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BAYLOR KEEPS UP BROWNING TRADITION

WACO, Tex. (UP)—Despite World War II, Baylor University, home of the largest collection of materials on Robert Browning, was able to maintain an annual custom of having a wreath placed Sunday, Dec. 13, on the great poet's grave in Westminster Abbey, memorializing his death 53 years ago.

The custom, began in 1927 when Dr. A. J. Armstrong, head of Baylor's department of English and noted lecturer authority on Browning, personally placed a wreath there in Westminster Abbey.

The custom has been perpetuated by the Herbert Stead family of London, friends of Dr. Armstrong and founders of London's Browning Settlement.

This just-past anniversary, amid bombed and war-torn surroundings, Mrs. Stead performed the task for Baylor University.

Mrs. Maddocks Has Letter From English Cousin

Mrs. C. E. Maddocks has just received a letter from her cousin, Mrs. Elizabeth Law, who lives in Harrogate, England which is located near York where the famous Minister of York is also located.

Mrs. Law reports that this section has not been touched by bombs and that out of three branches of the family still in England there have been no casualties from the war. She says that morale is high and that one never hears complaints about privations.

Mrs. Maddocks who has made her home in Ranger for a number of years came to this country from York at the age of 11.

Oil Production Estimates Given

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production for the week ended December 12, 1942 was 3,881,150 barrels. Daily production for the four weeks ended December 12, 1942 averaged 3,876,450 barrels.

Reports received from refining companies owning 85.8 per cent of the 4,790,000 barrel estimated daily potential refining capacity of the United States, indicate that the industry as a whole ran to stills, on a Bureau of Mines' basis, 3,744,000 barrels of crude oil daily during the week, and that all companies had in storage at refineries, at bulk terminals, in transit and in pipe lines as of the end of the week, 77,622,000 barrels of finished and unfinished gasoline. The total number of gasoline produced by all companies is estimated to have been 11,261,000 barrels during the week.

THE WEATHER
WEST TEXAS—Colder in east portion and slightly colder in West portion tonight.

HOLT HOME IS DAMAGED BY FIRE, SUNDAY

Fire of an undetermined origin partially destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Holt Sunday night about 8:30 o'clock. The fire broke out in the rear of the home, burning the two back bedrooms, the kitchen and a back porch.

The equipment in those rooms was a total loss and clothes in the closets of the bedrooms were destroyed.

Onlookers at the fire praised the local fire department for the manner in which they dealt with the fire and it was stated Monday that an insurance adjuster who inspected the home after the fire also complimented the department on their work.

Film Industry Studies Request

HOLLYWOOD, Cal. (UP)—Film industry leaders today studied an office of war information request for studios to read scenarios of all proposed productions to the OWI for possible recommendations on deleting scenes deemed "harmful to the war effort."

The request was made in a letter sent to all studios by Lowell Mellett, chief of the OWI's film division. Mellett asked studio heads to submit copies of all studio treatments, synopses of all stories and finished scripts which they planned to produce.

He said the requests were made on the government could recommend dropping of any scenes the OWI felt were detrimental to the war effort.

In answer to an immediate cry of "censorship" from studio spokesmen, Nelson Poynter, head of the OWI Hollywood office, said the plan was "merely an extension of current practice and does not constitute blanket censorship."

Producers now submit only scripts containing military matters. Paramount studios recently denied reports it had submitted the film version of Ernest Hemingway's "For Whom The Bells Toll" to the State Department for inspection by representatives of Spain's Generalissimo Francisco Franco.

Industry spokesmen declined comment until the motion picture producer's association decided upon an official reply.

LONDON, Eng. (UP)—British girls who club-out tea and cakes in the Navy and Army Air Force Institute's canteens were officially assured today that there was no reason to blush and retreat when an American serviceman, shouts, "Hi ya, Babe!"

"To them it will be merely a normal conversation opening, just as we might say, 'Lovely day, isn't it,'" a booklet issued by the institute to the girls explained.

The booklet is entitled, "When You Meet Americans." On no account, it emphasizes, must an American be snubbed, "Unless he really deserves it." It said a girl might properly be a little more friendly than she normally would.

"Don't talk about Chicago gangsters as if they represented 90 per cent of the population of America," it said. "The films may have fostered this impression, but the majority live much as we do."

Joe B. Weekes Is Given Commission

Joe Burkett Weekes of Ranger, Texas, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States today upon successful completion of the Officer Candidate Course at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Lt. Weekes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Weekes of Ranger.

The new lieutenant enlisted in the army on Nov. 23, 1940 and served with Company I, 142nd Infantry before going to Officer Candidate School three months ago. He held the rank of sergeant before being commissioned.

The new officer is a graduate of Ranger High School, in Ranger.



A COUPLE OF CHARMERS. Sgt. John Stafford, right, claims he knows all about snakes in the grass, so he takes over the native cobra charmer's job while other members of the U. S. Army Headquarters Detachment in India wish him all the luck army men wish any sergeant. (Passed by censor.)

ENGLISH GIRLS TOLD HOW TAKE AMERICAN TALK

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Employees Of Ranger Times Given Holiday

In keeping with the spirit of the times and as the policy being followed by newspapers over the state, the employees of the Ranger Daily Times will be given a three day holiday beginning Christmas Eve and lasting until the Monday following Christmas.

No Sunday edition of the paper will be published, but a special paper will be published Christmas morning and anyone that has news that they wish published is asked to turn it in in time for the Friday morning paper.

New York Takes Lead Over Texas At Air School

MIDLAND, Tex. (CP)—West Texas Bombarrier Triangle—Texas finally has been toppled as the prime source of the most dangerous men in the world. Uncle Sam's bombardiers, and New York is the state that did it.

Since training operations opened at the bombardier school here, class after class has been topped heavy with Texans.

The class which graduated on Dec. 17 simultaneously at Midland, Big Spring and San Angelo, will produce more New York boys than Texans for the first time. New York state has contributed 77 bombardiers to the record-breaking class.

Texas, of course, is second with 53 graduates receiving bombardier wings and second lieutenant commissions.

Forty-two states are represented in the class, which is the largest group of bombardiers to finish training at the same time in military history.

One "Slight" Move Lands Man In Jail

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (UP)—Edward W. Hanning, who moved across the street, was under \$1,000 bail today on charges of failing to notify his draft board of a change of address. Hanning said that he did not think notification was required for such a "slight" change. U. S. Commissioner Norman J. Griffin replied that "a mile is as good as a mile."

Rainfall For Two Days 1.7 Inches

Ranger's one man weather bureau reported this morning that rainfall in the past two days has totaled 1.7 inches.

M. H. Alexander, in charge of the city water works at Lake Hagaman has for the past few months operated a gauge at the Lake and kept a record of the precipitation.



TOULON—Fleet's graveyard.

TOULON, where Frenchmen scuttled a majority of their warships to keep them out of Nazi hands, may become an allied bomb target to keep the Germans from using it as an operating base in the Mediterranean. Already visited by reconnaissance "raiders," Toulon is in easy reach of both England and North Africa.

WOMEN WANTED FOR TEACHING AT ARMY CAMP

SHEPHERD FIELD, Tex.—The Army, and more particularly the Air Force Technical Training School at Shepherd Field, are seeking women to teach those one-time masculine subjects of hydraulics, aerodynamics, and electrical systems.

Women, and men over draft age, will be used to release to combat duty youngsters now assigned as teachers. Mechanics, even without experience as instructors, may qualify.

Those with teaching experience may qualify immediately. Others may become student instructors at \$1,620 yearly while being given a short period of intensive training, and may then draw \$2,600 as junior instructors. Senior instructors rate as much as \$3,800.

Instructors are civil service employees and teach such subjects as basic fundamentals of aerodynamics, and electrical systems, instruments, and electrical systems.

Those interested may apply at any first or second class post office or any district civil service office for the proper application, form No. 57. Information may also be had at federal employment offices including the Shepherd Field employment office.

Gliders School Has Dollar-Dime Man

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCE'S GLIDER SCHOOL, DALHART, Tex. (UP)—The government has its dollar-a-year man and the advanced glider school here has its dollar-and-a-dime-a-month man.

Thirty-six-year-old Ben Hamilton Stokes of Borge, Texas, draws \$1.10 in army pay each month. That's all he gets after deductions are made for insurance, an allotment to his mother, Mrs. Bettie Stokes of Duncan, Oklahoma, and a war bond.

"And if I get promoted," Stokes says, "the extra money is going into war bonds too."

Before entering the Army, Private Stokes was an apartment owner and furniture store operator in Borge.

W. G. Pounds, Jr. Given Commission

William Glenn Pounds, Jr., of Ranger, Texas, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the U. S. Army today upon successful completion of the Officer Candidate course at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Lt. Pounds is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Pounds, Sr., of 709 McCleskey, Ave.

The new lieutenant enlisted in the army on Nov. 25, 1940 and served with the 142nd Infantry, 36 Division before going to Officer Candidate School three months ago. He held the rank of sergeant before being commissioned.

The new officer is a graduate of Ranger High School, where he was a prominent member of the high school band.

RATION BOARD KEPT BUSY BY SUGAR DEMAND

According to a statement made by Pleas E. Moore this morning the people of Ranger and the surrounding territory will have sugar for the Christmas cranberries and other sweets.

Moore who is the chairman of the food panel of the Eastland County War Price and Rationing Board, and Lee Duckery, local chairman stated that to date the local office alone has issued a round a thousand pounds of sugar in one pound lots for Christmas use. Ranger is the only town in the county which is giving this service locally and residents from other parts of the county are securing their extra sugar at the Eastland County office in Eastland.

Each application for the one pound of sugar requires the filling out of several forms, and it was stated that the work would have been beyond control had it not been for volunteer typists sent from the high school and Junior College by Dr. G. C. Howell. Both Moore and Duckery express their appreciation for this timely help.

Pneumonia Death Rate Decreased

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The fight against pneumonia has brought about a reduction of over 60 per cent in the death rate from pneumonia and influenza in the short space of five years, according to the statisticians of life insurance companies. For the influenza among the policyholders fell to a new low of 31.9 per 100,000, a drop of 63 per cent from the 1936-1937 figure, and 21 per cent under the previous best record made only a year before.

Pointing out that pneumonia and influenza are "distinctly seasonal diseases," the statisticians review the death rates among the insured group according to the various seasons over the five-year period—1936-1937 to 1941-1942—as follows:

"Five years ago the normal death rate curve for these diseases were distinguished by an extremely sharp peak in February, rising to more than 175 deaths per 100,000 expressed on an annual basis. On the curve for the recent year, although a maximum here also occurs in the winter months, the profile is relatively flat. In fact, the death rate from pneumonia and influenza over the winter months was about 70 per cent less than in the winter of 1936-1937, which was considered an average winter at that time. Although the contrast is most marked in that portion of the curve which relates to the winter months, actually there is also a very considerable reduction in mortality at other seasons. In the autumn of 1941 and the spring of 1942, pneumonia mortality was about 60 per cent less than the corresponding seasons of five years prior; and in the summer of 1942, the rate was reduced about 40 per cent. Naturally, the greatest saving of lives through these reductions has been secured for the winter months, when the incidence of pneumonia is at a maximum."

Absent-Minded Man May Have His Clock Back

TOPEKA, Kans. (UP)—If the absent-minded citizen who dropped his alarm clock in a mail box and apparently took his Christmas cards to the watchmaker's will call to the postoffice and identify his clock he can have it back.

Martin Phillips, assistant superintendent of mails, said the clock, in need of repair was encased only in a paper sack.

Former Resident Goes As Engineer To Canal Zone

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Robinson have received word that their son J. B. Robinson, who has been making his home in Houston, has left for Ancon, Panama Canal Zone, where he will be employed as an engineer in Civil Service.

ALLIES CONTINUE TO MAKE STEADY GAINS OVER ENEMY ON ALL VITAL WAR FRONTS

United Nations Cheered By Gains In Air Strength That Is Threatening The Enemy And Leading To Hope For Turning Point.

In a relentless drive the Russian army today was heading toward Rostov, the gateway to the Caucasus and their offensive threatened to isolate the Axis forces in the southern sector.

The Red Army captured another big town in the Middle Don Area and was moving toward Millerovo the important railway junction of the Voronezh Rostov rail line.

The cautious new forces joined as the Russians urged toward them in the determined drive to cut off the Axis armies and break the hold of the Germans on that front.

As the Russians pushed their drive encouraging news came from North Africa where it was learned that General Eisenhower has completed plans to unite his forces in Tunisia. Dispatches indicated that the Allies were making ready to assault the Germans and Italians, and said that the Allies have attained equality and possibly superiority in the air. An Air combat took a sudden turn for the British and Americans.

Air power was paying in Burma, too, where the Royal Air Force had successfully attacked the Japanese base at Akyab.

SPECIALISTS MAY ENLIST IN THE ARMY

DALLAS, Tex. (UP)—Although voluntary enlistments generally have been stopped for the Army, that branch of the service still wants men over 28 who are qualified for certain specialties, and will accept them immediately.

Col. Claude E. Rhinehart, Dallas district recruiting officer, has announced:

A list of the specialties for which men over 28 will be enlisted, subject to quota restrictions, were released by Col. Rhinehart. These specialties include the Engineers, Signal Corps, Ordnance and Air Corps, as follows:

Engineers—blacksmiths, blast-furnace repairmen, bridge builders, utility repairmen, quartermen, riggers, linemen, (telephone and telegraph) jackhammer operators.

Signal Corps—Cable splicers, installer-repairmen, repeatermen and wire chiefs, (telephone and telegraph), radio operators, radio repairmen, telegraph operators, telegraphic printer operators and telegraphic installer-repairmen.

Ordnance—instrument repairmen, radial engine mechanics and electricians. Air Corps—radio mechanics and operators.

Says Synthetic Rubber Goal Will Be Reached Easily

ST. LOUIS (UP)—It took the natural rubber industry half a century to reach an annual production of 600,000 tons, but the chemical industry will duplicate that achievement in 1-125th the time, according to Dr. Charles Allen Thomas, director of the Central Research Laboratories of the Monsanto Chemical Co.

Dr. Thomas said the feat would be accomplished under wartime emergency, in producing 1,000,000 tons of synthetic rubber by January 1944, "and the job will be done."

He predicted that after the war synthetic rubber would replace the natural product in many markets in which it formerly enjoyed an unchallenged monopoly.

Rabbit Hunters Are Warned About Disease

AUSTIN, Tex.—During the winter months hunting rabbits is a popular sport and a wild rabbit makes a very fine food, but according to the State Health Department, extreme care should be used in the handling of wild rabbits to prevent a possible infection with tularemia.

"These little cottontail rabbits are not always as harmless as they look," states Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, "for some of them are infected with tularemia. This serious disease which is also known as rabbit fever usually is acquired by human beings through contact with infected rabbits or through contact with the infected insect that spreads it from animal to animal."

Dr. Cox cautioned that hunters should shoot only the frisky rabbits that run away. A rabbit without the energy to scamper away from the hunter is likely to be a sick one that can transmit tularemia to those who handle him.

"It is necessary to handle uncooked rabbit meat cautiously," Dr. Cox said. "The use of rubber gloves will protect your hands since the germs may enter the body through any cut however small if the rabbit is handled without gloves."

"As a further safeguard, rabbit meat should be cooked very thoroughly so as to destroy any disease producing germs that may be present. This means that it should be cooked at a boiling temperature for at least 20 minutes before cooking it to your individual taste."

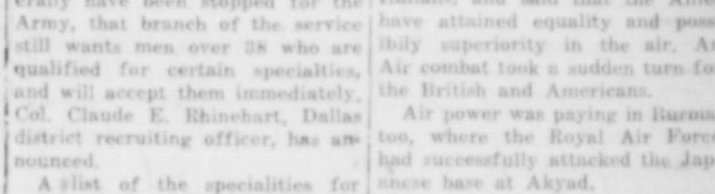
Food Prices Are Scheduled For A Change, Soon

WASHINGTON—Food administration officials were ready today to discard farm subsidies in favor of higher prices on food hoping for control of prices following the resignation of Leon Henderson.

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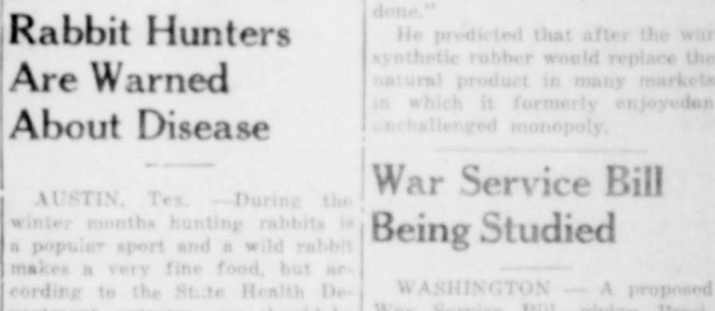
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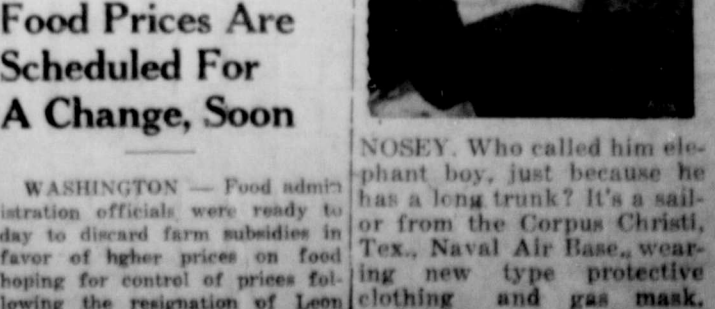
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MAN-BOSS ICKES

Roosevelt is reported to have worked out for unifying manpower control. Indeed, the need for action in this field is so great that almost any positive plan is better than none.

The Department of Labor would seem to be the natural place in which to concentrate machinery for co-ordinating the use of labor in industry. And the military draft is so interrelated with industrial manpower that the two belong together.

Few tears will be shed if Madame Perkins is moved out of the cabinet post she has held since 1933. Most of them will come from Women's Rights-ers, who have been uncritically happy about having one of their sex in the cabinet.

But there are unfortunate features, too, about the proposal. If preliminary reports were intended as trial balloons, to test public reaction, then the President may be interested to learn what the public would think about having Honest Harold Ickes, Master of Billingsgate, as secretary of labor.

The grapevine says that Presidents Green and Murray of the two major labor groups have accepted Ickes, though they prefer President Dan Tobin of the Teamsters' Union. It is hard to see how the public could accept either without strong protest. Tobin himself is clean, so far as we know, but his union has been a stronghold for some of the most vicious racketeering practices.

But in reaction against Madame Perkin's official dullness, it would be dangerous to assume that a man of honesty, vigor and imagination is all that the Labor Department needs to handle industrial manpower control and the military draft on top of its routine functions.

Tolerance is needed, and tact. Restraint is needed, and the willingness to give thought to both sides of a subject before leaping into the fray with every vituperative weapon blazing.

Perhaps no figure in New Deal officialdom has approached difficult tasks with better intentions than Harold Ickes, or with a greater devotion to the public welfare. Yet probably none, unless it be Mrs. Perkins, has flopped so dolorously in everything except preventing graft.

The United States has thousands of men as honest, as vigorous, as imaginative, as industrious as Ickes, who possess those qualifications—absolutely vital if manpower control is to work—which he would not recognize if they were to confront him in his office.

Can't we have one of those better-balanced gentlemen for Man-Boss in the new setup?

The first month of 1943 will have five Fridays—which is nothing for fish to look forward to.

The pedestrian has the law on his side—so he gets hit from behind.

GRANITE STATE

HORIZONTAL Answer to Previous Puzzle

- 1. Depicted state. 2. Before. 3. Elliptical. 4. Like around. 5. Inches (abbr.). 6. Spoon. 7. New Testament (abbr.). 8. They are not very extensive. 9. Type of cheese. 10. Alleged force. 11. Sturdy tree. 12. Female saint (abbr.). 13. Recounted. 14. One (Scott.). 15. Ambiguous. 16. Secure. 17. Pattern. 18. Bible hands. 19. Golf device. 20. International language. 21. Chief Staff Officer (abbr.). 22. Chief god of Memphis. 23. Its capital is. 24. Harlem room. 25. Kind of thin satin (pl.). 26. Encountered. 27. Know (Scott.). 28. Sensible. 29. Genuine. 30. Son-of-Jacob (Bib.). 31. Negative word. 32. Bouquet term. 33. Little demon. 34. Bare. 35. Province of the Union of South Africa. 36. Red Cross (abbr.). 37. Exclamation. 38. Whetstone. 39. Always. 40. Back of neck. 41. English money of account. 42. Pagoda (Tamil coin). 43. About. 44. Street (abbr.). 45. Near. 46. That thing.

Vertical crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-46 and a small illustration of a person's head in profile.

THE FIRST ORDER



Buy War Bonds

BY HARRY GRAYSON NEA Service Sports Editor

CHICAGO—Two New Hampshire co-eds enrolled in Coach Chick Justice's theory and history of football course.

SAN FRANCISCO traveled all the way to Memphis to play Mississippi State before 200 people. Detroit was carried to San Francisco to engage Saint Mary's before 500.

FOOTBALL attendance remained up the past season wherever there was an attraction or natural setting.

In 38 games, the Big Ten attracted 1,693,249 spectators, an average of 29,194. Despite transportation difficulties, this compares favorably with all previous campaigns, excluding the peak seasons of 1940 and '41.

Notre Dame repelled Southern California before 90,000 in the Los Angeles Coliseum, and Army before 74,000 at Yankee Stadium.

Griffith Stadium was completely sold out three weeks before the

BY PETER EDSON NEA Service Washington Correspondent

U. S. censorship is on the pan. It usually is, in a free country, but now congressmen are objecting to censorship and they are in a position to do something about it.



Edson

PRICE started adding up the people who would have to be on that list. All cabinet officers, 500 congressmen, 48 state governors, governors of all the territories, heads of all federal agencies, federal judges—pretty soon he had a list of over 1000 names.

Governor Gruening's mail and other communications to and from Alaska are therefore still subject to censorship, even as your overseas mail is subject to censorship, but the governor obviously doesn't like it.

If the Senate goes into a full dress investigation of U. S. censorship, it can unquestionably find that censorship steps on the private rights of a lot of people. That injures their feelings, and there is no more vociferous American than one who has had his civil liberties trampled and kicked around by his government.

Flying School Sergeant Tough

LUBBOCK, Tex. (UP)—More than 4,000 of "Tappy" Wolverton's "boys" are on the flaming battlefronts and tough as this sergeant is, "Tappy" avidly reads all the war bulletins.

His official title is Master Sgt. Paul B. Wolverton, formerly of Parkersburg, W. Va., and he's now stationed at the South Plains Army Flying School—the home of The Winged Commandos.

The SPAF is one of the largest glider pilot schools. Wolverton, who enlisted in 1913, is line chief. He served in both expeditions into Mexico and trained men straight through World War I.

Wolverton is a strapping, 47-year-old giant, whose service stripes make a tebra blush, and his discipline is something to make the boys remember him long afterward.

One of the favorite stories about him dates back to Brooks Field, San Antonio. Someone buried a cigarette in a sand bucket kept for fire emergency. It was a violation of the rules.

Wolverton didn't say anything until the next 2 a. m. Then he blasted his men out of bed, marched them a mile to a smooth plot of ground, and had a full military "funeral" for that cigarette butt.

Besides the Army, Wolverton likes to talk about his mother, Mrs. Carrie Carder of Munday, West Virginia.

Try Our Want Ads CLASSIFIED

- FOR SALE—Money-Making business. Best location in town. Inquire Arcadia Confectionery.
\$50.00 REWARD for return of lost karat Diamond not mounted.
FOR SALE—Jersey Cow. See Mrs. Bush, 223 South Oak.
FOR RENT—Five room house. See Chas. Bobb.
FOR SALE—My modern six room home in Ranger, including double garage, servant's house, and four lots.
FOR SALE—1939 Ford coupe. Good tires and running condition.
FOR RENT—Two bedrooms, 970-J. 454 Plaza.
Will trade crocheted bed spread for lumber. Box O. Ranger Times.

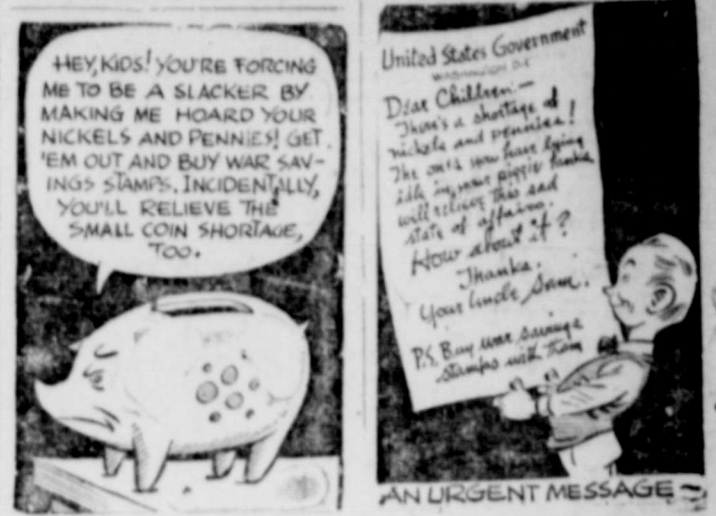
Relief Planned For Shortage Of School Teachers

LUBBOCK, Tex.—A program to relieve the teacher shortage has been inaugurated by the Department of Education and Psychology at Texas Technological College.

School superintendents of the state are being asked for lists and last known addresses of former teachers, and students who might secure degrees in the accelerated education program in time to aid next fall are being interviewed. Former teachers who may have retired to keep house or for other reasons will be urged to return to the classroom for the duration.

Emphasis on qualifying men and women for teaching will be placed on courses at Texas Tech during the spring and summer semesters in the hope schools may have adequate instructors next fall.

Not since the World War has such an acute shortage existed," it states. "Society cannot afford to permit its schools to stand idle during the war emergency."



OUT OUR WAY

BY WILLIAMS



NO MORE GLAMOR



WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY



THE TORTURE CHAMBER

School News - Hodges Oak Park

HODGES OAK PARK STAFF Editor, Paul MacDonald; Associate Editor, Jack Cole; Reporters, Jimmie Heinlin, Jimmie Crossley, Gloria Rogers, Georgianne Rogers, Jacqueline Edwards.

SPONSOR Mrs. Lightfoot. CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR Christmas this year will be quite different from the gay and merry times that usually accompany the holiday season. No more stockings to hang up, and Santa will have to go back to Blitzen and Vixen because of gas rationing and rubber shortage. But above all there will be an absence of many young faces around the home fires this year on the eve of Christmas. But let's show the boy that the old fireside is glowing by giving War Bonds and stamps as gifts. After all is said and done, that is an appropriate gift.

Paul MacDonald ARE YOU A PARASITE? Do you remember to bring your own ink, paper, fountain pen books and so on with you to study hall? Or do you depend on your neighbor across the aisle to bring his so that you may borrow from him? Had you ever thought that you might not hold a pen in the same way that the owner holds it to write, and that when you return a borrowed fountain pen to its owner the point may not write as well as it did when you borrowed it? Had you ever thought that a bottle of ink will last one person a long time, but if a dozen people fill their pens from one bottle every day, it will not last long. The package of paper that will last one person several days is soon gone when several people borrow and forget to return.

Stinginess and thoughtlessness are the causes of borrowing. Parasites live off other plants. Borrowers live off other human beings. Are you a Parasite? Gloria Rogers HODGES OAK PUPILS GO TO HIGH SCHOOL The sixth, seventh, and eighth grades of Hodges Oak attended a program at high school on Wednesday morning of last week. The Choral Club from our school directed by Mrs. Phillips and accompanied by Miss Cox presented the story of Christmas in song and reading. Following this two picture shows were shown: "American All" and a railroad picture in technicolor.

JUNIOR COLLEGE STUDENTS VISIT HODGES OAK PARK On Tuesday morning, December 15, Mr. Lightfoot and his two education classes from the Ranger Junior College visited in the various classrooms of our school. No preparation was made for this visit. The children did not know these visitors were coming until they were here. Their purpose was to observe both teachers and pupils under normal conditions of work. Outside of the classrooms these visitors paid special attention to our library and playground activities. Norma Matthews JUNIOR RED CROSS BOX Miss Strain has another Junior Red Cross box filled and ready to go to spread Christmas joy among our soldier boys at Brownwood. This box will be used in a Christmas party in one of the wards in the base hospital at Camp Bowie. This box was filled with writing portfolios and chivker check games. This is the third box that has gone from Hodges for the Junior Red Cross this year.

CHRISTMAS SEALS Miss Strain has conducted a sale of Tuberculosis Christmas seals this week. The children of our school have bought five dollars worth of these seals. The pennies we invest in these tuberculosis seals to help stamp out this dreaded disease is just another way we have of helping our country. For a country grows great and strong only as the individuals within that country are great and strong.

HODGES AND YOUNG SCHOOLS TO PLAY FOOTBALL The Hodges Oak boys and the Young Schools boys have two football games scheduled for this week. These games are to be played at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and Friday afternoon. The boys who are coming out for football from our school are Paul Hermistillo, James Martin, Thomas Morales, Rudolph Lopez, Joe Tombs, J. G. Wright, Bobbie Balch, Leo Warren, Jack Cole, Harold Jacoby, Jimmie Stevens, Harry Wilson, Kenneth Hargrave, Jackie Bell, Buddy Hamrick, Max Judy, Ralph Cooper, Ralph Gay, Dean Elder, Jimmie Heinlin, David M. Phillips, P. O. Hatley, Jr., Montie Ray Stewart, Jimmie Crossley, Paul MacDonald, Clarence English, Richard Kelley, and Edwin Varner. These boys hope there will be a good crowd out to watch these games. The girls will be on hand in a pep squad to furnish the inspiration for these players. Jack Cole and Leo Warren 4-H CLUB GIRLS MAKE CHRISTMAS FAVORS In their meeting last Wednesday, the 4-H Club girls made Christmas favors. These favors will be used at a party for the soldier boys in Camp Bowie during the Christmas season.

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SERIAL STORY PLAY BY PLAY BY PAUL DAVID PRESTON

BLYNE NEEDS A FRIEND CHAPTER XXI BLYTHE accepted the expensive purse almost automatically, staring helplessly at the other girl. Then all at once her pent-up emotions gave way. "Bly darling! . . . Bly!" Nancy cooed. "Gee, kid," Norman said that ever so gently, touched by her tears. She fled from Pop's office. She couldn't stay near them. Her tears were not "that" kind; not tears of gratitude and friendship; not heart tears. Well, yes, they were from the heart, surely, Blythe realized, but they were tears of frustration and anxiety and pain. Sheer physical pain seemed to grip her now, knowing what she knew, having to face Nancy's grand cordiality this way just when she had steeled herself to expose Nancy once and for all.

in beautiful Nancy Hale all that he ever wanted in any girl. She had come into his life in a dramatic accident. All the finer emotions had been called into play. Quick danger. Romantic rescue. Sympathy. Even patriotism, because Nancy was a war casualty, in a way. She, Blythe, had been nothing but a steady somebody always at hand; a colorless, unimpressive part of life's routine. So, what was her cue now?

NEA Service Washington Correspondent IT is only when you get an insight into some of the plots and conspiracies against the United States—discovered through censorship of mail to and from remote points under the American flag—that full necessity for drastic wartime inspection of communications can be appreciated. Details of these counter-espionage cases cannot be disclosed now, for to do so would give away the methods of censorship and destroy their effectiveness. And even after the war many cases will never be revealed, for to do so might be considered a violation of the privacy of the mails. But in general it can be told now that millions of dollars have already been saved the United States government through clues detected by censors. Huge stockpiles of hoarded raw materials, strategic minerals needed for war production, have been detected. One of these seizures alone was of greater monetary value than the entire cost of operating the Office of Censorship for a year. In spite of this there is a definite effort now being made to limit censorship. Specifically, some people in Alaska and Puerto Rico believe that communications with those territories should not be censored. Gov. Ernest Gruening of Alaska is particularly bitter against this censorship and it is largely as a result of his protest that the Senate Judiciary Committee is investigating this whole subject. For the past year—ever since the Office of Censorship was set up—all mail, cables, radio and overseas telephone communications to and from the U. S. territories and possessions have been subject to censorship. This censorship has been exercised under authority granted to the Office of Censorship by an executive order. The President, in turn, received his authority to issue this order from the First War Powers act passed by Congress in 1941.

SHE hadn't eaten any lunch and she didn't want any. Too much trouble whirled cyclone-fashion in her mind. More than anything else, she yearned for somebody to confide in. Time seemed to have telescoped itself when she finally looked at her watch. "Lordy!" she murmured. "It's after 2!" She was not crying any more. She forced herself to sit down at the table and plan a course of action, any course however desperate. Striving for calmness, she reviewed the whole thing in her mind. "The two gamblers are to come at 5!" she was unconsciously whispering it, dramatically. "Exactly at 5, that man to Nancy. She already has the pills; the drug. She is to hide the men in her clothes closet so they can peek out and be sure she gives Duane and Norman the drug. If Duane and Norman act listless in half an hour, they'll know. Then they are to pay her \$1000."

She had a moment of agony envisioning things that probably would happen upstairs this evening. She saw Nancy Hale a traitor. She saw her luring Norman and Duane up to a quiet little dinner party in order to drug them, then dosing them with too much of the drug so that Duane died! (Her feverish mind didn't go on to envision Norman's death.) "This is crazy!" she declared suddenly, standing up. "And I don't intend to be that kind of fool, I'll—if I only had somebody to talk to!" She heard a friendly laugh outside and recognized it as coming from Elmer Summers, Journal sports editor. Next impulse was to go to him with her troubles, but something warned her against that. She thought of Pop, and knew he was not to be considered now. Mom wasn't the type to help her at all, good old Mom. She thought of Norman Dana. For quite a while she considered him. Norman was deeper than most people realized. Concoct was just an outward crust, Blythe knew. He really was loyal, even though cocky in speech and action. But in the end she rejected him, too, remembering that he was impulsive and would probably do something terrible because he himself was involved in Nancy's plotting. Presently she had narrowed the possibility down to one person.

"Duane is the most level-headed," Blythe reasoned more calmly now. "He could help me trap the gamblers, and keep it quiet until after the game, so it wouldn't wreck the whole team. And, too"—she almost whispered the rest of it, because it touched her so deeply—"Duane loves Nancy, and no matter what I do he's bound to learn of her treachery soon. It will just about break his heart, I guess. If I—if I have loved him myself—if I still do—the best way I can show it is to prepare him for that shock!" She left the library at once to telephone Duane. (To Be Continued)

To make matters worse, baby Scooter tagged along after her, unseen by his mother or Norman. He was distressed because "By" was crying. Standing near her there in the empty gymnasium to which she fled, he too was beginning to sob when she discovered him. She stooped and held the little fellow close. Scooter would be sent out to her own home in a little while; Mom Miller had asked to keep him and sew for him and "enjoy him all afternoon." Presently Blythe sent him away, then retreated farther. She didn't dare go back to Pop's office. For one thing, that place would soon resume being a happy, busy madhouse. Countless last-minute details concerning tomorrow's game had to be seen to. Pop would come in with this committee and that, go here and there, answer phone calls, talk with everybody, dictate rush letters to Nancy, inspect minor injuries on players, rehash new plays in hush-hush tones with his less experienced men. Already he apparently had forgotten all about the threat to his own safety, so busy was he. Blythe slipped unseen into the little sports library that occupied

It was all clear, that much. But her own part wasn't. She was getting more and more jittery about it all. She heard somebody calling her but she didn't answer. She heard the constant overtones of laughter and talk and bustle around the building, the background that was a part of any football preparation. Ordinarily she would have been a happy part of it. It was something she loved. But today— She tried to go on with her thinking. She must be clear. Must!

YOU run now into a very fine legal argument. Alaska, Puerto Rico, Hawaii and the Virgin Islands are U. S. territories and under the constitutional Bill of Rights, citizens of those territories are guaranteed the same liberties enjoyed by people living in the continental United States. There is no censorship of communications between New York and California, and therefore it might be argued that to censor mail going to or coming from any U. S. citizen in the outlying territories would be considered placing those territorial residents in the same class as foreigners. Office of Censorship has been operating on the theory that its powers under the presidential order were ample to censor all communications to and from territories, possessions and military

ALLEY OOP AND NOW I'VE GOT NO AX! HMM—IT SEEMS I'M NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET! THIS IS A PROBLEM I GOTTA SOLVE WITH TH' MEANS AT HAND! CRACK! "BOY! THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL! I DON'T KNOW HOW I HAD TH' PRESENCE OF MIND TO JAM MY AX IN HIS MOUTH!"

RED RYDER I'LL CARRY THOSE GROCERIES MISO GINGER! I'LL TAKE THAT, BABY—I ASKED FOIST! LIT SQUAWK! STOP IT, YOU LINK-HEADED ROMEOS! LET RED HAVE THEM! OKAY, DUCHES! HE GETS 'EM!

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS I WANT TO EXCHANGE THESE FOR A PAIR WITH WHITE SHOES—SIZE 4 1/2 BUT MEN DON'T WEAR WHITE ONES! AND JUST TWO MINUTES AGO YOU WANTED BLACK SHOES IN SIZE 9! WHAT MADE YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND? I HEARD YOU MENTION A GIRL NAMED GRUBBLE WHO SPENT PRACTICALLY ALL HER MONEY ON A PRESENT FOR HER BOY FRIEND! BUT SIZE 4 1/2 WON'T FIT YOU! THEY MIGHT! I JUST DECIDED I HAVE BEEN A PRETTY SMALL GUY!

BY MERRILL BLOSSER

BY V. T. HAMLIN

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SOCIETY CLUBS

Ladies Bible Class Meets

The Ladies Bible Class of the Church of Christ met Monday afternoon at 8 o'clock at the church. Mrs. Weslie Mickey taught the lesson, the subject, "Sanctification" from the sixth chapter of Romans.

Twenty members were present for the meeting.

A social will be held in the basement of the church, Wednesday evening after the prayer service and each member is asked to bring a variety of fruit to fill baskets for the shut-ins of Ranger.

Mrs. Heald Entertains Old Study Club

Child Study Club entertained at the home of Mrs. Carl Heald, Thursday, Dec. 17, at 1 o'clock with a Christmas luncheon and bridge and 42 party.

Christmas decorations were used throughout the house. The

dining table was covered with a white linen cloth, centered with a crystal Christmas tree with a background of small holly trees and sheep on a snow covered reflector, flanked on each side by holders with red candles. On the mantle was a scene of Santa and his reindeer with a lighted Church in the living room was a beautiful Christmas tree, from which those present received gifts.

Courses of pig hury and holly were used as favors. A delicious luncheon of baked turkey, dressing, gravy, creamed potatoes, English peas, carrots, celery, pickles, cranberry salad, hot rolls, pecan pie and coffee were served. The program consisted of the group singing "Silent Night" and "Jesus Came," with Ella Joy Ryan reading "Jesus in Bible Land."

Cat prize in bridge was won by Mrs. Owen Boyd, in "42" the prize was won by Mrs. Gene De-

Those attending were Mrs. Ross Staden, Mrs. Jesse Weaver, Mrs. Orla Littlefield, Mrs. Z. P. Morgan, Mrs. Carl Heald, Mrs. C. E. Stubbuck, Mrs. Ernest Loh-

San, Mrs. J. J. Powell, Mrs. F. W. King, Mrs. J. W. Harrison, Mrs. Wilcox Simpson, Mrs. Leon Beard, Mrs. Walter Davis, Mrs. Roy McCluskey, Mrs. J. D. Johnson, Mrs. John George, Mrs. Arle Carter, Mrs. Lulu Kincaid, Mrs. Jack Harris, Mrs. Elaine Crumby, Mrs. Bill Mayes, Mrs. Oliver Cook, Mrs. Gene Baker.

Personals

Mrs. and Mrs. Johnnie Edwards and family left today to make their home in Beaumont. Mr. Edwards will be employed in the city.

Mrs. James E. McElroy and daughter of Clark were shopping today in Beaumont, Friday.

shopped in Ranger, Friday. Mrs. Ruth Mueck has returned from Fort Worth to Ranger to make her home.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Young and daughter of Big Spring will be the week-end guests of his mother, Mrs. Mary Young.

Set Noel Crawford is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Crawford, while on a fifteen day course from the Reproving Motion Picture Cadet Center at San Antonio.

Mrs. L. H. Flowellen, Mrs. E. L. McMillan and daughter, Betty, and Mrs. Chas. Conley spent Tuesday in Fort Worth.

Graves Lee, Jr., of Strawn was business visitor in Ranger, Tuesday.

Mr. L. R. Pearson is confined to his home, suffering from a broken arm in a fall last week, is reported to be resting well at the West Texas Hospital.

At Local Playhouse Tomorrow



Henry Fonda and Lucille Ball in Damon Runyon's thrills-packed story of Broadway, "The Big Street," an RKO-Radio Picture. The Arcadia gets the new films Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. Myrtle Smith who sustained a broken arm in a fall last week, is reported to be resting well at the West Texas Hospital.

Word has been received by Mrs. Blanche Murray from her daughter, Mrs. Farrell D. Smith, of Corpus Christi, that she and Mrs. Smith held "open house" Monday, celebrating their third wedding anniversary.

Robert Thompson arrived this morning from Galveston to join his wife, who arrived Monday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Higdon Roberts, as he is better known in Ranger, is doing coast guard duty.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hayes have arrived to spend the holidays with Ranger relatives. Mrs. Hayes is teaching in the school at Eagle Pass and Mr. Hayes is stationed at Goodfellow Field, San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Artburn of Drumright, Oklahoma are here for a visit with relatives and friends. Misses Flois Ashley, Edith Ashley and Francis Carrington of the Ranger School Faculty leave for their homes at Cooper and Commerce, Wednesday, to spend the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Annie Doon Pickrell of Austin is here to spend Christmas in the home of her son, Mr. David Pickrell.

Friends have received word that Mrs. Agnes McLaughlin has accepted a position in the Bechtel Ship Building yards at San Francisco, Calif. She with her two sons, Jimmy and Pat, left Ranger recently to make their home in California.

Auditory Kittle Davenport of the 28th Foot Complement, Des Moines, Iowa, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Betts, and sister, Mrs. Roy Earnest.

Mrs. Leo Walraven left Saturday for her home in Fort Worth after a visit of several days with her mother, Mrs. Alice Davenport.

Miss Gladys Pinson, a former member of the High School Faculty, was the guest of Miss Lillian Strain over the past week-end.

Miss Ingeborg Minton, instructor of music in the Ranger Public School System, left Monday morning to spend Christmas with her parents at Conway, Ark.

Mrs. Flenno and children of Bloom, Ark., are spending the holidays with Mr. Flenno who is associated with the Lone Star Stabilizing Plant.

Rev. and Mrs. David M. Phillips and son, David M. Jr., will leave Wednesday for Lone Oak where they will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Harrison.

Miss Elizabeth Rodgers, a student at the College of Marshall is here for the holidays where she will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Rodgers.

Mr. and Mrs. Braswell Van Grasse of Kansas City, Mo., are the proud parents of a son, Barry Alan, born Thursday, December 17 at 2:12 p. m. in St. Joseph's Hospital. Mr. Braswell has been an instructor in the Midland Radio and Television School since May 5, and the class are composed of fifty soldiers each from Camp Goodwin, Mo. He formerly made his home here.

Mrs. J. H. Holt and mother, Mrs. Mike Flanagan and brother, Sgt. Frank Flanagan arrived from Dandlers, Monday morning to be with Mr. Holt, who suffered slight burns when his home caught fire.

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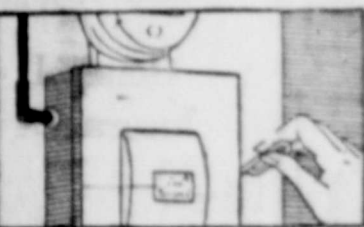
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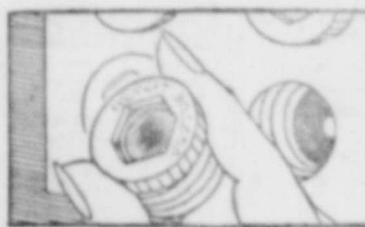
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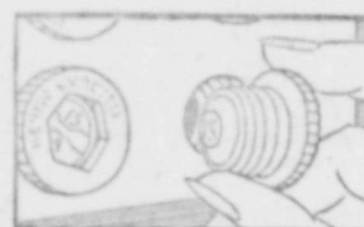
- 1. TRACE THE CAUSE.** When a fuse "blows out" a faulty appliance or a frayed or defective cord may be the reason. Trace the cause and disconnect the lamp or appliance.
- 2. REPLACE THE FUSE.** Replacing a "blown out" fuse is as simple as replacing a lamp bulb. Simply follow the directions below. Better get a supply of extra fuses and keep them handy. Be sure the faulty cord or appliance is repaired before it is put back into service.



Locate the main cut-off switch at your meter box, and standing on a dry surface, turn off the electricity.

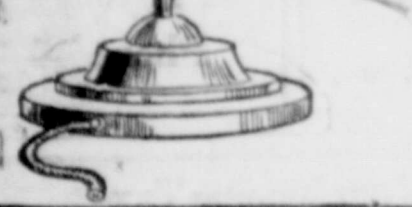


Unscrew the "blown out" fuse, touching only its top. You can tell it by the burned patch in the window on top of fuse.



Replace with one of the same size as clearly marked on fuse. Turn on main switch.

3. FIX FAULTY PLUGS AND CORDS

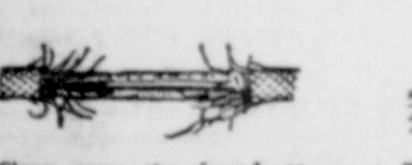


Wrong Way: Wires not put around the prongs first.



Right Way: Wires put around the prongs. When cord is yanked or jerked, pressure is put on the prongs.

CORD FRAYED IN THE MIDDLE



Clean away the frayed or crumbled part.



Tape up each wire separately, using electrician's tape.



Then tape wires together. Adhesive tape cures and cracks very quickly.

CORD FRAYED NEAR PLUG



Unscrew screws and pull wire out.

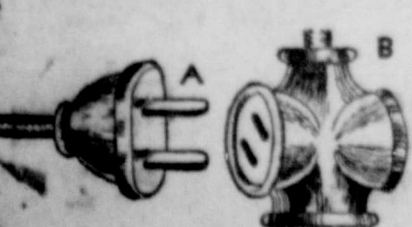


Cut off frayed part of the wire.

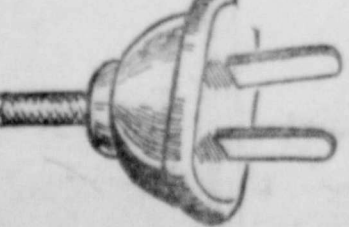


Reinsert wire in plug, and screw in place.

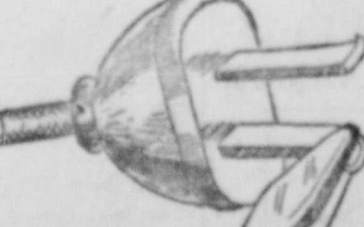
PLUG SHOULD FIT SNUGLY



Where "A" doesn't fit snugly into "B," plug "B's" springs may have lost their "tension."



Bend plug "A's" prongs apart with your fingers. Just enough to get a snug fit.



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