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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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It Will Take Fighting to Win

So much has been written recently about the immense productive facilities of the United States that some people may be getting a warped idea of what it takes to win a war.

It takes production, all right. It is good that we can produce empty steen tons of steel and that we can build this and that many ships, planes, and guns. That must be done, right up to the hilt, on a scale which the Axis powers cannot hope to match.

The grisly mistake, however, would be to fall into the habit of feeling that somehow this wins the war automatically, that in some mysterious manner the Axis peoples are going to gaze across the sea at this impressive pile of war material and then just lie down and roll over.

That is not the way wars are won. Wars are won by fighting. Wars are won by killing enemy soldiers and sailors.

In every one of those tanks there must be between two and eight fighting men. On every one of those ships there must be between 50 and 2500 fighting men. Behind every rifle and machine gun there must be a fighting man. In every plane there must be between one and 10 fighting men.

And when all that armament is ready, and all those men are trained, then they must fight, and many of them must die.

We do not for a moment minimize the importance, the vital importance of building every weapon our economy can make to produce at whatever necessary temporary cost to the civilian standard of living. We do not minimize the advantage to the United States and its allies of their tremendous material resources, though of the Japanese (size the Philippines and the East Indies, even that advantage will be to some extent offset. These are tremendous advantages, of which we must make the most, seven days a week and 24 hours a day.

But victory is not assured by them. We could lose the war if the aggressive spirit is lost. The war, in the long run, will be won by killing Germans and Italians and Japanese. That sounds harsh, but it is true. It is war.

In all our talk about production and resources, let us not forget for one minute that this is war, and war is killing, and war is won by beating the enemy's troops in the field.

Our task is not only to produce weapons. It is to use them. It is to seek out the enemy and destroy him. In that task many an American faces wounds and death.

There is potential victory on the drawing-boards, in shop, mill and mine. But it cannot become actual victory until it is translated into terms of dead Japanese lying before the flaming muzzles of American guns.

ACTOR AND DIPLOMAT

HORIZONTAL

- 1 Actor who recently was asst. naval attache at U. S. embassy in London.
9 He escaped from France.
11 Corrode.
12 Hope's kins.
13 Shift.
15 Internal.
17 Be carried.
20 A prayer.
21 Surface ship which attacks convoys.
24 Canvas shelters.
25 Station (abbr.).
27 Lance.
28 Steamship (abbr.).
29 Turkish coins.
31 Fruit of a palm.
33 Lone Scout (abbr.).
34 Eyrle.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers and some filled-in letters.

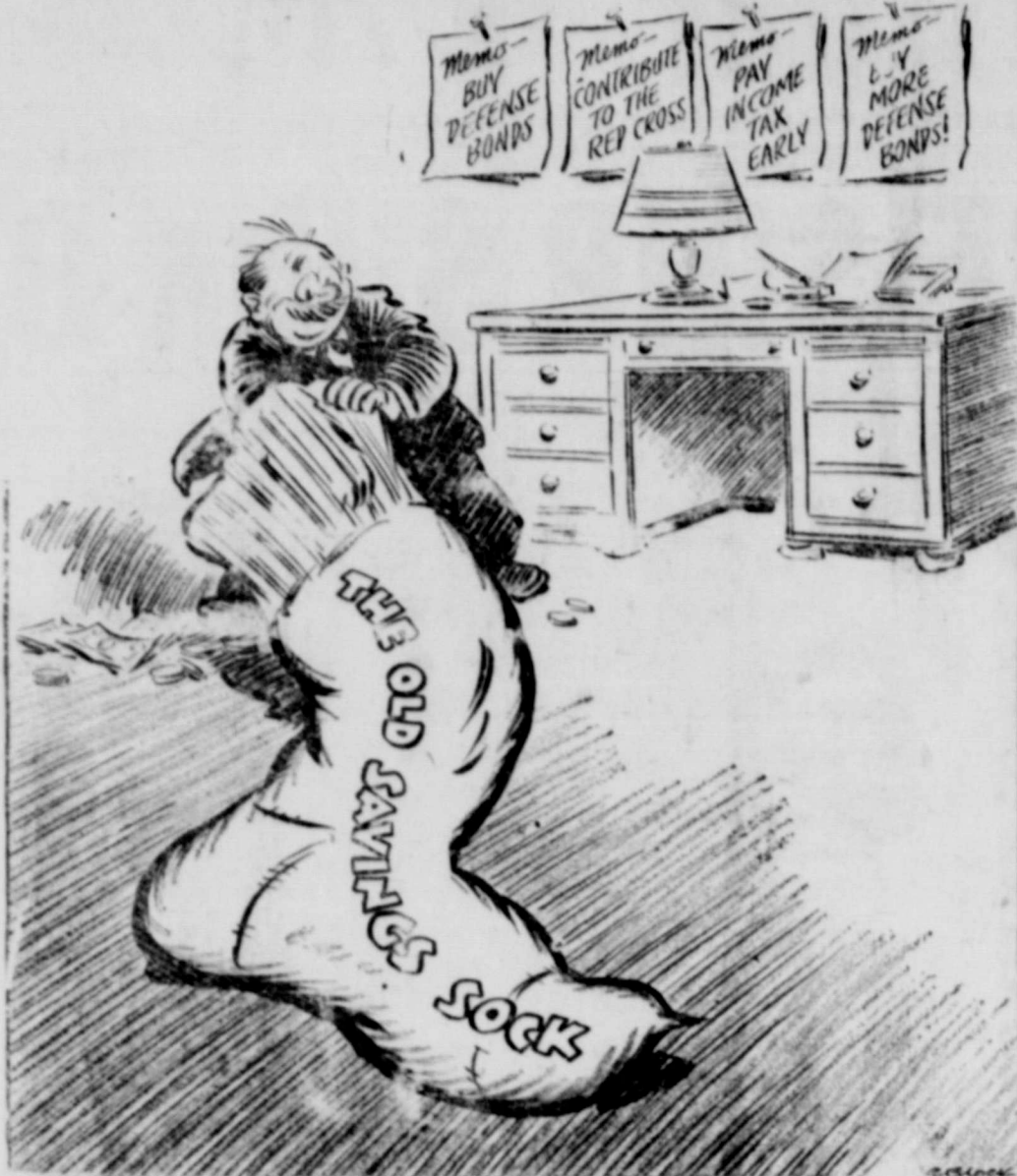
VERTICAL

- 2 Different-colored strips.
10 Apart.
13 Pithy sayings.
14 Mineral rocks.
16 Egyptian goddess.
18 Bargain.
19 Sins.
21 Pertaining to Ostris (Egypt).
23 Genus of plants.
25 Percolates slowly.
26 Increases.
30 Edge.
32 Extant.
34 Restless cavy (pl.).
36 Surfeit.
37 Mimics.
38 Quicksand.
42 Betel leaf (pl.).
43 Metal containers.
45 Name.
47 Request.
50 Runner.
54 Cuckoo.

Large crossword puzzle grid with numbers.



Digging In on the Home Front



John White Has Announced For District Clerk

This issue of the paper carries the announcement of John White for the office of District Clerk of Eastland County. For a man who has lived in Eastland County practically all of his life and has served the public with absolute efficiency, honor and integrity not only after his entry into the



political arena but also during the years of his private enterprise, there is no necessity for an introduction. The people of this County know John White, personally and intimately. Below we present his statement asking for re-election for the office that he seeks:

TO THE VOTERS OF EASTLAND COUNTY: As you probably know I am asking for re-election to the office of District Clerk of your County, a position with which you have honored me in the past. Since my election to this important position I have devoted my entire time and attention to it in an effort to make you an honest and efficient officer. Believing that I have succeeded in doing so, I feel justified in soliciting your support for re-election. Not only have I devoted my time and attention to this work, but have selected one whom I know to be most thoroughly qualified in every respect, and together we have established a record of which we are justly proud and have extended to the public that courteous and painstaking service to which it is entitled. If my record as a citizen and as a public officer meets with your approval I earnestly solicit your active support at the coming election and shall make such a campaign as the duties of the office will permit.

Army, Navy

(Continued from Page 1), accepted by the Army are given commissions as second lieutenants pending graduation, when they become first lieutenants in the Army Medical Reserve Corps. Those accepted by the Navy are commissioned as ensigns until graduation, when they become lieutenants (junior grade) in the Navy Medical Reserve Corps. Under recently amended regulations no distinction is made in classifying registrants over 28 years of age and registrants under 28 years of age, General Page said. Prior to the declaration of war

Cage Schedule For Oil Belt Is To Start Jan. 15

The following is the basketball schedule for the Oil Belt District, which, this year for the first time, corresponds to the Oil Belt football district, with the towns of Breckenridge, Brownwood, Cisco, Mineral Wells, Ranger and Stephenville included:
Jan. 15: Stephenville at Breckenridge, Cisco at Brownwood, Ranger at Mineral Wells.
Jan. 20: Cisco at Stephenville, Brownwood at Mineral Wells, Breckenridge at Ranger.
Jan. 23: Ranger at Stephenville, Mineral Wells at Cisco, Breckenridge at Brownwood.
Jan. 27: Stephenville at Mineral Wells, Cisco at Breckenridge, Brownwood at Ranger.
Jan. 30: Stephenville at Brownwood, Mineral Wells at Breckenridge, Ranger at Cisco.
Feb. 3: Breckenridge at Stephenville, Brownwood at Cisco, Mineral Wells at Ranger.
Feb. 6: Stephenville at Cisco, Mineral Wells at Brownwood, Ranger at Breckenridge.
Feb. 10: Stephenville at Ranger, Cisco at Mineral Wells, Brownwood at Breckenridge.
Feb. 13: Mineral Wells at Stephenville, Breckenridge at Cisco, Ranger at Brownwood.
Feb. 17: Brownwood at Stephenville, Breckenridge at Mineral Wells, Cisco at Ranger.

men over 28 have been placed in Class I-H by reason of age and were not subject to induction. Under new regulations, this classification no longer exists and all local boards have been instructed to reopen immediately all cases of I-H registrants and to place each registrant in the class found by the board to be proper under current regulations without regard to age. Likewise, registrants now in Class Iy-E-H, who are conscientious objectors to combatant and non-combatant service, but were deferred by reason of age, will now be eligible for immediate orders to report for work of national importance, provided they otherwise qualify under current regulations. All such registrants, General Page said, will receive written notice of reclassification. "I want to take this opportunity again to caution all registrants, regardless of classification, to keep in touch with their local boards and to notify them immediately of any change of address," General Page said. "A registrant becomes liable to severe penalties provided by the Selective Service Act for delinquents if he fails to notify his local board promptly of any change of address."

General Page also emphasized that registrants who are expecting to be called into a branch of the armed forces to which they have made application should notify their local boards and report all developments in connection therewith. This, he said, will enable the local board to cooperate with the registrant in his particular ambition to serve his country. Catholic midshipmen at the Naval Academy, by special dispensation, are not required to abstain from meat on Fridays.

Indians Total In Western World Is Up To 30 Million

WASHINGTON.—The Vanishing American is no longer vanishing. John Collier, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, has cited population figures showing that Indians in this country are increasing faster than general population and that Indians in the Western Hemisphere now total 30,000,000. In Columbus' time, he noted, there were approximately 500,000 Indians in this country. This number subsequently was cut almost one-fourth by wars, famine, disease, and removal, and it was believed the Indian was a dying race. Today, however, Indian population has grown to more than 361,000, of which almost half are full-bloods. The increase, he said, is due to "steadily improving health and economic conditions that were largely brought about by an intelligent national interest in Indian problems."

Prefers Life in Jail to Wife ALBEMARLE, N. C. (UP)—Howard Baleson, "worried and tore up all the time" over domestic problems, has asked the Stanley county court to place him in prison for the duration of his life.

Chickens - Turkeys STAR SULPHUROUS COMPOUND given in drinking water or feed, destroys in the germ period—intestinal germs and worms that cause most all disease and loss in egg production. Also rids them of blood-sucking lice, mites, fleas and bluebugs. Then they will stay in good health and egg production at a very small cost. Money back if not satisfied. OIL CITY PHARMACY.

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Rats and Possums Had Joint Use Of Henhouse Tunnel

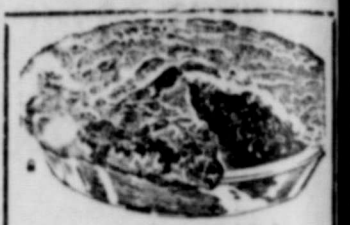
SAN ANTONIO.—Not accustomed to use of profanity without proper stimulus, Dr. Fred A. Mitchell, a dentist, exclaimed "Oh, rats!" when he rammed his foot through apparently solid earth the other day in his henhouse. The more correct exclamation would have been "possums." The score, you see, proved to be three possums to two rats. The dentist lives just outside the city and raises chickens. He went to the henhouse for eggs and when he put his foot forward in one section of the structure the ground gave way, revealing a tunnel. Out popped a rat, then another. Dr. Mitchell saw something gray still in the cavity. He probed. Out popped—not a rat—an opossum. The dentist stunned it with a stick. Another opossum was extracted from the hole and rapped on the head, and finally a third. Contemplating "possum meat and baked yams, the good doctor then filled the cavity and collected the hens eggs.

Indians Invest in Bonds

OKMULGEE, Okla. (UP)—Euche and Creek Indians of Oklahoma in a special assembly of the intertribal council here have voted to spend \$400,000 for defense bonds. They voted unanimously to turn over the money now on deposit in Washington to the government.

Listen, Mister!

There is a difference in hair cuts. A good one is a cut that suits the shape of your head and helps the hair lie neatly in place. Get your next one here and note the difference.



Home made Pumpkin pie with coffee/ Can you think of any dish more delightfully American? The perfect climax to a satisfying dinner. MRS. HIGDON'S CAFE

Market advertisement for A&P Food Stores. Includes prices for coffee, bread, donuts, beans, flour, milk, and cheese.

Market advertisement for fresh fruits and vegetables. Includes prices for oranges, grapefruit, apples, cabbages, and bananas.

### Stamp Rarities In France Bring Big Sums For Collectors

VICHY (UP) — Stamp collectors are paying astronomical prices for two sets of philatelic wartime rarities—French stamps surcharged by the German army when it occupied Dunkirk and British stamps obliterated by French post offices on Channel island mail, which was sent clandestinely to the French mainland at Montmartin sur Mer, near Cherbourg, Aug. 12, 1940.

A pair of red and blue current French stamps, bearing the surcharge by hand stamp of the German occupation forces, sold at Dunkirk any time in June, 1940, for 50-centimes each, at the post office, now are quoted at 2,500 francs. If they are on letters, their value is from 2,800 to 4,000 francs depending upon whether the surcharge is vertical or horizontal. Blocks of four with dated corners are being sold for 14,000 francs.

When the German forces moved into Alsace and Lorraine, they surcharged stamps which they found in the postoffices, but, by strange contrast, those stamps are worth only four times their face value, instead of 5,000 times the face value, as in the case of the Dunkirk surcharge.

The French surcharge of a British postage stamp is such a freak that collectors expect its prices to skyrocket. On Aug. 12, 1940, German troops came from the French mainland at Jersey. Mail in the pillar boxes had just been collected, and was gathered in the wharf postoffice at Saint Helier.

In the confusion which followed the Germans' landing and their occupation of the island, a postal employe kept calm and ordered the mailboat to slip out with all the accumulated mail and head for the nearest French port 30 miles away. In that way 1,500 letters and 200 parcels arrived the same day at Montmartin sur Mer. There were German troops there and they operated their own "feldpost," but the Jersey Island postmen took their mail to the French postoffice, where it was postmarked and forwarded. Many letters were destined for England, but since there were no mail connections with the British Isles, those letters were destroyed. A few were addressed to places in France and delivered. Of the 1,000 envelopes which passed through the French postoffice with British stamps, barely 200 are left, and they are collectors' prizes.

Other wartime collectors' items are the emergency postmarks on French mail from the war zone. As the German armies advanced, the French postmasters retreated, taking with them as much of their material as they could carry—including the rubber stamps for postmarking. As a result, when the smaller postoffices were reopened, there were no rubber stamps and it was necessary to obliterate postage by emergency means. Some obliterated by hand, others made emergency rubber stamps with children's toy printing sets, others carved oblitterating postmarks on wooden blocks. These emergency postmarks have been catalogued and are being bought and sold as collectors' items at swiftly rising prices.

The stamp market is booming in France, where there is a plenty of ready cash which its holders try to invest. The stock market

### Mess Call



George, company mascot, gets dinner somewhere in Hawaii.

### Camp Bowie Causes Marriage Licenses To Take Big Jump

BROWNWOOD, Tex. (UP) — Nearly 30,000 soldiers came to Camp Bowie just outside Brownwood in 1941 so it is no wonder that—

Marriage licenses issued through the Brown county clerk's office last year totaled 1,180—300 per cent of the number issued the previous year.

If we all sprang from monkeys, it's our guess that women sprang further than men.

allows almost no room for speculative investments, but postage stamps have doubled and tripled in value in the past year. Like the Florida land boom, stamp prices are skyrocketing despite the warning of legitimate dealers that the expansion of prices is a dangerous bubble and that as soon as international mails are reestablished, stamp prices must descend to the world levels.

### Record Taxes Are Paid By Motorists For The Past Year

WASHINGTON.—Tax payments in connection with motor-vehicle ownership and operation jumped approximately one quarter of a billion dollars during 1941 to reach an estimated aggregate of \$2,474,000,000, according to the National Highway Users Conference. While approximately \$1,543,000,000 of this tax bill was collected to provide highways for defense and civilian use, \$891,000,000 represents a special contribution of highway transportation to general governmental activities.

Principal factors in the rise of

motor-vehicle ownership and operation taxes above the 1940 total of \$2,130,147,000 are more mileage per vehicle, increased registrations and higher federal excise taxes.

The greatest single source of revenue from motor-vehicle taxation is the gasoline tax which yielded \$1,290,000,000 from state and federal levies.

Special state highway user taxes for highway purposes produced an estimated \$1,543,000,000. Of this total, motor fuel taxes provided \$960,000,000; \$458,000,000 came from motor-vehicle registration and license fees; \$20,000,000 from motor-carrier special taxes, while tolls accounted for \$105,000,000.

County and municipal fuel taxes, local registration fees, etc., amounted to \$40,000,000.

Taxes for general government purposes include \$350,000,000 in federal motor fuel taxes; \$214,000,000 in federal automotive excise taxes; \$105,000,000 in state sales taxes on automotive products; \$55,000,000 in personal property taxes on motor vehicles; \$160,000,000 in real property taxes on garages, terminals, etc., and \$27,000,000 in general corporation taxes on bus and truck companies, etc.

The Conference stated that these figures do not include such general business taxes as income, unemployment and social security paid in connection with ownership and operation of motor vehicles. Neither do they include taxes paid in connection with the manufacture of motor vehicles and their petroleum production and refining.

In addition to taxes paid in connection with ownership and operation of motor vehicles, the Conference points out that highway users as members of the general public are subject to other taxes such as property taxes, income taxes, retail sales taxes, etc. The Conference 1941 tax compilations are based on available official reports, utilizing estimates for the latter part of the year.

Shelter Dwellers Return Home LONDON (UP) — Population of the London underground shelters—those who sleep there regularly—has fallen off steeply since the height of the Nazi bombings. There are only 28,000 regularly sheltered in the tubes these days. The night following the last severe raid on May 10, there were 70,000.

### Pyorrhea May Follow Neglect

Are your gums unsightly, Do they itch? Do they burn? Drug-gistic return money if first bottle of "LETO'S" fails to satisfy.

OIL CITY PHARMACY

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### THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

#### EARLY MAD MAKERS

PLACED LARGE LAND AREAS AT THE SOUTH POLE LONG BEFORE ANTARCTICA WAS DISCOVERED!

THEY FIGURED THERE MUST BE LAND THERE... OTHERWISE THE EARTH WOULD BE TOO HEAVY WITH ALL THE LAND KNOWN TO EXIST IN THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE, AND WOULD TURN OVER.

#### RODING ODDS

LET US QUOTE YOUR "ODDS"

THE SECRETARY BIRD OF AFRICA, KICKS SNAKES TO DEATH.

WOOD SCREWS ARE MADE OF STEEL? Says DON BRAGG, LADYSMITH, WISCONSIN!

### You never served a tastier dessert than apricot betty

a la Karo 10¢ a portion

APRICOT BETTY

1 (No. 2½) can apricot halves, drained  
5 tablespoons butter  
2½ cups small bread cubes  
½ cup KARO (blue label)

½ teaspoon cinnamon  
Dash salt  
¼ teaspoon corn starch  
1 egg white  
4 tablespoons KARO (red label)

Set aside 12 apricot halves for topping. Melt 3 tablespoons butter, and mix with bread cubes. Toss with fork. Stir in KARO (blue label) and cinnamon. Arrange alternate layers of bread mixture and remaining apricots in greased individual baking dishes. Dot with remaining butter. Place 2 apricot halves on top of each, keeping top side up. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 20 to 30 minutes.

Add salt and corn starch to egg white, and whip until it begins to hold shape. Add KARO (red label), 1 tablespoon at a time, beating thoroughly after each addition. Drop half teaspoonfuls around edge of baking dish and in center of each apricot half. Return to oven, and bake 10 minutes or until meringues are browned. Makes 6 servings. Serve hot!

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GRAPEFRUIT 2 For 5c  
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CENTRAL AMERICAN BANANAS LB. 6c  
SWEET POTATOES LB. 4c  
APPLES Delicious DOZ. 19c  
ORANGES Texas DOZ. 25c

### MEAT Specials

POT ROAST 23c  
Pork Sausage 25c  
BRICK CHILI 23c  
SLICED BACON 29c  
Sausage 23c  
BOLOGNA It's Good Fried Like Ham 15c  
Dry Salt Meat Nice and Lean 15c  
Shoulder Roast 25c  
BUTTER Made of Pure Cream 37c

# BUDGET these SAVINGS

Set a generous table... and bank the rest. You can, so easily, by merely taking advantage of the splendid savings on food we offer every day of the year. Especially now, it is wise to buy in bulk... for wintry days make it comfortable as well as profitable to have supplies on hand.

PRUNES California Medium Size ... 2 Lbs. 19c	Pinto Beans New Crop Good Cookers 3 Lbs. 19c	Granulated Soap Large 19c	ROLLED OATS Quick or Regular . . . Lge. 19c	Red Cup Coffee Lb. 19c	MILK Clover Farm Evaporated 3 Tall Or 6 Small Cans 25c
Glendale—June PEAS 2 No. 2 Cans 27c	Needmore Fruit-Mix No. 1 Can 10c	Children Love It—It's Good for Them Apple Butter . . . qt. 15c	Clover Farm—Lemon Cleanser CLEANSER 3 Cans 10c	Clover Farm COFFEE 1-Lb. 30c	Clover Farm—Whole Grain CORN 2 No. 2 Cans 25c
Clover Farm—Lemon Cleanser CLEANSER 3 Cans 10c	Clover Farm COFFEE 1-Lb. 30c	Clover Farm—Whole Grain CORN 2 No. 2 Cans 25c	Glendale—Rich Thick CATSUP 14-Oz. Bottle 10c	Kellogg's ALL-BRAN Med. . . . 12c	Clover Farm JELL 2 Pkgs. . . 9c
Clover Farm PEANUT BUTTER 2-Lb. Jar . . . . 29c	Clover Farm GRAPE JAM 24-Oz. Jar . . . . 23c	Clover Farm TOILET TISSUE 4 Roll 25c	W-F Maple Blend BREAKFAST SYRUP Pint . . . . 14c	Clabber Girl BAKING POWDER 25-Oz. Can . . . . 19c	White Swan MUSTARD or TURNIP GREENS 2 No. 2 Cans . . 19c
Clover Farm PANCAKE FLOUR 20-Oz. Package 10c	Clover Farm FRESH BLACKEYED PEAS 3 Med. Cans 23c	Glendale MATCHES 6 Box Carton 23c	Jackson's Tomato Juice Extra Large 46-Oz. Can . . . 19c	Clover Farm FINEAPPLE Sliced or Crushed 2 No. 1 Flat Cans . . . 19c	

FOODS CLOVER FARM STORES MEATS

SERIAL STORY

TAMBAY GOLD

BY SAMUEL HOOKINS ADAMS

THE STORY: Mom Brouwer... Judd's story...

ADVICE FROM MAURIE SEARS

CHAPTER VII

MY great-grandmother married into Tambay...

"Yes, I know," Juddy said. "That makes us something, doesn't it?"

"I remember Cousin Selene, as a boy," he said. "She was right beautiful. Anyone could tell you were her daughter. She married out of the South."

"The shock wiped his family smile clean off," Tambay said. "A tourist camp? Tambay?"

"He never looked at me. 'We all thought the—the barbecue wagon was temporary. I can't see why this lady should want to settle in a place like Tambay.'"

"Keep the job out of your throat and I'll tell you, pal," he said. "It's the old back-to-the-soil you. Believe it or not, I'm a sucker for nature. Birds, bees and butterflies, they get me down. Well, show me a place where nature had its own way more than at Tambay?"

Juddy gave that little, low chuckle of hers. "Sweetheart and the money mortgage," she said.

For a while young Mr. Sears gave an impersonation of the chief mourner at a Maurie funeral until he found it got him nowhere.

"Another thing, while I'm here," she said. "The Hanging Tree is on Tambay property, isn't it?"

"Yes, why?"

"I'm going to have it cut down."

"No," he said, and his voice was hard. "That you can't do."

"Why can't I?"

"Nobody in the country would dare touch that tree."

"Then I'll send away and get someone."

"He'd be killed," he said quietly. She was getting white around

the lips. "I believe you believe in these horrible lynchings!"

"I know the answer before he spoke," Judd said. "You needn't call me Cousin. Juddy will do," she said. "I wonder if whether she caught the look in his eyes. I did."

IT struck me that Juddy was having a pretty good time for herself with the Weliver lady, without taking on any extra swains. The Federia was sure doing business with that institution. Angel Todd ate with us too often for a bird that was paying regular board somewhere else, and so did his four pals in the bonds of Chi Rho Gamma. Several times Juddy went over to the college blowouts, but not always with the same boy. Angel had the inside track, though.

Several times I watched them together, and the queer way she'd look at him had me guessing. Sometimes I thought she was crazy about him. Then again, she seemed to be trying to figure out something. I knew Angel's reputation with the gals. Far be it from me to beave the first rock; women make it tough for a swell-looking athlete like Angel Todd; a certain kind of women. Juddy wasn't that kind though, if I'm any judge. So what? Nobody had pinned a badge on me to be Guardian of the Pure. They were both free, white and twenty-one. One quiet evening while we were washing up she said, "Mom, I think I've been propositioned."

"Then it isn't Angel," I said. "If it had been him, there wouldn't be any 'think' about it."

"It is Angel. He wants me to go with him over next week-end to visit some friends. My theory is that the friends won't be there when we arrive."

"Well, you're going, aren't you?" I was trying her out.

"Is that your advice?"

"I give advice when I'm asked for it."

"All right; I'm asking."

"My theory is that any gal who goes out with that sweet lad had better keep her feet on the ground," I told her.

"So?" said Juddy thoughtfully. "I'm a wise old bird," I said. "On the other hand, if you can't get him out of your system any other way, and are looking for experience, that's something else again."

"Looking?" she said, and those straight, strong, pretty brows of hers drew down. "I'm not exactly a dewy young debutante, Mom."

I wasn't quite sure what she was trying to tell me. She didn't say any more at the time.

(To Be Continued)

craft plants reaches record of more than 5000 weekly.

First details of America's new out dive bomber—Curtiss SBEC-1—are announced.

APRIL—Aviation News Committee survey shows American-built bombers superior in speed, range altitude and bomb-carrying capacity to any foreign aircraft.

U. S. aircraft production is "nothing short of a miracle," says Merrill C. Meigs, OPM aircraft chief.

MAY—New laminar flow wing, higher-powered engines and other research developments revealed as contributing to American aerial mastery.

New Republic P-47B pursuit and Vultee Vengeance dive bomber announced.

JUNE—Aeronautical Chamber announces aircraft industry created 43,000 new jobs during first quarter of 1941.

World's biggest airplane—Douglas B-19—makes first test flight.

JULY—Peak production of 500 heavy bombers per month by mid-1943 foreseen as result of production pool by leading Pacific Coast aircraft plants. (Note: With America at war this has been stepped up to 1000 per month.)

U. S. armed services report plans for training of 40,000 combat pilots per year.

AUGUST—Huge new Curtiss-Wright warplane plant dedicated at Buffalo. Aircraft industry's backlog tops five-billion dollar mark.

SEPTEMBER—Reports from Europe show American-built aircraft are proving superiority on all war fronts.

U. S. pursuit ships and bombers undergo grueling tests in Army war games in South.

World's largest flying boat—Martin XPBZ-1 (Mars)—proof-tested.

OCTOBER—Robert A. Lovell, assistant secretary of war for air, reports U. S. being armed with world's finest warplanes.

Douglas and Consolidated Air-

OUT OUR WAY

HEY, YOU FELLERS, DROP THEM REINS AN' WE'LL DRIVE YOU WITH TH' CATTLE! IF YOU HIRE ONE WINDBAG YOU'RE OUT TWO MEN!



Dress Call



THE PAY-OFF

NEW YORK—Before and since the Jeffries-Johnson tragedy in 1910, training camps have made interesting reading. Nearly all of them have unusual characters. Joe Murchio is Joe Louis' host at Greenwood Lake... Jeffries-Johnson camps outside Reno are remembered principally because they were so diametrically opposite. All was gaudy at Rick's Roadhouse, with Johnson dragging sour notes on the bull fiddle nightly. You felt the suppressed worry at Jeffries' headquarters at Moans Springs. Accommodations were poor at the old ramshackle hotel on the edge of Saratoga Lake, so pranksters following Jack Dempsey made life miserable for the proprietor, Old Tom Luther. Old Tom would complain about his heart and insist that he'd never have another fighter, but the welcome mat was out as quickly as a good one wanted to pitch camp. There was the Dempsey camp at Atlantic City, before the first Tunney fight, with Jack Kearns harassing the Man 'n' roller, and everybody working at cross-purposes. Looking back wonder how Dempsey ever got to the Philadelphia battle alone through 10 rounds. There was Tunney and his 12-pound books at Speculator and Stroudsburg. There was Hans Ehmler, the one-time German army officer, and his tiny pond at Hoosick Falls, where Paulino, Braddock and others prepared. Tommy Gibbons lived not far from the hastily thrown up camp in which he tackled Dempsey at Shelby. The day after the fight or of his children asked him where he was going. "Oh," replied Daddy Gibbons, "I'm just going to run over there and fight Jack Dempsey." There was Young Stribling and his airplane at Geauga Lake. Stribling flew over the Schmeling camp at Conneaut Lake, dived low spectators flattened out. There was the undertakers' convention at the Conneaut Lake Hotel. The lobby was full of coffins. Joe Jacobs wanted Schmeling steered clear of it, but when a group of sports writers ushered Herr Monte into the setup to get his reaction and a story, the Black Uhlan became more interested than any of the embalmers. A funeral director showed Schmeling the best coffin in the place. There were springs under the upholstery. The last I saw of Schmeling that day, he was looking for the manager of the convention. He wanted to know why they put springs under a body. A practical-minded Teuton. Army camp were on maneuver in Louisiana some months ago, they found a package of ribbon-tied love letters in deserted plantation home near the town of Boyce. The letters were signed "Trent" and were written 29 years ago by a soldier stationed in Cuba. He was away from his sweetheart and the letters showed his resultant anguish. Conservatively, they were a work of literary art. Some of the men painstakingly copied the best portions of the letters—then used the phrases in letters to their own girls. The results were excellent. There have been six marriages in the company finding the Louisiana love letters.

29 Year Old Love Letters Still Do A Lot For Soldiers

CAMP BARKELEY, Abilene, Tex. (UP)—Maybe it wasn't fair, but it was effective. While troops from this Texas...

RED RYDER

CHARMY'S BUSINESS! I'VE JUST GOT TO DECIDE TO ADVANCE MYSELF TO THE FRONT HERE!

By Harman

WELL, BUT IT WILL TAKE A FEW DAYS TO RAISE THE CASH!

Highlights Of Plane Industry's Biggest Year

Highlights of the aircraft industry's year, as gleaned from the files of Aviation News Features: JANUARY—American aircraft to Great Britain... FEBRUARY—Observers home from England praise performance of American aircraft in war...

ALLEY OOP



By Hamlin



By Williams



By Harman



By Harman



By William Ferguson



Fine Feathered Friend



Fanciest fowl at New York poultry show was this white crested black Polish cock.

Gallery of State Officials SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (UP)—Portraits of 22 Illinois secretaries of state have been hung in the conference room of the state archives building, completing a project started by Secretary of State Edward J. Hughes two years ago. The pictures, large and uniform in size and quality, are in chronological order, beginning with Elias Kent Kane, 1818-22.

Freckles and His Friends



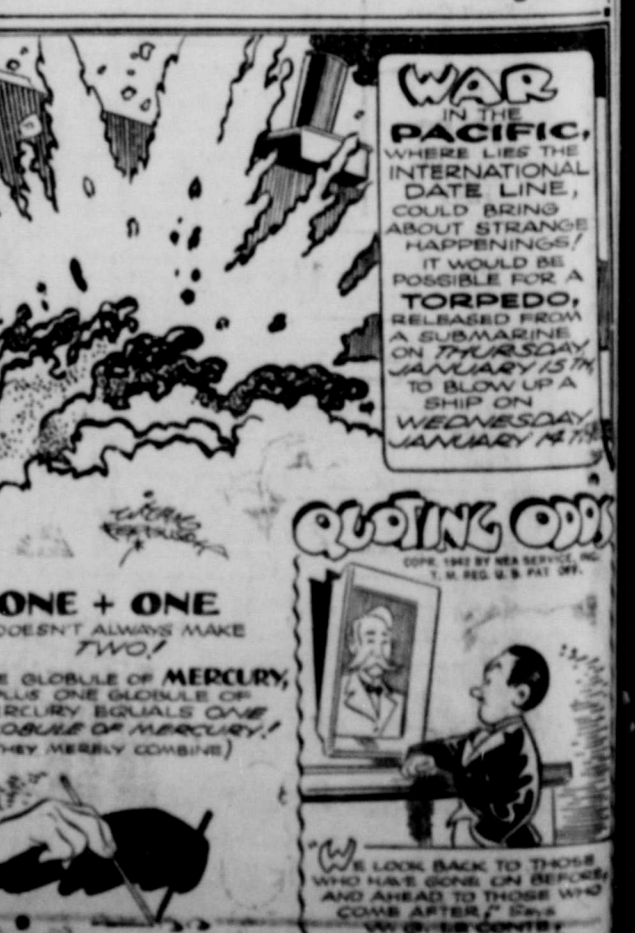
By Blosser



By Harman



THIS CURIOUS WORLD



WAR IN THE PACIFIC, WHERE LIES THE INTERNATIONAL DATE LINE, COULD BRING ABOUT STRANGE HAPPENINGS! IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR A TORPEDO, RELEASED FROM A SUBMARINE ON THE TUESDAY JANUARY 15TH TO BLOW UP A SHIP ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 14TH.



