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Annie Elizabeth Steen Dies

Elizabeth Steen (nee ... was born August 17, ... Claborn Parish, Louisiana ... died Friday, August 4th, ... 225 West California ... Floydada, at 3:45 o'clock

daughter of Robt. L. ... Elizabeth (Boring) ... E. Grigsby came to ... Texas, in early ... and grew up at Hamil- ... son County, Texas;

in September of 1880 ... married to Thomas Pierce ... preceded her in death ... is interred in Floydada

union were born three ... four daughters, two of ... daughters have passed on. ... sons and daughters are ... T. Steen, Norman, Ok- ... Festus A. Steen, Seal ... California; Homer Steen, ... Mrs. E. C. Mince, Lo- ... California; and Mrs. R. B. ... 17175 Cherrylawn, De- ... Michigan.

surviving are three broth- ... I. and J. T. Grigsby of ... Arizona, and Jimmie ... of Seal Beach, California, ... Mrs. M. A. Grigs- ... three half sisters and four ... uncles, all of Dallas. ... when came to Floydada in ... of 1900 and except for a ... of nine years spent in Calif- ... made her home here until ... of her death.

was a long-time member of ... of the Eastern Star, of ... Women Circle, and a mem- ... of the church since early ... ed. ... services were held at ... Methodist Church Sunday,

August 6, 1944, Rev. Phil H. Gates, officiating.

Pallbearers were: Luther Fry, B. F. McIntosh, P. Q. Haney, Jim Young, Phil Steen and Maurice Steen. Interment was made in Floydada cemetery with Harmon Funeral Home in charge of arrangement.

Dewey Predicts Himself as Next President

St. Louis, Mo.—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, calling the "problem of friction between local and federal governments" solved so far as the Republican party is concerned, recently predicted his own election to the presidency in November "regardless of the war news."

Winding up a series of political conferences after a two-day meeting with the other Republican governors, the GOP nominee told a news conference a complete unity of thinking had been achieved as between 26 points of views represented by the heads of the state governments who were present.

HERBERT D. WISDOM WOUNDED IN SERVICE

The Navy Department casualty list released for publication in newspapers Wednesday afternoon, August 9, 1944 includes one name from Floyd County. WISDOM, Herbert D., Private, first class, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve. Wounded. Mother, Mrs. Thelma Ruth Weaver, 229 West Houston Street, Floydada.

Misses Ruby Norton and Miss Sudie Miller returned home last week from San Diego, California, where they spent their vacation and worked in defense plants part of the time.



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Farm Labor Situation in Texas Is Easing

College Station.—July ended with a marked easing in the farm labor situation in Texas, according to C. Hohn, state farm labor supervisor for the A. and M. College Extension Service. Although labor is needed in scattered places for cotton hoeing and harvesting of vegetables, operating tractors and for year-round employment, the labor may show no tight spots. With the harvesting of wheat and small grain crops tapering off, Hohn considered the situation well under control pending developments in the rice harvest in the gulf coast region and the West Texas grain harvest. The peak had been passed in gathering the grain sorghum crop in south Texas.

It is expected that the rice harvesting will begin during the first half of August. As much of the crop is late the harvest likely will spread over several months. War prisoners will constitute the chief labor supply for this job. Excellent moisture conditions is pushing the west Texas sorghum crop to maturity and August may see a considerable area ready for the combines. Already cutting has started in a few of the southern sections of the low rolling plains. A record yield is expected. The clean-up of the Panhandle wheat harvest, especially in Dal-

lam County, was hampered by rain late in the month, but the interference was not serious since 70 per cent of the cutting had been completed. The uncut fields were expected to be in stubble at the end of the month. Reports from the Panhandle area indicate that several counties need tractor operators and year-round farm hands. The supply of cotton pickers in the Lower Rio Grand Valley and the Corpus Christi area appeared to be satisfactory. Cotton was opening in Cameron County and picking had begun in the Corpus Christi region. But it was getting off to a slow start in Hidalgo County. Crops in the central and northern sections of the blackland area had been laid by with haymaking the only important occupation immediately ahead. All of the area needed rain and cotton picking started in Karnes County the last week of the month. Many farmers are moving to defense plants and industry until fall. Crops in east Texas also have been gathered and farmers are turning to war industries, oil fields and saw mills for employment during the slack season, Hohn says.

SECOND SUNDAY SINGING TO MEET PROMPTLY AT TWO O'CLOCK

The regular second Sunday singing will meet at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the First Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to attend.

ACCIDENTS CAUSE LOSS OF MANY MAN-DAY HOURS

Austin, August 10th.—With the United States experiencing a loss of more than six million man-days per month in defense industries alone from accidents and illness, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, state health officer, is intensifying the Texas State Health Department's effort to cut down the total days lost in this state. "The number of man-days lost from accidents alone each month reaches an alarming total. But when we consider that there are nine times more absentees from communicable and other diseases it becomes apparent," Dr. Cox asserted, "why it is necessary to urge that each individual protect his own health to the best of his ability."

SACRED MUSIC BEING STRESSED AT TSCW

To enable more graduates to assist in the churches of Texas, the music department at Texas State College for Women, Denton, plans to stimulate interest in the study of organ and sacred music this year. Dr. Robert Griswold, New York organist, has been added to the faculty.

The man who never thought any thing of walking ten miles a day now has a son who never thinks of it either.

The Hummingbird is the only known bird that can fly backward as well as forward.

Grading Benefits Group Paying Dividends

Grading of eggs is paying dividends to an egg marketing association at Windthorst, Archer County. The members are receiving six cents more per dozen than their neighbors who are selling ungraded eggs, Mrs. Emma Lou Blocker, county home demonstration agent, has reported to the A. and M. College Extension Service.

In late July members were receiving 33 1-3 cents per dozen. The Association sells its eggs twice each week to a Wichita Falls hotel, and producers take turns in delivering them.

Miss Myrtle Murray, home industries specialist for the A. and M. College Extension Service, says this organized method of marketing has resulted from the excellent demonstration in production and marketing carried on by a teen-age 4-H Club girl, Lena Hilbers who lives near Windthorst.

Canning of Butter Is Possible Under Right Conditions

Canning of butter is possible, but it is practical only under certain conditions.

This opinion comes from Mrs. Winifred J. Leverenz, specialist in food preservation for the A. and M. College Extension Service, who says she has received numerous inquiries on the subject from homemakers throughout the state.

Unlike "Army spread" which is said to withstand melting at high temperatures, canned butter is not mixed with defatted vegetable oils. On the contrary, Mrs. Leverenz says the most important step is to begin with a pure, good quality butter made from sweet or slightly sour cream. Pasteurized sweet cream can be made into a butter which will keep longer.

The specialist says it is important to wash the milk "out of the butter, but it should not be "worked" too much. Addition of three-fourths tablespoon of salt to each pound helps both the flavor and keeping quality. Enamelled tin cans are best, but jars can be used if they can be stored in a dark place, or wrapped in paper to keep out the light.

Canned butter is not heated. Mrs. Leverenz says the cans should be filled with butter, and only a small amount should be placed in the can at a time. Tight packing to remove air spaces is one of the secrets of successful preservation. There should be no space between the lid and the butter. After the can is sealed it is not processed but stored in as cool a place as possible, preferably in a freezer locker or in a place where the temperature remains 70 degrees F., such as a cellar. The lower the temperature, the longer canned butter will keep.

Families who have difficulty in keeping a year 'round supply of butter may find it practical to can some while milk production is seasonably high, the specialist says. She adds that it is also possible to preserve butter in a brine.

Mrs. Lawrence Ball, of Plains, Kansas visited Sunday and Monday with her sister, Mrs. Lee Howard and Mr. Howard.

Debts are the only things which expand when contracted.

The Kingbird can sight a small insect flying 50 yards away.

Spotlight on Soil And Water Conservation

College Station.—Soil and water conservation in Texas will be in the spotlight during August.

Governor Coke Stevenson has issued a proclamation designating August 18 as Soil and Water Conservation Day in Texas and supervisors of the 125 soil conservation districts in the state are making plans for its proper observance.

According to Paul G. Haines, soil and water conservation specialist for the A. and M. College Extension Service, programs being prepared for the occasion are expected to result in the greatest educational value. These include meetings, tours of inspection, exhibits, and talks on conservation at luncheon clubs.

The supervisors of soil conservation districts in northwest Texas and the Panhandle will meet at Childress on August 16. The principal subject for discussion will be post war plans for soil and water conservation.

Hardeman, Foard, Cottle and Motley counties will vote August 12 on the creation of soil and water conservation districts. Creation of districts in these counties would complete the coverage of Extension District three, which comprises 20 counties from Montague and Wise westward to Kent, Dickens and Motley.

NEW EAR PROTECTOR IS OFFICIALLY ADOPTED BY THE U. S. NAVY

A new ear protector, called an ear warden, which guards the wearer against the severe noise shocks of gun blasts and the high noise levels of Diesel and airplane engines has been officially adopted by the Navy. Issue of the device will begin soon.

Known officially as the V-51 (R) NDRC Ear Warden, the new device represents extensive research on prevention of damage to hearing from intense sound. Tests give it an insulation index of 113 against 38 for cotton, heretofore used by the Navy, and indexes ranging from 72 to 106 for other types of ear protectors. Its high insulation index will greatly lessen the hazard of partial and temporary deafness resulting from such continuous loud noises as the roar of airplane and PT boat engines and the constant backdrop of sound in engine rooms.

Airplane pilots, for example, will be less likely to suffer the permanent hearing loss which is known to flight surgeons as "aviator's notch." This hearing loss resulting from continued exposure to engine and other noise, is called a "notch" because it represents a small dip in an individual's hearing chart or audiogram in the region of 4,000 sound cycles per second. Not infrequently, long exposure to noise is a factor in permanent deafness.

Even more serious occurrences which the Ear Warden will make less likely are the ruptured eardrums and traumatic deafness which result from the pressure waves of nearby gunfire and explosions. Still another possible use of ear wardens is by paratroopers dropping into enemy territory, who can be protected from the temporary hearing losses which are caused by an hour or two in a noisy plane.

Sergeant Mark W. Duncan, of Houston, is spending several days here visiting his sister, Mrs. Maude E. Hollums, and attending to business matters.

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RURAL AID SCHOOLS WIN \$4 HIKE IN PER CAPITA

By William M. Thornton, in The Dallas Morning News

Austin, Texas, August 4.—According to information taken from the records of the equalization division of the State Department of Education the recent action of the State Board of Education in adding \$4 per capita to the school apportionment will not benefit the equalization-aid schools, commonly termed rural-aid schools.

It was explained in the division offices that the salaries of teachers and other expenses are definitely limited by being written into the present law and that the law will require this increase in the apportionment to be included as receipts in the budget of such schools, causing the amount of aid permitted by

law to be decreased accordingly. The next rural-aid year starts on Sept. 1 and continues through Aug. 31, 1945, with the Legislature meeting next January. The total appropriation for the rural schools is \$8,830,990 of which \$5,378,420 is allocated to the payment of teachers' salaries.

PAY SCHEDULES REGULATED

Section 2 of the act reads that the base pay for classroom teachers in accredited schools shall be \$95 per month for eight months and then \$100 per month for nine months in accredited schools. Also, that \$2.50 per month is added for each year of college credit, not to exceed \$10, and \$1.50 added per month for each year of teaching experience, not to exceed \$15 per month.

After prescribing details of paying teachers the section concludes,

"should any school district eligible to receive salary aid under the provisions of this act maintain a salary schedule in excess of the salary schedule stated herein with revenue listed as receipts in the budget, the amount of salary aid received by such school district shall be reduced by the amount of such excess." This last clause could be repealed or amended by the Legislature early next January to make the rural-aid schools eligible for the \$4 per capita addition.

FINANCIALLY WEAK DISTRICTS

There are 3,436 financially weak districts that employ 16,233 teachers for 473,715 scholastics that receive equalization aid and will not be able to participate in additional funds as compared to the larger schools that will get a direct benefit from this increased per capita. Thus the present annual salary limit of \$967.50 for beginning teachers with degrees and \$1,125 for teachers with ten years of experience and masters' degrees remains unchanged so far as 16,233 teachers in the state are concerned.

Senators A. M. Aikin of Paris and Charles R. Jones of Bonham tother with Representatives R. L. Proffer of Denton and W. R. Chambers of May introduced bills in the Senate and House respectively during the Forty-Eighth Legislature that would have pre-

vented this distraction against these 3,436 districts that are financially weak. The Forty-Ninth Legislature will have the opportunity of changing the present law to provide something similar to the Aikin-Proffer proposal in order to keep many rural-aid schools from closing for lack of teachers who are naturally interested in teaching positions in the larger schools that are in a position to raise salaries as a result of this additional apportionment.

More than one dog has lost an eye in attacking the long-legged, long-necked Sandhill Crane, a valiant fighter which dances about a foe, lunging deftly with its weapon-like pointed bill.

Ostriches don't hide their heads in the sand, but one western frog when frightened, jumps head first into the mud, leaving its posterior sticking out in ludicrous fashion.

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Body Aids Crop Reports

Farmers Keep U.S. on Conditions; Interest Is Keen.

WASHINGTON — The periodic reports issued by the Department of Agriculture are the work of some 600,000 farmers in 48 states and a host of processors, bankers, warehousemen, and others in sending information to the government. Paul L. ... of the division of agricultural statistics, reported.

The 600,000 farmers, are the crop correspondents who stand ready to report on corn, oats, wheat, soybeans, on livestock and other conditions. ... and local dealers produce numbering approximately 60,000 report several times on prices received by them and the prices they pay for the things they buy. ... of the 90,000 elevators, warehouses, sugar beet factories, establishments, canneries, other processors and other farm products.

Food Conscious. ... before has food been the subject of conversation and interest as it is today, said Koenig. ... and workers, in fact all have become intensely interested in the wide use made of agricultural reports. Koenig ... and state legislators and administrators concerned with the equilibrium of the national plant in the total picture, likewise are dependent on the mouth-by-mouth and nose-by-nose reports as a basis for policy and actions.

Report On Reports. ... and truck carriers, storage depots, processors and other enterprises whose products move from the production to the point of sale require dependable reports on agricultural conditions and prospects in some detail. ... their operations will be economically effected. ... quickened interest and extended needs for basic livestock estimates has not pronounced expansion in volume and character of estimating and reporting a crop of comparative importance not so many years ago as to national prominence in a very few years.

By Food Overseas. ... of food crops and products particularly adaptable for overseas because they can be converted into foodstuffs, and thus save limited shipping space. ... of this type, such as dried peas, rice, cheese, eggs and potatoes, new and improved reports were needed to supply their availability for location. Vegetable and agricultural seeds, as a group, generally assumed a tremendous importance in the wartime

unusual demands a wide range of special reports has had to be made for some 80 crops of every kind. For 50 major kinds of crops alone, upon which attention had previously been given, the reports covering yield, production and other data among the first to be prepared to meet primary needs soon after the opening of the present war.

Buy Rights to West Rubber Process
WASHINGTON, DEL.—Russia is buying rights to the process of neoprene synthetic rubber as a result of negotiations by the U. S. government, ... Du Pont de Nemours and Co. which developed the process.

Bouts Favored Army Men in Field
MEMPHIS, TENN.—According to Capt. ... special service officer ... bouts are the most popular form of entertainment for personnel. Captain Benson ... that more officers and men ... for boxing bouts sponsored by the department than at other recreational features.

Call Yanks Hotsah Tovarich'
MEMBER BASE IN ENGLAND — Fortress crews on the Atlantic raid to Russia and ... up a Russian vocabulary. They learned "hotsah" means "give me a drink." "Za lybu chibya" is Russian for "I love you." The Russian word "hotsah" means "good com-

Too Much Soaking May Hinder Monday Wash

Soaking, soaping and scrubbing may hinder rather than help the housewife do her Monday wash. While the dirt in white cottons and linens is loosened by a two-hour soak in soft, lukewarm, soapy water, longer than overnight soaking may do more harm than good, allowing the soil in the water to be drawn back into the fibers of the cloth.

Just enough soap should be used to make a suds two inches thick when thoroughly dissolved, as too much soap may cause the machine to overflow and is a wasteful practice as well. Too thin a suds, however, is inefficient and more soap should be added if suds thin out to less than an inch. When necessary a good water softener may be added to the water before soap and clothes are put in. Dirt goes back into clothes if they are washed too long. Too long washing, or too hot water shrinks woollens making them harsh, so hand washing is recommended as safer than machine washing for wool fabrics.

Allow seven to ten minutes of machine agitation for badly soiled cottons, and five to seven minutes if they are slightly soiled. Only three to five minutes is sufficient for rayons and silks. Clean suds are in order if clothes are not clean in ten minutes though in hand washing a slightly longer time may be necessary. But long, hard rubbing will not get clothes clean if the water needs changing.

Take Closet Inventory To Relieve Clutter

A few hours devoted to cleaning out closets can contribute mightily to giving new life and new use to neglected articles.

The best way to inventory a closet is to empty it completely. Wash the shelves, the rods, hooks and floor, using warm sudsy water. Put back the clothes that are in good condition, but keep out the garments that have been saved because "some day I may do something with this old thing." Go through the boxes and make sure that you need all the articles, then paste a label on each box with a list of contents.

When the closet is clean and orderly, study the collection of discarded items to see how they can be made useful to someone else. Have a washday for the cast-off clothes, the portieres that you haven't used for ten years, and the other fabrics you don't want any more. If you aren't clever about re-using material, give the clean things to someone who is. There are thousands of new homemakers who are only too happy to "inherit" such things, and dozens of organizations that are glad to get them.

Sea Water

Rafts and life boats will probably soon be equipped with a simple method of chemical desalination—the most practical method of producing drinkable water from the sea yet devised except distillation. The equipment, invented by the navy, is a marvel of compactness and simplicity. There are two chemical compounds compressed to the size of a bar of soap—and four plastic bags having a capacity of a quart each. Sea water is transformed in the following manner: one of the chemical compounds is dissolved in a bag filled with sea water—this eliminates several of the unpotable elements in the water. Next the liquid is poured into a second bag which contains a filter sack. By this time the water is saltless, but it is entirely too alkaline to drink. The alkali is removed by pouring the water into the third bag where the second chemical is dissolved—then the water is finally filtered into the fourth bag and is palatable.

Paint Designs

Many an attic will yield a piece of fine old furniture with designs of flowers, fruit or foliage carved in relief in the Victorian manner. The flowers, fruit or foliage on such pieces can be painted in natural colors after the piece has been sandpapered and given an all-over finish suitable for a background. Some very novel effects may be achieved in this way. Knobs and handles can be similarly finished in bright colors—or if they are broken or ill-matched, new handles or knobs may be substituted for the old ones and brightly decorated.

Other of the older pieces of furniture may seem to call for refinishing in a way which will retain the grain of the wood, and in such cases clear finishes should be used. If badly stained or spotted, a thorough sandpapering and a judicious staining should be effective in bringing out the grain of the wood.

Poison Ivy

Poison ivy is dangerous during all seasons of the year, the department of agriculture points out, although it is most poisonous during the spring and summer when its leaves are greenest and the sap most abundant. While some of the strength is lost as the leaves begin to turn red toward the end of August, the stems and roots are capable of causing severe poisoning even in the winter when the leaves are gone. Poison ivy presents a hazard when brush is being cleared, and even when the plants have been cut and dried for burning, the smoke may carry sufficient poison to cause injury.

HARVESTING LEGUME AND GRASS SEED UNDER PRODUCTION PRACTICE PROGRAM

Several inquiries have been received in the County Office relative to the \$3.50 payment for the harvesting of legume and grass seeds under the 1944 production practice program.

Ray S. McEntire, administrative officer of Floyd County ACA, in clarifying the requirements for the practice, said, "In order to comply with the specifications as outlined in the 1944 handbook it will be necessary for the farm operators to report the percent purity of the seed harvested. This can be determined only by having a seed purity test made. Purity tests as made for producers by reputable seed testing laboratories are acceptable. It is anticipated that farmers will use the facilities of the State Department of Agriculture inasmuch as this agency performs the service of furnishing seed tests without charge and in all cases gives preference to seed samples as submitted by farmers.

"Seed samples should be submitted by the farmer to The Seed Laboratory Division, State Department of Agriculture, Austin, Texas."

In submitting the samples, the samples should be submitted in strong containers, preferable in strong cotton bags; attach a strong tag to the sample clearly showing the names and addresses of the seed testing laboratory and the sender. A one pound sample should be submitted for corn, cotton, vetch, hegari, sudan, milo, rye, and similar grains. Alfalfa, ryegrass, millet, and similar size

grains should be submitted in 5 ounce samples. Grasses, white clover, and similar size grains should be submitted in 2 ounce samples.

"To further qualify for the payment," McEntire said, "after obtaining the purity test, the acreage harvested and the total weight of the seed harvested should be turned in to the county office with the purity test. Sales tickets, weight receipts, and thresher receipts will be acceptable as evidence in determining the weight of the seed harvested."

Since the practice is unlimited and above the farm allowance it is extremely important that every farmer who carries out this practice be given credit. This can only be done when the requirements outlined have been met. For further information see the local ACA office.

STATE LEGISLATION AFFECTING WELFARE OF TEXAS SCHOOL TEACHERS

Austin, Texas, August 10th.—State legislation affecting the welfare of Texas school teachers is one of the topics up for discussion here this week when school teachers—college and public alike—convene for the Fifth Annual Professional Relations Conference.

Dr. Alfred Laurence Hall-Quest of New York University, Prof. George B. Wilcox of Texas A. and M., and Rep. R. L. Proffer of Denton are here as speakers and participants in the panel discussions.

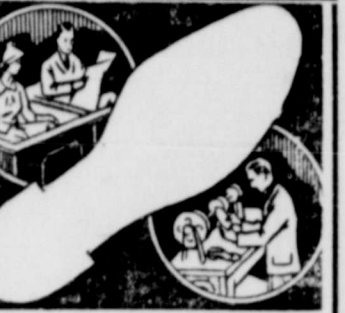
The teachers will also discuss the problems of improving the relations of educational personnel and other problems of the profes-

PORTUGUESE ADDED TO LANGUAGE STUDIES AT WOMEN'S COLLEGE

Study of the Portuguese language will begin this fall at Texas State College for Women. Two courses will be given, Dr. Rebecca Switzer, foreign languages director, announces.

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Japs Live Like Hunted Beasts

Usual Rations Cut Off, They Thrive on Wood Pulp, Roots and Bark.

WITH THE AMERICAN INFANTRY DIVISION ON BOUGAINVILLE.—Beaten back into the dark recesses of the jungle, remnants of the once proud Imperial Jap forces on this tropical island have been forced to supplement their scanty rations with wood pulp, roots and certain barks of trees.

Their supply cut off by the American navy and their gardens on the east coast sprayed with diesel oil, the Jap has been forced to live like a hunted animal.

But the Jap soldier is unbelievably tough and has been conditioned over years to live on a handful of rice and a few scraps of dried fish.

With rice and fish rations cut off, the Jap has improvised means of his own, and is doing a surprisingly good job of it. Japs recently killed by American patrols are strong, appear well fed, and still show plenty of fight when cornered along jungle trails.

A recent patrol surprised a Jap carrying party near the Kuma road. Both sides saw each other about the same time. The Japs threw down their packs and fled. The packs, made from sheller halves with vines for carrying straps, contained foot long slabs of what appeared to be heavy wood.

Chase Japs to Lair.

Lieut. James N. Alsop of Greenwood, Miss., leader of the platoon which surprised the Japs, and his men chased the Japs up the trail and after scouring the surrounding jungle found a large bivouac area. Fires were still burning, and food was being prepared.

Other slabs of the wood were found, and an improvised grater made from an oil drum was being used to shred the fibrous pulp into mash. This mash when cooked tasted like sweetened starch, not unpleasant.

The platoon found a considerable amount of the food stored in the area and in individual lean-tos. The Americans found small squares of the uncooked pulp each wrapped in banana leaves, and stored under blankets. The tree from which the slabs had been cut looked like a banana tree, except it was larger and had a rough stalklike trunk. It has been tentatively identified as a type of Sago palm.

In the same area, however, the patrol found a large number of meat rations, individually canned similar to the American C ration. The meat was of a paste-like consistency, but the Americans did not taste it. There was also plenty of small tins of canned heat, which the Jap soldier carries to cook his own rations. They found neither rice nor dried fish.

Variety of Food in Jungles.

Uniforms, while dirty, were still stout, and shoes were of good condition, both the regular hob-nail field shoe, and the canvas rubber soled jungle sneakers.

The Jap soldier does not always wear his shoes. Feet are tough and calloused and he can flee through the jungle, clad only in a G-string, as speedily and with as much stealth as a native.

The fact is, he apparently doesn't have to go without clothing or shoes, but he can when it finally becomes necessary and may live in the jungle indefinitely if he is abandoned to his fate.

Other patrols have discovered areas where the Japs have gathered yam-like roots, and where they have stripped bark from trees.

Medical experts here estimate there are 18 different types of food growing in the jungle, suitable to sustain life. Natives have pigs, and wild pigs are occasionally shot. Consensus is the Jap may be driven to live like the natives, his arms may rust away, but he won't starve.

Man Is 'Too Good,' So His Wife Leaves Him

CINCINNATI.—When James L. Allen, 37, Cincinnati toolmaker, returned to his home last January 5, Elsie Allen, 33, whom he had married December 29, 1933, was missing, but there was a note telling him that she would not return.

Allen told this at the hearing of his divorce petition. He presented the note. It told Allen that his wife considered him "too good" for her and that she had brought him nothing "but misery and heartaches."

"The kindest thing I can do is to get out of your life," she wrote. "It will be hard for both at first, but we will get over it. Just remember me as a bad dream. I will be gone by the time you get here, and you are a fool if you ever give me a second thought."

Judge Hoffman granted a divorce.

Finds Cache of Gold In Bahama Isle Cave

NASSAU, BAHAMAS.—The government announced that \$1,570 in U. S. gold coins, some dated as late as 1907, has been found in a cave on Exuma island. George Cooper, the finder, delivered the gold to Sidney Eldon, receiver of crown dues, and was paid an equivalent amount in British currency.

Garden Pests Take Toll of Early Plants

Fleabeetles do much damage to early transplants and to young seedlings coming up through the soil. As they are only the size of a pinhead, the gardener seldom notices them until they have riddled the leaves with small holes. To repel these beetles, use rotenone, cryolite, calcium or lead arsenate, or Bordeaux mixture.

Cutworms which cut off plants at the ground level are usually most serious in plantings of tomatoes, cabbage, pepper, broccoli and other transplants. Tar-paper discs used for control of cabbage maggot will protect plants of the cabbage family, but should not be used on tomatoes or other plants with tender stems. For these plants, wrap several thicknesses of newspaper about the stems, reaching from below ground level to the lower leaves.

If cutworms damage seedlings of peas, corn or other row crops, mix a poison bait of 1 tablespoonful of paris green with 1 quart of dry bran or flake breakfast cereal, 3 tablespoonfuls of molasses and about ½ cupful of water. Scatter this lightly between the rows at dusk.

Colorful Cassia Versatile Flower for Garden

Cassia marilandica (common names—wild senna; Indian senna; American Senna) is an easily grown hardy perennial herb that you will welcome to your garden. It is very suitable for use as a background in the perennial border, as a filler in front of shrubbery, or in a foundation group. It reaches a height of three to five feet.

The cassia group includes herbs, shrubs and trees of the pea family. The trees, however, are mostly tropical, but several of the herbs are suitable for temperate regions. Leaves and pods of some species of this group are used in medicine.

The foliage of cassia marilandica is pinnate, resembling locust foliage, and blossoms are racemes of showy yellow flowers, somewhat similar to those of the canary vine. The flowers are beautiful in a bouquet with white phlox. Flowers are borne in June and July.

Cassia marilandica is not particular as to soil, but will do best on a sandy loam; this plant is a sun-lover and the soil should not be too wet.

Landing Mats

Utilization of sectional landing mats for war planes has been developed to a point where a runway 3,000 feet long and 150 feet wide can be laid down in a day. Their rapidly mounting use against the Germans and Japs has necessitated exceedingly rapid production.

The mats are manufactured from 10-gauge steel sheets in sections 19 inches wide and 10 feet long, properly punched and slotted so that untrained workers without special tools can quickly link them together for military use. For protection against every kind of weather it is necessary that they be painted with a durable finish. As an aid to camouflage, an olive green paint is used. Combined with the open design of the mat sections, this gives the mats the appearance of the kind of terrain on which they are generally used. A continuous finishing system degreases, dips, dries, bakes and cools the landing mats as fast as they can be turned out, and can be stepped up to even higher speed if necessary. Electronic safety controls which guard against almost any kind of mishap in the factory processes constitute a modern factor in this accelerated production.

Harrow Fields

Farmers find it pays to harrow their fields just before planting the crops, to kill the sprouting weeds. They often harrow the entire field after the seeds of certain crops have been planted, to kill the weeds in the surface soil and to give the crop plants a good start.

Gardeners will find the same practice pays: cultivate the ground before planting, and cultivate the soil between the rows as soon as the ground is dry enough to stir after a rain, and whenever the weeds are seen peeping above the soil. When the seeds are just sprouting, thousands can be destroyed in a few minutes. A week or two later the same job might take hours.

Straight, well marked rows are an advantage in early cultivation, as the scuffle bar on the wheelhoe can then be run close to the crop plant seedlings.

Picturesque Country

Since the day in 1778 when Captain John Carver published a little book about his explorations in the wilderness country that is now Wisconsin, succeeding generations of outdoorsmen and sportsmen have made the Boulder Junction area the destination of their travels.

First came the fur trappers and after them the loggers to harvest the virgin timber of the northland. Logging camps sprang up with their primitive picturesque messhouses, storehouses, bunkhouses, and rugged machinery. They were communities within themselves, even to maintaining their own courts which fined a guilty party so much smoking and plug tobacco for his misdemeanor. They created their own festivals which still survive in the celebrated log rolling contests and other feats of woodsmen's skill.

Apricots Bought Cooperatively Net Saving

One hundred lugs of apricots, principally for home canning, recently were purchased by the marketing committee of the Ward County Home Demonstration Council. Each lug weighed about 24 pounds and cost \$4.00.

The cooperative order saved the women about 18 cents per pint or about \$414 on the canned fruit for the family. Each lug averaged 23 pints of canned fruit costing 20 cents including sugar. One hundred families from five communities benefited from the enterprise, according to Ozella Hunt Ward County home demonstration agent.

In the near future the committee plans to buy peaches, late vegetables, and apples through pooled orders, Miss Hunt has notified Myrtle Murray, home industries specialist for the A. and M. College Extension Service.

Cpl. Douglas Hollums arrived Friday from Camp Shelgy, Mississippi, on a ten day leave. He is visiting his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Hollums and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hollums.

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