### Dressiest Ten

When Husband James Cromwell was named U. S. minister to Canada, Doris Duke Cromwell ("richest girl in the world") ordered a new wardrobe delivered from Paris via Atlantic clipper. Three weeks later, when United Press took its annual poll of Paris dressmakers, Mrs. Cromwell got her reward: For the first time, she was named one of the world's 10 best-dressed women. The other nine (all of whom have wardrobes worth more than \$1,000,000 each):

Duchess of Kent and Windsor, tied for first place; Mme. Antenor Patino, South American "tin princess"; Begum Aga Khan; Mrs. Gilbert Miller, wife of a New York theatrical producer; Baronne Eugene de Rothschild; Mrs. Harrison Williams of New York; Countess Barbara Hutton-Reventlow, "five-and-dime" heiress; Queen Elizabeth.

Britain's queen, like Mrs. Cromwell, was a first-timer on the list. Though she buys no clothes in Paris, though she prefers crinolines effects for formal dress, the dressmakers admitted they had to include her.

## NEWS QUIZ

Know your news? Deduct 20 points from each question you miss. Scores: 100, perfect; 80, excellent; 60, average; 40 or less, poor.



1. The above ship, just returned to the U. S., has in the past six months rescued passengers from a sinking steamer, been captured by the Germans and held by Russia. What's her name?

2. For what purpose was an election suddenly called by Canada?

3. Choice: Late January weather in southern U. S. was (a) unseasonably warm; (b) average; (c) unseasonably cold.

4. What noted explorer has just discovered some new mountains, and where are they located?

5. A 10,000-word memorandum released by the Vatican charges Germany with trying to destroy the Catholic religion in what country?

### News Quiz Answers

1. City of Flint.
2. To put the dominion government's war record up to the people, thereby answering widespread complaints.
3. (C) is correct. Millions of dollars' damage has been done to fruit and vegetable properties in Florida; Atlanta had a 10-inch snowfall.
4. Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd discovered new mountains near Marie Byrd land in the antarctic.
5. Poland. The memorandum also charges mass shootings, man hunts, plundering and persecutions in Poland.

#### JUSTICE:

##### Christian Front

In 1917 the Russian czarist government was overthrown by 23 men. Early this year the U. S. justice department arrested 17 "Christian Fronters" in New York, equipped with a smaller and more crude arsenal than Russia's 23. But their aim, said FBI's J. Edgar Hoover, was the same: Revolution. Moreover, he charged, they were anti-Jewish.

Though he "roundly disavowed" any affiliation to the Christian Front when first questioned, Detroit's Rev. Charles E. Coughlin later labeled himself as "a friend of the accused." After mulling over this admission for a week, the justice department sent its Assistant Attorney General O. John Rogge to investigate.

#### MEXICO:

##### Oil for Japan?

Until Europe went to war, Mexico sold some of its expropriated U. S. and British oil output to Germany. The blockade stopped that, leaving Mexico with much oil and little money. But since the U. S. announced abrogation of its trade pact with Japan, President Lazaro Cardenas has made overtures to the Tokyo government. Japan, fearful lest the U. S. clamp down an embargo on war materials (See CONGRESS), was reported in late January to be ready to invest capital for dredging a Pacific port in Mexico and improving petroleum storage facilities there.

## IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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### Lesson for February 11

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#### THE PERILS OF REJECTING CHRIST

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 21:28-32.  
GOLDEN TEXT—I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.—John 14:6.

Fearlessly facing crucifixion within a few days, Jesus stood in the temple, there facing His bitter enemies and replying to their attacks in words such as no man ever spoke. He brought them face to face with the very essence of sin, which is the rejection of Christ. Their own words condemned them, but when they should have repented, they became embittered and hardened in their sin. Let no one who reads this follow their example.

#### I. Actions Speak Louder Than Words (vv. 28-32).

All church members, who have come into that relationship by smoothly spoken words of acceptance and devotion to Christ which then have not been lived out in the daily walk, may see themselves pictured in the son who courteously and glibly assured his father that he could depend on him, and then promptly went his own way. They will see that they need to repent and substitute real heart-moving and life-changing action for their words, lest the harlots and publicans pass them and go into heaven before them. Professing church member without any evidence of God's power in your life, turn to Him now!

Note the word of encouragement to repentant sinners. Perhaps someone who reads this paragraph has at some time rejected Christ and has since thought that he could not turn back, that it was too late for him to do the thing which his heart tells him to do even though his lips have spoken unkind words of rejection. Friend, consider the one who said, "I will not," but who did his father's will. Come to the Saviour now; you will find Him ready to receive you.

#### II. Selfish Unbelief Results in Christ-Rejection (vv. 33-41).

This parable clearly relates to the Israelites who had rejected the prophets sent to them by God and who were now about to kill His Son. The heartbreaking story of Israel's unbelief and rejection of Christ and the judgment which has been upon them all the years since then, is not something over which we should gloat, but rather something which should move us to tears and prayer for our Jewish friends. After all, are we any better than they? Are not the appalling majority of Gentiles walking in that same road of selfish unbelief which leads inevitably to the rejection of Christ?

No man or woman can go on selfishly taking the benefits of God, using them for self advantage or comfort, turning a deaf ear to the cries of God's messengers, and hope to have any ultimate result other than Christ-rejection. It is high time that thoughtless people who perhaps have no deliberate intention to be wicked or to turn Christ away, should awaken to the fact that they are doing just that by their manner of living.

#### III. Rejection of Christ Does Not Defeat Christ (vv. 42, 43).

At first glance one wonders why Christ at this point turned so abruptly from the figure of the vineyard to that of the cornerstone. "The reason why He leaves for a moment the image of the vineyard, is because of its inadequacy to set forth one important part of the truth which was needful to make the moral complete, namely this, that the malice of the Pharisees should not defeat the purpose of God—that the Son should yet be the heir—that not merely vengeance should be taken, but that He should take it. Now this is distinctly set forth by the rejected stone becoming the head of the corner, on which the builders stumbled and fell, and were broken—on which they were now already stumbling and falling, and which, if they set themselves against it to the end, would fall upon them and crush and destroy them utterly" (Trench).

God was not defeated by the crucifixion of Christ. Christ will not be defeated simply because men reject Him in the world. We who are on His side, we who are the followers of the Lord are on the victorious side. Those who oppose Him and speak ill of His name may appear to be victors for the moment, but the judgment of God is yet to come upon them.

## AROUND THE HOUSE

White sauce for boiled potatoes, cauliflower, carrots and asparagus can be dressed up by a liberal sprinkling of paprika.

When measuring syrups or molasses, dip cup in hot water and mixture will not stick to the sides of the cup.

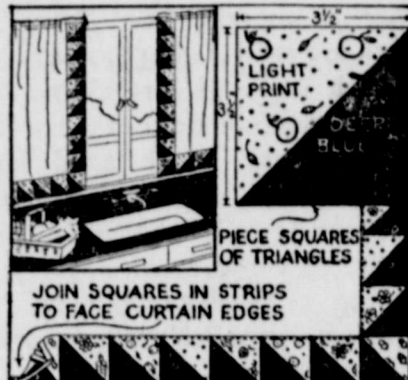
One pound of loaf sugar is sufficient for serving 25 persons.

Chewing gum can be removed from washable material by softening the gum with egg white, then washing.

### Pieced Border for Kitchen Curtains

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS

DO YOU remember this old-fashioned Saw Tooth quilt pattern? It has been used for the border of many a handsome quilt. It is so effective and so simple to piece that it should serve more decorative purposes. Here it trims kitchen curtains of unbleached muslin. It surprises one a little to see how modern it looks. Cut a piece of stiff paper in a perfect square and then cut diagonally



through the center. One half will make your triangle pattern. The size suggested in the sketch makes a very striking border. If a very strong, bright color is used for the plain triangles, a narrower border in this design will also make a good showing.

NOTE: Mrs. Spears has prepared for our readers a set of three Quilt Block Patterns from her favorite Early American designs. Included in the set is the Kaleidoscope, and the Whirlwind. The third is the Ann Rutledge, which Mrs. Spears sketched from an original in the Rutledge Tavern at New Salem, Ill., where Abe Lincoln boarded, and where he courted the proprietor's daughter, according to the romantic legend so familiar to movie goers. It is an unusual variation of the Nine-patch, and rich with historical background. For set of three complete patterns, send 10 cents in coin to Mrs. Spears, Drawer 10, Bedford Hills, New York.

### Pull the Trigger on Lazy Bowels, and Also Pepsin-ize Stomach!

When constipation brings on acid indigestion, bloating, dizzy spells, gas, coated tongue, sour taste, and bad breath, your stomach is probably loaded up with certain undigested food and your bowels don't move. So you need both Pepsin to help break up that rich undigested food in your stomach, and Laxative Senna to pull the trigger on those lazy bowels. So be sure your laxative also contains Pepsin. Take Dr. Caldwell's Laxative, because its Syrup Pepsin helps you gain that wonderful stomach-relief, while the Laxative Senna moves your bowels. Tests prove the power of Pepsin to dissolve those lumps of undigested protein food which may linger in your stomach, to cause belching, gastric acidity and nausea. This is how pepsinizing your stomach helps relieve it of such distress. At the same time this medicine wakes up lazy nerves and muscles in your bowels to relieve your constipation. So see how much better you feel by taking the laxative that also puts Pepsin to work on that stomach discomfort, too. Even finicky children love to taste this pleasant family laxative. Buy Dr. Caldwell's Laxative—Senna with Syrup Pepsin at your druggist today!

#### Good Order

Good order is the foundation of all good things.

SOOTHES CHAFED SKIN  
**MOROLINE**  
WHITE PETROLEUM JELLY

#### Deeds as Words

Let deeds correspond with words.—Plautus.

To Relieve  
Misery of  
**COLDS**  
take 666  
LIQUID TABLETS, SALVE, NOSE DROPS



# EAST AND WEST

BY TALBOT MUNDY

TALBOT MUNDY—WNU SERVICE

**SYNOPSIS**

Captain Carl Norwood has been sent from his native England to the Kadur River district in India, along with his indispensable manservant, Moses O'Leary, soldier of fortune. Norwood's job is to survey the district to determine whether a valuable secret diamond mine belongs to the temple priests or to the ruler, the Maharajah of Kadur. Norwood calls on the British Residency to pay his initial respects. On his way he catches a glimpse of two women in a palace carriage, one of whom is young and beautiful. The other woman he knows to be the Maharanee of Kadur. O'Leary later tells him that the young woman is an American girl named Lynn Harding, who with her aunt, Mrs. Deborah Harding, is a guest at the palace. On a sightseeing tour Mrs. Harding sprains an ankle, and sends to the palace for aid. Prince Rundhia, handsome, spoiled nephew of the rulers, comes to her rescue.

**CHAPTER III—Continued**

Lynn Harding had been becoming troublesome. The skillful tyranny of Aunty's moneyed fostering had forced Lynn to postpone the natural rebellion of youth to an age at which some girls are steadying down. Lynn's rebellion had hardly more than begun. Aged twenty-two, she had been denied the democratic grace of college education. Aunty, who held the purse-strings, knew that colleges corrupt; and what Aunty knew, was so. No one could change Aunty's opinions. Lynn hadn't tried to change Aunty. But she had learned to be strategic and even diplomatic. She had assented, without enthusiasm, to become engaged to a decadent F.F.V. But there, Aunty's first reverse had caught her completely off-guard. An immovable will and an irresistible explosive met. Lynn blew up. She didn't merely break the engagement. She smashed it. She scattered its splintered fragments recklessly.

So Aunty beat a strategic retreat. She decided on a world tour. It had been fairly successful, barring occasional incidents on shipboard and in hotels. The almost incredibly beautiful Lynn had received enough attention from unpedigreed, or at any rate uncertified, strangers to keep Aunty on the war-path.

The British officers in India had given Aunty plenty to worry about. So the invitation from the Maharanee of Kadur had come like a godsend. It gave Lynn a romantic outlet for enthusiasm in impeccably respectable surroundings, where there were no undesirable men to ruin Aunty's dream of a correct and socially influential marriage.

So this Prince was a staggerer. He had been absent when the Hardings arrived, frequently mentioned but not expected to return for several weeks from what was spoken of as a vacation. Aunty had had a good look at him in the full glare of the headlights of the Rolls-Royce. He was a worse shock than the undignified bruise and the twisted ankle. He resembled one of those young Argentine plutocrats who used to corrupt Paris until the price of beef and wheat reduced them to the level of common mortals. A splendid figure of a man, perfectly tailored. Manners that only money can buy and cynicism support. Beautiful eyes, without a trace of effeminacy and not yet betraying signs of having lived too furiously. An all-conquering male. Heir to a throne as old as England's.

With astonishing strength he lifted Aunty from the earth and placed her on the soft-sprung cushions that made her sigh with physical relief and mental horror. Aunty knew she was up against it. The Prince drove her with skill. He avoided bumps. He damned the guard at the palace front gate with the voice of a cultured gentleman and a vocabulary that Aunty instinctively knew was scurrilous. At the arched entrance to the guesthouse patio, he lifted her out. He caused servants to come like firemen to a burning house. He sent immediately for his private Bengali doctor, a member of his own household.

"Competent, Mrs. Harding, I assure you. Discreet, I guarantee."

Almost simultaneously with the arrival of the Bengali doctor, who looked devilishly discreet and more afraid of Aunty than if she were the devil's own widow, the Maharanee's carriage drew up, with its horses' noses snorting on top of the Rolls-Royce.

Out got Lynn, too full of excitement and alarm and fun and sympathy to remember she should veil her face. She could hear her aunt through the open guesthouse window. Lynn came running into the glare of Rundhia's headlights.

"Who are you? What is wrong with Aunty?"

"Your aunt has hurt herself. My physician and some women are exploring for broken bones. I believe it is nothing serious."

Aunty, it was obvious, thought otherwise. She wasn't liking the doctor. She was calling him a fool, and she could make the word sound like a description of a flunkey caught stealing.

The Maharanee had to be ceremonially helped out of the carriage. She, too, had heard Aunty's yells. She was overflowing with eagerness to overwhelm an injured guest with kindness, but she couldn't run as fast as Lynn. And then Rundhia stood in the way, smiling, careful not to embarrass Lynn with gallantry.

"Nothing," he said in English, to the Maharanee. "A twisted ankle. A bruise. A little badly shaken I believe. My doctor is attending to her. Won't you introduce me to the goddess?"

The Maharanee purred. She unveiled her face. She put her arm around her lamplit protegee:

"Lynn darling, this is my nephew Prince Rundhia. He is a bad boy, but I do hope you will like each other. Rundhia, this is Miss Lynn Harding, who is teaching me how Americans do things; and I am having such fun pretending she is one of us. I wish she were! Oh, how I wish it!"

Presently, when the doctor came out, Rundhia eyed him in the lamp-



"Wonderful! But no, that won't do!"

light with a stare that made the Bengali flinch. He did his best to look like a confidential, dignified retainer, but it didn't work. Aunty had broken his dignity, and his fear of the Prince had no covering left. He almost stammered:

"Nothing broken. Tape—iodine—bandages. She will soon recover." He made a sudden, nervous effort to regain the feeling of being important and on the inside of events. "Have you heard that Captain Norwood, of the Royal Engineers, has arrived? He is in camp outside the city."

Rundhia looked startled. The doctor continued:

"He has with him an Eurasian named Moses O'Leary who, they say, already is poking his ugly nose into what is none of his business."

Lynn Harding stood examining the Rolls-Royce. She was quite used to luxury, but even Hollywood owned nothing like that thing. Its gadgets and gold-plated adornments were a sufficiently good excuse for giving Aunty's temper time to cool off. So she lingered, letting the Maharanee go alone into the guesthouse. Aloneness, of course, included three servants, but a Maharanee is lucky who endures only six eyes to watch what she does, and six ears to hear what she says. Lynn could not hear what Prince Rundhia was saying to the doctor, but he was doing all the talking and she felt fairly sure that he was talking about her.

He strode toward her looking as dead as self-assured as Mephistopheles. Lynn fell on guard.

"You win," said Rundhia.

"Win what?"

"Whatever you came for."

"I came for a good time."

"Uh-uh? Been having it?"

"Yes. Your aunt has been conducting me into Indian mysteries."

"We have none," said Rundhia. "We are an open book. We are three hundred and fifty million people, every single one of whom carries his heart on his sleeve. You are the mystery. Have you a heart? Where is it?"

Lynn laughed: "Is that any of your business?"

"Of course it's my business."

"Why?"

"Because you are the most beautiful mystery I have ever seen. Every mystery is an invitation to find the right key."

"Oh, are you a detective?"

"You bet I am. I've detected your cruelty. You intend to keep me guessing. I can't endure it."

Lynn laughed again: "Should I pity you?"

"No. Pity and compassion are the twin curses of India. We're so compassionate to one another that we hate one another for not being even more miserable than we are, so as to be able to mop up greater floods of useless pity."

"So you're an iron man?"

"No—nor a jellyfish. I have a leathery disposition, due to talents that have dried from lack of use."

"Oh, are you lazy?"

"No. Iron has entered into me. It's like a spur that dug too deep and keeps on working inward. It irritates abundant energy that has no outlet. Add boredom to that, and what have you?"

"It sounds like an explosive mixture. Aren't you afraid you may blow up? I believe you're sorry for yourself."

"Sorrow is not in me," he retorted. "I don't know the emotion."

"Not even when you make mistakes?"

"I never make them. A mistake is what a fool does to an opportunity. All that I have lacked until now is a real opportunity."

Mrs. Harding's voice came through the guesthouse window sharply impatient:

"Lynn! Lynn! Where are you?"

"All right, Aunty. I'm coming."

Experienced tyranny knows countless ways of compelling submission. Aunty groaned on a sumptuous bed:

"No, don't let me trouble you. Don't let me be a nuisance. I am sure that the cares of a palace must be more than enough. You must try to forget my existence. Lynn can look after me."

Lynn's eyes met the Maharanee's—deep unto deep. The Maharanee looked rather like a New York East-side Jewess who has risen through the ruck of immigration to the ranks of affluence and prestige. Full-bodied, matronly, kind, but aware that the world is full of pitfalls; aware that the world needs kindness, but can misinterpret and cruelly resent good intentions. She had the genius, gentleness, iron. She had also a will that no Deborah Harding could bully to obedience.

Lynn undid a necklace from the palace heirlooms, and handed it to the Maharanee. She began to remove a bracelet, but the complicated fastening prevented. She held out her wrist.

"Please, I must get into some clothes that Aunty thinks respectable and stay with her."

The mild, plump Maharanee countered with surprising firmness:

"Darling, we will expect you to dinner. Yes, I will take the jewelry because it must be returned to the Keeper of the Jewels. I will choose two women from my own attendants who shall take care of Mrs. Harding."

She almost flounced out, giving Aunty no time to reply. There was silence until the drum-beat of the horses' hooves died away along the drive in the direction of the palace. Then Aunty spoke:

"This comes of making social concessions. I never heard of such audacity. Did you hear her speak to me as if I were a servant or a charity patient? Go and take off that immodest costume. It suggests a fancy-dress ball in a bad house."

"Aunty, the doctor has promised to return with something to relieve the pain, so that you will get some sleep."

"Sleep! While you are doing what in the palace? Do you think I am deaf, blind? Do you think I have forgotten your flirting on board ship and in hotels until I blushed for you? I heard you, through the win-

dow, talking to Prince Rundhia."

"Aunty, I think I hate you. It makes me feel mean and ungrateful. I would so much rather love you."

"I have left off hoping to be loved," said Aunty. "I demand your respect. That may teach you to respect yourself and so merit the respect of your equals. Love? Gratitude? Illusions! I have learned that."

Lynn went and changed into black silk Chinese pajamas. They would remind Aunty of that fancy-dress ball on board ship, when the penniless son of a Tirthoot planter had made the pace so hot that Aunty nearly had fits. Lynn stared at her own reflection in the mirror, not quite liking it. She smiled at herself, just to see what the smile would look like.

The Maharanee returned from the palace, excited, fawned on by four women. Two meek men-servants followed her with baskets of provisions. Lynn ran to greet her. The Maharanee almost squealed at the sight of Lynn in black pajamas with her golden hair massed in becoming contrast.

"Wonderful! But no, that won't do! Yes it will, yes it will! I forget. I am so excited, I forget! We are to have an informal supper party at the palace, instead of dinner—truly, truly unconventional—modern—a picnic!"

"Oh, my God!" said Aunty.

But the Maharanee could be as deaf as Fate when it pleased her to be. She continued, almost breathless:

"His Highness my husband" (she always spoke of the Maharajah as His Highness my husband) "has heard that Captain Norwood is in Kadur. Captain Norwood is a Royal Engineer. He is said to be a man of great attainments. His Highness my husband is very eager to be pleasant to him."

"Engineer?" said Aunty.

"Yes, he is to make a survey of the Kadur River. It would not be etiquette to notice him until after he makes his formal call, which he should do tomorrow. However, I persuaded His Highness my husband, who is a very conventional man, but now and then he listens to me." She turned to Aunty: "We are so, so sorry, Mrs. Harding, that you can't be with us."

"I will spare you that regret," she answered. "I will be there. You have a rickshaw? Your women can help me to dress, I don't doubt. Lynn and I will be leaving as soon as I am fit to travel. A last supper in your palace will be something to remember."

"Oh, how gracious of you," said the Maharanee. "But are you quite sure—"

The Bengali doctor appeared, cautious, with a bedside confidential air that did not, however, prevent the Maharanee from instinctively veiling her face.

"Mrs. Harding, I have a little pellet for you, just one little pellet, prepared specially."

"Thank you, I don't take pellets." The doctor hesitated. The Maharanee spoke through her veil:

"Mrs. Harding is coming to supper at the palace."

"Oh?" said the doctor. "Well, perhaps she will take the medicine at supper. Shall I send it by a servant? She should take it with a little piece of bread or with a glass of water."

"Thank you, you needn't trouble," said Mrs. Harding. "I need no medicine."

"Come, Lynn." The Maharanee could hardly wait while Lynn looked for a wrap.

"So long, Aunty. See you later."

"Does she never consult an astrologer?" the Maharanee asked.

Lynn laughed: "She did once—and only once!"

"But you? You believe in them?" "I think the answer is no. I know so little about them—practically nothing. But aren't they charlatans? I've always been told that they are."

"Oh, many of them are," the Maharanee admitted. "There are charlatans in all professions. We have a very good court astrologer. I will order him to cast your horoscope. In fact, I have already consulted him about it."

"What fun! But please do keep it secret from Aunty. She would have conniption fits."

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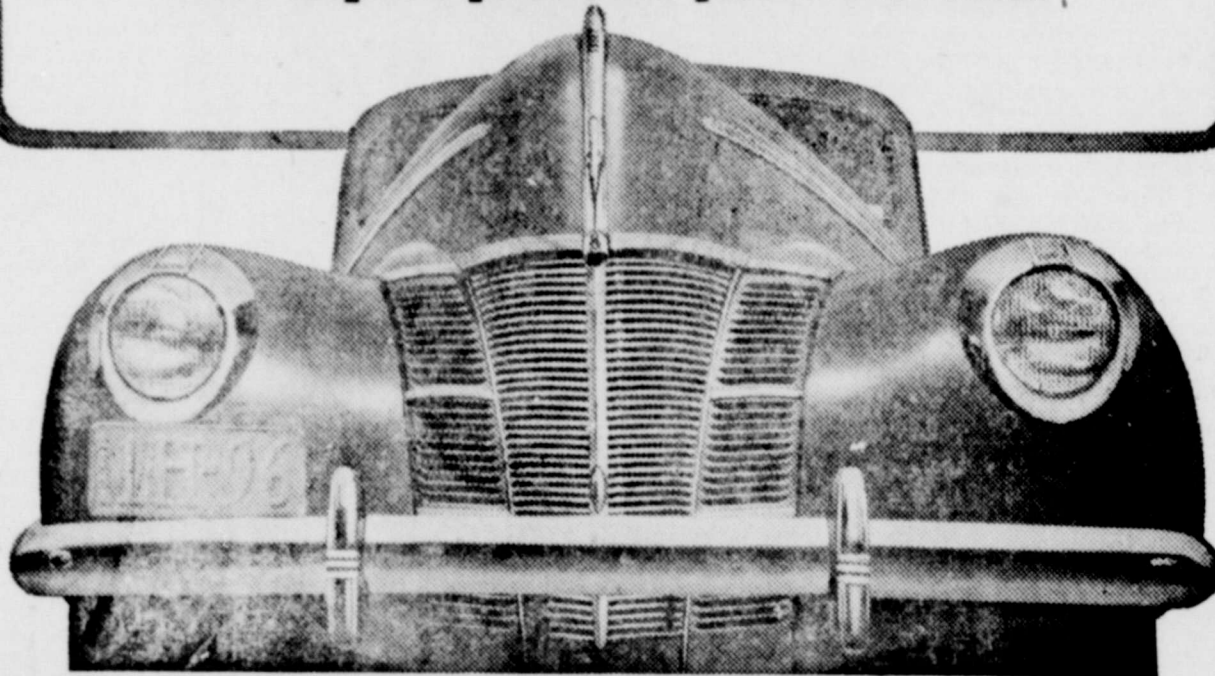
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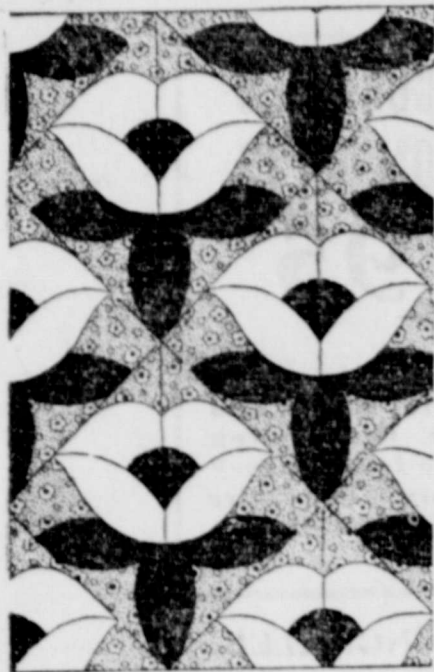
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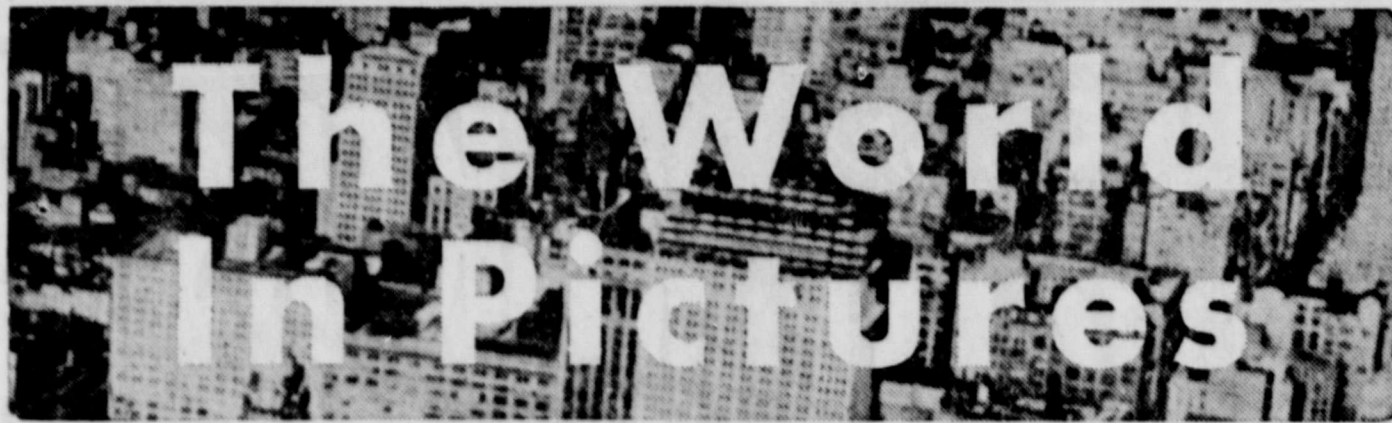
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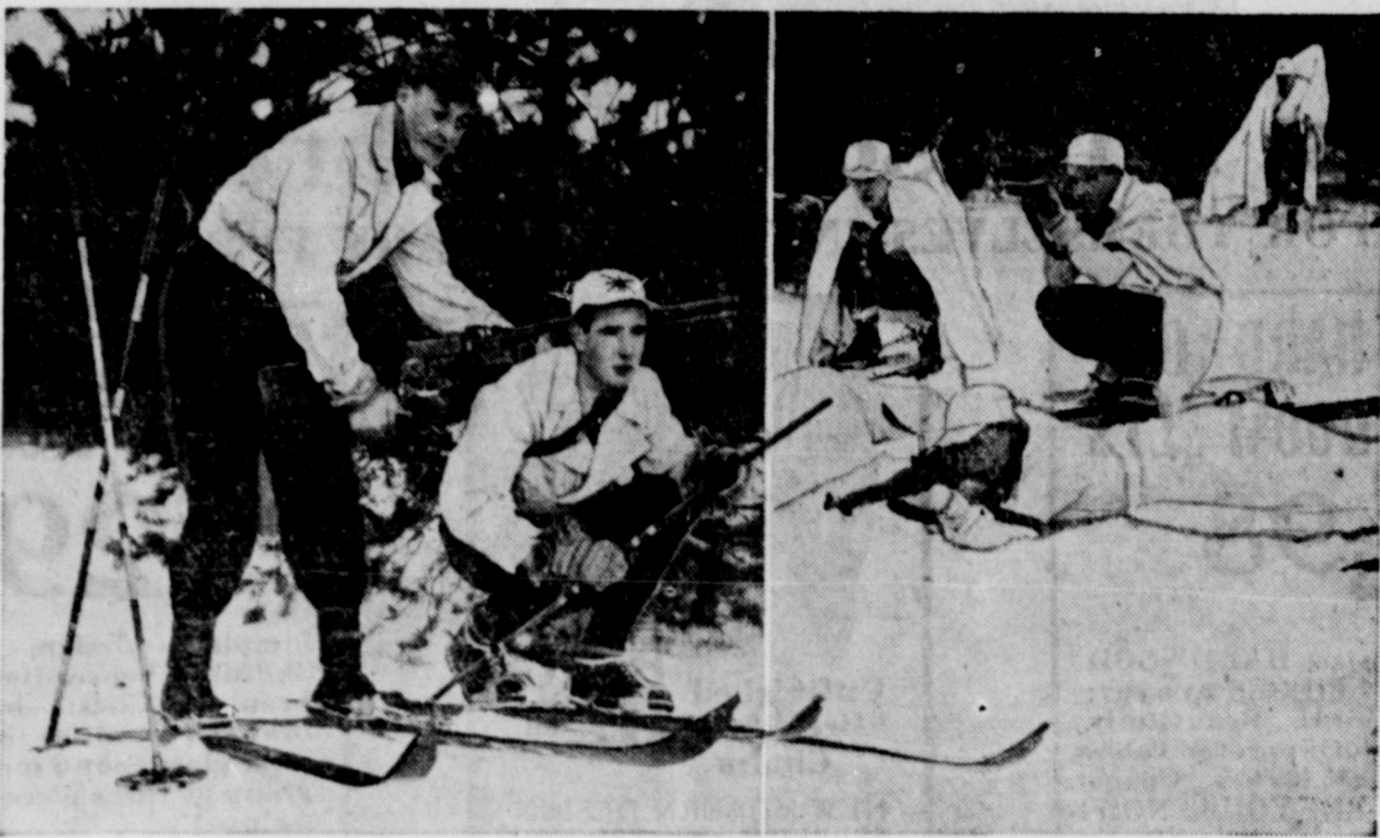
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3. What is a martingale—a song-bird, part of a horse's harness, or a flowering shrub?
4. What kinds of twins are there?

**The Answers**

1. Record, produce, minute.
2. The cheetah, the gazelle and the race horse are the three fastest animals on foot.
3. Part of a horse's harness.
4. Identical, unlike, and Siamese.

**Miniature Army**

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**Folly of Anger**

Anger always begins with folly, and ends with repentance.—Pythagoras.

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**DOAN'S PILLS**

# Household News

By Eleanor Howe



### TAKES PLANNING TO PRODUCE MEATLESS MEALS

See Recipes Below.

**Favorite Foods in Lent**

It takes a bit of planning to produce meatless meals that please the family because we're so accustomed to the meal that's built around substantial roasts, or chops, or steaks. But fish, eggs, milk, cheese, beans, peas and nuts, are excellent protein or body-building foods that should be substituted now and then for meat. Their uses are many and with judicious planning they add interest and variety to meals.

Fish and eggs occupy an important place in meatless meals; less commonly used, but inexpensive and good, are cheese, nuts, peas and beans.

Cheese is a concentrated food which gives good returns for the money spent on it; because it is an excellent body-building food and is rich in mineral salts, and because its flavor combines well with that of other foods, it should be more widely used. A little cheese goes a long way when combined with cereal products such as rice or macaroni.

Nuts are apt to be considered a mere accompaniment to a meal, or something to be nibbled on "between meals," but wisely used, they're an acceptable substitute for meat.

Vegetable plates are popular for meatless meals. Where they include peas or beans or eggs (which might be hard cooked, sliced and creamed) they provide a satisfying and "balanced" meal. Banana Scallops are an unusual addition to a vegetable dinner—hearty and delicious, and easy to prepare.

**Lenten Feast.**

Mix together 8 cups soft bread crumbs, ½ cup fat (melted), 1 teaspoon salt, ¼ teaspoon pepper, 2 tablespoons onion (minced), 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning, 4 eggs (slightly beaten), ¼ cup milk and 1 cup peanuts (chopped). Pack into a well-greased ring mold and bake in a moderately hot oven (375 degrees) for about 30 minutes.

**Baked Eggs.**

12 slices bread  
¾ cup butter  
6 eggs  
Salt, pepper, paprika

Cut crusts from whole slices of bread and spread six of the slices with butter which has been thoroughly creamed using a small biscuit cutter, cut the center from the six unbuttered slices. Butter these and place one centerless slice on each of the buttered whole slices of bread. Break an egg in the center, and place on baking sheet. Sprinkle with salt, pepper and paprika, and bake in a slow oven (325 degrees Fahrenheit) until the eggs are set. Serve at once.

**Rice au Gratin.**

Part I.—1 cup rice  
3 quarts water  
1 teaspoon salt

Wash rice and drop into boiling salted water. Boil rapidly (uncovered) until rice is tender. Drain and place in a buttered baking dish. Cover with Cream Sauce.

**Cream Sauce.**

Part II.—3 tablespoons butter  
2 tablespoons flour  
1½ cups milk (scalded)  
¼ teaspoon paprika  
¼ teaspoon salt  
Dash of pepper  
½ cup cheese (grated)  
2 teaspoons prepared mustard

Melt butter and add flour. Mix thoroughly and add milk. Cook, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens. Remove from fire, add seasonings, cheese and prepared mustard. Pour over the rice, dot

with butter and sprinkle with paprika. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees Fahrenheit) for approximately 20 minutes.

**Tuna Fish Scallop.**

(Serves 6)  
1½ cups milk  
3 cups soft bread crumbs  
½ teaspoon onion salt  
1 tablespoon prepared mustard  
½ teaspoon salt  
2 cups tuna fish (flaked)  
3 hard-cooked eggs (sliced)  
½ cup cracker crumbs (buttered)

Scald milk, remove from flame, and soak crumbs in it for 15 minutes. Add seasonings. Add tuna fish. Arrange this mixture in layers in a buttered baking dish, alternating with the sliced hard-cooked eggs. Top with the buttered cracker crumbs. Bake in a moderately hot oven (400 degrees Fahrenheit) for 20 to 25 minutes.

**Baked Tapioca Cheese.**

1 pint milk  
1 egg (well beaten)  
3 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca  
½ teaspoon salt  
½ teaspoon paprika  
1 tablespoon prepared mustard  
1 cup American cheese (grated)

Mix all ingredients in order given. Place in baking casserole and bake in moderate oven (350 degrees Fahrenheit) approximately 15 minutes—or until mixture thickens. Stir occasionally while baking. Serve on hot buttered toast.

**Swiss Eggs.**

(Serves 6)  
¾ pound sharp cheese  
2 tablespoons butter  
½ cup coffee cream  
¼ teaspoon salt  
Dash cayenne pepper  
1 teaspoon prepared mustard  
6 eggs (beaten slightly)

Sliver the cheese and spread evenly over bottom of a shallow buttered baking dish. Dot with butter. Mix together the cream, salt, pepper, and mustard and pour one half of this mixture over the cheese. Beat eggs slightly and add. Last of all, add the remaining half of the cream mixture. Bake in a moderate oven (325 degrees Fahrenheit) approximately 25-30 minutes, or until eggs are set, but not dry.

This is the season for piping hot soups—thick, substantial cream soups and chowders to "take the chill out of one's bones," and serve as the mainstay of a noontime meal; or steaming, perfectly seasoned, clear soups to serve as an appetizer before a hearty dinner.

Watch for this column next week. In it you'll find some of Eleanor Howe's own tested recipes for soups that are bound to be family favorites.

**Better Baking.**

This practical, usable booklet by Eleanor Howe is, just as the name indicates, a guide to "better baking." You'll find in it hints on how to improve your technique, and a wealth of reliable tested recipes—recipes for delicious breads and cakes and cookies, and for the flaky tempting pies your families love.

To get your copy of "Better Baking" now, just send 10 cents in coin to "Better Baking" care of Eleanor Howe, 919 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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**She Should Know**

"Darling, let us keep our engagement a secret."  
"Yes, dear; but I must tell Doris. The horrid creature said I should never find a man foolish enough to marry me."

**SHE ADMITS FAILURE**



**Butch—**Why in the world do you let your wife go around bragging that she made a man out of you? You never hear my wife saying that sort of thing.  
**Alphonse—**No, but I've often heard her say she tried her hardest to do so.

**Almost as Bad**

The master of the house, exasperated beyond endurance by the cooking, had the cook up before him.  
After a long tirade upon her shortcomings, he pointed to the table.  
"Look at that piece of bacon I've served to your mistress," he said. "Absolutely uneatable! And this piece I've taken myself isn't much better."

**Old Lady (to professor)—**"I don't see the good of these lecture courses in botany. I attended one lecture a while ago, and now I remember the names of only two plants, the 'Delirium Tremens' and the 'Aurora Borealis.'"

**Necessary?**

Two actors who were jealous of each other met. They exchanged frigid nods.  
"How are you getting along?" asked one presently.  
"Pretty well," replied the other. "Still keeping alive."  
The first man eyed his rival steadily for a second and then asked, casually: "What's your motive?"

**Pleasure, Indeed**

"You can't pass this way, sir," said the country policeman. "I've orders to turn back all motors that come along this road."  
"But I'm the chief constable," declared the motorist.  
"Sorry, sir, I didn't know. I got orders to let no traffic through because of the rotten bridge, but seeing it's you, sir, it's a pleasure. Go right ahead."

**SANDPAPER THROAT**

Got a cold? Every swallow seem to scratch your throat till it's rough and raw? Get a box of Luden's. Let Luden's special ingredients with cooling menthol help bring you quick relief from itchy, touchy, "sandpaper throat!"

**LUDEN'S 5¢**  
Menthol Cough Drops

**Fill the Mind**

Study rather to fill your mind than your coffers; knowing that gold and silver were originally mingled with dirt until avarice or ambition parted them.—Seneca.

**CONSTIPATED! Gas Crowds Heart.**

"For years I had occasional constipation, headaches and pains in the back. Awful gas bloating seemed to crowd my heart. Adierka always helped right away. Now I eat sausage, bananas, pie, anything I want and never feel better."—Mrs. Mabel Schott. Two things happen when you are constipated. FIRST: Accumulated wastes swell up bowels and press on nerves in the digestive tract. SECOND: Partly digested food starts to decay forming GAS, often bringing on sour stomach, indigestion, and heartburn, bloating you up until you sometimes gasp for breath. Adierka gives double relief with DOUBLE ACTION. BALANCED Adierka containing three laxatives and five carminatives relieves STOMACH GAS almost at once. It often clears bowels in less than two hours. No griping, no after effects, just quick results.

Sold at all drug stores.

**MODERNIZE**

Whether you're planning a party or remodeling a room you should follow the advertisements... to learn what's new... and cheaper... and better. And the place to find out about new things is right here in this newspaper. Its columns are filled with important messages which you should read regularly.

**Beekeepers' Chairman Finally Got In His Sting**

The excited man mounted the platform and began his speech. The chairman made repeated efforts to stop him, but to no purpose. In the end he had to let him carry on.

And carry on he did, fiery and pungent, for an hour, then stopped. "Have you quite finished?" asked the chairman.

"Yes," said the orator, "and I defy you to contradict a single word I said."

"I don't wish to," said the chairman. "The Brewery company, of whose management you complain, is holding its general meeting on the floor above. This is a reunion of the Beekeepers' society."

SPEED'S MY BUSINESS — BUT FOR PLEASURE GIVE ME A SLOW-BURNING CIGARETTE. CAMELS ARE Milder AND COOLER!



"FASTEST MAN ON WHEELS" in six-day bicycle racing is 8-time winner Cecil Yates, Jr. (above). But in cigarettes, Cecil is on the slow side—he smokes slow-burning Camels. Try Camels. Find out for yourself how Camels give you more pleasure per puff—and more puffs per pack! (Yes, more actual smoking.)

In recent laboratory tests, CAMELS burned 25% slower than the average of the 15 other of the largest-selling brands tested—slower than any of them. That means, on the average, a smoking plus equal to

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EDWIN G. ROBINSON In  
**"BLACKMAIL"**  
with Ruth Hussey - Gene Lockhart  
Comedy & Morietone News  
AND LATEST "MARCH OF TIME"

SUNDAY, 1:30, Matinee & MONDAY, Feb. 11 & 12

Bing Crosby - Joan Blondell - Mischa Auer In  
**"EAST SIDE OF HEAVEN"**  
with Sandy and Matty Malneck and Orchestra  
Also Comedy & Latest News

WEDNESDAY ONLY, ( ? ) Feb. 14th

John Garfield - Priscilla Lane In  
**"DUST BE MY DESTINY"**  
Also Comedy

### TEXAS THEATRE

BRONTE, TEXAS

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, Feb. 9th & 10th

Cary Grant, Jean Arthur in  
**"ONLY ANGELS HAVE WINGS"**  
Comedy - News

TUESDAY ONLY, Feb. 13th (Money Nite)

Bing Crosby - Joan Blondell In  
**"EAST SIDE OF HEAVEN"**  
Comedy

### Farmers Notes

Washington, Feb. 3. - Of all the money the Federal Government has spent in trying to rehabilitate the farmers of the nation the soundest and most satisfactory investment has been the money appropriated for soil conservation, and the comparatively small amount invested in loans for the purchase of farms. Congressman Charles L. South of the 21st congressional district believes

Although action of the appropriation committee in striking the farm tenancy item from the Agriculture Department appropriation bill was sustained by the House over the active opposition of Speaker Bankhead, Marvin Jones, chairman of the committee on agriculture, Congressman South and others, he has hopes that it will be restored in the Senate.

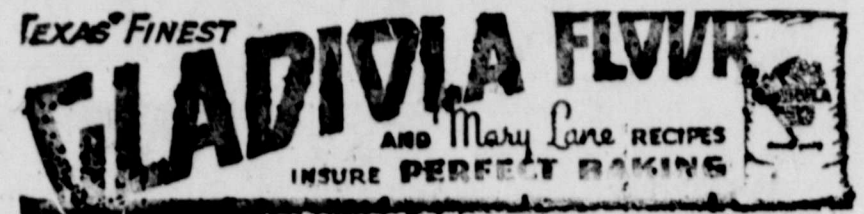
Money lent by the government to the nation's farmers for the purpose of farm purchase is not a gift, declared Congressman South, but a loan bearing a 3% int.

### Methodist W. M. S.

W. M. S. met at church Monday afternoon. An interesting discussion of the life of the great J. Young Allen, missionary to China was conducted by Mrs. W. K. Simpson, Lizzie Hester and F. C. Clark. Other members present were Mmes. J. S. Craddock, W. H. Bell, J. T. Thetford, Day and Fred O. Green.

## H. D. FISH

GROCERY Specials for Friday & Saturday, FEB. 9 & 10



Gladiola FLOUR	6 lb sack 29c	24 lb sack 88c
	12 lb sack 48c	48 lb sack 1.75
Good Fresh Bulk CANDY,		per lb 15c
234 US APPLES, nine size		per doz 12c
150 Delicious APPLES,		per doz 20c
113 Washington APPLES,		per doz 30c
150 California ORANGES,		per doz 25c
No 2 Lamp CHIMNEY,	3 for	25c
SPUDS,	10 lbs	19c
10 lb Cane SUGAR,	paper pkg	49c
all 15c COOKIES,	2 for	25c
No 1 TOMATOES,	can	5c
Every Day COFFEE,	two 1 lb pkg or	35c
GLOVES,	yes I have them from	5c to 1.65
Work PANTS, sanforized	per pair	1.10 up to 2.00
SHIRTS,		from 59c up to 1.95

### BAPTIST W.M.S.

The Society met at the church Monday for their regular monthly business meeting.

The society voted to observe their State Mission Week of Prayer from March 11-15, instead of March 4-8 as had been previously planned. Mrs. P. E. Fitzhugh became a new member. Visitors were Miss Olive Green and Mrs. H. C. Allen. Members present were Mmes. G. C. Allen, W. J. Cumbie, R. C. Roberts, Bob Read and Fred DeLashaw.

The Town Where I Live -  
It's My Town

### Church Notes

#### METHODIST

Church School	10:00
Preaching Service	11:00
Epworth League	6:45
Preaching Service	7:30
W. M. S. - Monday	4:00

#### BAPTIST

Sunday School	10:00
Preaching Service	11:00
Praying Union	6:30
Preaching Service	7:30
W. M. S., Monday	3:00
Young Peoples Prayer Meeting, Officers-Teachers Meeting, Wednesday	7:00

Steve Moore of San Angelo was in Robert Lee this week

## M SYSTEM STORE

SPECIAL PRICES for FRIDAY & SATURDAY, February 9th & 10th

MARSHMALLOWS, 1 lb cello 10c  
COCOANUT, 1 lb cello 17c

 **CRISCO** SALT, 2 boxes 5c  
Jefferson Island 45c

Ribbon Cane SYRUP, gal 49c

GAL PRUNES water pack 23c

Vienna Sausage, Bell Brand 3-19c

Fluffo Pure Vegetable Shortening  
4 lb carton 39c 8 lb carton 77c

**Bright and Early Coffee** 19c  
1 lb vac. can

### Royal Owl Flour

24 lb sack 75c 48 lb sack 1.35

10 lb choice Pinto Beans, 49c

Recleaned Frazar sliced Pineapple, two no 2 cans 25c

Choc CANDY, DeSoto 2 lbs 25c

DeMonte Finy PEAS, no 2 can 15c

CARROTS, 2 bchs 5c--LETTUCE, 3 for 10c

Yellow ONIONS, 5 lbs 10c

O'HENRY Candy Bars 3c

**SPUDS, 10 lbs 18c**

Texas Grapetruit, med size doz 15c

BRING US YOUR CREAM, EGGS & CHICKENS

50c Ipana Toothpaste, 29c

30c Sal Hapatia, 19c

16 oz Rubbing Alcohol, 10c

100 Bayers Aspirins, 49c

50c Petco Toothpaste, 2 for 39c

500 Ponds Facial Tissue, 15c

25c tube Co-gate Shaving Cream<sup>2</sup> for 26c

3 bars Jergens Soap, 14c

1 lb can Dexco Malted Milk, 19c

### IN OUR MARKET

Our Sliced BACON, lb 29c

BRICK CHILI, lb 20c

Barbecue Sauce, 8 oz bottle 15c

CHEESE, full cream lb 23c

Fresh Calf BRAINS, lb 15c

PORK CHOPS, lb 18c

Pure Pork SAUSAGE, 2 lbs 35c

100% Sugar Cured BACON, lb 19c

### Week end Specials in our Grocery Dept.

Tomatoes	no 2 cans Standard	6c
PINTO BEANS,	10 lbs	44c
R & W TOMATO JUICE,	two 12 oz cans	15c
R & W Sifted P. AS,	two no 1 cans	25c
" " Peas,	two no 2 cans	35c
Bango POP CORN,	two 10 oz cans	19c
CRISCO,	3 lb can	42c
3 - Meal COFFEE,	lb	19c
R&W CORNED BEEF,	12 oz can	21c
R&W COFFEE,	1 lb 2 lbs	25c 49c
R & W Whole Wheat FLOUR,	3 lb sack	18c
Fancy Dress FLOUR,	24 lb 48 lb	89c 1.37
LETTUCE, Arizona Iceburg	3 heads	10c
RUTABAGS,	per lb	3c
YAMS, Kiln Dried	4 lbs	19c
SPUDS, US no 1 Russets,	10 lb mesh bag	27c
APPLES, 234's Washington Winesaps	doz	12c
Texas ORANGES, 252	doz	17c

## W. J. CUMBIE'S

The Red & White Store