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The Devil and the Deep Blue Sea

Twenty years after crushing democratic Italy by his "march on Rome," Benito Mussolini has succeeded in landing Italy and the Italian people directly and literally between the devil and the deep blue sea.

All around Italy to the south is the deep blue sea of the Mediterranean, the soft and friendly sea that the Italians have liked to call Mare Nostrum, "our sea." It isn't their sea these days. Only by night dares Mussolini sneak a few ships across to carry supplies to the harassed legions now crowded into the far western corner of Italian north Africa. Much of the fine fleet built by such sacrifices of the Italian people lies at the bottom of that sea, and the facilities are few indeed to replace them.

And on the other side, the devil, just as in the old proverb. Down through the Brenner Pass, with Mussolini once sworn mightily to defend, come pouring the legions of the north, the strutting Germans who with their "experts," "technicians," and secret police, are gradually seizing a control over Italy which will be hard indeed to break.

Thus, while the youth of Naples and Milan and Venice fight and die, or give up the struggle in the freezing mountain passes of Albania or in the burning wastes of Ethiopia, the homeland is gradually occupied by the ancient enemy, entering by invitation. Mussolini has made it sure that even if Germany wins, Italy can be nothing but an obsequious and servile province of the Greater Reich.

More and more Americans of Italian descent are realizing this gross betrayal every day. At one time, impressed by order in a disorderly Italy, by suppression of the Mafia, reclamation work, and a seemingly successful imperialism, they were inclined to listen to the fervent propaganda of the Fascist functionaries who came to the United States as consultants and in other positions of influence. Now they begin at last to turn to such truly democratic Italian voices as those of Sforza, and Borgese, Ascoli and Salvemini, who have long realized that the true genius of the Italian people travels the road to freedom, not to enslavement. Mussolini is not Italy.

In London and Montreal, Free Italy movements are gaining strength. In New York the Mazzini Society, remembering the days of Italy's real glory, cheers to the echo the statement that "here in this country you cannot help but feel the rhythm of the coming days"—days of a new order based not on tinsel tyranny, but on ancient liberties revived and made more glorious still.

Cheer up! It won't be long till you can start out detouring the country.

Luxembourgers have been ordered to "Germanize" their names. By any other names they'll be just as bitter.

COMMON ANIMAL

HORIZONTAL

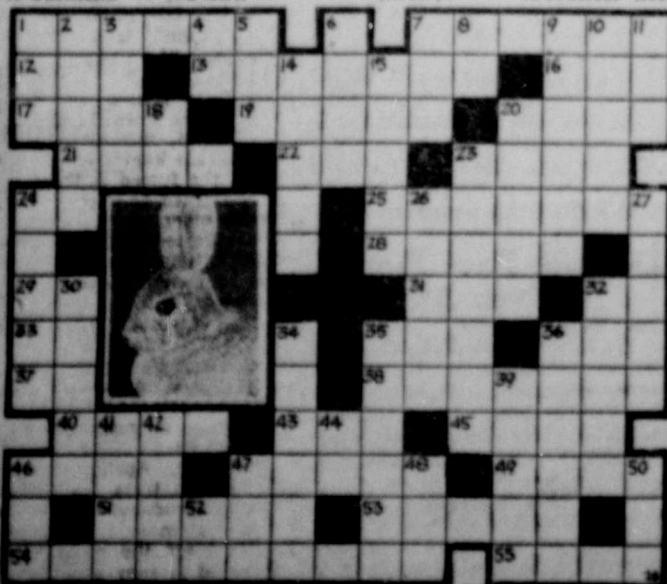
- 1 The hare.
- 7 It is a type beast.
- 12 Data.
- 13 Raided.
- 16 Pigeon's call.
- 17 To fail to hit.
- 19 Raised bank.
- 20 Ache.
- 21 Ignoble.
- 22 Stir.
- 23 Nominal values.
- 24 Musical term.
- 25 Wrong step.
- 28 Growing out.
- 29 Father.
- 31 Malt beverage.
- 32 Plural (abbr.).
- 33 Above.
- 35 Social insect.
- 36 Period.
- 37 Note in scale.
- 38 Seesaws.
- 40 Venomous snakes.
- 43 Wood nymph.
- 45 Garment.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



VERTICAL

- 2 Adhesive substance.
- 3 Book of Psalms.
- 4 It belongs to the genus cuniculus.
- 5 Silly.
- 6 It is used commercially (pl.).
- 8 Pertaining to bees.
- 9 Tiny skin openings.
- 10 Intellectual.
- 11 Dress.
- 12 To degrade.
- 13 Clan symbol.
- 14 Threshold.
- 15 Chart.
- 16 Lava.
- 17 Upper human limb.
- 18 To drink slowly.
- 19 Dower property.
- 20 Knapsack (abbr.).
- 21 Musical note.



"You Dirty Communist!"



FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



N. Y. A. Team Earns Right to Go To State Tourney

The Ranger Boys' N.Y.A. basketball team defeated the Buckholts N.Y.A. team by a score of 50-48, for the bi-area championship of Areas 8 and 9. Buckholts represented the Waco Area 9, and Ranger represented the Eastland Area 8.

The game Tuesday afternoon, was played in the Recreation Building in Fort Worth.

The game was fast and rough throughout, although only one boy, Allen of Buckholts, was lost from the game via the foul route.

Tate accounted for 23 points, to take high scoring honors, while Luksa and Svetik were high for Buckholts with 15 points each.

The Ranger N.Y.A. will now enter the state basketball tournament to be held at Inks Dam, near Burnett, on Feb. 28-March 1.

Box Score

Ranger N.Y.A.	Fouls	fg	ft	tp
Marlow	1	2	3	7
Tate	1	11	1	23
Boldt	2	5	0	10
Pennell	2	1	0	8
Dunlap	3	1	0	2
Norris	0	0	0	0
Wingo	0	0	0	0
Lambert	0	0	0	0
Perrin	0	0	0	0
Smith	0	0	0	0
Dewson	0	0	0	0
Totals	10	23	4	50

Buckholts N.Y.A.

Buckholts N.Y.A.	Fouls	fg	ft	tp
Allen	4	1	2	4
Luksa	3	7	1	15
Gerlek	0	0	0	12
Svetik	0	1	1	15
Horsmann	0	1	0	2
Hess	0	0	0	0
Krupiska, Allen	0	0	0	0
Krupiska, Adolph	0	0	0	0
Totals	7	22	4	45

Referee, Rutledge. Timer, Gracey.

RED RYDER

BY HARMA



Stripless Tease On Broadway Is Way To Success

NEW YORK—Jean Castro is a young woman who has achieved theatrical fame this season by the intricate process of not doing what she appears to be doing. What she appears to be doing is a strip tease.

tease is one of the features of the hit musical, "Pal Joey," and the reason it is so effective, according to Miss Castro, is that she had a brain trust of burlesque beauties advise her on how to do what they do without doing it. "Pal Joey" is concerned with the career of an amiable, philandering night club entertainer. Miss Castro plays a girl reporter who comes to interview him. She wears glasses and tries generally to be as unattractive as the authors envision newspaperwomen to be.

supposed to be a girl who went to burlesque shows and "Pal Joey" is interested. She ceeds after she has done the abstract version of a strip. Castro plucks at pins, appears bare fier shoulders, looks like stepping out of her dress, finally gives the illusion of to cover herself with two adequate hands. As preparation for her scene to burlesque shows and Gypsy give her a long primrose. The only prop Miss Gypsy uses is a pair of yellow gloves. She burned herself accident during rehearsal on the gloves to conceal burns. But the audience cheered them funny when manipulated and so they rose in the show. Report of an alliance for getting better results there's always room for actors.

Ranger H.D. Club Conducts a Meeting

The Ranger Home Demonstration Club met Tuesday, Feb. 25, at the home of Mrs. J. C. Carothers, with nine members present. Mrs. Love gave a very interesting talk on food and the national defense issue. The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. B. Ferris on March 11. The club then worked on a cook

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THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

EVEN IN THE JUNGLES OF AFRICA THERE ARE LABOR REGULATIONS!

A SAFARI PORTER MUST NOT BE REQUIRED TO CARRY A LOAD WEIGHING MORE THAN 60 LBS., OR TRAVEL MORE THAN 25 MILES A DAY.

Kwikoper

THE WORD LENT COMES FROM THE OLD ENGLISH WORD "LENTEN," MEANING "SPRINGING."

ON JULY 2ND, THE EARTH WILL BE IN APHELION! WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

ANSWER: It means that the earth will be at its farthest point from the sun . . . or about 94,422,000 miles.

OUT OUR WAY . . . By Williams

AH SHOULD ER RAISED MAH FEET WHEN DIS MULE JUMP OVER DAT CORRAL FENCE

WELL, I'D JES' LEAVE IT ON, ICK-- MAKE HER PACK IT ALL DAY T'LEARN HER A LESSON

NO, YUH'LL HAVE T'DROP IT, ICK-- SHE THINKS SHE'S ONLY HALF WAY OVER THE FENCE AN' SHE'LL BE TRYIN' TO FINISH THE JUMP ALL DAY!

HEROES ARE MADE - NOT BORN

ALLEY OOP

By Hamlin

YEZZIR THIS IS CLEOPATRA'S APARTMENT BUT... HEY!

OKAY, FLUNKY, ONE SIDE! I'VE GOT NO TIME FOR "BUTS" NOW

THIS SPACE INDICATES A LAPSE OF TWO AND ONE HALF SECONDS.

TICK TOCK

WELL, TWO ANYWAY, I FOUND CLEO ALL RIGHT

AND HOW!

NON NON NON

Former Minister To Orchestra To Hold

A telegram was received today from W. Wallace Layton, former minister of the Ranger Church of Christ, and now minister of the Silver City, N. M., Church of Christ, that he would arrive in Ranger this afternoon in time to speak at the evening service at the church.

All members of the church, and friends of Layton have been invited to attend the service.

Students May Forego Meal for the Needy

OBERLIN, O.—A plan for students to raise money for the needy by economizing on one meal a week is under consideration at Oberlin College.

An approximate saving of 10 cents a meal is recommended.

Sophomore Albert Rees, New York City, made the suggestion. He was appointed chairman of a committee by the Student Council. When definite plans are worked out the idea will be presented to the student body.

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Political Announcements

The Times has been authorized to announce the following candidates for positions on the Ranger City Commission, in the city election to be held April 1, 1941:

For Street Commissioner: CALVIN BROWN.

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SERIAL STORY DRAFTED FOR LOVE

BY RUTH AYERS

YESTERDAY: April is seriously ill with flu for several days. She was exhausted, almost had pneumonia. Mother and Dad return, care for her; the boy friends fill her room with flowers. But the emptiness in her heart remains.

It wasn't until Ann had been home a week that Kent's letter arrived.

April knew it the minute Ann walked into her room.

Without preamble Ann began, "Do you know when Kent was home on leave that he had been temporarily blinded in an accident at camp?"

"Why—why, yes, that night I met him at the train, I knew."

"You should have told me."

"It was the night before your audition with Vivano. I was afraid it would upset you."

April had kept her head down. Now panic rose. If she acted self-conscious, ashamed, Ann would think she was guilty. So she met Ann's eyes with a defiance she didn't feel.

Ann stared at her with the same brown eyes, the same outwardly gentle expression. But behind it all, April felt a steeliness, the first hint of suspicion.

"If I'd known Kent needed me," Ann was saying, "I would have come home from the ends of the earth to be with him. Never forget that, April."

AFTER that, the Burnett house quieted down, outwardly serene and at peace. But a change had taken place, something deep and under the surface. Oclavia sensed it, even though she kept grinning her marshmallow smile every time she laid her eyes on "her little lamb." Nip was aware of it and took to prowling in the rooms and spending long times curled up beside April.

April herself probably expressed it best on the first day she took a few wobbly steps around her room. "I'll have to get going," she said to her mother, who was busy sewing on something white and frilly for Ann. "This house is wearing me down. It's too quiet—like doom was going to crack one of these days. Besides, I'm fast going out of circulation. Look at my room. Why, when I was first sick, I was smothered in blooms. Every time I looked up, love had sent another gift of roses."

Mother smiled and pointed to the blue vase which brimmed with fresh yellow tulips. "Hal Parks has been faithful," she reminded April.

"Hal? Oh, yes. The constant suitor."

"He telephones religiously to learn how you are and wants to be your first visitor."

"Yes?" April's mouth twisted into a ghost of her old-time smile. After a while she said, "You might tell him he can have that honor. I'll be all set to see him in a week or so."

She turned to her mother. There was this question, this all-important answer she must have before she could pick up her own life and go on. It had to do with Kent Carter.

"Mother, does Ann say how Kent Carter is?"

Mother looked up quickly and then bent to her work. "Ann is so shy," she sighed. "So reticent about talking of anything which she feels deeply. But there was a letter from Kent yesterday from which she read me parts. Surgeons have operated on Kent's eyes."

April was standing at the window. One hand reached forward and clutched the cretonne drape for support.

"Was—was the operation a success?"

"It won't be known until the bandages are removed."

SO the days went by, in a lovely daze of blue ice and spangled snow.

What April had said jokingly about being out of circulation, was turning out to be more fact than fun. No more "Sorry to learn you're sick" cards; no more flowers except those from Hal. Even the telephone was silent.

"It doesn't take long," April brooded, "for boy-friends like mine to forget."

A party girl, a Glitterbug, the belle of the town when she could dart about, but nobody when a game ankle kept her house-bound. When she fussed at the mirror, it even seemed as if she looked different, older.

She started knitting for the Red Cross to pass the hours; patiently hemmed small garments for war refugee children.

Then one night, Hal Parks paid his long awaited visit.

He stood in the door of April's room, dark, debonair, with the clipped mustache which made him, outwardly, so much of the man-about-town.

Absurdly, April felt her eyes filling with tears. Dear Hal! He was the stand-by, the devoted one. She stumbled to meet him, grateful for the haven his arms promised as they unfolded her.

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