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Congressman John J. Dempsey Goes To Bat For Hope Dam



Congressman John J. Dempsey, pictured above, is working hard on the job of removing the last barrier between residents of the Hope community and a dam on the Penasco. Dempsey said he was sure the way would be cleared for construction to start soon.

Goes To El Paso To Confer With Red Bluff Council

Congressman John J. Dempsey told The Artesia Enterprise Monday he believed he would be able to get the Hope dam project started within a short time.

The New Mexico congressman, who was a guest of honor and speaker at the public works dedication and celebration at Carlsbad, said all the governmental approval necessary had been obtained, and that all that was holding up construction was opposition of the Red Bluff irrigation district.

Expert government engineers have determined that it is physically impossible for water from the Penasco to reach Red Bluff, Congressman Dempsey said.

Goes To Texas

"The report of the engineers should remove all barriers standing between Hope and her dam," said Dempsey. "Since it has been proved that a dam at Hope could not injure the Red Bluff district members, there is no further reason for them to continue their opposition."

Dempsey said he would go from Carlsbad to El Paso, where he would confer with the attorney for the Red Bluff district in an effort to get the Texans to cease their fight against the Hope dam project.

He said he would seek to enlist the help of Congressman Thomason of Texas in convincing the Red Bluff people that they should not block the project.

Deserve Fair Deal

"The people of Hope certainly deserve a fair deal in this matter," said Dempsey. "and I am going to see that they get it, if it is within my power to do so. The hard part has been accomplished. It should not be difficult to get the Red Bluff people to cooperate, now that it is apparent that the project has merit and could not damage them."

"It is a shame that Hope has had to do without this dam. It will be one of the greatest things that could happen to the country. With ample water, the town and community of Hope will bloom again in the manner of its early days. It will be a great thing not only for Hope, itself, but for Artesia and all of Eddy county."

The New Mexico congressman said that he was not rushing the post-office appropriations because he be-

lieved it wiser to move conservatively.

Befriends Hobbs

"I would rather ask for half a million dollars and get it," he said, "than to ask for a million and lose it. The government can afford to build one new postoffice a year in New Mexico."

"Hobbs is in bad shape. It is the only first class postoffice in the state that does not have a building. I believe Hobbs needs a new building more than any other city. Therefore, I'm working for Hobbs first."

"I know that Artesia, too, is badly in need of a postoffice building, but we cannot get it for you this year. You may rest assured, however, that I shall do everything possible to get a new building for you soon."

Likes Garner

Dempsey said he was among The Artesia Enterprise's fans, and that he particularly admired the editorial page. "I like your frank editorial policy," he said, "even when you roast us. That type of editorial writing gives your readers confidence in you."

Dempsey had praise for Jack Garner of Texas, who Saturday announced he would be a candidate for president.

"I am a great admirer of Jack Garner," he said. "He is one of the finest Americans I know—a great leader, an able gentleman."

"He has done much for the people and his party. However, it is too early, and there are still too few candidates to state a preference at this time. But if Garner is running, then the calibre of presidential candidates is bound to be high."

—Artesia Enterprise

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones a daughter on December 14.

Dorane Teague was quite ill the first of this week with a sore throat.

Mrs. Janie Schields of Hobbs, is here visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Bill Jones and family.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Wilburn and children spent Christmas in Alamogordo with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Swift spent Christmas with their daughter Mrs. H. E. Mehrens, and family, at Portales. Mr. and Mrs. Elza Swift and Mr. and Mrs. Edsil Runyan also were guest at the Mehrens home.

Rep. Dempsey in Washington Working on Plans for Hope Dam

In a telephone conversation with Mr. Dempsey on Tuesday Mr. Dempsey said that his conference with Rep. Thomason of El Paso, in regard to the Red Bluff officials removing their objections to the Hope dam, was working out very satisfactorily. Mr. Dempsey left early Wednesday morning for Washington where he would attend to matters pertaining to the Hope dam before the opening of the regular session of Congress.

WEED ITEMS

A white Christmas in the Sacramentos.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nolan and Mrs. David Bishop were Christmas shopping in El Paso Thursday and Friday.

A "Little Theater" group was organized at the school building last Wednesday evening by Mrs. J. B. Clark. The following officers were elected: Mrs. J. E. Wyatt president, Mrs. Bruce Winters vice president, and Mrs. J. B. Clark secretary.

The Weed basket ball team met defeat at Hope last Wednesday.

Miss Ophelia Phillips of Artesia is visiting in this community during the holidays.

L. L. Wood had the misfortune of getting a leg broken while working at the Frank White sawmill on Spring Canyon Thursday. The last report that Mr. Wood was getting along as well as could be expected in the Artesia hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Inmann of Globe, Arizona, are spending Christmas in this section, with relatives and friends, which are numerous. The Inmanns are among the early settlers here; Mrs. Inmann was the former Miss Zone Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis, one of the most highly respected couples in Otero County.

The W.P.A. workers from Weed left the first of last week to begin work at the Institute for the Blind in Alamogordo.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Turner was taken to the Shields Hospital Monday evening with bronchial pneumonia.

Roy Edwards and family moved over here to Mimbres, New Mexico recently. Mr. Edwards is an employee of the survey camp that moved from the Sacramento river a short time ago.

Ray Welch of Kingman, Arizona, spent Christmas in the home of Mrs. Daisy Weems.

Among the ones spending the holidays elsewhere are Principal J. E. Houston and twin sons, Tom and Bob, went to Reserve, New Mexico, where Mrs. Houston is employed as teacher in the school, also has two of the children, Douglas and Jane, with her there; W. E. Fickel joined Mrs. Fickel in Oklahoma City. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Waltrip, and little son, Charles to Portales, Miss Ida Cox in Alamogordo, A. W. Boyce and wife in Arrey, New Mexico, with

Mr. Boyce's mother, Mrs. S. R. Boyce and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones and little daughters, Bernice and Clarissa, Mrs. Mabel Patterson and little son, Bobby, in Greeley, Colorado.

Miss Willie Weems of El Paso spent her Christmas vacation with home folk here, Mrs. Daisy Weems and Miss June.

The community Christmas tree and program at the Weed Baptist Church, Saturday evening, Dec. 23, was a success. The building was decorated with the manger and usual decorations. There was not standing room for all, but splendid behavior by every one present; which is certainly appreciated and seems that reverence for the Christ child was much in evidence; that being the principal objective of the gathering together. The following program was rendered:

Song, "Joy to the World"
Prayer by the pastor, Rev. J. D. McCollough

A Welcome, by Vera Fuller
An Acrostic, 1st and 2nd grades

Recitations

"Christmas", Lois Maude Akers
"Merry Christmas", Riley Smith
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LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Summers from Roswell spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. J. C. Bumgardner, and family.

Misses Eunice L. and Emmeline Crockett who are attending school at Las Vegas and Miss Ella Lee Crockett of Alamogordo, are visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crockett.

Dr. Puckett, County Health Officer from Carlsbad, was here last Friday issuing health certificates to the women who are to be employed on the school lunch project.

Founder of Swedenborgian Theology Emanuel Swedenborg, Swedish scientist, philosopher and founder of Swedenborgian theology, was born in Stockholm, January 29, 1686, and died in London March 29, 1772.

How Old Are You Inside?

Never mind how many wrinkles Father Time has painted in your face. Never mind how many gray hairs he has put on your head. The important thing isn't how old you are on the outside, but how old you are on the inside. A man's real age is determined by the youthfulness of his spirit! Benjamin Franklin helped write the American Constitution at eighty. Tintoretto painted his famous "Paradise," a canvas 74 by 30 feet, when he was seventy-four. Goethe completed "Faust" at eighty. As long as we are alert and vital in spirit we are not old. As long as we are joyously looking forward and enthusiastically starting new things we are still young. Stay young on the inside and forget your birthdays!—The Silver Lining.

Herford Breeders Inspect Cattle

The members of the Eastern New Mexico Herford Breeders Association, who have been on a tour to inspect the cattle that are being fed for the sale were at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Reeves Tuesday, where they served a ranch style dinner. Those present were: Glen Williams of Artesia, D. Jones and son, Punch Jones, of Roswell, Ab French and H. French of Elida, John Easley and Bill Anderson of Lovington, Frank Billings, Hans Schmid and Guss Hockenson of Roswell, Wade Gunn and Paul Bryant of Dallas, Texas, Mr. Pingery of Las Cruces, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Reeves Lonnie Reeves, Mrs. E. D. McGuire and Mr. and Mrs. Austin Reeves. Leaving Mr. Reeves' they went to Artesia to Mr. Williams' ranch which was their last stop.

One man in the hospital and one man in the county jail is the result of a fight at a dance held in Hope Monday night. On Wednesday "Pet" Eskue plead guilty to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon and was bound over to the action of the district court. His bond was set at \$1000. Being unable to furnish bond he was committed to the county jail.

LOCAL NEWS



Miss Lula Jones of Amarillo, Texas, is here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Jones.

Mrs. Mabel Hardin of Scheidder, Texas, arrived Friday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Wink Hardin over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rood and Miss Charlotte Rood were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Smith Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Blake were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wood Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Hal Hammill and Simmy White were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hilary White, Sr., on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Anderson, Miss Jean Kimbrough and Mr. John Hardin spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wink Hardin.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Longbottom and daughter Virginia, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ben Miller on Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Douglas of Loving, New Mexico, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Teague from Sun-evening until Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jones arrived last Friday to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Wathen.

Misses Jane and Billy Prue Crockett arrived from Carlsbad Friday evening to spend the holidays at the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crockett.

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"Forest Death Trap"

YOU know, when you go hunting, you more or less expect to meet up with adventures of a certain sort. You might reasonably expect to be treed by a bear, or hopped on by a wildcat, or maybe bogged down in a mess of quicksand or socked on the coco by a falling tree. You might expect almost anything BUT the sort of mystifying experience that fell to the lot of George S. Quartin of Brooklyn, N. Y., on a hunting trip near Kingston, N. Y., in the middle of January, 1929. The best adventures are like that. It isn't what you expect, but what you DON'T expect, that gives you the big thrill you remember all down through the years.

George Quartin and his friend Martin Ross went hunting. They might have expected to run across bears, wildcats, quicksand or falling trees, but here's what actually did happen.

They started out from the little village of Accord, N. Y.—started out into the woods, and along about evening, after trying for two or three hours to find their way back, decided that they must be lost. That's something else a hunter might easily expect, and certainly it did happen. But they don't count that as an adventure. It was only the beginning of a train of circumstances that led to a strange, terrifying night when everything was against them and nothing seemed to make sense.

Night had come on, and still they were walking in circles trying to find their way out of the woods. They were looking for a place to sleep when Martin Ross saw a light in the distance.

Hunters Discover Weatherbeaten House.

It seemed to be a flare of some sort. The two men started walking toward it. The flare died out before they had gone two steps, but moving in its direction, they came to an old, weather-beaten frame house standing in the middle of a clearing.

There was no light in the house, but they approached and knocked on the door. There was no answer, but George tried the latch and the door opened. They went inside—into a big, empty room. There was a fireplace in the corner, and some wood beside it. They started to build a fire, but they never got it lighted. From that moment on,



Terrified now, the two lads picked up their rifles and began shooting at the door.

events crowded on the heels of events so rapidly that they had no time to think of anything else.

First came a crash outside. It sounded near the door. George and Martin ran to it—and found it locked. Someone had fastened it from the outside!

Then it was they noticed that the big, dim room had no windows. What kind of a house was that? They noticed, too, that the door was a heavy one, made of solid oak—two or three times as thick and strong as any mere dwelling door had any business to be. There was something mighty strange about that windowless dwelling. A disquieting fear crept into the hearts of both of them. What sort of place had they stumbled into?

Peculiar Odor Permeates the Building.

Shouting brought them no answer. Then they began to hear voices outside. Whoever it was out there was ignoring their cries. They heard sounds of a heavy object being drawn somewhere. A peculiar odor, faint at first, began to permeate the whole building. The two lads lay down in a corner, but not to sleep. They lay huddled together, trapped like rats, wondering what their mysterious captors would finally do with them.

They lay there silent while the hours went by. Then, suddenly they were aroused by the sound of an explosion and the thud-thud of running feet. The smell of smoke began to fill the room—and in another few minutes the room was thick with the smoke itself.

Black, acrid, choking smoke! It billowed up from somewhere below them—filled their lungs and set them to coughing. Terrified now, the two lads picked up their rifles and began shooting at the door. But the door was too thick to yield even to rifle bullets, and if the men outside heard the shots they gave no sign of it.

The room was getting hot. Now they could hear flames crackling beneath them. The smoke was so thick that they could hardly breathe. They were running around in panic, aimlessly dashing from one side of that strange room to another. Flame was creeping through the cracks in the floorboards—licking the sides of the wall with its myriad red tongues. Time was passing, but they weren't conscious of it. All they knew was the terrible fear of being burned alive in the mysterious trap they had fallen into.

Seek a Place to Escape Intense Heat.

Then they were beginning to drop from exhaustion and lack of air. First George, then Martin. They were on their knees, groping for a spot where the intense heat would not sear their skin when they heard a hammering on the door.

They were too weak then to care much what was happening. Through a daze they watched the door splinter and fall to pieces. They saw it broken down, felt a merciful breath of fresh air roll in through the smoke—saw dim, foggy figures come dashing in through the doorway. Then hands were lifting them—dragging them out into the gray dawn of a January morning, and George saw that he was in the arms of a state trooper and being lifted into the front seat of a squad car.

In another moment, Martin was in the car with him, and they were rolling along a backwoods road toward Kingston—still wondering at the meaning of the terrifying ordeal they had been put through. The whole answer didn't come until other troopers brought in two men they had captured in the neighborhood of the house of mystery. The truth was that Martin and George had stumbled on a backwoods moonshine plant. The moonshiners, taking them for revenue agents, had locked them in, and left them to die when, a few hours later, their still exploded and set the house afire. But someone who saw the blaze phoned the troopers. Otherwise two lads who had gone a hunting might have ended their day of sport in a night of tragedy.

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Gas Pressure May Be Result of Excitement

By DR. JAMES W. BARTON

UNTIL just a few years ago, gas was thought to be due in all cases to the foods eaten—onions, cabbages, lettuce, peas, beans. More recently, it was thought that in the great majority of cases gas formation and pressure was due to a sluggish liver and gall bladder. Many cases also are believed due to fermentation of protein foods—meat, eggs, fish.

It is now agreed that many nervous or excitable individuals, those who eat their food hurriedly, swallow quantities of air during meals and particularly if they use much fluid—tea, coffee, milk or water—during meals. Dr. Walter Alvarez, Mayo Clinic, who for many years has done much original research work on the stomach and intestines, says in the Ohio Medical Journal:



Dr. Barton

"For reasons yet unknown, some persons swallow much air as they drink. A 'dry' dinner will sometimes give a much more comfortable night." "Among the other causes of flatulence—gas—are: food sensitiveness—being allergic or sensitive to some particular food or foods such as eggs, wheat, berries; a plug or hardened waste matter in the rectum or lowest part of large intestine, which forces gas back up into small intestine and even into the stomach; nervous excitement before, during and after eating; oil, which while lubricating the wastes, seems to cause gas pressure, and any substances added to laxatives in order to add bulk to the wastes."

Walls Are Strengthened.

Despite the formation of gas caused by these bulky substances, such as agar, most physicians believe that this bulkiness distends the bowel and causes the muscles of the bowel to squeeze harder on the mass of waste and so prevents constipation. The bowel is kept in a better condition of health if its muscular walls have something that causes them to contract or squeeze upon the wastes. The walls increase in muscular strength by this work or exercise.

Removal of Gall Bladder

I HAVE spoken before of the patient who underwent operation for ulcer of the stomach expecting that all his symptoms would disappear, never to return. He was greatly disappointed when his physician told him that if he didn't stop worrying, eating rapidly, and not getting enough rest, he would likely "grow" another ulcer.

Drs. E. L. Eliason and J. P. North, Philadelphia, in Annals of Surgery, report their followup study of 264 cases from one to four years after operation. They found that only 6 per cent (16 cases) were not relieved of the symptoms for which they underwent operation. In four other cases the relief was delayed and in others the symptoms complained of were not due to gall bladder disturbance.

Cases Are Investigated.

Now 6 per cent is not a large percentage to fail to get relief after removal of their gall bladders, but Drs. Eliason and North investigated these cases and found that in half of them (8) there were no gross or outstanding evidences of gall bladder disease at time of operation, but in the other half (8) the surgeon found a diseased gall bladder with stones yet the patient was not helped by the removal of the gall bladder.

The explanation is that sometimes conditions other than gallstones can give similar symptoms, "since many gallstones are 'silent' ones."

For those, then, that are suffering with gall bladder symptoms, especially those with the terrible attacks of gallstone colic, the fact that operation gives relief to such a large percentage should not only allay their fears of operation but should give them great hope of obtaining immediate relief and keeping free from symptoms thereafter.

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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for December 31

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FRIENDS AND FOES OF THE KINGDOM

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 13:54—14:4: 15:29-31. GOLDEN TEXT—Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.—John 15:14.

Inventory time has come, and it seems that our lesson for today, although it does come in the middle of our study of the Gospel of Matthew, comes too to sort of a pause to consider what has been the result of that which Jesus had said and done thus far in our study.

The answer we find is that He had both friends and foes, both love and hatred. His foes apparently outnumbered His friends, and the hatred was evidently fierce and the love none too warm. So Jesus was defeated? No, far from it. As we know, He won the victory over His enemies.

The situation is not different today. Those who follow Jesus and love Him truly are quite evidently in the minority and all too often it seems that hatred for the cause of Christ has the upper hand. Are we defeated? No, Jesus will ultimately win the victory again. We are on the winning side.

I. Dishonored Because of Jealousy (13:54-58).

One would have supposed that the people of the little, almost unknown town of Nazareth would have been thrilled at the return of its native son whose fame had also spread its name abroad and whose name was on the lips of thousands because He went about doing good.

They were astonished, but they were not ready to accept Him. They could not deny the fact either of His person or His power, but they could and did permit their personal pride and jealousy to lead them to deny Him. "This story teaches us the unutterable folly of refusing to accept fact because it is astonishing, yet there are thousands of people standing in that position today concerning Jesus Christ. It is utterly unscientific, not to say irreligious. Here is an astonishing thing. They say we cannot understand how this man hath this wisdom. Has He the wisdom? Why, yes, we cannot escape it. Then in the name of God and common honesty obey the injunction and postpone the investigation" (G. Campbell Morgan).

II. Hated Because of Sin (14:1-4).

The pride of heart which causes many to hold themselves too good to follow the lowly Nazarene is sin. There is also that which even the world recognizes as sin which separates men from Christ. D. L. Moody is said to have written on the fly leaf of his Bible, "This book will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from this book." That is true, and it is also true that sin will keep a man from Christ.

Herod, living in sin, had been rebuked by John and had silenced his accuser by the simple expedient of imprisonment and ultimately by beheading him. But one does not thus put away sin, and when this man heard of Jesus, he at once assumed that John had risen from the dead to plague him still. So Herod also took his place with the enemies of our Lord.

If a man shows his opposition to Christ, whether it be by indifference, or by jealousy, or in outright hatred, be sure there is sin in that man's life. Those who love righteousness love the righteous Lord.

III. Accepted Because of Service (15:29-31).

"The Son of man came not to be ministered unto but to minister," even to the giving of "his life a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28). We have so overemphasized and misused the word service that one almost hesitates to speak it in connection with the name of the Lord Jesus. Yet it does summarize His earthly life and ministry. He served the needy with His teaching and preaching, with His provision for their daily needs, with His healing touch, and we read that they wondered and glorified God (v. 31).

As a means of encouraging men and women everywhere to follow Christ as they find Him in His Word, the writer of these notes will send without charge a folder, "The Why and How of Bible Reading," including a Bible-reading calendar for the entire year. Use the name and address at the head of this column, and if possible enclose a stamped addressed envelope or a three-cent stamp.

THIS FUNNY WORLD



As He Saw It
"How does my dress look?"
"It looks to me like three weeks' wages."

A naturalist says there's a fish that washes its young. How in the world does it manage to dry them?

PLENTY OUT OF IT



The Boss—I don't think that that fire was much good Mose. How much have we gotten out of it?
Mose—Well, so far boss I've gotten three hunks of glass, five nails and thirteen carpet tacks.

Same Method
"I caught my husband flirting."
"That's how I got mine, too."

Right Bait
"You must have used a lot of patience to catch so many fish."
"No—worms."

They tell me an editor has written a book of poems. I'm not surprised. They often turn out poets.

And Finally That
Politician—Now, ladies and gentlemen, I just want to tax your memory—Audience—Good heavens! Has it come to that?

Theirs but to Do
Two English Loys who were pals joined the army together and, like so many others, were finding it difficult to understand what the drill instructor barked at them.
When the instructor gave an extra-involved order, Alf whispered:
"Ere, Bill, what did 'e say?"
"Ain't got the least idea," replied Bill, "but we've got to do it."

A Word in Season
It happened in England. A raw recruit had been appointed camp cook. He did his best, but it wasn't very good. Getting dinner ready in a hurry, he made some soup in the same boiler he'd used for the breakfast tea.
Going into the mess-room with it, he announced:
"Hi, lads! If you find any tea-leaves in the soup, you'll know it's mint."

Prosecutor Had Grounds For Objection, It Appears

Counsel for the defense was cross-examining the witness, a lovely blonde with big blue eyes.
"Where were you," he thundered, "on Monday night?"
The blonde smiled sweetly.
"Out for a run in a car."
"And where were you," belittled counsel, "on Tuesday night?"
"Out for a run in a car."
Counsel leaned closer.
"And what," he said, "are you doing tomorrow night?"
Prosecuting counsel leaped to his feet.
"Your Honor," he protested, "I object to that question."
"And why do you object?"
"Because I asked her first!"

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Dempsey Goes To Bat For Hope Dam

Congressman John J. Dempsey told the editor of The Artesia Enterprise Monday that he was exerting all his efforts to remove the last barrier in the attempt to get a new dam for Hope, and we are sure that Dempsey can, and will, get the job done.

We have every reason in the world to have implicit faith in Congressman Dempsey. We have worked with him on several projects, and in each one he did everything he said he would do, and more.

Last Spring, at the request of this editor, Congressman Dempsey exerted a great deal of energy and went so far as to put a little pressure on the war department in order to aid an orphan boy in a CCC camp.

When a man who has the weight of such a multitude of problems on his shoulders as has Congressman Dempsey, goes so far to help an almost friendless youngster in a CCC camp, you can rest assured that he will fight to the last ditch for a large community whose very life depends upon his efforts.

We have known many congressmen, and we have never known one to work so diligently, so faithfully and so tirelessly in the public interest as has Dempsey. We say this not because of what we expect him to do in the future, but in recognition of what he has done for us in the past. If he never turns another straw for us, we shall continue to believe that the people never had a more faithful public servant than John P. Dempsey.

There is every reason to believe that Dempsey will get the Hope dam for that worthy community not only because of his ability to finish what he starts to do, but because of the merits of the project.

Members of the Red Bluff irrigation district, who have blocked the Hope dam project after it had all the necessary governmental approval, probably are sincere in their belief that it would damage their interests—that they are entitled to protection of their costly reservoir. But after expert government engineers, highly technical in their study and certainly without prejudice, have reported that it would be physically impossible for a dam at Hope to keep one drop of water out of Red Bluff reservoir, members of that Texas group no longer can oppose the project with impunity.

There is no other man or group of men in New Mexico who does not recognize the rights of the residents of the Hope community and realize their situation. All of New Mexico will rejoice when justice finally will have prevailed for a community that has been buffeted by fate until it holds forth at the last ditch.

When we talked with Dempsey Monday, that congressman in the most frank and forthright manner, set forth his method of procedure in the interests of Hope. At the time he was preparing to leave for El Paso for the one purpose of finally landing the Hope dam. If there is real justice in the world, and if the members of the Red Bluff irrigation district can recognize it, Hope will have her dam.

and if Santa brings us nothing else this Christmas, that will be enough; for it will be the best Christmas present Hope—and Artesia, too—ever had.—Artesia Enterprise.

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS BY JOSEPH W. LaBINE

Opening of Garner's Campaign Fails to Stir Political Circles; New Nazi-Italian Plot Hinted

(EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.)
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POLITICS:

Announcement

"I will accept the nomination for President. I will make no effort to control any delegates. The people should decide. The candidate should be selected at primaries and conventions as provided by law, and I sincerely trust that all Democrats will participate in them."

In these 44 words the sage of Uvalde, Texas, whom John Lewis once called a "labor-baiting, poker-playing, whisky-drinking, evil old man," tossed his hat in the 1940 presidential ring.

Nobody in Washington was surprised by the announcement at first,



GARNER AND CHICKENS Hatched at Uvalde.

but over the week-end those 44 words received considerable study. Points of interest:

1. Unlike other Democratic hopefuls, Garner did not offer to step aside if President Roosevelt decided to run again.
2. He promised to make no effort to control delegates, indicating he would be a hard man to deal with in the convention hall. Jack Garner presumably refuses to enter into any trades.

THE WARS:

Plot?

Her disrepute sharply heightened when the League of Nations expelled Russia, the German Reich got some solace when Italian Foreign Minister Galeazzo Ciano made an unusual announcement of his nation's foreign policy. European diplomacy is now clear as mud, with Germany's ally, Italy, aiding Finland to fight Russia, who is also Germany's ally.

But Ciano's speech indicated the picture may soon clear. Only point of difference between Rome and Berlin was Germany's method of "settling" the Danzig-Polish dispute, in the course of which Herr Hitler agreed that Italy should remain out of the European war. As for the Reich's friendship with Russia, Ciano charged Britain and France forced this solution on Hitler. This, possibly, is the key to future German-Italian collaboration.

Italy is still loyal to Berlin in every way, and still maintains that Poland, Czechoslovakia and Austria cannot be restored if there is to be peace. And by charging the Russian pact was "forced" on Germany, Italy admits that the Soviet has merely been used as a tool to bring pressure on France and Britain. Can it be that the axis may now force peace on the allies as the price for keeping Russia out of Europe?



CIANO Is Russia the price?

Western War

Almost as a repercussion to the Graf Spee incident (see below) the western front saw its first direct artillery duel over the Rhine. This was purposeless, because the Rhine was so flooded that troops could not cross.

Biggest news developed from Britain's new aerial patrol, developed to combat the Nazi mine-laying campaign. On three successive nights royal air force planes raided German seaplane bases, after which the air ministry said it "tentatively believed" the mine menace was con-

quered. Next day, however, the war's biggest air battle took place over Helgoland Bight, the Nazis claiming 34 British ships were downed. London admitted seven losses and claimed Germany had lost 12.

British boast-of-the-week: How her tiny submarine Ursula had penetrated the mine-infested mouth of the Elbe to sink a Koln class cruiser at her anchorage.

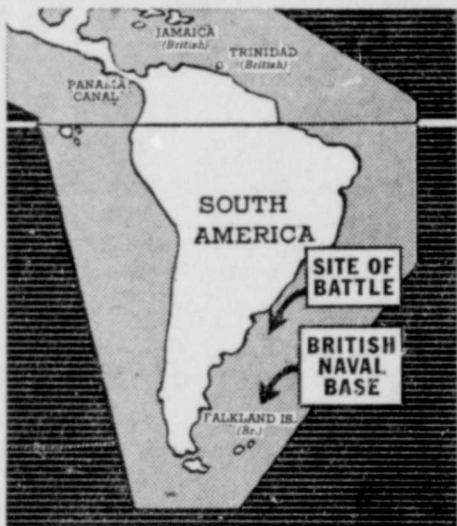
Northern War

Still playing to a full house was the Finnish-Russian war, in which the Soviet was taking a terrific licking both in manpower and prestige. For the first time, U. S. newsmen like United Press' Webb Miller and Chicago Daily News' Leland Stowe visited the Karelian front and saw Finnish troops resting snugly in their warm trenches while the Russians stormed away like madmen across the river, wasting ammunition and getting nowhere. Soviet tanks were disabled by the score, running against snow-covered boulders or being blasted by anti-tank guns. In the north the Finns reported they had encircled two Russian forces of 10,000 men each.

Spee

Pan America awoke suddenly to discover its "neutrality zone" (see map) was ineffectual. Before she dashed for the safety of Montevideo harbor in Uruguay, the Nazi pocket battleship Graf Spee had almost been blasted to pieces by three British cruisers. One of them, Exeter, was so badly damaged she headed for Britain's Falkland base in the south Atlantic, also within the neutrality zone. (Although Britain won the engagement, Germany lost fewer men.) Three days later, her 72-hour Uruguayan permit having expired, Graf Spee headed for open sea where British ships waited like lions for the kill. Suddenly she exploded, four-inch steel plates bulging like paper sacks. Graf Spee went to the bottom, her skipper having chosen to scuttle her in the face of hopeless odds.

Back at Montevideo a storm was brewing, but Foreign Minister Al-



NEUTRALITY & SPEE The explosion had repercussions.

berto Guani stuck to his post. The German minister charged him with a "flagrant violation of international law" for not giving Graf Spee enough time to repair her damage. The Nazis even planned to demand reparations for the ship. Taking no chances, Uruguay promptly arrested four of the crewmen and charged them with blowing up the ship.

INDIA:

Zetland's Worry

Rapidly approaching, perhaps, is a crisis in which British domination of India may pass away. A good start at satisfying Indian nationalist ambitions was made several years ago when a quasi-home rule plan was instituted. But in November, faced with racial differences between the all-India congress and the Moslem league, Viceroy Marquess of Lithlingow invoked emergency powers vesting authority in provincial governments. Native congress ministries in seven provinces promptly resigned.

Up in the house of lords to comment on this situation rose the Marquess of Zetland, secretary of state for India. The result of this wholesale resignation, he said, has been to "set back the hands of the clock more than 30 years." Meanwhile German propagandizers are trying to make the Indians "look to Nazi Germany for their freedom." Only hope for peaceful settlement, he thought, was division of legislatures on communal instead of political lines.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

World Looks Forward to Busy 1940, Fraught With Important Questions

By ROGER BAILEY

(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

NEW YORK.—Before the infant 1940 becomes a gray-beard his book of contemporary history may be heavily inscribed.

The new year is destined to be the most important in a decade, a year of supreme testing for men and their military machines, for politicians and dictators whose philosophies and systems are even now waiting in abeyance until 1940 has spoken its verdict.

You can lay your bottom dollar that the European turmoil will crystallize in 1940 to the point where observers can see definite trends.

We'll probably know, for instance, whether Nazi Germany can withstand the pressure of an allied economic blockade, meanwhile trying to stave off French-British assaults on land and sea. Or will Hitler's machine crack up, the victim of internal discontent?

What Is Finland's Fate?

Valiant little Finland, whose early stand against the Russian invaders was acclaimed throughout the world, looks forward to 1940 as the year in which she will retain her freedom or fall vassal to the Kremlin.

It's a pivotal year in the Balkans, too. If Russia succeeds against Finland, she'll undoubtedly turn to a new conquest in Rumania, already pressed by Hungary, Germany and Bulgaria. And if that happens the observers are pretty certain Italy will join the melee to fight for Balkan independence. If these little states can stay free of war in 1940, they've little to worry about.

Even as Russia marches in 1940 she will answer the question world militarists have been puzzling for the past 10 years, namely, is her huge army and air force really so formidable? The Polish invasion, in which Russia knifed a fleeing enemy in the back, was no fair test. Neither were early days of the Finnish invasion, because the hardy defenders were able to outpoint Soviet troops under extraordinary arctic fighting conditions.

Will FDR Run Again?

At home the year's biggest story will be November's presidential election and the campaign leading up to it. Will President Roosevelt break tradition and seek a third term? Will eight years of the New Deal be vindicated by election of a New Deal chief executive, or will the public repudiate this leadership in favor of a Republican?

Closely allied with this issue is the question of continuing or stopping national spending. Most Wash-

ington observers believe there will be no way of avoiding an increase in the national debt limit, which has almost reached its legal peak of \$45,000,000,000. President Roosevelt will leave revenue matters strictly in congress' hands, he has intimated.

Organized labor faces a critical year in which anti-trust suits may set a precedent by laying the unions open to prosecution under the Sherman act. Moreover there are signs that congress will amend the Wagner labor act following revelations before the Smith house committee during December.

Will Social Security Work?

Old age benefits under the federal social security act will be distributed for the first time, and by year's end America should know if the plan actually works. The Supreme court will receive its fifth appointment from President Roosevelt, gaining a clear New Deal majority.

How about the Far East? Japan, balancing precariously on the international fence since Europe went to war last September, must jump one way or the other, siding with the dictators or the democracies. Right now she is busy playing both ends against the middle, trying to frighten the democracies into line by smiling benignly on Russia.

The United States is especially concerned with Asiatic developments because the 1911 trade treaty with Japan, repudiated last summer, will become abrogated officially on January 26. Before Washington is willing to renew it, Tokyo must agree to cease threatening American interests.

Will Chiang Surrender?

The Japanese, meanwhile, hope to end their war with China in 1940. Despite continued resistance from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, the Japs plan to establish a puppet government under Wang Ching-wei as a means of pacifying Chinese nationalistic sentiment.

Not all of 1940's news will develop in the political and military fields. Followers of the boxing wars are wondering if a "white hope" will arise to strike down the colored heavyweight behemoth, Joe Louis. And throughout the hot stove league they're wondering about that perennial question—can the New York Yankees win a fifth straight pennant?

Refugees Learn English

SYDNEY, N. S. W.—European refugees entering Australia are being taught English. The system, employed under the direction of Mrs. Elsa Gormley, is of "Basic English" which gives them quickly 850 basic words, which is all that is necessary for them to get along.

Swing Gives Way to Classics As 'Talking Machine' Reappears

NEW YORK.—The death of a swing-mad 1930-40 decade finds classical music regaining its traditional place in American artistry so fast that phonograph manufacturers and radio networks can't keep up with the demand.

This Christmas season the old-fashioned "talking machine" has been streamlined, while thousands of phonograph records have been placed around the family Yule tree in keeping with a revival of the like of which America has never seen before.

That summarizes the state of music at the end of a decade which sent Bach, Beethoven and Wagner scurrying for cover under a barrage of swing, and brought them back again when swing had swung itself out.

The thirties also brought their share of good popular tunes. A survey by the National Broadcasting company revealed the following list of favorite tunes. How many do you recall?

1929—Happy Days Are Here Again.

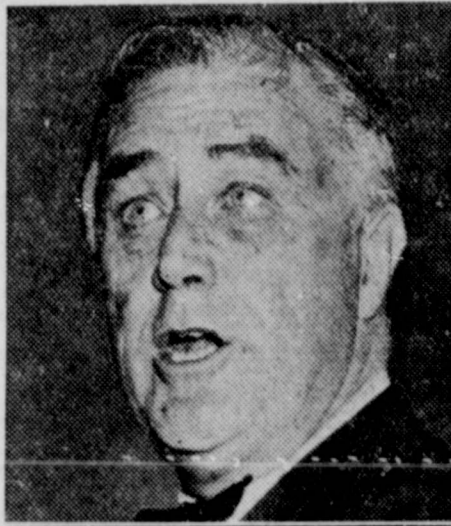
- 1930—I Got Rhythm.
- 1931—Stardust.
- 1932—Play, Fiddle, Play.
- 1933—Love in Bloom.
- 1934—Wagon Wheels.
- 1935—Red Sails in the Sunset.
- 1936—Is It True What They Say About Dixie?
- 1937—Viene, Viene!
- 1938—A-Tisket A-Tasket.
- 1939—Over the Rainbow

Musicians give radio much of the credit for the rebirth of classical music. Grand opera, once the plaything of a select few, has been popularized by regular broadcasts, chiefly over NBC during the Metropolitan season in New York. Symphony concerts are broadcast throughout the year, two outstanding examples being the Saturday night NBC series under Maestro Arturo Toscanini, and the CBS broadcast of New York Philharmonic concerts each Sunday during the winter season.

European Concerts Helped.

Until the war, many concerts came from abroad. In 1936, for example, 18 European orchestras contributed 24 programs to the NBC network. There were three operatic broadcasts from the Salzburg festival in Austria, one from Bayreuth and two from the Verdi anniversary festival at Turin.

In addition to network programs, an increasing number of individual stations are now broadcasting regular periods of classical music. One small station in New York broadcasts nothing else, all day long!



ROOSEVELT: Will the President seek re-election, and if so, can he win a third term?



RUSSIA: Will this juggernaut, stopped by little Finland, retire defeated or threaten all Europe?



CHINA: Will Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek (shown with wife) make peace with Japan this year?



ITALY: Will Benito Mussolini turn against the Rome-Berlin axis and fight Hitler's ally, Soviet Russia?



GERMANY: Will the hard-pressed German Reich, utilizing all its resources, be able to withstand the blockade?



Toscanini

I RESOLVE

● Made your resolutions for 1940? Here's a few you can make and break without much trouble—just for the sake of resolution-ing!



"Candy? No, thanks, won't touch the stuff in 1940. Oh, well, I guess just one piece won't hurt."



"Going to (puff!) take this (puff!) stomach off me this (puff!) year if it kills me. Gotta (puff!) do this every (puff!) day."



"Lemme see . . . if I save 10 cents every day in 1940, that makes . . . m-m-m . . . thirty-six dollars and 50 cents a year."



"I feel everyone should do her best to improve her mind in 1940 with good reading material. Let's see . . . what did that say? Kinda dry book. Guess I'll go to a show."



"Gotta quit smoking this year . . . yeah, right now. I'll just toss these stogies in the wastebasket. Er . . . maybe I'll want to fish out a last smoke after dinner tonight."

FARM TOPICS

NEW SEED ACT AIDS GROWERS

Latest Federal Law Requires Additional Labeling.

By MISS JESSIE FISKE

The passage of the new Federal Seed act early last fall brings into operation a piece of agricultural legislation which is of great importance to all the farming sections of the country. This became apparent after a study made of the law at Rutgers university.

It is the product of two years of study and preparation by the United States department of agriculture, all farm organizations, seed analysts, and the seed dealers of the United States.

Regulations are now in the hands of the U. S. secretary of agriculture and the law is expected to be put into effect in the near future. The most outstanding change from previous legislation seems to be that a larger percentage of seed shipments will be subjected to the requirements of seed control than has been the case in the past.

The provision of the new act requires that all interstate shipments of seeds be labeled if transported for seeding purposes, or properly identified if transported for seeding purposes, or purveyor will be required to make representations concerning every interstate shipment of seed. This regulation overcomes one of the glaring weaknesses of the old law, which provided that penalties for misrepresentation should be made, but failed to require that a representation be made.

There has been introduced into the new legislation another departure in the seed control program as it has developed in the past 30 years. All persons transporting seed in interstate commerce will be required to maintain a system of records which will carry through all the steps from production to consumption.

Another feature of the law which offers added protection deals specifically with the noxious weed seeds. Henceforth all interstate shipments of seeds must meet the noxious weed seed requirements of the seed law of the state into which the shipment is destined.

Group Machine Buying Benefits Small Farmer

Small farmers, forced to compete with larger, mechanized units operating on a scale big enough to afford expensive equipment, have banded together in recent years to purchase heavy equipment and expensive services which none of them could afford to buy individually, the Farm Security administration reports.

The FSA makes group loans to its rehabilitation borrowers and other low-income farmers who cannot get adequate credit from other lending agencies, public or private, to help them finance the purchase of machinery, live stock, equipment, and services which none of them could afford alone.

The loans are repayable in from one to five years, according to the amount of the loan, the type, and the life of the service. Three per cent interest is paid on loans for equipment and service and 5 per cent on loans for purchase of supplies and materials which are consumed during the year's farming operations.

The list of equipment and services obtained by such group loans is almost limitless. It includes combines, silage cutters, purebred sires, cold-storage plants, bulldozers, terracing equipment, syrup mills, hay balers, hatcheries, tractors, health services, and veterinary services. During the past four years, Farm Security has made more than 10,000 such loans involving over \$6,000,000 and benefiting more than 180,000 participants.

Farm Facts

Poultry sires and dams can be tested through their offspring not only for egg production, but for size and hatchability of eggs broodiness, and other characters.

The number of horses on farms is now the smallest in 60 years and the number of mules is estimated to be the smallest in 30 years.

The use of canned milk has increased steadily for a number of years, but American consumers still get less than 10 per cent of their milk in cans, an economist says.

Youth Must Be Gay

By Katherine Edelman

"ISN'T this the most exciting event?" Marjorie Hanson's blue eyes were shining as she spoke. "Imagine your Uncle Warren giving such a party. The pieces just don't fit together."

There was ample reason for Marjorie's bewilderment. Until tonight there was not a single thing to show that Warren Brownlee had anything but criticism for the younger generation. He had been unrelentingly severe in his judgments of even the most simple pleasures. Now, to the astonishment of all who knew him, he had thrown the big house open for a New Year's party. Its gloomy rooms were changed into connecting halls of gaiety and laughter.

Everything was there to make the occasion merry. Horns, whistles, balloons, silly caps, streamers and confetti. It seemed as if Uncle Warren had gone all the way; nothing was lacking to make a successful



"So you don't care, eh? You're willing to defy me?"

New Year party. And most amazing thing of all, Warren Crane's usually grim face was wreathed in smiles. He seemed to be enjoying everything like a schoolboy.

"It's the most puzzling thing," Marjorie repeated again.

She was sitting out a dance with Douglas Crane. Doug had lived with his uncle since his parents died. Now, he was doing secretarial work and helping with the estate. He should know all the whys and wherefores of everything. But Doug professed complete ignorance. "He just started making mad preparations after he came back from the city. Wanted everything made ready for a real party. But he hasn't told me a word. I'm as much in the dark as you are, Marjie."

They were silent for a moment. Doug pressed Marjorie's hand tightly. "I'm afraid that tomorrow he'll change back into Uncle Grouch," he said; "I just can't remember Uncle Warren ever really smiling before . . . But—but let's talk about ourselves. You know how I love you, darling. I—I don't care if Uncle is opposed to young people getting married. I'm going to tell him the truth tomorrow. I don't care if—"

"So you don't care, eh? You're willing to defy me?" Uncle Warren was standing beside them in a threatening attitude. In the shadowed terrace they were unable to see the twinkling gleam in his eyes. "Well, it's the only thing we can do," Doug answered hotly. "You—you're so hard about everything, we have to defy you, since you put it that way."

"You won't have to, Douglas." Uncle Warren had come closer and placed an arm on each of their shoulders. "You can marry Marjorie just as soon as you want to—"

"But, we don't understand," Doug gasped. "Why, only a week ago you said—"

"I'M FORGETTING everything I said about young people," Uncle Warren admitted. "I was wrong, terribly wrong in my judgments . . . While I was in the city I ran into a strange experience—too long to go into the story just now—but I found out that youth must be gay, that it must have fun and laughter to be normal. And that the best place it could have this fun was in the atmosphere of home. That's why I gave this party."

Two pairs of arms were around him before he had finished. Doug and Marjorie were telling him in one voice how wonderful he was, and how happy he had made them.

Uncle Warren pulled loose from their grasp. "Come along, young folks," he shouted gayly. "I've been trying to think of something as a climax to this party. I've found the very thing. It's just two minutes to midnight, and I'm going to announce your engagement before they begin yelling, HAPPY NEW YEAR."

ASK ME ANOTHER ?

A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

The Questions

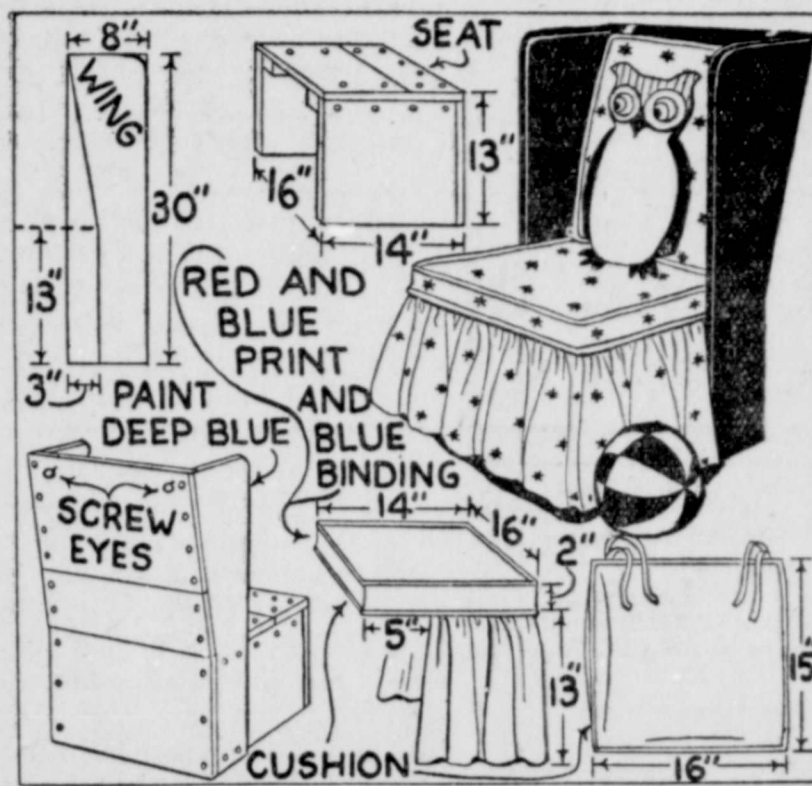
1. Can you write 600 in Roman numerals?
2. Is the income of the President taxable?
3. Who cut the Gordian Knot?
4. Which of our wars was known as Mr. Madison's war?
5. Which is the middle verse of the Bible?
6. Which woman has had more statues erected to her memory than any other woman?
7. Which race is increasing its population the fastest?

The Answers

1. DC.
2. His salary as President is not. Any other income he may have, is.
3. Alexander the Great.
4. The War of 1812.
5. The eighth verse of the 118th Psalm.
6. Joan of Arc.
7. The white races of the world are doubling their populations every 80 years, the yellow and brown races every 60 years and the black races every 40 years.

HOW to SEW

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS



A gay winged chair for the youngster

A GOOD deal has been said about children having to live in a giant's world where all the furniture is made for grown-ups. Furniture stores are now selling chairs; tables; beds and dressers made for children. Here are all the dimensions needed for making a child's chair at home. It is of 1-inch material and the sketch shows clearly how it is screwed together after the pieces have been sawed according to the measurements given. The chair is painted deep blue; the back, seat cushions and full skirt are of red and blue cotton print with blue bindings. All dimensions for the cushions and skirt are also given in the sketch.

NOTE: If you enjoy making what you want from next to nothing, don't miss Mrs. Spears' newest Sewing Book (No. 4). It is full of information for making useful things. Books No. 1, 2 and 3 contain a fascinating array

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- 2 cupfuls popcorn
- 2 cupfuls brown sugar
- 1 cupful thin cream or whole milk
- 1 tablespoonful butter
- 1 teaspoonful vanilla

Combine the sugar and cream and stir over a low heat until the sugar is dissolved. Continue cooking to 238 degrees F. or until it forms a soft ball when tried in cold water. Remove from the heat and let stand in cold water until the mixture is cool. Then add the butter, popped corn and vanilla. Beat until creamy. Shape on a buttered plate and cut into squares. Peanuts may be added to mixture, also.

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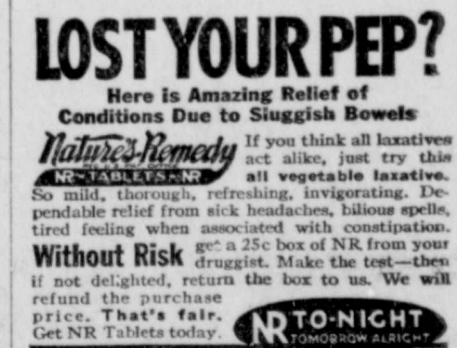
Lack in Reason

There are few things reason can discover with so much certainty and ease as its own insufficiency. —Collier.



Drudgery Necessary

Drudgery is as necessary to call out the treasures of the mind as harrowing and planting those of the earth.—Margaret Fuller.



Are Women Better Shoppers than Men ?

GRANTING a woman's reputation for wise buying, let's trace the methods by which she has earned it. Where does she find out about the advantages and details of electrical refrigeration? What tells her how to keep the whole household clean—rugs, floors, bathroom tiling—and have energy left over for golf and parties? How does she learn about new and delicious entrees and desserts that surprise and delight her family? Where does she discover those subtleties of dress and make-up that a man appreciates but never understands?

Why, she reads the advertisements. She is a consistent, thoughtful reader of advertisements, because she has found that she can believe them—and profit thereby. Overlooking the advertisements would be depriving herself of data continuously useful in her job of Purchasing Agent to the Family.

For that matter, watch a wise man buy a car or a suit or an insurance policy. Not a bad shopper himself! He reads advertisements, too!

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Notary Public

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and Saddles
ARTESIA - N. MEX.

A Happy Prosperous New Year
is our wish for you
BATIE'S
Grocery & Market
Artesia, N. M.

Aztecs Played Hockey
A stick game, bearing a general resemblance to hockey, was played by the Aztec Indians.

The Catskill Mountains
New York's Catskill mountains are about the same altitude as the Highlands of Scotland.

Riches Create Envy
"Riches," said Hi Ho, the sage of Chinatown, "create envy unless so wisely employed that they compel admiration."

Goats Good Milk Producers
A good milk goat eats one-sixth to one-eighth as much as a cow, yet produces enough milk for a small family.

First Use of Term "Robot"
The term robot was first used in 1920 by Karel Capek in his play "R. U. R." to designate a mechanical man.

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The "Old Timer" Drops in for a Chat



How be ya today? Mighty cold weather ta be comin out but I jest tole Ma that I hed ta git down an git tha mail an then I wanted ta stop in an tell ya that we sure hed a big time Christmas. It started ta snow Sunday an it kept on till it done gave us a white Christmas. Ma's kin folks from Hog Holler all drove up early on Christmas mornin an then long bout noon up drove all my kins folks. Them with our family sure made a house full an we sure all hed a good time. Ma she hed dressed that thar big old turkey afore hand an hed things fixed fer a good time. The turkey was roasted jest nice an brown an long with sweet pottooes, cabbage an carrots an mince pie an all thar other things we couldn't eat em all. Ole Santa was purty good ta all o us too, he cone left some mighty nice presents an a hull lot o cards. Wal I cain't stop long now cause tha weather be sa tar nation cold that I got ta be gitten back home ta help Ma with tha work. It sure takes a lot o wood these days. Wal Ma an I be a wishin all you folks a Happy New Year. Goo'by, see ya nex week, maybe.

Oil Report for Week

Report on test wells west of the Pecos is as follows:
The McAuliffe-Coates Well No 1, located in the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 3, Tp. 18 S. Rg. 23 E. about 4 miles east of Hope, down 1065 feet. No report.

Burl, Brainerd, State No. 1, SW 1/4, Sec. 36, Tp. 16-24. Location on the Elzi Swift ranch, north of the Hope highway. Temporarily shut down at 2300 feet.

Artesia Drilling Company, SW 1/4 Sec. 14, 17-24, about 1 mile south of the Elzi Swift ranch. Drilling below 645 feet. Encountered top of true lime at 530 feet.

Trojan Oil Co., SW, NE 1/4, Sec. 33, Tp. 20, Rg. 25 E. No report.

E. J. Anderson, et al, NW of the SE 1/4, Sec. 19, Tp 20-23, about 18 miles south and east of Hope, Josey No. 1. On location waiting for bond.

Niagara Falls Eleventh
Niagara falls are perhaps the most famous in the world, but its actual height they come eleventh on the list.

The Name "Leroy"
The name "Leroy," or "LeRoy," of old French origin, is translated "the king" and may also mean "royal." It is comparatively new, not long in use as a given name.

Many Ballots to Elect Officers
The Ohio senate of 1848-49 elected its officers after almost two weeks of balloting. To choose a speaker, sixteen ballots were taken; to choose a clerk, 121 ballots were required, and a sergeant-at-arms, 69 ballots.

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EDITORIAL

Construction work on the first unit of the Alamogordo Cloudcroft highway is expected to start July 1, 1940.

The Finlanders have the Russian Bear on the run. More power to them. Here's hoping that the Finns can keep the good work up until outside help can reach them.

Chas. Lindberg and family are making plans to leave the United States and make their residence in some foreign country. I guess there will not be many people that will care whether they do or not.

The newspapers of the United States have been delegated the task of collecting money for the Finnish Relief Fund. Any amount from a dime up is acceptable. The Finns are deserving of the help of the American people.

WEED ITEMS

Cont. from page 1
"Christmas Peace" Edward Wright
"Silent Night", Norma Jean Clark, followed by the song, "Silent Night"
"My Candle", Rudolph Smith
"Another Christmas Day", Barbara Cooper
Song, Mr. Ross and two daughters
Recitation, "What Can We Give?" Lucille Cady

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

is our wish for all the good people of the Hope community.

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H. A. Hamill, Local Dealer

Recitation, "A Wish that is not Surprising", Tona Belle Cline
Song, Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Recitation, "I'd Like to be a Little Gift" Dolores New

"Jingle Bells" Rythm Band 3rd and 4th Grade

Recitation, "A Boy's Christmas Wish" Verne Cady

Recitation, "Shepherds Abiding" Frances Clark

Duet, "Star of the East" Misses Vada Cooper and Mabel Jones

Recitation, Why do Bells on Christmas Ring?, Nora Lewis.

Song, "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Recitation, "The First Christmas Gift", Ella Rose Robertson

Recitation, "And the Inn Was Crowded That Night" Lavonne Johnson

Song, Russell Guilliams and Hallen Ross

Playlet, "Two Boys Christmas",

Edward Parker and John Dick Grisak

Quotations for December, by a group of boys

Recitation, "Ring O Bells" J. W. Jones

Poem, "Ballad of Christmas Eve" Mary Wanda Jones

Song, "Santa Claus is coming to Town", 5th and 6th grades

Song, "Luther's Cradle Song, 5th and 6th grade girls

Pantomime of Three Wise Men", 5th and 4th grades

Song, "Upon the Housetop"

Rythm Band, 1st and 2nd grades

Recitation, "Heaven's Gift", Elta Chalk

Closing Piece, Freda Jo Page.

Followed by Santa Claus' arrival down the stairway. After the gifts were taken off the tree 175 bags of candy, nuts and fruit were handed to children and popcorn passed to all.

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EAST AND WEST

BY TALBOT MUNDY

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CHAPTER XV—Continued

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"I don't get your point. What do you reckon to find out?" asked Stoddart.

"Time," said Moses. "Gulbaz times it like a jockey. He's the best judge o' pace in all India. He times it to the minute. If he isn't ready, then he'll play for time."

The truck halted in front of a house whose red front door was bolted, barred, and scrawled in chalk with infamous remarks anent the virtue of its inmates. There was an alley, a yard wide, pitch dark at the farther end. Into that alley yellow light streamed through a door that was partly ajar. There was a faint staccato drumbeat, a twang of stringed music, the sickly wail of a flute, and a stench in which sensuous perfume fought with the reek of garbage. Moses spoke to the truck driver, and the truck driver sounded the horn—three times, then three more, then once.

The dissolute and dirty looking person in the big white turban, to whom Moses gave a captured knife in the bazaar, appeared suddenly, apparently from nowhere.

"What's that bloke up to? Where did he come from?" Stoddart demanded.

"If you'd looked under the truck you'd know," said Moses. "He ain't respectable, so he don't ride first class like me and you."

Moses whispered to the man, who walked down the alley and entered the door.

"Is this your harem? Aren't we going in?" asked Stoddart.

"No. You'd break the ladies' hearts. We'll wait here and give 'em a chance. This is Gulbaz temporary field headquarters. I've sent him a message. He'll come or he won't. If he don't, we'll know the answer."

"What did you tell that bloke to say to him?"

"I said that Sergeant Stoddart's here with information that he'll sell for a price and wants a personal interview, face to face, no go-betweens."

"You've got your nerve," said Stoddart. "It'll be all over the bloody bazaar that I'm telling secrets. Why don't you use your own name?"

"We've hooked him. Here he comes," said Moses. "Keep your hair on now and sit tight. Say nothing, and leave it to me."

Through the door, down the alley and straight to the truck, without glancing aside, without a moment's hesitation, came a man of medium height and middle weight, who walked like a young god, though he was middle-aged. He was dressed in a tight-fitting turban, white singlet and loin-cloth and a striped silk semi-European jacket. He came to the tail of the truck, gave one glance at Stoddart and stared straight at Moses. His smile changed, outwardly only a little, but something happened at the corners of his lips. It had changed to a fighting smile, merciless, malicious.

"You're a dog," he remarked in plain English.

"Fancy you giving away secrets," Moses answered. "I'm here to sell 'em for cash on the nose. Me and this Sergeant know something. It's hot. We're splitting fifty-fifty. How much?"

"I will listen. You may tell your secret."

"Cash on the nose," said Moses. "Money down or nothing doing." Gulbaz smile changed again. It conveyed a suggestion of vanity beyond the utmost reach of ordinary mortals. He glanced at Stoddart then back at Moses.

"Are you satisfied?" he asked. "You have recognized me? You can truly report that you have seen me in Kadur? You saw the door I came from? Very well, you may watch me return. After that, you may go to the devil."

"I'm staying here until my messenger comes out into the street alive," said Moses.

"I will send him to you," Gulbaz answered. "He is lucky. Luckier than you are. Wait and see."

Gulbaz strode back down the alley and entered the door. A moment later the messenger came out, looking scared, as if he felt murder behind him. He ran and crawled in under the truck. Moses spoke to the driver. The truck started, forward, because the street was too narrow to turn around in.

"Where now?" asked Stoddart.

"Back to camp," said Moses.

"Well, you drew blank that time."

If you feel as foolish as you look you'll think twice before you call me a fathead again. You've spent a rupee eight annas for nothing, and you're not a cent the wiser."

"Plus having learned that you're stupider than any other blasted Britisher I ever met," said Moses, "I've learned all I came for. Gulbaz isn't as smart as he thinks. In some ways he's near as stupid as you, all along of his pride."

"Oh, that's easy to say but it's just talk," said Stoddart. "If you ask me, you're a liar. You haven't learned anything. To the extent that a white man can condescend to a half breed without losing caste, we've been fair to middling friends, you and I. But if you use my name again promiscuous like that, I'll knock your block off."

"Fathead," said Moses. "He knows me. He doesn't know you. He came out because he was curious."

"And he told you to go to the devil. That's all you learned."

"Fathead! You mean that's all you learned. I learned that he's ready. He's red-hot ready."

"Ready for what?"

"To get Norwood. He's trigger-ready. If he weren't, he'd be play-



The Maharanee believed every word she said.

ing for time, and we'd be arguing this minute about the price o' what we'll tell him if he'll pay."

"You mean he'd have bribed us?"

"I do not. Gulbaz makes promises. And he sometimes keeps his promises, unless."

"Unless what?"

"Unless someone else can keep 'em for him with a long knife. He can hire that done for five rupees a head. So why pay us a thousand? Can your intellect answer that conundrum? Figure it out on a board when you get home."

CHAPTER XVI

The Maharanee was scrupulously fair. Rather than disguise her motive, she revealed it. She stripped objections to it naked. She didn't pretend that Rundhia was a prince of virtue or a man of his word, except when it suited him, or when compelled to keep a promise. The Maharanee believed every word she said. But she used arguments that sounded curious, even to Lynn, who was under the spell of the eastern environment.

Lynn later found Rundhia standing in moonlight, in a golden turban and European dinner clothes. As a palace door closed behind Lynn, she, too, stepped into the moonlight, with her face half veiled under the sequined sari. It was she who looked oriental, dressed according to the Maharanee's wishes. Rundhia looked like a western athlete, in more or less fancy dress. And he called Lynn a goddess in western terms that any polo-playing American gallant might have used: "You look like Miss India! You almost give me religion! Pull away that curtain! Show your golden hair, and let's give all the other goddesses a sight to make them green with envy!"

Lynn uncovered her head and walked beside him in silence.

"I feel like a god tonight," said Rundhia.

"Have you been drinking?" Lynn asked.

"You golden-haired iconoclast! Your arrow aimed into the heart of my ballooning self-esteem! You delicious archer! I have had five cocktails. Do I seem drunk?"

"Measured to my mood, exactly."

"Then you seem astonishingly sober. What have you done about Captain Norwood?"

"Lynn, let's forget Norwood. I want to talk to you."

"I can't forget him. You and I have wronged him."

"Has he answered your letter?" Rundhia retorted.

"No. But have you forgotten your promise?"

"Didn't the Maharanee tell you? Don't trouble yourself about Norwood. Forget him. Talk to me."

"I wish to talk about Captain Norwood."

"He has talked about you, I don't mind telling you. According to one of the palace servants, he told your aunt this afternoon that he's disgusted with you."

"I can believe he is disgusted," Lynn answered. "But I can't imagine him saying so to Aunt, or to anyone else."

"Let us talk about you," said Rundhia.

"Very well, what about me?"

"Now you have made me speechless!"

"Have I? Then perhaps you will listen to me."

"Beloved, I will gladly listen to you, in an ecstasy of patience and devotion, during years which shall flow so fast that we'll be old before we know it!"

"Did you get that from a book?"

"I never read books. When I talk to you, my tongue can only stutter miserable hints of how I feel. You make me delirious. Be good enough to notice that these arms resist impulse!" He extended his arms toward the moon, then dropped them to his sides. "Oh, Lynn, I love you."

"Good job I don't love you," she answered. "There'd be—"

"A new golden age in Kadur!" Rundhia interrupted. "Lynn: philosophy, religion, economics and the other muck they made me listen to at school and college left me, until you came, dry of faith in anything but evil—and even evil dying! You are my first glimpse of goodness."

"Don't you love the Maharanee? Isn't she good?"

"Oh, yes. She is good past history. Lynn, you are the present and the future! One straight look into your blue eyes, and I knew what hope means and the higher vision. I had never seen it, until I saw you."

"Sounds good," Lynn answered.

"What was in the cocktails?"

"Don't joke! Lynn, I'm in love. I mean every word I'm saying to you."

"I mean what I say, too," Lynn answered. "I don't love you—What was that noise? In the distance. It sounded like shooting."

"I didn't hear it," said Rundhia.

They had reached the steps that led to the kiosk on the garden wall. It was dark in the wall's shadow. He was justified in offering his arm to guide her up the steps, but he put it around her. She could feel his vibrance. She escaped him—ran up the steps ahead of him, then waited on the wall in full moonlight, facing him, unafraid.

"There! Did you hear that? Wasn't that a rifle-shot, Rundhia?"

"Might have been," he answered.

"Not so easy to tell."

"Isn't Captain Norwood's camp in that direction?" Lynn asked.

"Somewhere over there, yes. Possibly a jackall or a stray dog scared his sentries. Never mind Norwood. Lynn, you say you don't love me. I don't believe you."

"Why not? I told you the plain truth—Do you think sentries would fire at a dog?"

"His would! He's crazy. Lynn, I don't believe you because you forgave what I did in the treasure room. And because when you hurt me, you were sorry. Also because you are not afraid to be alone with me now. Lynn, you don't know yourself. You're—"

"Do you know yourself?" she retorted. "Don't you think it strange that they should be shooting at night?"

"No. Most soldiers live in a continual state of false alarm. Lynn, listen to me. Don't I excite you?"

"You did. But I saw you, and I heard you laugh at Captain Norwood's ruin."

"You dislike me?"

"Oh, no."

"You admit I can stir your emotions?"

"Oh, yes. I admit that. Why tell lies about it? You're magnetic. I almost fell in love with you."

"Lynn, you are thinking about East and West. That hoary old superstition! It lingers, they tell me, in America more tenaciously than anywhere else, though even school-books nowadays admit that we and you are of the same race. Do you know how many western women have become the wives of Indian princes?"

"I don't want to know. I don't care."

"You are right, Lynn. Quite right. Why should you care? It is love, not what others have done, that crumbles superstitions. Lynn, I love you. I wouldn't lie to you—"

"Have you done your best for Captain Norwood? Have you really done it? What have you done?"

"Never mind. I have done it."

"You swear?"

"Yes."

"Then I will listen. You were saying—"

Rundhia had to recover the train of his thought. He turned away from her a moment, paced the wall, and came back:

"Lynn, my love for you may sound selfish. I always have been selfish, until I met you. I have no practice with words that a genuine lover should use. But I am genuine. For the first time in my life, I am unselfish. May I tell you—will you listen if I tell you—what my heart tells me?"

"Yes, I will listen, Rundhia."

"Will you really listen?"

"Yes, Rundhia. I would rather listen to almost anything than my own thought, at the moment."

"You are feeling deserted?"

"Despised!" Lynn answered. "If Captain Norwood had answered my letter—"

"You are lonely! So am I lonely! Lynn, diwaza kola hai! The door is open! Enter. It is that short step across the threshold that makes you hesitate. Leap!"

"You mean into your arms?"

"Yes."

"No."

"Come, Lynn!"

"No."

"Lynn, you make me hate myself. Am I so unappealing to you—? Suddenly he changed his voice. He sounded angry: "Are you in love with Norwood?"

"I hardly know him. How could I be? I only know that I never felt dirty before in all my life. I don't like it, Rundhia. And I can't forgive you for having crowed over Captain Norwood's disgrace. You and I brought it on him."

"Lynn, is that all that's the matter? If I give you my word of honor that I have solved the Norwood problem, will you listen to me?"

"Have you solved it?"

"If I prove to you, before midnight, that there is no longer any problem about Norwood, will you come into my arms?"

"Speak plainly, Rundhia."

"I will. Lynn, face it! Norwood has no use for you. Has he answered your letter? He has not! The messenger reported that he tore up your letter without reading it. I don't know why you care a damn what happens to him. He doesn't care what happens to you. Your aunt doesn't care. She is leaving you flat."

Lynn interrupted: "You say Captain Norwood tore up my letter? Why didn't you tell me that before?"

"To save your feelings. However, you know now. That's how he feels. That's Norwood. Lynn, you are merely hesitating on that damned old superstitious crumbling platform of 'East is East and West is West,' that Kipling lied about. You and I are above all that nonsense. Lynn, beloved, come into my arms now! You are lonely. So am I lonely. See, I am waiting for you. Come here, Lynn. Come of your own will. Be mine. Face things from the inside looking outward. You shall be my wife, and I swear by my love for you, that Norwood—"

"Oh, that's only a promise," Lynn interrupted. "I won't believe you about Captain Norwood, until you prove it."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Okapi Protected by Its Color
In its native swamps, the okapi is protected by its red-brown color, streaked with white, which makes it practically invisible at a distance of 20 to 25 feet. Another thing saves it from hunters. The bushes and swamp growth on which it feeds are so dense that only a pigmy can get through them.

HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONS

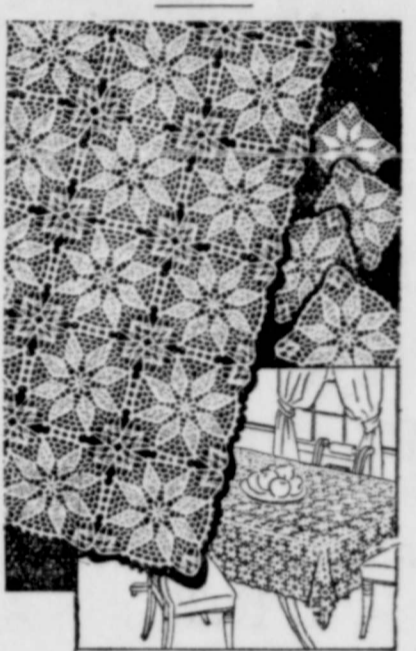
Fat Side Up.—Put the roast in the pan with the fat side up so it will baste itself.

When baiting the mousetrap, remember that foods mice prefer to cheese include chocolate, peanuts and pork chops.

For Dried Fruits.—Try soaking and cooking a thin slice or two of lemon with your dried apricots, peaches or prunes.

Plan meals in advance, with concern for the use of leftovers, which will aid in saving energy in preparation.

Crocheted Medallion For Heirloom Cloth



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Lovely is as lovely does and goodness knows this crocheted medallion does things for any room, even though it's the very A B C of crochet. Try it and see! Pattern 1959 contains directions for making medallion; illustrations of it and of stitches; materials required; photograph of medallion.

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Strange Facts

'Black-Out' Lights
Street Car Drivers
Immortal Trees

For "black-outs" during air raids, England has perfected highway and traffic lights, headlights and police uniforms that can be seen only by those on the ground.

Geneva, Switzerland, has streetcars whose entire space is given over to restaurants in which the passengers eat and drink as they travel through the city.

The giant redwood trees in California and Oregon have never been known to die a natural death.—Collier's.

How To Relieve Bronchitis

Bronchitis, acute or chronic, is an inflammatory condition of the mucous membranes lining the bronchial tubes. Creomulsion goes right to the seat of the trouble to loosen germ laden phlegm, increase secretion and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding that you are to like the way it quickly allays the cough or you are to have your money back.

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Along the
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—with—
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Sunday Night, Dec. 31
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'Pack
Up
Your
Trouble
-FREE-

Balloons-Horns-Stream
ers-Confetti
Watch the Old
Year Out--the
New Year In!

Mon-Tues-Jan. 1-2
Nelson Eddy
Ilona Massey

—IN—
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Premier Showing of
the Entire Southwest
Shows from 1 to 11:00

PENASCO NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harwell and Tommy, spent Christmas holidays visiting friends and relatives in Seminal, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Cleve were in El Paso this week where Mr. Cleve has been under the care of a doctor.

The Penasco community enjoyed the Christmas tree and program which was held at the church Saturday night.

Mr. Culbertson is now in the Artesia hospital after being in an El Paso hospital for the past few weeks. He is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Reeves, Lonnie Reeves and Louise Reed were in Roswell Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Trotter and family of Hope visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Griffin, Jr., last week.

The Ladies Club held their annual Christmas party at Mrs. Edsil Runyan's Thursday. Those who enjoyed the day were: Mrs. Angie Cleve, Mrs. Oris Cleve, Mrs. Loren Reeves, Mrs. J. W. Harwell, Mrs. Edward McGuire, Mrs. Jim Hooten, Mrs. Boyd Williams, Sr., Mrs. Cliff Longbotham, Mrs. Tom Runyan, and Mrs. D. Swift of Hope, Mrs. Elzie Swift and Betty Brainard of Artesia and the hostess, Mrs. Edsil Runyan.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Powell, Rachel, Hezzie Jay, returned home Saturday after spending the past week in Carlsbad where Mrs. Powell underwent a minor operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Longbotham was in Artesia Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Reeves, Madie and Thelma Reeves and George Olin Feel of Hope spent Christmas in El Paso.

Mr. Edmond Hunyan spent the week end in Artesia.

Mrs. Boyd Williams, Sr., is in the Artesia hospital. She has been ill for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Paxton and family were in Artesia Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell of Missouri are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Bryan Hunyan for a few days.

North Side Sunny Side
The sunny side of a house is the north side in New Zealand.

Saccharin Sweeter Than Sugar
Saccharin is 300 to 500 times sweeter than sugar.

Feathers Form Owls "Horns"
Tufts of feathers form the "horns" of horned owls.

Indians Dug Deep Wells
Deep wells were dug in the California desert by Indians long before white men came.

Jews Reckon World's Age
The Jewish calendar starts with the creation of the world, and this is the year 5698.

First Wine to White House
Jefferson brought the first wine to the White House, \$10,000 worth in eight years.

North Carolina's First Town
The first incorporated town in North Carolina was Bath, which was settled in 1690 and incorporated in 1705.

How Old Are You Inside?
Never mind how many wrinkles Father Time has painted in your face. Never mind how many gray hairs he has put on your head. The important thing isn't how old you are on the outside, but how old you are on the inside. A man's real age is determined by the youthfulness of his spirit! Benjamin Franklin helped write the American Constitution at eighty. Tintoretto painted his famous "Paradise," a canvas 74 by 30 feet, when he was seventy-four. Goethe completed "Faust" at eighty. As long as we are alert and vital in spirit we are not old. As long as we are joyously looking forward and enthusiastically starting new things we are still young. Stay young on the inside and forget your birthdays!—The Silver Lining.

PINON ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Dare McLean, Jr., of Cloudercroft, spent Christmas Eva with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McLean. They were on their way to spend Christmas with Mrs. McLean's parents in Artesia.

The Gentry family celebrated Christmas day in their usual manner with a large family dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gage. In addition to Mrs. S. J. Gentry and her children, grandchildren and a great grandchild, Miss Billie Jay Withers, guests included Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hendrix and daughter, Miss Hazel, Mrs. Mattie Rogers, Mrs. Gage—Mr. Gage's mother—Mrs. Alice Campbell and Mr. Ula Harbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Smith celebrated Christmas with their children and grandchildren and the four Kimmons children.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tanner and their children spent the Christmas holidays with relatives in Carlsbad.

Mr. Charles Kimmons and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Ivans went to Alamogordo for the Christmas reunion of the Kimmons family.

Mr. and Mrs. Withers of Carri-zozo, are visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Withers.

Mrs. Hubert Dill is suffering from an attack of influenza.

Little Patsy Jean Withers missed most of the Christmas festivities by breaking out with chicken pox just before Christmas.

The Pinon School celebrated Christmas with an afternoon Christmas program and party on Thursday.

Mrs. Sally Ivans is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Ivans.

The Original Petticoats
Petticoats were originally what their name implies—little coats worn both by men and women for warmth of the upper part of the body. But fashion, which is apt to turn everything topsy-turvy, soon transformed them into exclusively feminine garb.

Where Donkey Was Domesticated
The donkey was probably first domesticated in the valley of the Nile, where it was known and used for centuries in advance of the horse. It found its way into ancient Greece through Asia Minor, but is mentioned much less frequently than the mule by Homer and other early writers.

First Engineering School
The first school of engineering in the United States was the Rensselaer Polytechnic institute, founded at Troy, N. Y., by Stephen van Rensselaer in 1824, as a school of theoretical and applied science to furnish instruction in the application of science to the common purposes of life.

Spider Monkeys Are Thin
Spider monkeys get their name because they look thin and spidery, seem to be all legs and tails. Most spider monkeys have no thumbs, use their paws only as nooks while climbing. The glory of the spider monkey lies in its tail. In zoos, spider monkeys stretch their tails out between the bars to pick up peanuts lying on the ground that they cannot reach or pick up with their fingers. Brazil is the native home of spider monkeys.

Cougars Known as Pumas
Cruel, friend to no other animal, cougars, more widely known as pumas, nevertheless have a strange affinity to humans. Easily tamed, they seldom attack, never unless provoked. Though daring to tackle larger beasts, they often stand trembling and whining, allow men to kill them. Deep, however, is their hatred for dogs, which even tame ones will attack. They range farther than any other American mammals, living from Canada to Patagonia. Great jumpers, a 20-foot leap into a tree is easy for them. Over ground they can cover almost 40 feet.

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Congressman John J. Dempsey Goes To Bat For Hope Dam



Congressman John J. Dempsey, pictured above, is working hard on the job of removing the last barrier between residents of the Hope community and a dam on the Penasco. Dempsey said he was sure the way would be cleared for construction to start soon.

Goes To El Paso To Confer With Red Bluff Council

Congressman John J. Dempsey told the Artesia Enterprise Monday he believed he would be able to get the Hope dam project started within a short time.

The New Mexico congressman, who was a guest of honor and speaker at the public works dedication and celebration at Carlsbad, said all the governmental approval necessary had been obtained, and that all that was holding up construction was opposition of the Red Bluff irrigation district.

Expert government engineers have determined that it is physically impossible for water from the Penasco to reach Red Bluff, Congressman Dempsey said.

Goes To Texas

"The report of the engineers should remove all barriers standing between Hope and her dam," said Dempsey. "Since it has been proved that a dam at Hope could not injure the Red Bluff district members, there is no further reason for them to continue their opposition."

Dempsey said he would go from Carlsbad to El Paso, where he would confer with the attorney for the Red Bluff district in an effort to get the Texans to cease their fight against the Hope dam project.

He said he would seek to enlist the help of Congressman Thomason of Texas in convincing the Red Bluff people that they should not block the project.

Deserve Fair Deal

"The people of Hope certainly deserve a fair deal in this matter," said Dempsey, "and I am going to see that they get it, if it is within my power to do so. The hard part has been accomplished. It should not be difficult to get the Red Bluff people to cooperate, now that it is apparent that the project has merit and could not damage them."

"It is a shame that Hope has had to do without this dam. It will be one of the greatest things that could happen to the country. With ample water, the town and community of Hope will bloom again in the manner of its early days. It will be a great thing not only for Hope, itself, but for Artesia and all of Eddy county."

The New Mexico congressman said that he was not rushing the post-office appropriations because he be-

lieved it wiser to move conservatively.

Befriends Hobbs

"I would rather ask for half a million dollars and get it," he said, "than to ask for a million and lose it. The government can afford to build one new postoffice a year in New Mexico."

"Hobbs is in bad shape. It is the only first class postoffice in the state that does not have a building. I believe Hobbs needs a new building more than any other city. Therefore, I'm working for Hobbs first."

"I know that Artesia, too, is badly in need of a postoffice building, but we cannot get it for you this year. You may rest assured, however, that I shall do everything possible to get a new building for you soon."

Likes Garner

Dempsey said he was among the Artesia Enterprise's fans, and that he particularly admired the editorial page. "I like your frank editorial policy," he said, "even when you roast us. That type of editorial writing gives your readers confidence in you."

Dempsey had praise for Jack Garner of Texas, who Saturday announced he would be a candidate for president.

"I am a great admirer of Jack Garner," he said. "He is one of the finest Americans I know—a great leader, an able gentleman."

"He has done much for the people and his party. However, it is too early, and there are still too few candidates to state a preference at this time. But if Garner is running, then the calibre of presidential candidates is bound to be high."

—Artesia Enterprise

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones a daughter on December 14.

Dorane Teague was quite ill the first of this week with a sore throat.

Mrs. Janie Shields of Hobbs, is here visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Bill Jones and family.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Wilburn and children spent Christmas in Alamogordo with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Swift spent Christmas with their daughter Mrs. H. E. Mehrens, and family, at Portales. Mr. and Mrs. Elza Swift and Mr. and Mrs. Edsil Runyan also were guest at the Mehren home.

Rep. Dempsey in Washington Working on Plans for Hope Dam

In a telephone conversation with Mr. Dempsey on Tuesday Mr. Dempsey said that his conference with Rep. Thomason of El Paso, in regard to the Red Bluff officials removing their objections to the Hope dam, was working out very satisfactorily. Mr. Dempsey left early Wednesday morning for Washington where he would attend to matters pertaining to the Hope dam before the opening of the regular session of Congress.

WEED ITEMS

A white Christmas in the Sacramentos.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nolan and Mrs. David Bishop were Christmas shopping in El Paso Thursday and Friday.

A "Little Theater" group was organized at the school building last Wednesday evening by Mrs. J. B. Clark. The following officers were elected: Mrs. J. E. Wyatt president, Mrs. Bruce Winters vice president, and Mrs. J. B. Clark secretary.

The Weed basket ball team met defeat at Hope last Wednesday.

Miss Ophelia Phillips of Artesia is visiting in this community during the holidays.

L. L. Wood had the misfortune of getting a leg broken while working at the Frank White sawmill on Spring Canyon Thursday. The last report that Mr. Wood was getting along as well as could be expected in the Artesia hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Inmann of Globe, Arizona, are spending Christmas in this section, with relatives and friends, which are numerous. The Inmanns are among the early settlers here; Mrs. Inmann was the former Miss Zone Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis, one of the most highly respected couples in Otero County.

The W.P.A. workers from Weed left the first of last week to begin work at the Institute for the Blind in Alamogordo.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Turner was taken to the Shields Hospital Monday evening with bronchial pneumonia.

Roy Edwards and family moved from here to Mimbres, New Mexico recently. Mr. Edwards is an employee of the survey camp that moved from the Sacramento river a short time ago.

Ray Welch of Kingman, Arizona, spent Christmas in the home of Mrs. Daisy Weems.

Among the ones spending the holidays elsewhere are Principal J. E. Houston and twin sons, Tom and Bob, went to Reserve, New Mexico, where Mrs. Houston is employed as teacher in the school, also has two of the children, Douglas and Jane, with her there; W. E. Fickel joined Mrs. Fickel in Oklahoma City, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Waltrip and little son, Charles at Portales, Miss Ida Cox in Alamogordo, A. W. Boyce and wife in Arrey, New Mexico, with

Mr. Boyce's mother, Mrs. S. R. Boyce and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones and little daughters, Bernice and Clarissa, Mrs. Mabel Patterson and little son, Bobby, in Greeley, Colorado.

Miss Willie Weems of El Paso spent her Christmas vacation with home folk here, Mrs. Daisy Weems and Miss June.

The community Christmas tree and program at the Weed Baptist Church, Saturday evening, Dec. 23, was a success. The building was decorated with the manger and usual decorations. There was not standing room for all, but splendid behavior by every one present; which is certainly appreciated and seems that reverence for the Christ child was much in evidence; that being the principal objective of the gathering together. The following program was rendered:

Song, "Joy to the World"

Prayer by the pastor, Rev. J. D. McCollough

A Welcome, by Vera Fuller

An Acrostic, 1st and 2nd grades

Recitations

"Christmas", Lois Maude Akers

"Merry Christmas", Riley Smith

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LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Summers from Roswell spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. J. C. Bumgardner, and family.

Misses Eunice L. and Emmeline Crockett who are attending school at Las Vegas and Miss Ella Lee Crockett of Alamogordo, are visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crockett.

Dr. Puckett, County Health Officer from Carlsbad, was here last Friday issuing health certificates to the women who are to be employed on the school lunch project.

Founder of Swedenborgian Theology Emanuel Swedenborg, Swedish scientist, philosopher and founder of Swedenborgian theology, was born in Stockholm, January 29, 1688, and died in London March 29, 1772.

How Old Are You Inside?

Never mind how many wrinkles Father Time has painted in your face. Never mind how many gray hairs he has put on your head. The important thing isn't how old you are on the outside, but how old you are on the inside. A man's real age is determined by the youthfulness of his spirit! Benjamin Franklin helped write the American Constitution at eighty. Tintoretto painted his famous "Paradise," a canvas 74 by 30 feet, when he was seventy-four. Goethe completed "Faust" at eighty. As long as we are alert and vital in spirit we are not old. As long as we are joyously looking forward and enthusiastically starting new things we are still young. Stay young on the inside and forget your birthdays!—The Silver Lining.

Herford Breeders Inspect Cattle

The members of the Eastern New Mexico Herford Breeders Association, who have been on a tour to inspect the cattle that are being fed for the sale were at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Reeves Tuesday, where they served a ranch style dinner. Those present were: Glen Williams of Artesia, D. Jones and son, Funch Jones, of Roswell, Al French and H. French of Elida, John Easley and Bill Anderson of Lovington, Frank Billings, Hans Schmid and Guss Hockenson of Roswell, Wade Gunn and Paul Bryant of Dallas, Texas, Mr. Pingery of Las Cruces, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Reeves, Lonnie Reeves, Mrs. E. D. McGuire and Mr. and Mrs. Austin Reeves. Leaving Mr. Reeves' they went to Artesia to Mr. Williams' ranch which was their last stop.

One man in the hospital and one man in the county jail is the result of a fight at a dance held in Hope Monday night. On Wednesday "Pet" Eskue plead guilty to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon and was bound over to the action of the district court. His bond was set at \$1000. Being unable to furnish bond he was committed to the county jail.

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Lula Jones of Amarillo, Texas, is here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Jones.

Mrs. Mabel Hardin of Scheidder, Texas, arrived Friday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Wink Hardin over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rood and Miss Charlotte Rood were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Smith Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Blake were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wood Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Hal Hammill and Simmy White were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hilary White, Sr., on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Anderson, Miss Jean Kimbrough and Mr. John Hardin spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wink Hardin.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Longbotthem and daughter Virginia, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ben Miller on Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Douglas of Loving, New Mexico, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Teague from Sun-evening until Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jones arrived last Friday to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Wathen.

Misses Jane and Billy Prue Crockett arrived from Carlsbad Friday evening to spend the holidays at the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crockett.

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"Forest Death Trap"

YOU know, when you go hunting, you more or less expect to meet up with adventures of a certain sort. You might reasonably expect to be treed by a bear, or hopped on by a wildcat, or maybe bogged down in a mess of quicksand or socked on the coco by a falling tree. You might expect almost anything BUT the sort of mystifying experience that fell to the lot of George S. Quartin of Brooklyn, N. Y., on a hunting trip near Kingston, N. Y., in the middle of January, 1929. The best adventures are like that. It isn't what you expect, but what you DON'T expect, that gives you the big thrill you remember all down through the years.

George Quartin and his friend Martin Ross went hunting. They might have expected to run across bears, wildcats, quicksand or falling trees, but here's what actually did happen.

They started out from the little village of Accord, N. Y.—started out into the woods, and along about evening, after trying for two or three hours to find their way back, decided that they must be lost. That's something else a hunter might easily expect, and certainly it did happen. But they don't count that as an adventure. It was only the beginning of a train of circumstances that led to a strange, terrifying night when everything was against them and nothing seemed to make sense.

Night had come on, and still they were walking in circles trying to find their way out of the woods. They were looking for a place to sleep when Martin Ross saw a light in the distance.

Hunters Discover Weatherbeaten House.

It seemed to be a flare of some sort. The two men started walking toward it. The flare died out before they had gone two steps, but moving in its direction, they came to an old, weather-beaten frame house standing in the middle of a clearing.

There was no light in the house, but they approached and knocked on the door. There was no answer, but George tried the latch and the door opened. They went inside—into a big, empty room. There was a fireplace in the corner, and some wood beside it. They started to build a fire, but they never got it lighted. From that moment on,



Terrified now, the two lads picked up their rifles and began shooting at the door.

events crowded on the heels of events so rapidly that they had no time to think of anything else.

First came a crash outside. It sounded near the door. George and Martin ran to it—and found it locked. Someone had fastened it from the outside!

Then it was they noticed that the big, dim room had no windows. What kind of a house was that? They noticed, too, that the door was a heavy one, made of solid oak—two or three times as thick and strong as any mere dwelling door had any business to be. There was something mighty strange about that windowless dwelling. A disquieting fear crept into the hearts of both of them. What sort of place had they stumbled into?

Peculiar Odor Permeates the Building.

Shouting brought them no answer. Then they began to hear voices outside. Whoever it was out there was ignoring their cries. They heard sounds of a heavy object being drawn somewhere. A peculiar odor, faint at first, began to permeate the whole building. The two lads lay down in a corner, but not to sleep. They lay huddled together, trapped like rats, wondering what their mysterious captors would finally do with them.

They lay there silent while the hours went by. Then, suddenly they were aroused by the sound of an explosion and the thud-thud of running feet. The smell of smoke began to fill the room—and in another few minutes the room was thick with the smoke itself.

Black, acrid, choking smoke! It billowed up from somewhere below them—filled their lungs and set them to coughing. Terrified now, the two lads picked up their rifles and began shooting at the door. But the door was too thick to yield even to rifle bullets, and if the men outside heard the shots they gave no sign of it.

The room was getting hot. Now they could hear flames crackling beneath them. The smoke was so thick that they could hardly breathe. They were running around in panic, aimlessly dashing from one side of that strange room to another. Flame was creeping through the cracks in the floorboards—licking the sides of the wall with its myriad red tongues. Time was passing, but they weren't conscious of it. All they knew was the terrible fear of being burned alive in the mysterious trap they had fallen into.

Seek a Place to Escape Intense Heat.

Then they were beginning to drop from exhaustion and lack of air. First George, then Martin. They were on their knees, groping for a spot where the intense heat would not sear their skin when they heard a hammering on the door.

They were too weak then to care much what was happening. Through a daze they watched the door splinter and fall to pieces. They saw it broken down, felt a merciful breath of fresh air roll in through the smoke—saw dim, foggy figures come dashing in through the doorway. Then hands were lifting them—dragging them out into the gray dawn of a January morning, and George saw that he was in the arms of a state trooper and being lifted into the front seat of a squad car.

In another moment, Martin was in the car with him, and they were rolling along a backwoods road toward Kingston—still wondering at the meaning of the terrifying ordeal they had been put through. The whole answer didn't come until other troopers brought in two men they had captured in the neighborhood of the house of mystery. The truth was that Martin and George had stumbled on a backwoods moonshine plant. The moonshiners, taking them for revenue agents, had locked them in, and left them to die when, a few hours later, their still exploded and set the house afire. But someone who saw the blaze phoned the troopers. Otherwise two lads who had gone a hunting might have ended their day of sport in a night of tragedy.

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Gas Pressure May Be Result of Excitement

By DR. JAMES W. BARTON
UNTIL just a few years ago, gas was thought to be due in all cases to the foods eaten—onions, cabbages, lettuce, peas, beans. More recently, it was thought that in the great majority of cases gas formation and pressure was due to a sluggish liver and gall bladder. Many cases also are believed due to fermentation of protein foods—meat, eggs, fish.

TODAY'S HEALTH COLUMN

It is now agreed that many nervous or excitable individuals, those who eat their food hurriedly, swallow quantities of air during meals and particularly if they use much fluid—tea, coffee, milk or water—during meals. Dr. Walter Alvarez, Mayo Clinic, who for many years has done much original research work on the stomach and intestines, says in the Ohio Medical Journal:



Dr. Barton

"For reasons yet unknown, some persons swallow much air as they drink. A 'dry' dinner will sometimes give a much more comfortable night." "Among the other causes of flatulence—gas—are: food sensitiveness—being allergic or sensitive to some particular food or foods such as eggs, wheat, berries; a plug or hardened waste matter in the rectum or lowest part of large intestine, which forces gas back up into small intestine and even into the stomach; nervous excitement before, during and after eating; oil, which while lubricating the wastes, seems to cause gas pressure, and any substances added to laxatives in order to add bulk to the wastes."

Walls Are Strengthened.

Despite the formation of gas caused by these bulky substances, such as agar, most physicians believe that this bulkiness distends the bowel and causes the muscles of the bowel to squeeze harder on the mass of waste and so prevents constipation. The bowel is kept in a better condition of health if its muscular walls have something that causes them to contract or squeeze upon the wastes. The walls increase in muscular strength by this work or exercise.

Removal of Gall Bladder

I HAVE spoken before of the patient who underwent operation for ulcer of the stomach expecting that all his symptoms would disappear, never to return. He was greatly disappointed when his physician told him that if he didn't stop worrying, eating rapidly, and not getting enough rest, he would likely "grow" another ulcer.

Drs. E. L. Eliason and J. P. North, Philadelphia, in Annals of Surgery, report their followup study of 264 cases from one to four years after operation. They found that only 6 per cent (16 cases) were not relieved of the symptoms for which they underwent operation. In four other cases the relief was delayed and in others the symptoms complained of were not due to gall bladder disturbance.

Cases Are Investigated.

Now 6 per cent is not a large percentage to fail to get relief after removal of their gall bladders but Drs. Eliason and North investigated these cases and found that in half of them (8) there were no gross or outstanding evidences of gall bladder disease at time of operation, but in the other half (8) the surgeon found a diseased gall bladder with stones yet the patient was not helped by the removal of the gall bladder.

The explanation is that sometimes conditions other than gallstones can give similar symptoms, "since many gallstones are 'silent' ones."

For those, then, that are suffering with gall bladder symptoms, especially those with the terrible attacks of gallstone colic, the fact that operation gives relief to such a large percentage should not only allay their fears of operation but should give them great hope of obtaining immediate relief and keeping free from symptoms thereafter.

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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D., Dean of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.

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Lesson for December 31

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FRIENDS AND FOES OF THE KINGDOM

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 13:54—14:4; 15:29-31. GOLDEN TEXT—Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.—John 15:14.

Inventory time has come, and it seems that our lesson for today, although it does come in the middle of our study of the Gospel of Matthew, comes too to sort of a pause to consider what has been the result of that which Jesus had said and done thus far in our study.

The answer we find is that He had both friends and foes, both love and hatred. His foes apparently outnumbered His friends, and the hatred was evidently fierce and the love none too warm. So Jesus was defeated? No, far from it. As we know, He won the victory over His enemies.

The situation is not different today. Those who follow Jesus and love Him truly are quite evidently in the minority and all too often it seems that hatred for the cause of Christ has the upper hand. Are we defeated? No, Jesus will ultimately win the victory again. We are on the winning side.

I. Dishonored Because of Jealousy (13:54-58).

One would have supposed that the people of the little, almost unknown town of Nazareth would have been thrilled at the return of its native son whose fame had also spread its name abroad and whose name was on the lips of thousands because He went about doing good.

They were astonished, but they were not ready to accept Him. They could not deny the fact either of His person or His power, but they could and did permit their personal pride and jealousy to lead them to deny Him. "This story teaches us the utterable folly of refusing to accept fact because it is astonishing, yet there are thousands of people standing in that position today concerning Jesus Christ. It is utterly unscientific, not to say irreligious. Here is an astonishing thing. They say we cannot understand how this man hath this wisdom. Has He the wisdom? Why, yes, we cannot escape it. Then in the name of God and common honesty obey the injunction and postpone the investigation" (G. Campbell Morgan).

II. Hated Because of Sin (14:1-4).

The pride of heart which causes many to hold themselves too good to follow the lowly Nazarene is sin. There is also that which even the world recognizes as sin which separates men from Christ. D. L. Moody is said to have written on the fly leaf of his Bible, "This book will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from this book." That is true, and it is also true that sin will keep a man from Christ.

Herod, living in sin, had been rebuked by John and had silenced his accuser by the simple expedient of imprisonment and ultimately by beheading him. But one does not thus put away sin, and when this man heard of Jesus, he at once assumed that John had risen from the dead to plague him still. So Herod also took his place with the enemies of our Lord.

If a man shows his opposition to Christ, whether it be by indifference, or by jealousy, or in outright hatred, be sure there is sin in that man's life. Those who love righteousness love the righteous Lord.

III. Accepted Because of Service (15:29-31).

"The Son of man came not to be ministered unto but to minister," even to the giving of "his life a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28). We have so overemphasized and misused the word service that one almost hesitates to speak it in connection with the name of the Lord Jesus. Yet it does summarize His earthly life and ministry. He served the needy with His teaching and preaching, with His provision for their daily needs, with His healing touch, and we read that they wondered and glorified God (v. 31).

As a means of encouraging men and women everywhere to follow Christ as they find Him in His Word, the writer of these notes will send without charge a folder, "The Why and How of Bible Reading," including a Bible-reading calendar for the entire year. Use the name and address at the head of this column, and if possible enclose a stamped addressed envelope or a three-cent stamp.

THIS FUNNY WORLD



As He Saw It
"How does my dress look?"
"It looks to me like three weeks' wages."

A naturalist says there's a fish that washes its young. How in the world does it manage to dry them?

PLENTY OUT OF IT



The Boss—I don't think that that tire was much good Mose. How much have we gotten out of it?
Mose—Well, so far boss I've gotten three hunks of glass, five nails and foteen carpet tacks.

Same Method

"I caught my husband flirting."
"That's how I got mine, too."

Right Bait

"You must have used a lot of patience to catch so many fish."
"No—worms."

They tell me an editor has written a book of poems. I'm not surprised. They often turn out poets.

And Finally That

Politician—Now, ladies and gentlemen, I just want to tax your memory—Audience—Good heavens! Has it come to that?

Theirs but to Do

Two English boys who were pals joined the army together and, like so many others, were finding it difficult to understand what the drill instructor barked at them.
When the instructor gave an extra-involved order, Al whispered:
"Ere, Bill, what did 'e say?"
"Ain't got the least idea," replied Bill, "but we've got to do it."

A Word in Season

It happened in England. A raw recruit had been appointed camp cook. He did his best, but it wasn't very good. Getting dinner ready in a hurry, he made some soup in the same boiler he'd used for the breakfast tea.

Going into the mess-room with it, he announced:
"Hi, lads! If you find any tea-leaves in the soup, you'll know it's mint."

Prosecutor Had Grounds

For Objection, It Appears

Counsel for the defense was cross-examining the witness, a lovely blonde with big blue eyes.
"Where were you," he thundered, "on Monday night?"
The blonde smiled sweetly.

"Out for a run in a car."
"And where were you," bel-lowed counsel, "on Tuesday night?"
"Out for a run in a car."

Counsel leaned closer.
"And what," he said, "are you doing tomorrow night?"
Prosecuting counsel leaped to his feet.

"Your Honor," he protested, "I object to that question."
"And why do you object?"
"Because I asked her first!"

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Dempsey Goes To Bat For Hope Dam

Congressman John J. Dempsey told the editor of The Artesia Enterprise Monday that he was exerting all his efforts to remove the last barrier in the attempt to get a new dam for Hope, and we are sure that Dempsey can, and will, get the job done.

We have every reason in the world to have implicit faith in Congressman Dempsey. We have worked with him on several projects, and in each one he did everything he said he would do, and more.

Last Spring, at the request of this editor, Congressman Dempsey exerted a great deal of energy and went so far as to put a little pressure on the war department in order to aid an orphan boy in a CCC camp.

When a man who has the weight of such a multitude of problems on his shoulders as has Congressman Dempsey, goes so far to help an almost friendless youngster in a CCC camp, you can rest assured that he will fight to the last ditch for a large community whose very life depends upon his efforts.

We have known many congressmen, and we have never known one to work so diligently, so faithfully and so tirelessly in the public interest as has Dempsey. We say this not because of what we expect him to do in the future, but in recognition of what he has done for us in the past. If he never turns another straw for us, we shall continue to believe that the people never had a more faithful public servant than John P. Dempsey.

There is every reason to believe that Dempsey will get the Hope dam for that worthy community not only because of his ability to finish what he starts to do, but because of the merits of the project.

Members of the Red Bluff irrigation district, who have blocked the Hope dam project after it had all the necessary governmental approval, probably are sincere in their belief that it would damage their interests—that they are entitled to protection of their costly reservoir. But after expert government engineers, highly technical in their study and certainly without prejudice, have reported that it would be physically impossible for a dam at Hope to keep one drop of water out of Red Bluff reservoir, members of that Texas group no longer can oppose the project with impunity.

There is no other man or group of men in New Mexico who does not recognize the rights of the residents of the Hope community and realize their situation. All of New Mexico will rejoice when justice finally will have prevailed for a community that has been buffeted by fate until it holds forth at the last ditch.

When we talked with Dempsey Monday, that congressman in the most frank and forthright manner, set forth his method of procedure in the interests of Hope. At the time he was preparing to leave for El Paso for the one purpose of finally landing the Hope dam. If there is real justice in the world, and if the members of the Red Bluff irrigation district can recognize it, Hope will have her dam.

and if Santa brings us nothing else this Christmas, that will be enough; for it will be the best Christmas present Hope—and Artesia, too—ever had.—Artesia Enterprise.

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Rooster That Crows Loudest
Jud Tunkins says the rooster that just stood off and watched the fight is the one who butts in on the victory and crows the loudest.

Laugh Must Be Genuine
"A laugh has got to be genuine to be any good," said Uncle Eben, "a false face wears a grin so big dat it overdoes it."

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS BY JOSEPH W. LaBINE

Opening of Garner's Campaign Fails to Stir Political Circles; New Nazi-Italian Plot Hinted

(EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.)
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POLITICS: Announcement

"I will accept the nomination for President. I will make no effort to control any delegates. The people should decide. The candidate should be selected at primaries and conventions as provided by law, and I sincerely trust that all Democrats will participate in them."

In these 44 words the sage of Uvalde, Texas, whom John Lewis once called a "labor-baiting, poker-playing, whisky-drinking, evil old man," tossed his hat in the 1940 presidential ring.

Nobody in Washington was surprised by the announcement at first,



GARNER AND CHICKENS
Hatched at Uvalde.

but over the week-end those 44 words received considerable study. Points of interest:

1. Unlike other Democratic hopefuls, Garner did not offer to step aside if President Roosevelt decided to run again.

2. He promised to make no effort to control delegates, indicating he would be a hard man to deal with in the convention hall. Jack Garner presumably refuses to enter into any trades.

THE WARS: Plot?

Her disrepute sharply heightened when the League of Nations expelled Russia, the German Reich got some solace when Italian Foreign Minister Galeazzo Ciano made an unusual announcement of his nation's foreign policy. European diplomacy is now clear as mud, with Germany's ally, Italy, aiding Finland to fight Russia, who is also Germany's ally.

But Ciano's speech indicated the picture may soon clear. Only point of difference between Rome and Berlin was Germany's method of "settling" the Danzig-Polish dispute, in the course of which Herr Hitler agreed that Italy should remain out of the European war. As for the Reich's friendship with Russia, Ciano charged Britain and France forced this solution on Hitler. This, possibly, is the key to future German-Italian collaboration.

Italy is still loyal to Berlin in every way, and still maintains that Poland, Czechoslovakia and Austria cannot be restored if there is to be peace. And by charging the Russian pact was "forced" on Germany, Italy admits that the Soviet has merely been used as a tool to bring pressure on France and Britain. Can it be that the axis may now force peace on the allies as the price for keeping Russia out of Europe?

Western War

Almost as a repercussion to the Graf Spee incident (see below) the western front saw its first direct artillery duel over the Rhine. This was purposeless, because the Rhine was so flooded that troops could not cross.

Biggest news developed from Britain's new aerial patrol, developed to combat the Nazi mine-laying campaign. On three successive nights royal air force planes raided German seaplane bases, after which the air ministry said it "tentatively believed" the mine menace was con-

quered. Next day, however, the war's biggest air battle took place over Helgoland Bight, the Nazis claiming 34 British ships were downed. London admitted seven losses and claimed Germany had lost 12.

British boast-of-the-week: How her tiny submarine Ursula had penetrated the mine-infested mouth of the Elbe to sink a Kohn class cruiser at her anchorage.

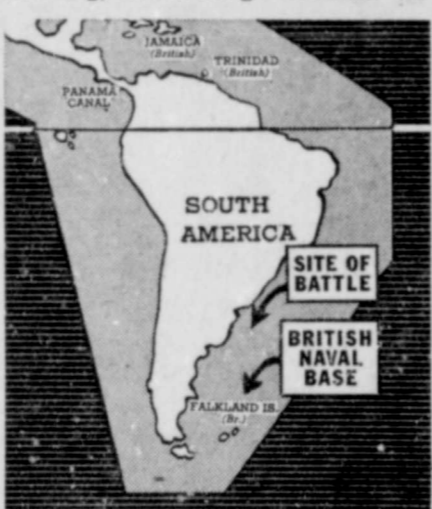
Northern War

Still playing to a full house was the Finnish-Russian war, in which the Soviet was taking a terrific licking both in manpower and prestige. For the first time, U. S. newsmen like United Press' Webb Miller and Chicago Daily News' Leland Stowe visited the Karelian front and saw Finnish troops resting snugly in their warm trenches while the Russians stormed away like madmen across the river, wasting ammunition and getting nowhere. Soviet tanks were disabled by the score, running against snow-covered boulders or being blasted by anti-tank guns. In the north the Finns reported they had encircled two Russian forces of 10,000 men each.

Spee

Pan America awoke suddenly to discover its "neutrality zone" (see map) was ineffectual. Before she dashed for the safety of Montevideo harbor in Uruguay, the Nazi pocket battleship Graf Spee had almost been blasted to pieces by three British cruisers. One of them, Exeter, was so badly damaged she headed for Britain's Falkland base in the south Atlantic, also within the neutrality zone. (Although Britain won the engagement, Germany lost fewer men.) Three days later, her 72-hour Uruguayan permit having expired, Graf Spee headed for open sea where British ships waited like lions for the kill. Suddenly she exploded, four-inch steel plates bulging like paper sacks. Graf Spee went to the bottom, her skipper having chosen to scuttle her in the face of hopeless odds.

Back at Montevideo a storm was brewing, but Foreign Minister Al-



NEUTRALITY & SPEE
The explosion had repercussions.

berto Guani stuck to his post. The German minister charged him with a "flagrant violation of international law" for not giving Graf Spee enough time to repair her damage. The Nazis even planned to demand reparations for the ship. Taking no chances, Uruguay promptly arrested four of the crewmen and charged them with blowing up the ship.

INDIA: Zeland's Worry

Rapidly approaching, perhaps, is a crisis in which British domination of India may pass away. A good start at satisfying Indian nationalist ambitions was made several years ago when a quasi-home rule plan was instituted. But in November, faced with racial differences between the all-India congress and the Moslem league, Viceroy Marquess of Lithling invoked emergency powers vesting authority in provincial governments. Native congress ministries in seven provinces promptly resigned.

Up in the house of lords to comment on this situation rose the Marquess of Zeland, secretary of state for India. The result of this wholesale resignation, he said, has been to "set back the hands of the clock more than 30 years." Meanwhile German propagandizers are trying to make the Indians "look to Nazi Germany for their freedom." Only hope for peaceful settlement, he thought, was division of legislatures on communal instead of political lines.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

World Looks Forward to Busy 1940, Fraught With Important Questions

By ROGER BAILEY

(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)
NEW YORK.—Before the infant 1940 becomes a gray-beard his book of contemporary history may be heavily inscribed.

The new year is destined to be the most important in a decade, a year of supreme testing for men and their military machines, for politicians and dictators whose philosophies and systems are even now waiting in abeyance until 1940 has spoken its verdict.

You can lay your bottom dollar that the European turmoil will crystallize in 1940 to the point where observers can see definite trends.

We'll probably know, for instance, whether Nazi Germany can withstand the pressure of an allied economic blockade, meanwhile trying to stave off French-British assaults on land and sea. Or will Hitler's machine crack up, the victim of internal discontent?

What Is Finland's Fate?

Valiant little Finland, whose early stand against the Russian invaders was acclaimed throughout the world, looks forward to 1940 as the year in which she will retain her freedom or fall vassal to the Kremlin.

It's a pivotal year in the Balkans, too. If Russia succeeds against Finland, she'll undoubtedly turn to a new conquest in Rumania, already pressed by Hungary, Germany and Bulgaria. And if that happens the observers are pretty certain Italy will join the melee to fight for Balkan independence. If these little states can stay free of war in 1940, they've little to worry about.

Even as Russia marches in 1940 she will answer the question world militarists have been puzzling for the past 10 years, namely, is her huge army and air force really so formidable? The Polish invasion, in which Russia knifed a fleeing enemy in the back, was no fair test. Neither were early days of the Finnish invasion, because the hardy Soviet troops under extraordinary arctic fighting conditions.

Will FDR Run Again?

At home the year's biggest story will be November's presidential election and the campaign leading up to it. Will President Roosevelt break tradition and seek a third term? Will eight years of the New Deal be vindicated by election of a New Deal chief executive, or will the public repudiate this leadership in favor of a Republican?

Closely allied with this issue is the question of continuing or stopping national spending. Most Wash-

ington observers believe there will be no way of avoiding an increase in the national debt limit, which has almost reached its legal peak of \$45,000,000,000. President Roosevelt will leave revenue matters strictly in congress' hands, he has intimated.

Organized labor faces a critical year in which anti-trust suits may set a precedent by laying the unions open to prosecution under the Sherman act. Moreover there are signs that congress will amend the Wagner labor act following revelations before the Smith house committee during December.

Will Social Security Work?

Old age benefits under the federal social security act will be distributed for the first time, and by year's end America should know if the plan actually works. The Supreme court will receive its fifth appointment from President Roosevelt, gaining a clear New Deal majority.

How about the Far East? Japan, balancing precariously on the international fence since Europe went to war last September, must jump one way or the other, siding with the dictators or the democracies. Right now she is busy playing both ends against the middle, trying to frighten the democracies into line by smiling benignly on Russia.

The United States is especially concerned with Asiatic developments because the 1911 trade treaty with Japan, repudiated last summer, will become abrogated officially on January 26. Before Washington is willing to renew it, Tokyo must agree to cease threatening American interests.

Will Chiang Surrender?

The Japanese, meanwhile, hope to end their war with China in 1940. Despite continued resistance from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, the Japs plan to establish a puppet government under Wang Ching-wei as a means of pacifying Chinese nationalistic sentiment.

Not all of 1940's news will develop in the political and military fields. Followers of the boxing wars are wondering if a "white hope" will arise to strike down the colored heavyweight behemoth, Joe Louis. And throughout the hot stove league they're wondering about that perennial question—can the New York Yankees win a fifth straight pennant?

Refugees Learn English

SYDNEY, N. S. W.—European refugees entering Australia are being taught English. The system, employed under the direction of Mrs. Elsa Gormley, is of "Basic English" which gives them quickly 850 basic words, which is all that is necessary for them to get along.

Swing Gives Way to Classics As 'Talking Machine' Reappears

NEW YORK.—The death of a swing-mad 1930-40 decade finds classical music regaining its traditional place in American artistry so fast that phonograph manufacturers and radio networks can't keep up with the demand.

This Christmas season the old-fashioned "talking machine" has been streamlined, while thousands of phonograph records have been placed around the family Yule tree in keeping with a revival of the like of which America has never seen before.

That summarizes the state of music at the end of a decade which sent Bach, Beethoven and Wagner scurrying for cover under a barrage of swing, and brought them back again when swing had swung itself out.

The thirties also brought their share of good popular tunes. A survey by the National Broadcasting company revealed the following list of favorite tunes. How many do you recall?

1929—Happy Days Are Here Again.

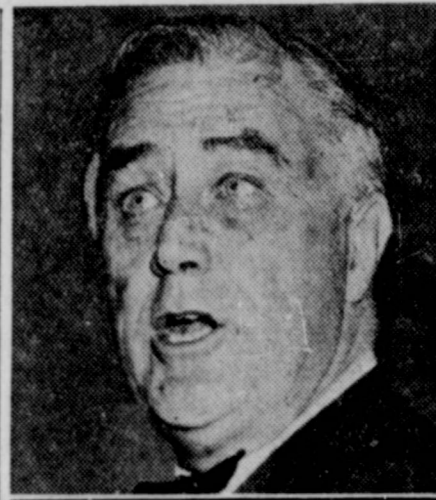
- 1930—I Got Rhythm.
- 1931—Stardust.
- 1932—Play, Fiddle, Play.
- 1933—Love in Bloom.
- 1934—Wagon Wheels.
- 1935—Red Sails in the Sunset.
- 1936—Is It True What They Say About Dixie?
- 1937—Viene, Viene!
- 1938—A-Tisket A-Tasket.
- 1939—Over the Rainbow

Musicians give radio much of the credit for the rebirth of classical music. Grand opera, once the plaything of a select few, has been popularized by regular broadcasts, chiefly over NBC during the Metropolitan season in New York. Symphony concerts are broadcast throughout the year, two outstanding examples being the Saturday night NBC series under Maestro Arturo Toscanini, and the CBS broadcast of New York Philharmonic concerts each Sunday during the winter season.

European Concerts Helped.

Until the war, many concerts came from abroad. In 1938, for example, 18 European orchestras contributed 24 programs to the NBC network. There were three operatic broadcasts from the Salzburg festival in Austria, one from Bayreuth and two from the Verdi anniversary festival at Turin.

In addition to network programs, an increasing number of individual stations are now broadcasting regular periods of classical music. One small station in New York broadcasts nothing else, all day long!



ROOSEVELT: Will the President seek re-election, and if so, can he win a third term?



RUSSIA: Will this juggernaut, stopped by little Finland, retire defeated or threaten all Europe?



CHINA: Will Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek (shown with wife) make peace with Japan this year?



ITALY: Will Benito Mussolini turn against the Rome-Berlin axis and fight Hitler's ally, Soviet Russia?



GERMANY: Will the hard-pressed German Reich, utilizing all its resources, be able to withstand the blockade?

I RESOLVE

● Made your resolutions for 1940? Here's a few you can make and break without much trouble—just for the sake of resolution-ing!



"Candy? No, thanks, won't touch the stuff in 1940. Oh, well, I guess just one piece won't hurt."



"Going to (puff!) take this (puff!) stomach off me this (puff!) year if it kills me. Gotta (puff!) do this every (puff!) day."



"Lemme see . . . if I save 10 cents every day in 1940, that makes . . . m-m-m . . . thirty-six dollars and 50 cents a year."



"I feel everyone should do her best to improve her mind in 1940 with good reading material. Let's see . . . what did that say? Kinda dry book. Guess I'll go to a show."



"Gotta quit smoking this year . . . yeah, right now. I'll just toss these stogies in the wastebasket. Er . . . maybe I'll want to fish out a last smoke after dinner tonight."

FARM TOPICS

NEW SEED ACT AIDS GROWERS

Latest Federal Law Requires Additional Labeling.

By MISS JESSIE FISKE
The passage of the new Federal Seed act early last fall brings into operation a piece of agricultural legislation which is of great importance to all the farming sections of the country. This became apparent after a study made of the law at Rutgers university.

It is the product of two years of study and preparation by the United States department of agriculture, all farm organizations, seed analysts, and the seed dealers of the United States.

Regulations are now in the hands of the U. S. secretary of agriculture and the law is expected to be put into effect in the near future. The most outstanding change from previous legislation seems to be that a larger percentage of seed shipments will be subjected to the requirements of seed control than has been the case in the past.

The provision of the new act requires that all interstate shipments of seeds be labeled if transported for seeding purposes, or properly identified if transported for seeding purposes, or purveyor will be required to make representations concerning every interstate shipment of seed. This regulation overcomes one of the glaring weaknesses of the old law, which provided that penalties for misrepresentation should be made, but failed to require that a representation be made.

There has been introduced into the new legislation another departure in the seed control program as it has developed in the past 30 years. All persons transporting seed in interstate commerce will be required to maintain a system of records which will carry through all the steps from production to consumption.

Another feature of the law which offers added protection deals specifically with the noxious weed seeds. Henceforth all interstate shipments of seeds must meet the noxious weed seed requirements of the seed law of the state into which the shipment is destined.

Group Machine Buying Benefits Small Farmer

Small farmers, forced to compete with larger, mechanized units operating on a scale big enough to afford expensive equipment, have banded together in recent years to purchase heavy equipment and expensive services which none of them could afford to buy individually, the Farm Security administration reports.

The FSA makes group loans to its rehabilitation borrowers and other low-income farmers who cannot get adequate credit from other lending agencies, public or private, to help them finance the purchase of machinery, live stock, equipment, and services which none of them could afford alone.

The loans are repayable in from one to five years, according to the amount of the loan, the type, and the life of the service. Three per cent interest is paid on loans for equipment and service and 5 per cent on loans for purchase of supplies and materials which are consumed during the year's farming operations.

The list of equipment and services obtained by such group loans is almost limitless. It includes combines, silage cutters, purebred sires, cold-storage plants, bulldozers, terracing equipment, syrup mills, hay balers, hatcheries, tractors, health services, and veterinary services. During the past four years, Farm Security has made more than 10,000 such loans involving over \$6,000,000 and benefiting more than 180,000 participants.

Farm Facts

Poultry sires and dams can be tested through their offspring not only for egg production, but for size and hatchability of eggs broodiness, and other characters.

The number of horses on farms is now the smallest in 60 years and the number of mules is estimated to be the smallest in 30 years.

The use of canned milk has increased steadily for a number of years, but American consumers still get less than 10 per cent of their milk in cans, an economist says.

Youth Must Be Gay

By Katherine Edelman

"ISN'T this the most exciting event?" Marjorie Hanson's blue eyes were shining as she spoke. "Imagine your Uncle Warren giving such a party. The pieces just don't fit together."

There was ample reason for Marjorie's bewilderment. Until tonight there was not a single thing to show that Warren Brownlee had anything but criticism for the younger generation. He had been unrelentingly severe in his judgments of even the most simple pleasures. Now, to the astonishment of all who knew him, he had thrown the big house open for a New Year's party. Its gloomy rooms were changed into connecting halls of gaiety and laughter.

Everything was there to make the occasion merry. Horns, whistles, balloons, silly caps, streamers and confetti. It seemed as if Uncle Warren had gone all the way; nothing was lacking to make a successful



"So you don't care, eh? You're willing to defy me?"

New Year party. And most amazing thing of all, Warren Crane's usually grim face was wreathed in smiles. He seemed to be enjoying everything like a schoolboy.

"It's the most puzzling thing," Marjorie repeated again.

She was sitting out a dance with Douglas Crane. Doug had lived with his uncle since his parents died. Now, he was doing secretarial work and helping with the estate. He should know all the whys and wherefores of everything. But Doug professed complete ignorance. "He just started making mad preparations after he came back from the city. Wanted everything made ready for a real party. But he hasn't told me a word. I'm as much in the dark as you are, Marjie."

They were silent for a moment. Doug pressed Marjorie's hand tightly. "I'm afraid that tomorrow he'll change back into Uncle Grouch," he said; "I just can't remember Uncle Warren ever really smiling before . . . But—let's talk about ourselves. You know how I love you, darling. I—I don't care if Uncle is opposed to young people getting married. I'm going to tell him the truth tomorrow. I don't care if—"

"So you don't care, eh? You're willing to defy me?" Uncle Warren was standing beside them in a threatening attitude. In the shadowed terrace they were unable to see the twinkling gleam in his eyes. "Well, it's the only thing we can do," Doug answered hotly. "You—you're so hard about everything, we have to defy you, since you put it that way."

"You won't have to, Douglas," Uncle Warren had come closer and placed an arm on each of their shoulders. "You can marry Marjorie just as soon as you want to—"

"But, we don't understand," Doug gasped. "Why, only a week ago you said—"

"I'M FORGETTING everything I said about young people," Uncle Warren admitted. "I was wrong, terribly wrong in my judgments . . . While I was in the city I ran into a strange experience—too long to go into the story just now—but I found out that youth must be gay, that it must have fun and laughter to be normal. And that the best place it could have this fun was in the atmosphere of home. That's why I gave this party."

Two pairs of arms were around him before he had finished. Doug and Marjorie were telling him in one voice how wonderful he was, and how happy he had made them.

Uncle Warren pulled loose from their grasp. "Come along, young folks," he shouted gayly. "I've been trying to think of something as a climax to this party. I've found the very thing. It's just two minutes to midnight, and I'm going to announce your engagement before they begin yelling, HAPPY NEW YEAR."

ASK ME ANOTHER ?

A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

The Questions

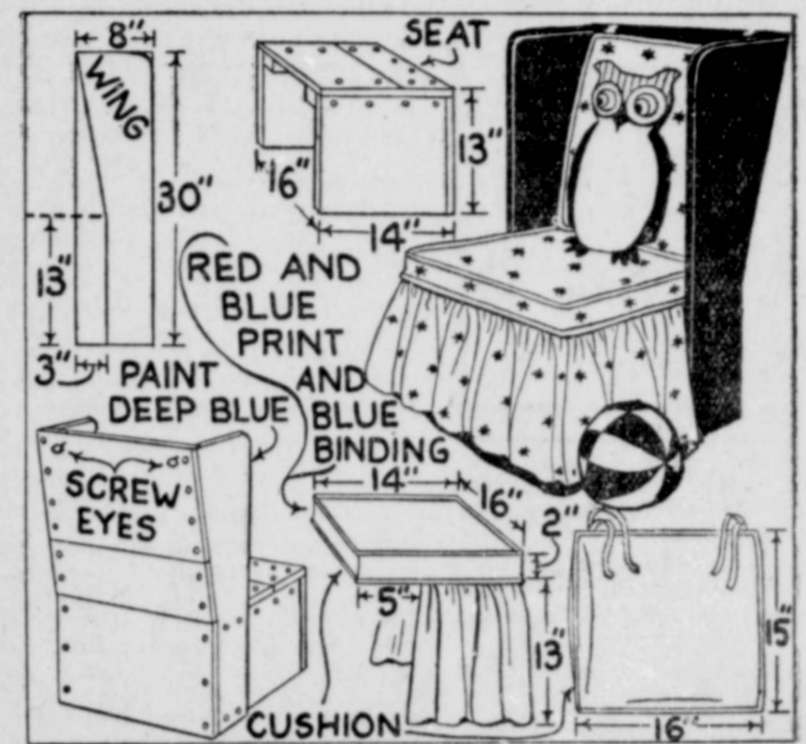
1. Can you write 600 in Roman numerals?
2. Is the income of the President taxable?
3. Who cut the Gordian Knot?
4. Which of our wars was known as Mr. Madison's war?
5. Which is the middle verse of the Bible?
6. Which woman has had more statues erected to her memory than any other woman?
7. Which race is increasing its population the fastest?

The Answers

1. DC.
2. His salary as President is not. Any other income he may have, is.
3. Alexander the Great.
4. The War of 1812.
5. The eighth verse of the 118th Psalm.
6. Joan of Arc.
7. The white races of the world are doubling their populations every 80 years, the yellow and brown races every 60 years and the black races every 40 years.

HOW to SEW

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS



A gay winged chair for the youngster

A GOOD deal has been said about children having to live in a giant's world where all the furniture is made for grown-ups. Furniture stores are now selling chairs; tables; beds and dressers made for children. Here are all the dimensions needed for making a child's chair at home. It is of 1-inch material and the sketch shows clearly how it is screwed together after the pieces have been sawed according to the measurements given. The chair is painted deep blue; the back, seat cushions and full skirt are of red and blue cotton print with blue bindings. All dimensions for the cushions and skirt are also given in the sketch.

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Lack in Reason

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Aztecs Played Hockey
A stick game, bearing a general resemblance to hockey, was played by the Aztec Indians.

The Catskill Mountains
New York's Catskill mountains are about the same altitude as the Highlands of Scotland.

Riches Create Envy
"Riches," said Hi Ho, the sage of Chinatown, "create envy unless so wisely employed that they compel admiration."

Goats Good Milk Producers
A good milk goat eats one-sixth to one-eighth as much as a cow, yet produces enough milk for a small family.

First Use of Term "Robot"
The term robot was first used in 1920 by Karel Capek in his play "R. U. R." to designate a mechanical man.

Steel Stronger in Alloy
Steel chains seven-eighths of an inch in diameter, when alloyed with nickel and molybdenum are three times as strong as unalloyed chains of the same size.—Scientific American.

The "Old Timer" Drops in for a Chat



How be ya today? Mighty cold weather ta be comin out but I jest tole Ma that I hed ta git down an git tha mail an then I wanted ta stop in an tell ya that we sure hed a big time Christmas. It started ta snow Sunday an it kept on till it done gave us a white Christmas. Ma's kin folks from Hog Holler all drove up early on Christmas mornin an then long bout noon up drove all my kins folks. Them with our family sure made a house full an we sure all hed a good time. Ma she hed dressed that thar big old turkey afore hand an hed things fixed fer a good time. The turkey was roasted jest nice an brown an long with sweet potatoes, cabbage an carrots an mince pie an all thar other things we couldn't eat em all. Ole Santa was purty good ta all o us too, he cone left some mighty nice presents an a hull lot o cards. Wal I cain't stop long now cause tha weather be sa tarnation cold that I got ta be gitten back home ta help Ma with tha work. It sure takes a lot o wood these days. Wal Ma an I be a wishin all you folks a Happy New Year. Goo'by, see ya nex week, maybe.

Oil Report for Week

Report on test wells west of the Pecos is as follows:
The McAuliffe-Coates Well No 1, located in the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 3, Tp. 18 S. Rg. 23 E. about 4 miles east of Hope, down 1065 feet. No report.

Burk, Brainerd, State No. 1, SW 1/4, Sec. 36, Tp. 16-24. Location on the Elzi Swift ranch, north of the Hope highway). Temporarily shut down at 2300 feet.

Artesia Drilling Company, SW 1/4 Sec. 14, 17-24, about 1 mile south of the Elzi Swift ranch. Drilling below 645 feet. Encountered top of true lime at 530 feet.

Trojan Oil Co., SW, NE 1/4, Sec. 33, Tp. 20, Rg. 25 E. No report.

E. J. Anderson, et al, NW of the SE 1/4, Sec. 19, Tp 20-23, about 18 miles south and east of Hope, Josey No. 1. On location waiting for bond.

Niagara Falls Eleventh
Niagara falls are perhaps the most famous in the world, but in actual height they come eleventh on the list.

The Name "Leroy"
The name "Leroy," or "LeRoy," of old French origin, is translated "the king" and may also mean "royal." It is comparatively new, not long in use as a given name.

Many Ballots to Elect Officers
The Ohio senate of 1848-49 elected its officers after almost two weeks of balloting. To choose a speaker, sixteen ballots were taken; to choose a clerk, 121 ballots were required, and a sergeant-at-arms, 68 ballots.

EDITORIAL

Construction work on the first unit of the Alamo Gordo Cloudcroft highway is expected to start July 1, 1940.

The Finlanders have the Russian Bear on the run. More power to them. Here's hoping that the Finns can keep the good work up until outside help can reach them.

Chas. Lindberg and family are making plans to leave the United States and make their residence in some foreign country. I guess there will not be many people that will care whether they do or not.

The newspapers of the United States have been delegated the task of collecting money for the Finnish Relief Fund. Any amount from a dime up is acceptable. The Finns are deserving of the help of the American people.

WEED ITEMS

Cont. from page 1
"Christmas Peace" Edward Wright
"Silent Night", Norma Jean Clark, followed by the song, "Silent Night"
"My Candle", Rudolph Smith
"Another Christmas Day", Barbara Cooper
Song, Mr. Ross and two daughters
Recitation, "What Can We Give?" Lucille Cady

A Happy and Prosperous New Year
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Standard Oil Co., of Texas
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H. A. Hamill, Local Dealer

Recitation, "A Wish that is not Surprising", Tona Belle Cline
Song, Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Recitation, "I'd Like to be a Little Gift" Dolores New
"Jingle Bells" Rythm Band 3rd and 4th Grade
Recitation, "A Boy's Christmas Wish" Verne Cady
Recitation, "Shepherds Abiding" Frances Clark
Duet, "Star of the East" Misses Vada Cooper and Mabel Jones
Recitation, Why do Bells on Christmas Ring?, Nora Lewis.
Song, "O Come All Ye Faithful"
Recitation, "The First Christmas Gift", Ella Rose Robertson
Recitation, "And the Inn Was Crowded That Night" Lavonne Johnson
Song, Russell Guilliams and Hallen Ross
Playlet, "Two Boys Christmas", Edward Parker and John Dick Grisak
Quotations for December, by a group of boys
Recitation, "Ring O Bells" J. W. Jones
Poem, "Ballad of Christmas Eve" Mary Wanda Jones
Song, "Santa Claus is coming to Town", 5th and 6th grades
Song, "Luther's Cradle Song, 5th and 6th grade girls
Pantomime of Three Wise Men", 5th and 4th grades
Song, "Upon the Housetop" Rythm Band, 1st and 2nd grades
Recitation, "Heaven's Gift", Elta Chalk
Closing Piece, Freda Jo Page.
Followed by Santa Claus' arrival down the stairway. After the gifts were taken off the tree 175 bags of candy, nuts and fruit were handed to children and popcorn passed to all.

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EAST AND WEST

BY TALBOT MUNDY

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CHAPTER XV—Continued

"I don't get your point. What do you reckon to find out?" asked Stoddart.

"Time," said Moses. "Gulbaz times it like a jockey. He's the best judge o' pace in all India. He times it to the minute. If he isn't ready, then he'll play for time."

The truck halted in front of a house whose red front door was bolted, barred, and scrawled in chalk with infamous remarks anent the virtue of its inmates. There was an alley, a yard wide, pitch dark at the farther end. Into that alley yellow light streamed through a door that was partly ajar. There was a faint staccato drumbeat, a twang of stringed music, the sickly wail of a flute, and a stench in which sensuous perfume fought with the reek of garbage. Moses spoke to the truck driver, and the truck driver sounded the horn—three times, then three more, then once.

The dissolute and dirty looking person in the big white turban, to whom Moses gave a captured knife in the bazaar, appeared suddenly, apparently from nowhere.

"What's that bloke up to? Where did he come from?" Stoddart demanded.

"If you'd looked under the truck you'd know," said Moses. "He ain't respectable, so he don't ride first class like me and you."

Moses whispered to the man, who walked down the alley and entered the door.

"Is this your harem? Aren't we going in?" asked Stoddart.

"No. You'd break the ladies' hearts. We'll wait here and give 'em a chance. This is Gulbaz temporary field headquarters. I've sent him a message. He'll come or he won't. If he don't, we'll know the answer."

"What did you tell that bloke to say to him?"

"I said that Sergeant Stoddart's here with information that he'll sell for a price and wants a personal interview, face to face, no go-betweens."

"You've got your nerve," said Stoddart. "It'll be all over the bloody bazaar that I'm telling secrets. Why don't you use your own name?"

"We've hooked him. Here he comes," said Moses. "Keep your hair on now and sit tight. Say nothing, and leave it to me."

Through the door, down the alley and straight to the truck, without glancing aside, without a moment's hesitation, came a man of medium height and middle weight, who walked like a young god, though he was middle-aged. He was dressed in a tight-fitting turban, white singlet and loin-cloth and a striped silk semi-European jacket. He came to the tail of the truck, gave one glance at Stoddart and stared straight at Moses. His smile changed, outwardly only a little, but something happened at the corners of his lips. It had changed to a fighting smile, merciless, malicious.

"You're a dog," he remarked in plain English.

"Fancy you giving away secrets," Moses answered. "I'm here to sell 'em for cash on the nose. Me and this Sergeant know something. It's hot. We're splitting fifty-fifty. How much?"

"I will listen. You may tell your secret."

"Cash on the nose," said Moses. "Money down or nothing doing."

Gulbaz smile changed again. It conveyed a suggestion of vanity beyond the utmost reach of ordinary mortals. He glanced at Stoddart then back at Moses.

"Are you satisfied?" he asked. "You have recognized me? You can truly report that you have seen me in Kadur? You saw the door I came from? Very well, you may watch me return. After that, you may go to the devil."

"I'm staying here until my messenger comes out into the street alive," said Moses.

"I will send him to you," Gulbaz answered. "He is lucky. Luckier than you are. Wait and see."

Gulbaz strode back down the alley and entered the door. A moment later the messenger came out, looking scared, as if he felt murder behind him. He ran and crawled in under the truck. Moses spoke to the driver. The truck started, forward, because the street was too narrow to turn around in.

"Where now?" asked Stoddart.

"Back to camp," said Moses.

"Well, you drew blank that time."

If you feel as foolish as you look you'll think twice before you call me a fathead again. You've spent a rupee eight annas for nothing, and you're not a cent the wiser."

"Plus having learned that you're stupider than any other blasted Britisher I ever met," said Moses. "I've learned all I came for. Gulbaz isn't as smart as he thinks. In some ways he's near as stupid as you, all along of his pride."

"Oh, that's easy to say but it's just talk," said Stoddart. "If you ask me, you're a liar. You haven't learned anything. To the extent that a white man can condescend to a half breed without losing caste, we've been fair to middling friends, you and I. But if you use my name again promiscuously like that, I'll knock your block off."

"Fathead," said Moses. "He knows me. He doesn't know you. He came out because he was curious."

"And he told you to go to the devil. That's all you learned."

"Fathead! You mean that's all you learned. I learned that he's ready. He's red-hot ready."

"Ready for what?"

"To get Norwood. He's trigger-ready. If he weren't, he'd be play-



The Maharanee believed every word she said.

ing for time, and we'd be arguing this minute about the price o' what we'll tell him if he'll pay."

"You mean he'd have bribed us?"

"I do not. Gu'az makes promises. And he son 'imizes keeps his promises, unless."

"Unless what?"

"Unless someone else can keep 'em for him with a long knife. He can hire that done for five rupees a head. So why pay us a thousand? Can your intellect answer that conundrum? Figure it out on a board when you get home."

CHAPTER XVI

The Maharanee was scrupulously fair. Rather than disguise her motive, she revealed it. She stripped objections to it naked. She didn't pretend that Rundhia was a prince of virtue or a man of his word, except when it suited him, or when compelled to keep a promise. The Maharanee believed every word she said. But she used arguments that sounded curious, even to Lynn, who was under the spell of the eastern environment.

Lynn later found Rundhia standing in moonlight, in a golden turban and European dinner clothes. As a palace door closed behind Lynn, she, too, stepped into the moonlight, with her face half veiled under the sequined sari. It was she who looked oriental, dressed according to the Maharanee's wishes. Rundhia looked like a western athlete, in more or less fancy dress. And he called Lynn a goddess in western terms that any polo-playing American gallant might have used: "You look like Miss India! You almost give me religion! Pull away that curtain! Show your golden hair, and let's give all the other goddesses a sight to make them green with envy!"

Lynn uncovered her head and walked beside him in silence.

"I feel like a god tonight," said Rundhia.

"Have you been drinking?" Lynn asked.

"You golden-haired iconoclast! Your arrow aimed into the heart of my ballooning self-esteem! You delicious archer! I have had five cocktails. Do I seem drunk?"

"What sized cocktails?"

"Measured to my mood, exactly."

"Then you seem astonishingly sober. What have you done about Captain Norwood?"

"Lynn, let's forget Norwood. I want to talk to you."

"I can't forget him. You and I have wronged him."

"Has he answered your letter?" Rundhia retorted.

"No. But have you forgotten your promise?"

"Didn't the Maharanee tell you? Don't trouble yourself about Norwood. Forget him. Talk to me."

"I wish to talk about Captain Norwood."

"He has talked about you, I don't mind telling you. According to one of the palace servants, he told your aunt this afternoon that he's disgusted with you."

"I can believe he is disgusted," Lynn answered. "But I can't imagine him saying so to Aunt, or to anyone else."

"Let us talk about you," said Rundhia.

"Very well, what about me?"

"Now you have made me speechless!"

"Have I? Then perhaps you will listen to me."

"Beloved, I will gladly listen to you, in an ecstasy of patience and devotion, during years which shall flow so fast that we'll be old before we know it!"

"Did you get that from a book?"

"I never read books. When I talk to you, my tongue can only stutter miserable hints of how I feel. You make me delirious. Be good enough to notice that these arms resist impulse!" He extended his arms toward the moon, then dropped them to his sides. "Oh, Lynn, I love you."

"Good job I don't love you," she answered. "There'd be—"

"A new golden age in Kadur!" Rundhia interrupted. "Lynn: philosophy, religion, economics and the other muck they made me listen to at school and college left me, until you came, dry of faith in anything but evil—and even evil dying! You are my first glimpse of goodness."

"Don't you love the Maharanee? Isn't she good?"

"Oh, yes. She is good past history. Lynn, you are the present and the future! One straight look into your blue eyes, and I knew what hope means and the higher vision. I had never seen it, until I saw you."

"Sounds good," Lynn answered. "What was in the cocktails?"

"Don't joke! Lynn, I'm in love. I mean every word I'm saying to you."

"I mean what I say, too," Lynn answered. "I don't love you—What was that noise? In the distance. It sounded like shooting."

"I didn't hear it," said Rundhia. They had reached the steps that led to the kiosk on the garden wall. It was dark in the wall's shadow. He was justified in offering his arm to guide her up the steps, but he put it around her. She could feel his vibrance. She escaped him—ran up the steps ahead of him, then waited on the wall in full moonlight, facing him, unafraid.

"There! Did you hear that? Wasn't that a rifle-shot, Rundhia?"

"Might have been," he answered. "Not so easy to tell."

"Isn't Captain Norwood's camp in that direction?" Lynn asked.

"Somewhere over there, yes. Possibly a jackall or a stray dog scared his sentries. Never mind Norwood. Lynn, you say you don't love me. I don't believe you."

"Why not? I told you the plain truth—Do you think sentries would fire at a dog?"

"His would! He's crazy. Lynn, I don't believe you because you forgave what I did in the treasure room. And because when you hurt me, you were sorry. Also because you are not afraid to be alone with me now. Lynn, you don't know yourself. You're—"

"Do you know yourself?" she retorted. "Don't you think it strange that they should be shooting at night?"

"No. Most soldiers live in a continual state of false alarm. Lynn, listen to me. Don't I excite you?"

"You did. But I saw you, and I heard you laugh at Captain Norwood's ruin."

"You dislike me?"

"Oh, no."

"You admit I can stir your emotions?"

"Oh, yes. I admit that. Why tell lies about it? You're magnetic. I almost fell in love with you."

"Lynn, you are thinking about East and West. That hoary old superstition! It lingers, they tell me, in America more tenaciously than anywhere else, though even school-books nowadays admit that we and you are of the same race. Do you know how many western women have become the wives of Indian princes?"

"I don't want to know. I don't care."

"You are right, Lynn. Quite right. Why should you care? It is love, not what others have done, that crumbles superstitions. Lynn, I love you. I wouldn't lie to you—"

"Have you done your best for Captain Norwood? Have you really done it? What have you done?"

"Never mind. I have done it."

"You swear?"

"Yes."

"Then I will listen. You were saying—"

Rundhia had to recover the train of his thought. He turned away from her a moment, paced the wall, and came back:

"Lynn, my love for you may sound selfish. I always have been selfish, until I met you. I have no practice with words that a genuine lover should use. But I am genuine. For the first time in my life, I am unselfish. May I tell you—will you listen if I tell you—what my heart tells me?"

"Yes, I will listen, Rundhia."

"Will you really listen?"

"Yes, Rundhia. I would rather listen to almost anything than my own thought, at the moment."

"You are feeling deserted?"

"Despised!" Lynn answered. "If Captain Norwood had answered my letter—"

"You are lonely! So am I lonely! Lynn, diwaza kola hai! The door is open! Enter. It is that short step across the threshold that makes you hesitate. Leap!"

"You mean into your arms?"

"Yes."

"No."

"Come, Lynn!"

"No."

"Lynn, you make me hate myself. Am I so unappealing to you—?" Suddenly he changed his voice. He sounded angry: "Are you in love with Norwood?"

"I hardly know him. How could I be? I only know that I never felt dirty before in all my life. I don't like it, Rundhia. And I can't forgive you for having crowded over Captain Norwood's disgrace. You and I brought it on him."

"Lynn, is that all that's the matter? If I give you my word of honor that I have solved the Norwood problem, will you listen to me?"

"Have you solved it?"

"If I prove to you, before midnight, that there is no longer any problem about Norwood, will you come into my arms?"

"Speak plainly, Rundhia."

"I will. Lynn, face it! Norwood has no use for you. Has he answered your letter? He has not! The messenger reported that he tore up your letter without reading it. I don't know why you care a damn what happens to him. He doesn't care what happens to you. Your aunt doesn't care. She is leaving you flat."

Lynn interrupted: "You say Captain Norwood tore up my letter? Why didn't you tell me that before?"

"To save your feelings. However, you know now. That's how he feels. That's Norwood. Lynn, you are merely hesitating on that damned old superstitious crumbling platform of 'East is East and West is West,' that Kipling lied about. You and I are above all that nonsense. Lynn, beloved, come into my arms now! You are lonely. So am I lonely. See, I am waiting for you. Come here, Lynn. Come of your own will. Be mine. Face things from the inside looking outward. You shall be my wife, and I swear by my love for you, that Norwood—"

"Oh, that's only a promise," Lynn interrupted. "I won't believe you about Captain Norwood, until you prove it."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Okapi Protected by Its Color
In its native swamps, the okapi is protected by its red-brown color, streaked with white, which makes it practically invisible at a distance of 20 to 25 feet. Another thing saves it from hunters. The bushes and swamp growth on which it feeds are so dense that only a pigmy can get through them.

HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONS



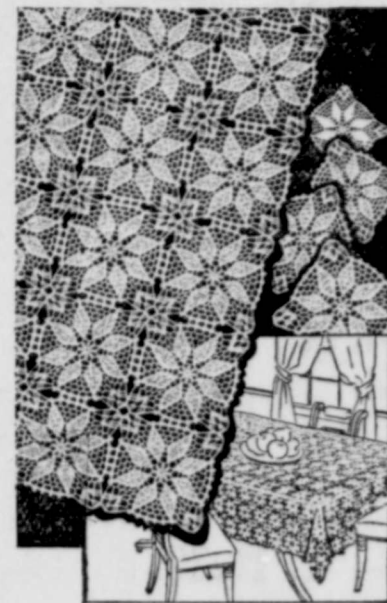
Fat Side Up.—Put the roast in the pan with the fat side up so it will baste itself.

When baiting the mousetrap, remember that foods mice prefer to cheese include chocolate, peanuts and pork chops.

For Dried Fruits.—Try soaking and cooking a thin slice or two of lemon with your dried apricots, peaches or prunes.

Plan meals in advance, with concern for the use of leftovers, which will aid in saving energy in preparation.

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Strange Facts

! "Black-Out" Lights !
! Street Car Diners !
! Immortal Trees !

For "black-outs" during air raids, England has perfected highway and traffic lights, headlights and police uniforms that can be seen only by those on the ground.

Geneva, Switzerland, has streetcars whose entire space is given over to restaurants in which the passengers eat and drink as they travel through the city.

The giant redwood trees in California and Oregon have never been known to die a natural death.—Collier's.

How To Relieve Bronchitis

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PENASCO NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harwell and Tommy, spent Christmas holidays visiting friends and relatives in Seminal, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Cleve were in El Paso this week where Mr. Cleve has been under the care of a doctor.

The Penasco community enjoyed the Christmas tree and program which was held at the church Saturday night.

Mr. Culbertson is now in the Artesia hospital after being in an El Paso hospital for the past few weeks. He is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Reeves, Lonnie Reeves and Louise Reed were in Roswell Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Trotter and family of Hope visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Griffin, Jr., last week.

The Ladies Club held their annual Christmas party at Mrs. Edsil Runyan's Thursday. Those who enjoyed the day were: Mrs. Angie Cleve, Mrs. Oris Cleve, Mrs. Loren Reeves, Mrs. J. W. Harwell, Mrs. Edward McGuire, Mrs. Jim Hooten, Mrs. Boyd Williams, Sr., Mrs. Cliff Longbotham, Mrs. Tom Runyan, and Mrs. D. Swift of Hope, Mrs. Elzie Swift and Betty Brainard of Artesia and the hostess, Mrs. Edsil Runyan.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Powell, Rachel, Hezzie Jay, returned home Saturday after spending the past week in Carlsbad where Mrs. Powell underwent a minor operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Longbotham was in Artesia Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Reeves, Madie and Thelma Reeves and George Olin Peel of Hope spent Christmas in El Paso.

Mr. Edmond Runyan spent the week end in Artesia.

Mrs. Boyd Williams, Sr., is in the Artesia hospital. She has been ill for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Paxton and family were in Artesia Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell of Missouri are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Bryan Runyan for a few days.

North Side Sunny Side
The sunny side of a house is the north side in New Zealand.

Saccharin Sweeter Than Sugar
Saccharin is 300 to 500 times sweeter than sugar.

Feathers Form Owls "Horns"
Tufts of feathers form the "horns" of horned owls.

Indians Dug Deep Wells
Deep wells were dug in the California desert by Indians long before white men came.

Jews Reckon World's Age
The Jewish calendar starts with the creation of the world, and this is the year 5698.

First Wine to White House
Jefferson brought the first wine to the White House, \$10,000 worth in eight years.

North Carolina's First Town
The first incorporated town in North Carolina was Bath, which was settled in 1690 and incorporated in 1705.

How Old Are You Inside?
Never mind how many wrinkles Father Time has painted in your face. Never mind how many gray hairs he has put on your head. The important thing isn't how old you are on the outside, but how old you are on the inside. A man's real age is determined by the youthfulness of his spirit! Benjamin Franklin helped write the American Constitution at eighty. Tintoretto painted his famous "Paradise," a canvas 74 by 30 feet, when he was seventy-four. Goethe completed "Faust" at eighty. As long as we are alert and vital in spirit we are not old. As long as we are joyously looking forward and enthusiastically starting new things we are still young. Stay young on the inside and forget your birthdays!—The Silver Lining.

PINON ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Dare McLean, Jr., of Cloudcroft, spent Christmas Eva with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McLean. They were on their way to spend Christmas with Mrs. McLean's parents in Artesia.

The Gentry family celebrated Christmas day in their usual manner with a large family dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gage. In addition to Mrs. S. J. Gentry and her children, grandchildren and a great grandchild, Miss Billie Jay Withers, guests included Mr. and Mrs. Withers of Carrizozo, Mrs. J. A. Hendrix and daughter, Miss Hazel, Mrs. Mattie Rogers, Mrs. Gage—Mr. Gage's mother—Mrs. Alice Campbell and Mr. Ula Harbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Smith celebrated Christmas with their children and grandchildren and the four Kimmons children.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tanner and their children spent the Christmas holidays with relatives in Carlsbad.

Mr. Charles Kimmons and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Ivans went to Alamogordo for the Christmas reunion of the Kimmons family.

Mr. and Mrs. Withers of Carrizozo, are visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Withers.

Mrs. Hubert Dill is suffering from an attack of influenza.

Little Patsy Jean Withers missed most of the Christmas festivities by breaking out with chicken pox just before Christmas.

The Pinon School celebrated Christmas with an afternoon Christmas program and party on Thursday.

Mrs. Sally Ivans is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Ivans.

The Original Petticoats
Petticoats were originally what their name implies—little coats worn both by men and women for warmth of the upper part of the body. But fashion, which is apt to turn everything topsy-turvy, soon transformed them into exclusively feminine garb.

Where Donkey Was Domesticated
The donkey was probably first domesticated in the valley of the Nile, where it was known and used for centuries in advance of the horse. It found its way into ancient Greece through Asia Minor, but is mentioned much less frequently than the mule by Homer and other early writers.

First Engineering School
The first school of engineering in the United States was the Rensselaer Polytechnic institute, founded at Troy, N. Y., by Stephen van Rensselaer in 1824, as a school of theoretical and applied science to furnish instruction in the application of science to the common purposes of life.

Spider Monkeys Are Thin
Spider monkeys get their name because they look thin and spidery, seem to be all legs and tails. Most spider monkeys have no thumbs, use their paws only as nooks while climbing. The glory of the spider monkey lies in its tail. In zoos, spider monkeys stretch their tails out between the bars to pick up peanuts lying on the ground that they cannot reach or pick up with their fingers. Brazil is the native home of spider monkeys.

Cougars Known as Pumas
Cruel, friend to no other animal, cougars, more widely known as pumas, nevertheless have a strange affinity to humans. Easily tamed, they seldom attack, never unless provoked. Though daring to tackle larger beasts, they often stand trembling and whining, allow men to kill them. Deep, however, is their hatred for dogs, which even tame ones will attack. They range farther than any other American mammals, living from Canada to Patagonia. Great jumpers, a 20-foot leap into a tree is easy for them. Over ground they can cover almost 40 feet.

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