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Good Start For The New Year

Our County officials report that work will likely start in a lar monthly meeting on December week or ten days on the highway 17th. leading towards Colorado City Mr. Beavers notified Judge Wylie that concrete tubing for bridges was on the track at Bronte.

LOCALS

M. Raymond Smith and two dollar. sons of Carlsbad, New Mexico, lee and family of this city.

Miss Alberta Allen from Ozark store for all who come. Alabama, visited the homefolks for the holidays.

Wayne Hulse visited his parents at Boyer, Texas, last week.

Mitchell and Emery Davis and families returned to Robert Lee to spend the holidays.

days December 22, and resumed May God grant you all of these work on December 30.

from Memory Tuesday written from Guadalcanal, November 17. He was doing well and spoke of ing year. his heavy beard.

Miss Sibyl Simpson, Monahans. Pvt. and Mrs. Glenn Simpson of San Angelo were Robert Lee visitors during the holidays.

Occar Freeman of Bronte has oined the Navy and is located in Urged By Supervisor Virginia.

with home folks.

Mrs. Preston Fitzhugh visited the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Varnadore Lee.

T. B. Hicks of Doren, New Mexico, has moved here and is our new County Agent. Mr. Hicks was Vocational Agricultural teacher at Doran.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wojtek and the editor and wife visited in Miles Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Murtishaw Jr. have moved to San Angelo.

ten day furlough with his parents returning to his Camp Monday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Read and Maynard, spent Christmas Eve with Mr. Read's sister Mrs. Aminda Runnion of Ozona, returning to San Angelo Christmas day to visit Mrs. Reads parents and returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Littlefield and children spent Christmas in Lipan and Weatheford.

Miss Jeffie Bell of Big Spring Mrs. Paul Brown of San Angelo, Pvt. Marcus Turner of Goodfellow Field spent Christmas Day in the home of Mrs. W. H. Bell.

DR. R. J. WARREN DENTIST 201 Central National Bank San Angelo, Texas

December Meeting Ot The P. T. A.

The P. T. A met in their regu-

First on program was music by the Rythm Band, then the Fifth grade presented a very interesting program, followed by a talk on 'Christmas' by Mr. Geo. Taylor.

The Second grade won the at. tendance prize which was one

At the January meeting Mrs. visited her mother Mrs. S.B Plum- Marvin Simpson will have charge of the program and a treat is in Attention Producers

To My Friends

I want to express to each of you our appreciation of your busness through 1942.

Our need now is for greater unity, greater faith, greater deter-School turned out for the holi- mination and will to "carry on" things in fullest measure. . . and Mrs. Gramling received a letter may your wish and that of every true American - for Peace and Victory be answered in this com-

> Sincerely Yours Cumbie & Roach By Mrs. Scott

Loans For FSA Work

Citing a recent statement by Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Mahon of excommists that 1943 is expected Lamesa, spent the holidays here to bring the greatest demand ever known for farm products, and Holiday Party stating that next's years produc. The home of Mr. and Mrs. home folks at Bluffdale, during tion difficulties will be tremen- Arthur Tubb was a scene of fun dous, Miss Martin, rural rehabilitacion supervisor of the F. S. A. and children of Texon, spent the urged farmers to begin planning tertained with a Christmas party holidays with relatives in Robert their program of operations im- honoring her cousin Howard Parmediately.

Shortage of man power is a cri. Parker both of Eldorado. tical problem in many farming areas, and it will be much more enjoyed throughout the evening. critical next year. As the nation increases our army and steps up served to 23 guests. our industural output, it is inevitable that greater problems will Observer Readers face those in agriculture. Farmers in Coke County and throughout the United States will do well! to forestall many hardships and Pfc. Eddie Patterson spent a disappointments by developing their basic farm and home plans during the winter months.

Farm operations often involve credit needs. Operators who may need to borrow funds for next year should make their arrangements during December and Jan-

uary. FSA loans are available to eligable borrowers for practically all farming needs, but is limited to those operators who cannot get adequate credit from any other

source. Miss Martin will be glad to Mr. and Mrs. RobertLowery and discuss any phase of the Farm son Robert of Ballinger, Mr. and Security program with Coke County farmers and assist them if possible with their problems.

DRINK!





CITY CAFE In Robert Lee

New YEAR

GREETINGS Coming up !



All producers in Coke County who wish to purchase new farm machinery should make application at the Agricultural Conserva tion Association (AAA) office at once. These applications will be passed on each Thursday afternoon by the Farm Machinery Rationing Committee.

Farmers who have Certificates of War Necessity for trucks and pick ups who were not allowed enough milage and gasoline to operate should file an ap eal with the County Farm Taansportation Committee at the AAA office. Persons filing an appeal with this committee must have previously executed forms CFTC 1 and 2, otherwise the Committee can not best of these opportunities. act on an appeal until these forms are on file in their office. The CFTC will meet on day a week to act on appeals and new applications

and frolic last Saturday night when their daughter Ava Lou enker and assisted by Mrs. Mabel

Games and other interests were A lovely refreshment plate was

Renewals of the Observer for the past week are the following: A. J. Roe, W.A. Payne, J. C. Cobb, R. L. Payne, Lem Cowley, Bailey Russell, Mrs. M.W John. son, W. H. Campbell, Rodney Thomason, J. N. Buchanan Mrs. N. C. Brown, C. L. Sparks,

Pring me all your old silk and Nylon hose

Mrs. Scott at CUMBIE & ROACH

Proclaimed as national Farm Mobilization Day by President Roosevelt, all tarm communities are being urged by the Texas USDA War Boa d to hold appropriate meetings on January 12, and lay plans for next year's production program.

For Sale: 140 light mixed lambs Will trade for cattle.

A. N. Counts

MANNING'S CAFE BETTER FOODS! COLDER DRINKS! San Angelo, Texas

Miss Lois Bradford and J. E. Williams Wed

Miss Lois Bradford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Bradford of San Angelo, became the bride of J. E. Williams of Mlles, at 4 p.m. December 23. The wedding took place in the home of the Rev. Finis Williams pastor of the Park Heights Baptist Church.

The bride is a graduate of Texas Tech and taught in the Robert Lee High School two terms, and was teaching in one of the San Angelo schools this term.

Mr. Williams was reared in the Miles community, attended Miles High School and is now associated with the Williams Dairies at 419 North Poe.

NOTICE

A Navy Recruiter will be in Robert Lee every Tuesday from of Lubbock visited her parents 10 a. m. to 3 p m. at Draft Board Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Bilbo during office looking for men from 38 to the holidays. 50, and 17 year old boys.

An Other Opportunity

Are you out on life's road looking for opportunities? If so this New Year will bring to you many Will you come to the Methodist Church next Sunday morning and let us tell you how to make the

W. Vasco Teer, pastor.

Locals

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brother Jack Conger, at Uvalde idays in Robert Lee visiting rela-Texas, who is quite ill.

Mmes. W. T. Roach and P. P. Fitzhugh attended the AAA meet ing in San Angelo Monday.



O. C. FISHER

Our new Congressman is at Washington D. C. ready for action having moved there in December.

Mr. and Mrs Robert McGuire

Charleen McCutchen of San Angelo visited with Jo An Bilbo this week.

Mr. and Mrs Calvin Sparks and children spent the holidays with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wyatt and children, Evelyn and Douglas of Abilene were holiday visitors in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs Oren Fletcher. Mrs. Wyatt was the former VidaBelle Fletcher of Sanco.

C. L. Sparks and family from Mis. B A Austin is vi iting her Savana, Oklahoma, spent the heltives.

> Sew and Save with Simplicity patterns at CUMBIE & ROACH

ALAMO THEATRE

"THE BEST IN SCREEN ENTERTAINMENT"

ROBERT LEE TEXAS

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Friday, and Saturday Jan. 1-2 BOB HOPE - MADELEINE CARROLL IN "MY FAVORITE BLONDE" Also Comedy and Late News

Wednesday only Money Nite Jan. 6

JANE WITHERS IN "THE MAD MARTINDALES"

With MARJORIE WEAVER-ALAN MOWBRAY Also Comedy

TEXAS THEATRE

BRONTE TEXAS Friday and Saturday Jan. 1-2 MAUREEN O'HARA-JOHN SUTTON IN

"TEN GENTLEMEN FROM WEST POINT"

Also Comedy and Late News

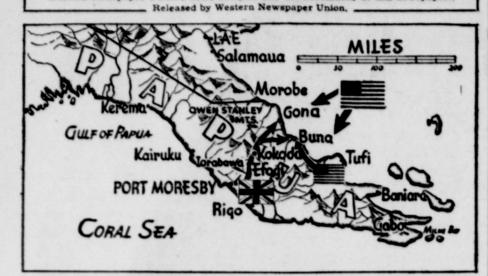
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Also Comedy

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Break-Up of Rommel's Desert Forces Affects U. S.-British Drive in Tunisia; French Fleet Will Join Allies: Darlan: President Proclaims National Farm Day

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.)



Allied forces proceeded swiftly toward ousting the Japs completely from the Papua territory of New Guinea following the capture of the village of Buna. U. S. and Australian jungle fighters took the Jap base. Occupation of Buna followed closely the seizure of Gona. A communique from Allied headquarters in Australia told of slowly increasing pressure on the enemy. A captured Japanese artilleryman told intelligence officers of Emperor Hirohito's mandate that Jap forces hold the New Guinea beachhead to the last man. The communique did not mention the Mambare area, on the northeast coast, where Allied planes lashed out at Jap warships attempting to land more men.

AFRICA:

Darlan Speaks

"I have announced that my sole purpose is to free France and then

retire to private life. With those words Adm. Jean Darlan, high commissioner of French Africa, hoped to still the loud voice of criticism which had been leveled at him by the Fighting French, the British and certain American

sources. He did not wholly succeed. The Fighting French wanted more than words from Admiral Darlan to assure them. The British and a comparatively few Americans remained skeptical.

Darlan, in a statement of clarification, called for maximum military effort for the defeat of Germany and Italy and added that "this will be accomplished by the unity of all citizens, regardless of their political or religious opinions, in an orderly and cohesive fashion."

Darlan also declared flatly that strong French fleet units at Dakar. Alexandria and North African ports would join the British and U. S. fleets. Those units included: three battleships, more than seven cruisers, approximately a score of submarines and several destroyers.

Hit Tunis, Bizerte

Concentrating on docks and airfields in Bizerte and Tunis, American and British bombers continued to carry out their day and night raids with thunderous accuracy.

Tropical rains had brought land action to a minimum, with action limited largely to patrol sorties. It was evident that the Allies were willing to sacrifice forward positions to reduce losses pending an all-out offensive.

Allied attacks on Axis airfields are damaging the efforts of the Luftwaffe ground staffs to maintain operations. It is reported that less than two-thirds of the total force are able to take to the air at any time.

PRICE CONTROL:

No Surprise

Washington dopesters had announced it weeks before so there was little surprise throughout the nation when Leon Henderson resigned as director of the Office of Price Administration. Announcement of the resignation came from President Roosevelt who, in accepting it, praised Henderson and declared that "You have not spared . and I appreciate yourself your patriotic service.

Henderson said that he was quitting because of a recurrent physical difficulty and a "rather bad" impairment of eyesight. The President asked him to keep the White House advised on his physical condition so that when he had recovered he could be recalled to government service in some other capac-

Because of his firmness in handling rationing affairs and because of his treatment of congress (without concern of political favor) Henderson has been under fire for months. Early in December many Washington sources predicted he was resigning and had suggested that Sen. Prentiss M. Brown, Michigan Democrat, succeed him. Brown. defeated for his senate post in the last election, had previously piloted the price stabilization bill through

FARM DAY: Vital Goals

Tuesday, January 12, has been proclaimed by President Roosevelt as Farm Mobilization day. On this day meetings are to be held throughout the nation to determine ways and means "of ensuring for the year 1943 the maximum production of vital foods."

Farmers are being asked on that day to gather with department of agriculture officials, extension service agents, vocational teachers, farm organizations and others concerned to discuss plans for meeting the high food production goals for

the 1943 crop year. President Roosevelt praised the farmers for their production of record maximum harvests in the past three years and declared that every pound of food finds use in wartime.

"Food," he said, "is no less a weapon than tanks, guns and planes. As the power of our enemies decreases, the importance of the food resources of the United Nations increases. With this thought in mind, we must further mobilize our resources for the production of food."

LIBYA:

Africa Corps Split

Long pounded by the British eighth army, Field Marshal Rommel's Africa corps took new and heavy body blows when his fleeing Axis forces were neatly divided by Sir Bernard Montgomery's pursuing

In a sudden flanking movement advanced forces of the British army reached Wadi Matratin, 55 miles west of El Agheila on the Gulf of Sirte. From there, units of the Montgomery army sliced off to the south, cutting Rommel's army in two, one force continuing its westward flight, the other caught between the British main army and the British advanced

Included in the enemy troops cut off were armored forces which, in desperate maneuvers to escape, suffered heavy casualties and "continued to be severely mauled," the Middle Eastern command communique stated. The main eighth army was shoving ahead, forcing its way through mine fields laid by the retreating Germans, eager to get at the trapped troops.

MEAT QUOTA:

Cut to 35 Ounces

Upon orders from government food authorities, the per capita supply of meat for civilians has been reduced from the present limit of 40 ounces to 35 ounces a week during the first three months of 1943.

The orders were issued by Price Administrator Leon Henderson on the recommendation of Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard, the new food chief.

Civilian supplies of pork, veal, lamb and mutton were ordered cut approximately 13 per cent. Beef supplies will continue to be restricted at the present level. Restrictions are voluntary at present and consumers are being asked to limit themselves to 40 ounces a week until the first of the year, when the voluntary ration will be reduced by five ounces.

Slaughterers who kill more than 500,000 pounds a quarter have been limited to 70 per cent of the 1941 level for beef, pork and veal, and to 75 per cent for lamb and mutton.

RUSSIA:

See-Saw Battle

In the see-saw battle of Russia the course of warfare appeared to favor once more the Red army as an official communique announced the capture of five additional strong points in the Rzhev sector on the central front. It told, too, of the repulse of a heavy Nazi counterattack in the area southwest of Stalingrad.

In their counterdrive at Kotelnikovski, 90 miles southwest of Stalingrad, the Axis armies attempted to throw back the flank of the Russian forces south of the Don river and break through the Russian trap. The attacks were led by tanks, dive bombers and motorized infantry. Red Star, Soviet army newspaper, said many Axis troops were slaughtered and the attacks were hurled back decisively.

To the west of Stalingrad the Red army was said to be widening the broad barrier they had made between the Nazis on the banks of the Don and those trapped near Stalingrad. During the Russian drive on the central front, which took seven more villages, two battalions of German infantry were reported wiped out. A communique reported that near Vilikie Luki, Russian troops beat off a German attempt to break through the lines to help a surrounded Nazi garrison and destroyed Nazi equipment.

SCHOOL BELLS:

In Wartime

America's system of higher education is headed for some profound and sweeping changes under plans now released by the army and navy to train youths between 17 and 22 for specialized military duties.

Scheduled to begin in February the new setup for high school and college youths would be put into operation in several hundred colleges and universities throughout the nation. Students now in high school and college would fit into the program at the time they were called up for military training and virtually every youth over 17 in school would be affected.

As outlined in joint army-navy statement made in Chicago the plan calls for these major developments: 1. Mobilization of a selected num-

ber of colleges and universities for training soldiers in military-directed 2. Enlisted soldiers now having

completed their basic training (or about to complete) will be selected, if qualified, for specialized training when the plan is first set in motion.

3. A cadet system will be organized for the selected colleges and military training will thus be given but it will be subordinated to academic instruction.

4. When soldiers complete any phase of the specialized training at these schools they will do one of four things: (a) be given further training in officer's candidate school (b) returned to the troops; (c) recommended for technical noncommissioned officers or (d) detailed for advanced technical training.

Meanwhile the navy will be selecting high-school graduates or those with equivalent qualifications for induction as apprentice seamen or marine privates. Placed on active duty with pay these youths will attend designated schools.

China's President



The above photo of Lin Sen, 78year-old president of China, is the first photo ever sent from Chungking, China, to Los Angeles, over a new radiophoto service. The Chinese characters read: "To President Roosevelt, from Lin Sen."

U. S. GOAL: Double Axis Output

The War Production board's goal for 1943 calls for a production rate by the end of the year estimated to be twice as great as that of the Axis nations. More than \$90,000,-000,000 worth of American weapons will be manufactured in 1943. U.S. war production in 1942 equals that of all the Axis countries, the WPB reported. The United Nations are out-producing the Axis almost two to one at present.

Washington Digest

Definite Show-Down Likely On Offensive Against Japan

Chinese Feel That Success of Madame Chiang Kai-shek's Mission to United States Will Determine Future of Their Country.

> By BAUKHAGE News Analyst and Commentator.

WNU Service, 1343 H Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

In a hospital in an American city one of the great women of the world is lying under treatment for serious but not critical trouble. The doc-tors have said assuringly that the trouble is not dangerous, that Madame Chiang Kai-shek will soon be well.

Several million Chinese are wait-

ing anxiously for her recovery. Although the matter has not been formally discussed as yet, it can safely be predicted that when Madame Chiang Kai-shek recovers and she takes the house she has rented in Washington, her mission will not be secret long. According to hints dropped in reliable quarters, this mission is to obtain a definite showdown on immediate aid to China in the form of an all-out Allied offensive against Japan.

The offensive must be made up of a shuddering and shattering air attack on the heart of the Nipponese empire-on Tokyo, on Yokohama, on harbors and cities, on factories and templed hills. At the same time a huge Chinese army, well equipped with supplies from America and India, must be ready to advance for invasion.

It is explained that Japan is preparing for a knockout blow against China. Its objective is not to control the whole of Chinese territory, but to strike northward from Thailand and Burma; to take Chungking and isolate the Chinese armies which are not destroyed; or permanently to cut these armies off from all aid from the Allies by blocking off the approach from the Indian border, along the frontiers of Burma and Thailand and the eastern coast, which they already hold.

The Japanese would also encourage and aid the formation of a large communist state in China in order to further add to the confusion of the political situation which the invasion would serve to bring about. This the Chinese believe Japan could do unless aid from the Allies comes that it would not be impossible for the Stalin regime, a great re Japan to accomplish this.

As nearly as I am able to gauge opinion here, the course that the United Nations strategy will probably follow is this: A real offensive against Japan by the spring at least; the strong probability of another front to be opened somewhere else before then. The United States has a million men in its armed forces outside the borders of the United States now. It will have more before long.

Russia's Role

In War and Peace

Recently I heard an American who had spent a long time in Russia and not long since returned to America give a vest-pocket version of Russia's role in the war and her possible role in the post-war settlements. It may be a picture colored over-brightly with the tints of wishful thought, but I present it for what it is worth.

The Russians will not quit until the last dog (their version of the invader) is hung. After the peace they will co-operate in establishing the kind of a peace which the United States would like to see established. Several reasons are offered as to

why many experts utterly misjudged the power of the Red armies. One explanation is that the offensive strength of the Germans was over-estimated.

The next explanation is that the Russian, traditionally, will fight an invader with fatalistic fury, provided he is armed.

Although both of these statements are accepted as sound, another explanation is offered. It has to do with the reason why the Russian army was able to put up its remarkable resistance and develop a powerful striking power-how the "traditional" fury was stimulated.

This is my informant's interpretation, a part of which is not new, but which offers the basis of his prediction as to the future conduct of Russia.

He says that under the present regime, especially since the various long-time plans under Stalin have been inaugurated, the younger Rushuman being's natural desire for will be.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS OF A COLUMNIST. COMMENTATOR

I will try to write and talk as much like a human being as pos-

I won't use any words on paper or on the air I don't use on the street car and I will be sure I know what the words I do use

I will not talk or write down to my audience or up to my news

I will swallow my snorts and coughs and wheezes until I can signal the engineer to cut off the

I will try to keep personal prejudices out of my manuscript if I can't always keep it out of my voice.

I will not threaten to murder the people who write in and accuse me of saying the opposite of what I did say.

I will read all my mail and answer it in person if a stamp is enclosed, or on the air, or, if there is no other way, in spirit.

I will be grateful for the two miraculous inventions, the printing press and the radio, which permit me to have my say without being interrupted or talked

hope and faith. Stalin was able to create a faith in his regime, not so much in the theory of communism, but in the government which had shorn off considerable socialistic attributes and borrowed where it had to from capitalism. And the various plans had awakened a hope in the people that this regime would give them a lot of the things that they began to find out other nations had.

They were, therefore, fighting to realize the hope that they would get the things which the regime, in which they had faith, had promised them and a part of which they had

already realized. Now comes the next step. There first. Military observers here agree has grown up, with the blessing of for many things about America as a country with whose help the Russian can obtain the things which he hopes for and which he knows the Americans possess.

Therefore, Russia's aim is to help the Allies win the war and also help with the peace with the expectancy that in return America will help Russia to realize its hopes.

That is the way my informant tells the story-and, I might add, that is the way America "hopes" history will one day record it.

Questionnaires

The other day I was sitting beside a man who has a great deal to do with whether you and I will be running our automobiles next year. Soniebody asked him what he thought about these questionnaires which farmers who want gasoline or tires have to fill out.

This gentleman paused quite awhile.

"I can't tell you what I think of them," he replied sadly, "while there are ladies present." I would like to tell you that man's

name, but it was a strictly private gathering. In any case, I hope it will show you that all Washington officials are not bureaucrats and since this man is a man of action, you can count on his help to carry out some of the recommendations of the Truman committee on gasoline and fuel rationing.

"The farmer with a small truck operating 12 hours a day," says an informal report of the committee, working 12 hours a day to keep body and soul together and to contribute in some small measure to the war effort finds himself suddenly obliged to digest a 32-page pamphlet of instructions and fill out an elaborate questionnaire requiring detailed data on activities long past from entirely nonexistent records."

This is the thing Washington is now fighting against. All that is needed is to get someone who is "familiar with the problem of the small farmer and truck operator" to make up the questions. And that is the prescription that will have to sian generation, deprived of the be applied in the writing of all queschurch, has sought an outlet for a tionnaires in the future. Perhaps it



CHAPTER I

Arriving at Cabeza de Negro was fike coming home. Neither Curt nor Lee had ever visited the one-time small fishing port in the old days, but that was the way it hit them now as it rose up out of the sea. Once it had been only a collection of manaca shacks on stilts, cut off from inland by fever-ridden marshes. An unhealthy spot for white men. Today all that was changed-or fast changing.

They were up at dawn for the early docking and to watch the long, low blur on the horizon which slowly became the Tierra Libre coastline. Lee caught her breath as that blur took shape. Her memories of it were precious.

True, she'd been happy since, and now she had the boys. But no happiness, not even the children, could ever erase from her mind those first years here with Curt. Hard working days for him, in a job for which he was born, romance and beauty

in the tropic setting for her.

Meanwhile, Buddy and Chuck
were clamoring and tugging unnoticed at the ends of their split leash-they couldn't be allowed free run of the deck.

"Anuvver dog wace, Daddy," begged Chuck in the fuzzy tones of a four-year old.

He didn't yet have Buddy's clarity of speech, for Buddy was all of six and quite a man.

Curt obligingly called, "One, two, three, go," and the children scampered down the deck on all fours, barking and pulling their leashes

taut. This play brought Curt and Lee to the vessel's stern where their eyes caught the flat black smudge in the distance. A lean, low gray vessel was cutting in toward the coast far-

ther to the north. "Headed for Soledad," Curt muttered, and the frown returned to his forehead.

Lee clutched his arm.

"It's a destroyer! One of ours, Jeff! Must be. And it's racing! Do you suppose . . . there wasn't any word on the bulletin board . . ." Curt patted her hand and smiled

down at her. "Don't be getting any ideas," he

said, and was immediately conscious he'd taken a second or so too long in replying. 'There's no revolution here. Uncle Sam's just paying a courtesy call. We're doing more of that than we used to throughout the Caribbean." "But it's speeding! See how the

smoke lays flat from the funnels!" "That's caused by the wind from around Punta Cauca, honey. Our smoke would look the same if we

were in that position." Once more, as he stood against the rail with Lee, Curt went over in his mind the string of events leading up to their presence here on the Pisces-as he'd done so many times these past several nights, lying awake in the dark.

He and Lee had been dawdling over a late breakfast, while the children played on the lawn within range of the open windows. He had the morning paper folded to handy size and propped against the coffee urn, and was sunk in a roving reporter's column purporting to give the progress of bomb-proofing the Panama Canal.

It took Lee several efforts to break through to him. It was the final "Jeff Curtis!" that did it, and he looked up to discover she'd been running over the morning mail. There was a storm signal in her eyes and she was tapping the knuckles of one hand with a long, flat envelope.

"Who do I know in Cristobal?" he said easily. "Why, no one, I guess. There's old Jim Bragg over on the Pacific side. Letter? Gimme."
"Only mailed from Cristobal." He

read aloud the letterhead: "'Compania Agricola Tropical, San Alejo, Tierra Libre. Port, Cabeza de Ne-gro. Cable, CAT.' Huh. Who do you suppose they are? Cabeza's that little fishing village down the coast from Soledad, but I never heard of San Alejo." He glanced at the end of the letter. "Signed, 'Apolonio Mon-taya, President and General Man-ager.' Never heard of him." He ran his eye down the first page

and looked up to exclaim:

"Why, honey, it's a new banana outfit! Opening up twenty thousand bectares between the rivers Masica and Negro. But that stuff's all swampland! You remember, Lee, that big stretch of swamp across the Negro, dotted with a few spots of jungle?"

"And the mosquitoes!"

Curt grinned and skimmed over | the rest of the letter hurriedly. Lee saw his growing excitement as he straightened in his chair.

"Lee! They're offering me the job of Chief Engineer!" He took a deep breath and went on more slowly, soberly. "But they say the offer's contingent upon residence with family for term of contract. Three years. Of course, if I had the job I'd like to have you and the kids with me, but-"

Lee rose and went around to him, pushing back the table to sit on his knees and look him gravely, misgivingly, in the eyes. Here was a situation to be handled, one to be nipped in bud. It took her a moment to find the right words.

"You'd like that job, wouldn't you, darling?" It was more statement than ques-

He lowered his eyes. "Well, I'd-I'd-yes, sure I would! That'd be a real job! Just think, Lee. Drainage, levees, floodgates, railroad, power plants-all kinds of projects! And



"They're offering me the job of Chief Engineer!"

honey," his eyes flamed, "a chance to work on that overhead irrigation system I missed out on when we came north."

"Yes, I know. But you'll leave it to me to decide, won't you?" "Well-l, yes, Lee," he faltered. "I guess I'll have to."

She looked a long moment into his eyes, then pushed a forefinger in circles through his thick, curly hair before kissing him lightly.

"It will hurt, dear," she said quietly, "but you'll have to forget it. There are Buddy and Chuck. We can't take them to a malarial swamp-and with Buddy ready for school this year."

"But, Lee, they cover that here! They say—" He swallowed hard, dodging her steady gaze. "They say they have excellent accommodations halfway up the Quebrado Mountains, including school, hospital, clubhouse, swimming pool, tennis courts. They claim there's no fever in their settlement—San Alejo, they call it—and Lee, we ought to like it as well as we liked Puerto Soledad."

Lee got up and stood at the window, hands locked behind her. At length, without turning, Lee asked, "How do you know they're

responsible people?" "I wouldn't accept without investi-

gating them!" "The letter is headed San Alejo,

Tierra Libre, but it's mailed in a plain envelope from Cristobal," she mentioned.

"Oh, that's explainable. They put their mail aboard an Associated ship at Soledad, no doubt, whose purser dropped it at Cristobal for faster air service. It came by air, you

"And the plain envelope?" "Well-l . . ." Curt fidgeted. "I don't think that means anything. Maybe they were out of printed ones. Or perhaps," his voice quickened, "in mailing it on an Associated vessel they were being wary of

Associated finding out too much

about them. They're rivals, Lee." "I have a feeling, I can't explain, but-" She bit her lip. "No, that's a woman's trick, that's not fair." Finally, with reluctance, she said,

'Well, at least it wouldn't do any harm to find out more about these

"Sweetheart!" Curt shouted. Her next words were muffled

against his shoulder: "Well, I hope I'm not a sugar-and-water wife." He didn't see the tears in her eyes. Curt had put in a short-wave

phone call for Jerry McInnis, his closest friend during the years he'd worked in the tropics. McInnis was now Chief Engineer for the Associated Fruit Growers at Puerto Soledad. The call came through later that morning. Greetings were quickly over. Then:

"Jerry, what do you know about the Compania Agricola Tropical? Claim to have that swamp between the Negro and the Masica-

"Yeh, I know, only it won't be a swamp much longer. They're doing a swell job of reclamation, Curt. Well, I don't know much about them. Guy called Montaya heads the outfit. There's a whisper around he was hooked up with Cedillo in Mexico and got out by the skin of his teeth when that revolt failed. But that's only gossip, take it for what it's worth. Seems to have plenty dough behind him, but I don't know where it comes from. Old Man Moore probably has the lowdown, but you know how tightlipped he is."

Moore was General Manager in Tierra Libre for Associated Fruit Growers.

"Who's in with this Montaya?" "Don't rightly know, Curt. Montaya seems the only top man so far's can see. There's a couple of Swedes I don't know anything about -except they hold their liquor and don't talk. Youngish guys. And a Dutchman-Hollander, I mean-a chemical man. Panama disease has shown up over on our side and if they're going to raise bananas they'll have to find some means of combating-"

"Yes, sure. But how come Associated didn't have that piece tied up? Never heard of anyone getting ahead of Old Man Moore before."

"Well, we've already got plenty of good land, all we can handle now or in the reasonable future. And this piece'll cost real money to develop. Why all these questions,

"Under your hat, Jerry, they've offered me the job of Chief Engineer. Wanted to know more about them. Think they're reliable?"

"Well-I, yes, Curt, they are, so far's I know. But I'd hate to have you make a decision on my say-so." A wary, reluctant note had crept into McInnis' voice.

"Who's been handling the job?" "Chigger Mitchell."

"What! Old Mitch? He's a good man. What happened they need another?"

"Well, you know how Mitch was kind of tough on labor. A driver and all that. And he could sure find a guy's weak spot and dig under the skin. He didn't get the name 'Chigger' for nothing. Well, he must've made an enemy over there who wanted a souvenir. Anyway, his ears were missing when they found him-just a few days ago, it was-and they had to use a basket for the rest of him. These machetes are bad stuff, as you know well

Early in the morning Curt wired his acceptance to the C. A. T. people's New Orleans office. Back came, overnight, a contract for signature. And things moved fast.

Curt had less than twenty-four hours to wind up all his affairs in the States, store the car, arrange for care and lease of the house through an agent, for forwarding of their mail .

Their mail! The first batch, readdressed and sent by air to New Orleans, caught up with Curt just before they sailed. Busy with details of baggage and boarding ship, he hastily stuffed the handful of letters into his pocket.

It was hours before he thought of it and hauled it forth for inspection. The ship had reached the mouth of the Mississippi; they'd dropped the pflot and were headed out into the Gulf. One letter was a small plain envelope, postmarked Puerto Soledad, Tierra Libre. Inside was a brief note.

"Mr. Curtis. Don't bring your family to San Alejo, don't come yourself. Don't come! Zora Mitch-

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Lesson for January 3

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THE GLORY OF THE SON OF GOD

LESSON TEXT—John 1:1-14.
GOLDEN TEXT—And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.

A New Year! It brings a thrill to our hearts, for even in this year of our Lord 1943 we may look forward with expectancy to God's blessing upon us and be hopeful that better things are ahead. Yet we do so with a sense of sadness as we realize that our world is so far from God, and with a deep feeling of responsibility for our life and testimony in the coming months.

There could be no better way to begin any year-and certainly not this year-than by the study of God's Word. This should be done in the home and in the church, but may we suggest that this is an especially good time to enter into the fellowship of your local Sunday school.

Were we to select a Scripture portion with which to start the year we could not find a finer one than the Gospel according to John.

I. In the Beginning-the Living Word (vv. 1-3).

God reveals Himself to man. As the word is the express image of the thought, so in an infinitely greater sense Christ, the Living Word, is the express image of God (see Heb.

In "the beginning," spoken of in Genesis 1:1, Jesus Christ already "was" (v. 1); and He not only "was with God," but He Himself "was God." He, the Living Word, the complete and final revelation of God as both Creator and Redeemer, was the infinite and eternal God. He came to bring to man the reassuring message of God's redeeming love.

The profound depth of these verses is beyond the deepest thinker, but their glorious message of redemption is simple enough for the understanding of the youngest child. We may receive truth which we cannot fully understand and be blessed by it.

II. In the World—the True Light

(vv. 4-11).

He is both the life and the light of men. In fact, His life was the light that shined (yes, and still shines) in the darkness of this world, revealing God's love.

But the world did not receive the light. His own world knew Him not (v. 10). How tragic! Yet even deeper is the hurt of verse 11-His own people received Him not.

And it is so today. Nations refuse His light upon world problems and try to fight them out. Class hatred; capital against labor; the "have" egainst the "have not"; yes, even the bitter fightings between professed Christians, all bespeak the fact that the shining of the "true light which lighteth every man" has not been permitted to penetrate very far into this dark world.

However, it has reached, by God's grace, into the hearts of believers, and there it has brought forth giorious results.

III. In the Believer-Power and Glory (vv. 12-14).

Those who receive Christ are born again. It is not a matter of "blood," that is, of family or heredity. Nor is it "by the will of the flesh," that is, by natural instinct or development of an inherent divine spark. And it is not by "the will of man," for it does not come by human will power.

It is "of God," a divine rebirth which gives power in the life, and authority to declare one's self to be the child of God (v. 12). This is all so clear and so altogether desirable for both time and eternity that one wonders why all do not at once turn to Christ as Saviour. Have you?

The believer also sees in the Word which "was made flesh and dwelt among us," the glory of "the only begotten of the Father." All that such an expression means we shall not know until we reach eternity, but that does not prevent the believer from beholding, by the eye of faith, his glorious Saviour, the One who is "full of grace and truth."

John, the "man sent from God" (v. 6), was a witness to the Light to the intent that men "might believe." We, too, are to be witnesses, and that includes every one of us who knows Jesus Christ as Redeemer and Lord.

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Our Wish for Your New Year

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May the next twelve months bring you blessings beyond your most hopeful expectations.

Willis Smith



As we turn over a new and—let us hope—brighter page for 1943, this organization wants to add its good wishes for peace and good will to the grand total.

At the same time we thank you one and all for your generous support during the past year.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL



ALL OF US HAVE MOVED STEADILY FORWARD THROUGH A TRYING YEAR, WITH OUR HEADS UP AND COURAGE HIGH. OUR SINCERE WISH IS THAT THE NEW YEAR OF 1943 SHALL BRING NEW VISION, NEW COURAGE, NEW REASON FOR HOPE AND OPTIMISM, AND THAT IT WILL BRING MANY UNEXPECTED REWARDS TO YOU.

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HIS little greeting comes to you wrapped up with our best wishes for a New Year brim full of the good things of life. And as day follows day in 1943 we hope these good things will continue to come your way.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

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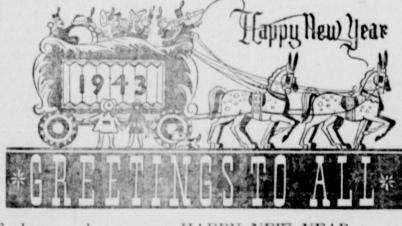
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Frank Percifull

U. S. Farmers With Less Labor, Supplies, Machinery, Must Double the Production Shown in World War I

Herculean Task Requires Advance Painstaking Plans

Before they win 1943's global battle for food, farmers of this country must solve a doublebarreled problem.

They must produce record highs of foods and fibers with less machinery, equipment, supplies and labor. Enough food and fiber not only for civilians of this country, but for those of the United Nations, for our fighting men and those of our Allies.

That's a task a Hercules might shy from; a job which demands painstaking advance planning.

To this end, the department of agriculture has again established food and fiber goals for the nation, as it did in 1942. (See accompanying diagrams.) These goals have been broken down into state goals, which in turn are being broken down into goals for each of the 3,090 counties of the United States.

Throughout the nation, America's 6,000,000 farmers are now talking over the goals with neighbors who are Agricultural Adjustment Agency (AAA) farmer-committeemen. Eventually, goals will be set for each farm, with the producer signing a voluntary "production contract." A contract which, in effect, is a pledge to the nation that he'll keep food and fiber rolling to all fronts, at home and abroad.

Broadly, food and fiber goals in 1943 call for the same over-all production total that farmers achieved this year when their efforts resulted in an all-time production high-12 per cent greater than that of any previous year in American history! Just what does that 12 per cent gain represent?

It represents a gain in production which is more than twice that achieved during the five-year period covering World War I.

It is by far the greatest production gain that has ever been made in a single year by American agricul-

That gives one a rough idea of what America's farmers are up against in 1943. Besides wartime obstacles which will grow to evergreater proportions, farmers must assume that they're going to have normal weather next year, another way of saying "bad weather" compared with this year when growing conditions were better than they've been in years.

ference will have to be made up by more efficient farming, by more intensive farming, by planting crops where they'll grow best, by vigorous, unremitting effort on the part of all civilians to help farmers get labor, equipment and materials.

Waste Must Go.

The farmer's objective in the Battle for Food, 1943, will be to reach each goal without wasting an ounce of effort, a minute of time, an acre of land, or a sliver of material and machinery.

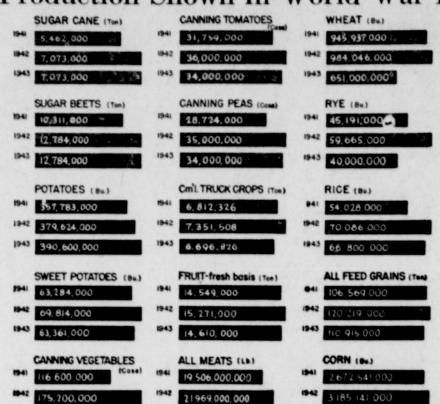
one goal without jeopardizing his chances of reaching another.

He must face the fact that there aren't enough land resources in America for much acreage expansion. He must apply the principle of selective service to his acres.

For example, he knows that only about seven million acres of land can be added to the 1942 figure of 340 million acres put to row crops. small grains and hay crops.

But he also knows that he can make that added acreage count for more by putting it to war crops which bring higher yields than crops he would normally plant.

By wise expansion of this sort, by



For 1943 Mr. Farmer must see to it that there is a great increase in all meats and corn. (But there will be a reduction in canning vegetables,

count most, it will be possible to get as great a production in 1943 as in 1942 of the things for which we have the most critical need. In some cases, production may be greater.

Thus, the farmer is out to get more meat, dairy and poultry products, hides and by-products.

About the same production of fresh vegetables for consumption and processing, of dry beans and dry peas and potatoes, sugar and rice.

Almost the same feed-grain production, pasture and forage crops. More fiber flax, hemp, long staple cotton and about the same produc-

tion of other cotton and tobacco. To get more of these all-important crops, the farmer knows that he must plant less of others. Wheat is an outstanding example. We have enough on hand to take care of normal needs for two years without raising another grain. It would be virtual sabotage to put more land



Mr. American Farmer He will do the job

Only by doing this can he reach to wheat in 1943. Consequently, the goal for wheat has been lowered.

Demand for dairy products in 1943 will exceed supply, but bread grains will be abundant. Although meat production reached a record high this year, and will probably be higher next, rationing is necessary because of unprecedented demand. However, the ration will allow the average consumer about as much

meat as usual. The man who has devoured a large T-bone or two each day will have to change his habits. It may be good for him, nutritionally speaking.

The 1943 goals are closely linked to the nation's dietary needs. For shifting other acres to crops that the number of planes and tanks and

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There must be more hogs, more milk, more lard, more and still more beef cattle. But not as much cotton, or barley, or oats.

Vitamins and Victory

During the dark days of 1940 in England, British doctors noticed that superficial scratches which should have healed in a day or two were taking two weeks to heal. They found that a lack of vitamins in people's blood was the cause. There's a direct connection between vitamins and victory.

ships and guns turned out by workers is determined largely by the kind and quantity of food they eat.

Take the figures on comparative days lost by strikes and sickness in 1941. About 20 times as many man-days were lost by sickness as by strikes in that year. And the most prevalent illness was the common cold which, doctors say, can be best prevented by a good diet.

Good food is the equivalent of millions of laborers. The British, for example, have pointed out that production is 15 to 20 per cent greater when their workers are eating as they should.

Vitamin B curbs nervousness and digestive troubles; vitamin C wards off scurvy, bad teeth and many similar ailments. Scurvy was an important factor in the internal breakdown in Germany in 1918. That Hitler knows this is only too evident from the way he is bleeding the occupied countries of Europe. Scurvy has been responsible for more deaths than all the weapons of war combined.

Food for good diets is not the only thing the farmer is after as he sets out to meet 1943 goals.

He wants fibers and oils and other crops which are vital to the maintenance of our war industries.

In 1942 farmers raised enough soybeans, flaxseed, peanuts and cottonseed to produce 530 million gallons of vegetable oil-54 per cent more than in 1941. Our Allies are asking for five times as much vegetable oil as we normally export to all nations.

Next year's vegetable oil goal calls for about as much as the record 1942 production. If farmers meet the test, the resulting geysers will literally drown the Axis. For vegetable oils are the source of glycerine used in explosives; they are used in protective paints for battleships, planes and other war machines; and they have a thousand industrial uses -to say nothing of their use in foods and cooking.

Suffice to say the farm job in 1943 is all-important, to farmers and civilians alike. Perhaps the greatest obstacle will be lack of help on the farm.

Fortunately, it is in overcoming this obstacle that civilians can do most to help the farmer.

This year, townspeople, school children, professional men and women, college youth and men from army camps achieved miracles on harvest fields throughout the nation. Even British sailors pitched in to help harvest our bountiful food and fiber supplies.

Next year the job will be much tougher. The department of agriculture estimates that the nation could use 11/2 million more fulltime workers than there are in sight to do the job.

The department has thrown every one of its agencies into the farm labor fight, and it is receiving valuable assistance from other agencies

of the government. However, it is going to take the continuing efforts of civilians and others to fill the gap.

Through such co-operation-and sheer hard work on his part-the farmer will get his job done.

A SERIES OF SPECIAL ARTICLES BY THE LEADING WAR CORRESPONDENTS

Red Tape ... Enemy

By Lieut.-Gen. Brehon Somervell

(WNU Feature—Through special arrangement with American Magazine)

Red Tape is slowing down our war effort, and if we don't cut and burn every shred of it, we may yet lose this war.

Men and women sit smugly at home and are shocked by newspaper reports that red tape is delaying deliveries of vital war material. But in their own homes, and in millions of similar homes, red tape is getting in its dastardly work.

The housewife's red tape may be in her housekeeping methods. She finds it "impossible" to alter her menus to fit food shortages, so she becomes a hoarder. She must dust the guest room every Wednesday, so if the Red Cross meets on Wednesday, she can't possibly go.

Habit binds her husband to golf or poker dates, so he continues to buy luxuries he thinks are necessities and can't spare money for war

In nearly every store and office old methods of procedure are wasting man hours. Many a business could release men and women for war work, if unnecessary forms, reports, letters and conferences were eliminated.

There is too much paper work in government, but government isn't the only horrible example.

No matter where you live, you would hotly resent it if you were told that your state, and perhaps your city, was holding up the war effort. Yet dozens of states and hundreds of cities, are tangled in red tape that prevents them from changing peacetime laws to fit wartime conditions.

State Laws Hamper.

State taxes on war contracts definitely cramp our war effort. Different sets of state laws on truck loads, length of trucks, drivers licenses, weight and gasoline taxes, delay truck shipments. Truck drivers have been sent to jail for technical violations, and munitions of war have been held up because local red tape.

There are state and local regulations on building, excellent in normal times, but hindrances in war. Building codes force extravagant use of strategic materials. State laws require long-drawn hearings by public utility commissions before new bus lines can start hauling workers to plants.

Most states boast food public health laws applying to milk, but they were written before hundreds of thousands of soldiers moved into these states. In some of them, all the milk legally obtainable is not enough for the army.

Few persons who are tangled in red tape realize their dilemma even when their best friends tell them. They protest: "You've got to do it this way. We've got a system. We have to use it."

To such persons, I like to relate an old story about a man who sold an elaborate system of forms and files to a manufacturer. After a few months the salesman returned and asked: "How's the system working?"

"Wonderful," said the manufacturer. "How's business?" asked the salesman.

"Business?" the manufacturer repeated. "Oh, there isn't any. We've all been too busy running the system to bother with business."

Red tape generally is defined as customs, rules, and procedures that cause unnecessary delay. It is everywhere-for it is a state of mind as well as a method of procedure. Red tape is the act of postponing decisions, taking your time, playing safe, following routine, stifling initiative, quitting when the whistle blows, business as usual, politics, picnics and golf as usual.

This war is total war. That means that every ounce of muscle and brain in every able-bodied man and woman must be used. It means that we must discard everything that doesn't help win the war.

We have only one objective, and we must evade, ignore, erase and knock out all rules, restrictions and habits that get in our way.

The army's Service of Supply this year will spend approximately 32 billion dollars.

Gems of Thought

THERE is no man so successful as he who does not await the arrival of his opportunity, but sets out and makes

No earthly good so much enjoyed No pleasant scene so fair, As when we have some worthy friend, Its beauties we may share.

-W. M. HINMAN. It's a comfortable thought that the smallest . . . mud-puddle can contain its own pic-

ture of heaven - Nathaniel

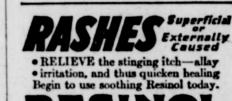
Brothers quarrel like thieves inside a house, but outside their swords leap out in each other's defense.-Proverb.

Hawthorne.



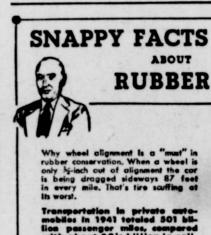
Alaskan Totem Poles

An Alaskan Indian totem pole records the important events in the family life. Out-of-town relatives recognize their kin-folk's dwelling place by familiar markings on the totem pole.



Blind Impulses

Unhappily, in the scales of human judgment the clear dictates of reason are too often outweighed by the blind impulses of the passions.-Sir James Frazer.



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As time goes on advertising is used more and more, and as it is used more we all profit more. It's the way advertising has—

of bringing a profit to everybody concerned, the consumer included

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB I love to hear this music box; It tells of times that used to be The little tunes it tinkles out Just sound so lavendar to me

WNU Features.

CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT

RAZOR BLADES

KENT BLADES The Outstanding Blade Value

Recruit Certainly Was Considerate of Horses

The recruit was on night guard in the horse lines. At midnight the sergeant went round to see if all was well, but could see nothing of the guard.

"Hey," lustily shouted the ser-geant, "who's on guard here?" A sleepy-looking creature crept

silently from behind some cornsacks. "What are you doing?" asked

the sergeant. "Marching around," said the re-

"What, without boots!" demand-

ed the sergeant. "I took 'em off so I shouldn't wake the horses."

Great Small

Great men never feel great; small men never feel small.-Chinese Proverb.



PUT HOUSEHOLD BUDGETS TO WAR WORK HOARD YOUR PENNIES TO BUY WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

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Kidneys Must Work Well-

For You To Feel Well For You To Feel Well

24 hours every day, 7 days every
week, never stopping, the kidneys filter
waste matter from the blood.

If more people were aware of how the
kidneys must constantly remove surplus fluid, excess acids and other waste
matter that cannot stay in the blood
without injury to health, there would
be better understanding of why the
whole system is upset when kidneys fail
to function properly.

Burning, scanty or too frequent urination sometimes warns that something
is wrong. You may suffer nagging backache, headaches, dizziness, rheumatic
pains, getting up at nights, swelling.

Why not try Doan's Fills? You will
be using a medicine recommended the
country over Doan's Fills? You

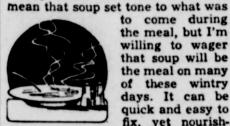




Soup . . . Serve It Hot and Savory! (See Recipes Below)

Savory Soups

Soup makes the meal! It used to



to come during the meal, but I'm willing to wager that soup will be the meal on many of these wintry days. It can be quick and easy to

fix, yet nourishing and full-bodied in flavor. Serve substantial soup as a main course for a luncheon or dinner with a salad crammed with vitamins and minerals, and a dessert.

Green split peas have long been favorite ingredient of soup. Here they are combined with salami. Other kinds of substitutes of meats or left-over ham may be effectively substituted if you so desire.

*Split Pea and Salami Soup. (Serves 6) 11/2 cups green split peas 4½ cups cold water 1 cup sliced onions cup diced celery

11/2 teaspoons salt 1/2 pound salami 3 cups milk Salt to suit taste

Dash black pepper Soak peas in cold water for hours, in large kettle; add onions, celery, and 11/2 teaspoons of salt. Bring to boiling point, cover, and simmer 21/2 hours, stirring occasionally. Remove outer covering from salami and cut in small cubes or strips; add to soup (saving a few pieces for garnish). Simmer 30 minutes longer. Add milk and pepper and additional salt to suit taste. Bring to boiling point.

It's a nice custom to serve just an old-fashioned Brown Onion Soup with its garnish of toasted rye bread and cheese.

Onion Soup. (Serves 8) 6 (1 pound) onions tablespoons butter quart soup stock slices bread

3 tablespoons grated cheese

Lynn Says:

Spots and Stains: Holidays bring with them the inevitable stains on your linens. Since you can't avoid stains, be prepared to know what to do about them.

The American Institute of Laundering releases the information that the best way to take care of cranberry stains is to spread the cloth over a bowl and pour hot water on the stain from a height sufficient to allow the water to strike the cloth forcefully. It may interest you to know

that raw cranberries weaken the strength of the cloth 25 per cent, whereas cooked cranberries only weaken it 21.1 per cent to 22.4 per cent.

Coffee stains, cocoa, and fruit juice stains wash out if the cloth is allowed to stand in a solution of cold dilute potassium permanganate for a minute or two. If the stain remains, reduce it further with an application of warm solution of sodium hydrosulfite.

Milk, cream and ice cream stains are best treated by being soaked in cool suds before washing in hot water. For candle grease stains, use a solvent such as carbon tetrachloride, sponging it on with a small pad of cotton on the cloth under which a blotter has been placed. Pat lightly but do not rub solvent.

This Week's Menu

Split Pea and Salami Soup Celery Slaw Rye Bread and Butter Sandwiches Baked Pear •Recipes Given

Cut onions into 1/4-inch slices. Cook slowly in butter until tender and slightly browned, stirring constantly. Add soup stock, heat to boiling point, boil 2 or 3 minutes. Toast bread, put toasted cubes in each soup plate, cover with 2 tablespoons cheese. Pour the hot soup over all and serve with additional cheese if

Another soup that can take the place of a main dish is a real Fish Chowder. This Chowder makes use of haddock or cod and salt pork.

Fish Chowder. (Serves 6)

3 pounds haldock or cod cut in a solid piece

4 cups boiling water

ounces fat salt pork 3 medium-sized onions, peeled

and sliced 4 medium-sized potatoes, peeled

and sliced 1 quart milk, scalded

1 tablespoon salt 1/4 teaspoon pepper Simmer fish in 2 cups water until tender; strain, reserving liquid. Dis-

card bones, skin, etc., cut pork fine and brown slightly. Add onions, potatoes and remaining water

and cook until potatoes are tender. Combine with fish mixture. Add scalded milk, salt and pepper. A piquant and



colorful salad to serve with a soup combines winter vegetables with a sharp french dressing and goes well with soup.

*Celery Slaw. (Serves 4)

cup celery, diced cup cooked beets, diced 11/2 cups cabbage, shredded 2 tablespoons onion, minced 1/4 cup french dressing Salt and pepper to taste

Combine celery, beets, cabbage, onion, french dressing, salt and pepper. Chill. Serve in lettuce cups. Garnish with hard-cooked egg.

If you're too busy to make meat stock out of a meat bone and vegetables, called for in some of the soups, make a bouillon, by dissolving one of the concentrated cubes in boiling water.

For quicky soups combine some of your favorite canned soups like tomato and green pea, mushroom and chicken, bean and tomato, mushroom and celery, etc.

Try topping soups with a dash of paprika, chopped parsley, popcorn, grated cheese, toasted bread cubes, and swirls of whipped cream.

Lynn Chambers can tell you how to dress up your table for family dinner or festivities, give you menus for your parties or tell you how to balance your meals in accordance with nutritional standards. Just write to her, explaining your problem, at Western Newspaper Union, 210 South Desplaines Street, Chicago, Illinois. Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your answer.

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A quiz with answers offering information on various subjects

The Questions

1. In the navy, which hours of watch are called the dog watch? 2. What state has the most populous capital city?

3. Who was the only woman ever to receive two Nobel prizes? 4. Where is the body of John

Paul Jones buried? 5. What is the largest state east of the Mississippi river?

6. Who gave the Pacific ocean

its name? 7. A pleasure-seeking person is

sometimes called what?

8 Achilles, the hero of Homer's "Iliad," was mortally wounded in what part of the body?

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### The Answers

Four to six p. m. Massachusetts (Boston). Marie Curie (one in chemis-

try and one in physics). Naval academy, Annapolis.

Georgia.

Magellan.

A hedonist.

8. The heel, supposedly the only vulnerable spot on his body.





SPRINGS in need of repair should be removed and new webbing stretched across the bottom of the chair seat. The springs are then replaced and the bottoms sewn to the webbing.

Next comes the tying. Cut a generous length of cord and tack it to the back of the seat frame. Using the knot sketched, tie to the back and then the front of the first spring. Continue across the row, finishing in the front, as shown. In the best furniture, springs are tied in this manner from back to front; side to side

Corn meal sprinkled on felt or furs and then brushed off briskly, will leave hat or garment clean and freshened.

Don't iron turkish towels or the nap will be flattened and much of the absorbent quality lost.

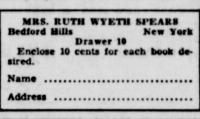
Heavy brown paper may be used as a pressing cloth. Sprinkle with water and iron until dry.

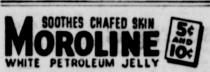
When buying dish towels of mixed cotton, rayon and linen you will do well to ask how much rayon is in the mixture. Those with less than 45 per cent rayon will last well if not laundered too severely.

A monotone color scheme gives a room both personality and an on record costing as much as air of serenity.

and diagonally across rows. About four ounces of the sewing twine and eight of tying twine will do an average chair.

NOTE: If you have springs to repair, be sure to clip and save this article as it is not in any of the homemaking booklets which Mrs. Spears has prepared for our readers. Booklets are numbered from one to eight and No. 5 and 6 contain directions. tions for remodeling old rockers and other out-of-date chairs. Copies are 10 cents each postpaid. Order direct from





Early Band Saw

The introduction of the band saw in American sawmills dates from the Philadelphia Centennial exhibition in 1876, when Henry Disston created a sensation by exhibiting his perfected band saw in actual operation.

## **How To Relieve Bronchitis**

cause it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm, and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, innamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough or you are to have your money back.

CREOMULSION

## for Coughs, Chest Colds, Bronchitis

Christening Gift

When an American battleship is named after a state, the state presents the vessel with a gift, usually a silverware service, one



## RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUCCESS

The man who advertises has assumed the responsibility for success. You would rather deal with a responsible man, wouldn't you?

# MSYSTEM SAND POCKET THE CHANGE

| AND POCKET THE CHANGE                                |      |
|------------------------------------------------------|------|
| * PAY CASH-PAY LESS                                  | *    |
| PEACHES DelMonte Brand in heavy Syrup large No. 21/2 | 21c  |
| PEACHES, Libby's No. 1 tall can                      | 15c  |
| Grape Jam Ma Brown's 1 lb. Jar 2 lb. Jar             | 32c  |
| Figaro Sugar Cure Salt 10 lbs                        | 59c  |
| MATCHES, Firechief, 6 box carton                     | 19c  |
| Baking Powder Clabber Girl large 25 oz. can          | 17.c |
| Vinegar Colored Distilled, full Qt. mason Jar        | 10c  |
| Macaroni Gooch's Best 12 oz.                         | 10c  |
| GOOCH'S Egg Noodles 12 oz. pkg. 2                    | 25c  |
| Raisin Bran Skinner's 2 large pkg.                   | 23c  |
| Bullard's Cane Syrup 5 1bs. 39                       | 69c  |
| SUNBRITE Cleanser can 3 For                          | 14c  |
| Armour's Star Milk 6 small cans                      | 25c  |
| Asparagus No. 300 can                                | 19c  |
| PEARS Evaporated California                          | 19c  |
| PEACHES Golden Brown cured Evaporated lb.            | 21c  |
| BRIGHT & EARLY COFFEE Ib.                            | 24c  |
| Selected fresh Country EGGS dz                       | 35e  |
| Puree Tomato S&S Brand No. 1 can                     | 07c  |
| Dog Food Chubby 4 oz. package For                    | 05c  |
| Peanut Butter - Jane Good - 6 oz, Jar                | 10c  |
| SALT, Morton's 4 lb, sack                            | 10c  |
| FLOUR 34 1h ck                                       | 15c  |

FLOUR 24 lb. sk. 95c Royal 48 lb. sk. \$1.75

CORN Tendersweet pure cream 23c

Pickles, cut sour or dill full quart 10c

Facial Tissue -Bobbette, 500 sheet box 19c

OATS, National Premium, large family size 27c

PINTO BEANS CRC's 10 lbs, 69c

Black Eye Peas 1 lb, cello pkg, 12c

Pure LARD, Morrell's Pride 4 lb. carton 74c CAKE FLOUR, softasilk, large pkg. 25c Tomatoes, Peerless hand pack full No. 2, 2 23c

### PRODUCE

Apples Wash, Delicious med, 29c doz large size 5c each Apples Wash, Fancy Winesap small dz, 19c med, dz 29c Grape Fruit, Texas Marsh see less med dz 27c, lg 4 15c Texas O RANGES med, size 25c doz, large size dcz. 37c Potatoes standard Idaho Russet 10 lbs, 85c mesh bg 39c Carrots So. Tex, 6½c I YAMS E. Tex, lb. 7½c Chili Pods lb, 49c | Garlic lb, 19c Almonds Drake lb. 29c | Pecans Ga. thin sh 39c Apple Pies 33c | O. F. lb, cake 25c

### MARKET

| MARKET                             |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Fresh Pig Liver lb                 | 19c |
| Summer Sausage Ib                  | 27c |
| Seven Bone Steak 1b                | 29c |
| Fresh Ground Meat lb               | 23c |
| Tendered Picnic Hams Ib            | 35c |
| Bologna Sausage sliced or piece lb | 15c |
| Chuck Roast real meaty Ib          | 27c |
| Red Bud Oleo lb                    | 19c |



Wishing you much joy, good luck, cheer, good health and happiness throughout 1943.

And thanking you for having remembered us so kindly in 1942.

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Self Service Laundry

Want Column

FOR SALE

New Hamphire Red Roosters

See Mrs. J. H. Walker

Edith, Texas

FOR SALE OR TRADE

F 12 Tractor See

M. B. Meck, Robert Lee

FOR SALE
Small farm at \$20.00 per
acre. See Young.



Looking back over 1942 we think of the friends who have stood by us through this trying year. Looking forward to 1943, we wish you all the blessings that the better days ahead can bring.

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G. S. ARNOLD

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City Commission.



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SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY & SATURDAY

| No.  | 303 | 3 Kuner | 's | Sliced<br>BEETS  | 10c |
|------|-----|---------|----|------------------|-----|
| No.  | 2   | Kuner's | BI | ut Green<br>EANS | 15c |
| Pint | o E | BEANS   | 10 | lbs.             | 69c |

Flour flaky Bake \$1.70

| 8 oz. Mrs. Winston Apple Jar | 10c |
|------------------------------|-----|
| Raisin BRAN 2 pkgs.          | 23c |
| Qt. B&M Cut Sour or Pickles  | 19c |
| Large OXYDOL box             | 24c |
| Giant Value Soap Chips box   | 50c |
| PRODUCE                      |     |
| Winesap APPLES per doz       | 19c |
| LETTUCE 2 Heads              | 15c |
| Spanish Sweet ONIONS lb.     | 05c |
| MARKET                       |     |
| Round Steak lb.              | 37c |

| Spanish Sweet ONIONS lb.    |     | 0 <b>5</b> c |
|-----------------------------|-----|--------------|
| MARKET                      | •   |              |
| Round Steak                 |     | 37c          |
| T Bone Steak                | lb. | 33e          |
| Plate Rib Roast             | lb. | 24c          |
| Chuck Roast                 | lb, | 27c          |
| Fresh Pork SAUSAGE          | 16. | 32c          |
| Pork Chops                  | Ib. | 34c          |
| Wisconsin Cheese            | lb. | 37c          |
| Water Sliced Dried Beef Jar |     | 16c          |
| Boiling Bacon Salt Cure     | lb, | 16           |