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Thanksgiving Service At Baptist Church Tuesday Nov. 26th

Every one is cordially invited to attend the Thanksgiving Program at the Baptist Church next Tuesday night at 7:15. You will enjoy the song service, band numbers and Thanksgiving message delivered by Rev. D. E. Simpson.

All Churches invited.

Ariel Club

Mrs. G. C. Allen was in charge of the program for the Ariel Club which met Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Tom Brown Jr.

Mrs. R. C. Russell was guest artist and played three piano selections, Le Tarcodor, La Paloma and Mexican Moonlight.

Mrs. G. C. Allen brought greetings from Argentina Clubs. Mrs. S. E. Adams spoke on, My Impressions of Argentina, Mrs. Geo Taylor gave an interesting talk on Christ of the Andes and the development of the spirit of peace.

A salad plate was served to seven members and Mrs. R. C. Russell and Mrs. P. P. Fitzhugh guests.

Baptist Notes

Bro. Simpson returned from Houston Friday. The convention was inspiring in every aspect. The mission reports were encouraging. The convention will meet next year at Abilene.

Mrs. S.R. Young presided when the W. M. S. met at the church Monday at 3. p. m. with 12 members present. Miss Naomi Brown brought the devotional from Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 and Mrs. B. M. Gramling conducted the Daily Bible Study class. Mrs. G. C. Allen will have charge of the "Lottie Moon Week of Prayer" programs to be observed at the church each day of the week of Dec. 2-5. Next Monday will be our Mission Program.

A banquet is being planned for members of Miss Juanita Bangers class at the church at 6 p. m. Tuesday. All members, with their husbands or wives are invited.

A VISIT TO EDITH

A visit to Edith revealed a dream that came true. Located on a hill overlooking farms and ranches in the Colorado River valley, with a low range of mountains in the distance receding back and forth, here D. A. Neel has a store built to fit an ideal, born of experience and a culmination of a determination to put it in operation. Inside a stock of merchandise meet you as a picture painted on the wall, the ceiling decorated in squares painted, the shelving and merchandise extends from floor to ceiling. It is inviting for comfort and patronage.

FOR SALE or TRADE

Two mules for sheep or cows. L. E. White, Edith.

Ledbetter-Hunter

Miss Jewell Ruth Ledbetter became the bride of Wallace C. Hunter Wednesday eve at six o'clock at Granbury Texas. They were married in the Methodist Church by the Rev. Bernard L. McCord Nov. 13 1940.

The bride wore a black crepe dress, black accessories and carried a bouquet of roses. The ring service was performed.

The couple will make their home in Fort Worth where Mr. Hunter is in business with Coffey Murry Inc. Easy Over Head Door Co.

Mrs. Walter Keenen spent two weeks in Lampasas visiting her sister Mrs. S. F. Wolf and family returning home last Friday.

Pauline Roe returned home Sunday from Los Angeles Calif. where she has been attending school.

Mrs. Fred Campbell come home Monday for the holidays. She is taking a beauty course in the Smith-Turner Academy Beauty School.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Faris of San Angelo, visited Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wojtek Sunday.

Weldon Fikes is spending the week in Mason, visiting and hunting.

Deer Hunters

C. S. Brown, Rex and N.C. Jr. of Houston and S. J. McSpadden of Marfa, spent Nov. 16 and 17, hunting south of Marfa. Killed 3 fine bucks.

Dr. W. K. Griffith, T. J. Holder of Lampasas and Dude Deets hunted deer in the Valentine county. The doctor got a 9-point buck.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Roberts of Amarillo visited several days ago with Mr. and Mrs. Buster Bradley. C. L. Bradley returned home with them to spend a few weeks visiting his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. F.F. Roberts.

10th Progress Report

The Department of Justice announced that 2,734,900 non citizens have already complied with the Alien Registration Act of 1840.

This total is about 76% of the estimated 3,600,000 aliens believed to be in the United States. This figure does not include nearly 60,000 aliens registered in the territories, 25,000 seaman registered at ports of entry, and more than 12,000 registered thru consular offices in other countries.

Mr. Harrison pointed out that failure to comply with this section of the law may result in a fine up to \$100, a possible prison sentence up to 30 days, or both.

Aliens should register at once and save trouble later on. If you know of any, caution them to investigate at once.

THANKSGIVING 28th

F. F. A. BOYS

Put on a Good RODEO

The Rodeo that the Voc. Ag. Boys sponsored turned out to be a success.

We want to express our thanks to those people that donated stock, and to Mr. Latham and Mr. Blaylock for the use of their trucks to haul the donated stock.

The prize of the rodeo for the best all round cowboy, which was a lariat rope was given to Wilburn Millican at the afternoon show, and his brother Finnis Millican was the best cowboy at the night show, he received a rope.

Methodist Notes

Dr. K. P. Barton will be with us this Friday night and will hold the first quarterly conference 7:15 You are invited to be present.

The morning preaching hour this Sunday will be given to the Thanksgiving Theme. We have many reasons for being grateful these days. We give you a cordial welcome to this service.

G. T. Hester.

The first lesson in the Home Mission Study Course "Uprooted Americas", was taught by Mrs. McNeil Wylie Monday afternoon.

The course is unusually fine. It deals with the present day problem of shifting populations. All members are urged to be present at each period which will cover four consecutive weeks.

Mrs. G. T. Hester met a group of Intermediates of the Methodist church Sunday afternoon to organize an Epworth League. After a devotional and story hour the organization was perfected. Mrs. Hester then invited the group to the parsonage where sandwiches, cakes and punch was served to eleven young people.

The Epworth League will meet each Sunday afternoon at 4:30.

Band Notes

BY JACK TERRY DIRECTOR

Nearly every day some boy or girl asks me "How much does it cost to get in the band?" The first thing is to get a good instrument that the band needs. But that is not all. Second, you must practice much to be able to play well. Did you ever hear of a pianist learning to play well without having years of practice behind him?

I suppose you wonder what instruments to play. If you say a trumpet, I shall be forced to tell you that trumpets and cornets are NOT IN DEMAND in college and university bands. However Altos, Baritones, Mellophones, Bass horns, E flat Saxophones, Baritone Saxophones, Bass Saxophones are very much in demand.

The Band and Pep Squad were in fine shape last week at Norton. We received many compliments. We are already working on a stunt to pull at the halves when we play Bronte Thanksgiving. Come and see us.

VITAL FOOTBALL GAME TOO

Observer Readers

H. A. Williams has changed his Observer to Santa Anna Tex. W. S. Jackson renews his subscription.

J. S. Gardner renews the Observer for another 12 months.

Melrose Boykin, 200 E. Beau., adds her name to our subscription list.

Just try that Coffee at Ratliffs. None better

VISITING HOME FOLKS

Among those that are home for the Thanksgiving Holidays are: Lee Latham and J. F. Kaeding John Tarlton

Alta Bell Bilbo, Sul Ross Nina Gramling, Lorene Fikes, Howard Payne

Katie Sue Good, North Texas Maxine and Bill Craddock, Buford and Hazel Ruth Peays, Texas Tech.

NOTICE

There will be a Cemetery working at the Paint Creek Cemetery Friday afternoon Nov. 29th at 1 o'clock.

Helen Johnson Reporter

Can't every body make chili like Ratliff.

Robert Lee and Bronte Play Here

Owing to the fact that a football game was scheduled here for Nov. 28 and the memorial custom of observing that day for Thanksgiving, Robert Lee will celebrate that day with a double header, Thanksgiving and football game. Business houses will close to observe the occasion.

ROBERT LEE HOLDS LEAD IN 9-B RUN

Miles has been stopped on the football field only by Robert Lee

The 9-B standings:

	W.	L.	T.	Pct.
Robert Lee	4	0	0	1.000
Wingate	3	1	1	.700
Lake View	3	2	1	.583
Norton	2	3	0	.400
Bronte	1	2	1	.375
Miles	1	3	2	.333
Mertzton	1	4	1	.250

This week's schedule: Robert Lee in Wingate Friday, Norton in Bronte Friday.

FOR SALE

Hampshire Pigs See Elmore Yarbrough.

The late freeze and frost damaged truck crops in Southwest Texas, from 45 to 75%. The Florida fruit and vegetable crops were heavily damaged.

ALAMO THEATRE

"THE BEST IN SCREEN ENTERTAINMENT"

ROBERT LEE TEXAS

Friday and Saturday Nov. 22-23

ZANE GRAY'S

"THE LIGHT OF WESTERN STARS"

With Victor Jory—Russell Hayden—Noa Berry Jr.—Tom Tyler Also Popeye cartoon and Sportlight

Sunday 2 P. M. Matinee and Monday Nov. 24-25

Ronald Coleman—Ginger Rogers IN

"LUCKY PARTNERS"

Also Disney and late News

Wednesday only Nov. 27 Money Nite

Ray Milland—Anna Neagle—Roland Young IN

"IRENE"

(Song Hits) Alice Blue Gown—Irene Also Comedy

TEXAS THEATRE BRONTE, TEXAS

Friday and Saturday Nov. 22-23

Don Ameche—Andrea Leeds—Al Jolson IN

"SWANEE RIVER" (in technicolor)

Also Comedy and News

Tuesday Only Money Nite Nov. 26

Anna Neagle—Ray Milland IN

"Irene"

Also Comedy

HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONS



Protect the mattress from tearing and from dust by a muslin mattress cover, and by placing a mattress pad between the spring and the mattress.

If cream is too thin to whip, try adding the unbeaten white of an egg.

Baking soda is one of the best known agents for cleaning glass-ware.

Mud stains leather and therefore should be removed from shoes as promptly as possible.

Panda Cuddle Toy Is Easy to Crochet



BLACK and white yarn—a crochet hook—presto—a life-like panda cuddle toy. Single crochet forms the exterior of this cute animal; cotton stuffing the interior; buttons do excellent service as eyes.

Easy directions for this cuddly panda are Z5036, 15c. He is about 14 inches tall when finished, and will be a nursery favorite. It takes but little effort to crochet him. Send order to:

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Enclose 15 cents for each pattern desired. Pattern No.
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Full Coverage

Some years ago, an American life insurance salesman opened an office in Shanghai and, for some mysterious reason, it was jammed daily with clients clamoring for policies.

One morning, a few months later, he found his office wrecked—by his policyholders—because the death of a client a few hours before had "proved he was a faker."

The policies had been purchased in the belief that they were a guaranty against death.—Collier's.

1st FIRST THOUGHT AT THE FIRST WARNING OF COLDS' ACHE OR INORGANIC PAIN
St. Joseph ASPIRIN

Wise Course

The wise course is to profit from the mistakes of others.—Terence.

HERE'S WHAT TO DO ABOUT 4 o'clock SLUMP

If that "washed out" sluggish feeling is due to temporary constipation, try Garfield Tea tonight. Cleanse internally this mild, pleasant way. The less quickly—feel look, work better all day long. 10c—15c at drugstores.

GARFIELD TEA
For Prompt Relief from Headaches without opiates or quinine
GARFIELD HEADACHE POWDER
10c—25c See doctor if headaches persist!

Finds Opportunity

No great man ever complains of lack of opportunity.—Emerson.

"TAKING THE COUNTRY BY STORM"
ASK YOUR DEALER FOR KENT The Outstanding Blade Value 10c
1 Single or 10 Double Edge Blades
KENT CUTLERY COMPANY, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

TEACHING A CHILD VALUE OF PENNIES
A child of a wise mother will be taught from early childhood to become a regular reader of the advertisements. In that way better perhaps than in any other can the child be taught the great value of pennies and the permanent benefit which comes from making every penny count.

Sweaters Gain New Popularity As Formal, Informal Garment

By **CHERIE NICHOLAS**



IN LEAPS and bounds the sweater vogue continues to gain momentum. It does not matter whether you are going mountain climbing, skiing, skating, trailer traveling, flying to your destination, motoring, or whether you stay at home or accept a bid to a formal dinner dance. You can't mention a time, place or event, but what a sweater will help you fit into the "picture" triumphantly.

It was not always thus, for there was a time when a sweater was just a sweater, a thing of utility and that's about all. But the story of the sweater of winter 1940 bespeaks service, glamour, romance, chic, charm and versatility. In current collections sweaters are in such varied tempo they tune to every occasion, be it ever so humble or 'ever so ostentatious.

The collection of models illustrated herewith convey some idea of the wide range of fashion phases which the present sweater vogue encompasses. The "college seal" cardigan shown above to the left flashes big news to co-eds wherever they may be enrolled. The buttons of this classic Shetland cardigan are reproductions of the college seal, so a girl going to Smith, Vassar, University of California, Wellesley, or wheresoever will be properly identified by her own college seal but-

Twin Coats, Hats



These two young moderns are wearing identical "he and she" hats. She bought hers where he bought his. Quite a fad this season to do just that. Furthermore, if you compare his coat with her tailored jacket you will discover they are almost perfect counterparts. She may have ordered it from his tailor as many women are now doing or most likely she purchased it in her usual suit department, for suits whose jackets duplicate those worn by men are really important style news. A word to the fashion-wise is sufficient!

tons. The college seal buttons on this blue sweater pictured look like Wedgwood with their blue backgrounds and white seals.

A long-torso jerkin pictured above to the right in the group is a smart casual fashion just introduced this season. It is a woolknit simulating handknitting so perfectly that none but an expert can detect the difference. The jerkin is fashioned in flash red and the skirt in black which, worn as they are with a white silk blouse, this makes a most effective tri-color ensemble. You can also get a long torso red jacket with long sleeves which is woolknit to simulate hand knitting and may be worn interchangeably with the jerkin or over it.

Fashioned after a man's dinner jacket, the beautifully draped and tailored evening jacket portrayed below to the left is high fashion news. It is made of flame colored tricot cord, a woolknit fabric and trimmed with gleaming jet. Worn with a black pencil silhouette skirt, it is definitely winter 1940, brought up to last-minute style standard by its long sleeves which stress the "covered up" look featured in evening costumes of latest vintage.

Almond green, one of the loveliest colors on fashion's list, imparts charm-plus to the two-piece wool and woolknit outfit pictured below to the right. Here is a tremendously smart outfit for campus or casual wear. The 12 gore skirt and the front of the long-torso jacket are woven of imported Shetland wool. The jacket back and sleeves are knitted of the same fine wool yarn to simulate "classy" hand knitting. A pair of two-tone gold clips is worn at one side of the round high neck. The identification bracelet is also of two-toned gold.

Ever so chic is the afternoon sweater-jerkin knits of fine yarn that "fit like the paper on the wall" to below the hips. Interworked are tiny glittering jet beads and jet sequins in an allover density that looks as if the glitter had been sprinkled on instead of interknit. This type is especially smart when worn over a pleated silk or sheer wool skirt. (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Fashion Notes

Simple frocks call for lavish and dramatic jewelry.

Bowknots of jet or pastel bead passermenterie one at the one-side shoulder drape, the other posed pocket fashion on the skirt is new trim this season.

Jewel studded or sequin embroidered blouses in long-torso sleek-fitting jerkin fashion are worn with all-round street-length pleated skirts for afternoon dress-up occasions.

Indian and desert colors, golden hues, and Roman tile are featured colors.

Pale pink, pale blue gloves with matching beadwork and embroidery prettify chic black gowns.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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

Lesson for November 24

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ATTITUDES TOWARD THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

LESSON TEXT—Luke 8:4-15. GOLDEN TEXT—Take heed therefore how ye hear.—Luke 8:18.

"He that hath ears to hear, let him hear," cried Jesus as He taught the parable of the sower. Thus He reveals the heart of the lesson—that it is the hearing of the Word of God, and the manner in which it is heard that determines the destiny of men.

A parable is an earthly story relating common things of life to illustrate and present heavenly truth regarding the spiritual life. Parables are simple, but profound. A parable does not need interpretation, but it does need application. The parable of the sower, or rather of the four kinds of soil, presents the hearers of God's Word as being like four different fields.

I. The Wayside (vv. 5 and 12). Through the fields of Palestine ran well-beaten paths, so hard from many footsteps that no seed could find lodgment and grow. The hearts of men are like that, with the world rolling its heavy wheels over the roads of our thinking. Sin and worldly pleasure add their bit, and the din and clatter of unwholesome or nonsensical radio programs cut their paths across our lives.

Little wonder that so much of the Word of God which we do hear is picked up by the devil's own birds and carried away. Let's break up the hard ground of our life's wayside.

II. The Rocky Ground (vv. 6 and 13). Here we have the shallow soil on the rocky ledge, where seeds grow as if in a hothouse, but wither when the steady heat of the summer sun comes upon them.

Shallow hearers are those who receive the word with joy, are carried away with emotional enthusiasm, and seem to be most promising as followers of Christ until the real temptations and trials of life come, and then they are gone. They are like the soldier who enjoys wearing the uniform and marching in the parade past the reviewing stand with bands playing and flags flying, but who deserts his post when his company goes into battle. Surely none of us wants to be that kind of a hearer of God's Word.

III. The Thorny Ground (vv. 7 and 14). The soil was good, the seed found its place to live and grow, but no one kept down the weeds, and they, as usual, got the best of the good seed.

Note carefully in verse 14 what are the destructive thorns and weeds in the spiritual garden. The very things people in our day most seek—riches and pleasure—are the things which choke spirituality.

Observe also that the "cares" of this world are the weeds of the devil. How they do press upon us and hinder our spiritual growth. A man testified that while he had attended church for 20 years he had never heard a sermon because he was always thinking about his business. How about you?

IV. The Good Ground (vv. 8 and 15). The harvest comes from the good soil, and how it does rejoice the husbandman as it brings forth even up to a hundred fold.

The hearers of the Word who are thus fruitful for God are "honest." They listen to really receive help and do something about what they hear. They have "good hearts"—a field plowed, prepared and weeded, ready to bring forth fruit. When they hear the Word they "hold it fast"—they are reverent, thoughtful and obedient to the Word. Then they have the "patience" to grow spiritually. It takes patient effort and devotion to do that, be sure of it (read Luke 21:19 in the R. V.).

In conclusion, we ask, "What then shall we do—sow only in the good ground?" No, let us ask God to break up the beaten soil of the wayside with the plowshare of His Word. Let us deepen the shallow soil, fight the weeds and thorns by His grace until they give up. Then let us go right on sowing the seed "in season and out of season" (II Tim. 4:1-5).

In all such labors your heart will sing with joy because here and there you will be privileged to minister to "an honest and a good heart" which will bring "forth fruit a hundredfold" to the glory of God and for the encouragement of His faithful seed-sower.

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

All life is like a poem Of love and work and fighting. We're living quite an epic Just at the present writing.



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Streets of Gold

Digging for gold in the street with penknives is not a sign of lunacy in Kalgoorlie, western Australia. Prospectors while walking through the main thoroughfare of Hannan street sometimes notice gleaming patches of gold in the pavements and stoop to chip out pieces with their knives.

The explanation given is that when, in 1899, the municipal council sought a suitable mixture of metal and concrete, they bought ore from the Golden Zone mine at one shilling a ton. While the ore carried four pennyweights of gold to the ton, it was unprofitable to recover it, but now the tread of thousands of feet has worn the pavements till bits of gold in the ore have begun to show.

INDIGESTION

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A secret is seldom safe in more than one breast.—Swift.

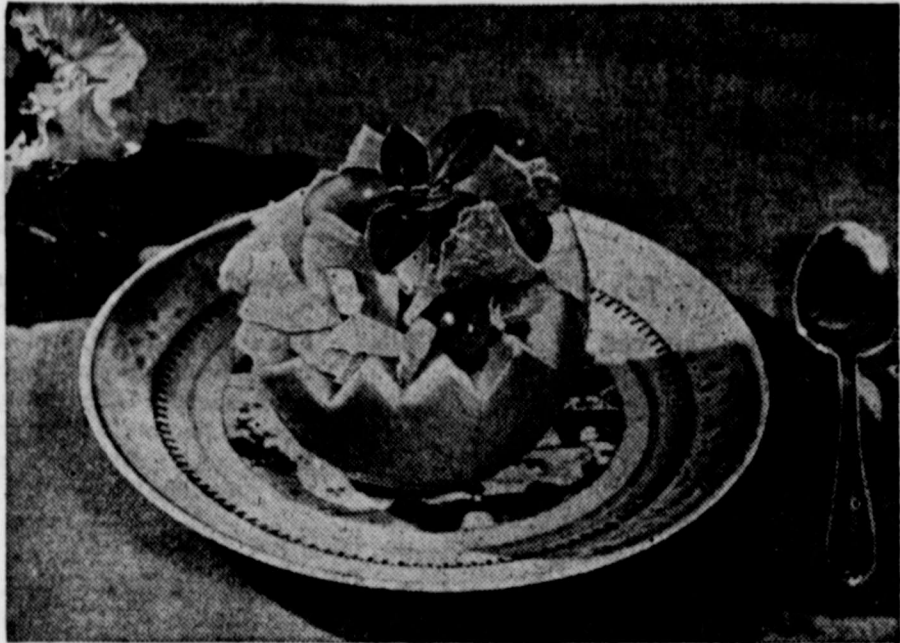
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Household News

By Eleanor Howe



FOR THAT EXTRA SPECIAL LUNCHEON
See Recipes Below.

When your children are in school, and your husband is at work, you find little pleasure in eating a solitary meal. And when you are rushed with household duties, you are apt to grab a quick sandwich, or a steaming bowl of soup, and then continue with the tasks that are still before you.

But, you can take advantage of the days when the family is away, and the work all finished, to entertain your friends at a one-o'clock luncheon, a dessert luncheon for the bridge club, or for just a friendly get-together. A good menu and an attractive table will give you the poise and enthusiasm necessary to serve your guests easily and graciously.

Oftentimes the most easily prepared food may be the most attractively served. A fluted orange cup makes a colorful container for many fruits, which may be varied with the season. The fruit must be cut into pieces of convenient size, free from seeds and skin, except for grapes. It should be thoroughly chilled and combined so that it is a neat arrangement. If a few pieces are crushed or wilted, the whole concoction will look careless and unappetizing. Remember, an appetizer should not be too sweet, for as the name implies, the first course is intended to sharpen the appetite.

For the rest of the menu you might like to serve mock chicken legs, baked potatoes, crisp green salad, crescent rolls, and as an unusual dessert, chocolate mint roll is very good.

Fluted Orange Cup.

(Serves 6)

- 3 oranges
- 1 banana
- 1 cup grapes
- 3 tablespoons sugar

With a sharp knife pierce to center of orange. Cut the orange in half, using zig-zag strokes that meet to make the points of the scallops. Separate the 2 orange halves, and remove meat from shells. Cut orange meat into pieces. Peel, and cut banana into pieces. Combine orange meat, banana and grapes. Sprinkle with sugar. Chill. Serve in well-chilled shells, garnished with a sprig of mint, if desired.

Chocolate Mint Roll.

(Makes 1 11-inch roll)

- 6 tablespoons cake flour (sifted)
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¾ cup sugar (sifted)
- 4 egg whites (stiffly beaten)
- 4 egg yolks (beaten)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 squares unsweetened chocolate (melted)

Sift flour, baking powder and salt together 3 times. Fold sugar gradually into egg whites. Fold in egg yolks and vanilla. Then fold in flour gradually. Add chocolate, and beat gently but thoroughly. Turn into a 16 by 11-inch pan which has been greased and lined with paper and greased again. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for 15 minutes. Cut off crisp edges and turn onto a cloth covered with powdered sugar. Remove paper, roll, and cool. Unroll and spread half of mint frosting over cake and roll again. Wrap in cloth and cool for about 5

minutes. Cover with remaining frosting. When frosting has set, cover with bitter sweet coating, made by melting 2 additional squares of unsweetened chocolate with 2 teaspoons butter.

Mock Chicken Legs.

(Serves 6 to 8)

- 1½ pounds veal steak
- 1¼ pounds pork steak
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- ¾ cup flour
- 1 egg (beaten)
- Cracker crumbs

Pound meats, after seasoning with salt, pepper and flour. Cut into 1½-inch squares, and place 6 pieces, 3 of each kind of meat, alternately on a skewer. Press together. Chill for 1 hour. Dip in beaten egg and roll in cracker crumbs. Brown on all sides in hot fat in a skillet. Pour 1 cup water over the "legs," and cover. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for 1 hour. (The liquid will all cook away.)

Mint Frosting.
2 egg whites (unbeaten)
1½ cups sugar
5 tablespoons water
1½ teaspoons light corn syrup
Green vegetable coloring
¼ teaspoon peppermint extract

Combine egg whites, sugar, water and corn syrup in top of double boiler. Beat with a rotary egg beater until thoroughly mixed. Place over rapidly boiling water, and cook for 7 minutes, beating constantly, until frosting stands in peaks. Add coloring gradually to hot frosting to give a delicate tint. Remove from boiling water, add flavoring and beat until thick enough to spread.

Rice Butterscotch.

(Serves 5 to 6)

- 2 cups milk
- ½ cup rice
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon salt

Scald the milk in a double boiler. Add the washed rice and cook until nearly tender (about 30 minutes). Meanwhile, melt the brown sugar, butter and salt, and cook for 10 minutes over low fire, until a syrup is formed, stirring constantly. Gradually turn this mixture into the rice and continue cooking until the rice is tender. Turn into wet molds and chill. Serve with cream and sugar, if desired.

Easy Entertaining.

Everybody loves a party, from the toddling youngster to the sophisticated adult. A hostess who can entertain her guests with something new in the way of party ideas is indeed popular. You do not have to wait for a birthday to warrant a celebration, for soon there will be many holiday events to bring a group together. Miss Howe, in her book, "Easy Entertaining," gives you many new party ideas and suitable menus with tested recipes. You may secure your copy of her book by writing to "Easy Entertaining," care of Eleanor Howe, 919 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and enclosing 10 cents in coin.

(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Henry's Trip to See Thermometer Was Urgent

He slid his tired feet into a pair of slippers, lit his pipe, sat down in the easy-chair with a sigh of relief, and declared 20,000 wild horses couldn't make him go out.

"Henry," said his wife, "you posted that letter I gave you?" "I did, my love," he answered. "I asked mother to postpone her visit for a while," his wife continued. "You see—"

Henry did so. The tired man jumped from his chair, kicked off his slippers, put on his boots, and slipped out into the murky street. Five minutes later, Henry came back with the tale that he had been to see how the thermometer outside the post office stood.

ASK ME ANOTHER ?

A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

The Questions

1. Is it incorrect to refer to our flag as the "American" flag?
2. Is the Diesel engine a comparatively new invention?
3. What common name is given to thea Sinensis?
4. When does a newly elected President take office?
5. A man dressed sans souci would be dressed how?
6. What is verdigris?
7. Was India paper so named because it was first made in India?

The Answers

1. According to the United States Flag association, it is not. However the official title is the "Flag of the United States."
2. No. It was invented by Dr. Rudolph Diesel of Munich, Germany, and put in operation in 1898.
3. Tea.
4. January 20.
5. Carelessly.
6. Green rust on copper.
7. No. It originally came from China.

HOW to SEW

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS



ing the tan color. "White dye" should be used first if bright colors are needed. After dyeing, cut a strip around and around the stocking spirally, making it from ¾ inch to 1½ inches wide according to how fine the work is to be. When your design has been marked as described in Book 5, draw the stocking strips through the burlap with a rug hook.

Flowers may be hooked in outline or in a shaded effect, as shown here. And here is good news for all of you rag rug enthusiasts. Book 6 is now ready for mailing. There is still another hook rug design in it; also a braided and a crocheted rug and dozens of other things that you will want to make. Send order to:

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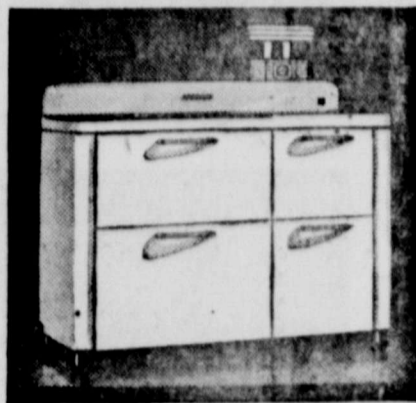
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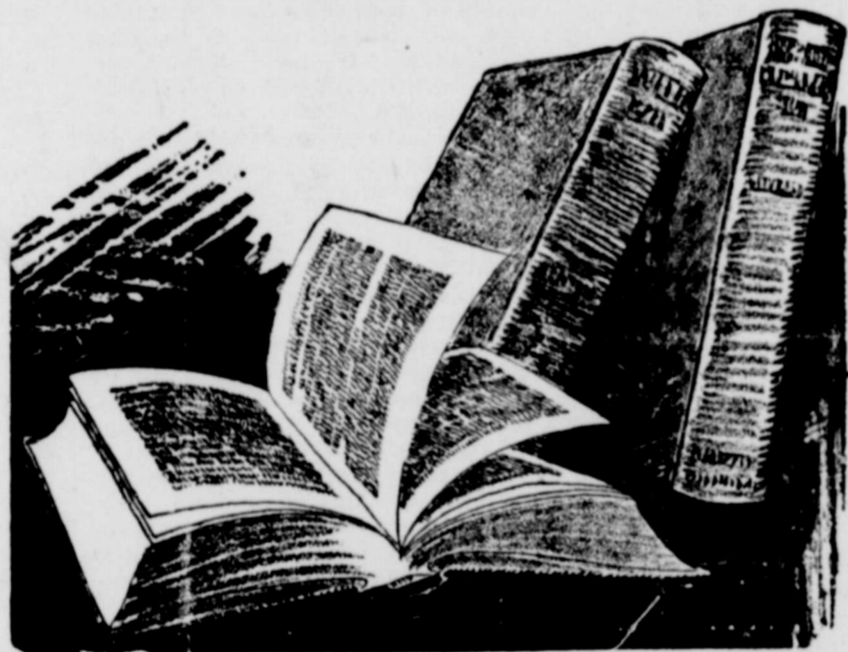
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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

By Edward C. Wayne

Rough Weather Aids Greek Troops In Fighting Off Invasion by Italians; Kennedy Urges U. S. Aid for England; Soviet-Nazi-Fascist Diplomats Meet

(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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President Roosevelt was guest of honor and No. 1 off the record speaker at the National Press club's annual dinner for the Chief Executive. Wendell Wilkie, who had been invited, was not present. As usual, there was plenty of "panning" at the expense of the President and other high government officials. Picture above shows: (left to right) President Roosevelt; his bodyguard, Thomas Qualters; Ricard Wilson, president of the National Press club and Vice President Elect Henry Wallace, just before they sat down to dinner.

DEBACLE:

Fascists Meet Greeks

The Greeks, aided by heavy storms and mountain torrents, claimed to have dealt a crushing blow to the Italian armies attempting invasion.

The Italians, using the accepted German formula of "pincers" invasion, were attacking boldly on two fronts, the left flank moving from Koritza as a base, and the right flank smashing southward close to the Adriatic coastline toward Ioannina (Janina or Yanina).

The right flank was making some progress, and at points had crossed the critical Kalamas river. The left flank, however, never had made any advances, and it was there, in the vicinity of Koritza, that the Greeks claimed their first and continuing successes.

Latest dispatches indicated that these successes were colossal. Thirty thousand Italian troops were first described as trapped, then nearly half of them cut off and captured, and finally thousands of them caught in a mountain torrent in a gorge and drowned.

Cut to pieces, London has heard, is one of Italy's crack divisions of Alpini, or mountain troops, called the Centaur division. Trapped in the Pindus mountains, the Greeks say it has been annihilated.

There was wild enthusiasm in Athens and throughout the nation. Added to this was the favorable report from the Kalamas river sector, where the Greeks reported the mechanized advance had been halted in its tracks and forced to take up defensive positions.

Heroes of the Greek victory seem to have been the Evzones, or mountain guerrilla troops, who have been clipping away at the Italian columns in a manner reminiscent of the Finnish depredations on Russian troops during the early days of that war.

Like the Russo-Finnish war, however, it is too early to write the attempted Italian invasion down as a failure, for there are other quarters, notably Russia and Germany, to be heard from.

While Italy has admitted no reverses, it was considered significant that Italian dispatches told of Greek attacks.

AMBASSADOR:

Speaks Out

Sensation was sprung by U. S. ambassador to the Court of St. James, Joseph P. Kennedy, who suddenly abandoned the hush-hush role of the diplomat, and in a copyrighted interview published by the Boston Globe told what he thought about the war and where Europe is heading.

Summed up in brief, Kennedy said:

1. England is holding out, but

SIDELIGHTS

... in the news

¶ An election aftermath in many communities was the public burning of all campaign literature as a gesture of "unity." In Salina, Kan., they had a fine blaze. In Tacoma, Wash., the gesture was a "flop." Reason—nobody showed up with anything to burn.

fighting with her back to the wall for her existence.

2. Democracy is dead, and Britain is not fighting to restore it, but to save herself from annihilation.

3. Out of it all will come some form of national socialism in Britain, in this country, too, if we get into the war, or if we catch it from Canada.

4. Aid given to Britain and her allies is "insurance" to give us time to prepare.

5. We should give and expect nothing back, simply "writing it off" as protection.

6. He said he told President Roosevelt "don't send me admirals and generals, but economists to study the situation."

CHAMBERLAIN:

'Peace in Our Time'

Neville Chamberlain, tall, lean statesman who led Britain from the Munich appeasement through the first eight and one-half months of war with Germany and then resigned as prime minister, died at his Hampshire countryside estate. He was 71. Chamberlain's long record of service to his country was climaxed by work as prime minister in the hectic days before the outbreak of the present war. He gained world-wide recognition with his attempt to "appease" the dictators in the now famous Munich pact of Sept. 30, 1938.

TRIPLE THREAT:

Diplomats Gather

The Axis Allies have been described by observers as a "near-triangle" in which two of the sides do not quite meet.

In other words, Italy and Germany touch and unite, but the Russian side of the triangle, while apparently touching Germany, has not united with Italy.

The first triple threat was noted in the meeting of diplomats from Russia and Germany in Berlin, with Ciano announced as the third to be invited and to have accepted.

Purpose of the meeting, to discuss the Italian-Greek-Balkan situation. The Turks were frankly worried over the conference, having hoped to have found Russia aloof to the Axis move toward the Black sea and the Mediterranean.

The Turks have been willing to throw in with Greece if necessary, but had hoped it wouldn't be necessary. If Russia finally has decided to take an active part in the Macedonian situation with Germany, giving active aid to Italy, then Ankara saw itself up to the neck in the war, with dubious hopes of victory.

Bulgaria's position was the greatest threat to Turkish non-intervention, and it was in that direction that the Turks were casting anxious eyes.

That the Russian visit to Berlin might eventually have a far different outcome than that apparent on the surface was seen in many quarters as a possibility. There was believed to be little Russian sympathy for either Italy's or Germany's aims in Europe, and historians who remember the treaty of Tilsit in Napoleonic times have long wondered whether Russia may be planning to toss her allies overboard at the last instant, and go out for herself again.

He'll Stick Around



ANN ARBOR, MICH.—Fakhri Maluf (above), University of Michigan student, who has learned from Syrian newspapers that he has been sentenced by the French Pétain government to 15 years in prison for his writings advocating independence and social reform in Syria. In this country on indefinite scholarship permit, Maluf said he guessed he "would stay awhile."

FIFTY-FIFTY:

Election Aftermath

Immediate aftermath of the precedent-shattering election of President Roosevelt to a third term in the White House was the strengthening of the foreign policy.

Japan had seen this as a likely happening, and the Axis powers had commented on it frankly in expressing hopes for a Roosevelt defeat, hopes used by the Democrats as a lever in the campaign.

It was not unexpected in Europe, nor in this country for that matter, when President Roosevelt made his first announcement of a strengthening of the "aid to Britain short of war" which had been his open foreign policy prior to the campaign.

This took the form of a statement that on the production of war materials for our national defense, Britain will be given a "fifty-fifty" pick. We are planning to build 25,000 planes. Britain has placed orders for 12,000, and the priorities board has said that unless things change from the present, Britain will be given one plane of every two that come off the assembly lines.

This will include even the largest and most modern planes, the "flying fortress" bombers, which the British have long been seeking, but which had thus far been denied them.

It also will include foodstuffs, the output of merchant ships from the nation's ways, machine tools, everything of usefulness to a nation at war.

The only "rule of thumb" which President Roosevelt has said that he will recognize is prior need by this country for her defense. In this he will be guided by the army and navy chiefs and by Knudsen, head of the national defense council.

Steps have been taken to extend large credit to Britain to permit the "paper" purchase of her needs.

AIR CRASHES:

10,000 Miles Apart

In the snowy mountain wastes of Utah 10 persons, including a couple of honeymooners, met death when an air-liner crashed into a mountainside, split in two.

A few days later a Brazilian air liner, taking off at the airport of Rio de Janeiro, collided in midair with an advertising plane. Nineteen were killed.

The first crash is believed by an airline survey as to have been caused by the failure of the radio beam or range signal, the result of a blinding snowstorm through which the ship was flying, attempting to reach safety.

Unexplained is the Brazilian crash, which occurred in full view of thousands on the shores of the beautiful harbor, watching the take-off. The big liner collided in mid-air with the advertising plane, piloted by an Englishman, and both plummeted downward.

The liner landed in the water, smashed to pieces and sank. The small plane, out of control, sailed helplessly over the city and crashed on the roof of a building.

MISCELLANY:

¶ Nearly a year after the end of the Finnish-Russian war, a ship arrived in New York with 100 American volunteers, who managed to escape back to this country again. They said they arrived in Finland after it was all over, and had spent all this time trying to get back to the U. S.

Washington Digest

Farmers Face New Problems As Use of Machines Increases

Technological Advances Change Life on U. S. Farms; Greek Nation Completely Unified in Crisis; Government Buys More Land.

By BAUKHAGE

(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

What's next? With the frost on the pumpkin, fodder in the shock, the world settling down to a hard winter and a long war, those of us who aren't in the first draft or just elected to office have a chance to look two ways from Christmas.

The industrial tail is about to wag the agricultural dog again the experts tell us, surplus labor is about to be syphoned off the farm which is fine for the man who has too many mouths to feed and too few acres to divide up, but not so good for the farmer who needs a few extra hands. However, if you do turn around and look back 35 years just to take your mind off present troubles you can see some interesting sights which have just been set up in sharp perspective by the inter-bureau committee of the department of agriculture.

In that short span for a man or a mule, 35 years, 10,000,000 mules and horses and thousands of men have been pushed off the farm by the machine. And, according to the prognosticators in Washington, a million and a half more mules and horses will be replaced by tractors in the next 10 years, and more than 8,000,000 acres of land now used to raise feed for work stock will be put to other uses.

Farmer Has Long Utilized Machines

We've been hearing a lot about man versus the machine, especially since the smash of 1929 that made unemployment the big issue, and again since the smash of 1940 when the Nazis with their tanks and motorized equipment went through France like a plow through loam. But the farmer had been getting machine conscious long before that. Especially since the little jack-off-all-trades tractor appeared on the field, replacing the cumbersome earlier models.

Along with the tractor came a lot more "technological developments" including not only farm machinery like the combine and the corn-picker but other scientific advances such as testing and breeding and feeding of animals and plants, soil conservation, disease prevention and other things. This technology has hurt as well as helped. Besides the thousands of men who have lost their jobs on farms as well as in factories, prices have been affected and the whole social life on the farm has changed.

"It is not that these scientific advances are to be blamed" for the difficulties which have arisen, the Washington experts say, but "the troubles, if any, arise from the inequality of adjustments and responses in agriculture and industry to such advances."

Just what the advantages and disadvantages are that lie ahead is told in detail in a 224-page book, printed by the government and called "Technology on the Farm."

One thing that interested me particularly in this interesting book, aside from its excellent and detailed information, was an editorial opinion it expressed on the way the use of machines has changed farming for a living to farming for cash. There's a difference.

Of course when you have to buy a lot of machinery you need hard money but there are disadvantages in simply raising products with the one purpose of turning them into money.

Increased Investment Reduces Security

First, it reduces security. If you raise your own food you need never starve in a panic.

Then there is health: A family with a low income and plenty of food growing right on the place is more likely to get a continuously healthful diet than one which has to buy what it eats.

Raising one's own food helps divide up responsibility for the family welfare because young children and old folks can tend a garden or feed the chickens. If the eggs and vegetables and milk are purchased, the children's interests are removed from the interests of their parents and older brothers and sisters. Furthermore, a child who helps raise its own food also gets what a city child doesn't get—a chance to learn through doing.

Another disadvantage of farming for money only, with the greater use of machines, is that it makes it harder to own a farm. The money goes into perishable things instead of into the solid title to land. The

farmer tends to become a renter and if times are bad and a renter can't pay his rent he loses everything.

This is just one of the farm problems that the farmer can think over during the long winter evenings. Like many other good things machinery can be too much of a good thing. Alexander Pope's advice still stands:

"Be not the first by whom the new is tried
Nor yet the last to lay the old aside." . . .

Greek People

Wholly United

The war came close to me again the other day when I stepped on the soil of another belligerent. It was shortly after the Italians had crossed the border from Albania, and the Greeks had met this new invasion from the west as they met the Persian invasion from the east 450 years before.

I say I stepped on foreign soil because the embassies and legations of a foreign power are considered a part of the territory of that power no matter where they are located. The house which is a peaceful piece of Greece looks over Sheridan circle on Massachusetts avenue in the capital. It is really just a big private residence made into a legation where the minister, a cheerful little man with a long name, Cimon Diamantopoulos, lives and carries on the business of his country.

As I sat in the attractive cubby-hole that is his study, pouring over a map of the country he knows so well, I had a strange feeling. The walls with their artistic etchings of classic beauty seemed to fade away and I could see those tortuous passes of the ancient Pindus mountains. Mule-drawn artillery were struggling through the snow-drifts, the fierce Greek mountaineers with their kilts and tufted shoes on one side, the plumed Bersaglieri equally fierce Evzones mountain fighters on the other. I could see the attack in the blinding blizzard, the clash on the narrow roadway hardly wide enough for small motor lorries to pass, and then men and mules plunging down into the bottomless abyss.

The minister looked up. "Greece has never been as united as it is today," he said.

When the Persian hordes came to Marathon it was because their ruler hated the democratic spirit which he feared would spread to his own slave states.

History repeats. . . .

Winter Comes

To Washington

Washington in the autumn moves from a bright water-color to a soft-pastel, and then the foliage fades to a dark oil painting of rich browns. At last comes the steel engraving of winter.

We are now between the oil painting and the steel engraving. The burning yellow of the Ginkgoes (the maiden-hair tree, some call it) have laid their last golden carpet on the west side of Lafayette square, that historic quadrangle of green opposite the White House.

A few sturdy oaks cling to their rich, saddle-leather brown. The Ginkgoes are now bare. There are many of these attractive trees in Washington. They love cities, sharing the fumes of gas and smoke with the rest of us and flourishing on it.

I have a leaf from one planted in the city of Weimar by the poet Goethe. His city of study and reflection—the city that gave birth to the ill-fated German Republic after the last war.

That tree I hope still blooms. It does unless the Nazis have uprooted its beauty because it is non-Aryan. Nature knows no politics, and laughs at our fickle changes. The Ginkgoes will bloom long after our civilization is forgotten.

History repeats but it also reverses itself. Once the American settlers were given or could buy government land. Now Uncle Sam buys 500,000 acres from his citizens.

As part of the defense program the war department through the soil conservation service has purchased great tracts for the Seventh army training center in Iowa, aircraft firing center near Greenville, Ga.; and lands of Fort Ethan Allen, Sill, Oklahoma; and Massachusetts; . . .



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THE STORY THUS FAR

When Virgie Morgan, widow, and owner of the Morgan paper mill in the Carolina mountain district, turns down a marriage proposal from Wallace Withers, he leaves her house in a rage. Virgie turns him down because she believes he is more interested in possession of her mill than in obtaining a wife. After he has gone, Branford Wills, a young stranger, who has been lost on the mountain-side for three days, finds his way to the Morgan home. Taken in, he is fed and warmed and allowed to remain overnight. Next morning it is learned that Wills, a government employee who has been working with surveyors in the district, has developed pneumonia, due to his exposure. He is forced to remain in the household and Marian Morgan, Virgie's daughter, expresses her dislike with the arrangement for she dislikes Wills.

CHAPTER II—Continued

"Ain't rushed to death these days, I reckon?" asked Withers.

"Not rushed particularly, but business holds up very well. Mrs. Morgan has managed to hold her markets."

"Making any money, you think?"

Stanley Daniels was young. Flattered a little by the attention of this old man, he let himself expand a trifle. The mill, in his opinion, was holding its own, but not making the profits that it should. Mrs. Morgan was proud, but too conservative, keeping to old traditions, making a product too good and too expensive for the bulk of her trade.

"You're a pretty shrewd young feller, I see. Own any stock over there?" asked Withers.

"No, sir—I don't think they are selling any."

"If a forward-looking young chap like you owned a piece of it—a good voting block—it might be a good thing, you think? Get new blood in—catch up with these modern notions."

"I think"—Daniels considered the question soberly—"that it would be a good thing. Good for the mill—and for Mrs. Morgan herself."

"Well, young man, I enjoyed talking to you. Not many young fellers talk common sense any more. Know where I live? Brick house out the river road, toward the reservation. Come out and talk to me some rainy evening. I'm always figuring on one thing or another—I like to talk to a business man, especially a young one. We might get together on something, maybe."

"Thank you. I'd be glad to come."

CHAPTER III

Back in the Morgan house Marian Morgan sat in Branford Wills' room watching him.

Ada Clark was having her supper and Marian was on duty and annoyed with the vigil. Illness frightened her, and this young man had displeased her. She was not of the type to forgive easily. She sat on the edge of her chair, ready to escape as soon as possible.

Branford Wills had trouble with his perceptions. They were feeble and wild, they told him fantastic lies. This girl was not there, of course.

He said, in a voice made dry and strange by fever, "You aren't real, of course. I'm sick as the deuce."

She came nearer. Delusions did not wear red wool, did not have fingers cool as lilies.

"A little ice on your tongue?" That was real. "It's pretty bad, I know. I had it once. You'll feel rotten for two or three days, then a lot of terrible pain. They give you whisky and quinine and you're better."

"This is disagreeable for you. You don't like me."

"That doesn't matter." She put more ice in his mouth. "I get furious when people pick on mother. This whole country would have been destitute during these bad times if she hadn't been the shrewdest manager in the world."

He had, so Marian noted, absurdly slender, graceful hands. One nail was broken, it snagged the blanket. Marian brought the scissors.

"Hold still till I fix this."

The twitching heat in his fingers disturbed her. She brought a cool cloth and sponged his palms and the backs of his hands where the tendons stood up and thin, dark hair grew. She felt queerly motherly and tender as she covered the hands with a blanket.

For a year she had laughed at men, evaded them, taken what they had to offer—dances, new cars to ride in, flowers, candy—but so far the men had all been alike. One careless word, one relaxed moment, the guard down for an instant, and they were all alike. Country boys with too much blood in their veins.

But this man did not grip her fingers hard nor look meaningfully up into her eyes. He whispered, "Thank you," when Marian straightened the pillow, and her heart gave a curious jerk.

When Ada Clark came back, Marian went downstairs and wandered aimlessly through the rooms. The windows were dark and beyond the black glass the mountain night was cold and lonely, but the dark loneliness suited her mood. Was this falling in love? She stiffened against that thought. Love was weakness, love was surrender—and she was of the blood of David Morgan, who had tolerated no weakness and never known the meaning of surrender.

Bry Hutton telephoned and she answered him curtly, while Lottie stared and listened from the kitchen.



"Mrs. Morgan was too conservative."

en. No, she said, she didn't want to go out. No, she wasn't mad about anything. She was just not interested.

Virgie Morgan drove up the mountain road toward Hazel Fork on a foggy winter morning. The road was narrow and rutted with outcropping boulders that raked the crank-case of the old truck. Stumps banged the hubcaps on either side. Frost oozed from the ground, making a gray-like sludge over the still-frozen iron of the mountain slope.

She drove slowly and alone. Her booted toe prodded the grunting old engine. She wore riding trousers and a leather coat left open at the throat.

The truck overheated on the stiff grade and she waited for the engine to cool, getting down and trampling the grass, counting the spruce seedlings that were near at hand.

Then behind her on the twisting one-way road, she heard the labored piston-slaps of another straining motor.

"Somebody's lost," she said aloud, trampling on her starter. The truck jangled as the other car came up behind and stopped with a choked gurgle. A black car, heavy and expensive, with two strange men in it. Virgie pulled out of the ruts, her old engine wallowing, got out and walked back.

"You've missed your road," she said. "This is nothing but a woods' trail. You'll have trouble with that heavy car if you try to go any further."

"We're looking for a piece of land formerly owned by a man named Pruitt," the taller of the pair said. They were city men of a type Virgie Morgan knew well. All one tint of gray, close-shaven, milled like dollars, the cautious click of shrewd finance in their voices.

"Tom's land is on the other side

of the ridge," Virgie told them. "You'll have to walk three-quarters of a mile. Do you belong to that Phillips' outfit? They defaulted on everything they bought in this country."

"We"—the older man had thin lips and a mouth that shut like a trap—"are victims of the Phillips' outfit."

Virgie kept silent. Very likely these were some of the crowd who had put up the money to back Phillips. Obviously they had no idea who she was. They thought her a quaint mountain character, probably, so she kept to the part, staring dully and curiously at them, as mountain people did.

Slamming her worn gears, she drove on up the ridge, turning south at her line and bumping across a stony meadow, sun-washed and pleasant.

She found her foresters eating their lunch, their legs dangling from the muddy tail of their truck. She shared their lukewarm coffee, inspected the damp little hillocks where baby spruce stood and shivered, feeling their cold, small, bewildered roots groping in strange, chill darkness.

"I hope we get a snow so they don't dry out too fast," she said.

"We heard a car a while back."

"One of the men said, 'See anybody down that way, Mis' Morgan?'"

"I was going to speak about that."

Virgie screwed the lid on a thermos bottle. "Much obliged, you boys—I meant to get home for lunch but I got delayed, as usual. About that car—I saw 'em. And I want you to quit early—you, too, Joe—knock off before three, leave the truck here, and go over the other side down toward Little Fork. There's a piece of hardwood down there—a hundred and sixty-odd acres. Take a good look at it and call me up tonight."

"Pruitt's stuff, eh?" said Joe, who knew these timbered slopes and ridges as well as Virgie did.

"It used to be Pruitt's stuff. Something's up. And I'm not going to let Tom be gyped by another bunch of slick talkers with blue-prints in their hands and black iniquity in their minds. Don't call up till after seven, hear? And don't talk to anybody but me about this business."

"Sure, boss—we understand. You don't want it mentioned to Pruitt, then?"

"I'll talk to Pruitt. Crank this old caboose for me, will you?"

She was thinking so absently as she drove in at the gate of the plant that she ran over a steam hose and ripped a sizable sliver from the corner of the tool-house before she came to and stopped the truck.

Tom Pruitt heard the impact of her arrival and came slouching out of the back shed, picking gum off the palms of his hands.

"Anybody else bust up the premises like that and you'd fire him," he drawled amiably. "That steering-gear busted?"

"Oh, shut up!" grumbled Virgie, climbing down stiffly.

She was irritated by Tom. No man so huge should be so naive, so helpless.

"Whoever stuck that shanty out there in the way must have thought we'd be hauling stuff in here in oxcarts forever," Virgie continued to fume as she tramped into the office.

Tom opened the door for her. "I reckon Dave put it there," he said, calmly.

"Come in here," Virgie ordered.

Tom followed her obediently and began punching at the stove. Virgie made a complicated task out of getting her hat off and her desk opened. She did not look at Tom. She was exasperated, and when her temper got the upper hand her tongue slipped, and she did not want it to slip. She had to say the right thing to Tom, who was so helpless in the presence of law and finance and the crisscross web men weave of these two strands to hide the simple intent of their acts.

"Sit down," directed Virgie, "and don't squirm. Lucy, you go out and get the time slips. Pruitt and I have got business to talk over."

Lucy rose meekly, put on her coat. "How soon shall I come back, Mrs. Morgan?"

"Fifteen minutes is all I need. And if you hang around that laboratory, walk in the air some before you come back in here. There may be worse smells than young Daniels' invents, but Satan has got a monopoly on 'em."

Tom draped his long legs over a stool and twisted his hat.

"I reckon you found a seeder tree cut that hadn't ought to be cut," he said. "I expect I done it."

Virgie swiveled her chair around. The darkened leather cushion on the back of it still held the print of David Morgan's lean shoulder-blades.

"I'm not going to talk about Morgan trees," she said. "I want to talk about yours. Do you know anything about that property of yours over the ridge—that hardwood tract? What shape is it in?"

Tom twisted the hat nervously. "I sold it. Way back in '26. You knew about that I reckon. I sold it to that Phillips' outfit. They paid me the

first payment. They ain't never paid any more."

"What sort of papers did you get? Have you got a lien?"

"They're all in the safe. Dave put 'em away for me. Dave told me I'd ought to foreclose—then he got down and you know how we been ever since—we ain't had time to think of nothing but keeping this here mill running."

Virgie sighed. "It's my fault, I suppose. I've got to take care of you—just like I've got to take care of Lottie and Lucy out yonder and some more helpless people."

"I got a good piece of money out of that land," Tom defended.

"They defaulted on the contract, didn't they? The company's out of existence. It will take a lawsuit, probably, to repossess it—but somebody's interested in it. I met a couple of men—bankers, they looked like—up on the ridge. They were asking the way to that piece you've got over there—that strip down Hazel Fork with the big poplar on it. You get those papers out, Tom, and let me look into them."

Tom lumbered out of his chair. There was one kind of action he could understand, indorse, and follow. Strange men had been on his land—land that Virgie said was his.

"I 'low them fellers better keep off, over yonder," he boomed, his eyes dour. "I don't know no law, but if that's my poplar them bankers better keep off my place."

"Well, you've got to have the papers first. I'll have Lucy open the safe for you."

But when Lucy came back, moon-eyed and absent, with a droop of unhappiness about her mouth, Virgie regarded her with impatience. Lucy had been strung tight as a fiddle lately, making mistakes and being rushingly apologetic about them, jumping when the telephone rang.

Virgie knew what was the matter with Lucy. Young Stanley Daniels was flattered by the sight of Lucy's little silver heart fluttering on her sleeve. He had grown arrogant and cagey.

Lucy needed shaking. So, because she was disgusted with Lucy's



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meekness, Virgie climaxed a day of exasperations by giving the girl a raise.

"Go out and buy yourself a new hat and some lipstick," she ordered, "and if that young Daniels is hanging on the gate when you start home give him the back of your hand and your chin in the air. I can do all the moping we need in this pulp business."

Lucy was tremulously grateful and husky. "It isn't—that exactly, Mrs. Morgan. It's—oh, everything! Old lamps and the rug wearing out—and food costing so much—"

"I know," Virgie was gentle. "We had a sofa that flopped over and made a bed and my brother had to sleep on it. It was always flopped down in the parlor when I had a beau. Don't let it get you down, Lucy."

At night Joe and Ed reported that the two strangers had walked over Pruitt's land, climbed back into their car, and gone away again. She would hunt up her lawyer, as soon as she had time, Virgie decided, and find out just what could be done for Tom.

Young Mr. Branford Wills was still seriously ill. A half-dozen telegrams had so far failed to locate anyone who belonged to him or who might be interested in him. Virgie had that to worry about.

She took time to hope that Lucy had found a decent hat.

She did not know that Lucy was sitting alone at home, among the ravelings, and that Stanley Daniels was, at that moment, occupying a rocker in front of Wallace Withers' old wood-burning stove, smoking one of Wallace's five-cent cigars and thinking very well of himself.

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Gems of Thought

I WILL not choose what many men desire, because I will not jump with common spirits, and rank me with the barbarous multitude.—Shakespeare.

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Naturally you want to know how we live. I live in a tent and there are hundreds of them. Many of us sleep in hangers while thirty thousand dollar planes take the weather out on the field. My tent, which I share with four other boys, has a Sibley tent stove, electric light, a raised wooden floor and a radio. The radio belongs to one of the boys. It is comfortable enough. We had the cold weather, too plenty of frost, after a howling norther. It still freezes every night, and this is unusual even in January. We sleep on stout cots on good mattresses, under wool blankets. There is a queer reckless spirit of comradeship here which takes everything in its stride. When it rains there is plenty of mud but I got one of the driest places on the post. I was pretty lucky in several ways. Got here just as they had filled up the last hanger they could spare for recruits.

I am in splendid health and high spirits. Most of our living is done out doors and there are hardly no colds.

I think I have passed the tests preparatory to going to technical school and may leave within a week for Chonute Field in Illinois or for St. Louis.

If I do not go away, I can get home Christmas, otherwise I cannot.

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