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## Evangelist Henley To Conduct BAPTIST REVIVAL



The Easter revival begins at the Baptist church next Sunday and continues through April 28.

Evangelist Taylor Henley of Gorman will do the preaching and Pastor Fred D. Blake will conduct the music. The evangelist is a former army chaplain, and enjoyed a successful pastorate with the local church several years ago. He is a gifted speaker, and the public is invited to attend the services, morning and evening.

### Methodist Services

Easter will be observed next Sunday at the Methodist church in Robert Lee by two outstanding services, according to the pastor, Rev. J. C. Campbell. The morning worship at 11 o'clock will be featured by special Easter music and the reception of a group of new members. In the evening at 7:30 there will be an Easter pageant presented by members of the Methodist congregation of Bronte.

### Gubernatorial Candidate

The first candidate for governor to visit Robert Lee was Caso March, who was in town last Monday. He is a capable young man, has a good platform, and told us he expected to visit every county in the state.

Mrs. E. W. Wright of Colorado City, was a week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Summers.

## Declared Dead By Navy Department

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Price, formerly of Robert Lee, have received official word from the Navy Department that their son, Motor Machinist Mate 2-c Glenn O. Price, reported missing in action since March 31, 1945, is now declared dead.

M. M. M. 2-c Price served on the submarine Kete, which was last heard of from off Guam.

Survivors are, the parents, Sidney; his wife, Mrs. Juanita Price, Phillips; three sisters, Miss Imogene Price, Sidney, Mrs. Louise Honea, San Angelo, and Mrs. Viola Dennis, Dublin, and a brother, Tech. Sgt. Willie R. Price, Calcutta, India.

### Return From Austin

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Walker returned Sunday from Austin where they went to visit Frank W. White a veteran of World War II. Mr. White was in the same company and was a comrade of Earl Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walker, who was killed in battle in France. White saw the Coke county boy fall during the fierce battle, and informed the bereft parents that their son's death was instantaneous. Enroute home, at Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Walker's car was run into on the highway by another car, and Mrs. Walker sustained several painful bruises. Both cars were considerably damaged.

### School Of Instruction

C. E. Story of San Angelo is conducting a Masonic instruction school in Robert Lee this week.

Roach's Dry Goods has a new air conditioning unit, installed by Otis Smith.

Organization of a baseball team in Robert Lee is in process.

R. S. Crum was called to Bertam Monday of last week on account of the death of his brother-in-law, C. P. Thompson. Pastor J. C. Campbell accompanied him on the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace L. Scott Jr. and babe left Monday for Del Rio to make their future home. Hoace is the owner of a new bottling works plant in the border city, featuring the Barqs line.

## Tom Connally Is Again UP FOR SENATOR



United States Senator Tom Connally announced last Saturday that he would be a candidate for reelection. Uncle Tom is chairman of the senate foreign relations committee and is one of the most influential senators in that august body.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all for their kindly ministrations during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father, M. D. Porter.

Mrs. M. D. Porter and Family.

### Glenn Cox

The sad news of the death of Glenn Cox of Slaton, from a heart attack Tuesday morning, reached Robert Lee shortly afterward. Deceased formerly resided at Tennyson, and had many friends in this county.

Impressive funeral services were conducted Thursday morning by Pastor Fred D. Blake at the Baptist church, with interment being made in Robert Lee Cemetery.

The bereaved wife and other relatives will have the sincere condolence in this time of sorrow.

Mrs. J. C. Rabb underwent a minor operation in a San Angelo hospital Tuesday.

District Attorney Ralph Logan was a visitor from San Angelo Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Warren, accompanied by the former's mother, Mrs. John Warren, are here from Dallas, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Than Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Murtishaw. The Warrens are former Coke county folks and are always glad to come back to the Promised Land for a visit.

For Sale—Upright Kenmore piano in splendid condition. Phone 6205, Mrs. H. C. Allen. 45

### Your New Editor

With the consummation of a deal, A. J. Kirkpatrick, of Oskaloosa, Iowa, this week becomes the owner of the Robert Lee Observer. Mr. Kirkpatrick is an experienced newspaper man, having owned and published several of Iowa's outstanding weekly newspapers. A practical printer, a staunch democrat, and a gentleman of the highest type, we feel that The Observer is passing into capable hands and that Coke county will appreciate his efforts and give him full co-operation. Mr. Kirkpatrick is now in full charge, and will shortly move his family to this city. Come in and meet the new owner—he is of the West Texas type and talks our language. You have been very kind in giving us news items and we trust you will do likewise by our successor.

## Committee Action Pleases UCRA Heads

L. T. Youngblood, of Bronte, chairman, and G. C. Allen, secretary-treasurer of the Upper Colorado River Authority, yesterday expressed West Texas' appreciation of congressional committee action upholding the \$2,000,000 appropriation for initiation of the North Concho flood control project.

"With other Senate-added projects reduced drastically, the favorable action on the UCRA program indicates that the Congress recognizes our need for urgent action," Youngblood said.

He and Allen now are seeking clearing up of survey and map preliminaries to a hearing before the State Board of Water Engineers on the second, and largest, of the two UCRA projects—the Robert Lee dam and Coke-Runnells-Tom Green Concho Counties irrigation project on which the Bureau of Reclamation may ask an appropriation next fall.

The San Angelo project will be under supervision of the Army Engineers.

### Financial Statement

This is to certify that I have checked the records and books of the Secretary of the City of Robert Lee and found same to be in excellent condition and good order.

The following accounts were verified and found to be in balance with the cash on hand and in the bank.

Sinking fund, Balance March 31, 1946, \$708.39.

General fund, Balance March 30, 1946, \$699.44.

Water Department, Balance March 31, 1946, \$2,958.83.

The City Secretary, the Mayor and Councilmen should be complimented on the excellent way in which the City's business and administration has been handled.

All of which I certify to this the 17th day of April, 1946.

T. A. RICHARDSON.

Bonds Paid since April 1, \$1700.

Liquor Control Board officers and Deputy Sheriff Paul Good took charge of a Slaton man and 52 cases of beer near Bronte Tuesday. The man was fined \$100 and costs and his cargo confiscated.

Singing at the Church of Christ, 4 o'clock next Sunday afternoon. All invited.

Otis Smith installed a butane plant for W. J. Capps Tuesday.

## H. C. Varnadore Jr. ENTERS BUSINESS



H. C. Varnadore Jr. last Saturday closed a deal buying the Coltex distributorship and equipment, and the new tile building from Ford Hallmark, and shortly expects to complete arrangements for the appointment as I. H. C. dealer in this area.

The son of County Commissioner H. C. Varnadore, Clell is one of our most popular young men, has a host of friends, and will enjoy a fine business.

### M. D. Porter's Death

M. D. Porter, 72, passed away at his Edith home April 10. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Fred D. Blake at the Baptist church April 12, interment being made in Robert Lee Cemetery, under direction of Clift Funeral Home.

Deceased is survived by his wife, a daughter, Mrs. H. E. Garvin, two stepsons, one brother and two sisters.

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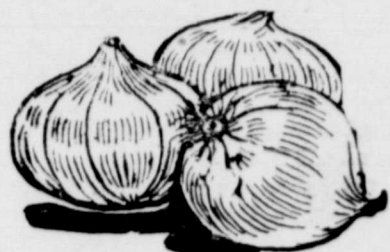
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**Fresh Strawberries 35c**

 **Celery, bleached 23c**

**Onions** white new crop pound **10c**

**Lemons** Calif. lge size dozen **29c**



**Carrots** South Texas **3 bunches 14c**

**Green Onions, per bunch - 6c**

**Green Beans, pound 15c**

**Avocadas, rich in food value 10c**

**Squash, pound 7½c — New Potatoes, pound 7½c**

**LETTUCE, fresh, crisp, 2 for 23c**

**Grapefruit, Texas Marsh Seedless, med. size, doz. 49c**



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**: Meat Department :**

**Seven Bone Steak, pound 28c**

**Chuck Roast, choice, lb. 28c**

**Frankfurters, choice, pound 39c**

**Fresh Ground Meat, pound 25c**

**Longhorn Cheese, pound 43c**

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Amaryllis 25 lb. sack **1.15**

Hilex, gal. . . . 39c

Rain Drops, 24 oz. . . 22c

Mops, wet, 20 cord 69c



**Fig Bars, Venus, 1½ lb. package 39c**

**Sauer Kraut, L'Art, No. 2½ tin 14c**

**Beans, Green, APCO, No. 2 tin 19c**

**Eggs, fresh country, doz. 32c**

**Sun-Brite Cleanser, reg. can, 3 for 14c**

**Cake Flour, Softasilk, 44 oz. pkg. 26c**

**TEA LIPTON'S 1-4 lb. package 25c**

**Chicken Noodle Soup, tall tin 13c**

**Beans, Mexican style, No. 2 can 15c**

**Juice, grapefruit, Bestex, 46 oz. 25c**

**Juice, orange, Bruce's 46 oz. tin 39c**

**Juice, tomato, Libby 46 oz. tin 27c**

**Corn Cream Style Milf'd No. 2 tin 13c**

**Peas, Bagley Garden Run, No.2 tin 15c**

**Fish Flakes, Billow Brand, 15 oz. 39c**

**Sardines, ¼ tin, Maine 7c**

**Mackerel, Old South, tall tin 19c**

**Shrimp, Victor, No. 1 tall tin 49c**

**Blu-White, pkg. 10c**

**Soap, Lifebuoy, 3 reg. bars. 19c**

**Soap, Lux, 3 reg. bars 19c**

**Brooms, good quality, each 79c**

**Paste Wax, Johnson's, 16 oz. tin 59c**

**Glo-Coat, Johnson's, qt. size 98c**

**Windex, 20 oz. bottle 30c**

**Oats, Purity, large package 25c**

## Drug Dept.

\$1.25 Similac..... 89c

\$1.25 SMA..... 89c

\$2.25 Lactogen, \$1.79 1.25 size for..... 89c

\$1.25 Olac..... 79c

85c Dextri Maltose..... 59c

50c J and J Baby Oil..... 39c

50c J and J Baby Powder..... 39c

Q Tips, 25c - - 75c O J Beauty Lotion, for 59c

75c Baume Bengay, 59c - \$1.00 Jergens Lotion, 79c

Toni Cold Wave, 1.25 Wine Cardui, 79c, 2 for 1.50

1.25 Peruna Tonic, 89c, 2 for..... 1.79

25c Black Draught, 19c, 2 for..... 35c

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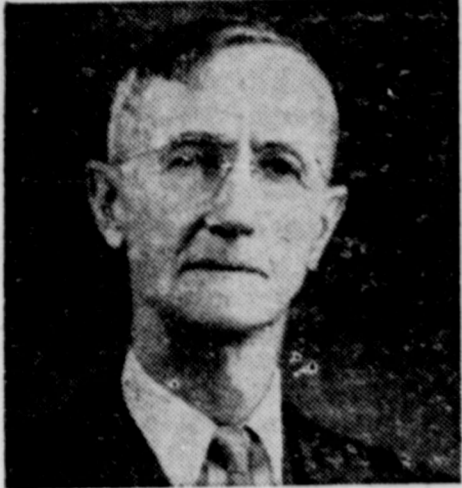
# SYSTEM STORES



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# Five New Members Are Elected To Champion Farmers Association

By W. J. DRYDEN  
WNU Farm Editor



**WILLIAM F. RENK** . . . With the help of three sons he produced 85 carloads of food from his 850-acre farm at Sun Prairie, Wis. Farmer Renk, former Wisconsin commissioner of agriculture, with the able assistance of his sons, Wilbur, Walter and Robert, last year sold more than 1,000,000 pounds of beef, pork and lamb in addition to 25,000 bushels of hybrid seed corn and 10,000 bushels of Victoria oats and a carload of wool.



**J. D. MCGEE** . . . This champion is an outstanding example of a farmer who went heavily in debt in order to succeed. He now operates 2,300 acres of land at Morgan, Ga. McGee's major cash crop is peanuts, but he believes in and practices a modern system of versatile farming—raising hogs, Hereford cattle, as well as producing oats, corn and cotton. Does not believe in putting all of his eggs in one basket.



**THOMAS J. PEARSALL** . . . Rocky Mount, N. C., is proud of Manager Pearsall of the M. C. Braswell Company Farms. He has the job of operating a farm of 22,000 acres and supervising the work of 1,100 men, women and children who live and work on the farm. Cotton, tobacco, corn, lespedeza, hogs, beef and dairy cattle as well as small grains are produced by Tom Pearsall and his family of 1,100.



**WILLIAM RICHARDS** . . . Bill gave up a successful career as a chemical engineer and racing car driver to purchase a Cape Cod dairy farm in 1941 at Forestdale, Mass., and converted it into a truck garden. Born and raised in Boston, he decided to become a vegetable producer after suffering a serious track accident. Known as Veg-Aeres Farms, his 640 acres include 125 acres of broccoli. Like most scientists, he leaves nothing to chance. Irrigation, cold frames and modern mechanized methods are utilized by Racer Richards.

Five members have been admitted to agriculture's most exclusive organization, the Champion Farmers Association of America. Representing all sections, and phases of farming, they prove a living example that farming in America can be profitable and honored. Their names will stand high on the roll of agricultural fame, men of merit whose achievements win universal admiration.

The new members are William F. Renk, Sun Prairie, Wis.; J. D. McGee, Morgan, Ga.; Thomas J. Pearsall, Rocky Mount, N. C.; and camera-shy William Gehring, Rensselaer, Ind. (Ed. Note: No inducement proved sufficient to Farmer Bill, to secure his consent to pose for a photograph.)

The nominations for this award are made by farm leaders and elected by C.F.A.'s membership of agricultural authorities—the awards are presented by Firestone, which cooperated in the founding of the association in 1937.

Camera-shy William Gehring, who wouldn't have his picture taken, won his place by helping greatly to bring the rich muck lands of northern Indiana into heavy production through the application of proper fertilizer, irrigation, crop diversification and highly mechanized farming. On his farm at Rensselaer, Ind., his production of mint, of which he sold more than \$500,000 worth last year, has proven the financial possibilities of this crop. He also grows potatoes, sweet corn, and onions on his farm of 4,000 acres. Prior to 1931 he worked in a factory. Without farm experience he went to the muck lands to overcome their production problems and set an example to others.

### A Veteran Farmer.

William Renk is a veteran farmer who has consistently followed a progressive policy. He emphasizes efficiency in every phase of farming, with the aid of three super-helpers, his sons. They are pioneers in arch-type construction of farm buildings, and their machine shop is a credit to their ability. Seven tractors, self-feeders, hay slides—and their ability to produce quality seed corn—hybrid—marks them as real progressive farmers. The Renks have developed a direct sales demand for their hybrid seed.

J. D. McGee started in 1923 on a small farm—purchased with borrowed capital. Last year his peanut crop was worth \$40,000. Soil conservation plays an important part on his farm, as they must on any farm that succeeds. He is a director of the Georgia-Florida-Alabama Peanut Growers' association, and an authority on the economic problems of the industry. Congress has heard with interest his facts and figures on peanut production and possibilities.

"Speed Richards"—they call William Richards. This not only applies to his farm operations but to his former record as a racing car driver. He started out by leasing a tract near Providence, R. I. Later Richards purchased his present farm from earnings from the leased tract—tenant farming may pay well. He launched an extensive and costly fertilizing program—essential for this type of farming. A major innovation was a large irrigation system drawing on a lake as a water source.

### In Many Organizations.

Speed Richards takes an active part in farm organizations. He is a member of the governor's advisory council on agriculture, the Boston Market Garden association, Town Finance committee, Extension Vegetable committee and Farm Bureau. At 38 he has three daughters, one son and a modern successful highly mechanized farm.

Thomas J. Pearsall believes in progressive plantation policies which have attracted national attention. He is not a farm owner, but he manages the famous Braswell farms at Rocky Mount, N. C., containing 22,000 acres. Starting 10 years ago, he was considered "revolutionary," because he was a strong supporter of education among his Negro tenants and sharecroppers. The result—labor turnover greatly reduced and crop yields increased. He installed mechanical and technical innovations, such as terracing and strip cropping. A state representative and president of the Agricultural Foundation, Inc., he is now raising two million dollars for the farm research program at North Carolina State college. Tom has a wife and two sons to aid him.

It is particularly noticeable that the section of the United States in which a farmer lives has little to do with his ability to be a "champion." These five farmers come from New England, the Mississippi valley, the North and the South. The American farmer can do his job in any state, or climate, when he sets him-

self to the task with a will.

Although the war is over, the world needs food—meats, grains, vegetables and fruit. But somehow we all have the feeling that the "champs" down on the farms of America will see that few people starve.

## Georgia Boy Rose From Buck Private To 4-Star General

WASHINGTON.—He was born in Perry, Ga., in 1887, where his father published the Houston Home Journal. As a boy he worked around the newspaper plant but was more interested in the Perry Rifles, a local guard unit. Having heard his parents speak of former members of the Hodges' family as Confederate soldiers in the Civil war, he was determined to become a soldier.

He entered West Point in 1904 but because of trouble with mathematics left the United States Military academy and enlisted in the army as an infantry private. In 1909 he received his commission as a second lieutenant, simultaneously with the commissioning of his former West Point classmates. Instead of spending three years at the Point, he became an officer after service at various infantry installations. His early army career included service



GEN. COURTNEY H. HODGES

with General Pershing's Mexican Punitive expedition and the 6th Infantry regiment of the 5th division in France, Luxembourg and Germany in World War I.

He was appointed commandant of the infantry school at Fort Benning, Ga., in 1940. He became chief of infantry in Washington, was made chief of the ground forces replacement and school command when the army was reorganized into ground, air and service forces, and later became commanding general of the X army corps. He was assigned to command the Third army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in February, 1943, and served in this capacity until March, 1944, when he was assigned to the First army in the European theater of operations.

Assistant to Gen. Omar N. Bradley when the First army took part in the invasion of Normandy, capture of Cherbourg, and the breakthrough at St. Lo, Hodges assumed full command in August, 1944. He paved the way for the Third army's and his famous First's spectacular lunges across France, was the first into Paris, first into Germany, first army commander since Napoleon to cross the Rhine river in battle, first to enter and clear out the Hurtgen forest in the cold winter months, and first to meet the Russians.

Among his higher decorations are the Distinguished Service Cross and the Silver Star from the first war and the Distinguished Service Medal and an Oak Leaf Cluster for services in the current conflict.

General Hodges presently commands the First army with headquarters at Fort Bragg, N. C.

From private to four-star general is a route any soldier would like to travel—and Courtney Hicks Hodges is one who did! And in future years some of America's highest ranking officers will come from the ranks, from among men who made the army a career.



### A Teaser

"You certainly look cute in that gown, Millie."  
"Oh, this? I wear it to teas."  
"Whom?"

"There's no place like home"—and the home hunters are getting to believe it.

### That Too?

A female voice on the phone asked: "Hello, is this the Fidelity Insurance company?"  
"Yes, Madam."  
"Well, I want to have my husband's fidelity insured."

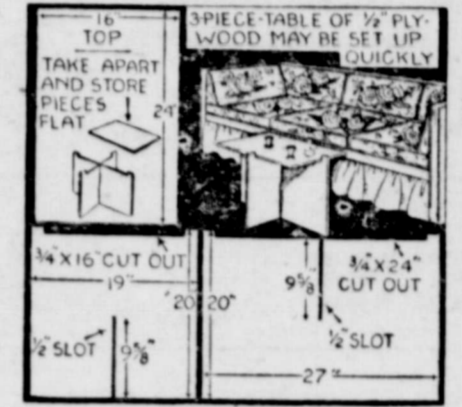
### Or an Elephant?

The sweet young thing entered a photographer's studio with a small snapshot.  
"I want this enlarged," she said.  
"Certainly. Would you like it mounted?" said the clerk.  
"Oh, that would be lovely," replied the girl. "He'll certainly look wonderful on a horse."

### Like Strangers

"Out West we treat the help just like the rest of the family."  
"Well, in New York, if we want them to stay, we have to treat them with respect."

## A Table Without Nails or Screws



HERE is a little coffee table that you can make from three scraps of plywood with straight cuts of the saw. Detailed directions are in Book 10 of the series offered with these articles.

The sofa shown is made by combining an iron cot with a slip-covered frame built around it. Book 9 gives directions for making the frame and doing the upholstery.

Readers may get copies of Books 9 and 10 by sending name and address with 15c for each book to cover cost and mailing, direct to:

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Raspberry bushes must be pruned every year if they are to be long-lived and productive. Without pruning, the bushes become choked with deadwood and a super-abundance of new canes, so that the fruit canes are weakened greatly.

To measure a half tablespoonful or teaspoonful of dry ingredients fill spoon, scrape level with a knife and divide lengthwise. To measure a quarter spoonful halve crosswise.

Early in the spring the lawn should be rolled if the area is rough. Rolling should be done when the soil is friable but not wet. Then the grass should be thoroughly combed with an iron rake to remove the dead grass and debris. However, brooming the lawn with wire or rattan is harmful because the partially decayed grass clippings and other organic matter are removed and the soil surface is exposed to the drying winds and sun.

To remove perspiration marks from white silk mix some bicarbonate of soda to a stiff paste with cold water. Spread thickly on the parts and leave for an hour or so before washing. This will damp weather.

Sweet peas should be staked as soon as seeds break through soil so that plants may cling to stakes as small tendrils form. If allowed to sprawl on the ground the growth of vines will be checked.

A lemon heated before squeezing will produce a lot more juice than if it is squeezed cold.

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# REPORT ON THE RUSSIANS.....



W. L. White

## INSTALLMENT SEVENTEEN

When the opera closes we are weary beyond words and long for bed. We are to leave early in the morning. But the handsome vice-premier is firm. After we have finished the banquet here at the opera, we must see the opera theater where a special program has been prepared for us.

This open air theater is packed to the balcony with a crowd about nine-tenths Russian and one-tenth Uzbek. They are singing an aria from "Maritza," immensely popular in the Soviet Union. A juggler follows, and then the grand finale: chorus girls prance out in costumes made in our honor—red and white striped trunks, and blue, star-spangled brassieres. Hopefully they sing a Russian translation of "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight."

I talk for a while with the little Uzbek mayor, next to me at the table. But the vice-premier is talking. It is his broad-shouldered driving energy which has caught the factories hurled from European Russia and planted them in the desert, which has put millions to work damming rivers, building industries and carving out the new Russia.

He is sure of himself, of the driving power of this Bolshevik system and of the new world it is opening up among ancient Oriental tribes. He is telling us that he is glad he had this chance to show the new Russia to Mr. Johnston and to the American press. I liked him and his province.

Then the fat little Tass correspondent came up. He was pretty tight, and his German was sketchier than usual. "Wir wissen das Sie waren in Finland," he said, "aber das ist ein kleine Sache nur" (here he snaps his fingers)—a little, little thing is now forgiven of me. Because it was long ago that I was in Finland, and now they will trust me to be objective.

I thank him for this compliment and their trust, assuring him that my passion for Finns is now buried under rivers of Soviet champagne, so at last I can be objective.

For here we leave them. Kirilov announced they may go by train to Bokhara and Samarkand tomorrow, while we fly on this morning to Ashkabad, the last Russian town on the Persian border.

The reporters and all the Tashkent Russians come down to the airport to see us off. In the car I ride with Nona. As we drive down a boulevard (Tashkent is very well paved) she tells us that near by is the cottage of her mother and father, a retired engineer. They live on his pension of 1,000 roubles a month, which in peacetime is decent but now is too little. But fortunately they own their house. Yes, you can now own a house in Russia and, if you like, either rent or sell it at a profit. Of course, its land belongs to the state. If they ever need it for a government store or apartment, they pay you only the cost of the house. But now you can borrow from the government without interest as much as 10,000 roubles, which will build a fair house, Nona says, and you have ten years to pay.

A doctor or dentist, who, of course, works in a state hospital, may have a private practice after hours, and charge what he likes—just as the peasants may sell their share of the collective's vegetables for any price, after the government has bought what it needs at the fixed low price. However, the doctor must conduct his private practice not at the hospital but in his own home, and must provide his own instruments.

Ashkhabad has, like the others, an old Oriental section, but the new Russian town is beautifully laid out and well paved. In the center is an irrigated park, an oasis of green in the yellow desert dust which blows everywhere. And in the park, under this broiling sun, is a veritable forest of Bolshevik statues, mostly Stalin. He is always striding along in his long overcoat with his ear flaps down, heavily gloved, just as he is under the Arctic Circle. It seems cruel. We want to get a can-opener and rescue him.

Since we left Moscow, we have noticed that, when his name is mentioned, less and less do the Russians leap feverishly to their feet overturning furniture, although his popularity is as great.

The rug factory is most interesting. I have watched Navajo women

weave, but these Turkomen girls have greater skill and a more delicate craftsmanship. They are decked out in beautiful native costumes, wearing lovely hand-hammered gold and silver jewelry. In weaving they squat beside the looms, using both their fingers and toes to hold the thread and tie knots. As we pass through they work feverishly but I happen to return to one room and find them relaxed, gossiping and cackling.

The sad thing is that the Communist NOUVEAU RICHE who, to demonstrate their loyalty, pay staggering prices for this beautifully woven junk, may convince the Turkoman craftsmen that Marx's bushy beard or Stalin's shaggy eyebrows are things of more breathtaking beauty than their ancient native patterns.

The day closes with a 12-mile trip through the blistering desert to the "horse factory." These desert nomads, like the Arabs and the men of our own Southwest, have always been proud of their mounts. They are shrewd traders and breeders of horseflesh.

In the stifling heat of my hotel room, the good-natured chambermaid suggests by gestures that I would sleep better if we pulled my cot onto the balcony. The sun rises early. I look down on a courtyard of squalid tenements, windows open and Russians sleeping everywhere, sometimes under shelter but often stretched out on the ground. The yard itself is filled with blonde, blue-eyed, flat-nosed Slav babies—two, three, four and five-year-olds toddling around, some wearing shirts and some not, beginning their early morning play before the sun is too hot.

And I marvel at this teeming, fertile, hard-working, long-suffering, indestructible race, which now spawns down here in this irrigated valley as it does under the Arctic Circle. Properly we think of Russia's empire as a relatively empty place. There is still elbow room for this generation—but what of the next? When the collective farms are so full of people that they can no longer feed themselves or the factories—what then? The problem is not one for our times, since today Russia, like England and America, is one of the "have" nations, with a comfortable share of the world's earth and raw materials.

Today these well-fed, blonde Slav babies play in the desert sun, reveling like all babies, in the dust of the courtyard, just under the mountains which divide the Soviet Union from Persia.

At the airport we say good-bye to our good friends Nesterov and Kirilov, and to Nick, who has so faithfully watched over us and our contacts.

This ends my report on the Russians and here are my conclusions. I should add that these, as well as the general viewpoint of this book, are entirely my own, and not to be charged against my good friend Eric Johnston.

Any close relations with the Soviet Union are fraught with considerable danger to us until American reporters get the same freedom to travel about Russia, talk to the people unmolested by spies, and report to their homeland with that same freedom from political censorship that Soviet representatives enjoy here, and that American reporters enjoy in England and other free countries. This must also apply to European or Asiatic territory occupied by or affiliated with the Soviet Union. Correspondents abroad are the ears and eyes of our Democracy. If we are to help build up Russia, our people are entitled to complete reports from press representatives of their own choosing on what we are helping to build.

We should remember that Russia is entitled to a Europe which is not hostile to her. We should also remember that while American aid in building back her destroyed industries is highly desirable to Russia, it is not indispensable. She will not swap it for what she considers her security in the new world.

She is, however, in a mood to accept decent compromises. But if, as our armies are in Europe while this settlement is being worked out, we find we can't get everything we want, we would be childishly stupid to get mad, pick up our toys and go home.

If we decide it is wise to do business with the Russians, we can trust them to keep their end of any financial bargain. They are a proud people, and can be counted on to pay on the nose before the tenth of the month.

But any business deals should depend on their aims in Europe and Asia. We should extend no credit to Russia until it becomes much clearer than it now is that her ultimate intentions are peaceable.

I think these intentions will turn out to be friendly. However, if we move our armies out of Europe before the continent is stabilized, and if disorder, bloodshed and riots then ensue, the Russians will move into any such political vacuum. After all, they are not stupid. Russia for the present needs no more territory, but badly needs several decades of peace. She is, however, still plagued with suspicions of the capitalist world, and needs to be dealt with on a basis of delicately balanced firmness and friendliness. To date, the Roosevelt Administration has done an excellent job of this, in an unbelievably difficult situation.

(THE END)



## TURNING POINT

By Mary Imlay Taylor

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## ASK ME ANOTHER?

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### The Questions

1. Is nectar the only food of the hummingbird?
2. What animal has been depicted more than any other in art for many centuries?
3. What creatures develop three kinds of unnatural coloration?
4. What blind English poet dictated his poems to his faithful daughter?
5. What is the difference between indict and indite?
6. Which entire arm of Venus de Milo is missing?

### The Answers

1. No. It obtains a large portion of its nourishment from insects.
2. The elephant, because it is the symbol of temperance, sovereignty and eternity.
3. Of all living creatures, only domestic pigeons develop the three kinds of unnatural coloration—albinism or whiteness, melanism or blackness, erythrism or redness.
4. John Milton.
5. Indict is to charge with an offense; indite, to write or compose.
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Dr. Latham was called to see Joe Elam at Silver City Tuesday. County Treasurer C. L. Hughes moved in and took up board at the Webb hotel Monday.

Cotton still selling at 6c to 7c a pound.

L. D. Sheppard of down the river was in town Wednesday.

Judge A. P. McCarty has been appointed deputy surveyor.

It is reported that Ira Havins of Pecos has sold his entire ranch interests in the Pecos country to Lochausen of Pecos at \$38,000.

C. B. Metcalfe has sold to W.R. Silliman 20 mules at \$40.

D. H. McNairy has refused an offer of \$13.50 for his stock cattle with the privilege of cutting out his 2-year-old steers. Bob says cattle are getting higher than a cat's back, but he is in no hurry to sell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tunnell returned from San Angelo Monday.

Alvin Ashley, who has been fireman at the gin here, left Monday for a visit in Brown county.

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# HOUSEHOLD MEMOS

by Lynn Chambers



For Easter Dinner . . . Luscious Baked Ham  
(See Recipes Below)

## Dish Up Color, Springlike Flavor In Easter Foods

This year Easter should be all you want it to be. The spirit of peace and well being is with us. Loved ones have returned, and spring has begun. For the homemaker, Easter dinner will be fairly easy to prepare as long as awaited foods have returned in quantity.

If you like ham, then make it as pretty as a picture with your clever hands and nimble fingers. Set it on a table with a cool white or pastel cloth with your nicest arrangement of fresh garden flowers. Lilies, of course, are nice, but there are other floral arrangements that will do wonders. Daffodils are fresh and cheerful.

Modern food processing makes your ham tender so that there need not be any pre-cooking with the better brands. The ham will require only a thorough heating through which does not take more than 2 to 2½ hours even for the larger pieces of meat.

In selecting the ham, consider the number of people you want to serve. For six people you will need a ham weighing 6 to 8 pounds. Naturally, if you want to have ham for slicing and leftovers, get one of the larger sizes. There's always good eating in it.

### Whipped Sweet Potatoes. (Serves 6)

Peel 6 sweet potatoes, boil until tender for about 15 to 20 minutes. Mash with potato masher or ricer, with 4 tablespoons of butter. Season with a dash of salt and nutmeg. Pile into orange cups; sprinkle with brown sugar and place under the broiler until lightly browned. Use as a garnish on ham platter and top each with a maraschino cherry.

### Lynn Says

**Coatings for Baked Ham:** You can enhance the flavor of your baked ham with one of these delectable coatings:  
Spread the ham thinly with prepared mustard, then sprinkle with brown sugar.  
Mix 1 cup brown sugar with 1 teaspoon of dry mustard and 2 to 4 tablespoons of vinegar and spread over the ham.  
Heat 1 cup cherry juice with 1 cup strained honey and baste ham frequently with this mixture.  
Baste the ham with any canned fruit juice to improve its flavor twofold. Canned fruit nectars, cider, pineapple, prune or apple juices are delightful.  
Another attractive way to prepare ham is to place thin slices of unpeeled orange over the ham and cover with this brown-sugar syrup. To make the syrup, combine 1 cup brown sugar with ¾ cup water. Bring this to a boil and cook for 5 minutes.  
Baste ham with strained honey which has been mixed with chopped maraschino cherries.

### Lynn Chambers' Menus

- Easter Dinner**  
Fresh Fruit Cup with Cherry Juice  
Baked Ham  
Green Beans with Mushrooms  
Parsleyed New Potatoes  
Candied Sweet Potatoes  
Bran Refrigerator Rolls  
Relishes  
\*Frozen Ginger Ale Salad  
Lemon Meringue Tarts  
Beverage  
\*Recipe given

- \*Ginger Ale Salad. (Serves 4)**  
1 tablespoon unflavored gelatine  
¼ cup cold water  
½ cup pineapple juice  
¼ cup sugar  
¼ teaspoon salt  
1 cup ginger ale  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
2 slices canned pineapple, diced  
¾ cup grapes  
1 cup skinned grapefruit sections  
8 maraschino cherries  
2 tablespoons chopped preserved ginger

Soak gelatine in cold water. Heat pineapple juice. Add gelatine, stir until dissolved. Add sugar, salt, ginger ale and lemon juice. Chill until mixture begins to thicken. Add remaining ingredients. Pour into a mold which has been brushed with salad oil. Chill until firm.

### What to do with Leftovers.

There are so many things you can do with leftovers from a dinner like this, that your family would never realize they are being treated to the scraps. Here are suggestions which you will enjoy using again and again:

### Upside-Down Ham Loaf

Melt 1½ tablespoons of fat in a heavy skillet and cover the bottom with leftover pineapple pieces or thick slices of apples which have been pared and cored. Cover this with the following mixture: ¾ cups ground cooked ham, 1 cup bread crumbs, 1 egg, 1 cup milk and 1 tablespoon mustard. Mix well and place over the fruit in the skillet. Bake for 45 minutes in a moderate oven. Pour off any excess fat and turn upside-down on a serving platter. This serves from 4 to 6.

### Rice and Ham Ring.

- 2 cups cooked rice  
1 cup ham, diced  
1 egg  
¾ cup condensed mushroom soup  
½ cup milk  
¼ teaspoon salt  
½ teaspoon dried basil  
1 cup crushed potato chips or bread crumbs

Combine the ham and rice and mix thoroughly. Combine and heat the remaining ingredients with the exception of the potato chips or bread crumbs. Grease a nine-inch ring mold and place layers of the rice-ham and egg-mushroom mixture in it. Sprinkle the top with potato chips which have been crushed, or the bread crumbs. Place the ring mold in a pan of hot water and bake in a moderate oven for 30 to 35 minutes. Invert onto a hot platter and fill the center with a buttered green vegetable and surround the mold with Julienne carrots. Serve immediately.

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## Ain't It So?

After a certain age every man stops growing—except in the middle.

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# AROUND THE HOUSE

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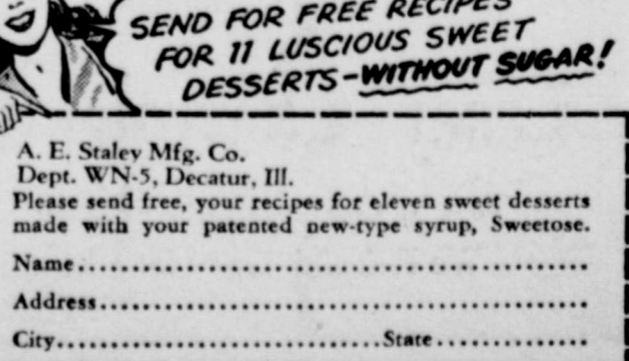
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