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Sharpe in Race for Congress

Luther E. Sharpe of Artesia on Friday night, told a group of Artesia business and professional men he will seek the Democratic nomination and election for Congress in the 1950 election and made a strong bid for support in his move to provide representation from the east side of the state.

The secretary-manager of the Artesia Chamber of Commerce said he will resign from that position at the time he makes his formal announcement of his candidacy.

But at the dinner meeting in the basement of the Masonic Temple Friday, he assured his audience his hat is definitely in the ring for a Congressional post from New Mexico.

Sharpe said it is almost certain Congressman John E. Miles will be a candidate for governor, but that Congressman Antonio M. Fernandez will seek reelection to the other of the two seats from this state. And, he added, he will not be running against anyone and is not opposed to anyone but will be running solely for himself with a determination to win.

The speaker, a former minister, said he has dedicated his life to serve his fellowman and that he believes he has a definite contribution to make to New Mexico.

Sharpe said he has been studying the political scene in New Mexico the last 10 years and that he believes the time has come when representation must come out of the east side of the state. And he pointed out he is politically clean and is obligated to no faction.—Artesia Advocate.

Our Crazy Quilt Constitution

Ingram Pickett, 7-ft. member of the State Corporation Commission, has opened his 1952 campaign for governor by urging some sweeping changes in New Mexico government and a two subscribe wholeheartedly to one of these recommended changes.

Among other suggestions, Pickett recommends that a convention be called to revamp the state constitution. The New Mexico Constitution, patched and re-patched by every Legislature until it resembles a crazy quilt, needs to be completely overhauled and brought up to date. This can be done only by a statewide constitutional convention.

Another recommendation made by Pickett that should be acted upon is a proposal that a run-off primary be instituted, the two candidates receiving the most votes in this open primary election be candidates in the June party primary. Unless the Republican party in New Mexico shows more life than it has in the past several years, the need for a run-off primary will become more and more pressing.—Current-Argus.

Curry and Quay Counties After Rural Telephones

The president of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Telephone Cooperative Mr. Andrew Chitwood, states that Curry and Quay counties are making rapid progress in getting the rural people to sign membership applications for rural telephone service.

Although we are the first to organize and to get started with the ground work does not necessarily mean that we will be first to complete our work and make application for the loan. We are now waiting on the people desiring the phones to sign the application for membership. A large number has signed but there are many that have not. We cannot continue until this is completed.

Those of you desiring the telephone service make a special effort, as soon as possible to sign membership applications, because we must have all the potential users signed before the engineer can complete the definite route of telephone lines.

Those who are not signed on the first application for a loan might have to wait indefinitely, due to the fact that Congress will more than likely have to appropriate more money and as you know that takes time.

There are other RTA cooperatives being organized all over the United States and they are working hard to obtain the first application for the loan and if there is not enough money appropriated, the amount applied for might be decreased and only a por-

tion of the system might be built under the first loan.

Those interested in signing membership applications may call at the REA office to do so, if they have not been able to contact the membership workers in each community.—The Melrose News.

School News

3rd, 4th and 5th Grades—Tommy Greene and Gary Crockett received weather maps which they ordered from Washington, D. C. They are very interesting to study. Jackie Alexander had the cast removed from his arm last Saturday and has it on a sling now. We have made paper doily, Christmas trees and jumping jack Santa Clauses. We are making some surprise Christmas gifts for our parents. We are practicing on a short Christmas play, "A Gift for Santa." Charles Nunnelee has returned to school after being absent several days with an allergy rash.

Home Economic News: We are very proud of the new Maytag Dutch Oven range Mr. Lea had installed in the kitchen Tuesday of this week. We are enjoying cooking on it. Friday, the girls who are cooking, prepared and served themselves a luncheon. Two of the girls who are sewing have finished their pajamas and are starting on dresses. Two black walnut belts were finished last week. We are hoping to get more finished before Christmas.

HOPE DEFEATS WEED

The Hope team defeated Weed at Weed by the score of 35-16 in a roughly played game. The Hope "B" team defeated the Weed B team 35-7. B. McGuire led the Hope scoring with 14 points with C. Forrester scoring 8. Clifton McGuire and Ray Jones led the B cagers with 11 points each and Robert Wood scored 8. David Sanders, Eugene Bates and Dolph Jones also saw action in the B game.

HAGERMAN DEFEATS HOPE

The Hope varsity lost their first game of the season to Hagerman on the home court last Tuesday night in a hard fought and roughly played tilt. The Yellow Jackets not playing up to par, dropped the game after trailing the entire game. The Hope "B" team won the preliminary game 31-24 over the Hagerman reserves. Ray Jones and Clifton McGuire led the B team offense by scoring 11 and 8 points. Kent Terry score 8 to lead the varsity attack.

The Hope varsity now has a season record of 2 won and 1 lost and the first home game of the season will be with Monument Saturday night, Dec. 17.

HOPE DEFEATS ARTESIA REA

The Hope high school varsity played a scrimmage game in the Hope gym last Tuesday night with the REA team of Artesia and took an easy 43-33 victory. Although this was not a regular scheduled game—there was a large number of Hope fans to witness the Yellow Jackets in their first appearance against out of town competition.

W. G. Madron, sophomore, led the attack by scoring 25 points and turned in an outstanding game on defense. Terpening and Hawkins led the visitors with 8 points each with B. Case scoring seven. Two former Hope cagers the Wilburn brothers, turned in outstanding performances for the REA. Bill Weddige, officiated.

Cloudcroft Crowns Yellow Jackets

Last Friday night the Hope Yellow Jackets met defeat for the second time this season, when they intercepted the Cloudcroft Bears. The score was 49-35 with W. G. Davis making 14 points, Lynn Harrison 5 points, Blaine McGuire 5, Glenn Harrison 5, Alvin Melton 2, Clarence Forrester 4 and though Kent Terry didn't score, it was through his inefficient playing that the others were able to score.

The "B" team won their game 21-7. Ray Jones led the scoring with 12 points, Robert Woods 5, and Clifton McGuire 4. Although Eugene Bates, David Sanders and Dale Young did not score, the game could not have been won without them.

It takes five men, teamwork and cooperation to win a game.—Dorane Teague.

Freshman News—The members of the Freshman class reelected officers this past week. They are David Sanders, president; Robert Wood, vice president; Eula Marie Cox, secretary and treasurer; Ella Sue Nunnelee, re-

porter. We are sorry to lose Allan Stirman from our class. He has moved to Portales. Eula Marie Cox, Aleta Melton, Carol Munson, Lee Mack and Ann Van Winkle were visitors in Artesia Saturday.

6th, 7th and 8th Grade News—There was a dance Saturday night at Wilma Seely house. Records were used for music and refreshments were served. We are decorating our rooms so that we will have the Christmas feeling. We even wear bells on our shoes. We had a class meeting and decided that we would use our class money for party. At the end of the school year each individual will bring his own money for the cost of our school trip. We thought we were going to have a new teacher this week, but Mrs. Hardn is still our teacher and we are proud of it. Our new teacher will not arrive until about the first of the year, we think.

Cavern Travel On Increase

Total number of visitors for the month of November 1949 was 21,125. Total number of visitors in November 1948 was 20,984. Total number of cars for month of November 1949 was 6,506. Number of visitors arriving by bus was 1,557. Number of visitors arriving by cars was 19,572. Average number of passengers per car was 3.01. All-time number of visitors to Carlsbad Caverns to date 4,119,485.

Daily Dittos In Hope

Madeline Prude and rooster — walking—just walking.
Supt. Ralph Lea—and that El Ropo cigar.

Van's Cafe—and the aroma of good coffee.

The green bench at the post office—lined with tobacco chewers.

Sunshine—and out comes Hiliary White, Sr.

Travelers — rubbernecking and driving at 50 M.P.H. around the Musgrave corner.

School bells—at 8:30.

New Teel—in the green Dodge.

Crowd to meet the mail at 9:15—very latest in gossip—all free!

—By Neb Elbaram.

Letter from Arizonza:

Pima, Ariz., Dec. 6, 1949. Dear Mr. Rood: Will introduce myself, I am Mrs. LaVerne Willburn, formerly of Hope. I am writing to ask if you would publish something for me, as follows: "There has been a question in a lot of Hope people's minds as to whether or not my daughter, (Lorraine) would finish high school. She certainly intends to and taking a few honors also. At the close of her junior year, she was one out of 11 to receive a very special award as being topmost students in all Alamogordo high school (several hundred students). This year her senior year, she was one of six out of all Alamo Hi to be initiated in the National Honor Society and was then elected secretary of the N. H. S. This makes her third year to be a member of the Future Home Makers of America. She has been sent to several different towns in this project. She is also secretary of the FHA and secretary of the senior class. She has won four consecutive Junior Certificates in the monthly contests sponsored by the Business Education World in bookkeeping. Taking into consideration that she is in a school of several hundred high school students, I think she is doing extra well. We are very proud of her and I think we have cause to be proud. She is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Willburn of Hope. You may find it necessary to report this. I will thank you very much if you will publish this.—Mrs. LaVerne Willburn.

Water Users Annual Meeting

A meeting of the Hope Water Users Association was held Monday night at the Altman Cafe. The old board was nominated for reelection plus W. B. Durham and Lyle Hunter. The annual election will be held Tuesday, Dec. 13 at the Hope Telephone office.

Orland Parker and Lawrence Blakney returned Tuesday from a trip to Clovis where they delivered a truckload of horses.

EDITORIAL—

An exchange says: "Clinton P. Anderson for President? If not, then vice president, it could be." According to our ideas Mr. Anderson will never get the nomination for president. New Mexico is not strong enough politically. He might get to be vice president, maybe.

The wave of indictments that have been brought against state and county officials in New Mexico may have a bearing on the 1950 elections. The Republicans will play this up to the best of their ability and will no doubt gain some votes.

Ben Marable is contemplating constructing an office and a soap factory across from the Coates Service Station. Whydamean soap factory? Why, didn't you know that Mr. Marable makes all his own soap. If you don't believe this, just ask him some time.

U. S. Dist. Judge Carl A. Hatch has ordered nine potash union leaders and their associates cited for contempt. The judge ordered the action because the nine and other union members blocked the Santa Fe railway tracks near Carlsbad and Loving potash mines in defiance of a federal court restraining order. Chester D. Smotherman, president of the Carlsbad Potash Workers union realizes now that a person is never too old to learn a thing or two.

The fact that Rufus Sedillo, an employe of the state highway department, refused to testify against Dan Sedillo, chairman of the state corporation commission, for fear that he might incriminate himself makes the average person believe that there is a nigger in the wood pile somewhere. There has something been going on that the Sedillo and Apadoca tribe don't want the people to know about. We had better remember all this when it comes to voting in 1950.

Lake Frabier, mayor of Roswell, has been mentioned as a possible candidate for governor on the Democratic ticket at the June primaries. The way things look now his opponent would be John E. Miles. Mr. Frazier would represent the younger generation of Democrats and ex-service boys and John Miles the old line Democrats and the ones that are in office now. Which one would be victorious in the primaries is hard to tell, both are good men with a strong political following.

Campaign buttons advertising John E. Miles for governor in 1950 have appeared in Santa Fe and Albuquerque. Mr. Miles is away so he cannot be interviewed at present. We will have to see what he thinks about Highway 83 between Artesia and Hope before we commit ourselves. Mr. Miles served as governor for two terms a few years ago.

Monday, we took a little journey down Carlsbad way. We visited with

Uncle Sam Says



Have you ever stopped to analyze the reasons why Christmas Day has such a tremendous hold on you and your family? Of course there's the real significance of the day, and the tree and family reunion, but back of these happy events is a feeling of safety and security. Safety and security are linked with financial well being, firm underpinnings for your very home. Regular systematic savings out of your income produce safety and security. The best way to save effectively is to save before you spend. You can do this very thing by signing up on Payroll Savings Plan for buying United States Savings Bonds where you work, or enrolling in the Bond-A-Month Plan where you bank if you are self-employed.

U. S. Treasury Department

the bunch at the court house. We found everybody happy. The county treasurer was head over heels in work taking in tax money. Dick Westaway we missed, he had gone to El Paso to visit his sister who is in a hospital there. We shook hands with Xury White, he is just the same as ever. Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Thomas were hard at work. District court was in session so there was an unusual number of people meandering around. We called on the editor of the "Little Argus" but he wasn't in. Out drinking coffee I suppose. We certainly enjoyed the new highway constructed north of Carlsbad. It is a dandy. Too bad it isn't that way the entire distance to Artesia. It will some day, we hope.

Hope News

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Seeley, of Las Vegas, N. M., and Victor Seeley of Albuquerque spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Seeley and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert McCabe and children of Hobbs spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McCabe.

REMEMBER—Merit Feeds get best results. McCaw Hatchery, 13th and Grand, Artesia. 6-10-49

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Greene and Tommy made a trip to Roswell Friday where they saw Gene Autry in person.

Mrs. Jimmy Thompson is here this week from Morenci visiting Granny Clements.

John Hardin went to Alamogordo Tuesday with O. E. Van Winkle.

Bonnie Altman went to Roswell Tuesday after fresh vegetables.

You can depend on Pete for the very best in insurance. For dependable insurance see or phone Pete at the Pete L. Loving Insurance Agency, Booker Bldg., Artesia, N. M.—Adv.

Max Johnson was here last week from Carlsbad. He is now milking 92 cows, so he said.

Frank Runyan was over to Las Cruces last week on business.

Jim Clements from Tulsa, Okla., was here last week visiting his mother, Granny Clements.

Kiddy-Linell Agency. Complete insurance and Real Estate Service, 415 1/2 West Main, Artesia, N. M. List with us, insure with us. Purchasers of Nora Johnson Agency. Adv-if

Harry Thorne from Roswell stopped in Hope Wednesday morning. He had spent Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clements.

Pete says—"Protect your home and your automobiles with the very best insurance companies. For all kinds of insurance, see the Pete L. Loving Insurance Agency, second floor Booker Bldg., Artesia, N. M.—Adv.

Mrs. Sam Howard of Childress, Texas, is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Mary Hardin.

We have buyers for ranches west into Sacramento Mts. Also for sale, ranches in other sections of state and farms in the Pecos Valley. Don's Real Estate, 314 Carper Bldg., Artesia, N. M. Phone 79. Adv.

Geo. Teel was in town Wednesday morning.

"Where Can You Spank Your Wife?" It can't be done in Pittsburgh, but a judge in British Columbia actually spanked a wife to be spanked! Get the facts on wife-spanking from Abilene to Zenia in The American Weekly, that great magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

DR. SALISBURY—Nation wide poultry service. McCaw Hatchery, 13th and Grand, Artesia. 6-10-49

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Crockett on Nov. 4, at Albuquerque, a baby girl, Wanda Faye, weight 8 lbs, 9 oz.

The DALLAS HEART

by GEORGE ETHELBERT WALSH

SYNOPSIS

Jerry Longwood and Nancy Lee, supposedly cousins, seek shelter at their uncle's, Abner Longwood. They find Abner murdered but later the body disappears and as Nancy sits alone he appears alive, through a secret exit. He imprisons her in a musty cellar but she escapes by using a nail file. In running from Jerry, Abner falls down the stairs, dying instantly. The pair continue their search for "The Dallas Heart," a mysterious object Jerry says he has come to claim. After searching the cellar, he acts suspiciously and Nancy believes he has found the heart but intends to keep it himself.

CHAPTER XI

I watched him close the trap-door. There was slowly forming in my mind something that I hated—a suspicion that he had found the Dallas Heart and was trying to conceal the fact from me. Otherwise, how explain his changed attitude?

"Jerry," I said slowly, watching him closely, "did you find the Dallas Heart down there?"

"The Dallas Heart!" he exclaimed, betraying surprise and nervousness. "No! Of course not! What put such an idea in your head? I don't believe it's in the house. Come!"

His eyes shifted uneasily away from mine. They could not look me in the face, and his hands were trembling.

"We must go," he added in a shaking voice. "The place is getting on my nerves. And it will be morning soon. We mustn't be found here, Nancy."

"A short time ago you wouldn't leave until you'd found the Dallas Heart, Jerry," I said. "What's changed your mind?"

"Why—er—nothing," he stammered. "I simply can't stand the place. That old dungeon frightened me—that, and the idea of Uncle Abner locking you up in it. Come away! I don't want to see it again."

"No, Jerry, I'm not going," I said calmly. "I want to see the Dallas Heart first."

"But where can we find it, Nancy? I've looked everywhere."

"It wasn't down there?" I added, pointing to the trap-door.

"No, or if it was I couldn't find it!"

He watched me furtively, like a criminal caught in the act. And once more I gave him time to repent, hoping and praying that he would do so.

"What's the matter, Nancy? You look—look—as if something had upset you or—"

"I am upset, Jerry," I replied gently, "more so than at any other time. I think—I think this is the worst of all my night's troubles."

"What is?" he added, looking queerly at me.

He would not confess; then I had to speak.

"Jerry, I wouldn't do this if it were just for myself," I began sadly. "I'd go away and try to forget it. But for Nancy's sake, I must speak. She trusted me, and I must—"

'Nancy' Reveals Her Identity

"Nancy's sake!" he interrupted. "What're you talking about! Aren't you Nancy?"

I shook my head slowly.

"No, I'm her friend. I came down here to see what I could do to soften Abner Longwood's heart."

"Nancy's in the hospital. She's poor and lonely, almost friendless, and it will be months and months before she can earn her living again. I'd do almost anything to make life easier and pleasanter for her."

"Not Nancy Lee! Not Cousin Nancy!" he gasped. "Then—then—you're an—"

"—Impostor," I finished for him. "Yes, I'm that. The word applies to me, but Nancy approved of my scheme. Oh," a little scornfully, thinking of his greed, "I wasn't going to run off with anything I could get from her Uncle Abner. I would turn it all over to Nancy."

"If you're not Nancy, who are you?"

"My name's Jane Edgemont, but the name doesn't really matter. You wouldn't know me. I'm Nancy Lee's friend."

"And she told you about the Dallas Heart?"

"No," I replied, shaking my head and smiling, "she never mentioned that. There are a lot of other things she didn't tell me about. When I get back I'm going to scold her for sending me off on such a mission only half informed."

"But you knew about it?" he persisted.

"Only from what you said, Jerry. I wouldn't recognize it if I saw it. What is it, anyway? A jewel? A

pearl necklace? Or—or just some cheap heirloom?"

"Well, if you never heard of it I guess you can't be Nancy. I'm glad!"

"Glad!" I repeated. "Why?"

"That you're not Cousin Nancy," he added, smiling.

"I see—or I don't see," I replied, frowning.

"What did you say your name was?" he interrupted.

"Jane—Jane Edgemont, but a name doesn't mean much in a case like this."

"I guess it does. I like Jane—always did. It's a pretty name. And you say Cousin Nancy put you up to this scheme?"

"No, I didn't say any such thing. She didn't want me to come until



"It wasn't down there?" I added, pointing to the trap door.

I'd convinced her there was a chance of making Uncle Abner repent in his old age."

"Uncle Abner repent!" he broke in sneeringly. "That couldn't be done. He didn't know the meaning of the word."

"It seems not," I admitted sadly. "He died without repenting, and the estate now—"

I paused and looked directly at him.

"Now that he's dead, Jerry, everything goes to you and Nancy, doesn't it?"

"I suppose so. There were no other living relatives—not one now."

His eyes drifted around to the closed trap-door again.

"We want to get out of this old hole, Jane."

He stopped and looked at me.

"It sounds strange to call you Jane," he added. "I'll have to get used to it; but I'm glad you're not Nancy. You understand, don't you?"

"Jerry," I said sharply, "we're not going until we have a complete understanding. I told you I wouldn't say what I'm going to just for my sake. I'd let it pass—forget it. But I must think of Nancy."

He nodded and asked:

The Original Body Is Explained

"What is it you want to say, Jane? By your looks I should say it was something awful. Another confession?"

"Jerry, you found the Dallas Heart in that room below," I asserted in a slow, steady voice. "You found it and thought you could conceal it from me."

"You mean that, Jane?" he said finally in a hurt voice. "You—you—But go on!"

"I didn't want to believe it, Jerry," I cried. "It hurt me—hurt me—"

"What made you think such a thing?" he cut in gruffly. "Tell me all. I want to know the worst. You're mighty suspicious, Jane. First, you thought I was a murderer and then—"

"That was before I knew you, Jerry," I pleaded. "You must forgive and forget that."

"What made you suspect me? Did you see me find it?" he asked.

"No, but I slept for a moment. I was dead tired, and when I woke you were at the foot of the ladder coming up. You were eager to get out and leave. You can't deny that."

"I won't try. Yes, I was eager to get out."

"You were pale and shaking, and you looked—looked frightened or—or upset about something."

"Yes, I was frightened—or, rather, startled," he admitted grimly. "Who wouldn't have been?"

"Tell me you didn't find it, Jerry, and I'll believe you! Oh, say you didn't find it!"

"Must I constantly be denying that I'm a murderer or thief, Jane, to clear myself in your eyes?" he asked sharply. "Why did you think I wanted to keep my discovery from you?"

"Why—why"—I stammered in confusion—"half of the Dallas Heart belongs to me—to Nancy."

"And you were afraid I was going to run off with it?" he sneered. "You thought I'd steal your share?"

"No," I cried. "I told you it was not for myself I spoke. It was for Nancy. I came to help her, and I would not let you go away with the thing. I spoke for Nancy."

"You accused me for Nancy's sake, then?" he whispered. "You didn't want a share of the Heart?"

"No! No! I wouldn't touch the thing! I hate it! It's brought too much misery into the world already. It's like a curse, and—"

I stopped, unable to proceed.

"Jane, I believe you," he whispered, "and I'm not angry. Perhaps it was natural. I did act and talk in a way to cause suspicion. But—but if I was startled and shaken down there it—was—was—for another reason."

"What was it?" I whispered when he paused.

"I didn't want to tell you, Jane, you'd been through so much. I hoped to get you away without explaining. Later when you felt stronger I would tell you all. . . ."

"Go on!" I said when he paused, and I seized his hand.

"I found a corpse down there, hidden under a pile of old clothes," he said quietly.

I shrank back and stared at him. "It was that of an old man, stabbed to the heart."

"Uncle Abner?"

"No, Uncle Abner's there, dead with a broken neck."

"Who? Why? Oh, please tell me quickly."

"It was Abner's brother—Jacob Longwood—the black sheep of the family."

"I didn't know there was another brother," I stammered, once more realizing how inadequate had been my information concerning the Lees and Longwoods.

"No, of course you wouldn't have—not being Nancy," he added, smiling. "A lot of other people around here didn't know it either. Jacob was a rolling stone, a bad egg, maybe. He and Abner quarreled violently."

The Night's Events Are Reasoned Out

"Jacob went off to sea as a young man, and it was not known whether he was dead or alive. None of the family ever heard of him, and he was practically forgotten."

"How do you know it's Jacob down there?" I asked faintly.

"For one thing," Jerry nodded, "he had the family looks. He and Abner were not twins, but they resembled each other quite remarkably. Anyone would have taken them for brothers when they were young."

I nodded and shivered, glancing in the direction of the trap-door.

"For another thing," Jerry went on bravely after a pause, "he carried identification marks on his person."

I looked up inquiringly and waited.

"He ran off to sea, I told you," he added. "Well, all sailors, it seems delight in disfiguring their arms and bodies with tattoo marks. Jacob was no exception. Both fore-arms are literally covered with tattooed figures and pictures, and on one arm, under a star, is his name. I saw it distinctly—Jacob Longwood."

I covered my face with both hands and shook with a violent chill.

"There, Jane, don't let it upset you so," I heard Jerry say. "I didn't want to tell you. I knew it would shock you. Try to forget it."

I began to realize how unjust I had been to Jerry in suspecting him, and how kind and thoughtful he had been in trying to get me out of Swamp Hollow without disclosing his gruesome discovery. Instead of being actuated by motives of greed and selfishness, he had made every effort to protect me from another shock.

I sobbed a short time, and then looked up appealingly to him.

"Can you forgive me, Jerry?" I asked.

"Forgive you! Jane, I—"

"(TO BE CONTINUED)"

FIRST AID to the AILING HOUSE

by Roger C. Whitman

QUESTION: We have a very pretty maple dinette set. The legs of the table and chairs are set outward, so that the linoleum is marked by half-moon marks. We were told to use metal buttons which have a rounding surface. Since we've been using these buttons they have made round marks on the floor. We are planning to get some new linoleum. Can you advise me how to avoid having the new linoleum marked up in the same way?

ANSWER: The dealer from whom you buy your new linoleum can either sell you or advise you where to get the right type of device to protect your floor from becoming marked. There are various types recommended by the manufacturers of linoleum, different types of cups for heavy furniture that stays in one place, and other, sliding types for chairs, some made with a rubber base and others of smooth nickel plating.

Mighty Cold

Wind as well as Arctic cold makes the north a savage land. A wind of only 10 miles an hour at a temperature of 40 degrees below zero, Fahrenheit, can freeze exposed human tissue in one minute.

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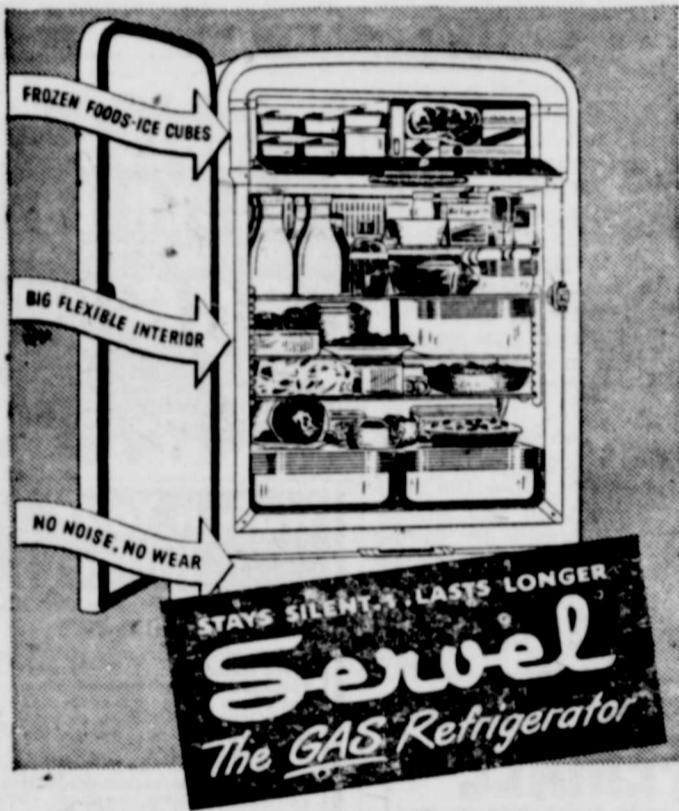
You can already hear the jingle of Christmas bells and the merry laughter of Santa Claus. Local stores are stocked with gifts of every description. A child's wide-eyed enjoyment of Christmas morn' is priceless but equally priceless is the assurance that in years to come Junior and Sis will enjoy financial security. The best way to provide financial security for your youngsters is through the regular purchase of United States Savings Bonds. Remember U. S. Savings Bonds pay you 4 dollars for every 3 invested, in 10 years.

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Unified Transport Board Proposed; U. S. Prestige Suffering in China; Federal Tax, Debt Slash Demanded

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



TRUMAN GETS FIRST CHRISTMAS SEALS . . . President Truman accepts the first sheet of 1949 Christmas seals from Dr. James E. Perkins, managing director of the National Tuberculosis association. The seal campaign was to run from November 21 to December 25 to help raise funds for the campaign to eradicate tuberculosis which kills nearly 50,000 Americans each year.

TRANSPORT:
Policy Board Asked

A move to establish a central policy board to integrate and supervise United States programs covering air, water, rails and highways was to be urged upon President Truman. Charles Sawyer, commerce secretary, was the cabinet member who would broach the matter to the President.

According to proponents of the move, it would save the taxpayers a big part of the 1.5 billion dollars now being spent by the individual agencies having to do with various forms of transportation.

THE REPORT on the matter, which is to go to the President, may call for studies as to whether the government should impose "user charges" on the air and trucking lines, shipping firms and railroads which benefit from federal outlays on highways, airports, harbor work and other facilities.

It was said the commerce secretary's report was now in the rough-draft stage after talks with all agencies concerned.

According to supporters of the move, it was designed only to effect an efficient national transportation system, with high emphasis on military usefulness—at lowest possible costs in federal outlays.

HOWEVER, most Americans and certainly the transportation companies would see quite a great deal more in the proposal, especially in the mention of a "users' charge" plan.

To tax the transportation agencies for use of highways, air or sea lanes, would mean nothing more than increased cost to patrons of these agencies, which would mean added tax, but under another name. With railroads already granted passenger fare rates over large sections of the country, with airlines screaming for subsidies and with the merchant marine requiring subsidy if it is to remain in action, the "users' charge" proposal was certain to meet with monumental opposition.

The people, at long last, were becoming aware of the growing hypocrisy in federal promises of better service and cheaper costs, by adding to the price of this or that commodity or service vital to the people.

THE BARKLEYS:
"I Do's" Are Said

The "I do's" were said, quips were traded at the reception, the shouting and tumult were over, and Vice-President Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky and Mrs. Carleton S. Hadley, of St. Louis, were joined in holy wedlock.

IT was a May and December romance that had caught the fancy of all America. Mr. Barkley's wooing activities were as much a part of the nation's front-page news as were arguments over what Russia was doing with the atomic bomb—if she had one.

Everybody wished the Barkleys well. Everyone agreed that the "Veep," as he prefers to call himself, was quite a better man physically at 71 than is the average male. His stamina and good health under the gruelling pressure of a presidential campaign and as a senate leader, eloquently attested that fact. His continual good humor, his courtly air, his genuine "gentlemanliness," all counted high in his favor in any prediction as to how this marriage would fare.

Shah Urges Peace

A second distinguished visitor from the East in almost as many weeks had urged the United Nations to bring about peace—particularly for the smaller, weaker nations. A peace, he suggested, that would permit these nations to build toward social justice and prosperity.

This second petitioner was Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlevi of Iran, visiting young monarch, whose nation has had nervous relations with its Gargantuan neighbor, Soviet Russia. The Shah, a personable potentate who became popular with all the throngs who had seen him, was in the U. S. for a week's state visit.

U. S. PRESTIGE:
Suffers in China

The prestige of the United States was suffering in China and wasn't gaining any ground elsewhere as a result of the fence-sitting policy on what to do about U. S. consul general Angus Ward, a prisoner of the Chinese Communists. Ward and four consular attaches were being held incommunicado in Mukden on charges they beat up a Chinese workman in the consulate some weeks ago.

NO ONE wanted war and there was no intention of jingoism in charges of U. S. indifference to Ward's plight and its own prestige that were being hurled generally. It just looked bad for the most powerful nation in the world—already up to the shoulders in a pressure war with Russia—to let Russian-dominated Chinese hold a top consular official.

As even a schoolboy knows, "face," or prestige, is a great thing in the oriental mind, and if the U. S. planned ever to do anything about recovering China from the Communists, a sustained hands-off policy in the Ward incident wouldn't aid the effort.

TAXATION:
Cut Demanded

One figure in government, another important figure, once in, now out, joined coincidentally enough in a demand for a cut in federal spending and taxation.

THE GOVERNMENT FIGURE, Virginia's Democratic Sen. Harry Byrd, declared in Washington that federal spending could be cut as much as 10 billion dollars without impairing government functions.

In Biloxi, Miss., James F. Byrnes, former U. S. senator and one-time secretary of state, sharply criticized administration spending and called for a cut in federal taxes and public debt.

BYRD INSISTED that the spending slash he urged could be brought about by eliminating recent increases in "more than 30 budget items;" a two billion dollar cut in "nonessential and defensible spending through "prompt and effective" unification of the armed services.

Byrnes declared the nation's "real trouble is debt and taxes. We cannot cure it by more debt and more taxes. We should devote to cutting expenditures some of the thought we are devoting to taxing and borrowing."

These views would endear neither gentleman to President Truman who is always less polite to critics of his spending policies.

CHINA:

A New Try?

The situation in China appeared to be thoroughly static, although minor maneuvers would confuse the casual observer. Chinese Reds seemed easily in the saddle and likely to remain there barring some militant action from the West—a wholly improbable occurrence.

THE UNITED STATES and the United Nations had asked 30 countries to join in a demand on Chinese Communists that U. S. Consul Angus Ward be freed, and those nations agreed. But there was little said about what would be done if the Reds declined to free the U. S. consular official.

In another move, the ailing Li Tsung-jen, acting president of the practically defunct Nationalist regime since Chiang Kai-shek "retired" some months ago, might attempt to form a third Chinese government, independent of both the Reds and Chiang. Informed quarters in Hong Kong speculated to some extent on the possibility of such a maneuver.

FOREIGN OBSERVERS arriving in Hong Kong argued that it was fair speculation that Li might attempt to form an anti-Communist, anti-Chiang organization and go to the United States to seek substantial material aid. According to these sources, Li was expected to go to Washington soon to bolster the aid files of his personal contact man, Kan Chich-hou, who has been there several months.

But wouldn't Li be whistling up a drain pipe in any effort to involve American cash in a China venture which for all practical purposes has been written off the books?

If Chiang, with the Nationalist government behind him and supported by extensive U. S. funds and arms, couldn't stem the Red tide, how could Li believe he could convince the U. S. that he could do it, especially since he'd have to split Chiang's forces and followers to get any followers of his own?

EISLER:

Better Stay Put

Gerhart Eisler, the balding, chunky little Communist who fled the U. S. aboard the Polish-owned ship Batory while on bail on a contempt-of-congress charge, had better stay put in the Russian zone of Germany.

THE UNITED STATES supreme court emphasized that advice when it rejected Eisler's appeal, a ruling which meant Eisler faced a \$1,000 fine and possible imprisonment if he returned to America. Eisler had attracted widespread notoriety because of reports that he was the Number One Communist in America.

While on bail, Eisler left America by stowing away on the Batory. He went first to England, which refused to hold him for U. S. action, and then to Russian-held Germany. Recently he was named chief of the newly-formed Soviet zone information ministry.

THE CASE against Eisler arose when he refused to be sworn as a witness before the house un-American activities committee.

PANAMA:

No Blood

It wasn't at all like the comic opera impression of banana republic revolutions with all the shooting and the fury. In fact there was no shooting, no blood. However, everything had been planned for the real ingredients of a revolt, but last-minute intervention by the diplomatic corps, including U. S. Ambassador Monnett D. Davis, prevented any violence.

INSTEAD, Police Chief Col. Jose Remon took the stage as Panama's "strong man" and forced the resignation of President Daniel Chanis, the surgeon-politician who had held office only four months.

Vice-President Roberto F. Chiari was sworn in after a night of feverish activity involving plans for a threatened police attack on the presidential palace.

Fighter



Dr. Tingfu Tsiang, China's representative on the United Nations, has served notice he will fight any effort by the Chinese Communist government to oust him from his post.

The Way it Happened . . .

IN AUGUSTA, MAINE . . . Maurice Ricker, turning in an amazing hunting performance, fired five shots, brought down: one nine-point buck; a bobcat, and three out of four bears.

IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON . . . A nimrod, who had brought his horse along to carry home the elk he shot, was cutting up the elk when another nimrod shot the horse.

IN NEW YORK . . . The trick is to put the strain on the legs, not the back, while lifting a bride across the threshold, announced the Greater New York Safety Council.

IN BALTIMORE . . . A broker proposed to his secretary when she remembered the combination of the safe where he had stored some imported Havana cigars which he hadn't been able to get at for five days.

IN SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA . . . An inventor has developed a plastic shield to protect the nose in freezing weather, fitted with a guard to go over the ears, like spectacles.

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ALL HOMES need lots of food during the holidays, so what could be better than stocking someone's shelf with a jar or two of jelly or jam, a gay box of cookies and candies, or a fruit cake or plum pudding for the important feast?

Cranberry Conserve
(Makes about 8 glasses)
1 orange
5 cups water
1 quart cranberries
1/4 cup raisins
2 1/2 cups sugar

Wash orange and place through food chopper. Add 2 cups of the water and boil slowly 10 minutes.

Add cranberries and cook with 1 cup more of water until very soft. Rub mixture through colander and add to cooked orange. Put

raisins through food chopper and add to orange and cranberry mixture with sugar and water remaining (2 cups). Cook until mixture heaps on spoon. Remove from fire and stir in 1 1/2 ounces broken walnut meats, if desired. Pour into sterile glasses and seal with paraffin.

Mint Jelly
(Makes about 6 6-ounce glasses)
3 1/2 cups sugar
2 1/4 cups unsweetened grape-fruit juice
1 box powdered fruit pectin
1/4-1 1/2 teaspoons spearmint extract
Green coloring

Measure sugar and set aside. Measure the juice into a large saucepan. Add 3/4 cup water and mix well. Place over high heat, add powdered fruit pectin, and stir until mixture comes to a hard boil. At once stir in sugar. Bring to a full rolling boil and boil hard one minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and skim. Add spearmint extract and enough green coloring to give desired shade. Pour quickly into glasses. Paraffin at once.

Walnut Spice Cookies
(Makes 6 dozen)
1/4 cup boiling water
1/4 teaspoon ginger
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 cup butter
1/4 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup molasses
1/2 teaspoon baking soda

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*Recipe Given

6 ounces semi-sweet chocolate, melted
1 1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Melt chocolate over hot water. Dissolve spices in boiling water. Pour over softened butter. Add sugar, molasses mixed with soda. Blend thoroughly. Stir in melted chocolate. Work in sifted flour and salt. Shape dough into a firm roll about two inches in diameter. Roll tightly in waxed paper and store in refrigerator until ready to bake. Cut in 1/4 inch slices. Sprinkle with chopped walnuts. Bake on unbuttered cookie sheet. Bake in a moderate (350°) oven 15 minutes.

Pecan Pralines
(Makes 12 two-ounce pralines)
1 cup granulated sugar
2 cups light brown sugar, firmly packed
3 tablespoons white corn syrup
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 1/4 cups milk
2 teaspoons maple flavoring
1 1/2 cups unbroken pecan meats

Combine the sugars, corn syrup, salt, and milk in a saucepan. Cook gently, while stirring constantly, to 236°, or until a little of the mixture dropped in cold water forms a soft ball. Remove from heat and cool to 110°, or until lukewarm. Stir in maple flavoring and pecans. Beat the praline mixture with a long handled spoon until mixture begins to thicken. Drop quickly from a spoon onto waxed paper to form patties about four inches in diameter. When firm, wrap in waxed paper.

***Date Pinwheels**
(Makes 5 dozen)
1/2 pound pitted dates, finely chopped
1/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup water
1/4 cup chopped walnuts
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup lard
1/4 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
1/4 cup sugar
1 egg, well beaten

Cook together the dates, sugar and water for five minutes. Add nuts and salt. Cool mixture while preparing cookie dough. Sift together flour, soda and salt. Cream lard and sugars thoroughly. Add beaten egg. Add sifted dry ingredients. Chill dough slightly. Roll dough into a rectangle 1/4 inch thick. Spread the date mixture over the sheet of dough, roll like a jelly roll, wrap in waxed paper and chill overnight. Slice 1/4 inch thick with a sharp knife. Place on baking sheet. Bake in a moderate oven (375°) 8 to 10 minutes or until lightly browned.

JUST BE SURE

Just to Be Sure

Both men were very good sportsmen. They observed all the rules and never took unfair advantage of an unsuspecting rabbit. It was while they were hunting turkeys that something went wrong.

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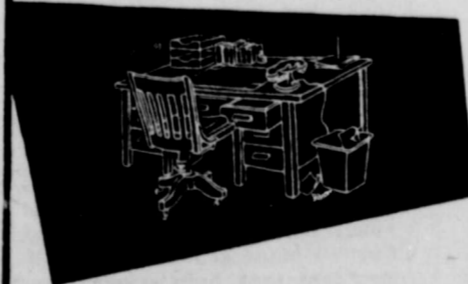
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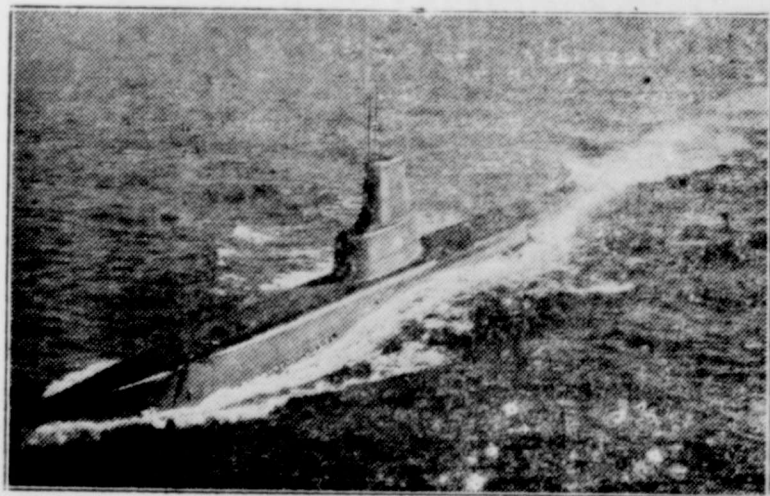
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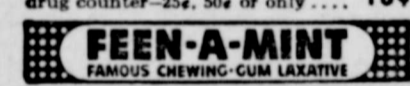
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Personal Religion

Lesson for December 11, 1949

ELECTRICITY was discovered, long ago, but there are millions of people today who never use it and don't know anything about it. Modern plumbing has been in use ever since most of us were born; but most human beings still walk for their water instead of getting it from pipes. All inventions take quite a while to get around. So it is in the realm of the spirit. Jeremiah the prophet, Dr. Foreman has been said, is the "man who discovered the individual." But 2700 years after his time, the individual needs rediscovering. Even in the church, some people live and act as if Jeremiah's discovery had never been made.



A Man Stands Alone

ALTHOUGH JEREMIAH was a priest and aristocrat by birth, his own class disowned him. The story in Jeremiah 26 shows dramatically why this was. He predicted doom for his nation, and since his own "upper-bracket" people were the nation's leaders, they considered Jeremiah's attitude not only unpatriotic but a downright personal insult.

If it had been left to the priests and the official prophets, the day of Jeremiah's sermon at the temple would have been his last. To put it bluntly, the difference between Jeremiah and all the other "prophets" and priests could be put this way: He knew the nation was too rotten to last, but they thought it was plenty good enough.

They probably could have agreed with him that a wicked nation deserves divine punishment; only they could see nothing wrong with Judah.

Religion by Proxy?

THEY were mistaken many ways. Mistake number one: They thought the Temple, with all that went on in it, was much more important to God than it really was. The whole business—Temple, white-robed priests, chanting choirs, the burning of animals, the incense and the mystic lights—it had become in their eyes a sort of immense good-luck charm.

But Jeremiah saw through that mistake. Institutions, rituals, organizations, ceremonies, sacraments, these are all simply means to an end, they have no value in themselves. Everything we call "public worship" is good only if and so far as it lifts and cleanses the spirits of the worshippers and brings them nearer God.

The most perfect and impressive worship, engaged in by those whose hearts are evil, becomes a blasphemy. A fine church is no substitute for fine people. A beautiful worship program will not conceal from God's eye unbeautiful souls.

Mistake number two: The priests and prophets supposed there was such a thing as religion by proxy. They thought the priests by carrying on their duties could take care of the situation.

God writes on the heart

ANOTHER MISTAKE made by those poor fools of false prophets and priests was in supposing they had the Law of God, when all they had was two tables of stone shut up in a box (1 Kings 8:9). They were proud of those tables of stone, they were the Commandments of God, and they were guarded most carefully in the Holy of Holies in the Temple. Surely, God would not destroy the city that possessed the Sacred Law! But Jeremiah knew better. In the long run, the only place the Law of God does real good is when it is written on the heart.

Yet how many people have never learned this truth! Having a great tradition is good; owning and reading the Bible is good; but it is not the Bible on the shelf that counts, not carrying a testament in the pocket, but the Word of God "hid in the heart" of those who know, love and do what God desires.

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Yule Product Of All Lands

Myriad of Customs Add to Season's Joy

Christmas in the United States is composed of threads from many countries and reflects their customs in church and home.

The traditional English Christmas calls for family reunions, gifts, carols, parties and a pantomime for the children in a season of general good will.

Although many of the old picturesque English customs have faded, they still contribute to the modern holiday through Christmas pageants, the designs on Christmas cards and the narratives in ballads and carols describing the festivities of the old days.

In Scandinavian countries, preparations and cooking are begun weeks in advance in order to stock the home for the three weeks of hospitality and leisure during the holiday season. The celebration itself begins on Christmas Eve with an elaborate supper, followed by a tree with family worship about it and singing before the gifts are distributed.

Early church is attended by everyone on Christmas morning, because the Shepherds, first to worship the baby Jesus, came early and then returned to their work.

Traditionally, Germany kept Christmas with much heartiness, including a home festival and attendance at church.

Children in the Netherlands leave their wooden shoes, filled with hay for St. Nicholas' white horse. In the Netherlands and Belgium December 6 is the children's holiday, with December 25 reserved for the religious holiday.

Religious features are prominent during the holiday in France, especially midnight mass followed by Christmas supper with family dinners and reunions on Christmas Day.

Christmas in Brazil, south of the equator, is a summer festival with fireworks, picnics, fiestas and boating excursions. In spite of the summer weather, Papa Noel comes dressed as Santa Claus with his reindeer and sleigh.

Santa Claus, Ind., Is Christmas H. Q.

Santa Claus, Indiana, is a hamlet of a score of frame buildings and not so many people, but it is national headquarters for one type of holiday observance.

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Similar holiday names dot the world map, with Christmas being the favorite in the United States. Florida, Maine, Kentucky and Arizona have towns named Christmas.

Fast and Feast
The day before Christmas is a strict fast for the Polish people.



PLEASE, SANTA? . . . S. Claus appears lost in thought as he ponders gravely the possibly difficult request of the little girl who looks as though she realizes she has put the bee on Santa and isn't quite sure whether he'll come through.

AROUND THE HOUSE

When using beet greens be sure to clean them thoroughly by washing thoroughly in a good deal of cold water. Cook the greens in a small amount of water — just enough to keep them from scorching. Dress them with butter or margarine, salt before serving.

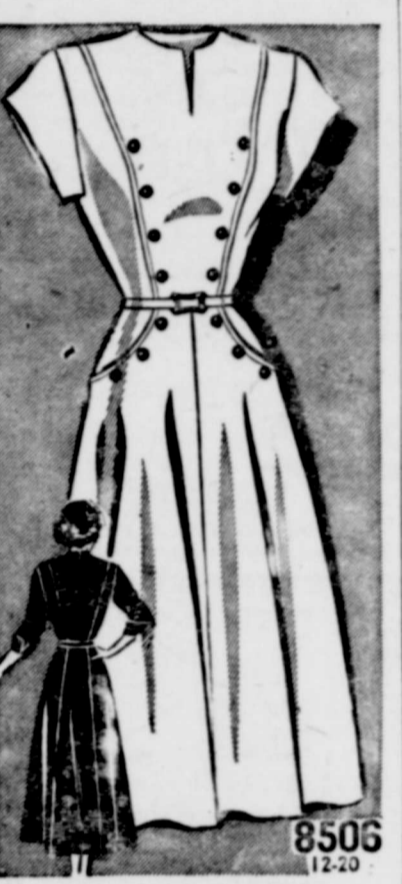
To serve with a salad, roll a white cream cheese into small balls and press a half walnut kernel into each side to look like a bonbon. Place one of these on each salad plate.

Easy and colorful way to decorate a child's room is to make bedspread, draperies and pillows of felt. It comes in a wide range of decorator colors, and needs no hemming.

If you are one of those who can't depend upon being awakened by your alarm clock, try setting the clock on a metal pie pan to increase the volume of the bell.

To clean the leaves of house plants, sponge gently about once a week with equal amounts of lukewarm water and milk. Or you can spray with a hand syringe. The leaves should be cleaned in the morning, not the evening.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

How About Being A "Good Sport"?

Big pow-wow the other night at the Fire House between farmers and the town fellows who go fishing and hunting on their land. Easy Roberts says: "We don't mind anyone going on our property. It's the carelessness—gates left open, fences broken, fires started, even livestock getting hurt."

Then Slim Dalton spoke up. "Some of us may have been a bit careless, but from now on we'll get permission first. Besides that, we're offering a \$50 reward for information about any destruction to a farmer's property!"

Farmers and sportsmen both liked the idea and went home friends. From where I sit, that meeting showed how folks can get together and work out safeguards for each other's good.

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