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Licensed Cotton Grader

Fred McDonald Jr., received his 1940 Cotton Graders license from the Department of Agriculture entitling him to grade American Upland Cotton and for all lengths of Staple. Mr. McDonald took the regular examination in Abilene last year and received his license. The renewal was issued to him on August 15th this year. The license is issued direct by the Department of Agriculture in Washington.

Roy Bessent of Pecos visited his parents last week end.

Mrs. Henson Fikes, Mrs. J. T. Lively and Miss Mabel Holland of Mason Texas, have been visiting friends and relatives in San Angelo and Robert Lee.

Rev. Charles Myrick and family of Brown County are visiting relatives in Robert Lee.

Mr. J. K. Gladney from Mendenhall was here on business this week. He is the grand son of L. J. Kimbell one of the early pioneers of Robert Lee.

Our Navy Expands

The United States Navy Recruiting Service for West Texas states that the present expansion of the Navy has created many excellent opportunities for young men between the age of 18 and 31. Applications are being accepted from those who meet the high physical, mental and moral standard set by the Navy Department.

Applications must be made in person at the Navy Recruiting Station, located in the Post Office Building, Abilene, Texas.

Mrs. Marcus Turner of Wilcox was in the Winters Hospital last Saturday for a major operation. Mrs. Turner is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bell.

There are 12750 places where you may borrow money to build a home. There is only about 50 counties in the whole country where there is no lending institution.

Miss Barbara Cryer was taken to the Shannon Hospital Sunday morning.

REVIVAL MEETING

The Baptist Revival is in progress. Bro Simpson is a fore full preacher, bringing good gospel messages and much good is being done. Services will continue up to and including Sunday night service. Come out and hear the Bible preached.

NOTICE

Primitive Baptist will have preaching Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Communion service and foot washing Sunday. Elder T. A. Dunn of Crosbyton Texas will do the preaching.

W. P. Hawkins Church Clerk.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Wallace of Pecos visited in Robert Lee, over the week end.

Miss Edwira Ross will leave Sunday for an indefinite stay in San Angelo.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Price of Silver, a six and one-half pound boy and named it Edgar Ray.

The M System Stores are observing the Labor Day Celebration Monday afternoon with a picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Lovell and son left Tuesday for their home after spending the summer here overhauling the Barger home.

The first ice cream supper the Sanco W. M. S. sponsored was a great success. We want to thank every one that came and made it a success - Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Amel Glaser of Big Springs announces the birth of a baby boy, Amel Jr. Mrs. Glaser was formerly Miss Annayne Evans, a grand-daughter of Mrs. A. J. Taylor.

The Texas petroleum industry paid taxes of four and one-half cents per barrel for every barrel of oil produced in Texas for school purposes or about one-fourth of the cost of schools.

Coach T. J. Mullins and family spent the summer at Denton, where Mr. Mullins attended school. They are back in Robert Lee domiciled in Miss Naomi Brown's residence.

Rev. D. E. Simpson, W. J. Cumbie, Ed Jordan, Mr and Mrs Lem Gowley, Miss Lorine Fikes and Miss Juanita Borger attended the Baptist Association at Winters Wednesday.

The "Pure Pac" Store Quality Supreme, at reasonable prices.

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Mrs. Sam Powell and Mrs. Vertna Gartman returned Tuesday from Brownwood where they had received their Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Daniel Baker College, Monday night August 26th.

PUBLIC SCHOOL TO OPEN SEPT. 9th

Local W. M. S Holds Last Meeting

Due to the union of the three Methodist Churches which was completed this summer, the women of the church are to have a new organization, known as the Women's Society of Christian Service. Plans for the organization of this new society were discussed at the meeting of the W. M. S. which was held at the church Monday. The new society will be fully organized next Monday.

The local W. M. S. which met for the last time Monday was organized in 1901 by the pastor, Rev. W. K. Simpson. Mrs. Simpson was the first president of the organization. Other charter members were: Mmes B. E. Davis, Addie Averett, B. A. Tolliver, Grey Read and F. K. Popplewell. Mrs. Craddock presented congratulations to Mrs. W. K. Simpson in appreciation of her long service and Mrs. W. H. Bell who is the Local Society's oldest member.

Mrs. J. S. Gardner gave some interesting facts concerning the activities of the local society for the past thirty years.

Members present were: Mmes F. C. Clark, W. H. Bell, Hattie Day, J. K. Griffith, Elzie Wright, J. A. Clift, W. B. Clift, Chism Brown, J. S. Craddock, McNeil Wylie, A. E. Latham, J. S. Gardner, Lizzie Hester, W. K. Simpson and Marvin Simpson.

Enjoyable Occasion

Girls from the Church of Christ who spent an enjoyable Tuesday night of last week at the home of Mrs. D. P. Key, with Miss Myrtle Hurley as assistant hostess were: Mabel and Nell Jay, Ione and Billy Davis, Lura and Freda Lawrence, Marie, Mildred and Edna May Wallace, Ima Pearl Hurley, and a guest Dorothy Lott.

On a near-by creek supper at sunset, mostly furnished and prepared by the girls, and a sunrise breakfast supplied by the hostesses with every girl busy in preparation, were jolly occasions.

Some time was spent in frolic and fun followed later, both night and morning with beautiful sacred songs sung by the girls. These included two specials "Pure in Heart" and "A Flower gathered from the Masters Bough" favorites of Mrs. Key.

In true camp fashion, a large tarp with numerous quilts and blankets furnished a bed on the lawn for the girls. After a real bed time romp they turned to the sweet and serious enjoyment of Bible bed time stories.

Those who were present are looking forward to another event of this kind next summer and many other summers yet to come.

All High School Students Are Asked To Register Friday Morning Sept. 6.

The Public schools of the Robert Lee Independent School District will open Monday morning, Sept. 9, at 9.00 A. M.

Due to the lack of time in registering the pupils there will be no formal opening program. However, all pupils and visitors will meet in the Auditorium for a short opening exercise and announcements and instructions. Pupils will go from there to their respective rooms to be enrolled and to receive their books. All high school pupils will be registered in the office and will go to the main library for books. High school students will be enrolled in the following order: Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen.

New teachers this year are: Miss Rose Fisher, English and Spanish; Miss Nova Skinner, Commerce; Miss Lois Bradford, 10th grade; Miss Ruth Smith, 11th grade; and the Public School Music teacher as not yet been employed. All other teachers and assignments are the same as last year.

Due to lack of time I am asking all high school students to come to the school building and register on Friday morning, Sept. 6th. By so doing we shall be able to dismiss the students at 12:00 noon on Monday, Sept. 9th.

All students who have books out are asked to return them before school opens on Sept. 9th. Geo. L. Taylor, Supt.

Mrs. Mabel Williams is visiting with her son and his wife Mr. and Mrs. Tona Williams.

Miss Pearl Hurley and her niece Vama Jane is visiting in the home of J. H. Hurley this week.

Chester, Mary Mae, Hoover, and Lily Puett have returned to their home in Fort Worth.

Bobbie Lee Davis spent last week with his friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Fitzhugh, and Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Wylie spent the week end fishing and camping near Tankersley.

Mrs. Howard Eaton and her daughter Ida Bell, returned from a visit with her parents in Bangs Monday.

Mrs. Ollie Previo and sons, William, Eugene and Eddie left for their home in Stanton Sunday. They have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lowrance, relatives and friends of Robert Lee, Bronte and Edith for some time.

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

By Roger Shaw

British Abandon Colony of Somaliland; Nazis Continue Air Raids on England; Trouble Looms Between Greece, Italy; House Approves Mobilization of Guard

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

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GREECE: And Italy

Germany grabbed Czechoslovakia, Austria, Denmark, Norway, Luxembourg, Belgium, Holland and parts of Poland and France. Russia grabbed Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and parts of Poland, Finland, and Rumania. Italy grabbed Ethiopia, pounced on republican Spain, and swallowed Albania.

Italy was on the move again. This time against Greece. Poor Greece had done nothing but shiver since the war began. Its dictator,



PRESIDENT METAXAS

Neither pro-British nor pro-German.

General Metaxas, was neither pro-British, nor pro-German. He was just plain pro-Metaxas. But Albania and Greece have a common borderline. There was an insignificant incident over the Greek handling of an Albanian bandit; Albania always is bandit-infested. The "kept" Italian press went into a roar, and demanded satisfaction. Just as reds said the Finns threatened Russia, so the Fascists said the ferocious, insidious Greeks were threatening the modern Roman empire of Signor Mussolini.

COLONIES:

First Loss

Britain lost the first of her colonial possessions in the current war to Italy as two divisions of Mussolini's crack troops (about 20,000 men) succeeded in driving out 1,200 Tommies from Berbera, capital of British Somaliland. Loss of the African colony itself wasn't worrying Great Britain a great deal for Somaliland has never added materially to the wealth of the empire.

But what did concern the British high command was that with this loss of territory Italy had gained ground in her attempt to wrest control of the Suez canal and thus sever British empire communications.

For the British there was only one ray of light in their abandonment of Somaliland: as in the retreat at Dunkirk, the troops left the battlefield fighting a furious rear guard action, destroying everything that could not be saved and forcing Italy to pay as dear a price as possible for her victory.

II GERMAN WAR:

Aviation

The aerial warfare over England continued with a bang. The German flying losses were considerably heavier than the British, for a reason. The Germans were taking the offensive, and had to encounter anti-aircraft fire, as well as the defending British planes. But the German air supremacy was something like 3 to 1, and Air Marshal Goering was reckoning on a certain given expenditure of men and machines to achieve certain given results.

The German pilots were very young, some of them 15 or 18 years old, actually. They dive-bombed and fought like madmen, fanatical, furious. The royal air force pilots were a different type: older, more experienced, many of them soldiers of fortune, or old-time professionals. A high percentage were Irish, Canadian, or American—types that make better flyers than the native English, said the military men.

The Germans had two disadvantages. The "British" regulars were far better, man for man, than the German kids. And the British planes were far better, ship for ship, than the German crates. The German aircraft were slapped together by mass production, and at any given time, about 60 per cent of them were in the repair shop. The British machines only 25 per cent.

WILLKIE: Talkie-Talkie

A challenge to President Roosevelt to meet him in a series of platform debates on the issues of the 1940 campaign, highlighted the acceptance speech of Republican presidential candidate, Wendell Willkie, as he addressed an Elwood, Indiana, crowd of between 150,000 and 200,000 persons.

The G. O. P. standard bearer endorsed "selective military service" (conscription) and came out for material aid to Great Britain in that country's struggle against Nazi Germany. Willkie charged that the present administration had failed in its program of economic rehabilitation and has been courting war by dabbling in foreign politics.

Even his sternest critics were forced to admit, however, that was none of the "appeaser" in the man behind such words as these: "We must not shirk the necessity of preparing our sons to take care of themselves in case the defense of America leads to war" . . . and again . . . "We must face a brutal, perhaps a terrible, fact. Our way of life is in competition with Hitler's way of life. I promise to outdistance Hitler in any contest he chooses, in 1940 or after. And I promise that when we beat him, we shall beat him on our own terms, in our own American way."

Republicans hailed the speech as a masterpiece and saw in it the beginning of a campaign that would definitely result in victory for their candidate. Democrats saw in the speech an endorsement of many of the reforms the New Deal has been



WENDELL L. WILLKIE

"I Accept."

(This picture was taken during Mr. Willkie's Elwood, Ind., speech.)

advocating and thought Mr. Willkie wanted only a change in personnel—not policy—to carry such reforms.

At any rate it marked the real beginning of what looks like the hardest fought presidential contest thus far in the Twentieth century.

DEFENSE:

First Round

When it came to mobilizing the National Guard for a year of training, the house followed the example of the senate. The house finally voted for the callup, by a landslide of 342 to 33. The senate vote was 71 to 7. There are 360,000 National Guardsmen. They are to get the works for 12 months, and can be sent anywhere in the Western hemisphere, or the Philippine islands—which is a long way away from the Western hemisphere. Youngsters under 18 were to be discharged from the guard at once, and married guardsmen were permitted to resign within three weeks.

Mr. Roosevelt, who had a goodly share of the American press against him in his campaign for a third term, had none the less won the first round in his campaign for a general mobilization. His program called for no less than \$10,000,000,000. The second round was the much-contested Burke-Wadsworth conscription bill, which would call up 12,000,000 men, between the ages of 21 and 31. They, too, would get a year's training, if the bill went through. It was opposed by a complete cross-section, ranging from experienced military critics and regular officers to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and many patriotic isolationists. Apparently to speed things up, War Secretary Stimson had said England might not last a month. Naval Secretary Knox said England might not hold out for 60 days.

BLESSINGS: Of Warfare

One English farmer blessed the good old war, and especially the Blitzkrieg features. This agriculturist had two chickens killed by a German aerial bomb. But he had a romantic and patriotic neighbor. She wanted those chickens to have them stuffed as war souvenirs. She paid the farmer 10 pounds for one of them, and 5 pounds for the other. This totaled just \$60.30 in American money. The pound is now worth about \$4.02 in your Uncle Sam's mazuma.

THE LEAGUE:

What's Left

The League of Nations was bundled out of Geneva some time back, and went to France. From there, it moved on to Portugal, where it thought of staying. But the Spaniards and Germans may yet invade Portugal. So the ghost went west, just like in the movie. The economic and financial sections of the league secretariat pounced on Princeton university, which was always strongly anti-league in feeling, even though Woodrow Wilson was a former Princetonian president. But the latest was this: The excellent international labor office of the league selected McGill university at Montreal, Canada, for its hideaway. The Yankee John Winant, formerly the able and progressive governor of New Hampshire, is director of the labor office. He thanked McGill by wire.

LUXEMBURG:

No More

Luxemburg is known to Americans by the melodious strains of the waltzing "Count of Luxemburg." It was a tiny grand duchy, wedged between Germany and France and Belgium. It got invaded in 1914, and again in 1940. Neither time did it fight. It is rich in iron, and in iron works. The Luxembourgish royal family, cousins of the so-so Hapsburgs, fled to this country not long ago.

Before the last war, Luxemburg was independent, but in customs union with Germany. After 1918, it went into customs union with Belgium, instead. Now, it has been re-annexed to Germany, along with the little Belgian districts of Eupen and Malmedy, which the Belgians had grabbed from Germany in 1919. Neighboring Alsace-Lorraine, German from 1870 to 1918, has also been re-incorporated in the German reich. Meanwhile, America is filled with swarms of royal Luxembourgish children. Mr. Roosevelt has sent the U. S. S. Trenton after them.

NIGHT CLUBS:

In n. y.

Big news from the modern Babylon. All the New York nightclub people were to be fingerprinted, and high time, too. This included the capitalists, their sub-profiteers, the glamour girls, comedians, doormen, waiters, hatchbacks, kewpie dolls and cigars and cigarettes.

The reason for this drastic step seemed to be that nightclubs and robberies were (said the police) closely connected. They "printed" the ritziest in the game, as well as the more sordid types. Some of the nightclubbers liked the idea, but others raised a big yowl.

NAMES

. . . in the news



NELSON ROCKEFELLER

¶ Nelson Rockefeller, son of John D. Jr., got a government job at \$1 per year. Mr. Roosevelt appointed him "co-ordinator of commercial and cultural relations among the American republics for the Council of National Defense." In addition, the young man will be "chairman of the inter-departmental committee on inter-American affairs." Young Rockefeller is interested in a hotel at Caracas, Venezuela.

Washington Digest

Congressional Attention Focused On National Preparedness Plan

Suggest Investigation of Progress Made; Roosevelt Takes Personal Charge of Defense Program; Army Leaders Prepare for Draft.

By G. F.

(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

WASHINGTON.—Congress is annoyed by slow motion in the national defense program.

The war department recently reported to a joint committee of the house and senate that although approximately \$400,000,000 had been appropriated in June for army airplanes, engines and accessories, actual contracts had been signed for only 33 planes.

The appropriation bills provided funds for 4,000 planes, but seven weeks later only 33 planes actually were under contract—and those will not be delivered before January or February, 1941.

In the same hearing, the national defense commission reported that the army would not have full equipment for 750,000 men before 1942.

Inasmuch as congress has appropriated and authorized \$14,000,000,000 for national defense since January, 1940, members of the house and senate are pressing for a thorough investigation of the preparedness slow-down.

Some leaders favor establishment of a joint committee of the house and senate to conduct a continuing "audit" of the defense contracts. Such an arrangement would keep congress fully abreast of new orders.

Capitol Hill has been grumbling sotto voce for several weeks over reports of confusion and conflict in the military departments. Whatever the cause, heavy defense equipment is not yet being produced in any considerable quantity. This applies particularly to long-range guns for the coast artillery, heavy naval guns, land tanks, and long-range bombing planes. Congress is determined to find the bottleneck.

One course of friction has been located in the procurement division of the treasury department, which long has been the general purchasing agency for the government. Secretary Morgenthau feels his department should continue to place the contracts. On the other hand, the army and the navy insist they should place their own orders for highly specialized equipment. Third, the new defense commission feel they should place all orders for equipment not heretofore purchased by the government.

In this scramble many orders are falling between the three contending authorities, or being delayed by departmental red-tape.

Secretary Morgenthau has informed congress that out of the \$14,000,000,000 now available for defense, not more than \$5,000,000,000 could be spent by July 1, 1941, under the present schedule of buying.

American industry has made every effort to get the preparedness wheels turning. Thousands of manufacturers have come to Washington at their own expense to offer their plants to the government. Some have returned home without having conferred with the official sought. Confusion prevails in the purchasing agencies, due to conflicts of authority under the hastily written emergency legislation. The defense commission is now appealing to business managers not to come to Washington, but to wait until they receive inquiries by mail.

President Roosevelt has taken direct personal charge of the entire defense program. Although heavily burdened by acute problems in foreign relations, and a multitude of pressing domestic issues, Mr. Roosevelt wants to give personal approval of every major contract for defense equipment. His long experience as assistant secretary of the navy equipped him with special technical knowledge of fighting sea-craft. He is not equally familiar with modern airplanes and army equipment. The whole system of military aviation in the modern sense, has developed since Mr. Roosevelt left the navy department in 1921. Giant tanks and motorized army units likewise are a recent development. Delicate technical problems are involved in all this modern equipment. Some military experts have cautiously expressed the opinion that President Roosevelt should not undertake to deal personally with all these complex technical problems. But their sense of loyalty and patriotism restrains all public criticism of the commander-in-chief.

Opposition to compulsory military service in peace times is rising in many sections of the country. The congressional mail indicates that

anti-conscription sentiment is based largely on the general knowledge that supplies, material and equipment are not yet available for a conscript army.

Many critics insist that voluntary enlistments should be given a trial, at least to the point at which surplus military equipment will be available over and above that needed for the present standing army and National Guard.

The wave of anti-conscription mail is making a deep impression upon congressional sentiment. What purpose will be served by registering 12,000,000 young men for compulsory military service when there is no field equipment available for even 750,000 men? So runs the cloak-room discussion on Capitol Hill.

Much opposition to conscription is based upon the fact that compulsory military service has been a favored device of the European dictators.

In ordinary times this hardly would be a valid argument against conscription in the United States. But these are not ordinary times. During the last seven years vast discretionary powers have been delegated to the President by congress. For the most part these powers are all dormant for the time being. But they may be called to active use by a mere presidential proclamation.

They Call It
POLITICS
By CARTER FIELD
(Bell Syndicate—WNU Service.)

WASHINGTON.—The question is repeatedly asked: "Does the President know something he cannot tell?" Meaning, of course, whether Mr. Roosevelt knows of some specific threat to the United States which is responsible for the feverish activity to get this country "prepared."

Certainly the President has had a lot of reports which he has not stated publicly.

For instance, it was the conviction of the Military intelligence of the U. S. army up to about a month ago that the Germans would win the "Battle of Britain" and would win it within "four weeks" from the time the Nazis started.

Since then Military intelligence has revised its views sharply. The revision has been due to two factors. One is that the British air fighting has surprised the world. For a considerable period of time, AFTER the French collapse and carrying through to the last reports as this is written, the British had been losing only about one plane to four for the Germans.

This is not enough to whittle the Germans "down to size," or to give the British a sporting chance against the Nazi air armadas. But it has changed the picture tremendously so far as any opinions as to a "four-week conquest" are concerned.

Naturally this "information," at the time it was believed by Military intelligence, was not made public. It was based on what the army officers regarded as the best reports available—from their own observers abroad—but after all it was merely opinion, convincing as it might be to the army. Naturally also, this prediction was reported to the President, and naturally it alarmed him, especially as it so happens that most of the predictions which Military intelligence had made as to earlier features of the war were amazingly accurate.

The President has also heard some gloomy forecasts from a certain naval source. The real point of all this is that the President was more pessimistic, and hence more convinced of the necessity of SPEEDY preparedness on the part of this country, than he had the right to explain to the country.

Why, it might be asked, should a forecast of quick British defeat have worried the President so far as THIS country is concerned.

Because the President is much worried about what the Nazis will do if they conquer Britain. For instance, there is the Caribbean, where a victorious Germany might attempt to seize possessions of the conquered, possessions which would make magnificent air bases for eventual attack on the Panama canal or the U. S. itself. For instance, in some Latin American countries there are tremendous German and Italian populations.



CARMEN OF THE RANCHO

By FRANK H. SPEARMAN © Frank H. Spearman WNU Service

CHAPTER XII—Continued

Bowie eyed the Franciscan for a moment without speaking. He was completely surprised. The priest's features were immobile. "I do remember such an incident, yes, Padre," returned Bowie impassively. Then with his curiosity aroused: "Why do you ask?"

The questioning padre straightened on his stool. "Because," he said slowly, "you are the Texan who brought those two girls back from the mountains. I am the priest in whose care you left them. I have been looking for you for twelve years."

"Twelve years ago! Is it that long? It must be. These years have taken their toll of your health and strength. Give me the stool; you take the bunk. It is a little better. If I were a Catholic I would confess to you that the reason I did not ask you to the better seat is because . . . I do not think you will betray me." He lowered his voice. "I'm digging a tunnel to get out of this place."

"I had already perceived as much!" Bowie laughed, in spite of himself, as the dry avowal.

"It is certainly strange, Padre, that you and I should meet again after twelve years, under circumstances such as these! Well, queer things happen in California. Those were two nice little girls—I remember them well. But they were scared dumb. Whatever became of them?"

"My son, I have not seen these girls for almost ten years. They live far north in California . . . But to your present position." He lowered his voice to a whisper. "Should your attempt to escape fail, you face a terrible alternative. You may face a firing squad within a few hours."

"No, Padre mio. I shall face no squad. These Mexican dogs—I should feel disgraced to be shot by such curs. If you sympathize with my predicament, dismiss your fears—for myself I have but one perplexity: where to find a horse when I get out."

"A horse?" "A man on foot in California! Only you padres can stand that."

"I have a thought," whispered the padre. "But if I could provide a horse how could you, a stranger here, find it?"

"Please sit here with me on the bunk," Bowie spoke in whispers to one on whose good faith he was practically staking his life. "I shall not use this tunnel. It is a blind, Padre, to protect a friend. I shall walk out of the door tonight. A guard, to whom I once did a good turn, will aid me. Before daybreak I shall be gone."

"If I can have a horse at the back of this guardhouse at a certain time tonight, can you get to it?" "I certainly can and I will thank you forever."

"But the time—" "If I could see the stars I could tell you," said Bowie. "But I have no way. A signal? I could hear that. What time will the moon rise?"

"Not until after midnight." "Then, by ten o'clock. All will be quiet here. Padre, you could not get two horses?"

"As easily as one." "Then the guard will go with me. Two low whistles will tell me the horses are there. I shall be eternally grateful."

"Shortly after dark," said the padre, "I shall pass your cell door. Be alert. If I do not speak, the horses will be there. And now you must think about eternity. If you are discovered escaping, you will be instantly shot."

A heavy footstep approached in the corridor. It was the guard. He knocked roughly with his keys on the cell door.

"Is my time up?" asked the padre quietly as the guard stuck his face against the bars of the peephole. "You're long past your time," he answered in surly tone. "Come out." "Give me but two minutes," pleaded the padre.

"But tell me—for I think your heart is good—now, in the face of possible death, tell me you are sorry for your sins. Can you honestly do this, my son?"

Bowie hesitated. "I see no reason, Padre mio, why I should not do as you ask," he said at length.

"And being sorry for your own sins, tell me, my son, that you forgive those who have sinned against you."

"That is different, Padre." "It only seems so. These men are nothing in your life—you will forget them. Forgive them. Tell me you do."

"Well—if you say so, Padre—so be it," replied Bowie.

The priest rose. "I will give you absolution. I will perform your penance for you. And whatever happens, you will be ready. Good-by, my son. You now truly are my son." He raised his wrinkled hand, expressed the symbol of eternity above him, and spoke low and rapidly the serious words of absolution.

Again the lumbering footstep heard in the corridor. He shouted the guard, unlocking opening the door. It would have been so easy, thought Bowie, to have knocked him down.

"I am ready, amigo." Speaking placatingly, the padre stepped into the corridor and walked away.

As darkness fell Bowie stood close to the peephole, watching for the padre to pass in the corridor. He was no longer anxious to finish the tunnel, feeling sure that he could take Sanchez with him.

A hooded figure passed Bowie's cell and, without pausing, walked down the corridor. The Texan tiptoed back to his stool and sat down to listen.

Hour after hour passed in the cell, with Bowie straining his ears and senses to hear the whistle which should tell him the horses had come. Sanchez stealthily appeared at the cell door and unlocked it. Bowie drew him in for a whispered confidence.

"Two horses will soon be left behind the guardhouse. I wait for them."

"Why two?" "You are going with me." "Me?"

"Yes, you. Do you want to be shot? When you hear the whistle, come back and we will start."

Sanchez hesitated. "Hark! the signal," whispered Bowie. "I will wait for you at the horses. Work fast."

The Texan curbed his nervous apprehension as well as he could. Slinking around to the rear of the jail, he found the horses, their heads roped together. They stood quiet and Bowie, after patting them, walked back to the guardroom.

"Sanchez," whispered Bowie in the dark, "can you find me a knife or a pistol?"

"Here are both, senior. And I have one each for myself, and powder and lead."

"Then you are ready?" "Ready, senior."

"Listen. Before I go back to the horses I will leave my compliments to Pico. Take your keys and unlock every door along the corridor."

"Sanchez!" "Here are both, senior. And I have one each for myself, and powder and lead."

strain of the escape, Bowie stretched before the dying fire and fell asleep. While he napped Sanchez sat drawing figures in the sandy soil with bits of sticks.

Bowie woke and rose to his feet. "Sanchez," he asked, "what do you say? What do you want to do?"

The Indian's mind was made up. "Senior," he said respectfully, "I think it better for me to stay in my own country. I will go back to Rancho Guadalupe."

Bowie could hardly have believed, until he heard them, how sharply the words would cut him. Guadalupe! What that meant to him! What moments of sheer happiness, what dreams buoyant with life, what memories of snow-capped peaks, challenging storms, delectable sunshine! What peace at an evening fireside, with a presence near, while he hoarded, miserlike, within his breast the silent treasure of his dreams!

Then the rude awakening! The stinging wound, the crushing realization that his castle dreams had vanished. Guadalupe indeed!

He nodded slowly in response to Sanchez' decision. "Perhaps it is better so. Yes. I am sure it is. These are your friends. They will welcome you, Sanchez. You are wise."

In parting, Sanchez gave to Bowie the flint and tinder and the salt. "But what will you do?" "I will stop at Mission San Gabriel. The padres will give me



"And whatever happens, you will be ready."

these. Take, senior, the powder and ball."

"Sanchez, I will not forget you." "But you will come back?"

Bowie looked at the land he loved, the fair land to which he was saying good-by. He looked at Sanchez. "Quien sabe?"

He watched the Indian ride silently away.

Away, mused Bowie, to the scene of his bitterest tragedy and his deadly revenge. Why is it that, like the wounded animal, we crawl back to die where the arrow struck us down? And I, he mused on, back to the desert, back to the torment of hunger and thirst; leaving this land flowing with milk and honey and licking my wound—perhaps, who knows, to die. Well—let Sanchez go to Guadalupe. I won't go back."

In Texas the adventurer found everything changed. And, to his taste, changed for the worse.

Bowie had left the sturdy little republic imbued with some feeling of enthusiasm for a country he could call his own, hoping as he did to unite with its fortunes the grandiose domain of the Pacific Coast.

In California itself he had been forced to realize how futile any such effort must be. Much greater nations—the ambitious Americans, the perennially grasping British, the Black-bearded Russians, the easy-going Spaniards and the thrice-stupid Mexicans—were all striving to land in their laps the prize of the world—California.

And now after ten years the republic of Texas was no more. A new crop of politicians had sprung up. The warriors of Texas were gone, or their counsels were sneered at. The slaveholders of the United States were plotting to add the vast territory of the little republic to the slaveholding states, and they now controlled the sentiment of Texas. Ysabel was right!

It took some time for Bowie to get all this clear in his head. But the clearer the intrigue became, the deeper grew his disgust for the annexationists who were seated in the political saddles.

He realized that, after all, politics held no abiding interest for him. The thing that pleased him most was the wild longhorns of the great prairies. The longhorn of his youth had not changed; the vast sweep of the Staked Plain had not changed.

And then there was a sense of the comradeship of these men that rode with him through fair sunshine and foul northers, men who had no ambition but to serve, no instinct but of loyalty, in whose lexicons there was no such word as fear—most of them had fought in the battles of Texas for freedom—men who hated the greaser politicians with a righteous hatred and owed no fealty to any but their leader.

To Bowie such men were all in all. His concerns were their concerns, his feuds, their feuds; his enemies, their enemies. Bowie loved his cowboys; they loved him—proved it through storm and stress.

Yet something, somewhere in his thoughts, would never quite disappear. Banished, it would always come back. Those other nights, those nights glorified by the same stars—it was the thought of those that stole in on his wakeful hours. With everything to invite sleep—peace in the silent camp, peace in the stilled winds, a hard day's ride behind, a hard day's ride ahead—sleep would not come. The stars of the vast plains to look up at . . . but these same stars lighted the night in California. The cattle—with their death-dealing horns, were full brother warriors of those longhorns of California.

Everything seemed to say California. Before he had left it they had told him it would be so. No one, they told him, could forget California. He would, they said, always hear the soft wild call of the oriole, the plaintive note of the meadow lark, the distant coo of the ruddy-throated dove. If he had to think of California, these were the thoughts he tried to dwell on. One he doggedly tried to shun—the music of one voice, a voice that he strove so hard not to hear when sleep shunned him.

CHAPTER XIII

Rancho Guadalupe was not quiet during the year following Bowie's departure. Political disturbances marked the period throughout California. Rival Mexican factions were in motion most of the time. Fremont, increasingly bold, had enlarged the scope of his depredations. Commodore Stockton had not as yet told him bluntly where he belonged.

Pardaloe and Simmie, deserted by Bowie, felt the wanderlust and resigned at Guadalupe to betake themselves to Sutter's where, as hunters and riflemen, they were welcomed by the energetic Swiss.

If there had been lingering, after Bowie's departure from Guadalupe, a penumbra of the reputation that his presence had established at the rancho, it faded completely when his scouts left. Minor marauders had heretofore steered clear of the noted hacienda, since the Tejanos were known to visit swift and severe punishment on any who ran off horses or cattle. The wild Tulares, the Mexican rovers and the wandering Americans had long been content to do their pillaging elsewhere.

Seemingly everything united in that year to make the situation of Don Ramon and Guadalupe unpleasant. And at the dinners many were the regretful expressions that Bowie had deserted the rancho—for so his going was mildly characterized by his Spanish friends.

One morning after an especially exasperating report had come in from Pedro, about a caballeria of horses that had been run off during the night by thieving Americans, Carmen spoke up with spirit.

"But why," she asked of no one in particular, "why, instead of talking so much about it, don't we do something about getting Senior Bowie back?"

What could be done, even to get track of him, let alone getting him back to Guadalupe? Inquiry followed inquiry concerning him. Carmen especially took up the subject with energy. It was quite in vain. His friends were besought to hunt him up. Dr. Doane was enlisted; he worked at the task. He had a friendly interest in bringing him back to what appeared to his vision an altered situation.

At Mission Santa Clara Padre Martinez was appealed to. He, too, was very ready to do what he could, which was little, but he wrote to fellow missionaries in the South to ask that they be on the lookout. In Yerba Buena Nathan Spear, Dr. Doane's friend, told the doctor that he had in his safe a considerable sum of money belonging to Bowie but had no clue as to where the owner might be. He could write, and did write, to his Los Angeles correspondent. Beyond this, that a man of the same surname, Bowie, had been in prison at San Diego on a charge of treason and had made his escape, nothing further could be learned as to his whereabouts.

At Sutter's neither of Bowie's men, Pardaloe or Simmie, had any track of him. They were told at Sutter's that he had packed up, resisting all inducements to remain, and left the fort.

(TO BE CONTINUED) Carmen of the Rancho—13

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Yes I read it in the Robert Lee Observer.

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re-election

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U. S. Insect Crop Damage
Insect damage to crops in the United States is estimated at \$2,500,000,000 yearly. That is, roughly, 10 times the total annual fire loss of the country. It is equal to a tax of 10 cents on every dollar spent in the United States for food and clothing.

Census Difficulty in Algeria
In Algeria great difficulties are experienced in carrying out the census, which is regarded as an unwarrantable intrusion on family privacy and a threat to paternal authority, says a study issued by the Columbia University Press.

Earthworms Carry 'Flu'
The earthworm may carry influenza and be a source of future epidemics, reports R. E. Shope of the Rockefeller Institute. The disease may be passed from the earthworms to hogs, and thence to humans.

Invention of Electric Engine
The electric locomotive is not a recent invention. The first successful trial trip of a locomotive powered by electricity made a run in 1875 on the B. & O. tracks, and averaged 19 miles an hour.

Indian Land Claims
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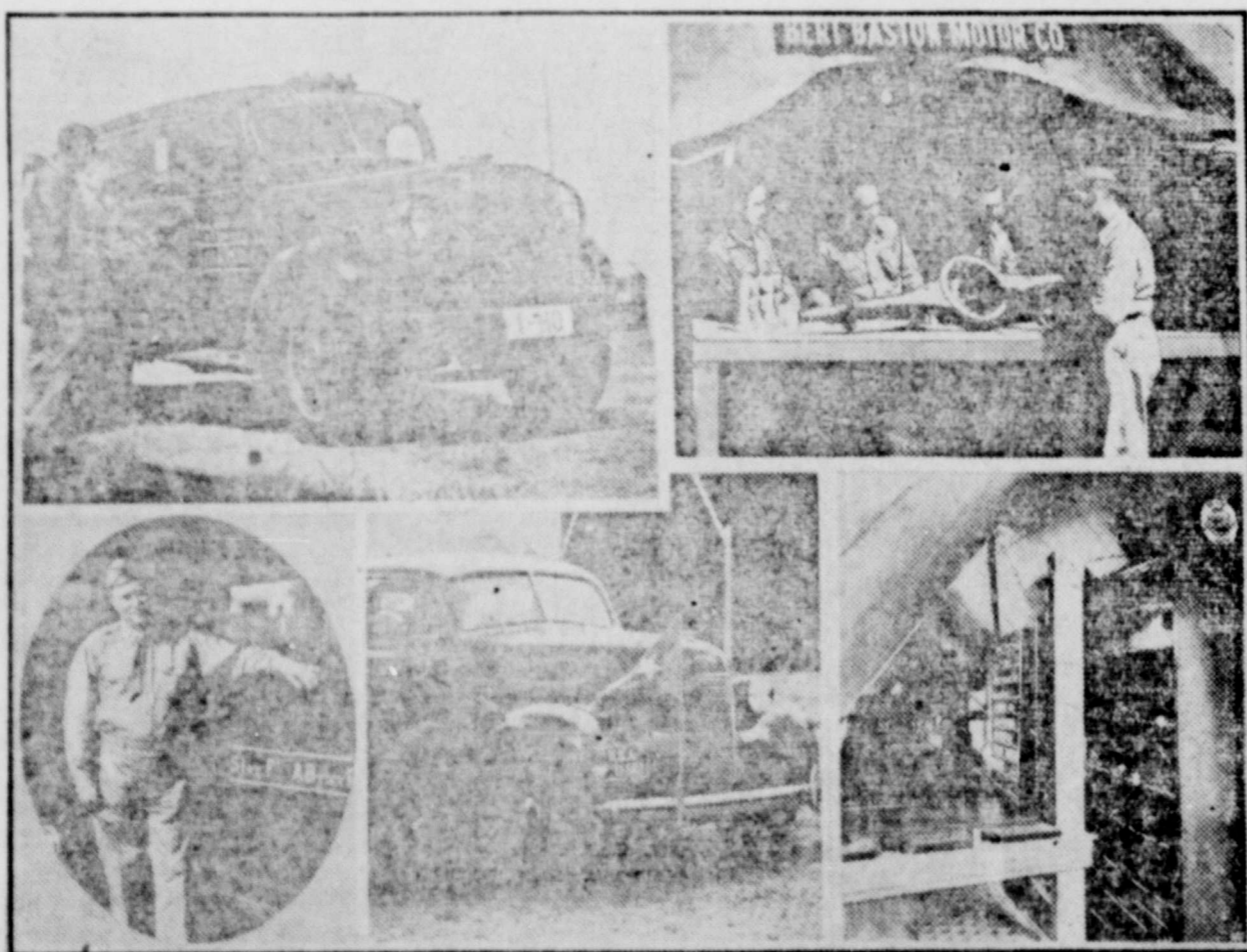
Many of them are expert drivers of heavy tractors. There is little difference in the process of driving a tractor and driving a tank.

Many of them are expert drivers of transport trucks. It is the same truck, loaded and handled by the same military rules as the truck a soldier driver would handle.

Many of them are expert welders. There is no difference in patching the steel flanks of a tractor torn by a landslide and patching a steel flank of a tank torn by a shell.

Many of them are experts telephone men. There is no difference in laying an emergency line from a CCC camp to a fire-fighting crew in the woods and in laying an emergency line from a command post to an observation outpost in no man's land—no difference except the danger of death, and not even the army can train its men under actual battle conditions.

Industry Ready to "Keep 'em Rolling" for Defense



Graphic illustration of the way in which one of America's greatest industries gears its activities with the United States Army for national defense is found at Little Falls, Minn., where the greatest peacetime maneuvers in the history of the country are being held Aug. 3—Aug. 24. To "keep them rolling," Chevrolet, one of the largest suppliers of motor transport equipment to the nation's armed forces, has set up through one of its dealers, the Bert Baston Motor Co., of Minneapolis, a complete parts and service headquarters in the military reservation at Little Falls. More than \$10,000 worth of parts is maintained at this depot, where three service representatives are on duty 24 hours daily to service Chevrolet equip-

ment in use. The 85,000 troops in actual combat maneuvers will use 1,180 Chevrolet transport units, including officers' cars, reconnaissance cars, hundreds of trucks adapted to special uses, and military ambulances. Upper left in the photo shows army transport crewmen servicing an ambulance. Upper right is the Chevrolet parts and service headquarters tent, where service experts are always on duty. Lower left is Lieut.-Col. R. F. Rossberg, of the Minnesota National Guard Quartermaster Corps. At lower center, an officers' car used by the major-general in command of the Little Falls encampment is being serviced. Lower right is an interior view of the Chevrolet parts tent, showing completeness of stock.



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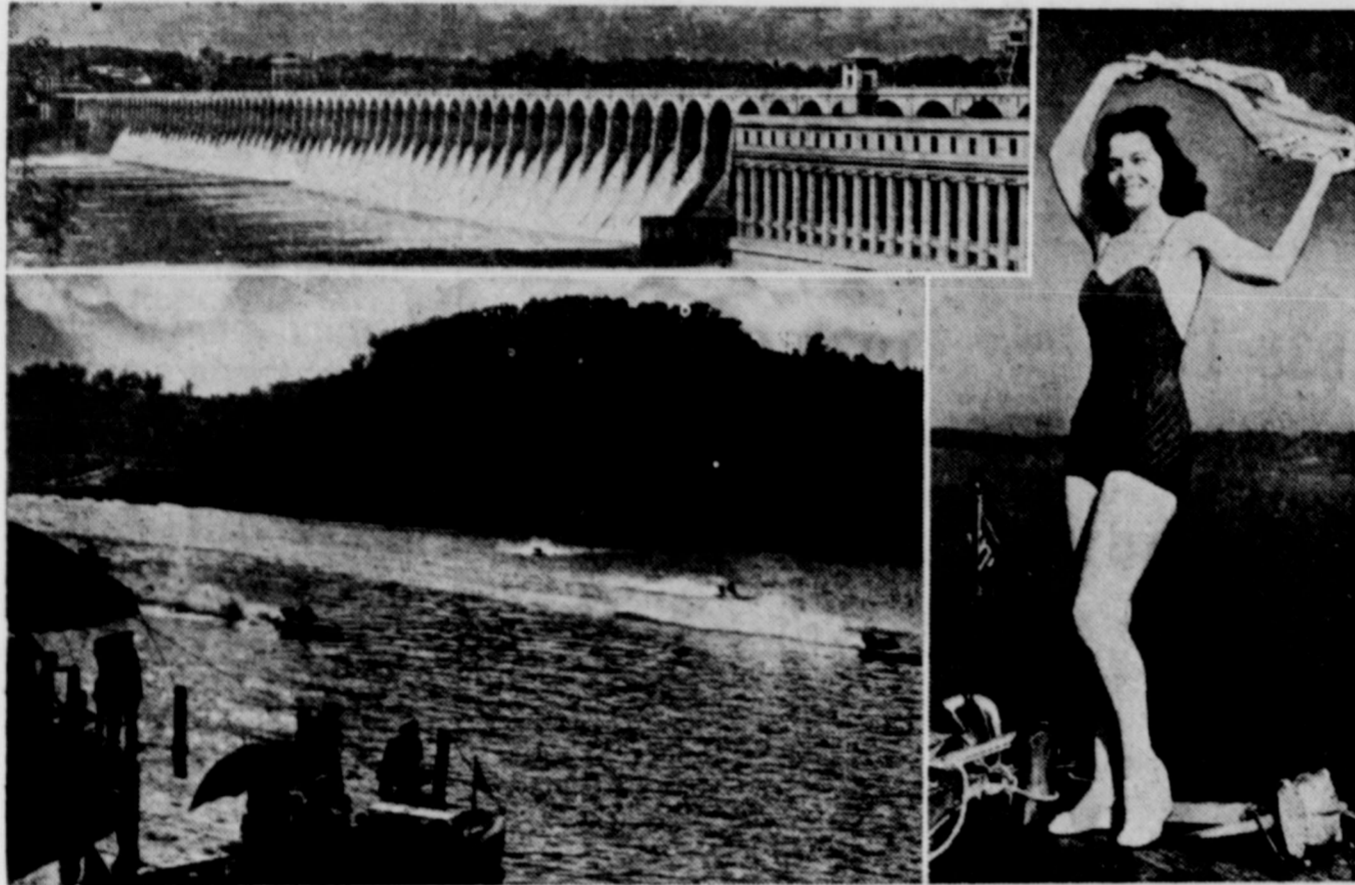
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Where Great Britain Was Last Invaded



Here at Hastings and St. Leonards, in Sussex, England, is where William the Conqueror landed almost 900 years ago in a successful conquest—a conquest that Chancellor Hitler of Germany hopes to repeat. This mecca of British sea lovers again shudders under another attack from the east, as the biggest aerial fleets of all time are launched against the British isles. Each day hordes of German airplanes darken the sky.

Testing Law Curbing Use of Flag



Principals in court battle to decide whether the American flag may be legally painted upon a commercial truck. Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Long are shown being served with a warrant after Long (at left) drove the truck up to a Baltimore police station to invite the test.

Air 'Scarf'



Australian air force observer wears a scarf of bullets around his neck before going aloft at Sydney.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D.
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Lesson for September 1

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PRaising GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS

LESSON TEXT—Psalm 103:1-5, 10-18.
GOLDEN TEXT—Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.—Psalm 103:2.

We live in difficult and confusing days with much on every hand to discourage us. We look about us in vain for any encouraging sign. The result is that unless we exercise care the temptation will overtake us who are Christians to fall into the bitter, complaining attitude of the world, forgetting the benefits which God has bestowed upon us, forgetting His mercy and grace, and, in this hour of trial, telling the world by our life, if not by our lips, that we have lost our faith in God.

It is easy to praise God when all goes well, when we see His blessing upon us; but the Christian should recognize that praise is a vital part of his daily fellowship with God, an expression of his appreciation of all that God is and does.

I. Praise for Personal Blessings (vv. 1-5).

Our relationship to God is a personal one, and His blessings are personal. Praise also is a personal soul exercise to which we need often to stir ourselves. We need to call on "all that is within" us to bless and praise the Lord.

"Forget not"—how prone we are to do that very thing. We remember the things we ought to forget and forget the things we ought to remember. We have become so accustomed to the many blessings of God that we accept them as a matter of course.

Note that the chief of all blessings is the forgiveness of sin (v. 3). The spiritual is far more important than the physical, but that too is included. Only God can heal our diseases, whether by means or by direct intervention. He also meets with true satisfaction every right and normal desire of man, whether it be physical, social, mental or spiritual. That calls for praise from the depths of our beings.

II. Praise for Forgiveness of Sin (vv. 10-14).

We may "put on a front" when we deal with our fellow men, but there is no use in thus trying to fool God. He knows us for what we are—"frail children of dust, and feeble as frail." We are not able to meet our own little problems; how can we do anything with the sin question?

The mercy of God, high as the heavens, is revealed nowhere in such overflowing measure as in His dealing with the sins of "them that fear Him" (v. 13). For them He has the pity of a father, but He has more, for He has the authority and power to cast our sins as far from us as the east is from the west, and how far that is no one knows.

Observe that His mercy is only for "them that fear Him." "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble" (James 4:6, 1 Pet. 5:6, 7). Whosoever will may come and receive of Him abundant pardon. Why not come now?

III. Praise for Everlasting Loving-kindness (vv. 15-18).

Man and everything that man makes or does is transient, and will one day pass away. What a fool that man is who lives only for the things of this world which are destined to wither like the grass! How tragic to come into eternity and to face God empty handed and condemned for one's own selfishness and folly, when He is willing to show unto us that "loving-kindness" which is not only for this life, but also for the life that is to come.

When Hardley Page was making a flight through the Orient a large rat was attracted by the smell of food and entered into the airplane. Later, when Mr. Page was in mid-air over a mountainous country where he could not land, he suddenly heard the sound of gnawing behind him. He knew that the rat might so damage his plane as to cause disaster. Then he remembered that a rat is not made for high altitudes. So he began to soar. Soon the gnawing ceased and hours later when his machine landed he found the rat lying dead beneath the engine. It is a blessed truth that Satan cannot endure the high altitudes of praise. He quickly departs from the soul whom he finds rejoicing in this high and lofty spiritual atmosphere. "Try praise," for "praise changes things."

Smiles

Self-Preservation

"Waiter, that fish was terrible. Why did you recommend it?"
"To be frank, sir, if you hadn't taken it, it would have been served up to the staff."

The gold-digger's motto: Handsome is as has some dough.

Up in Years

"Now, boys, if Columbus were alive today, he'd be looked upon as a very remarkable man."
"Yes, sir, he'd be 500 years old."

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"I think I must be wandering in my mind."
"Don't worry. You can't stray far."

Recollections

"John, do you remember—it was in a storm like this that you declared your love for me."
"Yes, it was a terrible night."



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COOL DRINKS ARE REFRESHING ON HOT SUMMER DAYS (Recipes Below.)

Household News

By Eleanor Howe

Even on the stickiest, hottest summer day, a good tart, icy drink will refresh you. Fruit drinks, in particular, are good; when you drink a frosty tumbler of lemonade or chilled orange juice, you not only feel cooler, you are cooler. Fresh fruit drinks actually ward off the heat of summer.

Fruit beverages provide the minerals and vitamins the body requires, and, because of the sugar added for sweetening, are fairly high in food energy.

It's very easy to serve "soda fountain specials" at home. Any combination of fruit juices makes a delightful and refreshing beverage—provided some of the more tart juices, such as those from lemons, slightly sour oranges, or rhubarb—are used to keep the beverage from tasting too sweet and flat. Use slices of orange or lemon, mint leaves, whole, fresh or canned cherries or berries, for garnishing. Ice cubes for chilling fruit drinks or iced tea might be frozen from orange or lemon juice, to avoid diluting the beverage. Mint leaves, bits of lemon peel or cherries can be frozen into the cubes. For iced coffee, pour some of the coffee into the freezing tray of your refrigerator, and freeze. Then use the coffee cubes for chilling the drink.

Sugar syrup, used for sweetening, is easily mixed throughout the whole drink, and makes a smoother tasting, smoother textured drink, than when unmelted sugar has been added. To make the sugar syrup, boil 4 cups of sugar with 4 cups of water, for 10 minutes. Pour into clean, hot jars, and seal. Store in refrigerator, and use as needed.

Serve crisp cookies or dainty sandwiches with iced drinks for simple afternoon or evening refreshments.

Lemonade.

Follow these three rules if you want to make perfect lemonade: Use fresh lemon juice and plenty of it; sweeten to the taste of each—not too much sweetening for folks who like it sour—sweeter for those with a sweet tooth; use ice and more ice. For each person served, allow:

- 1 lemon
- 1 to 2 tablespoons sugar or honey
- 1 cup cold water
- Ice

Extract lemon juice. Add sugar or honey to taste. Stir to dissolve. Add water. Serve over ice in large glasses. Garnish with lemon slice on rim of glass. To make lemon fizz, make lemonade with carbonated water.

"Simple Desserts for Summer Menus" is an article you'll want to read. Watch for it in this column next week.

Chocolate Chip Ice Cream.

(Makes 1 gallon)

- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup flour
- 2 quarts milk (scalded)
- 4 eggs (separated)
- 4 teaspoons vanilla
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup semi-sweet chocolate (cut in bits)

Combine sugar and flour, and add scalded milk slowly. Then cook over low heat, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Beat egg yolks, and blend with ½ cup of the hot mixture, then add to the custard, together with vanilla and salt. Chill. Pour into the freezing compartment

of ice cream freezer. Pour in the stiffly beaten egg whites, assemble the freezer, and cover. Pack with mixture of three parts crushed ice to one part rock salt. Freeze, until turning becomes difficult. Remove dasher, fold in chocolate, and pack down the cream with a spoon. Cover, and allow to ripen for one hour before serving.

Sugar Cookies.

- ¼ cup butter
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg, well beaten
- 1½ cups pastry flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Cream butter, add sugar and egg. Sift dry ingredients and add with the extracts. Flour and sugar the board and roll the cookies on it. Dust heavily with sugar, roll it in a little, and in cookie shapes, and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) 10 to 12 minutes.

Pineapple Raspberry Punch.

(Serves 25)

- 6 cups crushed pineapple
- 6 cups raspberry juice
- 3 quarts gingerale
- Crushed ice

Mix crushed pineapple and the raspberry juice thoroughly. Just before serving, add gingerale and ice.

Fool Proof Cookies.

(Yield 3 dozen)

- 2 cups flour
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ¾ cup butter

Mix and sift flour and sugar together. Then work butter into the mixture with the finger tips, forming a soft dough. Roll to ¼-inch in thickness and cut with cookie cutter in any desired shape. Brush with yolk of one egg, beaten, and diluted with ¼ teaspoon water. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) approximately 12 minutes.

Chocolate Freeze.

(Makes 4 large glasses)

- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 4 tablespoons cocoa
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup boiling water
- 2 cups milk (scalded)
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- Crushed ice
- Whipped cream

Combine sugar, cocoa and salt. Add boiling water and cook for 2 minutes. Remove from fire, and combine with scalded milk. Pour into glasses filled with crushed ice, and serve with a spoonful of whipped cream garnishing each glass.

Iced Coffee.

Make coffee a little stronger than usual. Cool, and serve in tall glasses filled with cracked ice. Top with whipped cream. If desired, cream may be poured on the ice before the coffee is added.

Iced Tea.

Rinse teapot with boiling water. Place tea in pot, allowing one teaspoon of the tea per cup. Pour freshly boiling water over the tea leaves and allow to steep, not boil, for 3 to 5 minutes. Pour tea over chipped ice, to cool it quickly. Serve in tall glasses garnished with lemon slices and sprigs of mint.

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Scotsman Found He Was Running a Poor Second

For many months the canny Scottish wooer had come courting a village lass without committing himself. Then he felt the time had come for him to begin to speak. Producing a well-thumbed notebook, he said:

"Maggie, I've been weighing up your good points, and I've counted up to ten. When I get to the dizzen, I'll hae something to say to ye."

"Well, I wish ye luck, Jock," the maiden coolly responded, with a jerk of her head. "An' I've been reckoning up your bad points, an' I've reached nineteen. When it gets to twenty, I'm mairrying Ferguson, the plumber."

ASK ME ANOTHER ?

A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

1. In what famous song does the phrase "grapes of wrath" appear?
2. Who was known as the "Little Napoleon of Baseball"?
3. What plant produces two common spices?
4. Do cat eyes shine?
5. In the Bible what musical instruments caused the destruction of the walls of Jericho?
6. Does a woman's heart beat faster than that of a man?

2. John McGraw.
3. The nutmeg tree is the only plant whose seed produces two common spices, nutmeg and mace, the latter being the dried arilode, or fibrous covering, of the nutmeg kernel.
4. The eye of a cat acts as a mirror which throws off light, but it does not generate it.
5. Trumpets.—Joshua 6:20.
6. Under normal and comparable conditions, a woman's heart beats from 5 to 7 per cent faster than that of a man.

The Answers

1. In the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

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KITCHEN showers are fun for everyone and, while they are always supposed to be a surprise, the prospective bride will be wise to give out a broad hint as to her color scheme. The dearest wish of one bride-to-be was a kitchen in gay Mexican colors. Her friends had a wonderful time selecting everything from pottery to peeling knife handles in tones of green, orange and red. One gift that was appreciated most of all was the apron, curtain and tea towel set sketched here.

This set was made from muslin flour and sugar bags. Muslin by the yard would do just as well, and I have shown in the sketch how the gingham facings and bias tape trimming were applied to add the correct touch of color. If you have never cut an apron without a special pattern, you will find directions in Book 4 along with ideas for more aprons and other

Strange Facts

All One-Sided
400 Trees Apiece
Bordering the U. S.

One-sidedness in a person is shown not only in the use of the hand, but also in the use of the eye and the foot. In other words, a left-handed individual will normally use his left eye to look into a microscope and his left foot to kick an object out of the way.

The quantity of wood that the average person utilizes during the course of his life—in house construction, furniture, musical instruments, motorcars, sporting goods, pencils, magazines, newspapers, books and other paper articles—is equivalent to that of about 400 large trees.

When the moon is a crescent, the light that makes the whole disk faintly visible is earthshine, or the sunlight that is reflected by the earth. At that time of the month, earthshine on the moon is estimated to be 12 times as bright as the light of a full moon on the earth.

Although the land area of Canada is nearly 500,000 square miles larger than that of the United States, almost 90 per cent of its population live within 200 miles of the American border.—Collier's.

Will and Time

If the will and the time always went together, how much we should be able to do!—Robert Hugh Benson.

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Budget Hearing For School

SEPT. 2, 8:00 P. M.

The Budget of the Robert Lee Independent School District will be discussed and reviewed Monday Sept. 2nd at 8 P. M. at the School Building. All patrons who are interested are invited to be present at said meeting. Board of Education Robert Lee Ind. School Dist. Geo. L. Taylor, Supt.

T. J. Perrin and wife of Shamrock Texas, were in Robert Lee this week.

PASTURE FOR RENT

40c per head for cows, 75c for horses. Plenty grass and water.

See L. L. Walker, Robert Lee, Texas

Miss Evelyn Crowell of Junction has been added to the FSA office force as clerk typist.

Edith News

Mrs. Pleas Millican was a visitor for a few days last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Landers.

Mr. Fate Porter of Utopia and Mr. John Porter of Odessa were pleasant visitors of their brother M. D. Porter last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Bradley of Odessa were week end visitors of his folks Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Porter and friends.

Mrs. Loyal Schooler and daughter visited Mrs. Auther Ross and family of Sweetwater last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garvin, Edmond and Marguerite and Mrs. Rosa Owens spent Sunday in Christoval with Mrs. Garvin's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. Keeney.

Mrs. Sam Powell and Mrs. Taylor Shelton are in Brownwood attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Blair and Mr. and Mrs. John Blair spent Sunday in Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Less Sims of Amarillo visited over the week end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Porter. Mrs. Bessie Earp returned with them

OLD TIME REVIVAL

In Robert Lee, now in progress at the Holliness Tabernacle, old time singing testifying and preaching. Services start at 8:15 each evening. E. O. Pior pastor at Spur, together with Rev. Carl Brooks and Sister Duncan are doing the preaching. Every one is invited, come receive a blessing.

NOTICE TO FARMERS

We want to thank the farmers for their cooperation with us last season, and due to the labor regulations, it will be necessary for us again to begin ginning at 9 A. M. and stop 30 minutes at noon and quit weighing in at 7 P. M. but we will go ahead and gin all cotton that is on the yard regardless of how late it might take.

Thanking you again for your cooperation which you have given us in the past, and trusting that you will not be too much inconvenienced by the above schedule.

JOE DODSON.
FRED McDONALD Jr.

H. D. FISH

Specials for Friday & Saturday

GLADYLA FLOUR	6 lb	25c
	12 lb	45c
	24 lb	80c
	48 lb	\$1.55

STAR Coffee 1lb With 1 can Chuck STATE Wagon Beans 27c

TOMATOES No. 2 3 cans 28c

ALL 15c CAKES 2 FOR 25c

BORDENS CARMELS PER LB 15c

Giant Size OXYDOL 2 bars Camay Soap 6c

TOMATO SOUP 18 oz can 2 for 19c

MATCHES 6 box carton 15c

Gebhardt's Chili BEANS 3 for 19c

Crystal SOAP FLAKES 33c

P N BUTTER 3 1/2 LB BUCKET 45c

Lamp Chimneys No 2 25c
3 for

New Shipment of mens and Boys SUITS

RUGS 9 X 12 ft \$5.50

SCHOOL SUPPLIES at Regular Prices

J. L. Schooler, 4-H Club boy of Edith, Texas was awarded the Extension Service District VI 4-H Club trip for this year.

The "Pure Pac" Store Quality Supreme, at reasonable prices.

Robert Lee Drug.

Mr. and Mrs. Jo Eaton and children of Snyder visited in the Dodson home Sunday.

Pay your water bill by 10th, of each month or have your service discontinued. City Commission.

Change to M SYSTEM and Pocket the Change.

Your M System Store Gives You QUALITY Food Products: Its Lower Prices Enable You To Get QUALITY and QUANTITY: --an Unbeatable Combination for VALUE:

Shortening	Swift's 4 lb	8 lb	ASSORTED LAYER
	Jewel! Cr. 35c	cr. 69c	CAKE 25c
TOMATOES	NEW CROP No. 2 can	5c	Size 19c
Sun Up	Grapefruit Juice	12 cans	CINNAMON
SPRY	39c	RAISIN BRAN	ROLLS Pkg. 5c
3-lb Tin	39c	Skinner's 2 Pkg	Made Fresh In Our Own SHOP

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Corn King Sliced	BACON lb	25c
CHEESE 2 lb Box	BEEF Roast lb	45c
BEEF Roast lb	Round Steak lb	19c
Sugar Cured	BACON lb	17c

3 Minute Oats With Madigraa Chinaware Large Package 19c

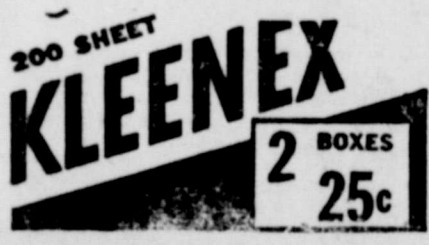


Corn Flakes With Bowl 2 Pkg. 20c
Pablum Pk 39c

Sugar Powdered or Brown 2 lb Cello Bag. 10c

MARSHMALLOWS Brown's 2 Pkg. 15c

Pineapple Juice Tropic 4 Tall Sun Cans 25c



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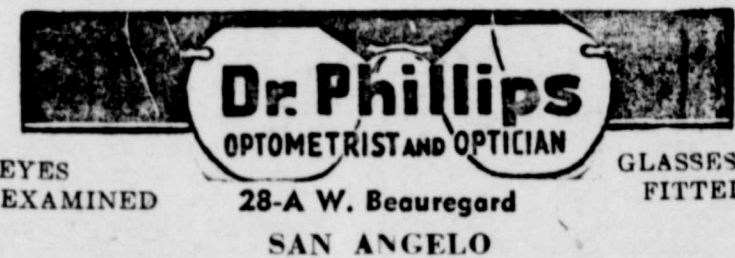
Cauliflower Colorado Snowball Heads	lb	5c
Potatoes Calif. Burbank	10 lbs	29c
COLORADO RURALS POTATOES	10 lbs.	13c
ORANGES	Doz.	10c 19c 33c
CABBAGE COLORADO BEETS AND CARROTS	3 Bun	10c
CELERY STALK	7c	
LEMONS	Doz.	15c

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Shaving Cream Palmolive 2 25c tubes 25c

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R & W Pineapple	9 oz. Crushed 9c	9c
	9 oz. Sliced	9c
Crystal Pack Spinach	3 No. 2 Cans For	25c
Shortening BIRD BRAND	4lb	35c
Crystal White Soap	Three Giants Bars For	10c
GRAPES Thompson Seedless	1b	5c
Bananas Fancy Central America	Doz.	10c
LETTUCE LARGE Firm each		4c
CABBAGE Colorado Green Firm	1b	2c
POTATOES No. 1 Colorado	10 lbs	15c

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