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#### Read And Inform Yourself

MORE THAN FLOOD WATER NEEDS CURBING IN TEXAS

THANKS TO the diligence of a Texas House investigating subcommittee headed by Representative Jo Ed Winfree (Houston), report by January 27 as Service we need another rain, a rain from and the untiring work done by Pilot to South Plains Army Rly- Heaven, a refreshing shower of Representative Marshall Bell of San Antonio-serving his first term-Texas now has a law, awaiting only the signature of Governor Stevenson, which will check some of the activities of river authorities in this State.

Two such authorities-the Guadalupe-Blanco and the Low- visiting for a few days. er Colorado River—were created in 1935 for the primary purpose of curbing the flood waters in the streams named in their ti-The house committee found, after weeks of investigating, that the Guadalupe-Blanco Authority had done no floodcurbing, and the Lower Colorado is taking a 4 month course in me-Authority had done little except chanical training, his wife will cisco, Calif.; 3rd class Petty Offiin so far as the erection of dams | remain here until later to generate electric power upstream from Austin might be

The Bell Bill is intended to curb something relatively as se- visited in Bronte Sunday evening host of friends gathered at their rious as flood waters-namely, a disregard for the responsibilievery member of a State-created agency, whatever its size or pur-

Therefore, the Bell Bill prohibits any agency heretofore or hereafter created by the Legislature to carry out the purposes of the Conservation Amendment spent the week end there. to the Texas Constitution:

From paying or contracting to pay, directly or indirectly, any commission or fee to any person whomsoever in connection with the purchase, lease, or sale or acquisition in any manner whatsoever of any property, Returned Home real, personal or mixed, then existing and being used for the purpose of generating, transmitting and distributing electric

From fixing, by contract or family at Rotan. otherwise, the resale price of any commodity as service sold by such agency to any municipality or electric corporation.

ploying an attorney to perform any legal service in acquiring for generating, transmitting or dis- degree in August. tributing electric power or enerbe agreed upon at the time of Read Ads In Home Paper gy except for a sum of money to

such employment. agreement under the terms of which its electric facilities may be operated—with either a prior a public corporation or public agency (whose principal business is the generation, transmission, distribution or sale of electric power or energy) unless advertisment. such public corporation or public agency is created under Texas thorities was responsible both

laws. covers all the devious activities actment of the law does not end times HIGH on Poultry, Eggs. of river authorities brought to San Antonio's difficulties over a Cream and Hides. light by the Winfree committee. contract upon which the courts It is not so comprehensive as the must pass-but San Antonio's original draft by Representative exeprience has contributed to Bell-but it is a start, and a the benefit of other cities and good start when a Texas Legis- the State itself .- San Antonio WASHING lature finds time to enact such a Express. bill.

cent months with two river au- ver:

#### Visit Relatives

First Lie t. and Mrs. O. H. Campbell of Luobock, Texas, visjoys his work there.

#### Lccal Items

Maynard Read is in McCamey

James Ulmer of San Angelo vis ited in the Craddock home Sun

Pfc. Gien H. Simpson is now located at Kessler Field Miss. He

ghter Beverly and MrsB.E. Davis ry College at Abelene, Texas. A

S.t. Frank C Wojtek Jr. from ties that should be assumed by the Army Air Base, Muric Calif. is here on a furlough visiting with LOCALS homefolks.

> Miss Juanita Barger attended the District Sunday School Convention at San Angelo Friday and

lo is spending a few days with her San Angelo last Friday, aunt Mrs. Bob Read and Mr. Read.

Mrs. Lizzie Hester returned home Monday after spending sev. Mr and Mrs. Judge Upton of San eral months with her daughter Angelo visited in the home of Mrs Mrs. Miller Montgomery and B. E. Davis Sunday

#### Visits Western Points

Mrs. A. J. Bilbo left Friday for ice From making any loan of mon- Alpine to visit her daughter Alta ey to another agency for any Bell. On her return she visited purpose whatsoever; from em- her sister Mrs. A. F. Landers and family and Craig returned with the agency existing facilities for her. Alta Bell will receive her

A very satisfactory way to get From making any contract or your shoes repared has been made with the 3rd Street Shoe Shop at San Angelo, and you can leave vate corporation, unless such your shoes at Latham's Feed private, corporation be doing Store. Many of these firms in business in Towas in such a San Angelo will not spend one manner as to be subject to the penny with your local paper and jurisdiction of the State Courts; yet 50 percent of their business W. D. Markham h as graduated comes from outside territory. If you appreciate their ads prtronize plane mechanics and now is prepthem. Your paper is financed by

for the House investigation and The legislation by no means the passage of the Bell Bill. En-

San Antonio's experience in re- Special to the Robert Lee Obser-

#### We Have Had A Great Rain

We have all felt that we needed ited home folks at Sanco last a great rain. A rain to nurture week end. Lt. Campbell receiv- our crops and our pastures. Some ed training at Abilene, then at of us prayed for it, so the rain San Antonio and was ordered to came and we are thankful But ing Field near Lubbock. He en- God's power upon us to nurture our dried up souls.

The subject of the sermon at the Methodist Church next Sunday will be "Our Need of a Great Rain". Why not break the record and come to Church next Sunday?

W. Vasco Teer, pastor.

#### Visiting Relatives

Visiting in the home of Mr and Mrs. Russ Mathers of Silver last week were their children: lst class Pvt. Arch C. Mathers of San Fran cer Elton Mathers of Norman; Okla, Miss Letha Mathers of San Mrs. Audry Willbanks and dau- Antonio and Doyle from McMurhome on Sunday for a dinner.

Miss Alma Devall has gone to Ballinger where she has employment at a hospital. Evelyn Deval has been employed there for some

Miss Ruby Jo Sparks attended

Mrs J. I. Murtishaw of San Angelo visited several days with Mrs Audry Willbanks and Mrs. Ell Hatley last week

Mrs. E, V. Lowrace was rushed to a hospital in San Angelo bythe W. K Simpson Ambulancs serv-

Mrs. J. S. Augustine Jr. and daughter Brenda of Sterling City are visiting in Robert Lee this

SEE the new Ginghams

#### CUMBIE & ROACH

Mrs. F. K. Turney and sister Bessie May Bilbo of Iraan, Texas were here visiting their parents over the week end. They left for Dallas Monday where Mrs. Turney has employment.

Sheppard Field, Texas, Pfc. Shelby F. Markham a nephew of from a n intensive course i n airpared to blast the Axis as one of America's "commandos in over-

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HEY! WE'RE

#### Ariel Club

FIE

The Ariel Club met in the home in an all day covered dish lunch- 4 p. m. eon to do Red Cross sewing.

F. A. Landers and family are here from Ft. Stockton visiting kith and kin.

Bill Ratliff, wife and daughter Nelda Stephenson of San Ange. the Sunday School Convention at of Lubbock spent last week end with home folks

CUMBIE & ROACH

#### Baptist W. M. S.

Mrs. A. W. Littlefield was hosof Mrs. Fred McDonald Tuesday tess to the W. M. S Monday at

> The Missionary program was carried out with Mrs. Paul Good as leader.

Miss Juanita Barger gave the Bible Study Lesson in a very impressive way on the life of Job. Mmes. Gramling, Littlefield, H.S. Lew s, and Victor Wojtek, gave parts on the program. Following the business meeting all were re-Lots of non ration san- freshed with a glass of iced tea, salad topped with whipped cream and cake. Ten were present,

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# World's Largest Mobile Community, Built of 3,300 Trailer Coaches, Will House 13,000 Naval Workers

Removal After War Will Leave No Ghost Town; Improvements in Construction Expected to Stimulate Future Use by Migrant Workers.

From wasteland to a city of 3,300 homes in 46 days!

That's the wartime "miracle" of Trailer City at Portsmouth, Va., where 13,000 persons will soon make up the world's largest mobile community.

When the navy found it was impossible to recruit workers for the Norfolk navy yard because of housing shortages, the Federal Public Housing Authority was requested to supply accommodations quickly. The huge trailer project is the FPHA's answer to this request.

Nothing approaching this feat has ever been seen in housing. Through the combined efforts of manufacturers, government officials, contractors and local workers, 100 mobile homes a day were transported to the site and placed on foundation blocks, ready for occupancy. Since all the units were

completed and furnished at midwestern factories, it was a matter of a few minutes for four men to emplace them and connect electric

The successful completion of this project, which is expected to be fully occupied about July 15, is the highpoint of a revolutionary change in housing techniques, motivated by war necessity.

#### Deliver Complete Unit.

Completely reversing the centuries-old method of transporting parts or sections of houses to the site and then assembling them, the trailer coach industry has applied assembly-line methods to home-construction and delivers complete units, including essential furnishings.

Just as mass production techniques have changed automobile manufacture from small-scale output at high prices to million-unit capacity at low cost, this new construction method for homes brings speed, quantity and economy into housing at a time when all these factors are imperative for the war

In manufacture, this method saves 90 per cent on manpower. The mobile houses require less than onethird the ordinary amount of critical materials, permitting much greater volume from a limited stockpile. The average trailer coach, furnished and installed, costs about | far lower than prevailing rates for

All other needs of this city, larger than St. Augustine, Fla., are being provided by the FPHA. Equipped playgrounds dot the 290-acre site, and two schools have been erected for the children. A non-denominational church will be available to all residents. Four community and recreation buildings will provide facilities for stage shows, motion pictures, games, meetings and dinner

Four large play areas, each large enough for a full-sized baseball field, will be available for adults, and seven stores will occupy a large commercial building, eliminating the need for traveling into the city to shop.

Each trailer has a plot at least 26 by 46 feet. Drainage has made the soil fertile, and a Victory garden usually appears outside each unit a few days after the family moves in. Some build small picket fences around their gardens, adding the final touch of suburban atmosphere.

All trailers when delivered were standard olive drab, but because camouflage is not important at this site they are being repainted various hues, to suit the taste of the occupants.

FPHA rentals on these furnished homes range from \$6 to \$9 a week,



A total of 3,300 trailers dot 290 acres near Portsmouth, Va. Here, 13,000 workers in the Norfolk navy yard will make their home for the duration. Each trailer has a plot at least 26 by 46 feet adequately drained, and Victory gardens already have been set out.

60 per cent as much as the low- sub-standard quarters in the city. priced demountable house. Further important savings are made in manpower at the site, since four men can have a trailer ready in a few minutes, while even a demountable house requires several hours. Since war housing is needed in laborscarce areas, this has made trailers even more popular.

Employment in the Norfolk Navy Yard, which is to be served by the Portsmouth trailer community, is due to increase about 40 per cent in the next few months. The speedy availability of the mobile homes will make it possible for the navy to recruit workers long before it could have if it had to wait for other types of living units. The effect on the naval shipping program will be important to the early completion of the war.

#### Trailers Accommodate Families.

Of the 3,300 units in Trailer City, 2,640 are standard trailers, normally housing two to four persons. The other 660 are expansible mobile houses, which are transported like trailers but have wings that are opened at the site to form extra rooms. With a few quick movements these expansibles form fourroom homes, comfortably accommodating families of six.

This proportion of two sizes provides ample quarters for large families as well as smaller ones.

Electricity is provided at cost.

Although Trailer City at Ports mouth is the high-point of the FPHA use of trailers, it is expected to be followed soon by similar projects in other severely congested centers. The government already owns more than 35,000 units, situated in nearly 200 parks throughout the country.

#### Portsmouth Enthusiastic.

Portsmouth is enthusiastic about its infant addition, for the housing shortage has been its greatest headache since the emergency began. But even more than the speed of its completion, the project's effect on the city after the war is appreciated. Residents are glad that when the need subsides this emergency 'subdivision' will be moved en masse, leaving only the vacant field it mushroomed from, instead of a ghost" community.

George F. Miles, president of the Trailer Coach Manufacturers association, whose members supplied the mobile units for the project, sums up this aspect:

"This city's birth is spectacular, its contribution to the war effort | ing workers pour into the project will be noteworthy, and its fate when the war ends will make a dramatic sequel to the whole tale. For unless | Once in, they plan to stay. post-war needs exceed expectations, the whole community is likely to disappear even faster than it came. | er, "is as much fun as camping and



This little girl even finds room for her dollie in one of the 3,300 trailers of the settlement near Portsmouth, Va. Whole families can comfortably occupy one of the new units. Playgrounds, schools and recreation centers have been built to accommodate the residents.

time occupations, the trailers will find wheels again and serve vagabondage or house migratory workers, and the ground that had been host to a thriving city will once more be an open field-no worse for wear. For Portsmouth there will be no bad effects, no 'ghost' slums, no re-

In this project also is seen the forerunner of a vast field for trailers in post-war Europe. With millions of persons returning to ravaged cities, communities like Trailer City will pop up to house them until permanent quarters can be constructed, he predicts. If American manufacturers can get sufficient matethey will provide units for hundreds by questioning the patient and exof towns as big as Portsmouth's to plaining the causes of the symptoms dot the European topography.

#### See New Trailer Use.

Peacetime uses for trailers will also show the effects of their wartime use. Large groups of migratory construction workers, moving from one reconstruction job to another, will use trailers so they can move their homes with them. Seasonal farm workers will do the same thing. Lighter and more powerful automobiles will make road travel more popular with salesmen and professional men, and trailer homes will permit them to keep their families together while they travel.

An upsurge in travel interest following wartime repression will enhance the normal market for trailers, too, and thousands of families who are finding these mobile homes satisfactory during the war will decide to retain this type of living.

The trailers that were moved into Portsmouth are tributes to the manufacturers' ingenuity, for they are as sturdy and comfortable as prewar models despite sharp curtailments in available materials.

The chief shortages-rubber for tires and steel for under-carriagesare not serious because the units are placed on foundation blocks and the war, unless they are to be moved to another site after their first assignment is filled.

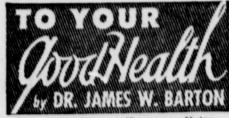
However, shortages of such basic materials as masonite, plywood and stainless steel have necessitated substitutions. The Portsmouth trailers have less than 275 pounds of steel, only three pounds of copper, and use homeosote in place of masonite.

The experimentation required by these substitutions will pay real dividends in the future, experts predict. "We've learned better ways to do

things," these experts say. "We now can save weight, add space and increase comfort without increasing cost. After a year or two, when we get a supply of the new light metals and plastics we'll produce trailers that will be luxurious and practical -and at a small cost."

Meanwhile, the Portsmouth project is doing a big war job. Incomevery day, bringing their families into a new type of living experience.

"This kind of life," explains one worker after five days in his trail-The workers will move on to peace- a lot more comfortable.'



BEHAVIOR TREATMENT

One of the difficulties about the treatment of behavior symptoms by the use of insulin or metrazol is that

some patients who have undergone this method, or have spoken to patients who have done so, are somewhat afraid of it, notwithstanding that they have experienced or observed its helpful results. It is for this and other reasons that many physicians are now using the electrically induced convulsions in

cases where the mental symptoms are not due to any true or organic disease of the brain. I have spoken twice before about this method and in the Illinois Medical Journal, Dr. J. V. Edlin, Chicago, reports the use of electric shock treatment in 126 cases.

The length of time the patients suffered with their symptoms ranged from less than six months to 10 years, and included all the functional psychoses such as anxieties, fears, dream states and melancholia.

Of the patients who were ill for less than six months, about 53 per cent recovered; the rate for those ill from six months to one year was about 31 per cent; for those ill from one to five years it was 21 per cent, and for those ill from 6 to 10 years it was 20 per cent.

The best results were obtained by patients suffering from involutional melancholia (depressed feeling of middle and old age). The next best occurred in patients with catatonia (where dream state passes into melancholia) and then those with hebephrenia (silliness which comes on at puberty) and dementia precox combined with hebephrenic and catatonic features.

Dr. Edlin found that just as with insulin and metrazol the symptoms before receiving electric shock treatment determined the chances of his recovery; the shorter the time, the better the chances. Dr. Edlin prefers electrical to metrazol treatment because of the high percentage of recoveries and the almost total absence of fear. He also advises that rials in time, it is not unlikely that the usual treatment of mental cases hould he used in addition electric shock treatment.

#### X-Ray Treatment of Goiter Beneficial

In examining recruits for the last war we were always on the alert so that cases of early thyroid disease (goiter) were not accepted. When the heartbeat was fast the recruit rested for some time and was given a daily paper to read. If his heartbeat was slower after the rest and he was fit otherwise he was accepted. In some cases where, in addition to the rapid heartbeat. there was trembling of the hands and eyes were bulging he was considered a thyroid case and rejected

The cause of the symptoms is that too much juice or extract is being manufactured by the thyroid gland and this juice increases the rate at which all the body processes work. The amount of increase is measured by a special apparatus and if it is plus 15 or more it is considered a case of early goiter, hyperthyroid as it is called. If test shows minus 15 are immobilized for the duration of it shows that the thyroid gland is not manufacturing enough juice.

When too much juice is being manufactured, all or part of the thyroid gland is removed by operation or by the use of X-ray treatments. If not enough juice is being manufactured the physician prescribes daily doses of the juice or thyroid extract.

Before treatment for removal of the thyroid gland is given, Dr. George E. Pfahler, professor of radiology, graduate school of medicine, University of Pennsylvania, in medical clinics of North America. states that the cause or causes of the hyperthyroid condition should be removed insofar as this is possible. Usual causes are focal infection (teeth, tonsils or other organ), domestic difficulties, worry, overwork or some other strain.

As many patients fear operation and delay should be avoided, Dr. Pfahler points out that X-ray treatment gives about as good end results as surgery and these patients will more willingly undergo the X-ray method of treatment. Where, however, the need for the removal of the thyroid gland is urgent surgery is the proper treatment.

#### Gems of Thought

THERE are two educations. One should teach us how to make a living; the other how to live!-James Truslow Adams.

What does he plant who plants a

He plants the friend of sun and

He plants the flag of breezes free; The shaft of beauty towering high.

-BRUNNER.

Far and away the best prize that Life offers is to work hard at work worth doing .- Theodore Roosevelt.

Who can compute the worth of a character enriched by faith, self - control, brotherly kindness, and love?

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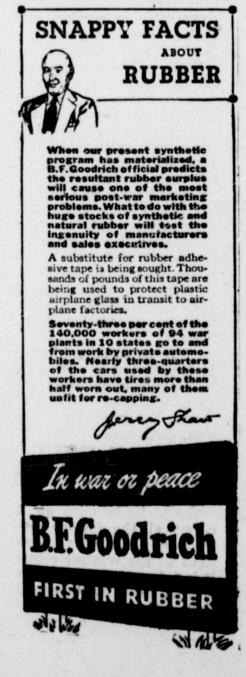
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A quiz with answers offering information on various subjects

#### The Questions

- 1. The solid part of the earth is called what?
- 2. What American general is called "Blood and Guts"
- 3. What proportion of U.S. senators is elected every two years? 4. What type of song is a bar-
- 5. What is a plexis?
- 6. What is meant by carte blanche?
- 7. Who was the first President of the United States to be born

FEW cheer-up notes make housework more fun! Take,

for instance, these busy little blue-

birds to embroider on towels. They

are quick to do-and how they

brighten up the kitchen! Match

them to the general color scheme.

of 6 motifs averaging 51/4 by 71/2 inches; stitches; list of materials needed.

Crops and Stock Thrive

Pattern 7492 contains a transfer pattern

On Most Northerly Farm

The Norilsk State farm, a Soviet

agricultural enterprise, stands on

the 70th parallel in the midst of a

desert region, in the zone of eter-

nal frost. There the Arctic night

lasts for nearly two months. There

are frequent heavy blizzards, when

the thermometer drops to 60 de-

Potatoes, cabbages, onions, car-

rots and sugar beets are grown

successfully in the open fields of this Arctic farm. Tomatoes, cu-

cumbers and spinach are raised in

28 hot-houses. An experimental

sowing of melons has yielded en-

Livestock thrives on the farm,

and is rapidly increasing in num-

ber. There are 133 cows, all born

in this Arctic region. A subsidiary

farm houses 200 pigs of pure York-

Last year the possibility of growing oats for fodder was dem-

Orchard trees bloom during the

short Arctic summer. They are

still very young and bear no fruit

onstrated by the yield from an ex-

perimental planting of 60 acres.

couraging results.

shire breed.

at present.

grees below zero centigrade.

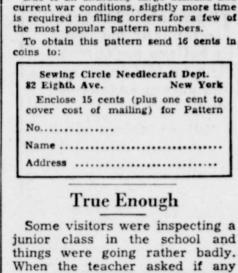
under the flag of the United States of America?

8. The liquor derived from sugar cane is called what?

#### The Answers

- 1. Lithosphere. George S. Patton Jr. One-third.
- 4. A boat song. 5. A network of blood vessels or
- 6. Full powers.
- 7. Martin Van Buren.
- 8. Rum.

### Gay 'Bluebird' Kitchen Towels Due to an unusually large demand and



junior class in the school and things were going rather badly. When the teacher asked if any little girl could recite something, only one small hand shot up.

'That's a good girl, Betty," said teacher encouragingly. "Now step out in front of the class. What can you say for us?" "Nelson's Farewell to His Moth-

er," replied Betty brightly. "Splendid! Begin." "Ta-ta, mum!" said Betty dra-

matically, waving her hand in the

#### To Be Sure It's Simple With the Man's Hat Off!

A woman entered the photographer's shop and addressed the proprietor thusly: "I want this photograph of my husband enlarged. Now, do you think you can remove the hat? I do not like it on him."

The photographer carefully studied the portrait for a time.

"Yes." he said at last. "I think I can manage to fake the hair all right. By the way, you'll have to tell me on which side he parts his hair. I must know that.'

The woman thought for a mo-ment, then said: "Oh, I just can't remember, but you'll be able to see that when you take his hat



Put a sponge in the bottom of your potted plants and you won't have to water them so often.

If too much salt is put in the soup, a few slices of potato will remove it. A raw potato in the refrigerator will absorb unpleasant

Vinegar eliminates odors. Don't put away a frying pan that smells of onions, fish or some other strong-flavored food. Put some vinegar in the pan and bring to a boil. Then wash as usual.

together as a unit and makes the

bay seem a broad and spacious

part of the room. The sketch at

the right shows a standard fixture that allows curtains to extend beyond the window frame; but don't rush out to buy new rods. The

chances are that your old rods

may be extended over the wall if you wire them to hooks or staples at the upper corners of the win-

NOTE-If you are planning new cur-

tains, you will want a copy of Mrs. Spears'

booklet that illustrates twelve different

styles of curtains with directions for mak-

ing them; including a simple home-made rigging for draw curtains. Ask for BOOK

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dow frames.

If you find fruit jars difficult to get clean after cold packing corn or meat, rub the jar with salt and wash in the usual way.

To mend small holes in window screen, put a piece of mosquito netting over the hole and coat it with varnish. When dry, apply another coat or two.

Woolen garments will retain their fluffiness and will not shrink if a teaspoonful of glycerine is added to the warm water in which they are washed and rinsed.

#### Modern Curtains to Make Your Bay Windows Appear More Attractive



BAY windows are much in vogue again. One reason for this is that modern methods of hanging curtains make bay windows more attractive than they used to be in the Gay Nineties.

In those old houses the vertical lines of woodwork and wall showing between windows made the bay seem like a coop stuck on the outside of the house. Many home owners had the bays removed because, while they actually added space, they made rooms seem small and cluttered.

### Today curtains are hung to cover both wall and woodwork around the individual windows in the bay. This brings the group of windows

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#### Transferred

The little woman had worried the grocer over trifles at the busiest time of the day, and at last he

had managed to satisfy her.
"Do you know, Mr. Peck," said the woman, "when I came into your shop I had a dreadful headache. I've quite lost it now."

"It isn't lost," said the distracted grocer, "I've got it!"

#### Stumped Cop

Traffic Cop (producing note book)-Name, please.

Motorist (caught speeding)-Aloysius Sebastian Cyprian. Traffic Cop (putting book away)-Well, don't let me catch you again.

#### That's Safest

"Doctor, my wife tells me that I talk in my sleep. What should

"Nothing that you shouldn't."

#### Can't Beat 'Em

An American soldier in England was giving some illustrations of the size of his country. "You can board a train in the State of Texas at dawn," he said impressively, "and 24 hours later you'll still be in Texas."

"Yes," said one of his English listeners, with feeling, "we've got trains like that here, too."

"Bring your ration coupons-We serve you with a smile."-Sign in a meat market. And not much more do you get.

#### Uncalled for Help

Missus (rousing husband)-I believe a burglar's trying to open the living room window.

Mister-Good! I haven't been able to move it since the painter

#### Added Weight

Visitor-Sonny, what's the noise upstairs?

Sonny - Ma's dragging pa's pants across the floor. Visitor - That shouldn't make

that much noise? Sonny-I know; but pa is in 'em.

Some women walk to reduce; some husbands are reduced to walking.

#### Not Too Good

"Do you think you could learn to

love me? "Possibly; but wouldn't you hate to think you were an acquired

#### Sent the Scent

His teacher sent a note home with Johnny asking his mother to give him a bath. The next day Johnny brought an

"Dear Miss Smith. When I send Johnny to school I send him to be learnt, and not to be smelt; he ain't no rose."

When you see news photos of soldiers "off duty" in camp or behind the battle-lines-notice how often you'll see them smoking a cigarette. There's a good reason for that. Army officials say that cigarettes are an appreciable factor in maintaining morale-and the soldiers themselves add that a carton of cigarettes from home is always welcome. What brand? Well, sales records in Post Exchanges and Canteens show that Camels are the favorite cigarette with men in all the services. Though there are Post Office restrictions on packages to overseas Army men, you can still send Camels to soldiers in the U. S., and to Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen wherever they are .-









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Where there's room, a desk or plain old-fashtable for keeping wartime recipes | ioned elbow

the wall above

such a work table as well as in windows above The refrigerator, which can't other much-used work surfaces for better daylighting with complete privacy. These blocks can be kept sanitary by wiping them with a damp cloth, require no curtaining or painting, and will actually im-prove the kitchen's comfort beause of their insulating qualities.

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Every utensil in the kitchen is should be defrosted at least once precious today because of the a week and never overcrowded metals it contains and should be with foods. When preparing a handled and polished with the meal, it is also wise to take everything you're going to need out at
one time to avoid frequent openone time to avoid frequent opening and shutting of the refrigera-tor door. to get more use and less replace-ments than almost any part The stove will wear better and of the house, so it's up to the

equipment and



THE kitchen is going to be the a grand convemost important room in many nience in the home for the duration. More kitchen today. time will be spent figuring out ra- Small horizontioned menus and more time mix- tal panels ing up the soups and puddings of translucent that used to come in cans. That's glass blocks why the kitchen must be kept in can be set into

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The Brothersens team up to erect a glass block and wood strip partition for the big living room of their apartment.

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Eric and his wife are nomads even in peacetime as he is the bright young actor who plays opposite Gertrude Lawrence in Helen pours when the guests "Lady in the Dark", a show that flock into their home for afterhas interspersed long runs on theater refreshments. Broadway with cross-country

wood strips that can readily be is only unhappy if she's left out dismantled. In their New York of things. \*partment they set the partition up to separate the dining end of their tage one room from the end their tage one room from the end that serves as a living room. And lieves in keeping the family toa drop leaf table set against the gether and always having a home. glistening blocks provides an at-



Helen pours when the guests

tours and is soon to open in San up for his wife's cakes. They've also trained their seven-month-old daughter Barbara to love a tain informally before and after topsy-turvy routine of crowds and the theater, but they like furnish- changes. Barbara goes along ings that fit in anywhere and can whenever they set out with the hat. That's why they're partial to hat one-room apartments and train trips. She bubbles with hoshave invested in a low partition pitable pleasure when guests of glass blocks and prefabricated overflow the family quarters, and

fractive setting for simple buffet one coast in December and the otsuppers and after the theater refreshments.

Even though that hold had been though the support had been the support had been though the support had been though the support had been the support had been the support had been though the s Cooking is a gay cooperative the welcome mat for friends and the welcome mat for friends and fellow actors who keep their household, and Eric is especially proud of the icings he whips times.





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# AR BOND ouiz:

Q. What kind of Bonds are War Savings Bonds?

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A. No time limit has been set. The sale will con-tinue until it is stopped at the discretion of the Secretary of the Treas-

Q. Can children purchase War Savings Stamps and Bonds?



By Gib Crockett.

A. Yes. Millions of children are buying them regularly as their share in the national savings program,

Q. Will the Government accept a personal check in payment for a Bond?

A. Yes; subject to collec-Q. If both coowners of a War

Savings Bond die before the Bond is presented for re-demption, who gets the A. The estate of the co-

owner whose death took place last.

Remember—the longer you keep War Bonds, up to 10 years, the more valuable they become,

U. S. Treasury Dept.



most essential purposes is out for The use of gasoline save for the imperative than it was last summer. - nw dxsq lo demands of next wirto fill our storage tanks with fuel supplies. "With the coming of warm "With the conting duty will be weather, our primary duty with fuel

one Eastern and mid-continent would institute a further drain upon in the not far distant future. This the prospect of having to import oil been made, California is faced with mportant pools that have not yet be fighting like Titans against the Huns. And barring discoveries of upon for more and more supplies for ourselves and for our Allies," says Mr. Ickes, "not only in North Africa, but wherever else they may Africa, but wherever else they may situation. "The East Coast will be called

a continued tightness in the gasoline He cautions Americans to expect In commenting on any possible Nazi fuel shortage, Mr. Ickes says:
"I am not depending upon the evaporation of the Nazi oil supply to end the war soon, and I wouldn't advise anyone else to do so."

He cautions Americans to expect

in the current global conflict. Mr. lekes gives a simple, lucid explanation of the oil problem and its importance to the United Nations in the oursent global conflict

be popular, but I cannot," writes with respect to gasoline that would "I wish I could make a prediction

tary of the Interior and Petroleum Co-ordinator for National Defense, in the April issue of Cosmopolitan These and other enlightening facts about the oil situation are discussed by Harold L. Ickes, Secrecussed by Harold L. than we have been replacing them. ing our petroleum reserves faster military and war industry is draintion of gasoline and fuel oil by the Indeed the increasing consump-

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Our soldiers abroad find enemy

face of the leaves they detect it and go to a clean feeding ground. There are two kinds of cucumber beetle, one with a striped back and one with a striped back and control is striped back and control is striped back. one with a spotted back but both are equally active on foot and on the wing and are quick to get away from danger if they suspect it.

There are two methods of attack -one is by cultivation at the base of the plant to destroy the egg which are laid in yellow cluster -the other is to spray the beetle with a contact spray made of 2 teaspoonfuls of Black Leaf 40 in a gallon of water with enough soar added to make suds. strike the beetles with this spray and wet them down to kill them.

Another of the tough customers on your vine crop is the squash bug. The adult is almost immune to either stomach poison or contact Bordeaux mixture when spraying spray and the way to control it is to kill the young in the nymph | Spraying of poisonous material stage. About the only way to kill on pod or green beans should be the grown bug is to crush him. avoided in latter part of the sea-This is a tough job if you have a son when harvesting time aplarge planting, so spraying to kill proaches. Arsenic is, of course, the young bugs should begin early poisonous to mankind, and will do if any adults are seen so that the harm if this material clings to the youngsters will be destroyed as pods which are eaten. Thorough they hatch. A good Black Leaf 40 control early in the season is the dust is also effective on the young. answer on this kind of bean so Directions for making this dust that when the later weeks come

will be given later in this series.

Another insect with a hard shell is the potato beetle, sometimes known as the Colorado potato bug. This insect when grown is almost entirely safe from contact sprays but is easily killed by a stomach poison. Paris green also land that when the later weeks come around, there will not be Mexican Bean Beetles to contend with.

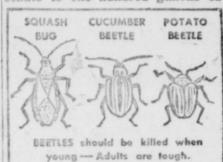
Again we say with a monotony that we hope will sink into the minds of every Victory Gardener—Spray early! Spray often! Hit the first bugs seen—Don't give

here and quickly get control if the plants are well cov-Thorough spraying is necessary though. The young of the poato beetle are small reddish brown soft bodied slugs and are easily cilled by Black Leaf 40. If the potatoes are being sprayed with Bordeaux for blight, Black Leaf 40

tanks tough customers because the ordinary weapons of war bounce off their hides and do no damage. In the Victory Garden the "tanks" are the beetles and any experienced gardener will tell you that their shells are tough and thick and especial care is necessary to keep control of the situation.

Most Victory Gardens will have in them some vine plants such as squash, cucumbers, melons, pie pumpkin and the like. This means cucumber beetles to contend with. They are the smart ones. If you spread arsenical poison on the surface of the leaves they detect it and or the vines and will also should be added. This will kill the should be added. This should be added. This will kill the should be added. This will kill the should be added. This should be in about thirty days after the egg

> oisonous dusts applied to the derside of the leaves, or by addthree pounds of calcium arate to one hundred gallons of



# People; Spots In The News



UNDER FIRE-Field ambulance workers of Indian Medical Service

lift casualty of Ghurka battalion to waiting stretcher during 8th

Army's attack on Axis in Tunisia.

**WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS** 

### Air Raids Soften Europe for Invasion; Decisive Allied Moves Against Japan Forecast in Washington Strategy Meet; WLB Regains Authority on Wage Boosts

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



With activity against the Japs on all eastern fronts forecast by recent Washington conferences, Allied air attacks against the enemy loom large in the tactical picture. Above are shown four American-trained Chinese pilots looking over the instrument panel of a P-40, in company with Maj. Grant Mahoney of the U. S. air force in China.

#### **OFFENSIVES:**

Europe and Asia Both

Not only Allied smashes against Hitlerite Europe, but decisive campaigns against Jap-held domains in Asia and the South Pacific in weeks to come were on the United Nations' war timetable scheduled by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill in their Washington con-

That activity against Japan would be stepped up on a major scale was indicated by two developments. One was the presence at the Washington conferences of Commander-in-Chief Sir Archibald Wavell of India, Admiral Sir James Somerville, the Eastern fleet commander, and Sir Richard Peirse, the India air commander. The other was the disclosure that Admiral William F. Halsey and Gen. Douglas MacArthur had met to co-ordinate future operations in their areas.

Indicative of the trend toward decisive American action was a Tokyo radio report that strong U. S. forces had invaded the Jap-held island of Attu in the Aleutians.

Observers believed that future moves on Japan might take on a nutcracker character. One prong would close in on Nippon from the east, via Halsey's and MacArthur's combined forces in the Pacific. The other would squeeze Japan's flank from the Indian ocean and fense of western Europe, to be the India-Burma front, using the combined commands of Wavell, Somerville and Peirse.

#### TRADE PACTS: Green Light by House

Surviving debate and the threat of crippling limitations, President Roosevelt's reciprocal trade program was extended by the house of representatives for a term of two years.

As debate had divided on party lines and the Republicans had supported a series of amendments which the Democrats charged would have been "a kiss of death" to the entire program, Speaker Sam Rayburn had rallied support sufficient to insure favorable action. While gaining main support from Republicans, the amendments were offered by Democratic Congressman West of Texas, only New Deal member of the house ways and means committee to oppose extension of the act.

Reciprocal trade pacts have been negotiated with 27 nations in the last nine years.

#### CANNING:

#### Kitchens Defined

A definition of "home canning" was released by the Office of Price Administration to allay housewives' fears about giving up rationing points for foods processed in cooperative centers now being organized in many parts of the country.

The OPA defined "home canned" foods as those processed "in a kitchen primarily used for the preparation of meals, or in a kitchen used to demonstrate preparation of such meals"-such as in a school or home economics center.

If a farmer has a separate building where he customarily does his canning, he must get permission from his ration board to use it.

#### RUSSIA: Donets Flares Anew

Even as the Red army had continued its methodical, grinding drive against the line of German fortifications outside Novorossisk, last Naziheld bastion in the Caucasus, other Russian forces to the north in the Donets river valley had opened fierce attacks near Lisichasnk, about 125 miles southeast of Kharkov.

For weeks, Soviet dispatches had reported trainload after trainload of German troops rolling eastward to the Russian front. But Hitler had kept his moves for what would be his last chance offensive well masked.

In the action near Lisichansk, gateway to the eastern Donets basin, the Russians said the enemy had tried a wedge-shaped drive into Russian-held territory, but this thrust was pushed back. In pursuing the retreating Nazis the Red troops were able to establish themselves on a hill of "great tactical importance."

#### AIR RAIDS: Bombs Write History

Cologne and Dortmund had suffered destructive Allied air raids that dwarfed the damage visited on London by the Luftwaffe in the battle of Britain, but it remained for Duisburg, center of German war and transportation hub of the Nazi's desmashed by the heaviest aerial assault in all history.

The RAF was the Allied instrument of destruction. It was estimated that as many as 2,000 tons of bombs were dropped. The heaviest previous raid ever made anywhere was that on Cologne, on May 31, 1942, when 1,000 bombers were employed and more than 1,500 tons of explosives were rained on the Nazi city. An attack on Dortmund had reached the intensity of the Cologne foray, but the Duisburg raid was the heaviest of all time.

That the Duisberg raid was but a prelude to what Nazi-held Europe might expect was indicated by devastating forays which followed immediately. American Flying Fortresses continued the marathon by making their own heaviest attack since the war began on St. Omer and Meaulte in northern France.

Meanwhile in the East the Russian air force took the initiative away from the Nazis, while Red planes smashed at German communications at Warsaw, capital of Poland, and its suburb of Praga. In the Mediterranean area, U. S. bombers strafed airfields and shipping facilities in Sicily and on the Italian invasion coast.

#### WAGE BOOSTS: WLB May Act

The War Labor board got back some of its discretionary authority to make wage adjustments. James F. Byrnes, economic stabilization director, announced the new policy in a directive specifying that the board may now raise wages "to aid in the prosecution of the war or correct gross inequities."

Mr. Byrnes, however, qualified his action with the limitation that such wage adjustments must not cause price rises or stand in the way of price reductions.

#### SUBMARINES:

Allies' Defense Grows

The Allies were making steady progress against Hitler's hitherto most potent weapon-the submarine. Decreases in monthly shipping losses by the United Nations and the preponderance of ocean-transported Allied munitions and supplies in North Africa at the victory finale were indicative of this.

Evidence of how the Allies were successfully applying air and sea power plus grit and stout hearts against the Nazi subsea peril abounded in epic report issued by the British admiralty describing how navy escort ships and Royal Canadian Air force planes had sunk or probably sunk 10 German submarines in an eight-day battle in the Atlantic.

Characterizing the action as the biggest single Allied victory against U-boats, the admiralty report said that planes, destroyers, frigates, corvettes, cutters and sloops joined in the battle continuing day and night for eight days. As many as 25 enemy submarines were in action at one time. The battle finally turned in favor of the convoy. "Some damage was suffered," the admiralty said, "but the majority of the merchantmen reached port in safety." MERGER:

#### Wire Giants Unite

Improved telegraph service for those engaged directly in the war and for the general public in the post-war period was forecast as a result of the merger of Postal Telegraph Inc., and Western Union Telegraph company.

Together the two companies do a business of about \$145,000,000 a year and their combined assets will approach \$500,000,000.

Culminating negotiations and discussions covering more than 20 years, the merger was made possible by recent congressional action and by approval of the Federal Communications commission. Under the terms of the agreement, Western Union will acquire all assets and all business of Postal Telegraph and assume its liabilities and obligations, including the amount owed by Postal to the Reconstruction Finance corporation at the time of the closing of the agreement.

#### CURB: War Plant Building

Ordering a halt on virtually all war plant construction which cannot be completed by October 1, the War Production board announced that the nation now has enough industrial plants to produce the materials required to beat the Axis.

Meanwhile the board had directe a widespread conversion of machine plant tools and other existing facilities to the production of more urgently needed goods. Calling its action a "significant milestone in the war program," the WPB said that men and materials released by its new directives would be channeled elsewhere into the war program.

WPB officials estimated that construction of between \$500,000,000 and \$1,000,000,000 in new war plants would be halted, even if it were necessary to dismantle partially completed ones. Many machine tools orders will be cancelled, and tool plants will be converted to the production of "things that shoot."

The announcement emphasized that there "has been no easing-off in the demand for critical materials; there is on the horizon no indication whatever of a lessening in the demand for labor.'

### LIFELINE:

#### For Small Business

Hope for financial aid for small store owners, operators of gasoline and service stations and other small businesses adversely affected by the war was held forth by the Reconstruction Finance corporation in announcing a loan program.

Jesse Jones, secretary of commerce, said the program would be in the hands of the RFC Mortgage company. The company, he added, is ready to consider loans against real estate, including stores, privately owned gasoline and service stations and business properties generally that have lost their earning power by reason of wartime restrictions and regulations.

Mr. Jones announced that three types of loans will be considered: participation loans; refunding loans; and care and preservation loans.

#### MISCELLANY:

COFFEE: Beginning June 1, Americans will get enough coffee to make one and one-fourth cups a day compared with present rations, the OPA announced.

PAPER: The Office of War Information's output of news releases reached a record high of 53 in a single day. Included was one publicity release urging conservation of

# Washington Digest

# **Allied Food Conference Envisions World Council**

International Group Would Be Empowered to Oversee Production, Distribution of 'Bread And Beef' to Feed Society of Nations.

> By BAUKHAGE News Analyst and Commentator.

Washington, D. C.

Back in the summer of 1940, I sat in a chair under a whispering tree and looked out over a wide and barbered lawn. The mountains were about us. We were resting in a nest carved out of the wilderness and equipped with all the luxuries that a pampered human could demand. Lovely, indolent women in sports dresses sat at tables under colored umbrellas. Handsome, indolent youths in blazers lolled beside them. Negro servants padded about with tall, cooling and expensive drinks.

I call it a "nest." I belonged there just like a cuckoo but I enjoyed it. It was all right. It helped circulate the money (I was a guest at a bankers' convention). But I thought back. Six months before I had ridden in an army transport plane over shuddering Europe. I looked about and saw the easy, harmless but useless life about me, made possible by the easy harvesting of America's

I sighed (a little enviously) and said to myself: "This can't last."

It is a strange coincidence that today, at this very same spot, representatives of the United Nations are gathering to try to write the prescription for the third freedomfreedom from want.

This gathering isn't concerned with summer resorts de luxe although it meets at one. It is concerned with the proposition: We must raise the standard of living all over the globe so that the underfed can produce enough of their handiwork to exchange it for enough to eat-something they just never had

It is just too big for me to grasp, but what's a heaven for, asks Browning, if our reach doesn't exceed our

#### World Council

This plan envisions an international council at the head of a system of administrative bodies among which would be an agricultural council, supported by an agricultural bank (all this international) which would direct groups studying and applying nutrition standards, directing the supply of products, storing surpluses, shifting crops to balance supply and demand, maintaining ever-normal storehouses of non-perishable crops, adjusting processing of perishable crops, developing new markets, taking care of relief in devastated or stricken areas, advising and assisting the poorer population groups to increase their efficiency and consumption.

In other words, these people who have spent hours and months and devoted arduous labor to working out this idea are trying to furnish the plan for economic machinery to hold up the hands of the political effort of a league of nations, new style-the bone and sinew, the bread and beef to feed a society of nations joined together under one political umbrella of world co-operation.

Such an idea is laughed out of court in advance by the folk who talk of crazy dreamers, impractical long-hairs and the like. Maybe it is impossible. But a lot of people are saying: "Well, for heaven's sake, let's try it, let's try anything -nothing can cost more in blood, sweat and dollars than war."

The United States proved a lot of things were possible under the sharp lash of war which would have been sneered into oblivion if they had been blueprinted before Pearl Har-

Take an egg, for example. Nothing up our sleeves. Just an egg. 'Before the war," says Frank Wilson of the department of commerce. "when Biddy, the hen, laid an egg in Cole county, Missouri, her subsequent cackie of satisfaction was based on the anticipation that that egg might get as far as Sedalia, St.

Then Hitler dreamed up a world war and somebody dreamed up a thing called lend-lease. Today, Biddy's product goes around the world.

Louis or, on rare occasions, New

#### Dehydration

Scientists invented dehydration and the process, as far as eggs are concerned, is only a year and a half old. Before the war, only 20 firms dried eggs to any extent and most of those dried albumen only. Today, according to Mr. Wilson, 130 egg-drying But it's tough on a newsman.

WNU Service, Union Trust Building | plants, big ones, mostly scattered through the Middle West, are drying eggs. Wilson predicts that before the war is over, 35 per cent of America's three billion dozens of eggs will be treated for processing annually.

And so the fragile egg, formerly shipped only short distances, can travel anywhere. How great the American market for dehydrated eggs will be depends on to what extent the consumer takes to the idea, undoubtedly world consumption will increase because of the excellent lend-lease sampling and the ease of shipment.

You may not be able to deliver your quart of milk from the Wisconsin milk shed to the Hottentot's front porch but you can get your dried milk or dehydrated eggs there—if you can adjust things so the Hottentot can produce enough to trade for what you have to sell. This applies to many other products. At present, if everybody could buy them, all the shirts made in peacetime wouldn't produce a shirt and a half per back.

It's the old story right down the line—we can invent the machinery to make anything. We are away be-hind in our inventions to improve the human lot. It's no harder but it takes more imagination. You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink, they say. The problem with humans is different. You've got the hungry man and the table and the food, but so far you haven't been able to fix things so you can lead him to it.

#### Russ-Jap Friendship-And American Ships

On May 7, Washington had the first official explanation of the many bombings of the Jap-held Aleutian island of Kiska. It said: "United States air forces have established military positions, including an airfield on Amchitka and have been in occupation of this island since Janu-

The same day, the Associated Press sent out a dispatch dated "February 16 (delayed)." I might say, "I'll say it was delayed."

It began this way: "Despite a series of eight Japanese bombing raids, this American airbase, only a few minutes flight from Kiska island went into operation today."

I quote all this to show what a highly confidential war we are running. By the time this sees printperhaps while I'm writing these lines-Kiska may be in American hands after a land invasion which it is admitted is the only way we can oust the enemy from this spot.

If the Japs have gone by the time you read this, there will be a sigh of at least partial regret in some quarters. The reason is this. As long as the Japs are on an island like Kiska (or Guadalcanal) more Japs have to try to reach them, to bring them supplies and keep them alive. And while that goes on, the Americans have a chance to keep enemy wounds open. Japs themselves are expendable. They are cheap, the sun god has a lot of them and he's generous in spending them. But he hasn't so many ships or so many supplies. So killing Japs doesn't bother the Mikado nearly as much as sinking his ships.

That is one reason the upturning of the last Jap toes on any of their stolen, far-flung bases will be a source of at least partial regret.

There is another reason. Day in and day out, from Vancouver and Seattle, secret ships, loaded with supplies for our Russian ally have been calmly sailing away past the Jap-held Kiska and Attu, under the Japanese guns in the narrow waters that lead to Vladivostok.

Now that was a little matter approved by Russia and Japan who hate and fear each other privately but officially are "friendly nations." The question arises now: When and if we trounce the little men out of the stronghold they have dug with their fingernails in the rocky Attu and Kiska, will they be as willing to let us keep on shipping supplies to Russia?

Perhaps it doesn't matter. By that time, which may be now, the situation may have changed. The interesting thing is that the situation does change and thanks to the censorship, nobody knows it until the knowledge ceases to be aid and com-

fort to the enemy.



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. 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. A new guest, Victor Quade, arrives.

Now continue with Judy's story.

#### CHAPTER III

"Wylie's gone to the village to see about gettin' the sink drain fixed," Aunt Nella murmured drowsily. That meant Rockville beyond Pirate's Neck, where the rest of the boarders probably were. I went down the two flights-Auntie and I have rooms in the attic-and reported.

"We'll just have to wait," Mr. Quincy said. "It's after ten o'clock. Someone will be along soon. No celebration in Rockville to keep 'em late-fireworks display or silly bonfire."

"I could walk it," Mr. Quade objected. "Only four or five miles, isn't it?"

"If you do, you'll take Miss Jason and push me, young man!'

Victor grinned, and I felt completely disarmed. No man with lovely teeth like that could be a coldblooded villain. "Maybe you're right," he said. "You're sure there's nobody at the castle who could go?" "What do you, a stranger, know about the castle?"

"Nothing, except that the garage man said it was empty. I could have the whole grounds to work in. He also recommended Mrs. Gerry's pies. Can't beat that combinationsolitude and good pie.'

Someone was coming down the stairs. We all looked up to see Hugh Norcross pausing to smooth his slick hair and straighten an already meticulously correct tie before he en-tered. "Did you knock on my door a while ago, Miss Jason?"

"Why, yes, I did. You didn't answer. This is Mr. Quade. Mr. Nor-

Hugh bowed swiftly and then turned again to me. "I thought it was my sister. Next time it's you, announce yourself, young lady." "Nice brother!"

"Well, there's such a thing as selfdefense. Bessie's very nervous. Had three fits this evening. Wanted me to thrash Lane for-for what he said to poor Mr. De Witt. Said she'd fix him if he ever came around here again. Tell him a thing or two herself. Why," he broke off, "what makes you all look so funny? Anything wrong?"

Thaddeus Quincy spoke up: "Where's Bessie now?"

"Sound asleep, thanks be! I just peeked."

"And I suppose you were reading -between fits?" Victor Quade asked

nonchalantly.

"I was. Ethics of Spinoza, since you ask." Was he telling the truth? Before we had a chance to tell him about my gruesome discovery in the basement of the church Lily Kendall came toddling into the room and plunked herself down on the nearest stuffed chair.

"Gee, I'm tuckered!" She fanned herself with a chubby ringed hand, fingering her beads with the other. "Well, Judy, I see you beat me home. Oh, introduce me! Another boarder?"

Victor Quade received her melting smile politely.

Mr. Quincy cut in: "Miss Kendall, you've been walking, I take it, the long way round. See anybody between here and the church?"

Lily shook her chin. "Only youdown there at the steps. Me, I wandered all over, through the Lane castle grounds." She inquired of Mr. Quade. Then, "If you mean the Lane feller, no, I didn't see him. Nobody there, looks like. Why?"

I thought the silence would never end. Victor Quade just stared at Lily till she again demanded, "Why? What you all so mysterious about?" "You didn't know the Lane feller

has been killed, I presume?"

"Killed! Auto accident?" "Murder."

Lily's pink beads broke and spattered in all directions.

"You're sure you didn't see anybody skulking about during your walk?" Mr. Quade asked Lily.

"No, sirree. Why ask me? Where's the rest of the gang? Gone to the movies? Nothing else doin' in Rockville, so I decided to stay home."

"They ought to be back pretty soon if they have," Hugh said, of-fering cigarettes to everybody. "What's say you and I wander down the road to meet them, Mr. Quade?" hurt." A sort of sickly grin crept

sea rattled the windows of the old | slightly-' house. No cannon crackers ever

made that noise, either. "What was that?" we cried in uni-

"Sounded like an explosion," Victor Quade said.

A moment we sat petrified as the rumbling noise of an explosion came to our ears.

Hugh Norcross tore up the stairs as Aunt Nella tore down.

"Judy, where's your Uncle Wylie?" She stood just outside the door, but we could all see her bare feet. "What was that noise?"

"We don't know, Auntie. Why don't you go back to bed? Just somebody celebrating the Fourth."
"Why should she go back to bed?" Mr. Quincy wanted to know. "She's

in this thing, too."
"Don't Mis' Gerry know he's been killed?" shrilled Lily.

Aunt Nella keeled but caught herself. Victor sprang to help her into the room, while we all explained at once it wasn't her husband who'd been murdered.

Hugh was back. "Keep my sister's name out of this. She didn't hear the-the explosion, thanks be.' "Get your aunt dressed, Miss-is it Jason? Come on, you." Mr. Quade



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investigate. Something happened down the road. Accident probably. May need help."

"Wait. Want my first-aid kit?" "Good girl. Hurry."

But the kit wasn't needed, after all. I'd barely reached the front hall when two cars brought home the rest of our guests. They joined the others, while Lily, Hugh, Mr. Quincy in his chair, and Aunt Nella, who'd managed to get into her robe but stood shivering in bare feet, plied them with questions.

I began to count them, all talking at once about the explosion: Albion Potter and the Rev. Jonas De Witt, but where was Uncle Wylie? "Where's Wylie?" lisped Aunt

Nella. I put my arm around her. "He's

all right or they'd say so. The explosion wrecked the bridge." "What bridge? I don't remember

a bridge between here and the mainland," Victor Quade said. "Dark when I came in. The fog and all." "You wouldn't notice it at night,"

Hugh said. "Just a short affair over a bit of the Neck. Pirate's Head is really an island."

"Mean a person could walk across? Marshland, isn't it?" "No. Not there. Rocky. Dan-

gerous currents. Regular rip tide. Take a mighty strong swimmer, that gap. The water swirls and eddies into a regular whirlpool.' "The murderer did it, of course,"

shrilled Lily, "so's he could make a getaway before we called the po-

"Murderer!" They gasped, wideeyed. "Oh, dear! Where's my hus-

band?" piped Aunt Nella. The Reverend De Witt stood up. "Don't be alarmed, my good wom-an. He's out in the car." He boomed oratorically on all occasions, even

"Is he hurt? Why doesn't he come in?" Aunt Nella started for the door. Albion Potter blocked the way. "I'll get him, Mrs. Gerry. He isn't

A muffled boom that was not the | round his mouth. "Just slightly--under the weather? He'll sleep

it off," grinned Lily Kendall. "Mr. Potter and I brought him home with us," the clergyman said as Aunt Nella wriggled past him

with a loud "H'mmmp!" He spread his hand as if he were giving the benediction. "Now what's all this about a murder?"

"Suppose you talk, Quade," Thaddeus Quincy said. "This young man, Victor Quade, is a writer. He arrived at the Head in a trailer to write fiction, inspired by the inn pies and the Lane estate. That right?"

Victor smiled. "In a way. Go

"No, you go on. Tell 'em the whole business. We're all here but Wylie Gerry, and he's 'hors de combat.' '

"That's French for drunk," Lily whispered to me. "Ain't this thrilling? My, I'm glad I didn't go to Bar Harbor."

Victor Quade took the floor and gave the facts as he knew them. How he'd arrived after dark and waited in the inn parlor till we found him. How Mr. Quincy and I had gone down to the church for my handbag to find a key to fit Bessie Norcross' door, and how I'd seen Lane's dead hand sticking out of the lid of the sea chest in the cellar. How the wires of the phone had been found cut. And now the bridge blown up.

"We're trapped. Miss Kendall was right. Whoever killed Lane had no intention of our getting back to town tonight to get the police," Hugh said. "What are we going to do?"

"We're going to keep quiet and let Mr. Quade talk," Mr. Quincy said, thumping his cane. "The rest of us were just one happy family till he came along. Let him continue. Maybe he'll give himself away." "Right." Victor showed those

marvelous teeth of his in a smile which could make anyone believe him a saint. "The question is, what are we to do? I would have called the police, but my car is in a Rockville garage. Now your cars are useless on account of the bridge. It's high tide. Anyone feel like swimming across, and then walking the -Just how far is it?"

The bridge is about half a mile from the Head and four miles from town. Hugh said he was darned if he'd leave his sister at a time like that. Mr. Quincy shook his head resignedly. That left only the Rev-erend, who boomed his swimming days were over, and Victor Quade. "It would be suicide for me," tor said. "Doctor's orders. This trailer business, with the dabbling at writing, is because I'm recovering from a recent illness."

"But the police will be here, anyway, won't they?" De Witt said.
"They must have heard the explosion in Rockville."

The men doubted it. Certainly it hadn't sounded very loud in the inn parlor so close by. If they did hear it, they'd put it down to shindigs the night before the Fourth. The milkman would be coming to the Head-when? Not till around noon!

"Let's see-it's now 11 o'clock. The explosion occurred - when? Quarter of?"

We let it go at approximately that. The movies close early in Rockville, and the two cars had come along together.

"Perhaps the police will come. Meanwhile, why don't we all try to act as normally as possible until dayli-" He broke off as a shrill cry from outside came from Aunt Nella.

"Wylie! Wyliiiie!"

We hadn't noticed that Albion Potter, who'd gone out with my aunt, had come back and was standing in the doorway. "He-he wasn't in the car, Mrs. Gerry," he stammered. "She's hunting all over creation in her bare feet. He can't be far."

"No, I should imagine not," boomed the preacher. He broke off, and suggested, after some hesita-

"If-if the water isn't too rough, I could row a boat." Yes, and escape, I couldn't but think. Hadn't Lane called him Smith? Maybe he

was an ex-convict. "You could not," Mr. Quincy said with finality. "Isn't any." And that

was that. "I'm going after my aunt. Will someone come with me. She'll

"I will." Hugh was on one side and Victor Quade on the other. But the whole crowd followed. We hadn't gone six yards before Aunt Nella gave a thin piercing scream that sounded down toward the sea.

"Help! HellIllp!" Pellmell into the fog we ran. "Coming, Auntie!" I called in answer to her call for help.

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#### IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL CUNDAY : OCHOOL Lesson

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#### Lesson for May 30

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#### PETER'S COUNSEL TO SCAT-TERED CHRISTIANS

LESSON TEXT-I Peter 1:1; 2:11-25. GOLDEN TEXT-Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.-I Peter 2:17.

Persecution for Christ's sake has been the lot of believers from the first century down to 1943. Sometimes it has been official, but more often unofficial, yet nonetheless severe and trying.

The manner in which Christians face their difficulties is one of the best testimonies to the reality of their professed faith. Sometimes, however, in the midst of their trials the enemy of their souls brings discouragement-and then they need the counsel and encouragement of others.

Such was the situation when Peter addressed his first epistle to the early believers who were scattered abroad (1:1). His counsel was just what they needed, and is equally

helpful to us. They were to be I. Separated As Pilgrims (1:1; 2:11, 12).

Christians are in this world but not of it. They are passing through, wayfarers on their way to the eternal dwelling place of God. That does not mean that they are not interested in the welfare of those round about them, or delinquent in sharing the responsibilities of life, but it does mean that they are to have the pilgrim's detachment from the things of the world and the flesh.

In the days of Peter, membership in the church was not considered a normal or respectable thing. It marked a person as belonging to a hated sect, one which was falsely accused of many evil deeds.

Christians must meet such malicious reports. How? By silencing their accusers by their good works. II. Submissive As Citizens (2:13-

One of the hallmarks of Christian character is willing and gracious recognition of proper authority, whether it be in the state, in the place of employment, in the school, the home. He does this for the Lord's sake (v. 13), and even when that authority is in the hands of an unreasonable man.

This does not mean that the Christian is to encourage or countenance tyranny and oppression, but that he is loyal to the state and to his employer, even though the present representative be a hard, unjust man. In all well ordered society there will be proper and effective means to correct injustice. But in and through it all the Christian shows his faith by his behavior.

Observe that government, in the plan of God, is for the purpose of keeping order, encouraging the good, and punishing the evil (vv. 13, 14). The powerful influence of the Christian Church should keep it in that right channel, or bring it back if it has strayed. Always loyal and obedient, the believer should use his ballot and his personal influence to establish and support good government.

III. Suffering As Christians (2:

Christ is our "example" (v. 21). Since some have interpreted this word and the statement "that ye should follow in his steps" as indicating that we are saved by our imitation of Christ, it is well to point out that this would be quite impossible. We would have to begin where He began-He was without sin (v. 22). But we have all "sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). We need a Saviour-not an example as far as redemption is concerned.

In the ever present problem of suffering, we as redeemed ones do have Christ as our example. He who was sinless and without fault bore the shame and suffering of Calvary without complaint. When He was reviled He did not retaliate, when He was hurt He did not threaten revenge (vv. 22, 23), but was willing to leave the ultimate judgment in the hands of God, who will have the final word.

We ought to do the same when we suffer for Christ's sake. If we suffer because of our own sin or folly. we can claim no credit for bearing it patiently (v. 20). But when we have done well and then are persecuted, we have opportunity to show whether our profession of being followers of Christ really means anything. At this point some Christians lose their testimony.

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