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Farmers Wanted

YES, WE WANT 50 FARMERS

Next Sunday is designated as Rural Life Sunday and we have decided to preach on the subject "Soil Conservation versus Christianity." We want fifty farmers and their families to be present. We are sure you will be helped by the service, of course all classes are very cordially invited.
W. Vasco Teer, pastor

NEWS ITEM

Within the near future a forthcoming amendment will declare A stamp in war ration book -1- valid for 10 lbs. or less (At applicants option) of sugar for home canning.

The stamp will be presented direct to the retailer and will not be necessary for local boards to issue a sugar certificate.

H. O. Whitt, Chairman
Coke County War Price & Rationing Board.

ATTENTION FARMERS

Farmers still have time to get some feed wheat on a car which is being made up now. This will probably be the last car of feed wheat to be ordered at present. The government set price is still \$1.04 per bushel delivered on track at Bronte.

Local Happenings

Mrs. Eldredge Powell had an appendectomy Wednesday at the Shannon Hospital. Her sister Mrs. Sam Williams of Ballinger is at her bedside.

N. H. Scott of Fort Stockton visited his brother H. L. here Tuesday.

A-C Mackie McCutchen of San Antonio is visiting his parents Mr and Mrs. Bill McCutchen.

S. T. Riggs, the shoe repair man and family have recently moved from Robert Lee to Miles.

The Commissioner's Court of Runnels county ordered a county-wide beer election for Saturday, May 29th.

V. W. Bilbo and family of Lake View, New Mexico are here on business and pleasure, visiting homefolks.

S. D. Hoots renews his Observer.

Rev. H. C. Bristow of Coleman was here visiting the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Dean, Monday. Rev. Bristow is a brother of Mrs. Dean.

Victor Wojtek has recently bought the Dr. Griffith place, formerly owned by Mrs. Anna Sparks, in the outskirts of Robert Lee. The Wojtek family plans to move as soon as some repairing and changing can be made on the place.

Lenton, Texas, May 15.—Miss Katie Sue Good of Robert Lee, sophomore student at North Texas State Teachers College, appeared in the annual spring concert presented by the Girls Glee Club in the college auditorium Friday night, May 14.

Miss Good, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Good, is a member of the Senior Current Literature Club. She is working toward a degree in music.

Wedding Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Albin Mika of Sikes have announced the marriage of their daughter, Kathleen and Private Houston H. Jolley of Robert Lee. The wedding took place Jan. 21 in San Angelo.

Pvt. Jolley is stationed at Camp Macral, N. C. and Mrs. Jolley plans to leave soon to join him there.

Houston is a Robert Lee High School graduate and son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Jolley of this place.

Local Items

Pfc. J. F. McCabe spent his vacation with home folks last week.

Mrs. Wilfred Sparks of Sherwood spent 10 days with her parents Mr and Mrs. H. C. Murtishaw.

Aviation Cadet Clell Varnadore has been transferred from Chico, Calif., to Marta, Texas.

Mr. P. N. Williamson of Dallas is here visiting his mother Mrs. J. V. Davis, and sister Mrs. J. C. Slaughter, and was a pleasant caller at the office Wednesday.

The Valley View Community had a fine rain Friday of last week, some parts amounting to 1 1-2 inches. Robert Lee had a light shower.

Pat Nichols was in the city Monday.

Lem Cowley left Saturday morning for the Valley to visit a sister.

John Martin Gramling came in Sunday to spend a few days with his mother.

Rev. and Mrs. Hunt accompanied by Wayne Hulse left Monday for Brownwood, where Wayne is making preparation to enter Howard Payne College.

Judge Arnold is back from Carlsbad, New Mexico where he has been for several days on legal business. While there he went through the Cavern.

Jarvis Littlefield left Sunday for Weatherford, to spend two weeks with his grandparents.

The weather has been unusually cool and cold during the first part of May.

We have had many cloudy days, mist, sprinkles, showers but not enough water.

Lorene Fikes spent last week end with her parents. She has employment with the Banner Creamery at Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Baze of Tivoli, Texas were here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baze last week end. Mr. Baze is with the border patrol.

Bert Duncan who is in the railroad service at Denver, Colorado, spent several days with homefolks recently.

Annual Festival

The big annual "Mother and Father's Day Song Festival" will be held at the Miles Methodist Church Sunday afternoon from 2 to 4:30, May 23, 1943.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

The Robert Lee High School graduated one of the smallest Senior Classes in several years, Friday night, May 14, 1943, at 8:30 P. M. However, it was one of the most outstanding classes ever to be graduated with approximately 70 percent of the Class as Honor Roll Students. Wallace Clift was Valedictorian, Agnes Walker was Salutatorian. Other than the Salutatory and Valedictory, Rex Scoggins read the Class Prophecy; Nita Allen read the Class Will; and Marie Wallace gave a Class Poem. The Choral Club rendered "Trees" and "Beautiful Dreamer." The Class song was the ever popular "Perfect Day."

Supt. Geo. L. Taylor presented diplomas to the following members of the Senior Class of 1943: Wallace Clift, Morgan Cox, Wayne Hulse, Floyd Higgins, Rex Scoggins, Bryan Jolley, Jessie Ray Robertson, Kenneth Lackey, Addie Fish, Irene Gartman, Clema Cowley, Charlene Dean, Nita Allen, Louise Hamilton, Ima Faye Landers, Marie Wallace, and Agnes Walker. Supt. Taylor also presented diplomas to thirty students passing from grade school to high school.

As a recession, Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough sang very impressively, "Going Home" accompanied by Mrs. R. C. Russell.

Power Of The Press

NEWSPAPERS PRAISED BY U. S. TREASURER

The persuasive power of a free press in influencing the ideas, attitudes and actions of free Americans has never been more clearly demonstrated than in the 2nd War Loan. In this single drive our government needed to raise \$13,000,000,000 of extra money to finance a part of our "survive or perish war." It hoped that at least \$13 Billion could be raised in this drive; and that of this total at least \$8 Billion would be invested by non-bank investors.

When the last sale had been recorded it was found that Americans had purchased more than \$18 Billion in 18 working days—MORE THAN ONE BILLION DOLLARS PER DAY.

"A large share of the credit for making Americans aware of the need of putting their money directly to work in War Bonds as a means of combating inflation, must go to our newspapers," Mr. Gilbert said. "In the 2nd War Loan drive they (the newspapers) not only conducted a sustained educational campaign in their editorials, news columns and in advertisements sponsored and paid for at their solicitation by public-spirited advertisers, but they also explained the need for non-bank investment so clearly and in such detail that the advertising, publicity and saleswork of volunteer salespeople, radio stations, poster-advertising, motion picture theatres and every other sales auxiliary was made most effective."

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COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO ORGANIZE INFANTILE PARALYSIS FOUNDATION

The persons named in the authority below are authorized to organize a Coke County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis Inc. and is explained in the following THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR INFANTILE PARALYSIS Incorporated
AUTHORITY TO ORGANIZE A CHAPTER

March 30, 1943.

Authority is hereby granted to the persons named below as a Committee on Organization, to organize a Chapter of The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc., to be known as the Coke County Chapter of The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc., and to have for its jurisdiction Coke County.

Persons Authorized as a Committee on Organization

Mrs. J. N. Buchanan, Robert Lee, Texas.

Mrs. J. S. Craddock, Robert Lee, Texas.

Dr. J. D. Leonard, Bronte, Texas.

Dr. J. K. Griffith, Robert Lee, Texas.

S. R. Young, Robert Lee, Texas.

D. M. West, Bronte, Texas.

Mrs. O. H. Willoughby, Bronte, Texas.

Mrs. C. C. Glenn, Bronte, Texas.

This authorization is granted on the conditions:

1. That the proposed Chapter shall agree to engage in infantile paralysis activities in conformity with the Manual for Chapters and the policies, rules and regulations prescribed and to be prescribed by the Board of Trustees of The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc.

2. That the proposed Chapter shall be organized immediately

By Lt. James P. Wallace

The QM Officer to hold the spotlight this week is Lieutenant Howard B. Millican, another Texas boy, San Angelo to be exact.

Lt. Millican was former Sales Officer, but now holds the "enviable" position of Assistant Property Officer and Purchasing and Contracting Officer in the Quartermaster Corps—his chief attribute being patience and a calm and even disposition.

After enlisting in the Army in March 1941, Lt. Millican was stationed at Fort Warren, Wyoming and Keesler Field, Miss. until his acceptance for O. C. S. He was ordered to Del Rio upon his graduation from O. C. S. Camp Lee Va. and was one of the first officers to arrive at this Field.

He's known as an outstanding officer and a generally "swell fellow" not only by the Quartermaster but the entire Post personal. Laughlin Army Air Field Del Rio, Texas.

Howard is one of our home boys and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Millican of Edith, Tex.

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President.

By Mrs. Geo. H. Pittman,
Texas Representative.

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"FIESTA" -In COLORS

"Don Winslow of the Coast Guard
Also "New Soldier are Tough"

Our Air Mail Observes Its 25th Birthday

By **ELMO SCOTT WATSON**
Released by Western Newspaper Union.

YOU lived on the Atlantic seaboard and you wanted to send a letter to a friend out on the Pacific coast. So you put a two-cent stamp on it, dropped it in the mail and about a week later your friend was reading what you had written.

That was back in 1918.

Today you put a six-cent (air-mail) stamp on your letter and the next day the postman hands it to your friend.

And that, in brief, is the modern version of Aladdin and his magic carpet which has become such a commonplace that we accept it as a matter of course and never give it more than a passing thought.

But Uncle Sam thinks we shouldn't take it so casually. So this month, even while he's busy fighting a global war, he's putting on special ceremonies to honor the 25th anniversary of regular air mail service and he's signed up a number of pioneer air mail pilots, army and navy aviation leaders and others prominent in aviation development, to help him in this nation-wide celebration.

It all began back in May, 1918, when a group of World War I pilots, sitting in the open cockpits of Liberty-powered DeHavillands, began flying the first scheduled air mail service between New York and Washington. Today, as the nation observes the 25th anniversary of that event, air transportation is accomplishing a job which, even two years ago, would have seemed impossible to its most enthusiastic advocates. The 218-mile air route between New York and Washington, which in two decades and a half has developed into respectable proportions as a passenger-mail-express network within the continental United States, and to foreign lands, suddenly has become a vast system of scheduled and unscheduled lines sprawling all over the face of the globe.

Of course, there were demonstrations of the possibilities of delivery by air even before the 1918 New York to Washington venture, such as that of Pilot Earl E. Orvington in carrying letters between Mineola and Long Island, N. Y., away back in 1911. But 1918 is now recognized as the real "birthday" of air mail. For it was in that year that the post office department inaugurated the service in co-operation with the war department which supplied planes and pilots.

President Woodrow Wilson was on hand with a large crowd which saw the start of the service from Washington's Potomac park on May 15, 1918. So successful was the experiment that the post office department began making plans for transcontinental air mail service. It was logical that it should project this route in the air over the mid-continent pathway which had been used by the early explorers on foot, the covered wagon, the Pony Express, the stage coach and the first transcontinental railroad.

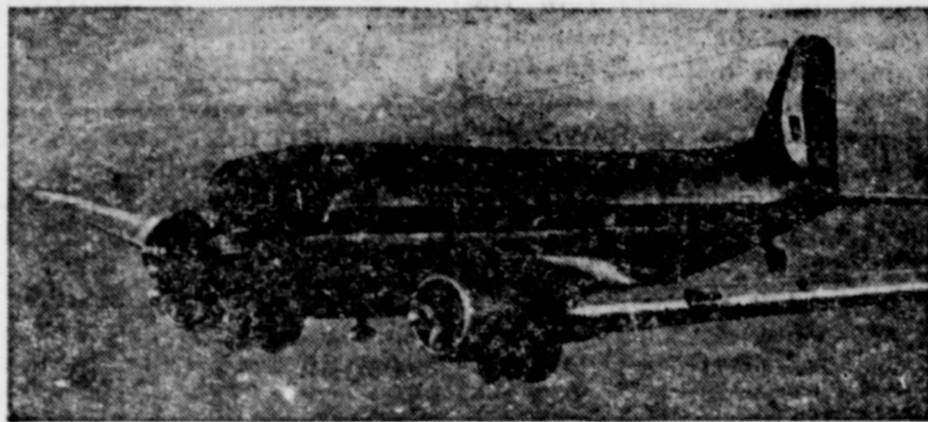
The Chicago-Cleveland leg of the route was opened May 15, 1919; the Cleveland-New York section a month and a half later, on July 1; the Chicago-Omaha on May 15, 1920; and the Omaha-San Francisco on September 8, 1920. Thus, in a little over two years air mail began winging its way from coast to coast. True, it had to depend part of the way on the railroad, for the mail was carried by plane only in daytime and then transferred to trains at night. But, even so, it cut down the travel time for letters to approximately three days.

Looking at this plane-railroad arrangement, air mail pioneers said: "We can't let air mail grow up with one foot on the ground!" So a group of volunteer post office pilots determined to prove the effectiveness of all-air schedules from the Atlantic to the Pacific. On February 22 and 23, 1921, they celebrated George Washington's birthday by making the first through day and night flight from San Francisco to New York. That paved the way for the lighting of the transcontinental airway which made night flights of mail planes possible and by July 1, 1924, regular day and night service had been inaugurated.

A milestone in air mail history was the transfer of operations from the post office department to private companies in 1926 and 1927. Having proved the practicability of scheduled air mail service, the post office department began turning over routes to private contractors on open, competitive bidding. Predecessor companies of the present-day United Air Lines—National Air Transport on the Chicago-New York



THEN—This DeHavilland was built for the First World war, became a mail plane when the post office department started the first coast-to-coast airway in 1920. Equipped with a 400-horsepower Liberty motor, it carried its pilot and up to 400 pounds of mail at a cruising speed of around 100 miles an hour. It was an open cockpit job—as was the ancient Model T in the background!



NOW—This United Air Lines Mainliner, with its two 1,200-horsepower Pratt and Whitney Wasp engines carries two pilots, a stewardess, up to 21 passengers, baggage, and approximately 2,000 pounds of mail and express at a cruising speed of 200 miles an hour. It flies coast-to-coast overnight.

section and Boeing Air Transport on the Chicago-San Francisco section—took over operation of the nation's first coast-to-coast airline, the pioneer mid-continent route.

Build Special Planes.

Having won their new air mail contracts, the newly formed air mail lines tackled the job with determination and energy. United's predecessor, Boeing Air Transport, for example, built an entire fleet of 25 special mail planes in just 150 days



THEN—E. Hamilton Lee was one of the original post office department pilots on the New York-Washington air mail route.



NOW—Capt. E. Hamilton Lee is dean of all air mail pilots with a record of 3,500,000 miles of flying. He now flies the San Francisco-Los Angeles section of United's Pacific Coast airway—sometimes accompanied by his son, Robert E. Lee, who is a United co-pilot.

to handle the San Francisco-Chicago operation. In these days of mass airplane production, that doesn't sound so startling, but it was a genuine achievement 16 years ago.

Developments on old "U. S. Air Mail No. 1" between New York and the Pacific coast were rapid. The sturdy single-engined mail-two passenger Boeing 40s which began the service were replaced by 12-passenger tri-motored Boeing 80s. On the Chicago-New York route of National Air Transport, tri-motored Fords made their appearance. Through connections of the two companies, multi-motored coast-to-coast transport service was established, also

T.A.T. soon inaugurated its coast-to-coast rail-air trips.

Among the air mail companies were several no longer in existence, including such companies of the past as Clifford Ball, Inc., Stout Air Services, Universal Air Lines, Interstate Airlines, Gulf Air Lines, Maddux Air Lines and Standard Airlines. Most of these companies became parts of larger group systems. The start was made in the grouping of routes and companies which resulted in American Airlines, TWA, Eastern and other present major companies. Pan American got its start as the world's greatest overseas operator by flying from Miami to San Juan, Nassau and Havana.

One of the greatest technical developments was the adaptation of radio to airplane use. "Father" of this far-reaching project was the late Throp Hiscock of United Air Lines, who insisted that two-way radio-telephone communication between planes and ground stations could be effected. Through his efforts, installations of two-way radio-telephone equipment proceeded on a large scale in 1929. Pilots and ground stations were linked by voice communication to the everlasting benefit of all scheduled air transportation.

Other aids were summoned to add to the efficiency and reliability of mail-passenger-express schedules. Weather reporting services were improved, the radio range came along with its provision of an "aerial highway," planes themselves became more efficient. The Boeing 80s, after five years of meritorious service, gave way to the Boeing 247s of United Air Lines, first all-metal, low-wing, twin-engined transports in the country. These 10-passenger, three-mile-a-minute planes revolutionized air transportation, introducing new factors of speed, comfort and all-around efficiency. Travel time from coast-to-coast was cut to 19½ hours.

Coast-to-Coast Overnight.

Then came the Douglas DC-2—the speedy Lockheed and later Douglas DC-3s and the Lockheed Lode-stars again to spell big gains in speed, comfort and efficiency.

By the mid-1930s, air mail had become a habit with a large part of the American public. Business and industry had come to rely on its speed. Air mail poundage had increased year by year, even as air mail rates had gone down. As against the 217,000 pounds carried in 1926, 7,400,000 pounds were carried in 1934. Air mail pound miles performed by the nation's airlines rose from 6,280,000,000 in 1931 to 22,293,000,000 in 1941. Meanwhile, air mail postage had dropped from 10 cents for one-half ounce or fraction thereof in 1927 to a flat six cents per ounce for the transportation of a letter from any place to any place in the United States.

Starting from the keystone of air mail, there has been built under private enterprise in this country the world's greatest air transport system. And that's one of the reasons why Uncle Sam looks back so proudly over his air mail's epic achievement in the relatively short time of a quarter of a century!

AROUND THE HOUSE

Jam will not keep in jars that have held fat, no matter how much you have washed them.

Cotton pique frocks easily scorch under a hot iron. Re-wash the garment immediately in warm water and soap flakes. This treatment will remove the scorch if not particularly bad.

A little sweet oil applied to bronzes after they are dusted, followed by a brisk rubbing with a chamois skin, will bring out their rich tones.

If the young son catches his good linen suit on a nail and you have nothing with which to patch it, take a piece from the back of the shield. This place does not show and the shield can be lined with another material.

When cleaning fish, use a pair of scissors instead of a knife to cut off the fins, thus saving your fingers.

Potatoes to be french fried should stand in cold water at least an hour before cooking.

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- 1 egg
- 2 teaspoons salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons minced onion
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 1 cup milk
- ¼ cup catsup
- 1 cup Kellogg's All-Bran
- 1 pound ground beef

Beat egg slightly, add salt, pepper, onion, parsley, milk, catsup and All-Bran. Let soak until most of moisture is taken up. Add beef and mix thoroughly. Shape into 12 patties. Bake in hot oven (450° F.) about 30 minutes or broil about 20 minutes. Yield: 6 servings (12 2½ inch patties).

SNAPPY FACTS ABOUT RUBBER



Neither South American sources of natural rubber nor expansion of Guayule Cryptostegia and all other rubber-bearing shrub production will produce any large amount of satisfactory rubber for some years, according to government agencies.

In 1941, 86 per cent of all travel by Americans was in cars.

No gas! No car! Sen on pleasure driving brought a drop of about 80 per cent in the passenger cars on the streets of New York City. Jay walkers had a holiday in the automobile deserted main streets.

Five in a car instead of just the driver and one passenger means that 8 tires are saved, if the average of three cars to five war plant workers is considered. The amount of rubber in 8 tires is enough for 72 gas masks, or for life rafts and rubber life jackets for 8 plane crews.

Jersey Shaw

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In Emergency
 Lieut.—Did you shave this morning?
 Pot.—Yes, sir.
 Lieut.—What did you use—your
 knife?
 Pot.—No, sir, I've lost my knife, so
 I used my razor.

There's a Doubt
 "I see by the paper that half
 the population of the world is fe-
 male."
 "I don't believe it. If it's true,
 how do you account for the fact
 that one-half of the world doesn't
 know how the other half lives?"

**Famous Physician Was
 Gracious With Encore!**

The wealthy man had cracked a
 rib, and a slight operation was
 necessary. He engaged a famous
 specialist.
 Local doctors were excited at
 the prospect of a visit from a big
 noise, and their request for per-
 mission to watch the operation was
 granted.
 When the patient came out of the
 anesthetic he found himself smother-
 ed in bandages. He summoned the
 nurse.
 "What's all this?" he demanded.
 "Well, sir, it was such a beauti-
 ful operation, and the applause
 was so tremendous that Dr. Hugo
 took out your appendix as an
 encore."

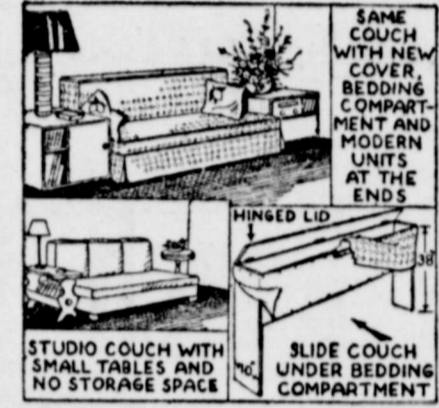
Fair Warning
 The barber, having sold a bottle
 of hair restorer to a customer,
 said: "Excuse me, sir, but do
 you happen to play billiards?"
 "Yes; why?"
 "Then I must warn you, sir,
 after using this lotion, to be sure
 to wash your hands before as
 much as touching a billiard ball."

"It's silly," said the philosopher,
 "to say women are as young as
 they look. They can't all be under
 thirty."



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 shelves may rest on metal angles
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 compartment is shown in the low-
 er sketch. The padding is cotton
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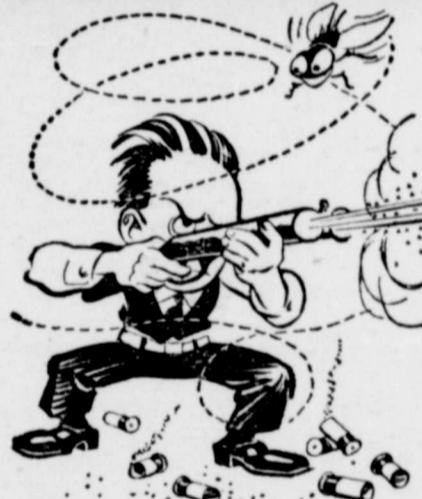
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**Household
 Hints**

A little maple syrup instead of
 sugar is pleasing to sweeten
 whipped cream.
 The too sudden cooling of an
 aluminum pressure cooker may
 cause it to warp or crack.
 A small tapered tuck in the in-
 step of a stocking will pull down
 out of sight a darn in the heel.
 When cutting out a garment of
 corduroy, be sure to arrange the
 pattern on the material so that
 each part runs from neckline to
 hem the same way. If cut other-
 wise, some parts of the finished
 garment will appear lighter than
 others.

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ASK ME ? ANOTHER ? A quiz with answers offering
 information on various subjects

The Questions
 1. Are American soldiers bigger
 than they were in World War I?
 2. Were any Presidents of the
 United States baldheaded?
 3. What speed does the swing of
 a pugilist attain?
 4. What is a "Blue Ox"?
 5. What possession of the United
 States borders on two oceans?
 6. If your ring is stamped 18K,
 how much gold does it contain?

The Answers
 1. Yes. They average two inches
 taller and are 14 pounds heavier.

2. The only baldheaded Presi-
 dent of the United States was John
 Quincy Adams.
 3. A device that times a pugil-
 ist's swing shows that the fastest
 punch of most heavyweight boxers
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 6. An 18K ring contains 75 per
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 ued, there is no estimate of the
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 average since 1900 was 423, there
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 for the service man's favorite cigarette
FIRST IN THE SERVICE
 With men in the Army, Navy, Marine
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CAMELS
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 GOT WHAT IT
 TAKES IN
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 SMOKED 'EM
 FOR YEARS



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Yes, and in Your Attic Too!
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Ten per cent of your income in War Bonds will help to build the planes and tanks that will insure defeat of Hitler and his Axis partners.

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BETTER FOODS!
COLDER DRINKS!
San Angelo, Texas

People's Responsibility

Eight billion dollars of the 13 billion dollars in this Second War Loan Drive must come from non-banking sources, so the responsibility for the bulk of this 13-billion-dollar drive rests with the American public.

Indications are that Americans generally need only to be reminded of this responsibility and how much they should lend their government in order to reach this goal. Americans are backing up their fighting men on the battle fronts. They are supporting the Second War Loan. "They give their lives... You lend your money."

Serve your Country in the U. S. Crop Corps!



In many areas, men and women, boys and girls, will be vitally needed for work on farms and in food processing plants... to help save American crops for Victory. Be ready to volunteer for service in the Government's official U. S. CROP CORPS!

Q. When will the Crop Corps recruits be needed?

A. Anyone with the entire summer free should volunteer now. Consult your local County Agricultural Agent or U. S. Employment Service.

Anyone with only a few days or few weeks free will still be able to help during local harvest and food-processing seasons. Volunteers for such help will be solicited by a Community Committee. Watch your newspaper and listen to your radio for local information.

Q. Will the Crop Corps recruits be paid?

A. Yes. Crop Corps recruits who qualify for service will be paid at prevailing rates for the kind of work they do.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
and THE WAR MANPOWER COMMISSION

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ONE YEAR'S CUT IN WASHINGTON AND OREGON

AND NEW GROWTH IS STEADILY INCREASING

ABOUT 35 PERCENT OF THIS YEAR'S AMERICAN PRODUCTION OF TIMBER FOR WAR WILL COME FROM THE VAST FORESTS OF WASHINGTON AND OREGON... YET THE TOTAL CUT IN THESE TWO STATES WILL AMOUNT TO LESS THAN TWO PERCENT OF THE SAW TIMBER STANDING THERE

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CUMBIE & ROACH

Our Specials For

Cotton Week

MEN'S Khaki Suits \$3.95

Sox - 19c | Baby Blankets 49c

Ladies COTTON Hose \$1.00

Ladies Dresses \$1.95. to \$2.25

Wash Cloth 15c

SEERSUCKER 59c Yard

New Dresses in Cotton \$1.95 to \$2.25

Help win the war by wearing COTTON
We have what you want

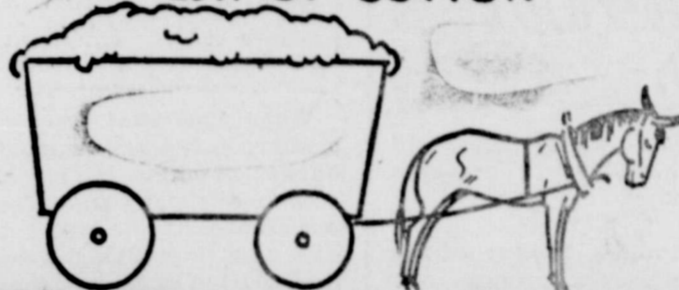
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America's No. 1 War Crop

1400

LBS. OF COTTON



Cotton's vital importance to the war effort is illustrated by this chart showing how the crop provides food, feed and fighting equipment. Contrary to popular conception, cotton is not all fiber. Cottonseed produces vital oil for food, meal and hulls for feed, and linters for ammunition and chemical products.



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Drugs!

Kenwood's
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62 SMEAR

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VACCINES

VITAMINES

and

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For Better HEALTH

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For
CORNELISON BROS.



Notice to Water Subscribers

Due to the Tire Rationing, we will only call on business houses and offices for the collection of water accounts. All residential subscribers please call at the office at City Hall and pay water accounts not later than the 15th of each month. If accounts are not paid, service will be discontinued. Signed
City Commission

COTTON QUIZ

WHY ARE COTTON LINTERS SO IMPORTANT TO THE WAR?



THEY PRODUCE FINEST SMOKELESS POWDER / ONE BALE OF LINTERS PROVIDES ENOUGH POWDER FOR 100,000 ROUNDS OF RIFLE AMMUNITION



LOOKING AHEAD

BY GEORGE S. BENSON
President Harding College
Searcy, Arkansas

Sabotage

An interesting letter has come to my desk. I regret that it is necessary for me to withhold the writer's name. I am giving it to you without comment, beyond saying that I am laying the case tactfully before Mr. Prentiss Brown, administrator of the OPA, confident that he will be as anxious as anybody to correct such abuses if they are at all general.

Dear Dr. Benson:

I wonder if you are in a position to tell Captain Rickenbacker or somebody else who gives a hoot, that absenteeism among industrial workers is not the only kind of sabotage that plays havoc with the war effort? But let me start at the front end of my story.

Rickenbacker is an idol of mine. I never met him, but they could adorn the Captain with two stars or break him down to two stripes and he would still be Eddie Rickenbacker to me, and to many a kid my age (over fifty) who, like myself, loved to strip an old jalopie, rev-up its motor, paint the skeleton red and call it a racing car.

Hero Worship Maybe

Of course I listened to Rickenbacker's radio talk here a while back, and what he said was still on my mind the next day when I went to my local ration board after gasoline coupons for my truck. I'm a union man at heart, certainly no labor-baiter, but I'm a farmer. All the time I worked at my trade I was buying some land, and my truck (a Ford pick-up) is used exclusively for farming, the same as me. I'm positive that I'm not prejudiced; I'm against nobody but the enemy, at home as well as abroad, regardless of his calling.

At the ration-board office I had to fall in line of course—I'm getting used to that now, and don't mind much. The man ahead of me in line had a job in a plant where they make airplane parts. He had just got a promotion and started working under a new boss in a new department. He had come to get gasoline coupons too. He lives 20 miles from the job and said he couldn't get to work the next day without gasoline; neither himself nor four neighbors who ride with him.

He Didn't Get It

The fellow was an honest looking chap. He explained everything plain enough for me to understand it; and I'm no braintruster. He said he knew he needed a form, part of which had to be filled out by his employer, and he had asked the Ration Board for such a form but did not get it. He conceded that the Board had probably overlooked his request for a special form innocently, his change of jobs being a sort of irregularity.

The man went on to explain that when he had fixed up his papers (all but the one he didn't have) and had brought them to the Ration Board's office, he was told that the "employer's form" also had to be completed. He declared that he had attended to it immediately but, on account of the delay, he failed to get his papers in on time to receive official action at the Board's last meeting. All he got from the manager of the Board was assurance that the case would be considered at the Board's next meeting—four days off.

Five Workers Absent

If the man had wanted to buy 25,000 barrels of gasoline in I.C.C. drums he couldn't have been treated any cooler, but actually all he wanted was an emergency supply to take him and four other airplane builders to work for four days until the Board met. He tried to emphasize that point but it only served to irritate the manager who began phonographing, "Your case will be considered when the Board meets."

I am telling you truthfully, it completely got my goat. I got the gasoline coupons I went after. Maybe I ought not to be kicking about a headache that belongs to somebody else. But you see I was still all built up with the common sense patriotism of Captain Rickenbacker. He had talked about how American soldiers in tropical fox-holes need support from the air. He had made staying home from work look like a felony, half-way between arson and murder.

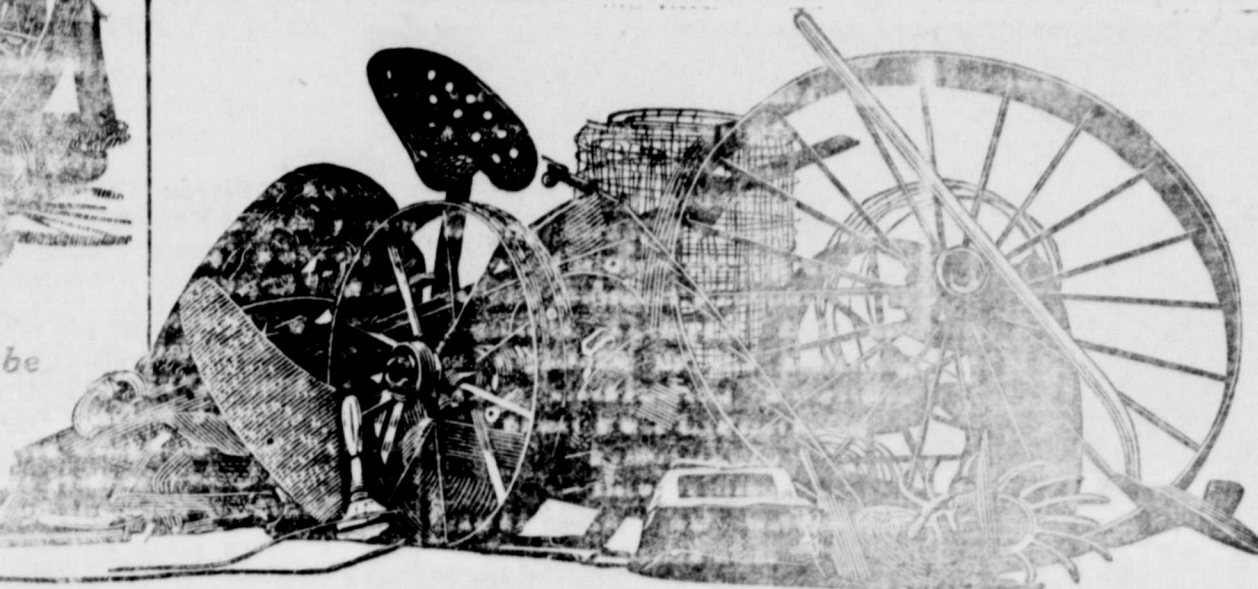
Abuse of Authority

Personally, I think the fellow sitting right there looking down his nose and opening his mouth just wide enough to say "Your case will be considered when the Board meets," had enough authority to allow this man some gasoline to take five war workers to their jobs. But maybe not. Perhaps he is tied down by rules and gets pretty tired every day listening to arguments over



"What's it good for?"
"Guns, tanks, and maybe part of a plane"

JUNK needed for War



In the barnyards and gullies of farms and in the basements and attics of homes is a lot of Junk which is doing no good where it is, but which is needed at once to help smash the Japs and Nazis.

Scrap iron and steel, for example.

Even in peacetime, scrap provided about 50% of the raw material for steel. It may be rusty, old "scrap" to you, but it is actually refined steel—with most impurities removed, and can be quickly melted with new metal in the form of pig iron to produce highest quality steel for our war machines.

The production of steel has gone up, up, UP, until today America is turning out as much steel as all the rest of the world combined. But unless at least 6,000,000 additional tons of scrap steel is uncovered promptly, the full

rate of production cannot be attained or increased; the necessary tanks, guns and ships cannot be produced.

The rubber situation is also critical. In spite of the recent rubber drive, there is a continuing need for large quantities of scrap rubber. Also for other waste materials and metals like brass, copper, zinc, lead and tin.

The Junk which you collect is bought by industry from scrap dealers at established, government-controlled prices.

Will you help?

First—collect all of your waste material and pile it up.

Then—sell it to a Junk dealer, give it to a charity, take it yourself to the nearest collection point, or get in touch with your Local Salvage Committee.

If you live on a farm, consult your County War Board or your farm implement dealer.

Throw YOUR scrap into the fight!

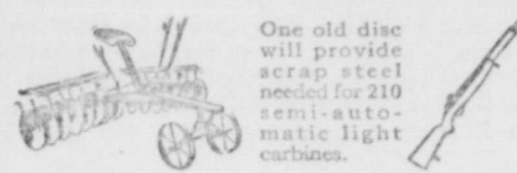
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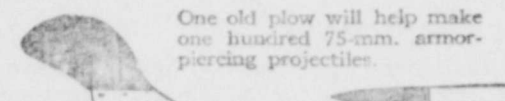
This advertisement paid for by the American Industries Salvage Committee (representing and with funds provided by groups of leading industrial concerns).

LOCAL SALVAGE COMMITTEE

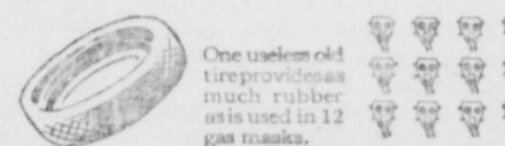
JUNK MAKES FIGHTING WEAPONS



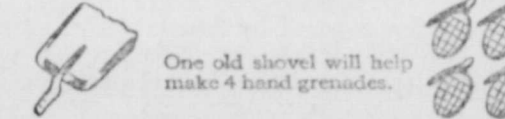
One old disc will provide scrap steel needed for 210 semi-automatic light carbines.



One old plow will help make one hundred 75-mm. armor-piercing projectiles.



One useless old tire provides as much rubber as is used in 12 gas masks.



One old shovel will help make 4 hand grenades.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Scrap iron and steel.
- Other metals of all kinds.
- Old rubber.
- Rags, Manila rope, burlap bags.
- Waste Cooking Fats—When you get a pound or more, strain into a large tin can and sell to your meat dealer.

NEEDED ONLY IN CERTAIN LOCALITIES:
Waste paper and tin cans—wanted only in certain areas, as announced locally. **NOT NEEDED** (at this time): Razor blades—glass.

3rd. Street Shoe Shop

Invites your Patronage on Special Prices!

Leather Soles \$1.00 With Heels \$1.35

Composition Up? **HEELS 40c**

Leave Your Shoes in Box at Latham's Feed Store

S. E. ADAMS

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buy, build, refinance

Adolph, Benito and Hirohito—the three blind mice. Make them run with ten percent of your income in War Bonds every pay day.

Dandy line of specials in Avon
Mrs. Hattie Day

things he can do nothing about. But it's a rotten situation if the manager of a Ration Board can't allow an emergency ration of two gallons per man to keep them making airplanes four whole days.

Maybe this fellow likes his job. After all, if it wasn't for the war he wouldn't have that position of authority. Maybe he thinks it's to his personal interest to let the war last as long as possible. I can't believe that is what's the matter with him, but the results are the same.

New and Second Hand PRICE FURNITURE STORE
ENTIRE 800 Block On North Chad.
We Buy SELL or TRADE



Attention!
Cleaning and Pressing
You can leave your, Suits, Pants, Dresses etc. At
Latham's Feed Store

We will deliver them and return for 25c, plus tax



THEY WOULD READ YOUR AD TOO, IF IT APPEARED HERE

Will Americans Be More Tender With Their Money Than Lives of Their Sons

Washington, D. C.—A blunt challenge—whether Americans will be more tender with their money than with the lives of their sons—confronts U. S. citizens as they prepare to meet the appeal of the government to put an additional 13 billion dollars into the fight in the next three weeks.

American dollars which run off to some cozy shelter to hide while American boys are dying to defend our cities and towns from destruction and invasion will face a rising demand from all classes of patriotic citizens to come out and fight.

Millions of workers who now are buying War Bonds regularly out of current income must lend extra money to their government during the Second War Loan campaign (which started April 12).

In recognition of the spirit of sacrifice which is sweeping over the land as our troops swing into offensive action in Africa and await the signal for a landing in Europe, the Treasury Department is offering a series of government bonds to fit every pocketbook.

No matter whether Americans buy the familiar Series E Bonds or 2 1/2 per cent bonds or 2 per cent bonds or tax certificates, they will be doing their part to make the Second War Loan drive a success.

Consumer Spending Too High. Consumer spending in 1942 was

much too high to meet the war situation of 1943. Last year more than \$2 billion dollars of our soaring national income went to feed the desires of Americans for clothes, recreation, foods and luxuries. As these items grow scarcer, more of our income must be diverted from such expenses into government bonds.

During 1942 millions of our fathers, sons, relatives and friends were in training here and abroad. Some were already in action. Casualties were beginning to bite into every community. War Bonds became a vital link between the home and fighting fronts.

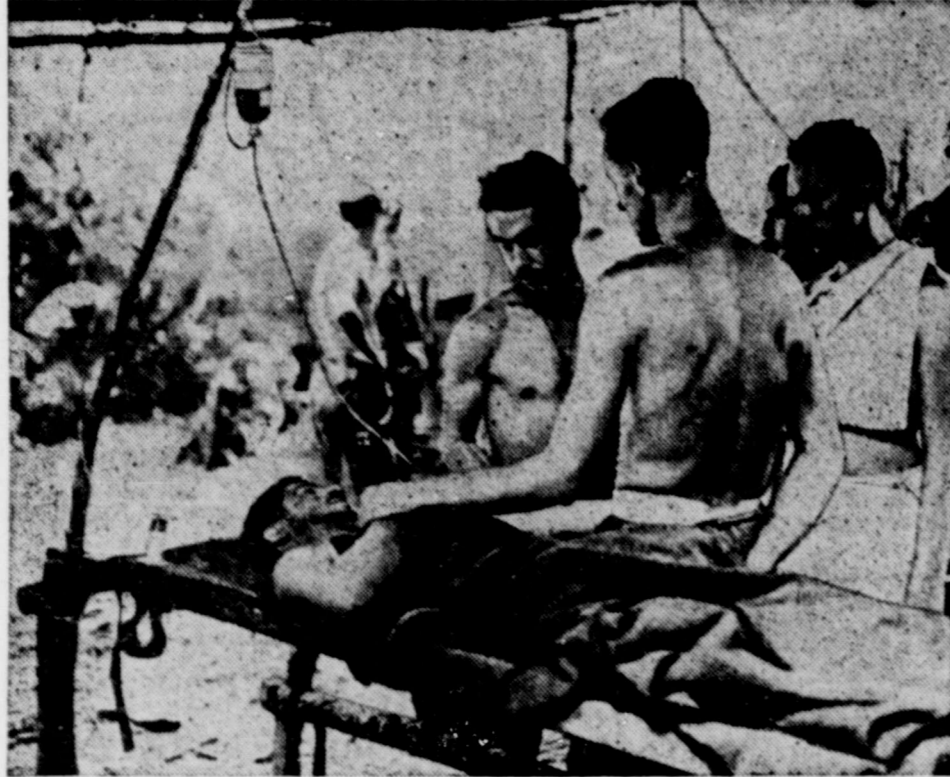
Today sacrifice has become a way of life for America's fighting men. Civilian spending on the 1942 scale must go out the window if the home folks are to attempt to match the heroism of our boys at the front.

Not every American can take his place in a bomber or in a foxhole or on a fighting ship but he can fire away at the enemy by lending money to the government.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

**Allied Generalship, Planes and Guns
Decisive Factor in Tunisia Windup;
Farm Situation Improves, Davis Says;
Red Drive Perils Nazi Caucasus Hold**

(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.)
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How blood plasma contributed by donations of Americans to the Red Cross is used to save lives on battlefields is illustrated by the above photo of doctors treating a wounded U. S. soldier at a portable field hospital in New Guinea. Clayton Mitchell (left) of Wyandotte, Mich., and Maj. William Garlick of Baltimore, Md., are administering the plasma.

TUNISIA:

Master Generalship

Axis resistance in Tunisia had steadily crumbled as the Allied armies moved inexorably toward their goals. As American artillery pounded the Bizerte harbor area setting fire to wharves and docking facilities, the British First Army had swept over the Tunisian plains leading to the capital city of Tunis.

The moves on Bizerte had been expedited by the capture by American and French forces of hilly strongholds protecting Lake Achkel and Lake Bizerte. In mopping up operations in the Mediterranean coastal region the Allies had continued to capture numerous prisoners.

In analyzing the results of the successful offensive, observers credited master Allied generalship with outmaneuvering the Axis. The Allied high command had led the enemy to believe that the principal blows would be struck by General Montgomery's British Eighth Army from the south. After the Axis had thrown heavy strength to repel Montgomery, American forces in the Bizerte area and British First Army forces before Tunis had struck crushing blows simultaneously.

Europe Drive 'Sure'

As the North African climax had approached, Elmer Davis, director of the Office of War Information, had declared there is "no question but that there will be Allied operations on continental Europe this summer." Expressing his confidence that the Allies would clean up Tunisia in time to permit invasion of the continent this year, Davis added that it might possibly be necessary to leave a pocket of Axis resistance of Bizerte to be reduced by sustained pounding even while continental operations were under way. Following the death of Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers was named U. S. European commander.

STRIKE BAN:

More Power for WLB

Congress moved swiftly to strengthen the government's hand in dealing with strikes.

First step was the senate's overwhelming enactment of legislation empowering the government to take over plants in which war production is stopped by labor disputes and making it a crime to instigate a strike in war plants or mines which have been taken over by the government.

The senate measure was a much-amended version of a bill by Senator Connally of Texas to give congressional sanction for government seizure of struck plants and mines. Originally introduced months before, it had lain dormant until John L. Lewis refused to submit the soft coal wage dispute to the War Labor Board and the miners' work stoppage resulted. The final version contained a clause giving the WLB legal power to enter and settle labor disputes.

As the bill went to the house, it provided maximum penalties of one year's imprisonment or \$5,000 fine upon anyone guilty of inducing a strike or slow-down in a government-operated plant.

RUSSIA:

Nazi Setbacks

Hammering at the northeast approaches to Nazi-held Novorossisk, Russian forces had captured numerous towns, including Krymskaya and killed 10,000 German troops in a smash through the Kuban delta bulge of the Caucasus toward the Black sea.

Although the Axis forces were weakened by the break-through, Hitler had been preparing for weeks for action by bringing up fresh troops, tanks and munitions.

The capture of Krymskaya had two strategic benefits. It placed the Red army in a position to seriously menace Novorossisk and it enabled the Russians to cut the German-held railroad between Novorossisk and Protoka, 36 miles northeast of the port.

Significant was a Soviet report announcing the presence of powerful Russ naval units in the Black sea, led by the flagship "Paris Commune." This sea force was awaiting an opportunity to pounce on any German attempt to evacuate troops from the Caucasus.

FARM PROSPECTS:

Situation Improves

Heartening tidings that the farm labor, equipment and supply situations are showing "improved promise" were heralded by Chester C. Davis, food administrator.

"A current appraisal of the farm labor situation," he declared in a letter to James F. Byrnes, economic stabilization director, "indicates that there is an available labor supply sufficient to produce and harvest a 1943 crop up to the levels of the announced goals."

While not entirely satisfactory, Mr. Davis said, the farm machinery and supply situation for 1943 recently has been improved. He revealed that the War Production Board has agreed to permit an increase in farm machinery production from 23 to 40 per cent of the 1940 level and an increase in repair parts to 160 per cent of the 1940-41 average. The petroleum administration has promised full gasoline supplies for food production, even if further cuts in civilian supplies should be necessary, he added.

COAL:

Take and Give

Reversing the procedure of "give and take," Fuel Administrator Harold L. Ickes announced a new "take and give" policy as an insurance against any new coal emergency. The doughty interior secretary set up machinery by which he may take coal from persons or plants with safe margins of supply and turn it over to those caught short.

The action was taken at a time when coal miners of the nation were at work on a 15-day truce before final settlement of wage demands had been made.

Mr. Ickes issued regulations setting up procedure under which he could act to protect war plants and essential civilian users from shortages, regardless of whether they arose from a work stoppage in mines, faulty distribution or other causes.

Washington Digest

**Air Corps Cuts Red Tape
With Absorption of CAP**



**Student Pilots of Civil Air Patrol Are Vital Link
In Nation's Defense Chain; Valued
Services Now Recognized.**

By BAUKHAGE

News Analyst and Commentator.

WNU Service, Union Trust Building, Washington, D. C.

As the tempo of American activity on the foreign fronts moves with an accelerated beat, it is pleasing to note that a lot of red tape in Washington is being rolled up and chucked into official wastebaskets. One example is what the air corps is trying to do to utilize every ounce of human and material resource that is available.

When war comes, there is always a sharp cross current of human emotions—the good old one of self-preservation, and the equally old and much better one, from the standpoint of the nation, of patriotism. And, for opposite reasons but with the same result, both meet with obstacles. Many injustices occur in the selection of men for military service. Many ardent and valuable men are stopped from rendering the service of which they are capable and which they are anxious to furnish.

Red tape is the answer. But red tape is bound to tangle any herculean effort when a peaceful nation turns into a belligerent.

Drab Duties

The latest step in removing the red tape that was holding back a lot of valuable human power was the absorption of the Civil Air Patrol by the air corps. As this is written, the decision is being made as to which administrative group will take over this body of patriotic fliers who have been furnishing their own planes and their own services, unsung and unhonored. Most of their duties have been drab, and in many cases, stultifying because of their indefinite, quasi-military status. They are not a part of the air corps.

Another important step forward is also under way which will bring that group of unselfish young men into active service after months of morale-breaking waiting—I refer to the Civilian Pilot trainees, most of whom are now sure of active duty as instructors or flying cadets. They, too, have worked without compensation other than subsistence, and have sacrificed time, earning capacity and opportunity to continue their normal civilian careers. They are now being gradually absorbed into the air corps, too.

Few people in the country outside of the families of the members are familiar with either the Civil Air Patrol, the student pilots of the War Training program or even that other group of a million and a half volunteers who make up the aircraft warning service.

The Civil Air Patrol received some publicity for its important part in offshore duty in the campaign which stopped the submarine activities off the eastern coast of the United States. These men were pilots who owned their own planes, took their special training and received only gasoline and a small fee for depreciation while on active duty.

Spotters for 'Tough Guys'

They are a vital link in that chain of air and surface guardians who watched our waters from Maine to Florida. They could spot a sub, immediately report it to the nearest bomber or a fast coast guard or naval vessel. Some of the civilian planes were equipped with light bombs but they were not able to make much use of them because their planes were slow and a sub on the surface could spot them as quickly as they could spot the sub and crash dive. That can be done in seven or eight minutes and since visibility may extend 15 miles, the sub could hit bottom before the pilot could get over his target. Their chief function was to play bird-dog for the "tough guys" carrying heavier depth bombs.

Civil Air Patrol did invaluable but less romantic service in carrying vital machine parts between factories. It is now possible that some of these men and women in the interior of the country who have been making uninteresting overland flights from here to there may get a whiff of sea air, too. In any case, the red tape between them and the air command has been severed.

If not technically, at least practically, "they're in the army now."

As to the boys in the CPT war training program, who have been warming benches and waiting at nothing per diem, a bill in congress

is about to give them pay as active reservists and as soon as there is equipment enough to accommodate all of them, those unqualified for cadet combat training will probably have jobs as instructors or transport pilots soon.

Status Unchanged

The last named group, the airplane spotters, operate under the Fighter Command, and their functions are such that their status will not be changed, they are a part of the Office of Civilian Defense.

This group is made up of volunteer workers working with armed force experts, in connection with a vast network of telephone and radio connections which lace our entire coastline, east, south and west.

They total a million and a half people and the OCD calls this work done by the volunteers, the most arduous and technical job trusted to civilians. It consists in spotting, reporting and recording all activity. Not a plane appears in the skies that is not checked and accounted for. If it can't be identified, blackouts are ordered until it is.

Most of the volunteers are women and many more are needed. The job is described as being both exciting and tough. The anti-aircraft centers where these people work are guarded by soldiers and no one gets in who doesn't work there or is on official business.

Here dozens of girls work on a gigantic table map of the area. They wear telephone headsets and mouthpieces like a regular telephone operator, listening to the information and moving little markers called "pips," representing planes, about the map with long wands.

These girls are the end of a series of operations which go like this:

The spotter out on top of some building or hilltop sees a plane. The message comes in in semi-code, "Bomber on bi high west 39 Posy." The girl puts the pip on the spot on the map corresponding to the spotter's report. The details of the size and description of plane are recorded on a marker on the pip. As the plane moves, it is reported by each spotter in succession and pushed along on the map. But until three spotters have made the same report, it is not considered correct—because geese look like planes sometimes.

Method of Operation

After the third report, a teller watching the board from a balcony above, reports it to the operations room, which may be in another city. This point is the nerve center and here again, the planes are plotted. Army men and Civil Aeronautics administration officials who are continuously receiving information as to every plane leaving the ground, check this information with the map below them. Every plane has to be accounted for. If not—they, you and I, if we live in that vicinity, know about it—the air raid warning is flashed. If the flier has left the ground without clearance or through some mistake hasn't identified himself, he is likely to see a big bomber after him or he might even have to duck anti-aircraft fire. That is how careful our anti-aircraft defense has to be.

About Nutrition

I received the following card from a listener in Miami, Fla.:

"Those who know will tell you that the introduction of synthetic vitamins into white bread is all the bunk or sales talk. Canada and Great Britain will not allow it. The Pure Food Act boys know it too. But just look it up and laugh. 'Suckers' are not born today, they are made by propaganda and high-powered advertising."

I called up the Food and Drug administration ("Pure Food Boys"). Commissioner Campbell said to me: "So far as the nutritionists know, synthetic vitamins are just as effective as natural vitamins. This has been shown by extensive experimentation."

Before the order was given to enrich white flour with synthetic vitamins, lengthy testimony was taken by leading nutritionists—scientific men with no axes to grind.

My listener was undoubtedly sincere. He was sincerely undoubting of his misinformation.

I wonder who started it?

IMPROVED
UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL
**SUNDAY
SCHOOL Lesson**

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Lesson for May 23

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**BIBLE TEACHINGS ON WINE'S
DECEITFULNESS**

LESSON TEXT—Proverbs 20:1; 23:29-35;
Matthew 24:45-51.
GOLDEN TEXT—At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.—Proverbs 23:32.

Deceitful is a good word to describe both the product and the propaganda of the liquor business. Alcoholic beverages are in themselves most deceitful, and the methods by which they are sold to the public certainly cannot commend themselves to right-thinking people.

Intoxicants are associated with social preferment, festive occasions, radiant beauty, when they ought to be connected with the bleary eye, the babbling tongue, the ragged children and brokenhearted mothers. What about the men who have lost their positions and their characters, and the women who have paid with their virtue for their love of intoxicants? Why not picture them in the beautiful magazine advertisements?

I. Wine Is a Deceiver (Prov. 20:1).

Wine is personified here as an evil demon who leads men on in the hope of some pleasure or advantage, and then lets him down to the depths of destruction. It makes him think he is great and powerful, when he is only weak and degraded. It excites him to foolishness and wild boisterousness, when he would normally be sensible, quiet and orderly.

He who thought he was wise in partaking of its stimulation, finds himself deceived, and to his regret he realizes that he is a fool in the hands of a malicious deceiver.

II. Wine Is a Depraver (Prof. 23: 29-35).

Depravity is a word not used as much as it was a generation ago, but it well describes the condition to which the drunkard comes in due time. And it is wine and other liquor which has depraved or corrupted him. A number of things appear in the text.

1. Liquor Destroys (vv. 29, 30). This is true morally, mentally, physically, and spiritually. Red eyes, wounds, complaining—these are only the outward signs of inward physical destruction of alcohol. Woe and sorrow speak of mental and social distress. The moral and spiritual destruction follow.

2. Liquor Deludes (vv. 31, 32). Its color, its sparkle and effervescence, its smooth appearance—all excite the anticipation of goodness and pleasure. And what does the drinker receive? The bite of the serpent and the sting of the adder. How true!

3. Liquor Demoralizes (v. 33). Alcohol is the handmaiden of immorality. "Strange women" come into the picture very quickly. They and the drinker soon find that drink sets them free from the limitations of decency and good sense, and the result is beyond description.

Those who defend liquor, or temporize with this problem, may as well recognize that they are encouraging the moral destruction of our boys and girls. It is a terrifying responsibility!

4. Liquor Dulls Man's Senses and Dazes Man's Mind (vv. 34, 35). Only a fool would lie down to sleep in the midst of the sea, or on top of the mast of a ship, or in the gutter, or against a lamp post. That's what drink does for a man.

And when he sobers up—what then? His faculties are so dazed that he can think of only one thing to do, and that is to seek more wine. What is it that Scripture says about the dog and the fool? (See Prov. 26:11).

III. Wine Is a Destroyer (Matt. 24:45-51).

We have already touched on that point in its personal application, but now we see it in its bearing on his occupation and standing in the community.

The contrast is between the good servant who recognizes that his one and constant obligation is to serve, whether his master is present or absent, and the evil servant who violates his trust.

Notice that his first thought after cruelty to his fellow servants is to satisfy his appetite "to drink with the drunken."

Cruelty, mismanagement, unfaithfulness are tied up without question with drinking. Is it not so today? If you doubt it, read your daily newspaper. Why trifles with anything which keeps such evil company? You may find yourself mixed up with them beyond your ability to get free.

Gems of Thought

MANY are all courage, and many all tenderness, but these qualities should appear in combination.

Reason is our soul's left hand. Faith her right. By these we reach divinity.—John Donne.

Sunset and evening star,
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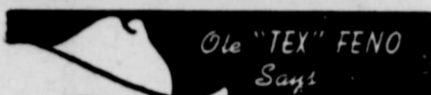
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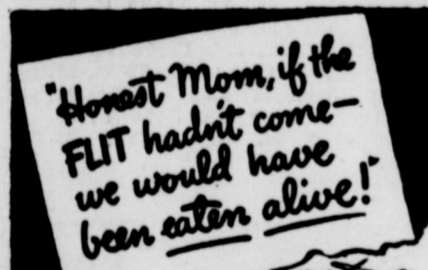
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MURDER at PIRATE'S HEAD
By ISABEL WAITT WNU-RELEASE

THE STORY SO FAR: Judy Jason, who is telling the story, receives an anonymous letter enclosing \$800 and asking her to bid for an abandoned church to be auctioned the next day. She suspects, in turn, each of the guests at the inn where she is staying. They are the Reverend Jonas DeWitt, Lily Kendall, Thaddeus Quincy, Albion Potter, Hugh Norcross and his sister, Bessie. Other possibilities are Aunt Nella and Uncle Wylie, owners of the inn. But the sender of the letter is still unknown when Judy bids for the church and gets it. That night she finds a hand protruding from an old sea chest. By a ring she recognizes it as Roddy Lane's.

Now continue with Judy's story.

CHAPTER II

We headed toward the inn, and all the while Mr. Quincy was trying to get a coherent story out of me.

"Are you sure the hand was Roddy Lane's?"

"Positively. Who else wears such a big square diamond? Noticed it particularly yesterday. The sun made it wink just as it did tonight."

We were abreast of the old fishshed, where the light still gleamed dimly. I stopped, panting.

"He wouldn't have a telephone, would he, Judy?" His cane pointed toward Brown's.

"Doubt it. Deaf the way he is. We'd better keep on to the inn."

"Well, take it easy. Rest a bit," Mr. Q. said. "Or maybe you'd better run along alone. Leave me here."

"Nothing doing!" I began to push again. Later I was to wish we'd stopped to break the news to Old Man Brown. But now we struggled on without speaking, though Mr. Quincy reiterated, "Lane certainly had it coming to him." And I knew we were both thinking of the same thing—the scene at the inn the evening before.

In a flash I could see our guests seated at the tables. I was helping our little high schooler serve, and wondering which, if one of them, had sent me the \$800.

The Reverend Jonas De Witt demanded clams. Once he'd been a preacher in New York who'd "supplied" the Rockville Center Church in Summer and boomed at his helpless parishioners like the ninth wave in a storm at sea. He knew his religious creed, according to Uncle Wylie, and his golf. Indeed, before making arrangements at the inn he'd inquired minutely about a golf course, asking, as I now recalled, if there wasn't a short cut to it through the Lane estate. Uncle Wylie had carried in his golf clubs. "S a wonder the Reverend would come way over here, anyway. Sh'd think he'd hate the sight of the Lane place. Old Man Lane skinned him worse'n us. Danged if I don't take that boundary line to court."

Aunt Nella had sputtered back: "Don't get started on the Lanes. Fifteen years' feud over a few measly inches! Land sakes—dead, ain't he? And his good-for-nothin' son out West. So, get to shuckin' those peas."

And now Roddy was dead, too! Funny how little things come back to you in the aftermath of terror.

Lily Kendall sat beside Mr. Albion Potter, our painter, whose key I'd snatched for Bessie Norcross. Self-effacing, untidy, he was a negative sort of person, with a disconcerting way of staring you down.

More likely it was Hugh Norcross, or the Reverend Mr. De Witt, or even Mr. Quincy. Hugh rather interested me, when he could escape his clinging vine of a sister. Here was an eligible male, and did she know it! Bessie, as she repeatedly told the world, had already endured one nervous breakdown and appeared hell-bent to enjoy another. She and her brother were in their later twenties and had summered at the Head before. Evidently, from snatches of conversation I caught, she loathed the place. Yet she'd come again. Why?—knew I was trying to forget! I heard her exclaim once, and then Hugh's gentle expostulation: "—five years—prove to yourself—hurt any more—out West—ever meet him face to face—!" Now, as it came back to me, I wondered. Out West? Were they speaking of Roddy Lane?

Mr. Quincy also sat at the big table, so Lily had her pick of the three men. Hugh and Bessie Norcross occupied a table by themselves. They all suffered over Lily's chief topic of conversation—her niece, Gloria Lovelace, who was rising in pictures in Hollywood.

Well, there they all sat, that memorable evening before, discussing the auction to take place the next day. I listened for dear life to their comments to get a line on my unknown donator. "The old dump would make a swell bonfire for the Fourth," Hugh Norcross said. "Lovely place to watch sunsets"—this from Lily

Kendall. "Maybe I'll bid. Good spot to think in," Mr. Quincy grinned. "Me, I'm going to paint it," Albion Potter exclaimed. But it was the minister, trying to look dignified and eat a special order of steamed clams at the same time, who gave me pause with: "Preached there one Summer, years ago. Rather fancy the old church myself. Sentimental reasons."

Sentimental reasons! The very words in my mysterious appeal. I filled his glass till it overflowed as I stared at him.

"Sorry, folks." I jumped a mile as a newcomer spoke from the door. "Couldn't help overhearing. I happen to want the old landmark. Better plan on some lively bidding."

Roddy Lane! Same brown suit with tie to match, same bachelor button he affected for his button-hole, same swagger, same dangerous dark eyes, but with a new square-cut diamond flashing from his little finger.

A commotion was taking place at the main table. Mr. Quincy began muttering something about the bad odor and working his wheels. Hugh sprang to help him, narrowly missing Lane's toes. Bessie left the table, head high. Jonas De Witt's chair scraped. "Too thick for me!"

The guests' high words floated back from the piazza down the emp-

where outlands cut in at an angle. He might stay a week, or a month, or the summer. Anyway Aunt Nella was furious, because she'd been mixing bread and had to receive him. He was in the parlor now reading a book. I'd better go right in and make terms, she said. She was going straight to bed.

Mr. Quincy nodded. "Go ahead, Judy. Sign him on the dotted line, and then get him to help me up the ramp."

"Before—?"

"Before. Might not, otherwise." "Might not what?" Aunt Nella queried, but trotted back to the kitchen, while I entered our front parlor, blinking into the bright light.

"Oooooooooooh!" I let out a little scream. "Nnnnnnot yyyyyou!" Call it nerves, but the man had on a brown suit. His hair and eyes were very dark. Even his size was about the same. No wonder I thought I'd seen a ghost.

"Why not I? I'm Victor Quade. Do I know you?" He rose, and I saw at once that not only was his voice different, being quietly controlled, while Roddy bit off his words; but he was younger. His eyes, while just as compelling as Lane's, invited confidence; while Roddy's fascinated.

"You seem terribly upset," Mr. Quade said. "Sit down, why don't you? Can I get you something? A glass of water?"

"No, thanks." I slumped into a chair and heard a hysterical giggle coming out of me that sounded like Lily Kendall. "You—you wish to take your meals at the inn? Our rates—oh, I can't, Mr. Quade. You see, there's just been a—a murder here. You wouldn't want to get mixed up with it. If you'll help me push a wheelchair up the ramp I'll call the police."

"A murder?" he shot at me. "Did you say—murder?"

As he bent over my chair a chill crept up my spine. Who was this person? How long had he been here? Could it have been he Mr. Quincy and I had heard scuttling over near the Lanes? What was he doing at Pirate's Head, anyway? Could he be the killer?

Victor Quade read the questioning fear in my eyes. "Nothing could drive me away now," he said quietly. "You needn't be afraid. I didn't do it—whatever it is. I'm trying to write stories. And this—don't you see? It lets me in at the beginning of a mystery. Where's the phone? I'll call the police."

I felt a little reassured and reminded him of Mr. Quincy; but he said never mind Mr. Quincy. Lead him to the phone. It was in my cubicle of an office, back of the sitting room which had been converted into a bedroom for our invalid. We went in and Victor Quade, firing questions at me right and left, lifted the receiver.

"H'lo? H'lo?" Then, jiggling the hook, "Emergency! Police!" He tried several times, but got no answer. "I might have known. We'll find the wire's been cut." He began investigating, while I wondered how he knew unless he'd cut it himself. "Outside, probably," he added.

I could hear poor Thaddeus Quincy calling my name. "Please help me with the wheel chair," I said. "There doesn't seem to be anybody else around."

We got Mr. Quincy into the house and held a consultation. Both men, I noticed, eyed the other suspiciously. Victor Quade raced out again.

"Follow him, Judy! Don't let him get away. How do we know—?"

I raced out, too. Victor was coming back. "Just as I thought. Cut on the outside, not far from where you were, Mr. Quincy."

"I don't like your implication, sir," Mr. Quincy punctuated his remark with his cane. Could he have cut the wires? What with? I was remembering I'd bumped into him in the aisle of the church, so he could manage without his chair.

"Never mind the implication. If you cut them, the police will soon find out. The point is, they've got to be notified. How? Doesn't seem to be anyone here. Phone's useless. My car's in a garage in Rockville. I was towed in—my trailer, I mean—by the garage people, who parked me on the bluff and drove back to town. Is there another car I could borrow?"

There wasn't. Everybody'd gone to town, apparently; even Uncle Wylie. He'd ridden in Albion Potter's car, since his own had its innards dismantled out in the barn. Mr. Quincy looked relieved.

I tapped on all the bedroom doors, but evidently nobody was in. Aunt Nella was nearly asleep. She was working terribly hard to make ends meet, the season having only begun. I decided not to tell her the dreadful news, but to let Uncle Wylie do it. Where was he, I asked.

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