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NOTICE

\$25.00 will be paid for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the parties who shot out the street lights Christmas Eve. Signed, Town Board of Hope, N. M., by B. L. McElroy, Mayor.

TOWN WATER MUST BE PAID FOR

At the last meeting of the Town Board the Town Clerk was instructed to furnish the Mayordomo with a list of the ones who have not paid their water dues for 1947-48. The Mayordomo will not be obligated to furnish water to property owners unless they have paid up in full and can show a receipt signed by the Town Clerk. The Town of Hope runs this water at cost, the Mayordomo must be paid and the Hope Water Users Association must be paid for nine hours of water. Therefore the Town Board asks the cooperation of everyone in seeing that their water dues are paid up in full.

EDITORIAL

D. D. Skousen has about finished his road contract near Elk. He has sub-let the contract for blacktopping to Henry Thygesen & Co., who will not be through for several months. It is hoped to have the road bed ready so that blacktopping can commence as soon as warm weather arrives.

When the blacktop is finished to the forest service line Hope, Elk and Mayhill should stage a big celebration. If meat for the barbecue is scarce we could rope a yearling with Gage's brand on it and use that to fill in. We are sure that the warden wouldn't care.

Buck Wilburn was in last week and paid his water dues. He was asking what progress was being made on securing a water system for Hope. Mr. Wilburn is very much interested in securing a good water well for Hope and said he would help in every way he could.

Mrs. Ida Trude was in at the Town Clerk's office last week and paid her occupation tax on the Lano Cafe. She said that she thought a bank was needed in Hope and would build up the town quicker than a water system. There is some room for argument there.

Ray Bartlett of the Ocotillo and Lansun Theaters asked the editor of The News Monday when he ought to begin the construction of a theater in Hope. Must be that Mr. Bartlett is hoping that the Southern Union Gas Co. will bring in a gasner where they are drilling, 10 miles southeast of Hope. We are all hoping that, and if a gasner is brought in, it will help both Hope and Artesia.

It is reported that public officials holding positions of high responsibility and authority have attempted to "speed up" the spending of Congressional appropriations to fever heat, in order to exhaust 1948 funds at an early date, and thus force Congress to vote more of the taxpayers' millions. It is the duty of Congress to safeguard the people's money—and to assure the integrity of every branch of government. "Speeding up" spending artificially, in order to make Congress appropriate still more, doesn't jibe with those principles.

The "Little Argus" says that rumor has it that Lloyd Bloodworth, editor and publisher of The Ruidoso News may run against Gov. Thomas J. Mabry for governor in the Democratic primary next summer. Rumor also has it that former Gov. John J. Dempsey is backing, or will back, Bloodworth. If he should decide to enter the race, with or without Dempsey's assistance, he might make the race interesting for Mabry. (End quote.) Yes, he might make it interesting for Mabry, but not enough so that Mabry would be defeated. Mabry has made a good governor and unless we are away off the beam he will be reelected for another term.

More than 95 per cent of Americans going to the polls next November will vote against peace and prosperity. At least they will reject the candidate for president who says he is running to give the American people a "chance to vote for peace and prosperity." Many political observers predict that Mr. Wallace will not draw more than 2 per cent of the votes. If so, then 98 per cent of the people of America will show

themselves in favor of war and depression. For—in the world of Henry Wallace—both the Democrats and Republicans are parties of "war and depression." Even in the Wallace campaign could succeed—and the history of third party movements in America as well as the current situation indicate that it cannot—it could not produce a world of peace and prosperity. The great danger is that in failing it may deepen confusion, weaken national purpose, and enhance the forces making for war and depression.—Christian Science Monitor.

Henry A. Wallace has announced himself as the presidential candidate of a new and still unnamed political party. His new party will be the Communist Party of the United States in everything but name. It is heartily approved by all the Communists in the country and they will enthusiastically campaign for Mr. Wallace. As far as Mr. Wallace is concerned, he is merely a disillusioned and frustrated politician, twice turned renegade. He left the Republican party to avail himself of cabinet rank and the vice presidency under the Roosevelt administration. But Roosevelt deemed him unworthy and removed him from that position. And when President Truman found him unworthy and unfit as a cabinet officer, he turned renegade once more, which is his real political career, since he was never a sincere Republican or a loyal Democrat, but only an opportunist seeking political office and personal power. Mr. Wallace is in his natural political element now, and in that sense, at least, he has finally succeeded in doing the country a service.—Los Angeles Examiner.

Elza White, from Mayhill, came in to The News office Wednesday and brought with him a notice of timber land that is offered for sale, about 20 sections altogether. This is state land and lies on the headwaters of the Penasco. Mr. White is of the opinion that our shortage of water is largely due to the cutting of timber in the Sacramento Mountains. About five or six years ago there was 30 sections sold and is now being logged off by a man by name of Sessions. Now the state is offering for sale 20 sections more to the highest and best bidder at Alamogordo on Feb. 11. We believe, like Mr. White, that this wholesale cutting of timber on the headwaters of any stream will cut the supply of water. I think we ought to do something about it. The sale is on Feb. 11. All those that are interested should write to John E. Miles, Commissioner of Public Lands, at Santa Fe, and file a protest. It might not do any good but it will at least let the state land department know that there are some down here that don't approve of their timber sales.

We have received "New Year's Greetings" from Senator Dennis Chavez, written in English and Spanish. In the circular letter which conveys his greetings to the people of New Mexico, he says: "In 1948, the people of New Mexico—not only those directly interested in the Rio Grande Valley, but the whole state—should give their attention to further advancing the idea of developing the state. We need flood protection, we need to conserve every bit of water that we have. We need to drain off water where necessary." Mr. Chavez hits the nail on the head in that statement. And this applies to the Penasco Valley as well as to the Rio Grande Valley. There was a retard dam constructed on the Penasco River a few years ago and shortly after it was built a flood came and filled it up with trees and mud. This dam should be cleaned out and we think the federal government should undertake the job. We need water here as well as they do in the Rio Grande Valley and the people of the Penasco Valley would appreciate it if Senator Chavez would help us out in this matter. In closing this editorial, we will say, "Happy New Year, Senator."

The Headline News For The Past Week

Government quits eggless day program . . . Chain food stores target for burglars in Amarillo . . . New York CIO refutes third party . . . Epidemic shuts schools in Midland . . . Stassen plans New Mexico, Texas talks . . . Record price paid for Texas beaves . . . Report that Krug ready to quit cabinet post . . . Champion to buy Eddy County News

. . . Alamos too crowded for liquor store . . . Golden Gate bridge lists 87th suicide . . . Marines going to South Europe . . . Ice storm cripples New York area once more . . . Bird stunger perils 5000 Jews . . . Birds grounded by ice on wings in Illinois . . . Belgium honors U. S. Unknown Hero . . . Couple married Christmas Day killed by bus . . . Peanut crop quota lifted . . . France signs aid treaty with U. S. . . . Man hit by car loses both legs . . . Boy aged 16 admits killing parents . . . Girl aged 8 found stabbed to death . . . Crippled vets exempt from license fees . . . etc., etc.

RUTH DREW CIRCLE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Ruth Drew Circle of the Methodist Church had their Christmas party at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parks. Sixteen members were present. There was no business meeting or Bible study. Names were drawn and everyone received a Christmas present. Those present were Glynn Bush, Edith Johnson, Eneere Parks, Pauline Schwalbe, Madie Teel, Imogene Moore, Lee Crockett, Inez Crockett, Becky Johnson, Mrs. Menefee, Mrs. Drew, Mrs. Charlie Cole, Mrs. Cahape, Mrs. George Teel, Mrs. Newt Teel, Mrs. Robert Cole.

CAROLYN COGBURN ENTERTAINS HER FRIENDS

Little Miss Carolyn Cogburn entertained about 21 of her friends last Sunday afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30. The occasion was Carolyn's fifth birthday. The little folks gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Musgrave and had a big time playing games, etc. After which refreshments of ice cream, jello and a generous slice of birthday cake was served. A most enjoyable time was had by all.

Hope News

"Medical Hucksters." Colored light bulbs to cure illnesses. Horse liniment as a remedy for tuberculosis. Trusting men, women and children used because of such advice provided by unscrupulous takers. Read the full shocking story by Morris Fishbein, M. D., in the American Weekly, that great magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

Emt Potter returned the first of the week from Fort Worth, where he purchased a new stock trailer.

Mr. and Mrs. James Potter and children were in Artesia Monday.

Charlie Hardin and Leonard Cain were in Hope last week end for a short visit. Mr. Hardin had bought some sheep up in the mountain section and they were shipping them to Engle, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Anderson, Jean Kimbrough and Mrs. Mary Hardin were visitors in Artesia Monday. "Forgotten Children." FBI head J. Edgar Hoover says the homes of the nation hold the cure for juvenile delinquency. Read this instructive article in the American Weekly, the magazine of real-life stories distributed with your copy of next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

D. E. Felmlie and his brother, Bill Felmlie and his son, Bob, were here Christmas week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charley Barley. D. E. Felmlie is Mrs. Barley's father. Cecil and Marie Unthank of Carlsbad were also here Christmas week visiting in the Charley Barley home. Cecil is teaching in the high school in Carlsbad and Marie is secretary to Pat Murphy, superintendent of the Carlsbad schools.

Charley Barley took a load of cattle to Clovis last week.

Erven Miller has been appointed Mayordomo by the Town Board.

Bryant Williams was a business visitor in Artesia Monday, as was also Dick Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Johnson and son were in Artesia Tuesday on a shopping trip.

A Little About This And A Little About That

Leonard Akers sent a load of hay up to the mountains Wednesday . . . Ada Belle Trimble was over to the Clerk's office Wednesday and was issued a driver's license . . . Mr. and Mrs. Marc Kincaid of Hagerman were visitors in Hope Tuesday . . . Felix Cahape was a caller at The News office Tuesday; his son and daughter have gone back to school at Las Cruces . . . Billye Brantley,

who is attending the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque, went back to school the first of the week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Brantley Nelson left Sunday for Las Vegas, New Mex., where Mr. Brantley is attending Highlands University . . . Emit Potter took a load of cows to Clovis Tuesday . . . Mr. and Mrs. James Potter and children went to Artesia Wednesday . . . Bernard Schneider was a visitor in Hope Wednesday; we understand he has leased the Henry Crockett farm for this year . . . Jack Stegall was back from Bronco, Tex., this week; he says the children are attending school at Tatum, N. M. . . . Mrs. Marabie is driving a new car—some class . . . Mrs. Jack Wasson, who was sick with the flu is better . . . Howard Forister has gone back to Silver City, where he is attending school . . . Elza White, Sr., was in Hope Wednesday from Mayhill shaking hands with old friends . . . Henry Crockett was thrown off his horse twice in one day and that is too much for anyone . . . and that's that.

SCHOOL NEWS

Seventh and Eighth Grade News

We had a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year. Santa Claus was very good to all of us. We had our Christmas party and we all had fun. We are going to have to start cramming to get what we need, because next week we will be taking our semester examinations. Our teacher is reading the book, "Dark Horse," to us now. She just finished reading "Smoky." Alvin Gathings is moving to Idaho and David Sanders has moved to Arizona. We will all miss them very much.

First, Second and Third Grade News

We are glad that our Christmas program is over so that we can settle down to work again. We wish to thank the mothers for their cooperation in making the costumes for the program. We would also like to express our appreciation to Mrs. Elliott for directing the music and to Mr. Elliott for stage equipment. Our Christmas party was a nice one. Mrs. Stegall gave us popcorn balls, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Seeley apples, Mrs. Buckner popcorn, Mrs. George Teel and Mrs. Guy Crockett candy bars, Mrs. Marable Christmas candy. The room mothers present were Mrs.

Stegall, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Helen Seeley. Thanks to all these mothers for a very nice time. We are sorry to lose James and Dorothy Briscoe, Verna Stegall and Onie Bryant. We have one new pupil, Manuel Cortez. Thanks to Mrs. Wallace Johnson and Mrs. Carson for giving the preschool children a nice Christmas party. The mothers that gave nuts and fruits are Mrs. Musgrave, Mrs. Lipsett, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Carson. The school furnished Christmas candy and Mrs. Stegall popcorn balls. All the kids are going to be teachers when they grow up so they can drive a car just like teacher's.

Last week a sanitary survey of the Hope school was made by Dr. Puckett and Mr. Swartz of the State Department of Public Health. The school passed inspection with the report that it was in the best condition it has been in several years.

A much-needed drinking fountain has been ordered for the gymnasium. It will be placed just off the drinking floor and close to the door that leads into the east dressing room. Mr. Teague was busy during the holidays putting on a new finish on the gym floor, and oiling the floors and washing the windows in the high school building. The tentative list of seniors whose names will be up for graduation in May is as follows: Lillian Bates, Lonnie Harris, Delma Joy, Beatrice McCabe, Glenna Stevenson, Jeannette Terry, and Barbara Williams.

During the holidays the meanest persons were at work. The tops to the four unit drinking fountains outside the building were broken off and taken. One top was found. Now the lower grades are deprived of a place to get a drink outside the building. Authorities are busy on the case and they have clues, including fingerprints.

Hope Basketball Schedule

Friday, Jan. 9, Hagerman at Hagerman.

Wednesday, Jan. 14, Carlsbad at Carlsbad.

Friday, Jan. 16, Carrizozo at Hope.

Wednesday, Jan. 21, Monument at Hope.

Friday, Jan. 23, open.

Friday, Jan. 30, Dexter at Hope.

Friday, Feb. 6, Lake Arthur at Hope.

New Guidebook Sells Southwest

Tourist's Lured by Hidden Treasures, Rodeos, Fiesta, Fun

ALBUQUERQUE. — Three big states—Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas—have been stacked in a three-decker sandwich to tempt the appetite of everyone who loves the flavor of this country. This giant barbecue is concocted by Oren Arnold, Texas-born Phoenix author, in "Sun in Your Eyes," a book just released by the University of New Mexico Press in Albuquerque.

"Sun in Your Eyes" sums up Oren Arnold's years of enjoying and exploring the Southwest from Houston to the Grand Canyon. Twelve books, plus magazine articles from Saturday Evening Post to Holiday, make Arnold the Southwest's best publicity man. Of the 8,000 people who seek the "Lost Dutchman's" gold every year, Arnold claims to be the only one who got any good out of it. His stories of the mine have netted him \$14,000 to date.

Illustrator Lloyd Lózes Goff, Dallas-born, obliges with 22 color drawings packed with the true flavor of cowboys, Indians, prospectors—the characters Oren Arnold calls "the most picturesque Americans." Goff studied in Paris and New York, and his pictures hang in the Metropolitan Museum and in the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts.

The book is not only a wise guide for the tenderfoot—it tells the old timer a thing or two. Rodeos, Arnold notes, started about 1870. "Hew and Why to Square Dance" gives one itchy feet. The yarns of Indians, ancient and modern, and old missions like the Alamo and Tamacacori, are an insight to his-



Illustration from "Sun in Your Eyes"

tory. Arnold tells how to build a ranch house, grill a steak, join in fiesta revelry, or buy a souvenir, in fact, how to enjoy the Southwest. Those who remember his best seller "Hot Irons," will turn at once to the cattle brands. There are sharp pointers on cactus land, where it's so hot that "when a coyote chases a jackrabbit, they both walk."

Arnold gives us Phoenix through the eyes of Adaline Gray, who on her eighty-second birthday took an airplane ride over the town she founded in 1870. She watched it grow to a metropolis of 200,000. Mrs. Grey once shot a horse thief, then bandaged his wound. "Now git!" she told him. "And if I ever see you in Arizona again, I'll shoot and do no doctorin'."

The University of New Mexico Press performed a service when it commissioned two experts like Oren Arnold and Lloyd Goff to build a fresh and exciting book on the Southwest. "Sun in Your Eyes," 262 pages, sells for \$2.50.

Gems of Thought

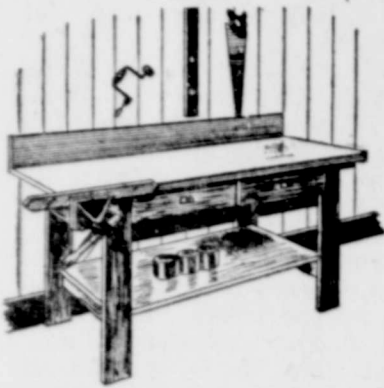
SOME people are always grumbling because roses have thorns. I am thankful that thorns have roses.—Alphonse Karr.

You are pretty—we know it; and young—it's true; and rich—who can deny it? But when you praise yourself extravagantly, Fabula, you appear neither rich, nor pretty, nor young.—Martial.

Conscience is, in most men, an anticipation of the opinion of others.—Taylor.

'Tis not so deep as a well, nor so wide as a churchdoor; but 'tis enough, 'twil serve.—Shakespeare.

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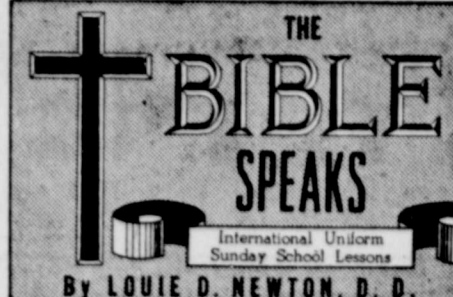
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SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 40:28-31; Matthew 6:9; John 14:8-14; Acts 17:22-31. DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalm 33.

What We Know of God
Lesson for January 11, 1948

THE Scripture for Sunday's lesson is Isaiah 40:28-31, Matthew 6:9, John 14:8-14, and Acts 17:22-31, with Psalm 33 as the devotional reading.

"Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. . . . They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

God Our Maker
"HE GIVES to all men life and breath and everything," Acts 17:25. One of our daily prayers should be to thank God that he has let us open our eyes to the beauty of another dawn. We must not take it for granted.

He causes the sun to shine and the tides to ebb and flow. He causes the rain to fall and the winds to bear their blessings. He holds the earth in its course. God is the maker of every good thing.

And He Is Our Father

NOT only is God the Creator and Sustainer of the physical universe; but he is also our Father. He knows us each by name. He cares for the sparrows, simply because they are sparrows. He cares for us because we are his children, made in his image, capable of fellowship.

Read again the passage that describes Paul's visit to Athens, and how he observed that the people, though quite intelligent, were worshipping many different gods. Paul summoned them to worship the one true and living God.

When we acknowledge God as Maker and Father, we are then able to serve him in conscious assurance of his love and care for us as his adopted children.

Show Us the Father

READ again John 14:8-14, and join with Philip in the prayer, "Show us the Father." Jesus answered Philip, saying, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." We come to know God as Father through Jesus Christ, and only through Jesus Christ.

Jesus goes on to say to Philip, "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." The greatest need of our day and generation is a fresh understanding of God—his nature and his will. We can know him through Jesus Christ. And we come to know him through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Enoch walked with God. Abraham was the friend of God. David was a man after God's own heart. And Jesus came to perfectly reveal the Father. The determining factor in knowing God as Father is our willingness to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Belief in God Today

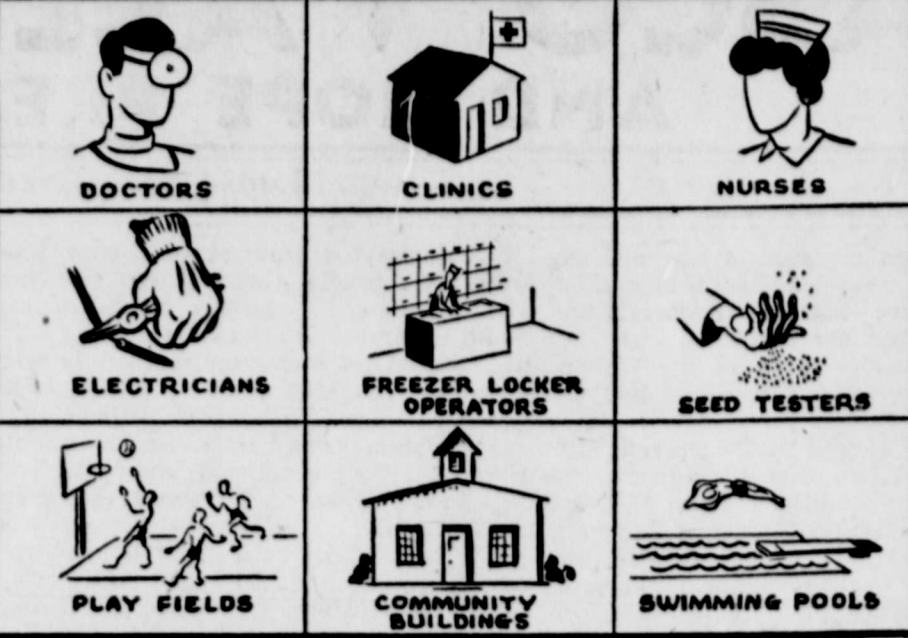
THE Bible is a Book for today—any day, every day. It reveals the purpose of creation, both of the universe and man himself. It reveals the loving concern of God for every soul.

Best of all, the Bible tells us the sweetest story ever told—the story of how God gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Religion, the Christian religion, is the most practical proposition in the world. Every man is constantly in reach of God, if only he will believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. God is yonder in the loneliest watchtower of the timberlands. He is yonder on the storm-tossed ship at sea. He is everywhere, waiting to own and bless any and all who will come to him through Jesus Christ.

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SERVICES MOST NEEDED BY MODERN RURAL COMMUNITIES:



SMALL TOWNS, U. S. A.

Rural America Is on Threshold Of Many Revolutionary Changes

By EARLE HITCH
Released by WNU Features

(Editor's Note: First in a series of articles on the vital problems and opportunities of small town and rural America.)

Almost like clicking a switch, rural America has been snapped into a new age. It is the era of big-scale, scientific agricultural production. Farming is undergoing revolutionary changes. As a consequence there is a shifting and shuffling in rural occupations. The new farming demands fewer workers. But it wants more mechanical skills, more capital and more business brains.

Industry is decentralizing. Branches of big plants are getting away from the congestion of cities. More small shops and mills are springing up in rural environments. This, too, is changing the character of rural employment. As machines displace labor in farming, new rural occupations will have to be created. Otherwise local population losses are inevitable.

Hence the people who live in the country today need, and will have, a new kind of community. The new community must be more than a place for trade. It must be the civic center of the whole country round about, as much devoted to matters of health, recreation and social good, as to matters of business.

New Outlook Demanded.
To keep pace with these changing conditions, the small towns will have to get new shapes and new outlooks. They will have to adapt to the needs of their particular surroundings. They need re-designing to make their activities suited to the new rural life that is developing.

The country itself is becoming "citized." That is, country people are as style conscious and as socially alert as city people. They have new expectations of their towns. Thus the towns must reconsider their reasons for being. The towns that recognize this will find ways for more community usefulness. Those that act boldly and with imagination are going to be heard from.

These are the conclusions of those who are watching the trends over rural America. That is why the years just ahead promise to be an era of activity in rural community planning.

For the small towns which bestir themselves a bright and larger future is in prospect. Now, for the first time since the automobile and the smooth highway switched trade to the city, the rural communities have a chance to "come back." They need not be content with obsolescence. What they need is to come alive, to shake themselves and take hope.

That's the opinion of leaders in the rural life movement, among whom are Eugene Smathers, who has developed a model plan at Big Lick, Tenn.; Dr. Baker Brownell, who directed the Montana rural study for Rockefeller foundation; O. E. Baker, social scientist of University of Maryland, and Monsignor L. G. Ligutti, secretary of National Catholic Rural Life conference.

Pioneer in Program.
Important pioneering has been done in rural community reorganization. The lead in actually demonstrating what can be done has been taken by the Catholic and Protestant churches, which have established missions for social work in several rural communities, and by the American Friends Service committee, which has community projects in Pennsylvania and South Carolina. Surveys and studies have been made by Rockefeller foundation, by various farm bureau federations, the farmers' union, the national grange, some of the agricultural colleges and the U. S. department of agriculture.

Taken together, these surveys and inquiries show what is needed and practical ways to go about filling the needs.

And So to Bed!

IN THE gray light of early morning, the traveller faced the night clerk of the country hotel.

"You gave me the worst bed in the place," he began. "If you don't change my bed I shall leave."

"There's no difference in the beds, sir," replied the clerk.

The traveller smiled ironically. "If that's so," he said, "perhaps you wouldn't mind giving me the room on the left of mine?"

"It's occupied, sir."

"I know it is—by a man who has been snoring all night. His bed must be better than mine."

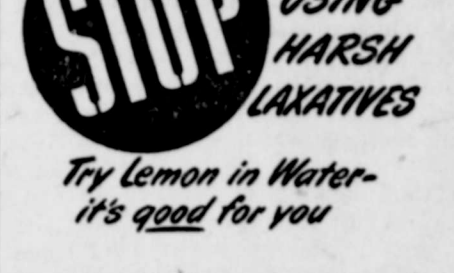
"The beds are all alike," repeated the clerk firmly. "That man's been here before, and he sleeps on the floor."



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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

U. S. Troops Leave Panama Bases; Anderson Lists Grain Speculators; Nation Warned of High Price Perils

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysis and not necessarily of this newspaper.)

PANAMA: No Bases

Unanimous rejection by Panama's national assembly of a treaty which would have given the U. S. the right to lease and man 14 military and airfield sites to defend the Panama canal not only precipitated a diplomatic disaster but also left this nation in the position of a fighter without a left hand to guard his jaw.

The action, strongly opposed by Panama's President Jimenez, left the U. S. with just one alternative—to pull out—since commitments had been given that no American troops would remain in Panamanian territory without sanction of an authorized treaty.

Military officials later announced that the withdrawal of some 2,000 U. S. soldiers from the 14 bases surrounding the canal would be begun immediately. That meant, probably, that the troops would be pulled into the canal zone proper, which the U. S. leases from Panama.

This was, by all odds, the most crucial issue to arise in U. S.-Panama relations since this country purchased the canal from France in 1904. And it was aggravated by the fact that the inability to man defense bases around the canal left this most vital point in American military security dangerously exposed.

Rep. Albert Engel (Rep., Mich.), chairman of the house appropriations subcommittee on defense, stated his belief that the national assembly's 51 to 0 vote against the treaty was influenced at least in part by the Communist movement in Panama; and he suggested that the U. S. build a new Atlantic-Pacific canal outside Panama if that nation continued to refuse use of bases.

There did not appear to be much chance of further negotiations, however; the assembly's rejection of the pact probably closed the door on that course. Some officials were speculating on whether the problem might not wind up in the lap of the United Nations for solution.

SERIAL: Grain Opera

Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson, at the behest of the senate appropriations committee investigating commodity speculation on the part of government officials, came through with the first installment of the "names" he had promised to name.

There were 711 of them — big traders in grain and other commodities. But except for the name of the man who precipitated the investigation, Edwin W. Pauley, presidential advisor and special assistant



ANDERSON'S LIST

to Army Secretary Kenneth Royall, there were no spectacular disclosures on the list.

While there is no law against speculation, the current investigations ordered by congress stem from reports that government officials have profited from "inside" information on government commodity buying plans.

Anderson's 711-name list was the first installment in a series which the agriculture secretary will forward to the senate appropriations committee, simultaneously making each list public. An estimated 14,000 names are available for such listing.

Meanwhile the senate appropriations committee, as well as a house committee, were ready to start sifting the rolls for possible irregularities and especially for leaks of inside information.

WARNING: On Prices

The President's council of economic advisers, an astute group that sometimes functions as Mr. Truman's conscience, has warned that the U. S. must return to "real price competition" if the present boom period is not to collapse into a shapeless economic mess.

In its annual report the council sharply criticized "monopolistic practices" and declared also that:

Home Again



Back in the U. S. after attending the United Nations human rights session in Geneva, Switzerland, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt proclaimed that the commission, of which she was chairman, "did a very good piece of work." She expressed satisfaction with interest shown by all nations in the discussions of human rights, was pleased, too, with Russian cooperation.

"Many industrial prices must come down at least in relation to other prices and many rates of profit must subside while reasonable profitability is established in other areas."

This was a clarion call for a revival of the old freebooting competition in American industry.

The report surmised that the present era of prosperity was "abnormal" because of such factors as heavy exports, short crops and great military expenditures. To remedy the situation the council offered these recommendations:

1. Elimination of deliberate curtailment of output as practiced by some labor organizations.
2. Discontinuance of the practice of big business of hampering the development of new, small businesses.
3. Development of natural resources and increase in the industrial facilities of the nation.

PROPAGANDA?

For UMT

Rep. Forest Harness (Rep., Ind.) has charged the army with carrying on an illegal campaign of "propaganda" in behalf of a universal military training law, thereby adding more fuel to an issue already destined to be superheated in 1948.

Harness, chairman of a special house investigating committee, said he would call high army officials before his group soon after congress reconvened on January 6 to answer accusations concerning the use of taxpayers' money to influence public legislation.

Said he, "I am receiving hundreds of letters daily from every part of the country concerning a propaganda pressure campaign being waged by the army for universal military training."

A recent investigation by his committee, he said, had disclosed the hiring of two civilians to tour the country addressing women's groups and making radio speeches favoring the proposed law.

Contention of the army is that it simply is doing everything it can to foster a sense of the need for national security among the people, and Harness had yet to prove that the army was morally wrong in that view, whatever the legal technicalities of the situation might be.

THE PAYOFF:

Who'll Pay?

Economy-bitten members of the house of representatives who juggle billions of dollars with the apomb of a high-wire performer are at a loss as to whom they can stick for a \$418 printing bill.

With the dreadful irony that sometimes appears to make an embarrassing situation worse, the bill is for a committee report on money entitled "Money Makes the Mare Go."

The committee on coinage, weights and measures ordered the report two years ago but has since gone out of existence, hence, can't be handed the check.

John McBride, former clerk of the committee, drew up the report but can't be convinced he should pay for it, maintaining that it wasn't his fault that it came out "a little late."

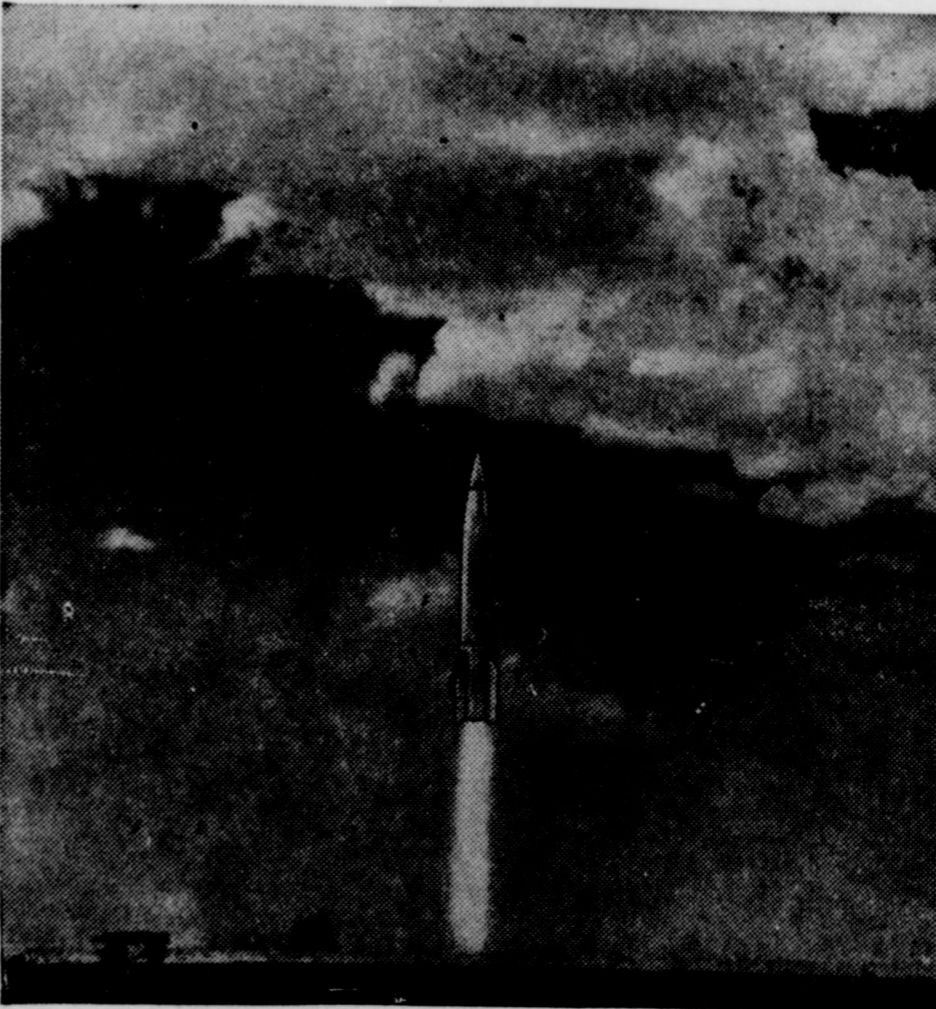
Changing WORLD



IT'S COME TO THIS IN PALESTINE . . . War is no respecter of age or sex, and the hostilities in Palestine between Arabs and Jews are doing nothing to destroy the truth of that axiom. This girl, armed with a machine pistol which she knows how to use, is one of the fighting women of the Jewish Haganah. She mans a rooftop post on the border between Tel Aviv and Jaffa, an area which has been the scene of some of the most ferocious Jewish-Arab encounters since partition.



THE PIT IN KANSAS CITY . . . This picture shows commission merchants and brokers as they bid spiritedly for commodity grains on the Kansas City board of trade which Rep. Clarence Brown (Rep., Ohio) charged with receiving and handling "more orders from the District of Columbia than any other state." Grain pits came into limelight with congressional investigation into grain speculation by government officials who might take advantage of their inside information to profit in commodity trading.



LAUNCHING OF ANOTHER ROCKET . . . Take a good look at this German V-2 rocket as it roars straight up into the stratosphere from the White Sands, N. M., proving grounds. It could be a mild and unemphatic preview of what another war could hold in store for the world. This was the 29th of the 100 captured V-2's brought to this country for study by the army. Each rocket was built at an approximate cost of \$50,000 by scientists in Germany.

Race as in Gold Rush To Claim Own Furniture

During the five years the Nazis occupied tiny Alderney Island in the English Channel, they so mixed up the furniture of the 1,400 evacuated inhabitants that, when the people returned in 1945, the island authorities felt obliged to end the confusion by drastic means, says Collier's.

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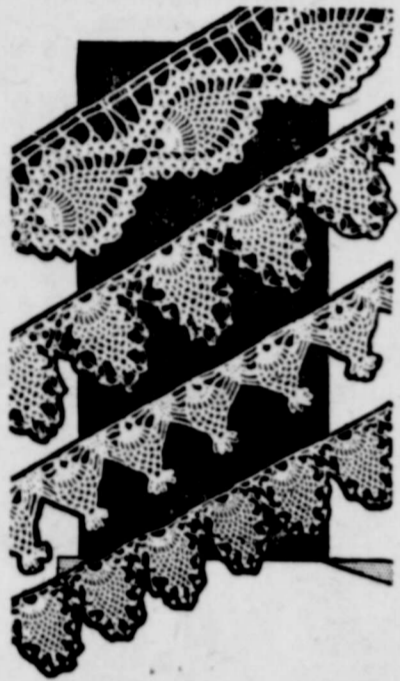
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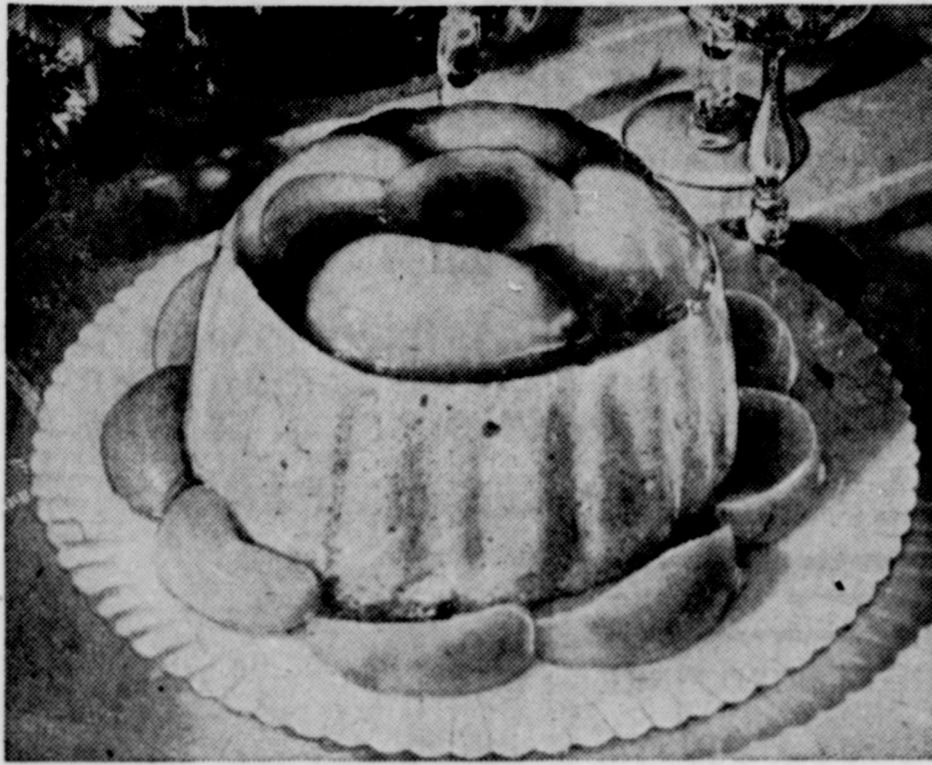
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Don't Forget Salads in Winter Meals
(See recipes below.)

Cold Weather Salads

Just because you don't have a garden full of green things outside your window is no reason for you to neglect salads in cool weather meals. Actually there's an abundance of material on the market for refreshing and delightful salads.

We like to recommend salads because they add texture and contrast to the meal, but most important of all, because many fresh and uncooked foods may be combined into them. And why is it so important to have fresh things? Because the vitamin* and mineral riches are not cooked out of them, and we need them more than ever in winter.

You can add bits of meat and cheese to vegetable salads and serve them with a piping hot cup of soup, and your lunch, for example, will be complete and well balanced.

Luncheon Salad.
(Serves 6 to 8)
1 cup green beans, cooked or canned
1 cup carrot strips, cooked
1 cup celery strips
1/2 cup french dressing
2 hard-cooked eggs
1 head of lettuce
1 cup ham, cut in strips
Marinate green beans, carrots and celery for one hour. Slice hard-cooked eggs on bed of lettuce with vegetables. Sprinkle with slivers of ham and serve.

Sauerkraut and Beet Salad.
(Serves 6 to 8)
1 package lemon-flavored gelatin
1/4 cup cold water
2 cups sauerkraut, chopped
1 cup beets, cooked and cubed
Soak gelatin in cold water. Drain sauerkraut and save juice. Add enough water to make 1 1/2 cups. Heat and add to dissolved gelatin. Add sauerkraut and beets. Pour into molds rinsed in cold water. Chill until firm and unmold on salad greens. Serve with mayonnaise.

Mixed Vegetable Salad.
(Serves 6 to 8)
1 cup cooked peas
1 cup cauliflowerets, cooked
1 cup green beans, cooked
1/2 cup french dressing
6 to 8 lettuce cups
1 1/2 teaspoons anchovies
Marinate vegetables in french dressing. Toss in anchovies and mix lightly. Fill lettuce cups and garnish with radishes and spinach leaves, if desired.

Here are other vegetable salad combinations you'll find handy for quick reference these days:
Shredded carrots, chopped celery, diced apples and preserved ginger.
Grated carrots, diced celery, cooked lima beans and a dash of onion juice.

Cabbage, celery and green stuffed olives.
Green beans, cooked, with diced hard-cooked eggs and strips of pimento.

Lima beans, cooked and marinated, serve with tomato slices.
Shredded cabbage, apples and raisins.

The fruit salad parade for winter is just as exciting and colorful as that of vegetables. Start off com-

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binning shrimp with apples for a nice luncheon dish:

Shrimp-Apple Salad.
(Serves 6)

- 2 hard-cooked eggs
- 1 can shrimp, cleaned
- 2 tart apples, diced
- 1 green pepper, diced
- 8 stuffed olives, sliced
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- Crisp lettuce
- Paprika

Combine shrimp, eggs, apple, green pepper and olives with lemon juice and mayonnaise. Serve in crisp lettuce cups, garnished with a dash of paprika.

Cranberry-Fruit Salad.
(Serves 4 or 5)

- 1 tablespoon gelatin
- 2 tablespoons cold water
- 1 1/2 cups hot cranberry jelly, strained
- 2 bananas, diced
- 2 oranges, diced
- 1/4 cup walnuts, chopped
- Lettuce

Salad dressing or mayonnaise
Soak gelatin in cold water for five minutes. Dissolve in strained cranberry juice. Cool and place in refrigerator. When slightly thickened, fold in bananas and oranges. Pour into molds. Chill until firm, then unmold on lettuce and serve with dressing.

Here are two elegant salads for entertaining at your next afternoon social. The frozen one may be made ahead of time to save last minute work. Serve them with sandwiches or cookies and a beverage, and you have delightful refreshments simply made.

Frozen Fruit Delight.
(Serves 6 to 8)

- 3 ounces cream cheese
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 4 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 cup crushed pineapple
- 2 medium bananas, sliced
- 1/2 cup walnuts, chopped
- 1/2 cup maraschino cherries, chopped
- 1 cup heavy cream, whipped

Blend together cream, salt, mayonnaise and lemon juice. Add the pineapple, bananas and walnuts. Fold in cherries and whipped cream. Pour into refrigerator tray and freeze until firm. Serve on bed of greens.

***Brazilian Salad.**
(Serves 4)

- 1/2 cup red grapes, seeded and halved
- 1/2 cup diced pineapple
- 1/2 cup apple slices
- 1/2 cup celery, diced
- 1/2 cup white cherries, seeded
- 2 tablespoons Brazil nuts, chopped
- Lemon juice
- Mayonnaise

Mix all ingredients and toss with lemon juice, then mayonnaise. Serve on lettuce.

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AROUND THE HOUSE

Wringing sweaters by hand is apt to damage the yarn structure. A safer practice is to put them through the wringer. Adjust the roller for gentle pressure.

Make baby booties from an old felt hat. The edges may be blanket-stitched with woolen yarn. Or, pink the edges for an unusual effect.

When turning shirt collars, apply press-on tape to the frayed edge at the neckline to make the collar look better and last longer.

Dust and dirt which accumulate on the inside of handbags and luggage may be easily removed by using the nozzle attachment of your vacuum cleaner.

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Bay Colony Law Still Bars Rhode Islanders

One of the oldest and most unusual laws in this country has been on the books of Massachusetts since 1636. It was passed after the Bay Colony had banished Roger Williams for his religious views and he and a few of his followers had founded the first settlement in Rhode Island. Still unrepealed, the statute imposes the death penalty on any Rhode Islander caught in Massachusetts.

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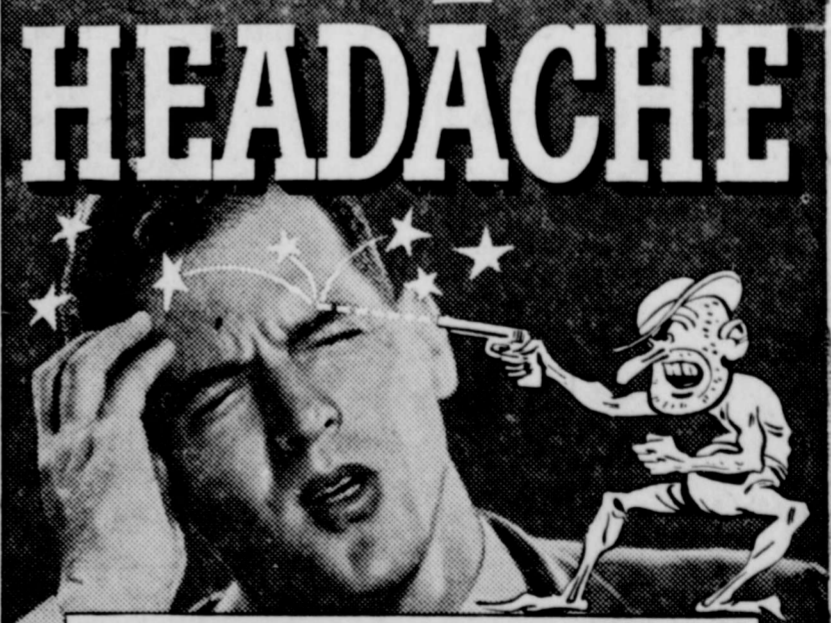


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World Calendar Would Stabilize Holidays

Important dates would be stabilized by the 12-month world calendar, with provision made for the extra day left over from the 52 week year in ordinary years and the two days in leap year.

Easter would be stabilized as Sunday, April 8, each year, one day removed from the date of the Resurrection, April 9, A.D. 30. Christmas would be pegged on December 25, a Monday, to provide a long week end.

Wherever feasible, holidays would be established on Mondays to prevent disruptions caused by their observance during the week.

The extra day in ordinary years would follow December 30, the end of the year, and be known merely as Year Day. January 1 would then follow. In leap years, Saturday, June 30, would be followed by Saturday, Leap Day, then Sunday, July 1.

Many business interests have favored the world calendar because of the contention that it provides for a better distribution of business days in each quarter.

Christmas Carols Play Important Part In Holiday Observances All Over World

AGAIN at this Yuletide season the strains of Christmas carols are floating into the hearts and homes of millions of people, carrying the spirit of Christmas. It is at this holiday season that the impulse to sing grips everyone, from the crooning infant to the oldest and most confirmed "monotone."

There are many kinds of carols, some for every mood and taste. Hymns or chants celebrating the Nativity have been sung since the earliest days of the Christian church. Some of the carols, like "Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly," "Good King Wenceslas" and the wassailing songs, have no direct relation to the Nativity, yet they are fully expressive of various phases of the Christmas spirit.

Best loved and most frequently sung of the carols is "Silent Night." It was Christmas time in the hamlet of Obernsdorf, South Germany, in 1818 that this beautiful song was

world, was written by Phillips Brooks, a Boston minister. On a trip to the Holy Land, Brooks stood on the starlit hills on Christmas Eve and looked down upon the little city of Bethlehem lying still and peaceful in the night. On the next Christmas, back in America, he wrote the song that was to become famous:

*"O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie..."*

Written for Sunday school singing, the song at first was anonymous but, when the hymn gained immediate favor, Brooks admitted authorship. Many musical settings of this beautiful poem have been made, the two most commonly used being by the English composer, Joseph Barnby, and the American composer, Louis H. Redner.

Charles Wesley, younger brother of John Wesley, founder of the Methodist denomination, shares with



composed. A young priest, Father Josef Mohr, was returning from the bedside of a parishioner when he looked down upon the sleeping hamlet surrounded by snow. It lay there silent in the dark night, lighted only by the bright stars and a few glimmering candles. That first Christmas, he thought, must have been like this and there came to him these words:

*"Silent Night, Holy Night!
All is calm, all is bright..."*

In his study he finished the verses, then took them to Franz Gruber, the organist, who caught the spirit of a hymn. "Silent Night" was sung for the first time in the little wooden church in Obernsdorf that Christmas Eve. Later a group of Austrian Tyrol mountain folksong singers introduced the carol to other parts of the world, including America. Published in 1840, it has been translated into almost every language and is a favorite throughout the world.

"Oh, Come All Ye Faithful" or "Adeste Fideles" is another hymn of the ages which apparently is destined to live for centuries. It has been translated into 76 languages.

The words are sometimes ascribed to St. Bonaventura, bishop of Albano, in the thirteenth century. It is most commonly believed, however, that it was not written until the seventeenth or eighteenth century. The hymn often is called the Portuguese hymn because it was sung in the Portuguese chapel in London about 1785 to the tune now inseparable from it:

*"Oh come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
Oh come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem..."*

An American song which carries the spirit of Christmas is the sweet and beautiful carol, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." The poem was written by Edmund H. Sears, a New England minister, in a religious journal. The music is by the American composer, Richard S. Willis, who was struck by the unusual beauty of the poem and "just set down the notes that fit the words":

*"It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old..."*

One of the most popular Yuletide hymns, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" follows the traditional carol style. The first two stanzas depict the angels hovering over the earth and singing their joyous song, the third brings words of comfort to the weary and the fourth prophesies the happy days when all the world shall join in the angel's song.

"O Little Town of Bethlehem," another American contribution to the famous Christmas songs of the

Isaac Watts the honor of being the greatest producer of hymns. His "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," first published in 1739, is among the most popular Christmas carols although it has undergone many changes.

*"Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King..."*

The music is by that distinguished composer, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy and hence was written long after Wesley died.

Watts' principal contribution to the world's holiday joy is the carol, "Joy to the World." The tune, "Antioch," is an adaptation of Handel's oratorio, "Messiah."

*"Joy to the world, the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King..."*

Watts, too, was a minister. While officiating as pastor of Market Lane church in England his health failed although he was still a young man. He turned to writing verse and became a great poet.

"The First Noel," meaning the first Christmas, is one of the oldest songs about the coming of Christ. One of the ancient medieval carols, it probably is about 400 years old. The poetry is crude, merely a peasant's attempt to present the New Testament story in rhyme (thus making it easy to remember) but thoroughly sincere and devout. The music likewise is simple, being practically one little strain sung three times, but it is vigorous, joyous, fresh and virile.

*"The first Noel the Angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay..."*

Caroling or wassailing is an old English custom. The original words of this traditional English Christmas song began "Here we come a-wassailing" and continued in the chorus, "Love and joy come to you, and to your wassail too."

The old song commonly was sung by groups of revelers, particularly young women, who went about offering a hot drink, a merry song and a pretty curtesy in exchange for a small gift. The word "wassail" comes from the Anglo-Saxon "Waes-hael," meaning "Be in health."

And, of course, Merry Christmas would be less merry to both children and adults without that little jingle, "Jingle Bells," to jingle all the way through the Yuletide season with its mythical one-horse sleigh—which in most parts of America belongs to another day. But, sans the sleigh bells and the sleigh, who is there, child or adult, who does not love that gay and rollicking Christmas ditty to which dear old Santa Claus comes skimming into town or to isolated country homes behind his eight reindeer.



Valley OF REVENGE

BY JACKSON COLE



Michael Valdez, known as "El Caballero Rojo," finds and kills three men responsible for the murders of his mother and the parents of Juanita, a Spanish girl disguised as a boy. When the brother and father of Straw Aldman are also murdered the finger of suspicion is pointed at the cattlemen, headed by Pete Haskell. Straw dresses up as "El Caballero Rojo" in an effort to frighten the cattlemen at a meeting. He is shot, however, and Valdez goes to his home to see him. Clark Weber, a new settler, realizing there is a huge reward for the capture of Valdez, finds him at Aldman's home. He captures Juanita outside and tells her he intends to use her for bait in luring Valdez into a trap.

CHAPTER XV

"You can't come that kind of talk over me! You're his lookout man, and I know it!"

Juanita laughed. "But, señor," she protested, "I know of that outlaw—as does everyone from here to the border. He rides alone, that one. He would not suffer me to lick his boots, señor. Untie me. Let us call this big mistake finished."

Weber brought her mount over beside her. "The big mistake," he said tightly, "will be finished when El Caballero Rojo is dead."

"You are wrong, señor!" pleaded Juanita. "By my mother's honor I swear—"

"You lie, curse you!" Clark Weber snarled. He stood over her, a tense finger on the trigger of the gun that was trained on Juanita's forehead. "You were at the Aldman house the other night. Then he came there tonight, and you were standing guard for him. If you lie again, I'll kill you."

To Juanita de Cuevas death was insignificant compared with the safety of Michael Valdez. Yet she must live, at least long enough to warn Valdez of what this man before her knew—or guessed.

"Si," she murmured. "You speak true. I am the servant of El Caballero Rojo. It is greater honor than even my father dreamed for me."

With a harsh laugh Weber picked up his prisoner, dumped her across the saddle of her mount, climbed aboard himself and rode, careless now, in his knowledge that he was dealing only with a young boy.

Shortly Juanita noticed that her captor was dropping things as they rode on—and instantly the reason for that was plain! El Caballero Rojo could not help seeing—and follow. A stud from the saddle-skirt of her mount, her handkerchief, her dagger. A hare and hounds' trail to death!

When at last they reached a small group of buildings of which a farmhouse and barn stood out in the darkness as the largest, Clark Weber shifted his prisoner to his shoulder and groped with her up a flight of creaking steps. That they were in the barn was plain from the mixed odors of tobacco and horses.

Juanita was flung upon the dusty floor of the hay loft. Then Weber lit a lantern, picked her up and roped her to a beam that braced the roof.

A puff of Clark Weber's breath against the lantern plunged the lit place into darkness.

"You see?" he gloated. "All I have to do now is wait in the dark. Or maybe until dawn—when our trail can be seen."

His feet creaked on the planks. Juanita could hear him moving down below. Then, with the slam of the barn door, she was alone. Instantly she began to tug and jerk and saw at the bonds, but all her struggles brought were bleeding wrists and tired, wrenched muscles.

"Madre de Dios!" she prayed, "Help me! Help Michael!"

Outside the barn, Clark Weber's enthusiasm kept him comfortable for an hour. Then, with the thermometer dropping and the rain which had begun shortly after he had arrived here with his prisoner now turning to sleet, he shivered and looked with envy at the house.

"If I could only keep watch from inside the house," he mumbled. "But—"

Weber's Actions Arouse Suspicion

Suddenly he started. What a fool he had been! If there was a light near the north window, the kitchen window, it would dispel the gloomy dark as far as this barn door. He could wait inside, crouched near the window. There would be no danger of missing his quarry, for the man would have to go into this door, since there was but one entrance to the loft where the prisoner was waiting.

He hurried into the house, avoiding Ellen and Chet Maxon, who were seated by the glowing fire in the living room. In the kitchen, he had scarcely taken off his hat when Ellen stood in the doorway.

"Where have you been all day, Clark?" she queried. "Did you . . . Why, you're soaked!" Then she had her first full glimpse of his face, and it frightened her. "What's wrong?" she demanded.

"Nothing," he said shortly.

She studied him. "You act like a cat that's just eaten the canary," she observed. "What's so pleasant?"

Her brother, who had come to the door and stood beside her, grinned.

"Maybe he's found a gold mine," Chet said, and laughed. Weber wanted to boast about what he actually had found, but could not. He might have to share his gains if he did. So all he said, enigmatically, was:

"I've been out on some business that turned out pretty well."

"In other words, it's none of our affair," said Ellen, with a shrug. "I thought we were partners—but it seems to be in just one business. This farm."

Weber whirled from the window.

"I'm wondering if even that partnership wasn't a mistake," he flared angrily. "Maybe we'd better—oh, let it wait until tomorrow. I've got something else on my mind just now."

"It's evidently in the yard—something that needs close watching," Ellen said sharply.

She started toward the kitchen door, but Weber reached it first and held it firmly closed.



It burned out in her fingers in sheer surprise when she saw a ragged Mexican peon fastened to the rafters.

"Don't go out there!" he barked. "You might ruin everything! If you've got to know—I'm expecting a visit from the outlaw who calls himself El Caballero Rojo."

Ellen's faced paled. "You tried again to—"

"I've set a trap for him," Weber said surlily. "It can't fail! I'll get him this time all right. Now go to bed. Both of you."

Chet Maxon bristled. "You'd shoot an unsuspecting man? You wouldn't give him a chance to defend himself?"

"An outlaw who tortures men to death and burns buildings isn't a man," Weber growled. "He doesn't deserve a chance."

"You'll fail, and he'll make us pay for it," snapped Maxon. "You've gone beyond the limit now, Clark. In the morning—"

"You can pull out now if you want to, or if you're afraid," Weber sneered. "I'll buy your shares in this place. But right now I intend to stand at this window and do as I've planned. Get out! Both of you!"

Ellen nudged her brother, and he caught her significant look which Weber did not see.

"Clark's right, Chet," Ellen said, and sighed resignedly. "El Caballero Rojo is an outlaw. It's fair to take him any way it can be done." She glanced at Weber. "But I don't see why you expect him to come here, Clark."

"He'll be here," Weber promised gloatingly. "For something he needs pretty badly."

Ellen Releases The Prisoner

Weber looked at Ellen contemptuously. Why share his secret with her or anyone else? Especially with Ellen, who had always preached against his ambitions, and wanted to tie him down to the dulllest, most poverty-stricken sort of existence.

The light from the kitchen window still burned, making its pathway to the barn door, though it was no longer necessary. For the storm had passed, and between rifts in wind-driven clouds a three-quarter moon seemed to plate the ice-coated barn with silver.

An hour had passed in quiet, when in an upper bedroom, Ellen Maxon tiptoed to the door and slid into her brother's room to whisper to him tensely. Chet Maxon frowned and shook his head. Chet whispered that he meant to investigate the barn, but Ellen flatly vetoed that.

"Clark has gone to sleep," Ellen said with finality. "I can hear him snoring. But if he awoke and saw you before

the barn door, he would fire before he was wide enough awake to see that you were not the outlaw he's waiting for. He can't mistake me, though, if he sees me—my hair and skirt. Not in this moonlight."

Ellen had her way and crept downstairs with less noise than a floating feather.

Opening the front door by inches, she closed it cautiously behind her and in only minutes more was inside the barn, groping her way up the draughty stairs to the loft.

At first, the sound of heavy breathing up there frightened her. But she bravely struck a match, cupped her hand about it and tried to guide its light in a sweeping arc about the loft. It burned out in her fingers in her sheer surprise when she saw a ragged Mexican peon fastened to the rafters, with blood trickling from bruised wrists.

"Help me, señorita!" Juanita pleaded. Swiftly Ellen Maxon lighted a lantern and started to look for something with which to cut the stout rope that bound the youth. An axe, as blunt as it was nicked and rusty, finally served her purpose, and with every sawing motion her anger against Clark Weber grew hotter.

"Who are you?" she whispered tensely. "Why did Clark—"

"I do not know, señorita, why the man you call Clark kidnap me. Unless it be that he hopes to get gold from my family," Juanita was improvising hastily. "Even now he expects my poor father to come with that ransom. And I have warned that maybe my father also brings a gun!"

As she spoke, Juanita unbound her ankles. She stretched and rubbed her numbed flesh, eyeing Ellen, hoping this young woman would believe the story.

"Clark told us—my brother Chet and I—that he had something here that would lure El Caballero Rojo," she said slowly.

"It cannot be me," Juanita said eagerly. "You are Easterner, no? You do not know that this outlaw of whom you speak is always the lone wolf? You ask men if that is not true. I can go now, sí?"

"Go, yes, but carefully!" Ellen admonished. "Clark is at the kitchen window—with a gun!"

Juanita followed Ellen down the stairs and waited for word that all looked safe. Prepared to make her dash, Juanita whispered:

"One does not forget such a favor as this, señorita. *Adios, Madre de Dios* watch over you." And she was gone like a ghost.

Ellen watched the slim figure fade into the night. She slowly twisted an engagement ring from her finger.

"We're through, Clark," she whispered.

Fear-gripped Russ Bartle had made an agreement on the spur of the moment, which he now regretted. He paced his office floor, cursing himself for promising to wipe out the Weber-Maxon mortgage if Clark Weber captured El Caballero Rojo.

"The fool might be just lucky enough to deliver the goods," he muttered, "and then I'd be out four thousand dollars! I've got to hedge out of that promise."

Bartle on the Rampage Again

He scurried about the large room collecting an assortment of things which he piled on a chair beside the door. When he went out, he carried a large tallow candle, a can of oil and an empty bean tin with the top removed and the bottom punched full of holes.

He rode quickly out of town, headed in the direction of Deep Water Valley. The black of night was friendly to his mission. He got out of Gold Creek unnoticed. Once in the open country, he lashed and spurred his horse to a furious gallop.

Half an hour's ride brought him to the edge of the valley and from above he looked down on the buildings of Chris Pringle's farm.

Nothing stirred below him as Bartle watched. After a while he rode down into the valley, as close to the Pringle place as he dared, dismounted and stealthily advanced with candle, can and oil. Like a shadow he made for the long shed.

Bent double, Bartle wormed his way to the center of the shed. He knelt, reached above him and dragged down a dry stalk. Crumpling the leaves, he made a little nest, soaked it with oil and placed the candle in the center.

A match spluttered in his cupped hands. The candle wick smoldered a moment; then, as tallow melted, a spearhead of yellow light was born. To shield such a danger signal from any curious eyes, he carefully set the perforated tin can over the candle.

He got up quickly, sprayed the oil about and dragged down more tobacco stalks. He left the building cautiously, then dashed to his horse, flung himself into the saddle and tore off toward Gold Creek. At the pace he held, he figured, he should be back in his office in about thirty-five minutes—just the length of time it would take for that candle to burn down.

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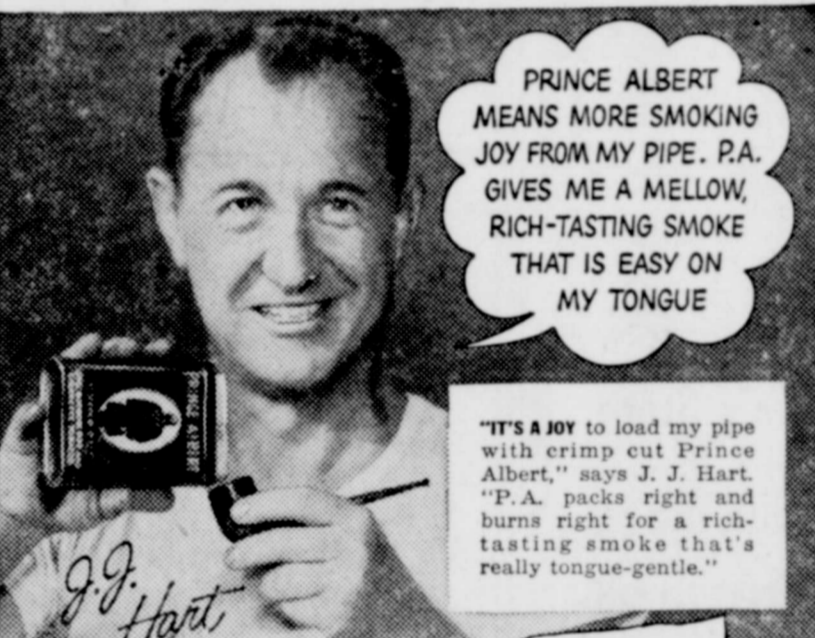
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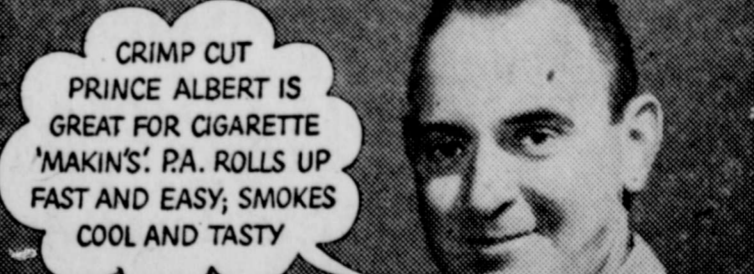
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