

Ranger is oversubscribing her Bond Quota. Ranger women will complete 20,000 surgical dressings for the Red Cross before the First of March.

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ALLIES PUSH AFRICAN WAR

ARMY CHAPLAINS DO NOT HAVE WEAPONS BUT THEY ARE BEING TAUGHT TO DEFEND THEMSELVES

By JAMES CHANEY

United Press Staff Correspondent

CAMP BUTNER, N. C. (UP)—When the fighting "sky pilot" of an American battle squadron sang out "Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition" to a hard pressed navy gun crew he raised the war cry of a thousand brothers of the cloth.

The modern chaplain is a man of valor, sincere religious conviction and softness, but he is always a man, ready to take it with his arms-bearing fellow-soldiers, and here at the headquarters of the 78th Lightning Division one discovers the reason why.

If some congregations could see their soft-spoken preachers of the woman's auxiliary socials teasing each other about in morning judo classes, church attendance likely would show an amazing increase.

The army chaplains, decorous as ever in the pulpit and friendly and sympathetic in conferences, resemble wildcats as they practice this Americanized version of judo. Chaplains don't carry weapons, the judo instructions explain, but they often may face attack and must be prepared to defend themselves with their second best weapon—bare hands.

"We want to be able to handle ourselves in case anyone gets rough," Maj. T. H. Reagan, Division chaplain, explained, "and these classes help greatly."

The classes are like any other field instruction meetings which are molding the combat teams of the Lightning Division. Not only chaplains but their clerks and organists participate.

John M. Jacobsen, Omaha, Neb., All listen attentively as Sgt. opens the drill with a brief explanation of unarmed self-defense and a demonstration of hold-breaking.

Then he and Lt. John H. Hansen, Alfred, Me., batter and clutch one another in the manner of two demented commandos, pausing only to catch their breath or explain vulnerable body spots and trick blows.

The judo tactics will come in handiest with stragglers and shell shocked troops, Major Reagan explained, but will prove helpful, too, in other cases of attempted assault by enemy or other attackers.

"If the chaplain has practiced unarmed defense—the best possible form of action in such instances—he should be able to handle the man without a weapon and prevent trouble."

THE WEATHER

WEST TEXAS—Temperature slightly below freezing in north portion, near or slightly above freezing in south portion. Light frost in south portion tonight.



Tank Corps Tommy sitting beneath gun muzzle in Benghazi finds Italian propaganda book accurately describes the objective of allied forces in Africa.

MRS. HAGAMAN APPOINTED TO STATE BOARD

Miss Ethel Foster of Sterling City, and the new president of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, today announced her appointments for the state board of directors and included in the appointments was that of Mrs. M. H. Hagaman as trustee from the Sixth District.

Mrs. Hagaman is a past president of the Sixth District and has served the Federation in many other capacities.

The Texas Federation Board has been cut from its former number of approximately 100 women to about 65. The new board will meet in Dallas January 27 to outline full plans for its coming year's work, already committed to the war effort, with particular emphasis upon the recruiting of nurses.

Mrs. R. E. Cox of Fort Worth, who served as co-chairman with Miss Foster for the Texas women in entertaining the 1942 convention of the General Federation held in Fort Worth last May, and Mrs. J. F. Godeke of Lubbock, 1940-42 president of Seventh District, were named by Miss Foster as appointees to the executive committee following the TWFC annual convention held in Austin. And today, Miss Foster has announced the appointment of Mrs. Sam J. Smith of Austin, a life member, to the post chairman of the board of trustees.

With the emphasis for the first year of this administration placed upon war work, the re-appointment of Mrs. John J. Perry, Sweetwater, as chairman of the war service department is considered next in importance upon the state board. Responsibility for the Federation's war service efforts will fall chiefly to the chairman named to the fourth division of the war service department.

Miss Foster in announcing the new board appointments points out a number of vacancies, which she hopes to have filled before the Dallas meeting. She also called attention to the fact that even though the Federation's by-laws stipulate a meeting of the new board within sixty days following the November convention, the clubwomen have purposely set their council meeting for late in January so as to avoid holiday travel, thereby cooperating with ODF requests.

Naval Aviation Cadets Enrolled At University

AUSTIN—The first class of naval aviation cadets enrolled this week in the new Navy Flight Preparatory School at the University of Texas.

These cadets will be taught navigation, physics, mathematics, communications, aerology, aircraft engines, and principles of flight by a corps of University faculty members, while Navy personnel will instruct in Navy procedure and traditions.

Additional units for the school will arrive about February 1 and March 1. Commanding officer for the school is Capt. John L. London, commandant of the University's Naval E. O. T. C. unit, while Lt. M. J. Grove is "officer in charge" of the school.

May Home Slightly Damaged By Fire Saturday Morning

Fire which was caused by a gas heater damaged the home of C. E. May Saturday morning about 10 o'clock. The fire broke out in a front bedroom but was extinguished before it had done much damage.

Fire Chief G. A. Murphy stated that it was not necessary for the department to lay a line and that there was no damage from water.



No plush chairs or thick carpets are found in Admiral William Halsey's headquarters somewhere in the South Pacific. With only a desk, chair and other necessary equipment the admiral plans here new moves for the destruction of the Japs.

MERCHANTS WARNED ABOUT INVENTORIES

DALLAS, Tex.—Merchants should begin to adjust their inventories before the effective date of March 1 when a War Production Board order provides that excessive inventories will be brought into line through restriction of purchases, Robert C. Watson, regional priorities manager said today.

A new order, L-215, will apply to every merchant who on or after November 30, 1942, had or has a total mercantile inventory of consumers goods having a cost value of \$50,000 or more at the end of any quarter of his federal income tax year and who also during the 12 months preceding the end of the same quarter net sales of consumer goods of \$200,000 or more. Mercantile inventories include stocks held for sale in retail stores, wholesale establishments and stock carrying branches of manufacturers.

Although the effective date of the order is March 1, 1943, firms should begin now to adjust their buying and inventories so that they will not be long on some items and short on others which they might not be able to obtain under the terms of the order, Mr. Watson said.

The order will affect hundreds of stores and manufacturers in the Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana WFB region, Mr. Watson said, and thousands of smaller stores will be benefited in having an opportunity to obtain merchandise which otherwise might go to larger merchants.

"The purpose of this order is to give smaller stores, particularly in outlying regions, many of which have been built up as a result of an influx of war workers, a better opportunity to compete with large stores in metropolitan areas for a fair share of the increased amount of consumer goods now available," Mr. Watson said.

Predicts 600-Mile-An-Hour Planes With Engine Power Sent By Radio

NEW YORK (UP)—Six hundred mile-an-hour planes powered by electricity transmitted through the air like present day wireless, are predicted for the post war era by Harry Bruno, one of America's pioneer airmen.

Bruno believes the end of the war will open a new vista for aviation which will make possible journeys to almost any part of the world within 24 hours or less. He predicts that air transport development will make villages in the wilds of Tibet closer to Broadway than towns in upstate New York were 10 years ago.

These flights, in Bruno's opinion, will be made in huge stratosphere liners with sealed, oxygen-supplied cabins and appointments rivaling in luxury and comfort those of the Queen Mary and the

TEXAS TOWNS MAKE RECORD BOND SALES

MIDLAND, Tex., Jan. (UP)—The \$51 per capita War Bond record established by citizens of Midland and Odessa on the first anniversary of Pearl Harbor is \$45 higher than the record for the entire nation during the five months ended Nov. 30, 1942, Brig. Gen. Keith Davies, commanding the Midland AAF bombardier school, was advised by Harold N. Graves, assistant to the Secretary of Treasury.

"There can be little doubt that the per capita sales of \$51 will stand for something as a record," Graves stated in a letter replying to Gen. Davies, formal report to the Treasury on the success of the mammoth Pearl Harbor Day War Bond drive conducted by officers, cadets and men of the world's largest bombardier school, in cooperation with the chambers of commerce of Midland and Odessa.

Graves wrote that the average monthly sales of bonds for the nation during the five months ended Nov. 30 was approximately \$6. During this same period, the highest monthly per capita sales for any state was about \$10.

"You and your officers and men, as well as the citizens of Midland and Odessa, are to be congratulated for an outstanding record," Graves wrote.

Henderson Says No More Cuts In Ration Coupons

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UP)—OPA boss, Leon Henderson said today he foresaw no further imminent cuts in value of gas rationing coupons and reaffirmed his opposition to elimination of "A" books.

Navy Recruiter To Be In This Area Every Wednesday

Chief Specialist Tom O. Gaston, recruiter-in-charge of the Navy Recruiting Station in Abilene, will be in this area Wednesday. The Recruiter's itinerary, which is part of a regular weekly schedule, calls for stops in Cisco at 11:00 a. m., Eastland at 1:00 p. m. and Breckenridge at 3:00 p. m., using the post office in Cisco and Eastland, and the court house in Breckenridge. Gaston will be accompanied by Yeoman Carl Martin, also of Abilene, who regularly makes the trip.

The recruiters point out that all applicants must appear at the designated time and place, promptly, in order that the schedule may be maintained. All boys 17 years of age must have their birth certificate, and, should they desire to leave the same day, their father, if living, must sign consent papers. Men 18 to 37, inclusive, should also bring their birth certificate.

In addition to general services applicant's will also find a number of ratings open in the "Sea bees", Naval Construction Regiment. Those interested must bring at least two letters of recommendation, written on business letterhead stationery, certifying their ability in the line of work chosen, and be at the time and place mentioned, or apply at the Navy Recruiting Station, Abilene, Texas.

CRASH KILLS NAVY PILOT NEAR CISCO

The pilot of a Navy fighter plane was instantly killed Friday afternoon when his plane crashed about nine miles from Cisco on the Breckenridge highway. Although the identity of the flyer was not immediately established, papers found on his body indicated that he was Ensign A. B. Cason probably of North Carolina, and that he was 26 years of age.

The pilot was buried under the plane and much difficulty was encountered in removing the body. The plane first hit about 100 yards from the highway and then skidded into the ditch along the road. Witnesses could give no apparent cause for the crash but it was stated that the plane was completely demolished.

The accident occurred about 1:30 o'clock and from then until 10 o'clock Saturday members of the Defense Guard from Ranger and Breckenridge alternated in guarding the wreckage. Sailors from Dallas relieved the guards.

The body was at a Cisco funeral home awaiting instructions from naval officials.

NAVY REVEALS ACTION IN THE PACIFIC WAR

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UP)—The Navy announced today U. S. heavy and medium bombers have attacked enemy areas, installations on Bougainville Island, Rekata Bay on Island of Santa Isabel in Solomons.

Twelve Jap Zero fighters attacked flying fortresses over Bougainville and two were shot down, the navy said. No U. S. planes were lost in this attack.

The communiqué said fires were started by attack at Rekata Bay, that two enemy float-type planes damaged. Two U. S. planes were shot down by enemy anti-aircraft fire in this action.

Both attacks were carried out on morning of Jan. 7.

In North Pacific area, Liberator heavy bombers dropped bombs on enemy positions at Kiska, but results were not observed. This action also occurred on Jan. 7.

PLANES STRAF RETREATING AFRIKA KORPS AS BOMBERS STRIKE AT ENEMY POSTS

Russians Are Still Pushing The Germans Back In Their Drive to Retake Rostov Salsk and Have Taken Two Enemy Centers

In one of the busiest days since the start of the Tunisian war, Allied pilots today pushed their offensive against the Axis armies in Libya and Tunisia, and American bombers delivered a heavy attack on Bizerte and an Axis-held railroad center in Eastern Tunisia. They downed 8 enemy planes and five American planes are reported missing.

The British Eighth Army announced that planes had penetrated to a point only 25 miles east of Tripoli and strafed the retreating Afrika Korps.

In Russia the Red forces pushed closer to Rostov and Slask in the Caucasus, closed in on two important enemy concentration centers. Three towns and villages in the Southern Don Bend fell to the Red army in night fighting and there was a new flare-up of activity in North-West Stalingrad. Russian assault troops captured 40 trenches there during the night and threw back a counter-attack of 6,000 Germans.

The United Nations continued to attack Jap positions in the Southwest Pacific where fires were started and many enemy troops killed on the beach at Lae. Seventy-three enemy planes have been destroyed in the three-day battle. The third of four transports in a Lae-bound enemy convoy was sunk and a fourth damaged. The first two were hit in action that started the middle of the week.

British and Indian troops continued their advance into Burma, moving down the coast of the Bay of Bengal.

PROCEEDINGS COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS

The following proceeding were had in the Court of Civil Appeals, Eleventh Supreme Judicial District:

Affirmed: Lee Coates vs. Harry Borkstein, et al. Eastland. Mary DeGrummond, Gdn., et al vs. Memorie Hawkins Smith. Motions Submitted: Zurich General Accident and Liability Insurance Company, Ltd vs. Richard Dyeas, et al, Appellant's motion to correct the record. Phillips Petroleum Company vs. H. J. Thomas, Appellant's motion for rehearing. Commercial Standard Insurance Company, et al vs. J. E. Stone, et al, Appellant's motion for rehearing. M. L. Chandler vs. Earl Pinkard, Appellee's motion to affirm on certificate.

Zurich General Accident and Liability Insurance Company, Ltd. vs. Richard Dyeas, et al, Appellant's motion for permission to present oral argument on motion for rehearing. Texas Life Insurance Company, vs. Mrs. Oneta Hatch, et al, Appellant's motion for rehearing. C. C. Ledford, et al vs. Saurer-Krebs Oil Company, et al, Appellant's motion to correct the record.

D. L. Snodgrass, Trustee, et al, Mrs. Lillie Robertson, et al, Appellees' motion for rehearing. The United States of America vs. The State of Texas, Appellant's Motion to dismiss appeal.

Motions Overruled: W. A. Langley vs. John Norris, et al, Appellant's motion for rehearing. Dublin National Bank vs. E. A. Chastain, Appellee's motion for rehearing.

Zurich General Accident and Liability Insurance Company, Ltd. vs. Richard Dyeas, et al, Appellant's motion for rehearing. Zurich General Accident and Liability Insurance Company, Ltd. vs. Richard Dyeas, et al, Appellant's motion for rehearing for permission to present oral argument on motion for rehearing.

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Cases Submitted January 8, 1943:

The First National Bank, of Snyder, Texas vs. J. W. Evans, et al. Seurry.

Cases to be Submitted January, 15 1943:

Abilene Storage Company vs. Eugene Fruit Growers Ass'n. Taylor.

Davis L. Talley, et al vs. A. M. Howley, et al, Throckmorton.

Louis Rifkin vs. Albert P. Overbey, Eastland.

Convention Being Held Today At Second Baptist

The Eastland County Singing convention will be held at the Second Baptist church today beginning at 10 o'clock and the public has been invited to attend. It was announced Saturday that all out-of-town singers will be given lunch at a local hotel and that following lunch the singing will be resumed.

London Reports Capture Of Brach

LONDON, Eng. (UP)—Motorized driving force driving northward from Lake Chad has captured Brach, 350 miles Southeast of Tripoli, a communique issued at Fighting French Headquarters said today.

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The Colleges Join Up

The nation's colleges and universities have been doing a good job in aiding the war effort while attempting to educate their students academically.

Now, under the plan announced jointly by the war and navy secretaries, a selected group of such institutions is to be mobilized into what might be described as total war effort.

Contracts will be made with these schools to provide instruction in technical courses prescribed by the Army and Navy to young men in active service, wearing uniforms, paid by the government and under military discipline. The colleges will furnish housing and eating facilities as well as tutelage.

Inevitably this is going to interrupt the placid progress of liberal education. As long as these institutions remain training agencies for the fighting services, so long will Latin and Greek, pure logic and philosophical ethics, contemporary economics and the appreciation of literature and art and music be subordinated to the intensely practical sciences.

That is unfortunate, but War Secretary Stimson has given what seems a completely satisfactory reason:

"The immediate necessity is to win this war, and unless we do that there is no hope for liberal education in this country. . . . The necessity of limiting (liberal) education in the colleges during this war is very painful. It has been accepted as a necessity."

Where totalitarianism controls, there is no liberal education. There is no education at all in the true sense. There is only propaganda outside the field of the natural sciences.

The choice, in baldest terms, might well be between two or three years of liberal education for a few—and then intellectual slavery for all—or the temporary partial suspension of the aesthetics so that thenceforward truth may be free.

Also, getting down to the very practical, there are more than a few economically weaker colleges which might not be able to survive the war but for the financial support which the military program will give. At least some of these are of high academic caliber, and worth saving.

So, we can join with Mr. Simpson in the hope and belief that after the war many of today's soldiers will return to school, to become students and eventually leaders in the field of liberal education.

Buy War Bonds

MIDWESTERN STATE

Word puzzle grid with clues for horizontal and vertical words. Clues include: 1 Depleted state, 11 South African corn meal, 12 Its capital is, 14 Sedan, 15 Cloth measure, 16 Arrive (abbr.), 17 Uncooked, 18 Wood sorrel, 21 Particle of fire, 23 Flower, 24 Mangios, 26 East (Fr.), 27 Fortified prison, 28 Any, 29 Modified plant, 31 French article, 32 Father, 33 Spanish substance related to cellulose, 35 Let fall, 37 Street (abbr.), 38 Abatement (coll.), 41 Roof final, 11 Philippine rice, 13 Artist's frame, 14 State of profound insensibility, 18 Have been, 20 Dust (Scot.), 22 Like, 23 Universal language, 25 Steep descent, 30 Bustle, 33 Lath, 34 Flower part, 36 Mother or father, 37 Thin, 38 Duration, 40 Invigorating, 41 Roman magistrate, 43 Cariban Indian, 44 Go by, 45 Let it stand, 48 Every, 49 Over (poet.), 50 Greek letter, 53 Depart, 55 Size of shot.



strict Golden Gloves tournament is conducted January 27-28-29 at Memorial Hall in Brownwood. The tournament, sponsored by the Brownwood Junior Chamber of Commerce, is open to boys or older who have never fought for money.

Very good prizes will go to the champions in the eight weight classes. In addition to these prizes, the winners will receive fine trunks and robes, which they will wear to the state tournament at Fort Worth February 10 to 15th. Winners at Fort Worth will make up the state team appearing in the "Tournament of Champions" at Chicago.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

American fighter planes are giving us air superiority on the fighting fronts. For the job it has to do, the Curtis P-40 is unsurpassed. . . . with its Allison liquid-cooled motor, armored fuselage and its tremendous speed, our air pilots find it to their liking.



Golden Glove Meet Be in Brownwood January 27-28-29

Boys of Ranger and the surrounding area are eligible to compete for the finest list of prizes ever offered in an amateur boxing event when the annual dis-

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson



THE PACIFIC OCEAN OCCUPIES MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF THE ENTIRE AREA OF THE EARTH, AND COMPRISES ABOUT ONE-HALF OF ITS WATER SURFACE.

Advertisement for hair care products. Includes text: 'NATURALLY CURLY HAIR BECOMES MORE CURLY IN DAMP WEATHER, BUT ARTIFICIAL CURLS TEND TO STRAIGHTEN OUT.' and 'WHEN YOU GO TO A MOVIE, YOU SIT IN THE DARK TO SEE GEORGE E. WRAY, JUNIOR, Pennsylvania.' Includes a small portrait of a man.

BY PETER EDSON NEA Service Washington Correspondent

THE one point about the government's wartime wage stabilization program which will surprise and please the most is that it is possible to get a raise, and that nearly 10 million workers are completely exempt from wage freezing controls.

In the first place there is no wage control for employees of small business, and that is interpreted to mean every one of the 1.5 million employes who has not more than eight employes on his payroll. Right here some five million workers are exempted. Authority for this is in War Labor Board General Order No. 4. It covers small stores, filling stations and the like. . . .

Similarly, in the case of a negotiated wage agreement for say all the printing shops in any city, or all the plumbing repair shops, then all the workers employed in any of these shops would come under government control, even if they were only two or any number of employes less than eight working in an independently owned establishment entering into the trade association agreement.

THE two million domestic servants of the country are also excluded from wage control orders. Another big group of employes whose pay may be normally increased are the three million employes of state District of Columbia, county, municipal or territorial governments that covers garbage collectors, policemen, tax collectors and the like. The federal government is given wartime jurisdiction over local government wages and salaries under the stabilization order.

Wages and salaries fixed by federal or state statutes are completely exempt. Control over the pay scales of the more than a million civilian employes of the War and Navy Departments has been delegated to the secretaries of War and Navy by WLB General Order Nos. 14 and 15.

Wages of all farm workers receiving less than \$2400 a year—which would take in over three million hired hands—are similarly exempt from control of WLB and placed under the jurisdiction of the secretary of agriculture.

MACHINERY for federal wage stabilization enforcement has been set up so that it would not interfere with previously established agencies having control over wage standards or wage mediator boards. This is part of the original Presidential order establishing the wage stabilization program. It means that new decisions of the Wage and Hour Division, setting a new minimum wage up to 40 cent an hour in some industry previously not under the Fair Labor Standards act provisions, would stand. Wage increases called for by statutory minimum wage laws are similarly exempted. This also applies to wage scales paid to private companies holding government contracts.

NEXT: Who can get a raise.

BY PETER EDSON NEA Service Washington Correspondent

IF there is an unusually heavy fall of what looks like snow all over the United States this winter, a large part of it may turn out to be stuff that doesn't melt but will burn. They will be letters from workers asking in effect, "How do I go about getting a raise?" Or they will be letters from employers saying, "It is next to impossible for us to keep old workers or get new ones at the existing wage levels which have been put under control by government order. How do we go about increasing wages to meet these conditions?"

All such letters and variations thereof will be queries for more information on the government's wage stabilization program—one of the least understood of all the wartime controls, yet the one which will affect every wage earner in the country. Indirectly it affects every member of every family right down to the sub-deb's allowance.

The reason wage stabilization isn't yet fully understood is that it has been in effect only since Oct. 3, and hasn't given enough time for people to want pay raises.

Briefly stated, the reason wage stabilization is necessary is that wages represent the biggest single item in the total cost of the war. The government is now spending for war at the rate of \$6 billion a month, or \$200 million a day. Since approximately 70 per cent of the national income is wages and salaries, it is fair to say that 70 per cent of the war cost is wages. That amounts to \$4.2 billion a month, or \$140 million a day.

IF the total cost of the war runs to \$300 billion, \$210 billion will be wages and salaries, not just to the men in the armed services, but to every man, woman and child who does a lick of war work. If the cost of the war is to be kept down, if taxes which go to pay those war costs are to be kept down, wages must be stabilized.

The principal reason for keeping wages and salaries under control, however, is to prevent inflation. If wages are permitted to rise without limits, the cost of the goods produced by labor and the services rendered by labor must rise with them. That's inflation. To prevent it, the government is actually interested in seeing that you have no more money to spend than there are goods and services to spend them on.

By last September it was apparent that everything which had been done up to then in the way of price control and wage adjustment was still not sufficient to check inflation. On Oct. 2, Congress therefore passed an amendment to the Price Control Act authorizing the President to take this drastic wage control step. Moving rapidly, the President created the Office of Economic Stabilization, with ex-Supreme Court Justice James F. Byrnes at its head.

Under the President's order, however, the major part of this authority was delegated to the War Labor Board, which had been set up previously to handle wartime labor disputes. Director Byrnes divided the responsibility further.

(NEXT: Wage control exemptions.)

Large advertisement for Hamill's Inc. featuring a woman in a coat and a list of winter coats with prices. Text includes: 'HAMILLS INC.', 'Invites you to take advantage of Price Slashing Sale. Now in Progress.', 'Coats', 'Everyone in the house on Sale.—Coats for sports and dress—Come and take your choice at these low prices.', 'LIGHT-WEIGHT COATS', 'WINTER COATS', 'Hamill's, Inc. MAIN STREET RANGER'.

Advertisement for Oil City Pharmacy. Text includes: 'We Can't Hold Down Production Because Of Illness . . .', 'There's a big job of turning out equipment for our forces, and we can't afford to let illness stand in our way. Keep well and stay on the job. That's YOUR duty in this war!', 'Scientifically Prepared Prescriptions', 'OIL CITY PHARMACY'.

Marriage License Clerk's Office Gets Special Decorations

FORT WORTH, Tex. (UP)—The courthouse for Tarrant County, located here, is being redecorated and one room is getting a special glamour treatment.

The room is being done in pastel colorings, with soft light and carpets, deep couches and shining desks. The staff that will occupy the room when finished wants it to have a "special glamour."

It's not for them, they say, but for their prospective customers. It's the marriage license clerk's office, and the clerk and his staff want couples who come in to begin their married life in an atmosphere of cheerfulness and dignity.

SERIAL STORY

'I AM A MURDERER'

BY MORRIS MARKEY

THE STORY: This is the story of the "perfect crime"—the murder of Col. Wesley Hope Merriwether in the library of his Long Island estate—and of the events leading up to it. At a polo game we have met the wealthy Colonel's attractive daughter Cynthia. And while the Whirlwinds beat the Clowers, 5-3, we have met in Mrs. Porter West's mansion, Cynthia offers a solution to the financial difficulties. But she'll not marry Mrs. West's son, Fred. And Mrs. West senses a rival in Henry Prentiss.

VICTORY PARTY

CHAPTER IV

THEY gathered that night at Stone House to celebrate the victory of the Whirlwind side and the increment to Cynthia Merriwether's pocketbook which had accrued thereby. All of Gull Point gathered, with the exception of Mrs. Porter West, who simply could not face the situation, and Henry Prentiss, who had a miserable appointment in the city.

When he spoke of that appointment, Cynthia gave him a mocking glance and said, "Why don't you go on and bring her to the party?"

Prentiss smiled in his insufferably genial fashion. "It isn't she at all," he said. "And furthermore, she wouldn't fit in."

"Then help yourself."

"Help? A man needs help, all right, when the chickens come home to roost. I can tell you that."

"You're being a little unkind. I suppose you mean to, Miss Pretty. I simply have to do a rather unpleasant job, and I'd like it over with once and for all."

She laughed. "Don't be seen where Winchell could spy you out. That's little enough to ask, isn't it?"

The party went easily and pleasantly and quietly. Someone should write his doctor's thesis, one of these days, upon the immense difference between the parties that blossom and flower and die in this world of men.

The fundamental gap lies between the unappreciative folk who are determined to enjoy themselves in spite of everything, and the more fortunate lot who know perfectly well that they are out for a delightful and satisfying evening, and settle naturally to the living of it.

AT Stone House, human beings expected good wine and amusing talk and girls of a certain beauty. Also assorted small jokes of a more or less practical nature—never very funny but always entitled to a polite smile—a rattle table for those in such a mood, bridge and swimming and tennis, and the rather specialized

pleasure of strolling toward the stables and being patronized by the grooms.

The dual throne, so to speak, was the high-backed oaken chair, behind his broad oaken desk. The desk, in turn, occupied the precise center of his library, and the library was a handsome room with one of its walls made out of French doors. The French doors gave upon the terrace, which was of flagstone, and the terrace (one step down) dominated the lawn.

But the view through the French doors was not confined to terrace and lawn. It commanded, as well, the deeper end of the swimming pool, the stunted lemon trees which guarded the entrance to the tennis courts, and the garden of rose trees which fell away at the left toward the summer house.

It was the Colonel's custom to have upon his desk a humidor of sound cigars, and it was his whim to have also a silver-framed photograph of the horse which had just won admiration in the community of Gull Point. Sometimes a hunter, sometimes a polo mount, sometimes a saddle hack or show animal—but always different, and always the product of Mitchell Grace, man-of-all-talents, who could snap a shutter as readily as he could tactfully dismiss an unwelcome stranger.

Likewise, the Colonel ordinarily required a manservant to be present in the library, with a small portable bar from which drinking matter of sound design (never the silly or the capricious) might be served. Mitchell Grace himself was usually in attendance in this room, watchful of the proprietries, in dutiful observance of the custom of the country, Cynthia herself, upon the arm of Fred West, strolled at an early hour through the open French windows to wish the gentleman of the house a good evening. They were followed almost immediately by several others of their own generation, and then by Captain Pugh and Mrs. Pugh. The dance orchestra in the main hall was already playing—in the manner known, quite appropriately, as sweet.

COLONEL MERRIWETHER rose and nodded hospitably to his guests, and shook hands with the men. He waved them toward chairs and settees, and resumed his own chair, and beckoned the manservant into action.

He said to Cynthia, "I hear that good luck fell your way this afternoon, my dear."

"Why, Colonel," she cried, "what a tactless thing to say! It wasn't luck at all. It was good old Fred here, swiping at the ball

like a Cecil Smith. Bless you, Fred darling. These marvelous Whirlwinds can take the Clowers any time at all. The championship is going to be a canter, isn't it, Fred?"

Fred West blushed. And he said, "We had a lot of breaks."

Colonel Merriwether regarded the tip of his cigar. "I stand corrected, Cynthia," he said.

He was an unlikely looking man. Unlike that, is to say, to be the father of Cynthia Merriwether. In contrast with the urgent immediacy of her coloring, her voice, her slightest gesture, his own voice and coloring and features were as near as such things may be to total neutrality. He was neither large nor small, neither light nor dark. His hair was thin brown and his eyes, when he opened the lids wide enough to permit an inspection of them, mottled hazel.

His voice was carefully controlled, and his whole body, including his hands, seemed eternally at rest. Had he evinced either excitement or boredom, even upon the most provocative occasions, people would have been astonished, and only his superbly made clothing, the frame and atmosphere of his Stone House, gave him the slightest distinction from a million other men past the middle of life, hanging stubbornly to the dubious benefits of existence.

He spoke to Fred West. "I am sorry I did not see the game. It must have been quite interesting. I really did not think you had a chance against Prentiss and the Clower side."

"Henry didn't play," Cynthia said. "He had a fall yesterday in a practice game."

"Indeed? Nothing serious, I hope."

"Oh, no," Captain Pugh said. "Just an ordinary sprain."

Colonel Merriwether regarded Captain Pugh. "I am glad that you came in to see me," he said. "It seemed to me that your mare is a trifle out of condition, and even half a game is rather severe for her. Why don't you give her a rest, and use my gray gelding for a while? He needs the work."

The captain's face reddened by the faintest possible degree. He could never quite get used to the necessity for thrift to offer to others what he himself had to offer. Before this, he had said to his wife, "It annoys me to accept favors from Colonel Merriwether. It annoys me for very particular reasons. But I cannot possibly offend him."

So now he said, "It is very kind of you. I shall be grateful."

(To Be Continued)

MODERN MENUS

BY MRS. GAYNOR MADDOX NEA Service Staff Writer

If every one of America's 35,000,000 families throws away just one cup of food a day, 8000 tons or about 200 freight cars full of food would be wasted.

To do your part in combating waste, start being careful at the purchasing point. Do not buy food you cannot use advantageously at once. Vitamin values fade fast after vegetables are gathered. Purchase fresh foods in season in your locality and save on your budget.

Store perishable foods in the refrigerator or a cold place, as soon as you get them home.

When you cook your food, save vitamin values—don't drown your vegetables in a lot of water, then pour off that valuable vitamin-filled liquid down the sink. Put vegetables in a small amount of rapidly boiling water. Cook quickly until just tender. Save the liquid left to use in soups, sauces, gravies. Cook meat at a low temperature to save shrinkage.

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TOMORROW'S MENU

BREAKFAST: Grapefruit, wholewheat cereal, rolls, coffee or milk.

LUNCH: Hot tomato soup, toasted peanut butter and jelly sandwiches (use enriched bread), fresh fruit, tea or milk.

DINNER: Vegetable milté chowder, enriched bread, beef, meat and sweet potato casserole, cole slaw, fruit salad, dessert, cookies, tea or milk.

Serve food as soon as possible after cooking. Store left-over food immediately after the meal with an eye upon its quick future use; small portions of food have an uncanny habit of hiding in the refrigerator.

Remember that cooked meats needs the same storage as uncooked. Cover it lightly with waxed paper before putting into the refrigerator. Vegetables should always be covered before putting into the refrigerator.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



ANSWER: Milwaukee, for there is continuous daylight at Point Barrow in July, and the northern lights are invisible.

NEXT: A sea fowl that cannot swim.

ALLEY OOP



AN'SHE HAD HER MOOZYS TAKE ALL TH' MEAT WE HAD!

WE WUZ JUST SLAVES. YEZZIR, PAW! I GOT SLUGGED!

WITNESSES FOR TH' PROSECUTION STEP LIVELY!

AIN'T THERE ANY WITNESSES FOR THE DEFENSE?

I'M AFRAID NOT, EVEN TH' MOOZY PRISONERS ARE SICK OF HER.

WHO'S RUININ' EENY'S TRIAL AN' YOU'LL MIGHTY QUICK FIND OUT!

WE'VE HAD ENOUGH MONKEY BUSINESS!

A FINE THING!! AS KING I HAD A GOOD RACKET TILL THAT *3* FEMALE GUMMED IT ALL UP FOR ME.

OKAY, LET'S GET ON WITH IT THEN!

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



WHAT HAPPENED?

THE SAME THING THAT HAPPENED TO YOU! I PUT SOME SOLVENT ON THE FLOOR WITH A BRUSH!

THEN I WENT OUTSIDE FOR A MINUTE, AND WHEN I LOOKED AT THE BRUSH, I SAID: "LOOK...NO BRISTLES!"

THEN I CALLED HIM BACK INTO THE HOUSE AND SHOWED HIM THIS----

AND I SAID—"LOOK...NO FLOOR!"

RED RYDER



HOLD ON, PEPPER! I'LL GIVE YOU A LIFT TO TOWN!

YEAH—THAT'S SWEET! THEN I JUST ST THERE AND STARVE! I AINT NO COMPUNGER—CAN MAKE DOUGH TO GET HOME ON!

EASY ON THE TRIGGER, KID! WE WERE KINDA ROUGH ON YOU—BUT YOU DID HAVE IT COMIN'—HERE'S A LOAN FOR A TICKET HOME!

YOU MEAN—THAT—AH, HECK—YOU'RE A SWEET GUY!

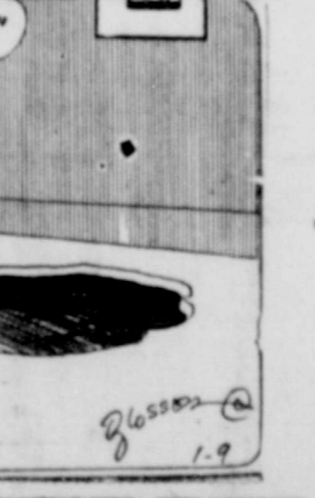
BUT I'LL PAY IT BACK, PAW—HONEST I WILL! I'M GONNA BE THE NEXT CHAMP!

AND MAYBE HE WILL, RED.

BY V. T. HAMLIN



BY MERRILL BLOSSER



BY FRED HARMON



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FOR RENT—Four-room furnished apartment available Monday. 309 Elm. Phone 218-W.

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Mrs. Laveda Anderson is collecting accounts for Ross Pharmacy. See her at the drug store. 201 Main St.

STATED MEETING—Ranger Masonic Lodge No. 738 A. F. A. M. Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m.

Entered Apprentice Degree Tuesday night at 7:30. Called meeting Ranger Lodge No. 738. J. F. Donly, Sec. Dick A. Jones, W. W.

Special offer, beautiful green Lovebird cocks. Only 75c each. Rufus Jones, 808 Young St.

We Will Buy and pay cash for used Maytag washers. Write or phone 315. JOSEPH'S, Ranger, Texas.

WANTED—House Work. Inquire at Woods Laundry, Mrs. C. W. Hawell, Eastland Hill.

Registered Boars, one Hampshire 15 mo. old, one big boned Poland China 15 mo. old, 6 eight weeks old Hampshire boar pigs, 2 eight weeks old big boned Poland China boar pigs. From Taylor and Lillard for a Papers furnished. Pedigreed White Leghorn cockerels from Johnson chicken ranch, Bowie. Prices reasonable. Gonzolus Creek Farm, S. Sprawls, Rt. 2, Cisco, Texas. (2 mi. s. e. Gunsight).

FOR SALE—Very choice registered Holstein heifers, \$50 each. Best of breeding. Homestead Farms, McGraw, N. Y. R. No. 2.

FOR RENT—6 room house on Pine St., across from High School. Charles Bobo.

FOR SALE—Good used Singer sewing machine. Also used Maytag washer. Addie William's Hardware and Fix It Shop.

FOR SALE—155 goats, 19 milk cows. Some fresh and some dry. Call 9521.

WANT TO LEASE—Grass land at once. Mrs. Tiff Harrell. Phone 9521.

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FOR RENT—2-3 and 4 room apartments. Furnished 16.50 up. Unfurnished 14.50 up. GHOLSON HOTEL.

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. GHOLSON BARBER SHOP.

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Churches

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. David M. Phillips, pastor
SUNDAY—
Sunday school 9:45 a. m. T. J. Anderson, superintendent.
Morning worship 11:00 a. m. Sermon by Rev. W. H. Rucker, pastor of the First Baptist church of Strawn, Texas.
Trailling union 6:30 p. m. Evening worship 7:30 p. m. Sermon by Rev. W. H. Rucker.
MONDAY—
The W. M. U. will meet in circles for mission study.
Alma Jackson Mrs. Jimmie Cozby, Blanch Rose Walker, Mrs. Tom Bryan, Christina Donath, Mrs. F. E. Langston, Elkin Lee-let, Mrs. F. E. Langston.
WEDNESDAY—
The Sunday school teachers and officers will meet Wednesday at 7:00 p. m.
Prayer Meeting 7:30 p. m. Choir Practice 8:00 p. m.

ARCADIA
Sunday & Monday
ROMANCE in the Eaglets' Nest!
THUNDER BIRDS
GAIL TIERNEY

SOCIETY CLUBS

Child Study Association to Meet
The regular meeting of the Child Study Association will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. Tom Rawls, 700 Walnut St. with Mrs. Jack Rawls and Mrs. Earnest Latham as hostesses.
Program leader will be Mrs. Coke Martin and those who will take part on the program will be Mrs. Arlie Carver and Mrs. Finis King.

Mrs. Hale Complimented
Mrs. Walter Davis complimented Mrs. Twyman Hale, when she entertained at her home Friday afternoon with a shower from 3 to 5 o'clock. Mrs. Hale formerly made her home here but is now living in Eastland.
The home was attractively decorated for the occasion with a color scheme of pink and blue being carried out in tea table decorations. Miniature calendars were the favors and Mrs. J. H. Houghton presided at the tea service.
During the afternoon about 35 guests called and presented Mrs. Hale with a shower of lovely gifts.

New Era Club to Meet
Members of the New Era Club will meet Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Gholson Hotel and will spend the afternoon working in the Red Cross sewing room. All members are urged to attend.

Club Members Reminded of Meeting
Members of the 1920 Club are urged to be at the Red Cross sewing room Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. This is the regul-

ar day for members to work and they are asked to attend and to bring others with them.

PERSONALS

Miss LaRue Usery left Friday for Carbon where she was called because of the death of her grandfather.

Bob Laneve and daughter, Miss Maurine Laneve are visiting in Ranger.

Scrap to Whip Japs Still is Needed

DALLAS, Tex. —In view of the recent announcement of Donald Nelson, Chairman of the War Production Board, that the year 1943 must see American Steel production double the combined output of the Axis nations, it is essential that the public be constantly aware that scrap metal is needed for the duration.
By order of the Commanding General of the Eighth Service Command, the Office of Coordination of Salvage has been activated to coordinate and facilitate all scrap metal operations between military and civilian authorities.
Colonel Julius Dorenfield, Jr., Special representative of the Commanding General, has been appointed Coordinator of Salvage and Major Alfred R. Teter, Assistant Coordinator. Offices have been established in the Santa Fe building in Dallas.

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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

H. B. Johnson, Pastor
Church school at 10 a. m. with Lawrence Bryan Supt.
Golden Rule Bible class, taught by the pastor.
Communion at 11 a. m.
Preaching by the pastor 11:15 a. m. Subject, "I will go with thee and give thee rest."
Christian Endeavor will meet at 6:30 with Mrs. Simon in charge.
Preaching by the pastor at 7:30 p. m.
The Study Club will meet Monday afternoon, at 2:30 in the church.
This is "Citizen Day" throughout the country. Come and worship with us.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

Jasper C. Massee, pastor
Bible school 9:15 until 10:00 a. m.
County Singing Convention meets at 10 a. m.
Sunday Evening Worship begins at 7:30.
Sermon by the pastor on the theme: "Choose Men of God."
Mid-week prayer and testimony service at 7:30.
The Church builds morale. Go to church Sunday!

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

A. Bryson English Pastor
SUNDAY—
Church School begins at 9:45 a. m. Paul C. MacDonald General Superintendent.
Morning Worship at 11 a. m. Sermon Subject: "Living By Faith". All three Epworth Leagues meet at 6:30 for recreation Devotional and refreshments.
Evening worship at 7:30.
Sermon subject: "Restoration".
MONDAY—
The Women's Society of Christian Service Meets at 4 p. m.
WEDNESDAY—
Mid-week Bible Study at 7:30 p. m.
THURSDAY—
Covered Dish luncheon for all choir members and their families at 7:30 p. m. Each family is to bring covered dish. The drinks will be furnished by the church.
For inspiration information and christian fellowship come to the First Methodist church.

NYA Has Places For Training More War Workers

More trained workers are in demand to keep war production going at the pace necessary to supply materials to the armed forces. Youth between the ages of 18 and 24 can secure training in welding, sheet metal work, radio installation and machine tool operation at the NYA center in Ranger, receiving \$24.50 per month and board and room while training. Training periods are from 6 to 12

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weeks in length, depending upon the type of work taken, and jobs are open to trainees immediately upon completion of courses.
Those interested in entering NYA war work training can secure more information by writing to Project Manager, Arthur Bullock, Ranger NYA Center, or by going to the center for an interview with Mr. Bullock or one of the resident supervisors, Miss Alva Lee Webb and Mrs. Heien Shaw.

Ranger youths who have recently completed the training and gone into war industries are Gwen Dolyn Dawn, who is working in radio maintenance at an army flying field near Ft. Worth, John Orr, Jr., who is working for Consolidated as a sheet metal riveter and Laurence Smith a welder at the Houston ship yards.

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