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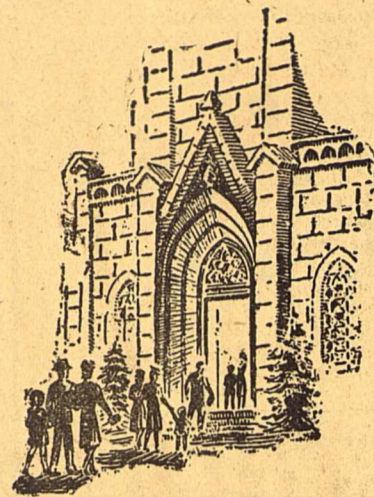
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In other words, this young man is inquiring into the meaning of life itself. In essence, his question is, shall a fellow plan his life *plus* or *minus* God?

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When Midland citizens send out their laundry, they want the work done well, expertly, and quickly.

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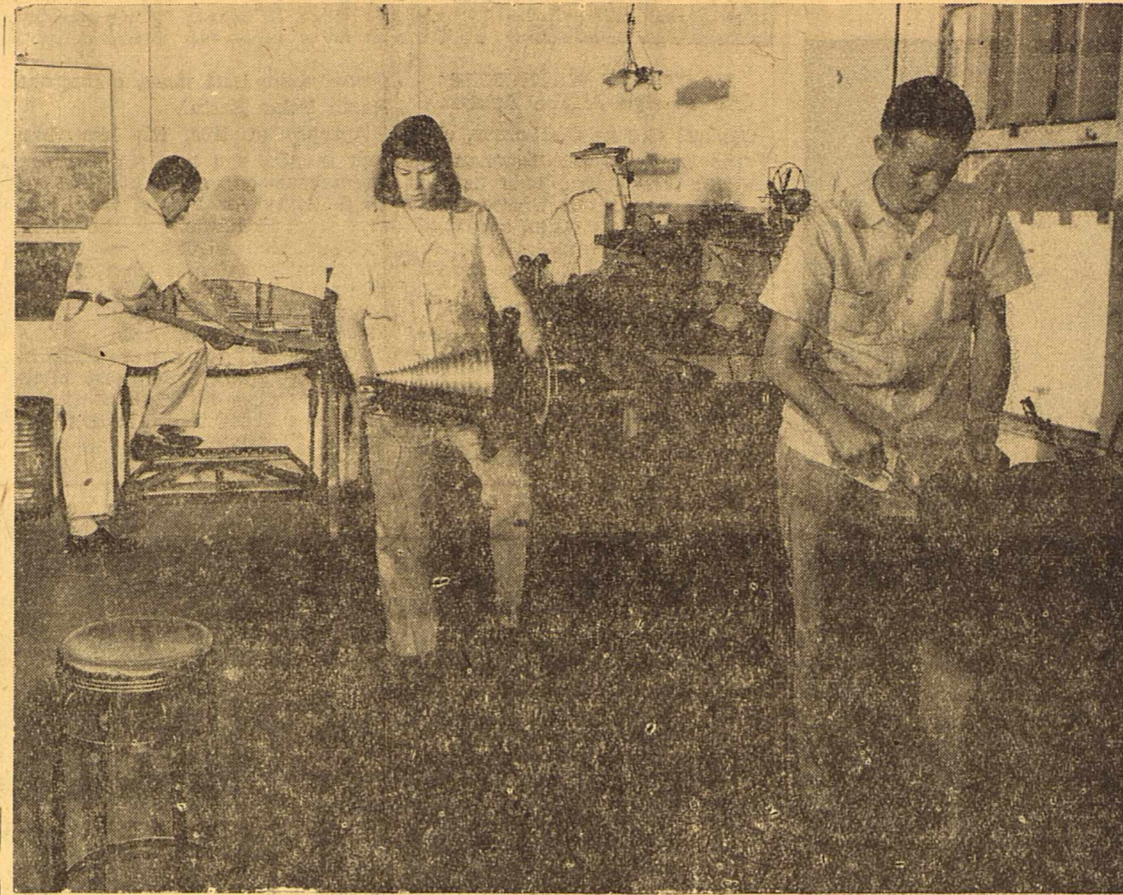
The firm's motto is "First and Best." The last two and a half years the firm has operated under the ownership and supervision of Bill Davis and Chad Gravette, both experienced laundrymen.

Among the various laundry services offered is a diaper service. This fast service will have diapers turned in at 9 a. m. out by 5:30 p. m.

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An estimated 50 per cent of infantile paralysis victims in the United States recover completely.



Tommie's Electrical Shop, 207 South Pecos Street, is headquarters in Midland for all types of repairs on electrical motors and air-conditioning and refrigeration equipment. Tommie's also repairs electric irons and fans, and does light welding. In the picture of the shop are seen Joe Keys rewiring a motor; Betty Jean Thomson, high school senior who helps her dad in the shop; and Tommie Thomson.

**A&M Packing Company Makes Sausage, Chili**

The Winter months have brought an increase in hog slaughtering at the A&M Packing Company, two miles East of Midland, and the firm has stepped up its sausage department.

The firm makes sausage in many varieties. They also make wieners, baloney, pimento baloney, and chili. The chili packed at A&M has a higher percentage of meat than most chili on the market, according to Henry Brooks, manager. The meat in the A&M-packed chili runs 82 per cent while most chili has only 55 per cent meat.

The plant has four large beef storage vaults and other vaults for hogs and sheep. New lockers have been added in the cold storage

locker room, bringing the total to 1,459. The whole-beef locker rooms stay 20 degrees below zero, and the storage locker room between zero and eight degrees below zero.

A&M Packing Company is the only federal-inspected meat packing plant between Fort Worth and El Paso, and services a wide area of West Texas and New Mexico.

**CAGER LIKES EXAMS**

WILLIAMSBURG, VA. —(AP)— Here's one athlete who welcomes mid-semester examinations. He's Dick Hungerford, six foot, four inch freshman at the College of William and Mary from Richmond, Va. Hungerford, a basketball center, is ineligible until the exams. He's being counted on to vastly strengthen Coach Dick Gallagher's 1947 Indian cage quintet.

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End Of A Hardy Perennial

Somehow we were sad to read that the United States Spruce Production Corp. is ending its days. The taxpayer in us should rejoice, for the company spent a lot of the public's money in its more than 28 years of existence.

This corporation, as you may know, came into being in 1918. It was formed to provide wood for World War I airplanes, but its mission was a failure. The war ended before any of the wood could be incorporated into aircraft.

What mattered if planes grew a metal skin, acquired four engines, and achieved five times the speed and 30 times the capacity of the spruce company's designated end-product? The civil servants who ran the corporation had boarded the gravy train with soaring ambitions. They branched out, buying up and selling timber lands. They built or acquired railroads, sawmills and heaven knows what else.

While this was going on generations of congressmen were dutifully and blindly appropriating funds, year after year, to keep the United States Spruce Production Corp. going. The Democratic under Wilson started it. The Republicans under Harding, Coolidge and Hoover continued it. The New Deal Congresses perpetuated it as a sort of sacred, if expendable, trust from their unloved predecessors.

Through rich years and lean years the money was doled out. Even in the lush period of booming private enterprise this government project was never in want. Came the depression, but no one questioned the corporation's right to exist. The era of pump-priming arrived, then the recession, then preparation and war and victory. But it was all the same to the USSPC.

The surging floods of three shattering decades swept over it. But the corporation, surely one of the hardest perennials of bureaucracy, never withered. It bloomed and blossomed through every vicissitude of economic weather until last year, when the alert 79th Congress discovered that for years the public purse had been subsidizing a company of about as much practical value as a foundry for turning out pipes.

The legislators ordered the corporation liquidated. This has been done, in a leisurely, piecemeal fashion, until now only \$2860 is needed to finish the job.

Life won't be much different without the USSPC. Still, we shall cherish its memory as proof that, in spite of big talk and windy promises by out-of-power opponents, wastage and inefficiency are not the hallmark of any one political party.

And so, as the last rays of the setting sun touch the tops of the evergreens, we bid farewell to the United States Spruce Production Corp. You cost us money, but may we were worth it.

There are 5,000 stars visible to the naked eye and if you doubt it, it's your privilege to count them.

When a speeder goes into a ditch, chances are that some pedestrian is lucky.

The more deserving a man is of criticism the less he likes it.

American Jurist crossword puzzle with clues and grid.

Only As Strong As The Weakest Link



Aircraft Engine Analyzer Described To Engineer Group

DETROIT (AP)—A new engine trouble analyzer, capable of detecting and locating almost any form of defect in any aircraft engine while the plane is in flight was described to the air transport session of the Society of Automotive Engineers here.

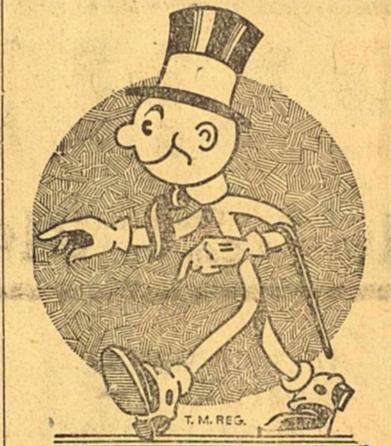
Development of the instrument was reported in a paper by John Lindberg, of Pan American Airways, Inc., New York, and Clifford Sackett, of Lindberg Instrument Company, Piedmont, Calif. They declared that it enables the flight engineer to locate troubles in the ignition system, fuel injection system and hydraulic or electrical accessories.

It eliminates entirely, they asserted, the trial-and-error method of trouble-shooting by ground crews. The device weighs about 90 pounds and is said to be so accurate and revealing of engine conditions as to enable the flight engineer to locate even a fouled sparkplug.

Lamesa Woman Named To Girl Scout Group

LAMESA—Mrs. Robert Koger has been appointed as a member of the camp committee of the West Texas Area Girl Scout Council by J. E. Ferguson of Sweetwater, chairman.

She plans to attend a camping institute at Sweetwater, February 5.



This little guy is coming to town!

In ancient times a ship canal 150 feet wide between the Nile and the Red Sea made Alexandria the gateway to the East.

Advertisement for Sam Hackney Reports on the U.S.A. by Joe Marsh. Includes a portrait of Sam Hackney and text about his reports on the American spirit of tolerance.

Rent Control Over Transient Rooms To End February 15

The lifting of rent control over daily rates charged for transient rooms in hotels and motor courts will begin February 15, but controls will be retained on rooms available to weekly or monthly guests under the present quota provisions of the rent regulations, Jim Kelly, area rent director for Midland and Odessa, announced.

Decontrol of transient rooms in individual hotels and motor courts will go into effect on or after that date as each establishment applies for decontrol and furnishes the OPA with a list of its permanent rooms, identified by room number or location, Kelly said.

Rooming houses are not affected by the action.

Forms to be used in applying for decontrol will be available at OPA area rent offices shortly after February 1.

Commenting on the decontrol action, Major General Philip B. Fleming, administrator of the Office of Temporary Controls, said: "It is as important to keep control on permanent rooms as it is to continue our rent ceilings on apartments. This control must be kept to protect the thousands of working couples, students, many of them veterans, and other persons of modest means who live in these accommodations. If these rooms were decontrolled and rents rose, the needs of these people would add to the already critically overcrowded housing situation. With the permanent housing supply more acutely short than at any time during the war, this would mean serious hardship for many thousands of people."

Rent ceilings on the transient rooms were very important during the war and the demobilization period when there was necessity for much travel by military personnel, those on vital war business and families of service men visiting them in army camps and hospitals. Now that this type of travel has virtually ended, it is possible to take transient rates out from under control.

Employment Increase Reported For December

AUSTIN (AP)—A 2 per cent increase in employment and a 5 per cent increase in payrolls in Texas during December was reported by the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research.

Basing its report on preliminary data, the bureau described the Texas business situation as increasingly favorable.

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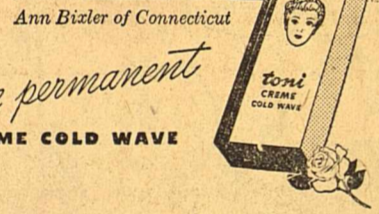
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### Atomic Hiker



Bearded, and looking like anything but the top-flight scientist he is, Archie Karler, former atomic bomb chemist with Manhattan Project, poses in St. Joseph, Mo., while hitchhiking from Mishawaka, Ind., to San Francisco to do research work at the University of California.

### Divorce Laws Make Juarez Mexican Reno

JUAREZ, MEXICO (AP)—Simple divorce laws in the state of Chihuahua are enabling Juarez to make a strong bid as the "Reno of Mexico."

Recent "two-minute" divorces obtained by movie stars from the United States in this border city have brought to light the ease with which a foreigner can obtain legal relief from the spouse he or she wants to shed.

In the first place, all a person desiring a divorce has to do to establish "residence" in the state of Chihuahua is to register, either in person or through a lawyer, at the Juarez city hall, stating his intention of filing a divorce.

If the suit is filed by mutual agreement, the person can get a divorce in the time it takes for the judge of the civil registry to pronounce the couple "ex-man and ex-wife."

Then, should either of the divorced pair wish to remarry immediately after the granting of the divorce, there is no intercountry decree to prevent such a union.

Harder If Contested  
If the procedure becomes a trifle complicated with the suit is contested. The judge sets a time limit in which the party who is not agreeable to the action is notified of the other's intentions. The time limit may vary from three to 30 days, depending upon the length of time it will take for the notice to arrive at its destination and the answer to return.

Whether the party about to be divorced answers or not, however, the divorce proceedings go on, after the time limit set by the judge, and the jurist can go ahead and grant the divorce.

Decrees may be granted on grounds of adultery, incompatibility, cruelty and other reasons. They also may be granted if either party is insane, if either is suffering from an infectious disease, has a criminal record, forces the other to commit a crime, or merely decides to desert his home for more than three months, without justifiable cause.

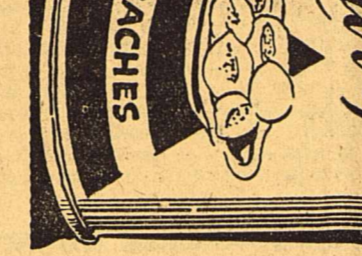
Letters In Anger Useful  
A divorce may be granted in Chihuahua even if all a person does is to write his spouse, in a moment of anger, that she or he get a divorce. The letter may be introduced as conclusive evidence.

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**BEETS** Bestex Diced No. 2 Can ..... 2 cans 19¢

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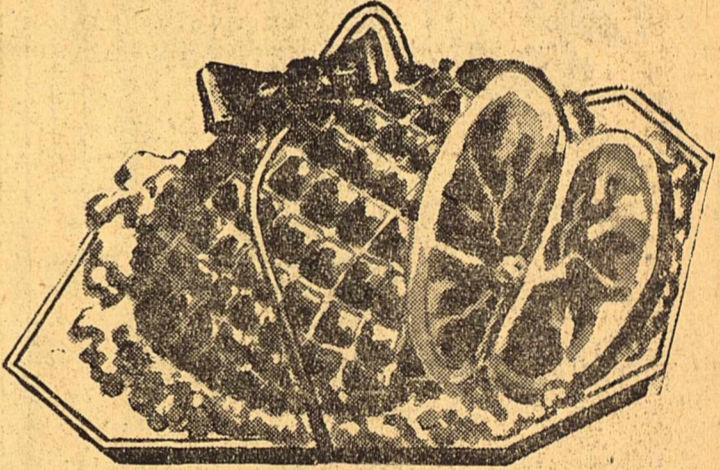
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# Love Has Two Faces

By Irene Lonnen Ernhart Copyright, 1947. NEA SERVICE, INC.

THE STORY: The night before her wedding to Parker Hamilton, Cassie receives a telegram of good wishes from Mike. She rushes out of the house to get away from Len's mocking stare.

XII!  
WHY hadn't he waited to see her? Why hadn't he waited, and said, "Cassie, you can't marry anyone else! You can't ever possibly marry anyone but me!" She would have gone with him in an instant and left it all.

Tears made crooked little paths down her cheeks and ran into the corners of her mouth, salty, hot tears, tears of self-pity and regret and anger.

But that Lochinvar stuff was old hat, wasn't it? And Mike hadn't cared quite enough to stay and see her, had he? Just as he hadn't bothered enough to give up his plans and stay in Mortonville.

She had come to the creek now. She walked halfway across the iron bridge and leaned against it, looking down into the muddy swirl of water.

The April air had a winery smell, and the willow trees billowing along the creek were soft green. The water made a rushing sound.

She stood there for a long time, and presently there was the sound of a car coming. She brushed away the last tear clinging to her lashes. Her face felt stiff and awful.

The car stopped on the bridge and Parker got out and came and stood beside her. She didn't look at him for there was no doubt that she had been crying, and she was ashamed for him to see. He was silent for a long time. He gathered up a handful of pebbles and threw them one by one into the water below.

Presently he said, "If you really wanted to—give it all up, you could, you know, Cassie. I don't want to see you unhappy. If you think it's a mistake—"

His words sent an unexpected

# MCKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY America's Card Authority (Written for NEA Service)

I have selected today's hand as one of the most unusual in the recent national championships tournament at Hollywood, Fla. The majority of the North-South pairs played the hand at a four-heart contract and made only five. However, a few pairs bid the hand differently and arrived at six hearts.

South bid three hearts over two clubs, North then bid four diamonds, South four hearts, North

In May, Cassie knew she was to have a baby. Parker was delighted. Mama thought it a wretched shame.

"Why couldn't you have had a good time first. You got plenty of money now, and pretty clothes. You could have gone places and enjoyed yourself!"

"But Mama, where would I go? And anyway, we wanted a baby. People with means should have families. We agreed on that from the first." If she had a baby it would draw them closer together. Cassie wanted the baby.

The Fletchers left Carson street and moved to a better house, closer to town. It was nothing pretentious, but respectable, at least, clean and modern. Parker, of course, was paying the rent. Leni was already taking voice lessons at the conservatory and as soon as she graduated would study full time. Parker paid for that, too. The Fletcher house rang with trills and scales. Papa got a watchman's job, in self-defense. He thought it nonsense for Leni to study music. It wasn't at all useful. Sid had a workshop in the basement, where he buried himself in model building every evening after supper.

Cassie thought of Mike now only occasionally. Of course she had done the right thing in marrying Parker. Everything was wonderful! Everything would always be wonderful!

(To Be Continued)

# Tenants Can Buy Coal Or Sit In The Dark

VANCOUVER, WASH. —(AP)—The Vancouver Housing Authority has declared its tenants can buy coal or sit in the dark. Originally the war-built housing projects furnished coal for heating. But last year the Authority decided tenants should buy their own coal.

Electricity, however, is included in the rent, and the houses have

# New York Zoological Society Will Expand Conservation Work

NEW YORK —(AP)—Conservation activities of the New York Zoological Society will be "enormously expanded" as a result of receiving a gift of \$2,500,000, largest donation the society has received, Fairfield Osborne, president, said.

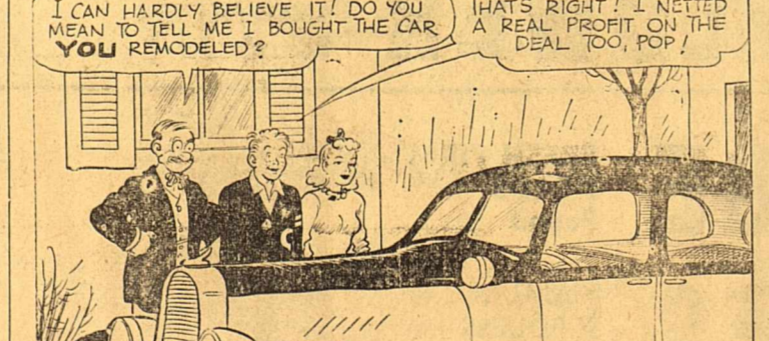
Osborne announced the gift at the society's 51st annual meeting. It will be a share in a trust fund which Clark Williams, former state superintendent of banks, who passed on December 18, was the life beneficiary. It was established by his aunt, Mrs. Mary Clark Thompson, who before her passing in 1923 had been interested in the society's conservation activities.

The buzz of the mosquito is made by its flapping wings, not its voice. People riding in closed cars with steel bodies are safe from lightning.



"Why can't I marry Ronald? One has to start marrying someone, doesn't she?"

# SIDE GLANCES



"If he asks me how much I make, I'll tell him I make enough so I don't have to worry a lot about my income taxes!"

# FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS —By Merrill Blosser



"I'M FORCED TO ADMIT, MARY, THAT I CAN'T THINK OF ANYONE I'D RATHER HAVE OUTSMART ME!"



"YOUR GLOVE HAS PROBABLY BEEN FOUND, DOCTOR TELFAIR. I'LL ASK THE SUPERVISOR TO--"

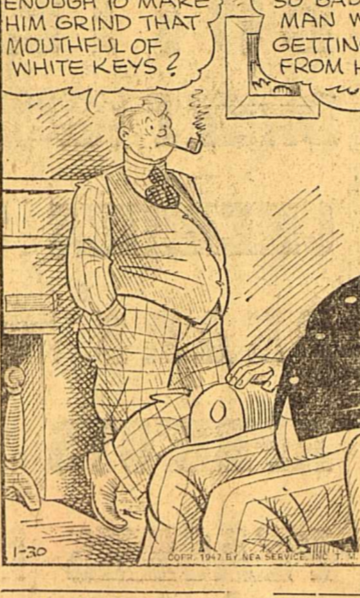
# Municipalities Cannot Check-Off Union Dues

COLUMBUS, OHIO (AP)—Ohio's municipalities no longer can check off dues of their unionized civil service employees.

The State Supreme Court ruled in reversing lower courts in a suit by Earl E. Hagerman of Dayton, Finance Director.

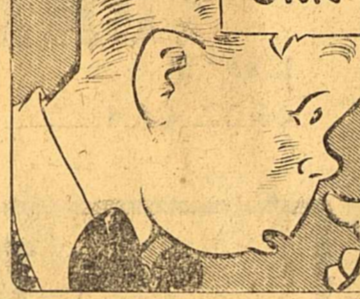
The lower courts approved a Dayton ordinance authorizing Hagerman to deduct from pay rolls dues of unionists who had given written authorization, but Ohio's Supreme Court ruled there was no authority for delegation of any powers or functions of either a municipality or its civil service appointees to any organization of any kind, and that the Finance Director had no right to check off dues.

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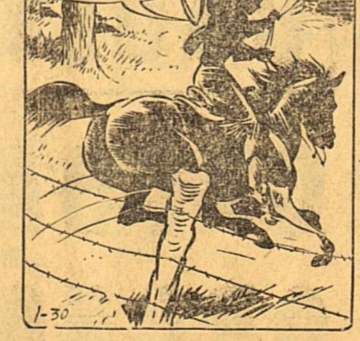
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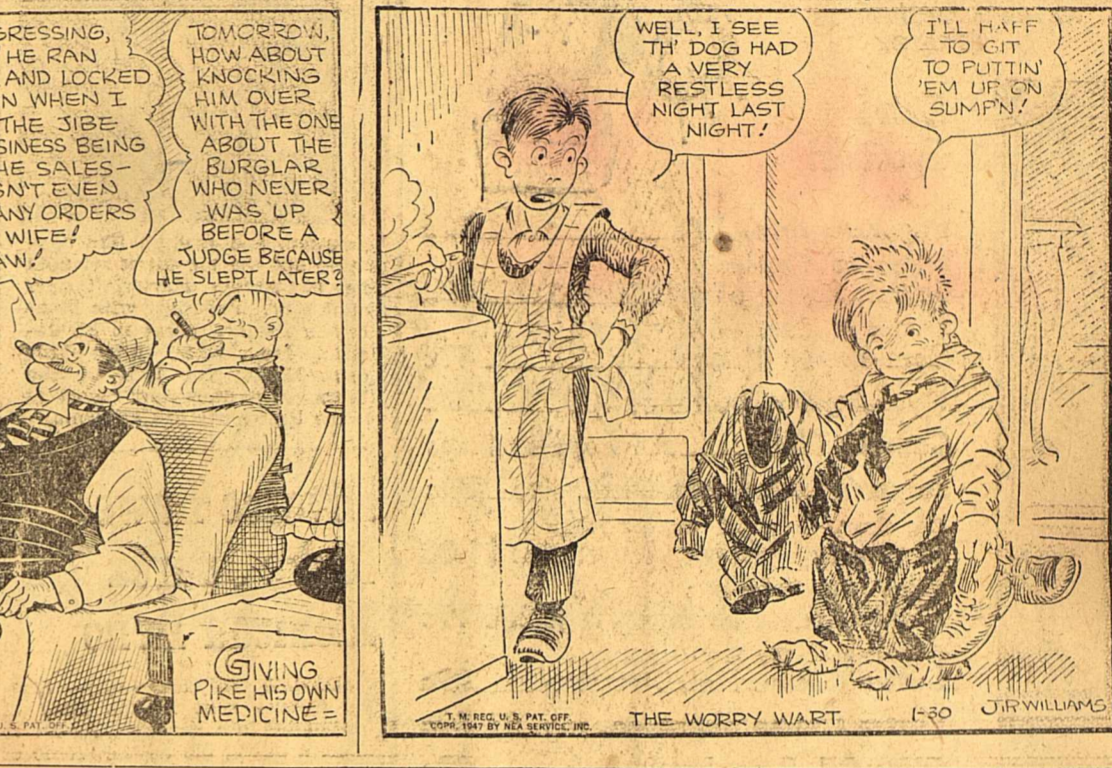
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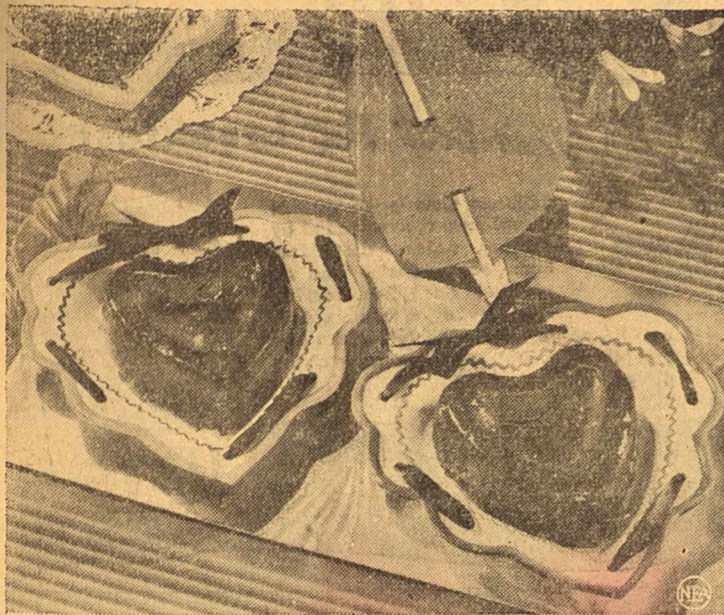


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## Choose Decorative Party Salad



Spiced beet molded salad for Valentine's Day hearts.

By GAYNOR MADDOX  
NEA Staff Writer

Perhaps you will want to save this red salad for a St. Valentine's Day luncheon. Poured into heart-shaped molds, it makes a decorative party dish.

**Heart-Shaped Spiced Beet Salad**  
One envelope plain unflavored gelatin, 1/2 cup cold water, 1 cup juice drained from canned spiced beets, 1 teaspoon salt, 3 tablespoons lemon juice, 1 cup sliced spiced beets, 1/2 cup celery chopped, 1/4 cup chopped nuts.

Soften gelatin in cold water. Heat beet juice to boiling point. Remove from heat, add softened gelatin, stirring until dissolved. Add salt and lemon juice. Chill until mixture begins to thicken. Fold in sliced beets, chopped celery and nuts. Pour into heart-shaped molds, which have been rinsed in cold water.

### London Banks To Finance French Wool Purchases

NEW YORK—(AP)—A revolving credit of \$50,000,000 to finance French purchases of wool within the British Empire has been arranged with London banking institutions. It was announced here by Lazard Freres & Co.

The arrangements were made by Lazard Brothers & Co., Ltd., of London.

The credit will be guaranteed to the Groupement d'Importation et de Repartition de la Laine, a French company which includes under government auspices the whole of the French woolen textile industry.

Purchases of British Empire wool will be made within the next 12 months and repayment of the credit, during the period ending in mid-1948 has been linked with exports of French woolen products. The Bank of France and the Bank of England have approved the arrangement.

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PANNELL BROTHERS

## Teen-Age California Cattle Raisers Get Training In Ranching, Credit

By PATT WAITS  
FULLERTON, CALIF.—(NEA)—Teen-age youths in southern California's rural communities are getting practical training in cattle and credit.

When the boys, all members of the Future Farmers of America, become full-fledged cattlemen 10 years from now they will have a thorough background in bank credit requirements and the real problems of raising stock for profit.

Today, a group of 35 youths are investing in baby beef, averaging 375 pounds each. After a year of feeding and care (in after-school hours) the Angus feeder calves will hit the scales at an estimated 950 pounds each and will be auctioned off.

Fullerton High School agriculture instructor Herbert Stitt arranged manager of the Bank of America financing with Lloyd Mikkelsen, branch at Fullerton, but individual financial responsibility remains with the boys themselves.

Mikkelsen talked to each of the boys, explained bank interest rates, procedure on notes and gave each an explanation on bank regulations. Together the banker and the prospective cattle buyer went over the plans for cattle raising and discussed how large a loan the boy needed and could carry.

The youthful cattlemen signed individual notes for \$110 for each calf they bought. There were no co-signers.

Mikkelsen says the bank is in-

terested in seeing that the boys buy better stock and understand how banking is done by cattlemen. In addition to the cattle loans, money has been advanced for raising chickens, rabbits and other stock.

Not all the boys get loans, and those who do don't always get as

much money as they want. The prospective borrowers must prove to the bank's satisfaction that their plans are good financial risks. So far the bank has loaned a total of \$1.5-million to teen-agers interested in commercial ranching. The average loan has been \$44, and every loan has been repaid.

### Record Production Of Civilian Trucks Reached

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The office of Temporary Controls said production of civilian automotive trucks reached an all-time record in 1946 with 940,583 units.

Passenger car production of 2,155,024 units for 1946, OTC said, was substantially below normal peacetime production.

The agency said that a higher unit total of 1,042,033 trucks was reported in 1941, but included 218,000 military type vehicles.

Men are said to be color-blind more often than women. The ratio, according to an eminent scientist, is about four to one.

From 1920 to 1946, the quality of regular grade gasoline in the United States rose from 50-octane to 78-octane.

A magnifying lens of rock crystal has been excavated from the ruins of Nineveh, dated from 721 to 705 B. C.



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# Cutting Corners ON YOUR FOOD BUDGET?



## SEE OUR FOOD SPECIALS

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2 pkgs. . . . . 29¢

HUNT'S FANCY FRUIT COCKTAIL 35¢

PEERLESS WISCONSIN SAUERKRAUT 2 No. 2 1/2 Cans 27¢

TENDERSWEET CORN White Cream Style No. 2 Can 15¢

SLICED OR HALVES PEACHES No. 2 Can 29¢

South Texas SPINACH lb. 13¢

Rutabaga, Waxed TURNIPS, 2 lbs. 13¢

Mustard or Collards GREENS, 2 bun. 15¢

CARROTS, 2 bu. 15¢

Large Size AVOCADOS, ea. 19¢

Green Bell PEPPER lb. 19¢

Fresh BROCCOLI lb. 12¢

Fresh Green ONIONS bunch 9¢

Gebhardt's Tamales NO. 300 CAN 19¢

R.S.P. No. 2 Cherries Can 39¢

Bleach "33" Quart 10¢

Marvene 2 Lb. Pkg. 49¢

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CENTER CUT PORK CHOPS Pound 49¢

LONGHORN CHEESE FULL CREAM Pound 55¢

ASHLEY'S TORTILLAS Dozen 25¢

ARMOUR'S STAR LINK SAUSAGE 1 Lb. Box 55¢

SLICED BACON Pound 57¢

CHOICE CHUCK ROAST From Fancy Beef Pound 35¢

"RINK — ROY & JOE"

ORANGES TEXAS JUICY SWEET 5 lbs. . . . . 27¢

GRAPEFRUIT TEXAS JUICY SWEET 5 lbs. . . . . 23¢

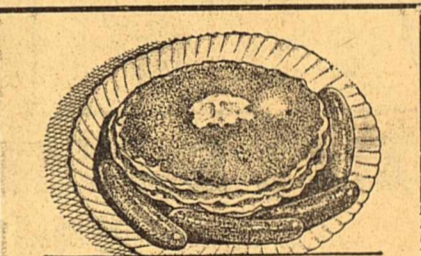


## COFFEE SPECIALS

Folger's lb. 47¢ Monarch lb. 47¢

Maxwell House lb 47¢ Maryland Club lb 47¢

Admiration lb. 47¢ Chase & Sanborn 47¢



Mary Lee Taylor's Pancakes Broadcast: February 1, 1947

1 1/2 cups prepared pancake flour 3/4 cup Pat Milk diluted with 2/3 cup water

Put pancake flour into mixing bowl. Stir in diluted milk gradually. Do not beat until smooth, as overbeating toughens pancakes. The lumps are bits of shortening and will disappear in the baking. Bake on hot, slightly greased griddle until bubbles appear and edges are cooked, then turn and brown on other side. Serve with sausages, butter, syrup, honey, jelly or preserves. Makes 18 four-inch pancakes.

PET MILK can 15¢

Prepared Pancake FLOUR 1 1/2 lb. pkg. 15¢

Link Pork SAUSAGE lb. 55¢

BUTTER lb. 69¢

# PIPKIN'S PIGGLY WIGGLY MIDLAND



