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## ACCIDENTAL DEATH

News was received in Robert Lee Saturday that Charlie Taylor had died of an accident in Las Vegas, Nevada. He had been employed by the DuPont Powder plant. Other details are lacking at the present.

Robert Lee received about 1 1-4 inches of slow, drizzling rain Saturday night and Sunday morning.

H. H. Good of Fort Stockton spent the week end with the Good family.

Mrs. Hawley Allen spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Ella Burges in Dallas.

Miss Minnie Weathers visited over the week end in San Angelo.

F. A. Askins, Sanco, subscribes for the Observer.

Mrs. J. N. Adams is in the Valley spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Claude Carter and Mr. Carter, in Harlingen.

Lots of New Merchandise arrive Daily at  
**CUMBIE & ROACH**

**\$445 OFFERED IN PRIZES IN TEXAS HISTORY WRITING CONTEST FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

Austin, Texas, December 6.—The Texas State Historical Association has announced a first prize of \$100.00 for the winner of the 1943-1944 Junior Historian Writing Contest. Eighteen papers will receive awards totaling \$445.

Contest entries may deal with any topic in Texas history, but contestants are urged to work on some subject related to their community or local history. Some suggestions or topics are cattle, trails, saddles, Indian depredations, transportation, natural history, exploration, oil, economic, political, or biographical subjects.

"Any boy or girl in Texas under twenty-one years of age may become eligible for competition," stated H. Bailey Carroll, Editor of "The Junior Historian," the magazine of the Association which is written almost exclusively by young Texans.

April 1, 1944, is announced as the closing date of the contest. All interested are invited to write for further information to The Junior Historian, Box 2145, University Station, Austin, 12, Texas.

The Observer,  
Robert Lee, Texas.

Headquarters Forward Echelon 14th AAF, November 10, 1943.

Flight Officer Richard M. Gramling, son of Mrs. B. M. Gramling, Robert Lee, Texas, has been commissioned as a second Lieutenant in a medium bombardment squadron of the 14th AAF, according to an announcement from the 14th AAF Headquarters.

Lt. Gramling is a pilot of a Mitchell medium bomber. He has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievements while participating in aerial flights.

Public Relations Office,  
Forward Echelon, 14th AAF.

I will be at the Clift Service Station next door to the Feed Store, Friday and Saturday with Avon Christmas Gifts.

Mrs. Hattie Day.

## PROMOTION

Lubbock, Texas, November 30.—Miss Maxine Craddock is one of 19 Texas Technological college students selected by a joint student-faculty committee to represent the college in the 1944 "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." Texas Tech has been represented in that publication every year since its first appearance at the University of Alabama in 1934. Awards are made on the basis of scholarship, leadership in campus activities, character and potentialities for future success.

She was also cited at a special awards convocation on the campus recently for membership in Alpha Chi, scholarship society, Kappa Mu Epsilon, honorary making the highest average among junior engineering students during the 1942-43 school year. Heretofore, special honors and awards have been announced at the spring commencement exercises, but this year a special service was held in connection with the joint celebration of Parents' Day and Homecoming.

## ATTENTION, FARMERS

Farmers who want prairie hay should leave orders with the Coke County Cooperative Association at Robert Lee, Texas for the approximate amount of hay. Remember, all feed purchased prior to January 1st can be counted in 1943 income tax deductions.

Mr. and Mrs. Elden Williams of Miles are proud parents of a son born November 22, weighing 5 pounds and 8 ounces, and has been named J. B. Mrs. Williams will be remembered as Miss Lois Bradford.

Miss Craddock, student council president, is a senior textile engineer with a grade average of A. She holds the office of Women's Self-Governing association financial chairman, and is Las Leales secretary. She was also secretary of the Freshman Honor society when a member of that organization, is a member of Junior Council, the Association of Women's Students council, Textile Engineering Society, Forum, and DED, social club. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Craddock.

## SALVATION

Salvation means: Deliverance from Danger; Healing from Disease; To be Freed from the Penalty of Sin.

Why do I need salvation? Because YOU are a sinner; for, ALL have sinned and come short of the Glory of God. There is none righteous, no, not one. The question arises now: What must I do to be saved? A lot of people are trying to do their salvation; but, by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves, lest any man should boast; for, we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works; believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. Salvation produces good works; but good works does not produce salvation, for, salvation is of the Lord. Therefore, we conclude that A MAN IS JUSTIFIED BY FAITH WITHOU THE DEEDS, OF THE LAW—Romans 3: 28. Harry Hames, Pastor, Baptist Church.

As we go to press the body of Charley Taylor arrived from Nevada. Account next week

## YOUR BOYS AND GIRLS TO BE HONORED

A great service, if you will help us, will be held at the Methodist church, next Sunday, at 11 a. m, honoring our boys and girls who are giving their service to Uncle Sam and to the cause of Democracy throughout the world.

Special music will be rendered, the Honor Roll will be read and a special message in honor of these boys and girls will be delivered by the pastor. A letter from the Church, expressing our deep love and appreciation, and a notice of this service, will be sent to each of them.

We think we appreciate what these boys and girls are doing for us, but if we could only be with some of these boys for just a little while in the fox holes, in the deadly jungles and in the death grip with the enemy, no doubt, we would say: "The half has not been told." Will we be able to write these boys and girls that you were present and helped in this honor service?

W. Vasco Teer,  
Pastor.

## NAZI "Supermen"

—the morning after



These captured members of "The Master Race" are bitter and disillusioned.

Hypnotized by the promises of power and glory they gave up all human freedom, all personal privileges, all individualism to follow the fanatic paperhanger.

With ruthlessness and savagery they fell upon a world unprepared for war . . .

a world geared only for peaceful productivity. With their practice of total war the world was all but crushed. The democracies of free people rallied to the support of liberty. The production miracles of free people working under business "know-how" applying the dynamics of free enterprise to the grim business of war bring the minions of the swastika up against a force

they cannot master and scarcely comprehend.

Independence . . . the right of every American within reasonable limits, to enjoy the rewards that his own work may bring . . . is the force that made America! Today, it is devoted to all out war. It must not be lost when the war is won!

West Texas Utilities  
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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

**U. S. Forces Advance in South Pacific  
As New Air, Sea, Land Blows Hit Japs;  
1944 Farm Machinery Output Doubled;  
Germany Stunned by Bombing of Berlin**

(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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**SOUTH PACIFIC:  
Outposts Crumbling**

Less than a week after U. S. forces under Maj. Gen. Holland Smith swarmed onto the shores of the Gilbert islands of Makin, Tarawa and Apamama, the stars and stripes floated bravely over them and most of their 6,000 Japanese defenders lay dead.

Even as U. S. forces were mopping up the Gilberts, from which the enemy once-menaced Allied supply lines to the southwest Pacific, American airmen struck another heavy blow at



Maj. Gen. Holland M. T. Smith

**Jap naval forces serving their embattled troops on their last Solomons' holding of Bougainville island. Of a force of six Jap destroyers, two were sunk by torpedoes and two more by gunfire by a smaller squadron of U. S. warships.**

In ground fighting on Bougainville, U. S. forces expanded their base of operations under support of heavy artillery barrage and bombing attacks of Mitchells and Venturas.

**FARM MACHINERY:  
Doubling Output**

Rationing of farm machinery will be reduced to 31 types next year as increased raw material allotments will allow the manufacture of almost twice as much equipment as was made in 1942 and about 80 per cent of the 1940 total. Production of repair parts will be unrestricted.

With sufficient carbon steel available, only uncertainty of supplies of anti-friction bearings, malleable castings and forgings is ruffling farm machinery manufacture. As in all mechanical production, bearings are the chief bottleneck.

Despite the improved outlook for farm machinery, difficulties may arise from the scarcity of hauling vehicles, including trucks, and in acquiring replacement tires for trucks now in operation.

**LIVING COSTS:  
Up 23 Per Cent**

While the War Labor board's "Little Steel" formula restricted wage increases to 15 per cent over the January, 1941, level, living costs have risen 23.4 per cent since then, according to figures of the department of labor.

Originally, WLB awards were based on a 15 per cent increase in living costs from January, 1941, to September, 1942. Since September, 1942, however, there has been another 5.6 per cent rise, with labor demanding a corresponding reduction in living costs or higher wages to equalize the present condition.

Further, labor charged that the government figures on living costs were inaccurate, and the President appointed a special committee to look into the subject.

**WORKING WOMEN:  
More Needed**

With 16½ million women already at work, another million are needed to round out war production demands.

As of October, only 700,000 people remained unemployed, and with this sharp reduction in the number idle, it has been found necessary to call on women to fill in many jobs, especially in busy war production centers.

The extent to which women have been recruited for industry since the armament program got under way can be glimpsed by the fact that only 10,800,000 were working in October, 1940.

**CONGRESS:  
Ban Subsidies**

To the senate for approval went a house bill prohibiting payment of subsidies to reduce or maintain retail food prices and only allowing their use to stimulate agricultural production.

Championed by the administration as a means of keeping living costs down, retail subsidies were attacked in the house as inflationary, in that such savings to consumers only added to their purchasing power, and money borrowed for the purpose increased the national debt.

The administration is now spending approximately 800 million dollars annually on retail subsidies for meat, butter, milk, and other products. Under the house bill, subsidies would be continued only for domestic vegetable oils, fats and oil seeds.

In approving subsidy payments to stimulate production, the house voted to extend the life of the Commodity Credit corporation to June 30, 1945, and maintain its borrowing power at three billion dollars. CCC also was given permission to resell at a loss perishable fruits and vegetables bought to support prices.

**Vote for Higher Taxes**

Also to the senate went a house bill providing for 2½ billion dollars in additional taxes, far below the 10½ billion dollars requested by Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau.

Largest source of new revenue in the bill would be obtained from taxes on goods, such as beer, liquor, jewelry, luggage, bulbs and cosmetics, and from services such as telephones and telegraphs, amusements, transportation and club dues.

Adjustments in individual and corporate income taxes would provide substantial revenues, with approximately 600 million dollars being obtained from additional levies on business.

Local postal rates would be increased to three cents and charges would be raised on money orders and special deliveries.

**EUROPE:  
Fortress Smoulders**

With its home front rocked by Berlin's devastation by 1,000 RAF bombers, Germany sought to bolster the southeastern flank of her smouldering Fortress Europe by turning to military maneuvers to influence wavering, neutral Turkey.

While Berlin's populace dug out of its ruins, Germany was reported moving troops through Sofia, Bulgaria, to the Grecian frontier, fronting Tur-



German Foreign Minister Von Ribbentrop (at right) greets Bulgarian regent, Prince Kyrill (at left), while Hitler looks on in background.

key. The moves closely followed the Nazis' recapture of the strategic Aegean islands of Kos, Leros and Samos, from where they could threaten Turkey's western coast.

The Germans' movements appeared to be their answer to Allied pressure on Turkey to cast her lot with the U. S., British and Russian cause. Under terms of the Turkish-British alliance of 1939, each country promises to come to the assistance of the other if attacked.

In Italy, Britain's 8th army occupied lowlands along the Adriatic coast, in preparation for an assault against the Nazis' mountain positions immediately to the north. U. S. casualties in Italy since September 8 were placed at 1,613 killed; 2,685 missing, and 6,361 wounded.

**WORLD RELIEF:  
Big 4 to Cooperate**

In accordance with the principles of the Big Four pact of Moscow, the U. S., Britain, China and Russia will work together in the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation administration for obtaining supplies for the postwar's needy countries.

The U. S., Britain and Russia will co-operate in estimating the requirements of the different European peoples. To get the necessary supplies as speedily as possible, it was suggested that raw materials be especially allocated to pre-war industrial nations with available machinery for manufacturing goods.

United Nations not invaded are to contribute 1 per cent of their national income toward a fund for financing relief and rehabilitation operations.

**Rationing After War**

Because of prospective demands on U. S. food supplies for feeding

other nations, rationing will not only continue but also may be more severe after the war, Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard told a senate committee.

Declaring that the time needed to feed other people will determine how long rationing will go on in this country, Wickard said the severity of the control will depend to a great degree on the supplies we have on hand when the war ends.

All tillable land out of the 20,000,000 acres owned by the government should be returned to farming by sale or lease after the war, Wickard said.

**WORLD BANK:  
For Reconstruction**

To join with private capital in reconstruction and rehabilitation in the postwar era, the U. S. treasury has proposed a world bank and laid details before congressional committees for study.

Announced by the treasury's financial wizard, Harry D. White, the bank not only would help in advancing long term credit for rebuilding the shattered economies of nations, but in some cases it would also guarantee repayment of loans made by private capitalists.

U. S. contribution to the bank would amount to 700 million dollars at the start, and possibly 3½ billion dollars in all. Great Britain would advance less than a billion dollars, Soviet Russia's share would be substantially less.

RUSSIA:  
**Counter-Punches**

Red armies launched a heavy attack on the northern sector of the 1,200 mile Russian front as German Marshal Fritz von Mannstein's troops pecked out new gains in the vicinity of important railroad junctions to the west of Kiev.

In their drive in the north, the Reds took another step closer to the pre-war Polish border, and pressed against the upper section of the railroad system constituting the Nazis' last north-south rail link in Russia.

After recapturing the rail hub of Zhitomir in a whirlwind comeback, the Nazi attack lost some of its impetus against stiffening Red resistance, and although the Germans beat forward for further gains and spread the scope of their drive northward to take in still another section of the rail line previously cut, their pace was slowed by concentrated Russian artillery fire.

**U. S. SPENDING:  
Sees Need**

Special advisor to the board of governors of the Federal Reserve bank, Economist Alvin H. Hansen proposed annual government expenditures at the rate of 15 to 18 billion dollars to prevent postwar depression.

Declaring that the last great depression was the result of a drop of 15 billion dollars in private investment between 1929 and 1932, Hansen said it was necessary for the government to develop a program for meeting such crisis, so as to halt big dips in consumer buying and attract capital back into business.

The present war will be followed by a period in which people will spend money for accumulated needs, Hansen said. But unless government stands by with some kind of program to take up the slack in employment that will follow the filling of all these orders, we might well run into another depression, Hansen asserted.

**Washington Digest**

**Today's Battlefield Victims  
Get Speedy, Effective Care**



**Blood Plasma, Sulfonamides and Organization  
Of Medical Services Insure Prompt  
Treatment of Wounded Men.**

By BAUKHAGE  
News Analyst and Commentator

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

A young reserve officer friend of mine came up to say goodbye to me a year and a half ago. He flattered me by asking for my advice before he went into active service.

I knew he wanted to see action. He had refused a desk job in Washington. I knew he wanted to do the job and get home to his wife and babies.

So I said: "Hope for a light wound and you'll hope for the best."

Of course, nobody would try to follow such advice but my friend got the wound (and a medal for bravery too) and now he's back in civvies again.

He doesn't like what the Jap bullet did to his leg for he'll play no more tennis or handball but his wife has a live, if lame, husband and his children have something beside a picture and a piece of ribbon to call "daddy."

When I gave that sage advice, I didn't know how smart I was.

"The wounded soldier in this global war, though he is exposed to almost every health hazard known to man, still has a better chance of surviving and returning safely home than ever before," says Maj. Gen. Norman Kirk, surgeon-general of the army.

The general gave three reasons: first, the use of blood plasma to avoid shock and hemorrhage; second, the use of sulfonamides to combat infection; and third, the mobility and organization of the medical services which insure prompt and efficient medical and surgical treatment.

**The Reasons**

I heard of widespread use of blood plasma first in the Spanish Civil war and imagine much valuable experience was gained from that conflict. We know it was a proving ground for Nazi and Fascist killing and undoubtedly the Allies profited by the efforts in life-saving as well.

The use of sulfa drugs is one of the great blessings which modern chemistry has given us. Recently I stood in one of the plants of the Monsanto Chemical company in St. Louis, Mo., letting the soft, healing powder drip through my fingers. Before me, in a space hardly 25 feet square, was a collection of small kegs containing this wonderful antiseptic. There was enough within my easy reach to serve the whole Sicilian campaign, they told me. Each soldier has his packet and fills his wound with it. It stymies the germs until natural processes annihilate them.

The mobility of the medical units has been described in many dispatches and you have all seen photographs of the flying hospitals, the great air transports with their equipment and nurses. The wounded are rapidly returned to bases where they get the best of care. Treatment on naval vessels is equally effective.

It must be understood that the drugs and the plasma in themselves are not cure-alls. They are not even cures in many cases. They are preventatives. They are what you "do with" until the doctor comes—more accurately, until you come to the doctor. Surgery is necessary in the cases of most wounds.

Capt. W. M. Craig, chief of surgery at the Naval Medical center, Bethesda, Md., just outside of Washington, puts it succinctly:

"In the last war, when a man's head was cut open by a shell fragment," says Captain Craig, "the surgeon had to operate at once, even though the patient was in such a weakened condition that he hadn't one chance in a hundred to survive the operation. The surgeon had no other choice; he knew if he waited, infection would set in and that would be the end. In this war it is different; the patient is given blood plasma treatment to build him up, sulfa to check infection, and if his condition permits, he is flown to a hospital in the rear where the operation is performed under ideal conditions."

**Short Time Lag**

In the last war, all wounded had to have a powerful injection, a most painful thing to endure, and nowhere

near as effective as modern treatment.

The army estimates that 80 to 90 per cent of the wounded get first-aid treatment within an hour of being wounded. Ships are well equipped, the larger ones as well as a hospital.

The man with a not too serious wound, and that is by far the majority of cases (amputations are included), has a splendid chance for recovery and a resumption of his natural existence in civil life when he is discharged.

In two categories this war has been harsher than any preceding. There is a greater proportion of killed in action to wounded. Also the mental casualties are higher in the present war.

Careful efforts have been made to screen out those showing characteristics indicating they are unable to stand up under the mental strain of modern warfare. More might have been held out of service if the psychiatrists had been able to carry out their plans. They would have been able to do so if there had been as thorough an understanding of that branch of medical science as there will be after the war. And because of that fact, more of the mental cases will be restored to normal.

The reason for the increased number of mental cases is variously explained: our troops have endured longer periods of offensive action than in the last war; the increased fury of modern warfare; the domination of the machine, and also, to some degree, the complications of civilian life which encourage neurotic conditions.

The science of warfare has moved forward with seven-league boots. Killing has become a mass production affair. But along with the chariot of Mars, Mercury has advanced on winged feet and the healing arts have progressed to the point where for those who escape the scythe of the grim reaper there is a strong helping hand along the road back.

**Crowned Heads  
Prove Headaches**

After the last war, some poetically minded writer penned an editorial which had wide circulation entitled: "The Twilight of the Kings." Many a throne had tumbled as a result of that last conflict, names that were written large in history, faded until they were less than memories—Hohenzollern, Hapsburg, Romanoff, not to mention a host of lesser majesties.

But some who survived are today problems of the United Nations, like plebscites, famine, frontiers, lend-lease, airways and a thousand other annoying questions that must be settled when peace comes.

Of course, kings are not to be shrugged away lightly. Some of America's best friends are kings. But there are crowned heads who are bound to be headaches for the uncrowned brows of the statesmen who have to put the world together again.

There is the House of Savoy, for instance. The king of Italy has been a problem. So are Balkan potentates in exile or in cahoots with Hitler.

**About King Carol**

One most romantic monarch who is likewise exceedingly dynamic is ex-King Carol of Rumania. Recently, I received a communication from him. It looked like a telegram but it was not that intimate—it was mimeographed. It contained a statement of some kind, I have forgotten the exact nature of it.

But the other day, its source was revealed when a certain publicity organization registered with the department of justice as all organizations representing foreign elements must. It developed that Carol had arranged to try to encourage the good will of Americans by hiring this agent for \$35,000 (ten grand down, the rest in easy payments) to express Carol's views, all to be democratic and pro-Ally.

But the interesting implication is that one of the jobs of the press agent is to remove the "ex" from the title "ex-king" which seems to have attached itself to Madame Lupescu's husband.

And there is a roll-back which only the temerity of an American press agent would grapple with!

## IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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### Lesson for December 12

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#### CHRIST'S NEW COMMANDMENT

**LESSON TEXT**—Mark 12:28-34; John 13:34, 35; 15:10-14.  
**GOLDEN TEXT**—A new commandment I give unto you. That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.—John 13:34.

The "new commandment" of love which Christ gave was not new in the sense of then first being known, but new in its application (John 13:34). Only since Christ had come did men know how to love in truth.

This commandment of love was also first in time, being given before the Ten Commandments (see Lev. 19:18). Then, too, it declared the fundamental of all spiritual life, the first thing man needed to know, that God is love.

It also must take first place in man's thinking, for even as the Decalogue (Ten Commandments) is the heart of all moral law, so love for God and our fellow man is that which makes the Decalogue effective in our lives.

#### I. Love God (Mark 12:28-30).

Because "God is love" (1 John 4:8) He desires man's perfect love toward Him. Because the essence of His being is love, He loves us, and enables us to love Him.

There is more here than a commandment or the performing of a duty. There is the recognition of a controlling principle of all life. In a day of multiplication of powerful machines and organizations, when man is "power conscious" in an unusual way, it is well to recall that the greatest power in all the world is the power of love.

Then let us not forget that all true love should rest upon fellowship with God. It has no real foundation if it does not.

#### II. Love Your Neighbor (Mark 12:31-34).

Everything about our relationship to Christ and to God expresses itself in our living. No spiritual truth is simply to be admired, or kept on a shelf as a cherished possession. It is to be put to work in the affairs of life.

Love for God means love for our neighbor. If we do not love our neighbor (and that means our fellow man—Luke 10:25-42) how then does the love of God abide in our hearts?

It is worthy of note that the recognition and appreciation of this truth on the part of the scribe brought him near to the kingdom of God, but not into it. He was "not far from," but he was not in it. It is terrifying to think how close men may come to entering without doing so. Reader, have you entered into eternal life through Jesus Christ?

#### III. Love Your Brethren (John 13:34, 35).

Here we come within the circle of believers and see that the distinctive thing about their fellowship should be love for one another.

The old commandment of love becomes a new one because Christ shows that the measure of that love is to be His great love for us. How did Christ love us? With a perfect, unselfish and thoughtful devotion, which so deeply desired the very most and best for us that He was willing to lay down His holy life as our Saviour from sin.

The thing which marked the early church with glorious distinction was that in a world that hated, they loved one another, and in a world that killed and destroyed, they were even willing to die for their brethren.

#### IV. Love is Obedient, Joyful and Sacrificial (John 15:10-14).

Love is not an impulsive, erratic movement of man's nature which tries to make up for neglect and unkindness by occasional displays of generosity and thoughtfulness. No indeed. Love walks the straight and steady way of obedience to God's commandments.

Keeping God's law is not accomplished by reading it, or talking about it, or even learning it by heart, but by definitely practicing its precepts.

This brings joy into our lives—the real and perfect joy of Christ. How little we appreciate what this means. Our fellowship with the Lord calls for obedience and sacrifice, but that is not a burdensome, dull, distressing experience. It is a joyful one. Who counts it a trial to do that which pleases a loved one? Do we really love God? Then we will rejoice in our response to His will, yes, in any possible act of devotion.

Love draws no limiting line beyond which it will not go.

## TO YOUR Good Health

By DR. JAMES W. BARTON

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### BENZEDRINE SULFATE

In my articles on health and weight, I have mentioned the use of benzedrine sulfate (amphetamine) in reducing weight. It has a "double action" effect in that it takes away the appetite for food and causes the individual to be more active. He is inclined to move about more instead of allowing his excess weight to keep him lazy.

That benzedrine sulfate has this same double action effect in the treatment of alcoholism has been reported. Some months ago I mentioned the work of Dr. W. Bloomberg, Boston, as recorded in the American Journal of Psychiatry. While this article has aroused interest and helped many alcoholics, there are many who have not heard about it and so I am again passing it along to my readers.

"When an alcoholic stops the use of alcohol, he is severely depressed and very uncomfortable and feels that he must take something to relieve him. As the only thing he knows to give relief is alcohol he turns to it and the vicious circle continues. Because he continues to take alcohol to obtain relief, it is often necessary to place him in an institution."

Dr. Bloomberg's method of treatment is simple and effective. The alcohol is stopped at once and he is given 10 to 30 mg. (sometimes more is needed as determined by test) of benzedrine sulfate daily, in two equal doses, one with breakfast and the other at noon. It is not usually given later than noon and never in the evening as it keeps mind and body active and would interfere with sleep. This dose or the dose best suited to his needs should be continued until the patient is reasonably comfortable and able to work without his alcohol. It should then be gradually reduced and finally stopped, after which an occasional dose can be taken in periods of depression in place of alcohol. This drug should not be used to give the individual a "pick-up" following an occasional spree.

Dr. Bloomberg states that benzedrine sulfate is a dangerous drug in unskilled hands and should never be taken except under the supervision of a physician.

### Cobra Venom Eases Agony of Cancer

As one of the most severe pains that afflict man is that of cancer which cannot be reached by surgery, X-rays or radium, the use of morphine has come into almost general use. While morphine dulls or deadens the pain of cancer, it also deadens the mind, eyes, hearing, taste and other senses of the body. In addition, the forming of the morphine habit quite often follows.

However, all severe pain is not due to cancer but to many other conditions, so that a substitute for morphine that would give relief from pain and not dull the senses, nor establish a habit, has been the aim of research workers throughout the world. That cobra venom is a worthy substitute in many cases of severe pain is now established.

Some years ago Dr. David I. Macht was able to show that the pain of cancer could be relieved in at least 50 per cent of cases by injection of cobra venom.

More recently, in the Transactions of the American Therapeutic Society, Dr. Macht has been able to show that cobra venom also relieved the pain in tic douloureux (trigeminal neuralgia), arthritis, locomotor ataxia, sciatica, angina pectoris, skin lesions and other painful diseases.

Another gratifying discovery is that, whereas morphine dulls the vision, cobra venom actually "sharpens" the vision; objects become clearer and for a greater distance.

Further, while the sense of smell is depressed by morphine, it is greatly increased by injections of cobra venom. And that other special sense, hearing, which is blunted by morphine, is sharpened by the use of cobra venom.

Finally, what is most important to the patient and his family, is that, while morphine dulls or deadens the intellect, cobra venom, on the contrary, tends to quicken mental responses. This mental test of the effect of cobra venom was tried out on 20 college students. The use of cobra venom brought answers in less time and decreased the number of mistakes in mathematics tests.

### Mrs. Newlywed's Secret Didn't Help Matters Any

Mr. and Mrs. Newlywed were silent as the train bore them swiftly homewards at the end of their honeymoon.

Mr. Newlywed had spent every available penny on the holiday and his next pay day was a full two weeks off.

But as they neared home the young wife gave a merry laugh. With a frown her husband asked the cause of her merriment.

"I'm going to tell you a secret that will cheer you up, Billy," she said. "Before we went away I hid a ten dollar bill in a jar in the pantry."

"Yes," moaned the dejected spouse, "I know. I found it."

## ASK ME ? ANOTHER ?

A quiz with answers offering information on various subjects

#### The Questions

1. The United States has had how many national political parties?
2. A harp usually has how many strings?
3. Who wrote the Virginia statute for religious freedom?
4. Do men in the armed forces of the United States have a draft classification?
5. According to legend, who stole fire from heaven and bestowed it upon mortals?

6. Where did the ancient Pitts live?
7. How many equal sides has an isosceles triangle?

#### The Answers

1. Thirty-five, only five of which have elected Presidents.
2. Forty-six strings.
3. Thomas Jefferson.
4. Yes, Class 1-C.
5. Prometheus.
6. Britain.
7. Two equal sides.

## Favorite Flowers for Linens



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Due to an unusually large demand and current war conditions, slightly more time is required in filling orders for a few of the most popular pattern numbers.

Send your order to:

Sewing Circle Needlecraft Dept.  
564 W. Randolph St. Chicago 80, Ill.  
Enclose 15 cents (plus one cent to cover cost of mailing) for Pattern No. ....  
Name .....  
Address .....

## EASY TO BUY

Be sure to insist on genuine St. Joseph Aspirin every time. You can't buy aspirin that can do more for you, so why pay more. World's largest seller at 10¢. 36 tablets, 20¢—100 only 35¢. Get St. Joseph Aspirin.

#### Geese for Victory

Long before modern war made V our symbol of victory, wild geese flew in a V formation. It is a custom of the goose world. An old gander commonly leads the flock, taking his place at the point of the V.

## If Your Nose Fills Up Tonight - Get Quick Relief!

Just a Few Drops Relieve Stuffiness—Make Breathing Easier—Invite Restful Sleep

It's wonderful how Vicks Va-tro-nol clears the transient congestion that clogs up the nose! Results are so very good because Va-tro-nol is specialized medication that works right where trouble is—to relieve stuffiness and make breathing easier. Try it—put a few drops up each nostril—follow directions in folder.



**VICKS VA-TRO-NOL**

### ★ Send Your Scrap to the Salvage Pile

**BACK SUNDAY NITE**  
DEC. 12th  
**FRED ALLEN**  
with PORTLAND HOFFA  
AL GOODMAN'S ORCH.  
WORKSHOP PLAYERS  
Famous Guest Stars  
PRESENTED BY  
**TEXACO DEALERS**

KRLD—KWFT  
KROD  
and other  
CBS Stations  
8:30 P.M. C.W.T.

**W**HETHER it's towel or pillowcase, scarf or cloth you are embroidering, it will be enhanced by these "true to life" garden favorites.

Pattern 7568 contains a transfer pattern of 16 motifs averaging 4 1/4 by 3 1/4 inches; stitches.

### Fish Lays Eggs in Plants; Trout Is Lassoed in Leap

Thread-finned fish of the Amazon river leap out of the water and lay their eggs on overhanging plants.

A trout was lassoed by a fisherman as it leaped out of the waters of a California stream. It weighed six pounds, measured 28 inches. A U. S. forest ranger has a photograph to prove it.

Blackfish which live in the weedy swamps of Alaska and eastern Siberia can be frozen in the ice for months, but when thawed out become as lively as ever.



### ★ IN THE MARINES ★ they say:

- "CHICKEN" for recruit
- "GREENS" for winter service uniform
- "SQUARED AWAY" for everything shipshape
- "CAMEL" for the favorite cigarette with men in the Marines

CAMELS  
DELIVER PLENTY  
OF FLAVOR AND  
MILDNESS—THEY  
SUIT ME TO  
A 'T'

### FIRST IN THE SERVICE

With men in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, the favorite cigarette is Camel. (Based on actual sales records.)

**CAMEL** COSTLIER TOBACCO

CHANGE TO  
**M SYSTEM**  
AND POCKET THE CHANGE

"M" SYSTEM SPECIALS

**Grapefruit Juice** Tropic Gold No 2 28c  
12c 47 oz can

Chapmans Pure E. Tex Sorgum 1/2 g 60c gal \$1.17

**Crax Butter Crackers** 12 oz. pkg. 10c

**White Cream Meal** 5 lb. bag 24c

**Peanut Butter KB** 16 oz. Jar 22c

**White Karo SYRUP** No. 1 1/2 Jar 17c

**Baker's Premium Chocolates** 8 oz. 17c

**Marathon Honey No. 5** 99c

**Frankie's Farm Salad Dressing** Qt. 28c

**Soft weave Toilet Tissue** 3 roll 25c

**Folger's Coffee lb. pkg.** 31c

**Blackburn's Honey Flavored SYRUP** 5 lb. 59c

**Dishes 17 piece Dinner Set** \$1.09

**PICKLES** Ma Brown Kosher DILL 22 oz. 20c

**Olives** Ricardi 3 oz. Stuffed 24c  
2 1/2 oz. Plain 16c

**Kix** 12c, **Wheaties** 11c

**Cheerioats** 12c- **Bisquick** 40 oz. 22c

**Softasilk Cake FLOUR** 26c

**Gold Medal FLOUR** 25 lb. \$1.36

**Palmolive SOAP** reg. 07c- **Super Suds** lge. 23c

**Crystal White SOAP** Giant bar 05c

Green point Items points

**Pure Fruit Jam** Peach or Apricot 2 lb. 59c 6

**Prune Juice** Honey Mellowed Qt. bottle 24c 3

**SOY Beans** Fresh Shelled No. 2 09c 3

Car Load of HEINZ goods just Received

**Baby Food** All Fruits 08c (1 pt) All Vegetables 07c 1

**Cream of Tomato Soup** 11c 4

**Chicken Noodle SOUP** 15c 4

Brown point Items points

**Carnation MILK** tall can 09c 1

**Wesson Oil** Qt. 55c 10

BAKERY

**Pecan Pies** ea 40c **Tender Krust** 1 1/2 lb. 10c

PRODUCE

**Egg Plant** 07 1/2c— **Cabbage** lb. 04c

**Rhubarb Cherry** Red fine for pies or sau 2 lb 19c

**Mustard Greens, Turnips and Tops** home gr. 7 1/2c

**Bell Peppers** lb. 15c **Yellow Squash** lb. 10c

**Yams** East Texas, lb. 6 1/2c **Yellow Onions** lb. 6 1/2c

**Coconuts** med. 23c lge. 29c **Almonds** lb. 49c

Buy Your Xmas Fruits NOW

MARKET

**Beef Roast** -lean and tender lb. 25c

**STEAK** -From Young Beef- lb. 26c

**Fresh Ground Meat** lb. 23c

**Picnic HAMS** lb. 32c

**Blue Bonnet OLEO** lb. 22c

**Brick CHILI** lb. 33c

**Fleischmans YEAST** 2 For 05c

NOTICE

The First Lesson in 1st Aid Class will be given Friday night at eight o'clock, at the F. S. A. office by Dr. Griffith. All who are interested come and take the course.

Renewals and new subscribers are Pat Havins, Joe Dodson, F. A. Askins, G. W. White, Mrs. J. C. Bodiford.

The Baptist Workers' Council met in Robert Lee this week, with a fair representation from over the district and a fine dinner served to about 60. Next meeting will be in Ballinger.

Born to Pvt. and Mrs. G. P. Lowrey, a baby girl, weighing 6 pounds and 9 ounces.

Mrs. Lamont Scott and Mrs. W. J. Cumbie returned from Dallas the first part of the week where Mrs. Scott purchased merchandise for the Cumbie & Roach store.

M. E. Trimble renews the Observer.

Mrs. Christine Roach, Administrator of the AAA office and Mrs. Frank Wojtek, assistant, are in Big Spring, attending a district meeting.

Get Your Christmas pkgs. to your boys in the service in the Mail Now. We have a nice selection of GIFTS  
CUMBIE & ROACH

Sale Column

Lost- A child's gold bracelet See Glenda Littlefield

Lost- A purse, \$20.00 bill and small coin See Mrs. J. C. Brown

NOTICE

Mose Jackson has been appointed Pound man, said pound being located on Lot No. 1 Block No. 53 in said city of Robert Lee same being located at the Mose Jackson residence  
Signed City Commission

WORK WANTED—  
Sheep or goat shearing, or tagging. A 6-drop machine, with 22 years experience. See Manuel Rodriguez.

One Yard Rotary Fresno Tractor Type SEE  
BOYD YARBRO

Let me drill your next well Experienced Driller & Mill man

BOYD YARBRO

A nice home for sale. S. R. Young.

If you want to take a business course, investigate at the Observer office.

Notice

Tank and Spreader dam builders See Lickey Ross or phone 4105

Dandy line of specials in Avon articles.  
Mrs. Hattie Day

FOR SALE—House and ten acres of land close in. A dandy chicken farm, river front. \$800.00 See  
Clarence Vestal.

Ranch Wanted

2 or 3 Sections, vicinity of Robert Lee or Sterling City Texas. Direct from Owner. Have cash Customer. Must be good and improved  
FRED CLUETT  
Licensed Dealer Fort Stockton TEXAS d 17

RED & WHITE

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY & SATURDAY

24 lb. sack Robin Hood Flour \$1.40  
FREE 2 Glass Tumblers

50 lb. sack Robin Hood Flour \$2.55  
FREE 4 Glass Tumblers

No. 2 Grapefruit Juice 2 cans 25c

No. 2 R&W Pineapple Juice (12 pts) 20c  
16c (crushed (30 pts)

Thompson Seedless Raisins 2 lbs. -4 pt- 25c

5s Staley's Golden Table Syrup 40c

5s Red Label Brer Rabbit SYRUP 39c

18 oz. Post Toasties box 13c

10 lb. bag Imperial Cane Sugar 64c

Regular Grape Nuts box 13c

10 lb. Red and White MEAL sack 55c

7 oz. Grape Nut FLAKES 15c

PRODUCE

Idaho Russet SPUDS 10 lb 36c

Cabbage 2 lbs. 09c

Rutabaga TURNIPS 2 lbs. 09c

216s Texas ORANGES doz. 30c

MARKET

Chuck Roast per. lb. 29c

Pork SAUSAGE per. lb. 32c

Brick Chili per. lb. 33c

Luncheon Loaves per. lb. 29c

Blue & White Oleo lb. 21c

Keep on Backing the Attack with your purchases of WAR BONDS. Give War Bonds for Christmas.  
ADS FOR SALE IN OUR NEXT ISSUE

ALAMO THEATRE

"THE BEST IN SCREEN ENTERTAINMENT"

ROBERT LEE TEXAS

Friday and Saturday Dec 10-11

HENRY ALDRICH

"HENRY ALDRICH GETS GLAMOUR"

POPEYE and NE S

Wednesday only Money Nite Dec. 15

WALTER BRENNEN-ANN BAXTER IN

"SWAMP WATER"

Also Batman

TEXAS THEATRE

BRONTE, TEXAS

Friday and Saturday Dec. 10-11

BARBARA STANWYCK-MICHAEL O'SHEA IN

"LADY OF BURLESQUE"

Comedy and News

Tuesday only Money Nite Dec. 14

WALTER BRENNEN-ANN BAXTER IN

"SWAMP WATER"

Also The Batman