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Maid of Cotton Contest Set for January 7

...Tenn., December 16th ...the 1944 Maid of Cotton ...has been changed from ...to January 7, the ...Cotton Council announce ...to permit the winner to ...in the inauguration of ...War Bond Drive at ...January 18-19.

...the same time, the Council ...the deadline for ...the contest had been ...January 9 to De ...at which time all can ...must have filed completed ...blanks and photo ...in the Council office. The ...of finalists to be in ...Memphis for the judging ...7 will be notified of ...by the end of De-

...Council also announced that ...War Bonds would be ...to the winner and first ...alternates in the con ...the girl selected Maid of ...will receive bonds totalling ...with \$100 bonds to be ...the first and second al-

...request for the Maid of ...to participate in the inau ...of the Fourth War Bond ...came from the War Finance ...of the Treasury Depart ...Immediately following her ...in Washington, the Maid ...to begin her bond-selling tour ...principal American cities. Dur ...this tour, she also will visit ...to assist in enter ...service men, and will ad ...meetings of women to em ...the cotton industry's war ...message of care and conser ...of cotton clothes.

...contest is open to all un ...southern-born girls be ...the ages of 18 and 25. Judg ...be based upon personality, ...ance and background, with ...consideration being given ...singing or dramatic ...Application blanks may ...be obtained from the National ...Council at Memphis, or at ...office of this newspaper.

...the Maid's travel expenses ...the tour will be paid by the ...sponsors, and she will be ...at all times by a ...

...importance of the railroads ...Country's ability to forge ...in war aims was emphasized ...by Major General Charles ...chief of the Transporta ...Corps. In commenting upon ...of this transportation, ...said:

...The railroads are essential to ...Nation's capacity to make war. ...was proved in World War 1 ...has become again overwhelm ...evident in this war. They ...be sustained by the American ...with full appreciation that ...are vital to us and must al ...be prepared to go into action ...effective the might of the ...States."

C. L. Harris Announces for Congress

C. L. Harris, attorney with offices in the Lubbock National building, in Lubbock said here yesterday:

"I shall definitely be a candidate to represent the people of the 19th Congressional district in the national Congress in the coming election.

"I believe the time has come for the people of this district to have a man representing them in Washington who will know as his master only the voice of the people of the 19th Congressional district and who will vigorously oppose domination of our government and people by bureaucrats, and those other organizations in our government designated by the unlimited use of the capital letters of the alphabet.

"I believe the man who represents this district should mingle with our farmers, stock men, business men and industrialists to learn from them the desires of the people of this district. And he should then go to Washington and conduct himself accordingly.

"West Texas should have a determined, fighting representative in Washington who looks to the welfare and fundamental liberties of the citizenship of West Texas and the nation."

Harris served two terms in the Texas Legislature from the Spur district and has long been active in state politics. He is a former student of Texas Tech and Texas University. He is a member of the Methodist church and lives with his wife and family at 2110-27th street in Lubbock.

In 1940 Harris polled more than 17,000 votes for the office for which he is now a candidate.

Producer of Pure Seed Is In Front Line of agriculture

The producer of pure seed is recognized as being in the front line trenches of agriculture in the matter of food production, and every effort must be made to live up to the responsibilities imposed Dr. E. P. Humbert, head of the Department of Genetics of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, said today.

Dr. Humbert has just returned from Chicago where he conferred and worked a week with other representatives of crop improvement associations at the 25th annual meeting of the International Crop Improvement Association. He is a member of the executive committee of this organization.

The International Crop Improvement Association works with enforcement officials of the Federal Seed Act in the production and distribution of certified planting seed.

Very satisfactory progress was made at the recent annual meeting of crop improvement specialists toward standardizing certification practices in the separate states so that certified seed will have a more definite national and international meaning, Dr. Humbert reported.

Having received a \$1,200 grant from the University of Texas Research Institute, Dr. Frederick Eby, University professor of education, is compiling a history of early Texas college education for publication in 1945, centennial of Texas Statehood.

"Silent Night"

The battle is over.

The bomb-shattered village is deserted, lifeless.

And the silence that greets our invading men is deathly. It's the kind of grim stillness many of them will know on Christmas Eve this year.

Not like the warm, beautiful "Silent Night" we know. Not like the peace in our homes the night before Christmas.

But the only way we can have some peace in our hearts is to know that we're helping bring our men back. **Actually helping by buying all the War Bonds we possibly can. And by giving all the War Bonds we possibly can.**

For no other gift could mean so much this year . . . no other gift could do so much good.

In War Bonds, lies the spirit of Christmas.



FOR PEACE ON EARTH*BUY WAR BONDS

Texans are Asked to Guard Against Holiday Fires

Fatal fires are almost a daily occurrence in Texas, and the Christmas holidays offer no exception.

For that reason, families should take every precaution against accidents which might turn a happy season into one of sorrow, advises Mrs. Bernice Claytor, specialist in home improvement for the A. and M. College Extension Service. She offers these safety rules to keep in mind:

Never decorate your Christmas tree with lighted candles. You may use strings of electric lights, but select only those sets approved by fire underwriters.

Do not allow cotton, paper, or other inflammable objects on your Christmas tree.

If you put candles in your windows, be sure the curtains are tied well away from the flames.

If you give the children electric toys for Christmas, inspect them to see that the cords and connections are kept in good condition.

Finally, Mrs. Claytor says, mix common sense precautions with your Christmas cheer, and keep the holidays safe.

A check-sheet for locating and eliminating fire hazards around the home in any season is available in leaflet form from county Extension agents or the headquarters office.

Native Texas precious stones and gems are currently on exhibit at the University of Texas Memorial Museum. Although many gems have been found in Texas—including topaz, garnet, amethyst, agate, and turquoise—few have been produced commercially, Museum officials point out.

FUNERAL HELD FOR INFANT DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. ALPHA P. BOOTHE

Last rites were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the First Methodist Church for Sandra Gaye born December 5, 1943, and died December 14, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alpha P. Boothe. Rev. Gates, pastor of the Methodist Church, conducted the services. Interment was made in Floydada Cemetery with Harmon Funeral Home in charge of arrangement.

SCALE DOWN IN SPENDING PREDICTED IN CAPITAL

Washington—A scale down in government spending for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1944, was hinted at today. Unofficial sources said President Roosevelt may ask for about \$95,000,000,000 in his budget message to congress early next year.

This year's budget was for \$108,000,000,000, an estimate which later was reduced to about \$97,800,000,000, with some \$92,000,000,000 for war costs.

ARMY REDUCES SOLDIER-STUDENTS

Washington.—The army is considering a reduction in the number of soldier-students assigned to its college training program.

Pending final decisions, the proposed reduction has not been disclosed, but it was learned the program will go forward with less than the 140,000 peak enrollment, if present plans are carried out.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rhodes left Wednesday for Oklahoma City, where they will spend two weeks visiting their son, Clifford Rhodes and family.

Hoop skirts were a popular fashion about 4,000 B. C. in Crete

West Texas Chamber of Commerce Ready for 1944

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce, largest and oldest of its type in the nation, is announcing ready for another year—its 26th. The 1944 wartime work program, as drawn up by the officers' committee headed by President M. C. Umer of Midland, is in the mails to all directors, executive board members and chamber of commerce managers in the 132 counties served by the WTCC.

The president's letter of transmittal to directors noted the conciseness and brevity of the organizational setup as compared with previous years. Ulmer said, "The commission work will be carried on this year through the chairmen, under the policies enunciated by our convention, together with any other personnel the chairmen may choose for given projects. I believe we have a well defined, progressive and in many ways an original program of work, and I am looking forward to having, with you, another good year for our organization."

The 1944 program stresses war and postwar planning. On that point the officers' committee said, "Another year has arrived bringing problems, incident to war, without parallel in our nation's history, and the end of war and return of peace will confront us with more and even graver problems. It is necessary that intelligent thought be devoted to the solution of these manifold problems and perplexities. Your West Texas Chamber of Commerce, therefore, becomes, as never before, an economic planning agency as well as a development agency."

COMMISSIONS

Ten commissions have been created with 31 major jobs to be performed. Three are directly tied into the war and postwar planning phase. These, with their chairmen, are on War and Preservation, C. M. Caldwell, of Abilene; Postwar Economy and Planning, C. W. Meadows, Sr., San Angelo; and War and Postwar Industries, H. G. Pharr, Fort Worth. Among its objectives the commission headed by Caldwell will foster chamber of commerce leadership behind community war effort campaigns; urge the restoration of free enterprise and the end of bureaucracy after the victory has been won; and stand firmly against non-essential war spending by the government. The Meadows commission will promote the creation of local planning committees by chambers of commerce over the territory, and lend aid in the formation of a production and resource development plan for every county. Tying in with this, the Pharr commission will conduct an industrial opportunities survey for West Texas.

NE WCONTEST

In the two commissions directed by Winfield Holbrook and C. W. Meadows will head up the WTCC's upcoming inter-county Agricultural Production and Improvement contest. The new contest was authorized in the October referendum by affiliates, as successor to the War and Preservation contest terminated November 3 with award of \$1,000 in cash prizes to Albany, Hereford, Vernon and Brownwood as the four winners. The agricultural contest will be launched in March 1944. Entries will be made by chambers of commerce in a county acting in concert, and contestants' activities will clear through county agricultural planning boards organized by the chambers. The contest will run nearly two years with prizes to be awarded at the WTCC's 1945 convention. The complete plan is in preparation and will be announced soon, says D. A. Banded, regional chamber manager.

The 1944 work program, says WTCC officers, is the organization's reeducation, as it enters upon its second quarter-century of service, "to continued aggressive leadership in the solution of territorial problems as they arise; to protecting our section from exploitation and unjust laws; alertly furthering the interests of our producers and consumers; to striving for the development of our resources and for the growth and growing prosperity of our towns; and to intelligently publicizing what we have to attract outside investments."

Navy Seabees are Awarded Prizes For Gardening

Somewhere in the War Zone of the South Pacific four Navy Seabees who give their location as "Island X" are raising a Victory Garden just as their folks have been doing on the Home Front.

Their Victory plot in the South Pacific was revealed today when judges of a garden photo contest sponsored by the Santa Fe Railway for its employees awarded each of the men \$50 for their garden photograph which they entered in the contest. The men are furloughed employees of the Railroad.

The prize winning photograph shows the men under a spreading banana tree in the midst of a waist high stand of tomato plants. It was accompanied by a letter from Roy D. West, MM1-C who asked that the picture be published "To let our Rail Buddies back home know that we have a Victory Garden too."

West is from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The other are E. S. Hill, Miami, Texas, R. R. Hart, Fresno, California and Elmer Russell, Galveston, Texas. Although he is not in the photograph another Galvestonian, A. W. Johnson, who also is stationed on the Island received a similar prize for his part in the gardening venture along with his buddies.

Judges awarded eighty-eight additional prizes, totaling two thousand dollars in War Bonds and Stamps to other Santa Fe employees who had entered the contest.

Back the Attack With War Bonds.

Maintain Good Health is Advice Given

Austin, December 16.—With the tremendous drain on the medical profession in response to the needs of the armed forces, there is a greater necessity now than ever before for maintaining good health and avoiding any risks which might result in needless calls on the services of doctors.

The shortages in medical attention which is now available to the public will be even greater before the end of the coming year, since more and more doctors are being taken into the service and many of those remaining are not in active practice due to advanced age, teaching, or public health activities, or full-time employment in industry. This situation develops a problem for the practicing physicians who will remain at home, the solution of which to some extent will be in the hands of the general public, according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

Carloadings for Week Ending December 11, 1943

The Santa Fe System carloadings for week ending December 11, 1943 were 22,699 compared with 21,174 for same week in 1942. Cars received from connections totaled 11,647 compared with 11,493 for same week in 1942. Total cars moved were 34,346 compared with 32,667 for same week in 1942. Santa Fe handled total of 36,549 cars in preceding week this year.

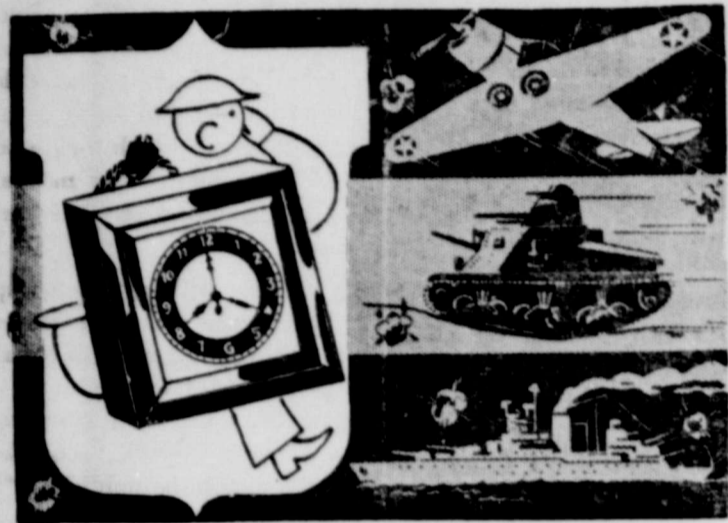
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**Lists Seven Don'ts to
Reduce Meat Losses**

More quality meat with smaller losses can be gained from animals if producers will heed seven "don'ts," based on a study of the principal causes of fall losses among farm animals, suggests Edward Records of the department of veterinary science at the University of Nevada.

The seven points, designed to aid in prevention of fall losses are:

1. Don't allow fall pigs to be farrowed in old hog lots which may be infested with worms and disease;
2. Don't keep stock in cold, drafty buildings. Such an environment is favorable to the development of "flu" and pneumonia;
3. Don't bring new feeder animals to the farm without proper certification of veterinary inspection; always isolate new stock from the other animals for three weeks to prevent spread of possible disease.
4. Don't overcrowd poultry houses; it endangers the health of the entire flock;
5. Don't let insanitary livestock quarters rob you of profits; all stock barns should be cleaned and disinfected before cold weather;
6. Don't risk ruining your dairy herd through mastitis. If any cows show inflamed udders or abnormal milk, have them examined thoroughly;
7. Don't forget that livestock need plenty of vitamins during the fall and winter. Check the vitamin content of all rations. Vitamin A is particularly important. Of common livestock feeds, yellow corn, green leafy legume hay, and succulent pasture are richest in vitamin A.

**Eye Quicker Than Ear;
See Faster Than You Hear**

Have you ever gone to a football game and watched the band across the field play the college tunes between periods? And weren't you amazed to see that the band did not keep up to the music signaled out by the leader? Repeatedly the baton was raised before the band had played the last key notes.

Maybe you thought that the leader had slipped into double time because of a pre-game cocktail, or that perhaps your own cocktail was edging up on you. But that's not the explanation. The lag in the music of the band seen at a distance results from the fact that the eye is quicker than the ear, says the Better Vision Institute.

Sound travels through the air at the speed of 1,100 feet per second, but light travels at the rate of 185,000 feet per second—170 times as fast. Accordingly, at a distance of 500 feet the movements of the band leader will reach your eyes in less than one 400th of a second, but the sound will take nearly half a second to arrive at your ears. That is why college bands at football games can't keep up with the music.

Easy to Grow

Sweet potatoes are easy to grow, and require little soil food. Backyard gardens and scattered acres in the United States produced a 1943 crop of well over 70 million bushels. The creeping, vinelike plant thrives as far north as New Jersey and west as far as southern California, but Georgia is the top producer.

Really an edible member of the morning glory family, the sweet potato, not the Irish, was the original bearer of the potato name. The white potato was the "papas." The sweet potato, the "batatas."

Although the place of origin is not definitely known, it was probably in the sun-warmed soil of tropical America that the first productive vines took foot. Sweet potatoes have been found in ancient Peruvian graves. Columbus, in 1492, described the tubers as "Niames (yams) resembling carrots, with a savor of chestnuts." Early navigators, landing on the coasts of Caribbean islands, found the sweet potato "the most delicate roots that may be eaten."

Deep Roots

Nearly all kinds of soil have an abundant store of moisture from winter and spring rains way down deep. However, this won't do your plants any good if they can't get to it. Subsoil water won't move up to the surface fast enough during drouth, so the only logical thing to do is to send plant roots down after it. They will go only if there is enough lime in between the surface and subsoil to encourage their travels. Without lime, roots can't go far because of the bad effect of the acids and the lack of calcium which lime supplies. But if soil is well limed over a period of years, some of the lime will penetrate considerably below plow depth and aid plant roots in their journey to the water reserves.

State Nicknames

At least eight states have nicknames which have been given them from species of wildlife. These are not "official" nicknames, but designations commonly used. Alabama is sometimes called the "Lizard" state. Arkansas has the nickname of "Bear State." Others are Louisiana, "Pelican"; Michigan, "Wolverine"; Minnesota, "Gopher"; Mississippi, "Eagle" (the most popular nickname for this state is "Magnolia"); Nebraska, "Antelope"; Oregon, "Beaver"; South Dakota, "Coyote"; Wisconsin, "Badger."

**Many Laws Prohibit
Importation of Parrots**

Service men abroad were advised by Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes not to bring parrots back to the U. S., explaining that the trouble involved in getting a parrot into this country is usually more than the parrot is worth.

Because parrots, and other members of their family, may be infected with the dread disease, psittacosis, some cities and states will not allow them to be brought within their borders. In addition Federal regulations have to be followed at those places where entry is allowed.

Birds of the parrot family include, beside parrots themselves, Amazons, Mexican double heads, African grays, cockatoos, macaws, parakeets, lovebirds, lorries, lorikeets, and similar birds, according to the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Maryland, New York, Connecticut, Florida, and the cities of Baltimore and Pittsburgh prohibit the importation of all species of parrots under any circumstances; they cannot be brought in even for scientific purposes. If anyone attempted to bring them into those places, the birds would be seized by health authorities and destroyed. Parakeets or lovebirds may not be imported into California, Maine, Minnesota, and Oregon, in addition to the other states listed.

**U. S. Immigration Service
Experiences Busy Year**

Although immigration is at its lowest ebb since the Civil war and many other routine functions have been sharply reduced, the Immigration and Naturalization service during the 12-month period ending June 30, 1943, experienced one of the most active years in its history, Commissioner Earl G. Harrison revealed.

An unprecedented volume of war work during the period, Mr. Harrison reported, resulted in:

More than 41,000,000 examinations of persons entering the country, chiefly border crossings from Canada and Mexico; coverage of more than 10,000,000 miles by members of the border patrol in patrolling our coastal and inland boundaries to prevent smuggling and illegal entries; surveillance of 9,000 interned alien enemies whose custody was transferred from the army to the service last March.

Naturalization of 318,933 new citizens, including 37,474 members of the armed forces and 52,274 former natives of enemy countries; and supervision over the importation of 50,000 laborers from Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean to relieve temporary shortages in various parts of the country.

Fresh Fish for U. S.

In normal times, an average of about 64 cars of fish, mostly salmon and halibut, is shipped out of Prince Rupert each month by Canadian National Railways—most of it going to New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis and other big cities in the United States. This year, the average has climbed to 150 cars a month—an increase of almost 150 per cent. During summer months, these refrigerator cars are packed with ice and inspected along the line by railway express messengers and cars are re-iced if necessary. In the winter months, the men have an entirely different job to do. They must make sure that the temperature in the car never goes lower than 15 below zero—as it does in Canada. Then they have to light fires in heaters which are kept in the fish cars for that special purpose. Otherwise, the customers would get frozen—not fresh fish.

Tax Deductions

Income tax deductions for medical care were granted by seven states this year, the Federation of Tax Administrators reports in a survey of personal income tax legislation enacted by the states this year. The states taking this action in deduction and exemption categories of the income tax field were California, Iowa, Maryland, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma and Wisconsin.

California, Iowa and Maryland enacted similar laws, with California's, for example, allowing taxpayers to deduct amounts spent for medical care and treatment in excess of 5 per cent of net income, provided there is no protection by insurance. The maximum amount deductible is \$1,250 for single persons and \$2,500 for married persons, with net income computed without benefit of deductions.

Different Proteins

Scientists have found in their nutrition experiments with white rats that some kinds of proteins are better for growth than other kinds. As a result of these experiments, proteins are divided into two groups.

In the first group are those which promote adequate growth when used in sufficient amounts. Foods containing these proteins are: Dairy products, eggs, meat, fish, poultry.

The second group has those which do not promote adequate growth even when used in large amounts. Foods containing these proteins are: Grain products, certain legumes, nuts.

Scientists have shown, however, that the proteins of grain products, legumes, and nuts are valuable in the diet as supplements to the dairy products, eggs, meat, fish and poultry.

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The best protection against tularemia is to avoid contact with infected rabbits, Dr. Taylor said. Rabbits that are sluggish or which refuse to run should be left alone. Rubber gloves should be worn while handling wild rabbits as the infection is able to go through the

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Worth to Sergeant

PONCA CITY, OKLA. — When Sergt. Nathan Lee came home on a furlough a well-wisher gave him a lucky coin and told him to hang on to it. He did.

On the train returning to camp he saw a wad of paper. He picked it up. It was a \$10 bill. Getting off the train he picked up another scrap of paper. It was a \$5 bill.

Decapitated Dog Licks His Chops

Strange Things Happen on Soviet Movie Screen.

WASHINGTON.—It was a scientific night at the Soviet embassy, and strange things happened on the embassy movie screen.

A dog was killed, remained dead for 10 minutes, and then was brought back to life by blood pumped into its arteries.

Another dog was decapitated, but the bodiless head went right on winking its eyes at a moving light, pricked up its ears and "barked" at a sudden noise, and licked its chops when something tasty was smeared on its lips and muzzle—all because an ingenious machine was feeding blood into the "dead" animal's brain.

The blindness of the mother instinct, as it was called, was illustrated by another film in which a bird kept right on feeding worms and insects into its nest because an electrically wired dummy fledgling opened its beak whenever the mother bird approached.

The scientific films were shown at a reception in honor of three outstanding American men of science awarded honorary membership in the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R. They were Prof. Ernest O. Lawrence, University of California physicist famed as inventor of the cyclotron; Prof. Walter B. Cannon, Harvard physiologist; and Prof. Gilbert N. Lewis of the University of California, noted for his achievements in the field of atomic research.

Soviet Ambassador A. A. Gromyko spoke briefly of the vital function of science in war and peace and stressed the collaboration of American and Soviet scientists which "will accelerate the victory over Fascism and lay the basis for fertile scientific collaboration in the postwar period."

40 Per Cent of People

Pay 59 Per Cent of Taxes

WASHINGTON.—Forty per cent of the people in the United States are paying almost 65 per cent of the income taxes and about 59 per cent of all the internal revenue collected by the government, treasury figures show.

The 40 per cent who bear the major tax load live in eight highly industrialized states—New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and Michigan.

New York, with 10.2 per cent of the nation's population, paid 21.30 per cent of the income taxes collected by the government in the 1943 fiscal year and 19.44 per cent of the total internal revenue.

Plane's Tail Cut Off,

Pilot Parachutes Out

MILTON, DEL.—An army pilot parachuted to safety near here when his plane crashed in flames after another ship in a three-plane formation sliced off its tail assembly.

The pilot's name was not disclosed at the Dover, Del., air base, where the ships are stationed. He came down about a mile from the scene of the accident.

The blazing plane, a single-seater pursuit type, crashed into a wooded section, and firemen from the Milton fire company rushed to check the spread of the flames after it had been located by state police.

Clark Gable's 'Double'

Is Besieged by Girls

SYDNEY.—Australian girls are so certain handsome Sergt. Bule Harvey, of Wilmington, N. C., really is Clark Gable, they are about to convince him of it.

"They won't believe me when I tell 'em I'm not Gable," he said. "They follow me everywhere for autographs, so I sign their books and laugh like hell because it is so darn funny."

Harvey's buddies call him "Clark" and he adds: "By the time I get back to the United States, I'll really think I'm Gable."

5 Years of War Mishaps

Culminate in a Wedding

LONDON.—After five years of defeat, love found the way and Marie Lonerzon, a Plymouth teacher, has become Mrs. Frederick W. Marriott.

The couple planned to marry in 1938, but Marriott, a warrant officer, was sent to the Far East. When his fiancée fell ill he obtained leave, but could get no nearer to England than could get no nearer to England than Singapore. Two plans for reunion were halted by the successive entries of Italy and Japan into the war. But Marriott finally got back to England to marry. En route he was adrift 12 hours after a torpedoing

Can't Find Helmet

To Fit Big Soldier

PALO ALTO, CALIF. — Pfc. Thomas L. Chandler, six feet five inches tall and broad gauge all the way, was due to go overseas.

A letter, postmarked New York, finally arrived, saying: "Looks as if I won't be leaving for awhile. The army couldn't find an overseas helmet big enough for me."

'Dips' Know When You Have Money

Crime Expert Warns Folks About Pickpockets.

CHICAGO.—If you have a plentiful supply of cash in your pocket, any nearby pickpocket watching you is likely to know it. And it is not easy to protect yourself against him. That is the disturbing warning given by a criminologist.

"People with money walk differently from those without money," says Hans von Hentig in an article on pickpockets in the Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology published here by the Northwestern University Press. "There is a distinct difference in the way they move their arms and inspect shop windows and restaurants."

"Finally, there is that general impression of self-assurance, ponderosity, unconcern and good humor—sometimes anxiety, too—presented by people who have much money in their pockets."

"The successful pickpocket must be well-dressed," says Von Hentig, "but not too elegantly or too showily. He has good manners. He uses the external fiction of wealth, good conscience and flattering naivete."

The pickpocket looks for crowd situations, and likes to work on buses because of their irregular movements. Concert audiences are good hunting grounds.

The pickpocket may produce a diversion for a theft by trampling on a prospective victim's foot, or starting at the victim's wife or daughter to anger him. The best pickpockets have small hands with long, muscular fingers, the hands kept soft by washes of soda and use of cold cream.

Surgeon Sews Heart and

Saves Life of Young Man

EAST ST. LOUIS.—Dr. H. H. Weathers, a colored surgeon, performed an unusually dexterous emergency operation on a patient's wounded heart in St. Mary's hospital here the other day, colleagues of the doctor disclosed.

Nathaniel Pickeet, 22 years old, was taken to the hospital suffering from stab wounds, including a cut in the right auricle, one of the two upper heart valves that handle blood from veins.

The surgeon cut through the pericardium sac surrounding the pulsating heart and made a figure 8 suture. After two days Pickeet was reported recovering. He would have bled to death in a few minutes without the operation, doctors declare.

A figure 8 suture is a type of continuous stitch that covers a large or small territory. In the language of the layman, one wound in Pickeet's heart required three stitches.

Astride Cleft in Torn

Ship, He Takes Her In

PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA.—Standing astride a crack in the deck of a ship almost split in two by a torpedo explosion, the master felt vibration whether his vessel was likely to break in two. She did not and he brought her safely home to a South African port, spending most of the time on a nightmare voyage with one foot on either side of the crack.

"I don't quite know what held her together," he said. "Only our prayers, I guess, or the grace of God did it."

After inspecting the torn hull and twisted deck plates, a naval officer described the crew's feat in getting the ship to port as "a miracle of seamanship."

Here's a Bus Driver

Who Isn't a Know-It-All

LOS ANGELES.—The lady on the bus was entranced by the great purple flowering jacaranda trees on every side as she approached Los Angeles, Calif., and turned to the bus driver. "What do you call those?" she asked. "Huh?" he said in genuine surprise. "Why, lady, I wouldn't know. I'm fresh from Minnesota." Then turning to his passengers somewhat in the vein of the shipwrecked Shakespearean character in "Twelfth Night" who said: "What country, friends, are these?" he called: "Say, pals, are them trees or aren't they?"

Endurance of Youth Has

Certain Limits, Also

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — Six-year-old Jerry Larrimore, along with his sister, Aileen, five, are believed to have established a world record as picture fans. They entered a movie house as soon as it opened in the morning and were asleep in their seats when the janitor closed for the night. In the meantime, they had seen seven features, four newsreels, four government shorts, four cartoons, one preview and a stage show.

STATE PRISON LAND LEASED TO HIGH BIDDERS

Announcement was made early this week that the board for lease of Texas prison lands had accepted high bids totaling \$107,096 for leases on six tracts of prison land on the Ramsey farm in Brazoria County.

Lease awards went to the following: Atlantic Refining Company of Dallas, \$14,800 for lease of approximately 480 acres in tract A, and \$12,640 for 640 acres in tract F.

Standard Oil Company of Texas, \$8,448 and \$800 delay rental for 880 acres in tract B; \$35,712 and 720 delay rental for 720 acres in tract C; \$27,056 and \$60 delay rental for 760 acres in tract D; \$5,760 and \$640 delay rental for 640 acres in tract E.

A wider variety of rationed meats will be available to the housewife during the low ebb of meat production next spring as a result of a rationing plan, announced today by the Office of Price Administration, which encourages meat wholesalers to fill their storage freezers between now and mid-January, the peak period

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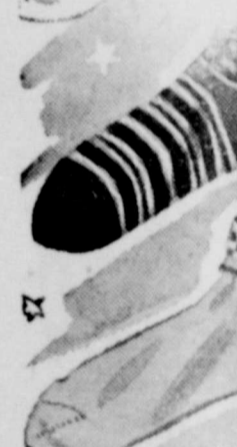


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