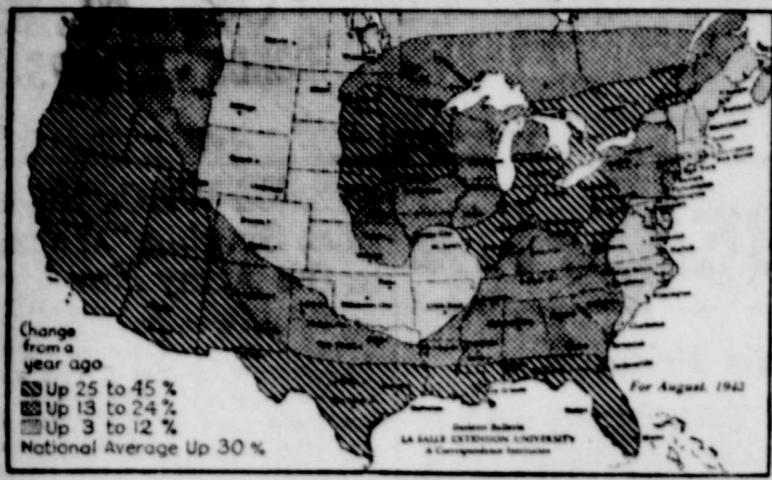




### Crop Production Hinges on Many Factors



By L. G. ELLIOTT  
President, LaSalle Extension University.

The success of the 1943 farm program will be gauged solely upon the single standard of the quantity of farm products which find their way into the designated channels for food consumption and industrial use. At the present time, growing conditions are quite satisfactory, with crops estimated at about 10 per cent above the average of recent years, although not as large as the record 1942 production. Two factors have influenced this fine showing. Weather conditions improved materially following the excessively wet spring, but this alone would not have resulted in the encouraging outlook, had it not been for the almost superhuman efforts put forth by American farmers.

Two handicaps which farmers have worked hard to overcome have been the shortages of farm help and of machinery and equipment. Employment on farms has dropped almost a quarter of a million persons since a year ago, and this shortage is going to have its greatest effect upon the harvesting of crops. In many communities, the available labor supply is scarcely large enough to harvest all crops in time. Anticipating this, farmers have changed to raising crops which require less labor in both cultivating and harvesting wherever possible.

Acresage Up.  
If weather conditions continue to be favorable, farmers will harvest crops from about 347 million acres, or about seven million more than last year. Yields per acre will be slightly less, but not far from average. The greatest increases in acresage have been in corn, spring wheat, and several other crops that

were expanded due to special changes made necessary by the war. The most important of these are flax, soybeans, peanuts, and potatoes. Acresage of these crops have increased five million. Cotton is the only major crop of which the acresage has been reduced. It is 6 per cent below last year and 25 per cent below the average of recent years. Supplies of old cotton now on hand amount to about a normal year's production and will be enough to meet the large demand.

More livestock are being raised than ever before. The increase since a year ago amounts to 10 per cent, with the greatest gains in cattle and hogs. They have increased more rapidly than supplies of feed and the amount of grain available for each animal will be lowest in eight years. Heavier marketings of livestock are likely this fall. Production of dairy and poultry products has been holding up unusually well. The output of milk is being maintained at close to the peak levels which have prevailed for many months and egg production is quite a little above all previous peaks.

Costs, Wages, and Prices Up.  
Farm costs are steadily rising and have increased close to 10 per cent during the last 12 months. Farm wage rates have risen 30 per cent. To meet these added costs, farmers are receiving close to 20 per cent higher prices and they have had larger quantities of products to sell. Total farm income this year will probably break all previous records, and may be as much as 20 per cent higher than last year.

In addition to the physical handicaps of getting the crops

from the field to the consumer, another factor has arisen which, if not checked, will have a serious effect upon the success of America's efforts on the food front. This is the operation of the "Black Market" which has already caused serious inroads upon the legitimate supply of poultry and meat. Not only do these illegal practices divert essential food products from authorized consuming channels where they are vitally needed and their distribution controlled, but a huge amount of by-products is lost to the consumer, and industry, as a result of this method of operation. This is particularly true of meat where, in addition to the serious threat to the nation's health which results from the unsanitary methods of slaughtering, hides and by-products are in many cases ruined or lost entirely because of unskilled handling or disregard of public welfare on the part of the unsanitary operators. Every farmer should aid in curbing this dangerous practice by selling all his products only to legitimate purchasers and only in accordance with established lawful procedure.

While farmers are working hard to turn out the foods and fibers that are needed, factory workers in cities are also producing more than ever before. The current output of all factories is 15 per cent higher than it was a year ago, and more than double the average output during the years before the war started. Incomes of individuals have risen because more people are at work for longer hours and in most cases at higher rates of pay. Total factory payrolls have much more than doubled during the last four years. The incomes of individuals have not increased quite so much but the consumer market for farm products is much larger than at any previous time.

Only part of the production of farms and factories is available for civilian consumers as the military forces and the requirements of lend-lease shipments are taking enormous quantities. The amount left for civilians, however, is large and merchants in rural areas as well as in cities report that sales are higher than they were last year. Reductions in some lines of goods that are no longer manufactured for civilians have been more than offset by increases in other lines. That trend will continue and apart from the inconveniences of rationing and other war restrictions, this will be one of the most prosperous business years we have ever had.

spent Sunday night and Monday with their brother, Mr. Patterson. They came to Meridian to attend the funeral of their brother, Artie Patterson.

Mrs. Lizzie Hovey, who has been very ill at her home, is reported to be some better.

Mrs. Pike spent the week end in Dallas.

Bryan Bateman, who works in Fort Worth, spent the week end at home.

Mrs. C. L. Tidwell returned Sunday from Stephenville Hospital, and reported her daughter, Mrs. Newman, to be getting along as well as could be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Harris were in Stephenville Monday.

Mrs. Tommy Gregory and children returned Thursday from Smithville, where they have been for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carroll of Lamesa and their daughter, Miss Hazel, of Arlington, visited here Sunday and Monday with relatives. Mrs. Carroll is Mr. Laswell's niece.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy and children, Dorothy Ray, Ted, and Harold of Dallas spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Tidwell. The boys remained for a few days' visit.

Misses Mildred and Johnnie Jean Harper spent from Thursday till Sunday in De Leon with their cousin, Mrs. Lelan Neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Turner and baby of Dallas came in Sunday for a visit to his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Turner.

The Baptist pastor of Olin preached for Rev. Cundieff Sunday morning. All enjoyed the sermon.

Pvt. and Mrs. Ralph Echols of Waco spent the week end here with his parents and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McElroy.

## IREDELL ITEMS

by Miss Stella Jones, Local Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Myers of Dallas spent the past week here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Echols spent August 1 in Waco with their son, Pvt. Echols and wife.

Mrs. C. A. Mitchell and baby and her daughter, Mrs. Johnston, spent a few days in Temple with one of Mrs. Mitchell's brothers who was wounded in the Army.

Mrs. D. W. Appley who lives west of town spent Tuesday and Wednesday with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Clara Richard of Meridian spent Wednesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. French.

Mrs. P. W. Rogers came in recently from Greenville, S. C. where she was with her husband, L. E. Rogers. She will spend the duration with her mother, Mrs. Walter Tolliver.

Mrs. R. A. French fell on the cement walk at her home this past week and hurt both knees, which has caused her a great deal of pain.

Mrs. Raymond Proffitt left Wednesday for Dallas where she visited her husband. They returned home Friday and plan to move to Fort Worth soon.

Mrs. Frank Cunningham, who worked in Fort Worth, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fouts and children of Vernon are here visiting.

Harris Tidwell who is in the Navy and stationed in New York, came in Wednesday for a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Tidwell. He also visited his brother, Bobby, and wife in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Newman and sons of Silsbee are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Tidwell, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Newman.

Peggy June Tidwell was in Hico Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Pylant of Dallas returned home Friday after a visit to his parents.

Bobby Jack and Dennis Proffitt visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Appley, a few days this week. While her mother was gone, the baby stayed with his aunt, Mrs. Tom Strange.

Pvt. and Mrs. Albert Lynch came in Monday from Wisconsin on a furlough to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Lynch, and other relatives.

Mrs. Coleman Newman was taken to Stephenville Hospital Friday night, and was operated on Saturday. Her husband and her mother went with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pace spent the week end on her farm between Hico and Fair.

Mrs. R. Y. Patterson was called to Meridian Saturday. His brother, Artie, passed away Friday night with a heart attack.

Mrs. Viola Gaffney of Wichita, Kansas, visited her sister, Mrs. R. Jackson, this week.

A miscellaneous shower was given to Mr. and Mrs. John D. Smith Friday afternoon, August 6, at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Tidwell. She was assisted by Mrs. Lynn Sawyers. Mrs. Billy Echols presided over the bride's book. Refreshments of punch and cookies were served to the guests as they arrived. Mrs. Fanny Sawyers, Mrs. Lynn Sawyers, and Mrs. John Gordon put on a little playlet which was very good, and which all liked very much. Then the many nice and useful gifts were brought to the young couple. Some girls sang a song after which all departed for their home, declaring they had a fine time. The couple thanked the large crowd for the nice gifts.

Mrs. Rita Sanders is here visiting. She makes her home with her children.

Mrs. Lee McDonel, the former Miss Helen Harris, was honored Saturday afternoon with a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. Pike, who was assisted by Mrs. Ernest Alexander, Mrs. B. N. Strong, and Mrs. Wick Simpson. The gifts were all nice and useful. A large crowd of relatives

and friends were there. Refreshments of punch and cake were served. She was very proud of her nice gifts, and thanked all. She left Monday for Fort Worth to go back to her work.

Travis Lassiter of Cisco spent the week end with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Henrietta Lassiter.

Rev. Greenb closed a meeting at Cayote Sunday night, and returned home and started another meeting at Moshelm Friday night.

Misses Olena and Lela Ruth Ray of Clifton spent the week end with Earlene Lassiter.

Mrs. Bill Boyd of Tampa, Fla., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Davis.

Mrs. John Chawning left Wednesday for a visit with relatives in Abilene and some other Western towns.

Mrs. Burns and baby returned Saturday from Childress, where they visited.

Allen Linderman and a son of Fort Worth were recent visitors with his sister, Mrs. Pam Sawyers.

Mrs. Tom Gann of Waco and Mrs. Ida Bella of Fort Worth

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### Where Allies Ignited Italian Hotfoot



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### Sorry, These Clocks Are All Sold



Clocks are supposed to mark time. Not these, which were whisked away within an hour after this North Hollywood, Calif., store announced a sale. Robert Thorne, behind the counter, had little difficulty convincing customers of the value of this scarce article.

### As Russians Inched Toward Orel



Regimental guns of a Russian infantry battalion are made ready to support an advance in the sector south of Orel in this soundphoto from that area. The Germans put up a savage resistance as the Russians inched toward that city.

### WAC Ball Players After Practice



Members of a team of the North African Softball league, ride back to camp after a practice session. The league was organized by the Women's Army Corps.

### Benito Out—N. Y. Italians Cheer



New York's "Little Italy" went wild with joy at the news that Mussolini had been ousted from the Italian government. The "Lionel" family is pictured on the fire escape balcony outside the store, with a picture of President Roosevelt on the balcony.

## "Meet the People..."

(Each week in this space will be presented a picture and word portrait of someone whose name is news.)



Leo T. Crowley

For four years Leo T. Crowley has been working for the United States government without pay as chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and as Alien Property Custodian. So the financial sacrifice attending his appointment as director of the new Office of Economic Warfare is nothing foreign to him. His new salary has been estimated at approximately \$35,000 a year less than he has been receiving as chairman of the Standard Gas and Electric company.

Tall, white haired and ruddy faced, Crowley is a bachelor in his middle fifties who is deeply rooted in the business field with interests in chain stores, banks, service station chains, utilities, insurance companies, and paper factories.

In typical Horatio Alger style, Crowley worked as a delivery boy while in high school at Madison, Wis. He attended that state's university and at the age of 21 was president of the General Paper and Supply company of Madison.

The new OEW will take over the supervision of purchasing and stock piling abroad formerly administered by the now abolished Bureau of Economic Warfare. The financing of these operations, formerly a function of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, was also transferred to Crowley's office.

Crowley has made a practice of keeping clear of Washington squabbles. Although he is reported to have a quick Irish sense of humor, he is not known as a social lion.

### Guadalcanal Hero



His ship, carrying a cargo of gasoline, was struck and set afire. James Stalp, above, 23-year-old gunner from Nashville, Tenn., ran the length of the craft through the flames, rescued three men, then returned to his post despite the blaze and shot down a Japanese bomber.

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### THIS AND THAT

By JOE SMITH DYER

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But there came a day when this harmonious couple sold their parrot and the purchaser was the town gossip and that smart bird repeated what he had heard papa say to mama and what he had heard mama say to papa and things started along the grapevine.

Sincere people, who are mated right, never get mushy when they are out in a public place and neither do they say the little nasty, cutting things that leave their stink.

Out in company some people talk natural, talk normal, and are accepted as having harmony in their homes.

What takes place when they get home, behind closed doors, is only for Polly to say.

#### WATERPROOF TESTAMENTS:

The American Bible society has announced that, from now on, no man will be set adrift in a lifeboat without a testament. It will not be left to chance that the drifter has one in his pocket.

Testaments, with waterproof covers, will be an important part of the equipment carried in lifeboats of all merchant ships.

These testaments will bear the insignia of the Merchant Marine. Over 20,000 of these special volumes will be required.

#### WESTERN STAR:

Last March Stephen Benet died at 44, a beloved and honored person in American letters. He left behind him his completed novel, "Western Star" which has just been published by Farrar & Rinehart in New York. It is a story of the coming of the English to the shores of the new continent and he brings into action the men and women who gambled with death in weak ships and in an inhospitable new land.

In every line shines forth the author's love for his country and his understanding of its founders. On the top of the manuscript which he left lying on a table in his hospital room was this little verse:

"Now for my country that  
It still may live  
All this that I have, all that  
I am I'll give;  
It is not much beside the  
gift of the brave,  
And yet, accept it, since 'tis  
all I have."

Throughout the book there is an essence of what America is, and what it will be in the days to come.

#### WHO'S RIGHT?

Not long ago I mentioned in this column a popular book, "Chicken Every Sunday," the story of a boarding house in Phoenix, Arizona. The other day I had a letter from a man who lives in Phoenix in which he said: "You may be right and the author of the book may be right also, but if there's a single boarding house in Phoenix

servicing chicken every Sunday these days, I don't know where to find it."

A good book usually gives us the best it has and when we tire of it we may always make it "shut-up!"

### Altman

By Mrs. J. H. McAnelly

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Ballard and sons of Lanham were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hyles, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Curry and Mr. and Mrs. Dock Morgan of Carlton visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Jones Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Cozby were at the bedside of her grandmother Mrs. Byrd, who passed away at her home in Carlton Thursday afternoon. The funeral and burial were at Carlton Friday afternoon.

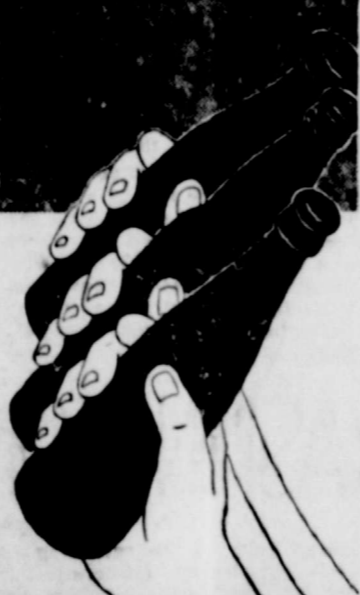
Mr. and Mrs. Bud Parrish and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parrish of Roscoe were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harve Yoakum.

Mr. Allen returned to Stephenville Friday after a week's visit in the John Moore home.

James Horace Clifton spent Friday night in Stephenville. Joe Moore returned home from Roscoe Sunday, where he had visited his sister.

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## Save Those VANISHING VITAMINS

### Do You Know That...



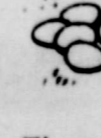
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# Personals.

Mrs. T. R. Beck of Fort Worth visited Tuesday with Mrs. C. D. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gatlin are visiting in Memphis, Texas, with relatives and friends.

Don Griffiths of Camp Hood visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Griffiths, the first of the week.

Mrs. Morgan Moon and little daughter of Camp Hood spent the first of the week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lester.

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Wade and daughter, Barbara Jean, of Brownwood are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Wade.

D. A. Izell and children moved to San Antonio last week to make their home. He has employment here as a welder.

Mrs. J. T. Eubanks and little son, "Butch," of Fort Worth visited here Saturday night with Mrs. Aline Adams.

Mrs. James H. Moore returned to her home in Fort Worth Wednesday after a visit of two weeks here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Barnett.

Joe Grimland of Camp Hood spent a short time in Hico Saturday on his way to Brownwood for a few days' visit with relatives.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Melbourne Resecke, a son, Saturday, August 8, at Stephenville Hospital. The young man has been named Rondo.

Mrs. C. F. Barnett was called to go to be with her mother, Mrs. B. Hulsey, who has been seriously ill, but who is slightly improving.

Tracy Bullard and children, one and Carol Ann, of Dallas visited here Monday with his mother, Mrs. Ella Bullard. They returned to Dallas Tuesday, accompanied by his mother, who will visit several weeks with them.

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Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Rosamond and little daughter, Dot, of Dallas spent the week end here with her mother, Mrs. Anna Driskell. They were accompanied home by their daughter, Pat, who had been visiting several weeks with her grandmother.

Little Misses Selette, Jimmie Gail and Gerline Barrow returned to their home in Alpine last week after spending the summer here with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Barrow. They were accompanied to Alpine by their grandfather who returned to Hico Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Toy Jones and little daughter, Loretta Ann, came over Tuesday from Dallas after his mother and sister, Mrs. Julius Jones and Mrs. Guy Willie, who had been visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hushel Williamson. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Willie plan to visit several days in Dallas before going to Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Lester enjoyed a homecoming of three of their four daughters last week in honor of Mr. Lester's birthday. Those here were Mrs. Jim Fry and family of Denton; Mrs. Perry P. Owen and family of Iredell; and Mrs. J. C. Cozby Jr. and children of Ranger. Mrs. Scott Spencer of Breckenridge was unable to be present.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jones were Mrs. Jones' aunts, Miss Maggie Avent and Mrs. Walter Watson of Hamilton, and her uncle, Rev. George F. Kornegay of Fort Worth. Rev. Kornegay is superintendent of the Superannuate Homes for the Central Texas Conference and delivered a sermon Sunday morning at the Hico Methodist Church.

F. S. Crafton, who sold out his feed store in Hico shortly before the first of the year and went to Cameron where he was engaged in a similar business, has sold out there he said when arriving in Hico Wednesday afternoon with the expectation of spending the rest of the week. Mrs. Crafton is in Mart visiting relatives until they are settled in another location.

Mr. and Mrs. Genry Dugat and party of Dallas, who had promised to stop over a while in Hico last Saturday morning on their way to the fourth annual Dugat reunion at Pettus, Texas, arrived here too early in the morning to find the News Review force on the job. A note left on the front door indicated that their trip was being carried out according to plan—if not a little ahead of schedule.

Mrs. O. M. Bramblett was called to Mineola last Friday morning by the illness of Mrs. Billy Hooks, her brother's wife. She expects to be gone about a week, during which she will also visit with her other brothers, Jap Hooks and Vird Hooks, and their families.

Mrs. C. E. Ogle has written to renew her subscription going to Box 157, South San Antonio, and added in a note: "Clifford said don't stop the paper if you expect us to stay down here and repair these planes. Just send us a bill any time it is out again."

Miss Wynama Anderson came in Wednesday night from Stephenville for a few days' visit here with relatives before leaving for Lometa to spend the remainder of her vacation with her sister, Mrs. John B. Sampley. Wynama is employed with the R. E. Cox Dry Goods Store in Stephenville.

Relatives who were visitors in the A. J. Jordan home the past week were Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Jordan and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Proctor of Tyler. Mrs. Lydia Carver of Knox City, J. D. Jordan of Anton, Julius Jordan of Abernathy, and Mrs. David C. Sevier of Brownwood.

Visitors through the week end of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burden were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Proffitt and daughter, Melba Jean, of Carlton; Mrs. O. J. Ford and son, Roderick, of Arlington; Mrs. J. H. Snow of Fort Worth, and Miss Norma Ruth Burden of Dallas.

Mrs. J. A. Hughes, who has been taking her oldest son, Thomas Joseph, to Dublin for medical treatment as a result of a fall he received some time ago, was advised Wednesday that the lad was on the way to recovery and would be ready for school opening. They were accompanied on the trip by her youngest son, Donald Ray.

## Church News

### Methodist Church

Morning services at the Methodist church will begin at 10:00 o'clock. The pastor will preach at 10 on the subject, "Christians in the World."

Sunday school will follow immediately after the preaching service.

There will be no evening service. Remember that our revival meeting will begin on Sunday, August 25. Make your plans to be in the services. Read the fuller announcement which will appear in the paper next week.

The W. S. C. S. of the Methodist church will meet at the home of Mrs. C. D. Hanson next Tuesday at 4 p. m. with Mrs. George Jones as assistant hostess. Mrs. Louise Angell will give a book review, "Who A Man Rob God?"

All who are interested in the Woman's Society Christian Service are urged to be present.

FLOYD W. THRASH, Pastor.

### Baptist Church

"Three Hundred" is the goal set again for Sunday in Sunday school. We fell short last Lord's Day, but if we all work for Sunday it will be possible.

Climaxing the two weeks revival services will be the answering of present for some soldier boy or girl on Sunday morning. On Wednesday this was done at the church and these slips will be sent to the boys wherever possible. Somewhere near a hundred boys were represented on Wednesday. If you did not bring the address on Wednesday, please do it soon. Sunday you will fill out the envelope for the soldier and if you desire you may or may not make an offering for that person.

Saturday evening at 8:00 p. m. Bro. Dick Gwyn wishes to meet all the young people, particularly those that have been converted during this meeting. This is a meeting of grave importance.

There will be a baptismal service following the service on Sunday evening. There was a similar service last Sunday evening when six were baptized.

W. M. S. will meet in circles this week. Circle No. 1 with Mrs. C. D. Richbourg, Circle No. 2 with Mrs. Houston, and Circle No. 3 with Mrs. Ellington.

The Annual Association will meet in Indian Gap on Friday, the 20th, and it is hoped that as many as possible will go.

RALPH E. PERKINS, Pastor.

Mrs. Lorand Heffley of Stephenville and Mrs. E. C. Allison Jr. were co-hostesses Saturday evening at the home of the latter, for a bridal shower in honor of Mrs. David C. Sevier, the former Miss Mable Jordan. Refreshments of punch and cookies were served to the guests.

Miss Dorothy Hulsey, who is employed as bookkeeper at Leonard Bros. in Fort Worth, has been a visitor in the home of her aunt, Mrs. C. F. Barnett.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

God Provides for His People. Lesson for August 15: Exodus 16:11-18: 17:3-6. Golden Text: Matthew 6:11. It has been said that an army advances on its stomach. Either supply lines must be maintained or the army must live on the country.

The MOTHOLE

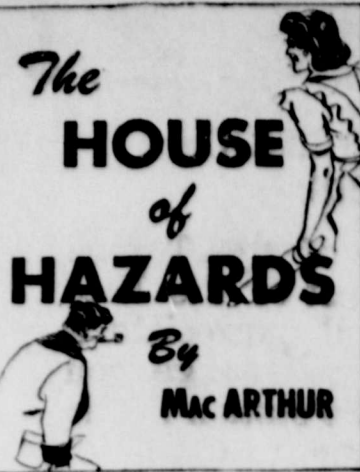
Ohio is the harness racing center of the world this year. In addition to the Grand Circuit meeting at North Randall, near Cleveland, 63 county fair meetings will have been held by late fall. The Knoxville club of the Southern association claims the only thoroughbred Russian battery in Pitches. Ed Vosneska and Catcher Andy Semick.

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THE HOUSE OF HAZARDS



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CHAPTER III

Jane, a fashion artist who has been disappointed in love, and Stella, a free lance journalist divorced from her husband, share an apartment in London. Jane decides to join the Women's Auxiliary Air Force and the night before entering the service she declines Stella's invitation to dinner and goes alone into the gloom of the city streets.

It was one cold January day as she was walking down the corridor toward the Operations room that she saw him coming toward her. By a miracle she was quite alone in that narrow slit of a passage. She stood aside to let him pass. Her breath caught in her throat. Now he was almost level with her. His thoughts were evidently far away.

"It's been so long." "All her resolves now were shaken. Another moment and they were gone for ever. He looked at her. "I just can't believe it's you! I tried so hard to find you." She knew it must be true. "I haunted that corner where I ran into you."

"Thank heaven you did!" They heard voices approaching them. "When can we meet? I've got to be in town this afternoon. I'm driving up directly after lunch. Can you come with me?"

"Short for Timothy Ian Poel-Sanders. I've been Tippy since my school days." "I see." "And you?" "Jane Lambert."

"Jane Lambert is merely for the time being, Jane darling." "She was in a daze all the afternoon. She was reprimanded sharply three times. Sparks, the girl with whom she shared a room, asked as they hurried back to their quarters once they were off duty what was the matter with her."

"Jane laughed softly. "Thank you for not minding. I feel rather mean about letting you down. Hello! you've cut this out, have you?" "She picked up the clipping from the newspaper as she spoke, the clipping with the photograph and news story of Flight Lieutenant T. Poel-Sanders."

"But, Stella, you seem so sort of—different suddenly. You don't know him, do you?" "Stella gave a hard, brittle little laugh. She snatched the clipping from Jane's hand, crumpled it into a tight little ball and flung it into the wastepaper basket. She said bitterly: "Yes, I know him. For a brief six months I was married to him. And now, darling, if you don't mind, let's talk about something pleasant. Tell me the name of the man you're meeting this evening. Is he tall, short, dark or fair, and are you going to be such a nitwit as to fall in love with him?"



AIR FORCE-GIRL By Ren'ee Shann

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Now it was Stella who realized that something was wrong. It was Stella, instead of Jane, who was saying quickly, urgently, "What's the matter, darling? You're in a sudden flash of intuition, her eyes widening. "Jane, you're not dining with Tippy this evening? He's not the man?"

"Jane said, not looking at her, "Suppose you met him again, Stella?" "You're not to tell him you know me, Jane. I'm not a dog in the manger. He's free and you're free. Only I don't ever want to see or hear anything of him again. He's rotten through and through. And the leopard can't change his spots. Perhaps it's mean of me to say this to you now that you know him, but I can't help it."

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