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#### Need Intensive Soil Conservation

The need for more intensive soil conservation education to make the people more conscious of the seriousnes sof the erosion problem will be one of the main topics for discussion during the third annual meeting of Albuquerque on Monday, Feb. 6, ac- 26 miles southeast of Cloudcroft. cording to Lee G. Barte, the conven-

lege of Education of the University ments. More facilities will be added of New Mexico, wil llead the discus- this Spring. sion on the needs for stressing soil conservation education in the schools when the Chambers of Commerce of and for the general public.

Kent Leavitt of Millbrook, N. Y., dist church 240 acres of land. president of the National Association When new road projects are com-

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association committees wil lbe held ing the new road into Cloudcroft. on the afternoon of Feb. 5 and the convention will open at 9:30 a. m., Feb. 6 in the El Fidel Hotel. E. O. and 4-H Club. Moore of Dexter, president of the The Methodist property has 12 the group at 11 a. m.

sentatives of the four zones into basis.

near Albuquerque.

#### **Hold Boy Scout** Court of Honor

A Boy yScout Court of Honor was

Opening ceremony-Pledge to the speakers. Flag and reciting the Scout law. Skunk song.

Eagle patrol; story by Jimmy Liles. friction by Bill McRee.

Paul Terry, Jerry Fanning and Jimmy Liles.

Closing-Scout vesper song.

was here to take part in the program. Bill McRee, Scout executive from Carlsbad was also here to preside at the meeting.

#### Cities Service Station the various weeks and compares to News From Hope Being Remodeled

of Hope were up, an outfit moved in to town, hooked a chain onto the Prospecting Cities Service station building and downit came. Another truck drove On Hope Highway up loaded with cement and two more arrived with sand and gravel. About tools and soon the place was a bee down the Hope highway drilling away hive of activity. The object is to just as if they knew there was oil build a new, up to date service sta- underneath. Perhaps they do know tion with the gas pumps facing the but they are not puttin ganything out. north. This will give more room for Last year they were here and now drive in off the highway. Mr. Living- they are back again. A business man ston the owner of the property is to of Artesia said Monday that it was be congratulated on the work that his opinion that in less than three he is doing to make Hope a better years a big oil field would be located looking town and to take better care between Hope and Artesia. of the ever increasing tourist trade.

#### SIGNERS WANTED

live in town.

Dry Throat

Judge: You are charge with habitual drunkenness. What excuse have like a lion and goes out like a lamb? tions at the Cities Service Station.

Offender: Habitual thirst, sir.

### Methodist Ready Camp for Summer

(From El Paso Times)

Every Summer hundreds of Methodist youngsters of the New Mexico conference look forward to a week's the New Mexico Association of Soil visit to the Sacramento Assembly, lo-Conservation Districts to be held in cated in the beautiful wooded country

In the past tw oyears, \$50,000 has been spent by the church of the New Dr. S. P. Nanninga dean of the Col- Mexico conference on camp improve-

> The camp was established in 1932 Roswell and Artesia, gave the Metho-

of Soil Conservation Districts, will be pleted, there wil lbe blacktop paving the principal speaker at this annual to within 8 miles of the property. The meeting which will bring together Otero county commissioners have votthe supervisors of most of the 58 soil ed farm-to-market blacktopping for conservation districts in the state. the road from Cloudcroft to Bear Preliminary meetings of the various Canyon store. The state is construct-

New Mexico association, will report buildings, includin ga dining room on soil conservation accomplishments which will seat 300, a boys dormitory in the state and Leavitt will address that will accommodate 100 and four girls buildings housing 150. A lodge The afternoon session will be de- costing \$15,000 houses the faculty voted to committee reports, followed and manager. Last year, 1530 people by the election of officers and repre- camped at the assembly on a week's

which the state association is divided. The Rev. Bryan Hal lis manager of Around 150 to 175 district super- the assembly. As executive secretary visors and cooperators are expected for the New Mexico conference board to attend the meeting, according to of education, Mr. Hall resides at 3021 Barte, who is the representative of Fort Boulevard in El Paso. But in the zone four and also a supervisor of summertime, he and his family move the Tiperas Soil Conservation District to the mountains where he directs the

summer activities of the assembly. A concrete clab will be laid this May for the playing of folk games by protection.

Open All Summer

June 19-24, Rev. J. N. Whetstone, Demonstration—Building a fire by Monahans, Texas; El Paso Intermediction by Bill McRee.

Monahans, Texas; El Paso Intermediates, June 26-July 1, Rev. Lawrence Revival to Begin Awards—1. Membership and Tenderfoot badges to the following boys Pioneer Club, July 3-8; Conference Pioneer Club, from Troop 65, Hope: Roy Trimble, Junior Camp, July 10-15, Rev. Frank Gordon Goddard, Jimmy Houston, Matthews, Iraan, Texas; Ministers church wil lbegin next Sunday, Jan. surance and Real Estate Service, 415 1/2 large cities of the West. We think the Carrol Parham, John Harris and Billy Week, WSCS, laymen, July 17-21, 29. Rev. Therman Harris who is a West Main, Artesia, N. M. List with district attempts and that Lon P. Watkins, assistant Rev. B. McGrew, Tucumcari; El Paso forceful and effective preacher and 2. Second class badges to the fol- District Young People, July 24-29, who is in great demand for minislowing boys from Troop 70 of Atoka: Rev. Carl LaLwson, LaMesa, N. M.; tries of this nature, will be the Clovis Family Week, July 31-Aug. 4, preacher. The Methodist church is Rev. Therman Harris, Portales; Spanish Assembly, Aug. 14-18; Asbury Ad- able to all who can attend and extend A troop from Artesia and Atoka ults, Sept. 2-4; First Church, El Paso, a hearty invitation to everyone. The Adults, Sept. 2-4.

must be attached in some responsible each evening. way to a Methodist church in the conference. The cost runs according to the various weeks and compares to

# Monday morning before the people Doodlebugs Are

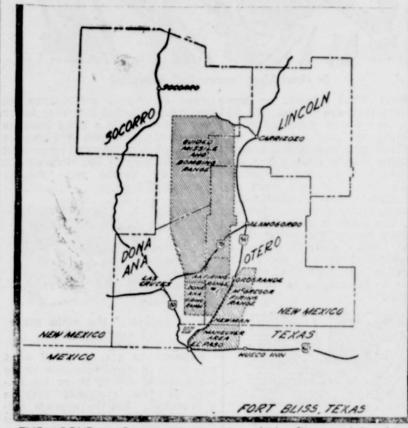
The doodlebugs are at it again. dozen carpenters unloaded their There are about six of them up and

and fill in an easement blank. Also icle can be found in The American that will pass inspection by health bring legal description of your land Weekly that great magazine distribut- officers. Examiner.

Wage Earner

Teacher: What is it that comes in day looking after remodeling operahome his wages.

# **Trespassing is Prohibited?** Can Hiway 70 & 54 be Closed?



THE ABOVE MAP shows the location of the firing and bombing ranges in this area in relation to local cities, counties and highways. The shaded areas in the map are dangerous and trespassing is prohibited in the interest of life and property. The map was prepared by Fort Bliss officials to inform the public as to the exact location of danger areas.

The above map was sent to us is prohibited? We don't think they map are dangerous and trespassing. The Forest Service and Otero coun-

the campers. A new water system will from the Army Department at Fort can and we would like to see this be installed to give adequate fire Bliss. Our readers will take notice thing threshed out between the cities that it says, "the shaded areas in the affected and the Army Department.

The camp is open all Summer with is prohibited in the interest of life ty are now farishing a new highway held Monday night at the Hope gym. a staff of cooks and workers on duty, and property." Highway 70 from Ala into Cloudcroft. If the Army succeeds lie forum in the Current-Argus and Travis Stovall of Artesia, master of Each week a different group comes megordo to Las Crucas crosses this in closing Highways 70 and 54, it will listening to talks from radio station ceremonies. The following program to the camp, and each has its own shaded area and Highway 54 from mean that thousands of tourists will KAVE, we might as well state what dean, faculty members, sponsors and Alamogordo to El Paso crosses he be routed north or south and will we thing about this mess. We believe peakers.

Schedule for this summer follows:

Conference Young People, June 5
lower nail. The state and federal govmiss Alamogordo and Cloudcroft completely. And how about the White
Sands National Park that is visited. Stunts. Peanut magic by Bill Mc- 12, the Rev. R. L. Willingham, Ar- Army Department just step in and Sands National Park that is visited bers. But when a union man don't Ree; story, "Pine Tree Patrol" by tesia; Pecos Valley Intermediates, say that travel over these highways by thousands of tour.sts every year? like the wages he is getting or condi-

A revival meeting in the Methodist anxious to make these services availservices, which will continue through Children interested in attending Friday, Feb. 3, will begin at 7 o'clock

Agents make big money selling Sells on sight. Samples free. Schneider Products Co., 83 Atlantic Ave., Revere, Mass.

quire at News office. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burley, a 7 pound, 101/4 ounce, boy, Stephen Wayne, Monday morning at 12:01

father, mother and baby are doing

Charley Barley attended a dairy meeting at Las Cruces this week. Insurance at its best. If you are in need of insurance of any kind. why not see Pete? Come in and let us discuss your insurance needs. Loving Insurance Agency, Booker Bldg.,

P. O. Box 546, Artesia, N. M. Adv. "Don't Be a Sucker" . . . When you Mr. Richard Swartz from the discontribute money to some worthwhile trict health office would like us to

> Grand. Artesia. C. M. Livingston was up Wednes- gone.

Teddy: It's father when he brings John Hardin and Lyle Hunter made a business trip to Roswell Wednesday.

Ada Belle Trimble made a trip to Artesia Tuesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. George Teel went to Artesia Tuesday.

Kiddy-Linell Agency. Complete inphnson Agency.

Ar. and Mrs. J. C. Buckner.

DR. SALISBURY-Nation wide poul-Grand, Artes a. 6-10-tt

father of a baby girl born Sunday law enforcement officer is a pretty morning in the Artesia hospital. Feix Cauhape, Sr., is sure stepping high Union leaders everywhere would do

-adt 1t from an attack of inflation of the lief in the history of man's attempts Wanted-2 or 3 setting hens. In chest because he is the father of a for betterment. That is, whe ncompul--Adv. fine baby girl born Saturday, Jan. sion is used, only resentment is arous-

21, at the Artesia hospital. o'clock at a Carlsbad hospital. Both subscribed for the News.

> been driven about 18,000 miles. Equipped with heater, radio, fog lights 5 white-wall air ride tires, sun vsior, plastic seat covers, electris clock, de School News froster, cool breeze, chrome wheel covers, grill guard, seafoam rubber at News office at Hope, N. M. Adv.

Felix Cauhape, Sr., came from Arin Hope and sign a membership card racketeers operate. This timely art have the dairy barn built right, one to pull pump rods without any trouble.

results. McCaw Hatchery, 13th and the state. Lawrence Blakeney is look- which they enjoyed very much. 6-10-tf ing after the ranch while they are

and farms in the Pecos Valley. Dons' construction.

Real Estate, 314 Carper Bldg., Artesia, N. M. Phone 79. Lawrence Blakeney and brother George arrived home Sunday morning from a trip to Texas where they visited friends.

Supt. Lea made a business trip to Carlsbad Tuesday.

FOR SALE-One folding bath tub: one kitchen sink. Inquire at News office at Hope.

### Editorials---

This week's quotation: "They who the faults of others bring to you, be sure they'll bear to others your faults too."-Saadi.

A man up near Clayton was sentenced to three years in the pen for branding a calf illegally. A man over at Las Cruces charged with giving liquor to a young girl, which might have been the cause of her death, was turned loose. The Las Cruces man was a big shot, the other one was just a common guy who made a mistake in branding the wrong calf.

During the calendar year 1949, according to the records of the Severance Tax Department, there was produced 46,369,101 barrels of oil, valued at \$113,461,500 an average of \$2.45 a barrel. These figures include 41,034.687 barrels, produced in Lea County, at a value of \$100,551,981. In Eddy County 4,675,663 barrels were produced, valued at \$11,296,238. In Chaves County 339,359 barrels were produced, valued at \$820,620. In Mc-Kinley County 206,370 barrels were produced, valued at \$463,808. Of the total oil produced, 88 per cent was produced in Lea County and 10 per cent in Eddy County. The average price per barrel varied from \$2.25 in McKinley County to \$2.91 in San Juan County. In San Juan County 113,022 barrels were produced, valued at \$328,854.

We have refrained from indulging in any comments about the strike in Car'sbad but after reading the pubons he is working under he has the privilege of quitting his job. But he nas no right to stop anyone else from working. Actions such as practiced by the unions at Carlsbad has resulted in the open shop in many of the us, insure with us. Purchasers of Nora have the support of all the law abiddistrict attorney, has taken should ing citizens of the county. Union lead-Mr. and Mrs. David Buckner were ers are objecting to bringing in of here from Roswell Monday visiting the state police into Carlsbad to help Ir. and Mrs. J. C. Buckner.

John Ward made a trip to Artesia

John Ward made a trip to Artesia ow nbusiness, what difference should ry service. McCaw Hatchery, 13th and it make to him or her if a thousand cops were brought in to patrol the Felix Cauhape, Jr., is the proud streets. We have found that usually a good sort of a guy to have around. well to listen to the words of Samuel plastic tablecloths and other items. FOR SALE-Bundle feed and hay, Gompers, who was American labor Bryant Williams, Hope, N. M. Adv. leader for a good many years. He Walter J. Pitt has been suffering said, "One fact slands out in bold reed and the end is not gained." One George Casabonne was through hundred per cent of the citizens of Hope Saturday and stopped in and Hope are behind Lon P. Watkins. Sheriff Dwight Lee and the state FOR SALE—1948 Plymouth De Luxe, police and other officers who are determined that law and order is to be enforced in Eddy county.

3rd, 4th and 5th Grade News-Our pad. Free demonstration. Terms to room gave \$3.35 to the March of strictly responsible parties. Inquire Dimes. We had our pictures made at school this week. The 4th and 5th grades have new English books. We The secretary of the Penasco Val- charity, make sure most of it doesn't mention that if anyone is planning tesia Saturday and brought back with We have colored good health pictures ley Cooperative Telephone Co., wishes go into the pockets of some profest to build a dairy barn to contact him him a new bright red power wagon. in the 3rd grade. Mrs. Lea finish dairy barn to contact him him a new bright red power wagon. every one to come to Altman's store sional fund raiser! Learn how the first. He can save you money and He is going to have something now reading the book, "Tales of Sint Sink" which we received from Port Wash Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bunting left ington, N. Y. and we have returned Tuesday for a trip to Magdalena and it to them. Several pupils have r or the description of your lots if you ed with next Sunday's Los Angeles REMEMBER-Merit Feeds get best other cities in the northwest part of ceived letters from Exa Ann Teel

The cedar chest material has ar rived. The material is first class and We have buyers for ranches west into will make some fine cedar chests. Sev-Sacramento Mts. Also for sale, eral more fine table lamps have been ranches in other sections of state completed. One floor lamp is under

#### Ain't It So

The greatest evil about riches is their scarcity.

If men could be arrested for stealing other men's time, there are not enough jails in the country to hold the mob.

She may let him lead her to the altar, but there's no question about who'll do the leading later.

Solomon was known as a wise man because he didn't write any sermons until after he had had his fun.

#### Good "Eye Memory"

Australian aborigines, whose cultural status is perhaps the world's lowest, can draw fairly reliable sketch maps in sand. Their "eye memory" makes them good geographers.

#### NEW GIFT KIT FOR

TEEN-AGERS INTRODUCED ous, low-budget kit which contains ose essentials a young lady needs when e starts to primp and practice with ike-up... an attractive bottle of come, a box of clinging, two-tone face wder and, of course, the indispensable stick... is now available. This gift is a product of famous SEVENTEEN SMETICS.

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1/2 teaspoon salt Kellogg's All-Bran 1 egg 2 tablespoons % cup milk 1 cup sifted soft shortening flour

baking powder raisins 1. Combine All-Bran and milk in

mixing bowl. 2. Sift flour, baking powder, salt into same bowl. Add sugar, egg, shortening, raisins. Stironly until combined.

 Fill greased muffin pans % full. Bake in preheated moderately hot oven (400°F.) about 25 minutes. Yield: 9 medium muffins, 21/2 inches across.

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### MANY NEVER SUSPECT CAUSE OF BACKACHES

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If your discomforts are due to these causes, don't wait, try Doan's Pills, a mild diuretic. Used successfully by millions for over 50 years. While these symptoms may over 50 years. While these symptoms may often otherwise occur, it's amazing how many times Doan's give happy relief— help the 15 miles of kidney tubes and filters flush out waste. Get Doan's Pills today!

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### **MIRROR** Of Your MIND

How Important Are Souvenirs?

By Lawrence Gould



Is cherishing "souvenirs" neurotic?

"souvenirs" are soon forgotten against the person you "thought and are thought of only when we you loved." "run across them" when we're going through a bureau drawer or closet. The more they mean to us, the more nearly cherishing them is to being neurotic, since a healthy-minded person seeks his satisfaction in what he can do next, not in memories of past pleasures.



Can you love someone you disapprove of?

Answer: Certainly, provided that your disapproval is at bottom a defense against your own unconscious feelings. A person who "stands for everything that you dislike" may have a special appeal for you if the "dislike" represents really hungry. Too much food an attitude which you have as- won't even "tempt" a secure persumed because conscience re- son.

Answer: That depends on how quires it of you, not because you important they are to you. We all really have it. But to marry under hate to see happy moments pass, such conditions is a risky business and cling to anything that we think will preserve them, though we usually end by finding that our its "sincerity" by turning it



Is "greediness" the main cause of overeating?

Answer: As a rule, not if what you mean is simple devotion to the pleasures of the table-or the icebox. A few gourmets may be over-stuffed, but the average person who eats too much hardly seems to know what he is eating. Possibly our earliest "association" is that of a full stomach with security-with the sense of mother's nearness and protection. And it's the unconscious effort to regain that feeling which is most likely to make you eat when you're not

#### **LOOKING AT RELIGION**

By DON MOORE

BATTLE AXES







OVER 1,350 CHURCH BELLS, STILL HIDDEN IN GERMANY WILL SOON BE RESTORED TO THEIR BELFRIES ...

HIS IS AN ANCIENT CUSTOM FROM THE DAYS WHEN THE MENTION OF CHRIST WAS ENOUGH TO CAUSE TROUBLE, THE "X" WAS A CODE USED BY CHRISTIANS ...

### KEEPING HEALTHY

## Method of Preventing Tooth Decay

By Dr. James W. Barton

have been seeking ways of preventing ill health, which, from the selfish standpoint, is really cutting down on their yearly income. For many years also, dentists have been seeking ways of preventing decay of teeth, which really provides their largest source of income.

The latest discovery in preventing tooth decay is the application of sodium fluoride to the teeth. Various communities have been able to show over the years that applying sodium fluoride in a certain strength reduces tooth decay by 40 per cent.

As long ago as 1947, the council on dental therapeutics, American Dental association, stated that "the evidence is convincing that fluoride solutions properly applied to the teeth are capable, to some extent of reducing tooth decay in chil-

Following this the dental section of the American Public Health as-

FOR MANY YEARS physicians | the proposal that community programs for making this preventive available to children be organized as soon as possible. And finally the council on dental

health of the American Dental association published a recommendation that topical fluoride treatment be used routinely in private offices and in school and community health programs. I am giving all the above authori-

tative information about this simple method of preventing tooth decay, so that parents, teachers and the public generally can do their part in organizing or at least helping to arouse interest in this effort to preserve the teeth of children.

The application of fluoride to the outside portions of each tooth takes about 15 minutes, states Dr. John W. Knutson, Washington, D. C., in "The Journal of the American Dental Association."

We should all do our share in getting behind the community drive to make this simple, inexpensive method of preventing tooth sociation unanimously endorsed decay available to all children.

### FIRST AID to the AILING HOUSE by Roger C. Whitman

Dividing A Large Room

much privacy you want. You QUESTION: We have a large would not get much privacy with spare bedroom that we would like a Venetian blind or draperies. I to divide so that we can make believe you would find it more another room out of it. There are practical to put up studding on only two windows. We have which you can nail up a wallboard. thought of large Venetian blinds For ventilation in the summerand also heavy drapes on a long time, you could have some of the rod. Do you have any other idea? panels movable, so that if desired. I want to avoid expense and mess they can be taken out for better circulation of air. You may need ANSWER: It all depends on how to put in another window or two.

#### **NEEDLECRAFT PATTERNS**

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> -The Hon. Gordon Gray Secretary of the Army

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#### Leaves Tell Story



The leaves on corn plants tell whether the crop is well fed or starved. That can make a lot of difference at the harvest. For only well fed corn can produce high yields, well filled kernels and good quality ears.

Growers should take a little time to examine those corn leaves in the field. Healthy, well fed corn is a deep, dark green. Any other color spells trouble. It means that the corn plant is starving for one or more of the three plant nutrients-nitrogen, phosphate or pot-

Figure 1 in the illustration shows a typical case of nitrogen hunger. The signs show first at the tip then spread to the midrib of the lower leaves. The middle of the leaf turns yellow and dies

Figure 2 illustrates potash starvation. It shows on the tips and edges of the leaves. These turn yellow and later look scorched. Corn hungry for potash has weak roots and stalks. It lodges easily. Potash starvation signs can appear at any stage of the corn's growth.

#### Barn Hay Driers Attract Attention of Many Farmers

Barn hay driers have been attracting a lot of attention recently and many farmers are reported thinking of installing equipment in order to assure themselves of high-

Usually any information desired on techniques or equipment for this work can be obtained from the local county farm agent, or from extension service specialists at the various state universities.

#### Farm Show Schedules New Machinery, ideas Modern Devices Slated To Indicate Progress

New devices and machinery which are attracting the interest of farmers generally will be on view at the national farm show at Chicago starting November 26. The show will be held in the Chicago

Prominent among new scientific farming aids to be shown will be the radically-different tractor-move irrigation systems. Consisting of long lines of pipe which can be hooked onto a tractor and moved to any section of a field, these sys-



Modern farm machinery, such as this "damper-downer" in use in a North Carolina tobacco field, will feature exhibits at the National Farm Show to be held in Chicago.

tems are said to be able to triple acreage yield. Water, nitrogen, fertilizer, DDT or 2,4-D can be put down through the sprinklers.

Vacuum unloaders, rotary hoes, heated tractor seats and grain testers are included among the hundreds of items for the modern farm and farm home which will be displayed, and visitors will see a wider range of implements and equipment than has ever before been assembled under one roof.

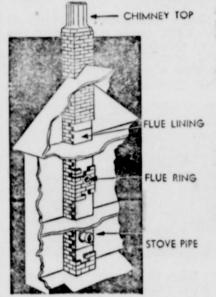
The special events are likewise shaping up into a program of unusual interest. The second annual invitational interstate 4-H poultry judging contest on November 29 will draw entries from at least 20 states, according to H. G. Ware, director of judging.

#### Danger of Fires Worse on Farms Suggestions Advanced For Preventing Blaze

Of an estimated fire loss of 11,-000 lives and nearly 700 million dollars in property and resources indicated for the year 1949, a great percentage of these losses will be made up of fires on the farm.

Because of lack of fire protection or adequate fire-fighting facilities, farm fires in almost every case are the most disastrous, because of the almost inevitable complete loss which results.

Already the national board of fire underwriters has reported property destruction from fire in the amount of 398 million dollars, 8.9 per cent below the same period for 1948. But even if a downward trend should continue for the remainder



of 1949, this year's losses would approach the 1948 all-time high of more than 711 million dollars.

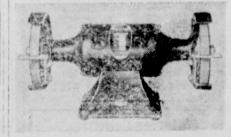
These figures mark 1948-49 as the most disastrous period in a decade that has recorded five billion dollars in fire destruction. Between 1940 and 1948, fire loss soared 132 per cent.

As the "prime cause" of most of the 800,000 fires annually, the Board lists "plain carelessness and misuse of heating and lighting equipment." The leading single cause of fire is careless smoking and use of catches, accounting for 16.68 per cent of the total destruction. However, over the past ten years, the combination of defective chimneys and flues, stoves, furnaces, boilers and their pipes, and sparks on roofs has been responsible for 20.47 per cent of all fires reported.

Proper safeguards in installation and maintenance of heating equipment, chimneys and flues, safety ials say, will prevent fires of this type. Many communities already protect their citizens with ordinances requiring the installation of flue linings in all new chimneys. One effective means of fireproofing chimneys involves the use of clay flue lining which forms a single, continuous noninflammable unit inside chimneys of all types. The indestructible clay lining prevents weather, heat and corrosive smoke and gases from eating away the mortar between the bricks of the chimney. This eliminates the danger of flames reaching combustible materials through

cracks between the bricks. Authorities urge homeowners to make a careful inspection of chimneys and heating equipment.

#### New Bench Grinder



This new bench grinder for farm, home and shop incorporates several outstanding features not usually found in a low-priced grinder. Manufactured by Electro Machines, Inc., Cederburg, Wis., this grinder is designed to provide ample working areas in front of the motor frame and in the space between the frame and the inside of the grinder wheels.

Wheel guards are removable for easy attachment of buffing whee's and other grinder accessories. It is equipped with lifetime lubricated

# Regular Adverti A product of rew insecticides are under insecticides are under insectication by federal entends of course in dairy establishments.

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#### Keep DDT Away From Dairy Cows **Experts Cite Danger**

Of Milk Contamination

The U. S. department of agriculture's entomologists have issued a warning that DDT should not be used for insect control on dairy

Even small amounts of DDT in food such as mi k-a universal diet for infants and small childrenmight prove harmful in time, ac cording to tox cologists of the food and drug administration who have studied the subject for several



It may be a temptation to use DDT in order to keep your dairy herd looking as sleek and contented as there animals, but authoritles warn against it.

years. They say presence of the chemical in milk would be contrary to the food, drug and cosmetic act.

The entomologists now recommend methoxychlor, another effective insecticide, be substituted for DDT to control insect pests on dairy cows.

Federal entomologists make no change in their recommendations for the use of DOT in controlling insect pests on other livestock, including beef cattle.

The department's entomologists, chemists and veterinarians, cooperating in the investigation of the toxicology of DDT and other insecticides, say the application of DDT directly to milk cows for controlling incerts recults in the presence of small quantities of the insect cide in the milk. They say also that DDT in small quantities can be delected sometimes in milk following ordinary use of the incle de for fly control in dairy

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

### British Election Set February 23; Seek Anti-Trust Law for Miners: Conflict Seen on Proposed Budget

(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.)



TRIO WILL CHART RENT CONTROL, HOUSING . . control and housing two major items on the agenda of the current congressional session, these legislators will play a major part in law-making activities. They are, left to right, Chairman Brent Spence (D., Ky.) of the house banking committee; Chairman Burnet Maybank (D., S. C.) of the senate banking committee, and Sen. John Sparkman (D., Ala.) member of the senate banking Committee. They are shown after conferring with President Truman on rent control and federal housing aid.

#### **ELECTION:** Britain's Choice

In a little less than a month Britain's voting populace will make an elective decision on the issue of whether to continue with socialism, state planning and nationalization of industry under the present Labor government or to return to free enterprise with Winston Churchill's Conservative

In setting February 23 as the date for the general election, Prime Minister Clement Attlee must have been acutely aware that this will be far and away the most bitterly contested and momentous election in modern British history.

Britain's 33 million voters will elect a new house of commons, with the party seating the majority of candidates getting the right to form the government.

Speculation was high as to whether defeats within the past two months by the Labor parties in both Australia and New Zealand could be taken as a straw in the wind, insofar as the outcome in England is concerned. Most informed opinion had it that it would be dangerous to predict a downfall of Atlee's government on the basis of the "down under" elec-

Chief reason for this thinking was that the Labor party very recently had been able to show signs of substantial gains in Britain's fight to overcome poverty.

#### BIG STICK:

Union Monopolies

Virtually everyone from busboy to bureaucrat probably has, at one time or another, discussed the question of whether the tactics used by some of the larger unions -particularly John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers-in securing benefits for their members do not constitute a monopoly in restraint

ON CAPITOL HILL that issue had been presented more forcefully than ever before when 10 senators-seven Democrats and three Republicans-sent to the senate judiciary committee a report stating that a bill forbidding labor to monopolize control of would end the "usurpation and abuse of power' such as currently is being demonstrated by Lewis' three-day work week in the soft coal mines.

The 10 senators were members of the senate banking committee, which had been investigating the problem of the miners' short work week but which had no power to take legislative action in that eco-

nomic area THE REPORT pointed out that "If this usurpation and abuse of power to control production and price is tolerated by the congress, its unbridled use will spread from union to union, from industry to industry, and the congress will never again regain its own narrowly circumscribed power to control the economy of the nation consistently with the Constitution of the United States."

#### Soviet Walkout

It has been evident for a long time that Russia wants to eliminate China's Nationalist government, both from the Chinese and international scenes, and is sparing no effort to achieve that end.

IN ADDITION to the military pressure exerted by the Chinese Communists, the Soviets had turned on the heat in the United Nations in a continuing attempt to get the Nationalist delegation discredited in the security council.

Latest development along those lines came when Russia's Jacob Malik wrathfully stomped out of a security council meeting because the other delegates would not kick out the Nationalist representation.

And, said Malik, he would not return to the council as long as the Nationalists sat at the table. Meetings with them present would be a parody, he asserted. And the chief Nationalist delegate, T. F. capacity of the people to pay." who was pres uary chairman over the first council meeting this year, "represents nobody," Malik concluded.

#### U.S. BUDGET:

No Balance

Mr. Truman's federal budget for the fiscal year starting July 1 was not surprising. It was unbalanced, calling for the government to live more than five billion dollars beyond its income during the year -if congress doesn't pare the figures, or give the President the "moderate" tax hikes he has pro-

THE OVERALL BUDGET figure was 42 billion, 439 thousand dollars, but Mr. Truman declared the proposed spending "vital to our security . . . and to the welfare of our people."

As was to be expected, Mr. Truman insisted the budget was one of soundest prudence and restraint. He argued that it was a financial expression the steps the government ought to take now "to build toward economic growth and the expansion of human freedom in our own country and in the

National defense continued to be the biggest expense in the budget, although expansively covered in that is the money being spent in an effort to insure Europe against any further spread of communism.

An ironical twist was the fact that while the U.S. is pouring money into Great Britain as a part of that general effort, the British turn right around and give aid and comfort to communism by formally recognizing the Communists.

AS FOR TAX INCREASES, the President was silent on specific recommendations. He did, however, indicate that he would like an earlier date for imposition of an increase in social security taxes from one and one-half per cent to two per cent on employers and employees. The President apparentwanted that extra money to aid health-insurance plan, which congress seems to have little intention of approving.

#### FORMOSA:

Many Tanks

The administration was standing pat on its decision against U.S. military intervention in Formosadestined to be the next area of conflict in the Communist' drive to control the Far East.

Official U. S. attitude was that this country could do more to combat communism in the volatile Orient by extending economic aid to lands still outside the Red orbit than it could by direct intervention in the struggle.

AT THE SAME TIME, however, the generalized term "economic aid" was being employed as usual to cover a multitude of purposes. A case in point was the news that the Chinese Nationalists had purchased nearly 300 U.S. army tanks for shipment to Formosa, where they would be used in the defense against the Communists.

The military vehicles were listed as surplus army equipment, and the price tag was \$1,000 per tank. Similar tanks, minus weapons, cost about \$58,000 to build during the

ANOTHER element in the paradox was that the Nationalists paid for the tanks with money from the 25-million-dollar kitty which was provided for the aid of China by congress last year.

U. S. state department's stand on the matter was expressed by Michael McDermott, department press officer, who said that the Chinese Nationalist government had been spending the aid money through its own purchasing agents and had bought whatever armaments it wanted.

"WE STILL recognize the Nationalist government of China and would interpose no objection to its exporting this material from this country," he stated.

Although the destination of the tank shipment was not disclosed officially, it was an open secret that the cargo was bound, aboard a Turkish ship, for Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist government headquarters on Formosa.

#### FEDERAL OUTLAY: GOP Sharpens Knife

Even as President Truman was calling for a 42-billion-plus federal an analyzer consisting of four conbudget for the coming fiscal year, Republican members of senate and house were sharpening paring knives in an effort to slash some of the proposed expenditures. Many Democrats, too, expressed misgivings over the prospect of another five billion "red ink," or deficit, spending.

GOP HOUSE LEADER Martin served notice that the "Republicans in congress have no intention of accepting this budget and will work night and day, if necessary, to bring it within the bounds of the

Similarly, the GOP senate leader, Wherry of Nebraska, termed the budget message "purely politi-cal" which "sugar-coated" the red ink implications.

Representative Taber (R., N. Y.) was the most violent in his attack on the budget proposals. "We cannot maintain our liberties," he charged, "if we turn this money over to the President and the Socialist schemers who surround him." Taber said he intended to battle for a balanced budget.

THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY that the President might be in trouble on his budget, because ever since the congress convened members have been talking of economy

#### Answer Is 'No'



Dean Acheson, U. S. secretary of state, arrives for the White House conference at which it was decided that the United States would not interfere in Chinese Communists aims in Formosa. President Truman said this government will not provide any military defense or assistance to the island

#### New York Farmers Hit 'The Jackpot' **New Device Determines** Good Soil Management

What a New York farmer gets these days when he "hits the jackpot" might not be dimes or quarters, but it may be increased crop yields in the years ahead.

Or, as the saying goes in Ithaca, Cornell's two versatile soil conservationists have "done it again." Hugh Wilson and Harry Kerr of the state extension staff have come up with another "gadget" to demonstrate the value of good soil management.

That's where the jackpot comes in. Their latest contribution has been dubbed the "one-armed bandit" because it looks like a cross between a slot-machine and a roulette wheel. But it has proved an



Hugh Wilson, left, and Harry Kerr, originators of Cornell's "one-armed bandit," stand before the device discussing improvements.

effective teaching device to let farmers know if their crop practices are robbing the soil.

The "bandit" is in two parts: one, a chart which determines land use capability (LUC) and the other, centric circles. It can set up a possible 768 combinations and a flashing green, yellow or red light indicates whether or not favorable soil balance is being maintained.

But that's the last step. First, the land use capability must be established. It is based on these physical characteristics of the land: slope, length of slope, internal drainage, texture, erosion and humus. Values determined mathematically from these characteristics are assigned to slides of varying sizes which fit into the LUC chart. The color and number which the six slides reach show the land use capability for the field.

#### Cows Infested With Lice Give Poor Milk Output

Cows with lice make lousy performance records, says T. Parks, extension entomologist at Ohio state university. Since lice are often abundant on cattle during the winter and spring when the hair is long, he recommends treating the animals for lice as soon as possible.

Either rotenone or DDT is an effective treatment. If rotenone is used, two treatments, 15 days apart, are necessary. Only one thorough treatment with DDT is

Parks states that cattle with lice will not make satisfactory gains in weight, or if being milked, will not maintain a steady milk flow. Symptoms of lice include rough and coarse hair, and, sometimes, large, hairless patches on the neck and body caused by the animal rubbing the irritated area.

#### Winning Carload



The grand champion carload lot of hogs at the annual Inter-national Livestock Show in Chicago was owned by 23-year old Stanley K. Swift, Gilman, Iowa, who is shown with the winners. Swift is said to be the youngest winner of the carload championship in the history of the big show. The hogs are purebred Berkshires.

#### FISH LINE SAWDUST

Fish thrive on sawdust. Hatchery men have included sawdustespecially for roughage - in the diets of fish and have found it reduces mortality. The fish flourish on it, growing only a little less rapidly than those fed on more conventional diets.

"The crusade against the relentless scourge of infantile paralysis is more dependent upon individual unselfishness than any war effort in the past. . . . At this time when the funds of the National Foundation are exhausted I call upon you in the interest of humanity to preserve the physical well-being of our citizenry. I exhort every American to give . . . and give from the heart . . . to the 1950 campaign of the March of

-The Hon. Francis P. Matthews Secretary of the Navy

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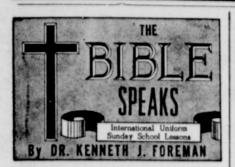
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#### Unto All Men

Lesson for January 29, 1950

"MARK TIME, Christian Soldiers," is not a Christian hymn. The word is "Onward, Christian Soldiers!" The command was given by no less a person than Jesus himself: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing

them . . . teaching them . . . . (Matt. 28:19, 20) Do you know some one in the church who says he doesn't believe in missions? Such a man does not take Christ seriously. If you do believe in



Christ then his Dr. Foreman commands are for you to obey, not to ignore.

#### When Men Delay

UP TO NOW, the church has been playing around with Jesus' command. Very few denominations are actually putting any large amount of money or manpower into obeying Christ's command to go into all the world.

One fairly typical American denomination contributed last year to all benevolences, that is to all causes not in their own local congregations, the sum of \$9,137,065. That sounds like a lot; but divided by the total number of members it boils down to \$14.03 per member for the year, or less than five cents a day.

And of course not all that big sum of five cents went to missions of any sort. Yet that denomination gives more per capita to missions than most others do. When a man who gives less than five cents a day to carry the good news o Christ into the wide world sings "Onward, Christian Soldiers!" or prays "Thy King-dom come!" how much does he mean it? Not a nickel's worth!

Or take the question of manpower. The same denomination sends out as missionaries, every year, as many men and women as are sent by some denominations three times its size. And yet, even so, the total number of ordained ministers in that denomination who are foreign missionaries is only 4 per cent of their total number of ministers.

#### When Men Obey

AS A MATTER OF FACT, even the earliest church was slow to pay real attention to Christ's command, Forward! Men are strange creatures. And one of the strange things about us is that we often have to be scared into duty.

It took the persecution set off by the death of Stephen to move the Christians in Jerusalem out along the roads south, north, east, any where to get away from the city of death. Everywhere they went, they told the story of Jesus.

But at first it was all rather breathless and informal. "Why are you here?" one of these DP's would be asked, as he was passing through Samaria or Antioch or Alexandria, perhaps in the bread-line, perhaps looking for a place to work and settle down. "I'm a refugee from Jerusalem," he would say. "But why?" "Well, I'm a Christian." "What's that?"

So the story would be told all over again, the good news about God's grace in Christ. So the church spread.

#### Unto All Men

ONE OF THE MOST interesting and surpassing little books of recent years is called "They Found the Church There," by H. P. Van Dusen. It is the dramatic story of how the American GI, to his great astonishment, found Christians in the most unexpected places.

It is a tremendous mistake to think that the Christian religion is only for English-speaking peoples, or for Europeans, or for white people.

Christ can be as much at home in an igloo or a wigwam as he is in an American farmhouse or in an efficiency apartment on the city boulevard. He comes to all men, and as Peter found out, the Lord is no respecter of persons.



#### **Nourishing Desserts Build Family Health** Just as Other Foods

IS DESSERT at your home some-thing that's used just as a filler, to take up that empty sense at the close of a none too hearty meal?



Or, is it well designed to do its share of assuming some of the nutrients should belong in the balanced diet? If you can't

answer the question, then look to the desserts of the past week. If they were all starchy foods lacking in fruit or berries, milk and eggs, they are not being planned with the health of the family in mind.

It's all very well to serve cakes and pies, but desserts should also include plenty of fruits and milk and eggs to be truly health-building. When youngsters skip their milk, refuse their eggs or turn thumbs down on breakfast fruits, include these in luncheon and dinner desserts.

HOMEMAKERS WHO SAY these are not interesting desserts should take a look at the parade of health building dessert recipes in today's column. They're tops in appetite appeal and just as high in vitamins, proteins and minerals.

#### Candied Fruit Cup (Serves 4-6)

3 to 4 oranges 1 cup crushed pineapple

14 cup broken candy mints Add candy mints to pineapple. Chill together. Section oranges removing all membranes. Line dessert dishes with orange sections and place pineapple-candy mixture in center. Serve chilled.

#### \*Orange Custard (Serves 6-8)

- 2 cups milk
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch ½ cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt 2 egg yolks
- 2 egg whites, beaten stiff, but
- 34 cup orange juice 1 tablespoon grated orange
- rind 1 teaspoon vanilla

2 oranges, sectioned Scald milk in top of double boiler.

Combine thoroughly sugar, salt, cornstarch and slightly beaten egg yolks. Add scalded milk slowly, return to double boiler, cook, stirring constantly until thickened. Add

orange juice, rind, and vanilla. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Garnish with orange sections. Chill.

#### Fig Bread Pudding (Serves 8-10)

- 2 cups dry bread crumbs
- 1 quart hot milk 34 cup sugar
- 1 cup chopped figs 1/2 tablespoon lemon juice
- 14 cup melted butter
- 3 eggs Salt

#### 1/2 cup chopped nuts

Add crumbs to hot milk and set aside to cool, then add all other ingredients and pour into greased baking dish. Place in pan of hot water and bake at 325° for one



Milk, eggs and oranges give a delicately flavored dessert that will please at any meal. This type of dessert offers an easy way to incorporate important foods into the daily diet.



An assortment of fruits makes pretty and tempting dessert that provides health-giving nutrients painlessly. Serve this colorful dessert as a perfect close to a heavy meal.

LYNN CHAMBERS' MENU Lamb Stew with Vegetables Popovers Butter and Jelly Hearts of Lettuce Salad \*Orange Custard Beverage

Cookies

\*Recipe Given

hour or until firm. Serve with partly frozen whipped cream.

#### Toasted Pears (Serves 6)

- 6 large fresh pears
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice ¼ cup sugar
- 14 cup melted butter
- 21/2 cups corn flakes Sauce:
- 1/3 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice

Peel, halve and core pears. Dip at once into lemon juice in which sugar has been dissolved. Dip in melted butter. Roll in crushed corn flakes. Arrange cut side up on a shallow baking pan. Bake in moderate oven (350°-375°) for 20 to 25 minutes, or until pears are tender but not soft. To make lemon cream sauce, beat confectioners' sugar into the sour cream and flavor with

#### lemon juice. Fruit Marlow (Serves 6)

- 1/2 pound marshmallows, quartered
- 1 cup strong hot coffee 1 cup whipped cream
- 11/2 cups fruit cocktail, drained Dissolve marshmallows in coffee in top of double boiler. Cool until

mixture begins to thicken. Fold in whipped cream and drained fruit cocktail. Pour into sherbet glasses and chill.

#### Caramel Baked Apples (Serves 6-8)

- 6-8 medium apples 1/2 cup seedless raisins 3 tablespoons enriched flour
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon 3 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts
- ½ cup water

½ cup orange juice Wash apples and core. Pare



in deep baking dish. Fill centers with raisins. Combine flour, sugar and cinnamon. Cut in butter with pastry blender or fork. Add

walnuts. Sprinkle crumb mixture over apples. Pour over water and orange juice. Bake uncovered in moderate oven (350°) one hour, basting occasionally. Serve with cream.

#### Apricot-Marshmallow Betty (Serves 6-8)

- 1 pound (3 cups) quartered
- dried apricots, cooked 5 cups toasted white bread cubes
- 1 pound (about 16) marshmallows, quartered
- 1 cup liquid from apricots
- 11/2 teaspoons grated lemon peel
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice 3 tablespoons butter

Alternate layers of apricots bread cubes and marshmallows in greased 6x10-inch baking dish. Top layer should be bread cubes. Heat apricot juice to boiling; add lemon peel and juice and butter; pour over. Bake uncovered in moderate oven (850°) about 35 minutes. Note: Add four cups water to dried apricots, cover, simmer tender.

### Woman's Fear Of Worms Told

The motive is men.

O'Brien, a 37 year old six-footworms out of the ground.

the business five years and now sweat.

DENVER, COL. - Frank, breeds only an active, skinny, O'Brien is convinced that women very red product. It is smaller have an ulterior motive for hating and considerably wigglier than either the night crawler or common earthworm.

O'Brien says that once girls er, is in a position to know what start taking the menfolk seriously he's talking about. Last year his they're done as worm pickers. He 15 best "diggers" at the Colorado says the girls figure the boys Earthworm hatchery were girls. want them to be afraid of worms. They dug about 5,000,000 red- And he says the dismal truth is that the girls are right; that the O'Brien is certain that if women boys think a girl is somehow inreally hated worms they would decent if she can grab a worm hate his brand most. He's been in without breaking out in a cold

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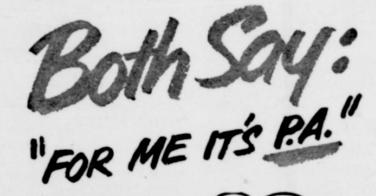
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Homer Croy blinked back tears as he drove along the country road amid the scenes of his youth. A prodigal son of northwest Missouri, he was going "home." Back to the Kennedy place but 10 minutes from his home. He remembers the happy times with the Kennedys-Newt, the kindest man he'd ever known; Mrs. Kennedy; their two daughters, Ida and Lucy; their son, Harlan, his childhood pal. He remembers the Delinskys, the "foreigners" who bought the scrubby farm behind the poor farm; shiftless Tom Davey and his long-suffering family, befriended by the Kennedys before the Daveys headed west again; "The One-Horse Farmer" (Newt), correspondent for the county weekly.

#### CHAPTER VI

I start out across the snow. Rabbits go hopping through the moonlight. Sleep sounds come up from the barn; the mules are at it again. The weathervane creaks.

There is the box on a post in the snow. I push the letter into it with my own hands

The girls' room was on the second floor, over the sitting room. There was an opening in the floor so that the pipe from the base-burner could come through; around the pipe was an iron grillwork with acorns on it. When it was time for the girls to get up, Newt rapped on the pipe with a poker; in the winter the girls would stand over the iron grillwork. Sometimes the girls would hate to get up and would decide to stay a few minutes longer. Newt never rapped a second time. He would open the stair door and start up; before he could take half a dozen steps, the girls would be standing over the grillwork, dressing like mad.

Ida, as I have said, was the best looking girl in our section. She should have been spoiled. But, some way or other, she managed to come through without getting her head turned. At a box supper, when the people voted for the prettiest girl at a cent a vote, Ida always won.

Most of the girls had what we called a "best beau," but Ida didn't. She went with different boys and appeared to like one just about as well as another. Every Sunday there was a team at the Kennedy hitch rack.

Saturday afternoon, when the farmer boys and girls walked around the square or got acquainted in the grocery stores, Ida was the one they all wanted to meet. When she went in the short order, two or three boys always managed to come in, too. But she never seemed to have a favorite. That is until-

One day she made the acquaintance of a boy who had just come to town. His name was Lester Forkide and he had come from St. Joseph to work in a loan and abstract office. He was the best dressed young man on the streets. His shoes were exceedingly sharp - pointed; there was a black cord that ran from ais straw hat down to his lapel where it was fastened into the butonhole with a silver hook. We had never seen anything so elegant.

At first to Ida he seemed to be just another boy; but, little by little, she began to take a different kind of interest from any she had ever had n a boy. She sent to the mail-order louse and got a froufrou corset.

He had never been out to see her; they walked around the square and out to the Chautauqua grounds and down to the 102 River.

#### Romance Enters;

#### It Is Love?

Then he asked. A kind of family ension developed—a city boy com-ng to see Ida! Never had a young nan from the city been on the Kennedy farm to call on a girl.

The hour was set for four o'clock Sunday afternoon; that would give them time to play croquet, have an early supper and get to church. The tension grew; everybody dressed in their best and Ida running up and down stairs getting primped. Newt had on his Congress shoes with the elastic webbing in the sides; in the back was a loop for pulling the shoes on. And he had on his celluloid collar and his bow tie; this latter was held in place by a metal grip that fastened over a brass button. He looked dressed up and, for

that matter, so did all the family. Four o'clock came, but Lester did not arrive. When a farmer said four o'clock he meant four o'clock.

Newt kept looking out the window; finally he sat down on the front porch. Even old Grandpa was dressed up and lowered himself on the edge of the porch and kept pulling out his watch. "In my day a young man came when he said he would.'

Suddenly down the road came a roaring and a chugging and an automobile whirled into the drive lot. It made the chickens run for their lives. A farmer hated an automo-

bile (automobile, we pronounced it) above everything else in the world. We had to leap out and seize the horses by the bits; there the horses would stand, shaking and blowing and white-eyed as the cursed contraptions snorted by.

Lester was dressed in a linen duster, with goggles pushed back on his cap and gauntlet gloves to keep the wind from going up his sleeves.

Newt shook hands politely.

Ida looked lovely and got through the introduction finely. We all stood around looking at Lester and he stood there looking at us.

The croquet game didn't go quite right; in fact, nothing went quite right; everybody felt under the strain of city company.

Sunday supper was always cold milk and mush, with applesauce spread on bread and butter. Ida seemed to be sensitive about how simple it was; but this was what everybody had. Lester began to tell of a world we didn't know about; a world of cities and fashionable restaurants and travel. It made us feel

At last it was time to start and Lester politely helped Ida in, then



Even old grandpa was dressed up and lowered himself on the edge of the porch and kept pulling out his

put on his duster and his gloves and his goggles. "I just never dreamed it," said Grandpa.

"I suppose you're going to church?" said Newt. Lester glanced at him. "Oh, yes indeed.'

The contraption snorted out of the yard.

Everybody expected this to be the end of the matter, but he was out the next Sunday and the next; it wasn't long before he was snorting up weekday evenings.

Ida began to grow away from her family; she had the first big secret of her life. Always before she had talked things over with her father and mother; but she didn't now. She became secretive; she wrote letters and took them down to the mailbox just before the carrier came so nobody would know who they were addressed to.

He tried to draw her out, but instead of talking easily and naturally, as she always had, she wouldn't say anything. "I'd think twice before having too much to do with a city fellow," said Newt. "You wouldn't want to draw away from our farm."

St. Joseph was what he talked about. That was a long way off; it was forty-four miles from our town

and it was six miles in to town. Newt tried to "talk" to her, as he put it. She was too young to get foolish ideas in her head; she shouldn't be in a hurry to choose. But Ida said nothing-Ida who used to be on such good terms with her father. To make matters more complicated, her mother thought Ida was doing the right thing and sided

#### Lester's Parents

#### Pay a Visit

One morning at breakfast Ida laid her hand on the table and said, "I guess you'll want to see this."

"I've been afraid it was coming," said Newt.

Her mother picked up Ida's hand and looked at the flashing ring. "It's "When will it be?" asked Newt at

last.

She didn't know, Ida said; they would have to talk it over.

## "Where do you figure you'll live?"

They didn't know that, either. In town, someplace. "Lester thinks he can get himself

transferred to St. Joe." Newt stopped eating. "You wouldn't favor that, would you, Ida?"

She hesitated; well, yes, she thought she would. There was so much work to do on a farm.

The automobile was in front of the house all the time now; or clunking down the road. Newt tried to like Lester and to be enthusiastic over him, for soon he was going to be a member of the family. But he didn't know what to talk to him about. Stiffness came between them. But Newt kept on trying. "I want my son-in-law to like me."

Once he said, "You're too young, Ida! A girl your age hasn't got a ripened mind."

"I'm going to marry him, whether you like it or not."

He looked at her, hurt by her sharpness. "I just never expected a child of mine to speak that way. Well, I won't meddle in."

He went out, put the lines over his shoulder and began to plow, a lone figure in the field.

Ida said that Lester's parents wanted to meet her family. A terrified look passed between Newt and Mrs. Kennedy. City people. All the way from St. Joseph. Would they be able to make a good impression on them?

There was great activity in the house, getting it cleaned and getting it ready for the people who were going to be relatives. The day arrived. Lester's parents were to come by train; he was to meet them and bring them out in a livery rig.

At last the cooking was all done; two kinds of cake were on the table and two kinds of pies. Mrs. Kennedy brought out her peacock fan and laid it across the end of the table. Everybody was dressed in their best.

#### Kennedys' Company Hard to Entertain

There was the clatter of hoofbeats and down the road in a swinging trot came the livery team, with Lester driving; and there, sitting elegantly in the back seat, were his aristocratic father and mother.

Consternation seized us; things we hadn't thought of before became important. Should we go out and meet them, or wait till they got to the porch? Never had we seen such impressive people. They were looking around, sizing things up.

There was a great deal of handshaking and laughing and won't-yousit-down? but it wasn't easy and natural. Soon, however, the company was seated on one side of the parlor and we were seated on the other side, gazing in awe at these tremendously important people, the most important we had ever seen. Lester's mother was the kind who talks a great deal and a bit gushingly; and now, looking around the room, she said the house was utterly charming; only she said cha'ming.

"I think you have the quaintest place I ever saw." No one in the world before had ever called his place quaint.

"Well," he said, anxious to do the right things, "it's comfortable." "Don't you think it's utterly

quaint, Charles?" Mr. Forkade looked around the

room. On the wall were a Harvester calendar, a yarn motto which said, framed picture of the Rock of Ages; this showed a girl clinging to a rock while a storm raged around her We were all proud of this picture. "It's delightful, my dear."

We all glanced at each other, for we were learning something every moment now. Nobody in our section ever said "my dear."

Grandpa came clumping on the porch. Newt proudly introduced the old gentleman who touched his G.A.R. cap each time and said, "Pleased," then went over, sat down and began to stare through his watery old eyes.

Mrs. Forkade began to tell about the quaint characters she had met along the countryside (as she called We all blinked, suddenly realizing these quaint characters were our neighbors, folks we'd always known. Mr. Delinsky was the only quaint character we knew.

"How're crops in your section, Mr. Forkade?" Newt asked politely. Mr. Forkade said he didn't know;

in fact, he didn't pay much attention to agricultural matters.
"I suppose not," said Newt a new

world suddenly opening before him. He squinted and wrinkled his forehead, trying desperately to think of something that would interest the elegant Mr. Forkade. "Do you find much sickness in your community?' He didn't, said Mr. Forkade.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

#### KATHLEEN NORRIS

### **Divorce Problem**

"MY PROBLEM is that of my husband's daughter," writes an Iowa woman. "But for Fay, everything in my life would be perfect. Van is truly a kind, patient, good and generous man, and we have a two-year-old daughter, Amy, who is idolized by us both. Fay is 14, a tall strong girl, who in the three years of our marriage has never been anything but difficult; impudent, unmanageable, lazy, unhelpful, and lately showing a dangerous independence. If I ask her to open a door or answer the telephone, she says 'Oh, heck,' and moves so slowly that I usually get there before her.

#### Cannot Trust Her

"She has a brother of 10, a darling boy, but the mother kept him -she also has married again, and handed this girl over to me. Far from being any help, I have to pick up after her, and see that her clothes and her room are kept in some sort of order. We cannot trust her even to sit with Amy, if we wish to go out, for twice, on these occasions, she has gone offshe say's for a few minutes only, to see a friend.

"What makes it especially hard for me," the letter goes on, "is that my husband is completely under Fay's thumb. She can tell him anything, and he only laughs and agrees. He constantly says to me that the poor kid never has had a break, which is nonsense. She has everything we have, and more clothes than I have. I have tried gentleness, tried to be patient,

tried to advise; it is all no use "It does seem hard to me that



.... she says, 'Oh, heck' ..."

just this one thing, this one person, stands in the way of my complete happiness. Van and I loved each other for two years before either one would make the break of divorce. There was nothing shameful or secret about our affair. We considered it soberly; made our decision after long

"My husband and I have been living apart for some years. Van and his wife were utterly out of sympathy, and her subsequent marriage proves. I think, that she did not long consider herself injured. "Surely self-respecting, self-sup-

porting adults have the right to adjust their lives to happier lines, hurting nobody, and winning for themselves a more balanced and wider outlook?" Suzanne demands pathetically in conclusion.

#### Child Has Rights Too

Well, Suzanne, perhaps they have. But you don't give the full picture here. You don't mention, in this summary of what intelligent adults have the right to do, that a little girl of 14 has her rights, too.

Fay knew her mother preferred her brother to herself. She knows "God Bless Our Home," and a she is superfluous and unloved in her new home. You are not her mother, and your well-meant scoldings and reminders and demands fall upon a young, sensitive heart that already feels itself rejected by all her world-except Dad.

Divorce never solves half as many problems as there are problems that follow divorce. There is simply no end to the difficulties that women get themselves into when they break with the past; the vows, the young love, the first homemaking, the first baby.

These everyday human experiences cut far deeper into our hearts - into our whole spiritual and mental make-up - than we know. Many and angry-and perhaps justifiably angry-and disillusioned woman imagines that just to be free of matrimonial ties, just not to have to argue with Bob ever again, would be heaven on earth. But the complications that arise often make the old bondage seem infinitely preferable to the new.

In this particular case I would advise Suzanne to bide her time. Just to wait. Fay will be of a marriageable age in a few years and will be off her hands. This isn't like the problem of a troublesome mother - in - law, a helpless old grandmother, an incurable invalid. Many women have those burdens to carry.

Young Tom was the picture of utter dejection. "My girl turned me down," he explained to a friend. "Now I have nothing to live for. I may as well cut my throat."

"Now, now, wait a while." said his friend placatingly, "don't lose your head.

Three years had passed since the honeymooners had descended from their lofty pedestal and apparently their puppy love had matured.

"You don't love me any more," she sobbed. You used to be so nice to me, now you're always barking and growling."

"What do you expect?" he demanded. "You've always got me in the doghouse."

Mr. Jones squinted into the living room where his daughter's young man was comfortably ensconced in the most luxurious chair in the house. He frowned and turned to his wife.

"Ye Gods," he grunted, "why doesn't she marry him and get

him out of my easy chair?"
"Now, now, dad," she reminded him, "you were young once yourself, you know.'

"Yes, I do know," he muttered, 'but you didn't keep me waiting that long. After all, the only thing she has to decide is whether she loves him or not."

"Well," she replied, "she's had to wait a while to see if she can do any better."









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Twenty-three per cent of all government cost in New Mexico, state and local, is charged to building, improving and maintaining our highway system, and therefore this department ought to interest the taxpayer who likes to know how so much of the tax dollar is spent.

I was happy to hear Senator Mc-Clellan of Arkansas, a member of the Senate Committee hearing our road and public building problems at Santa Fe last week, comment upon the splendid set-up we have in our State Highway Department by which we are able to maintain a good highway system and have sufficient money to match all federal grants. "I wish we had as favorable a system in my state. We have great difficulty in having enough money to match feder-

I was also happy to hear the complimentary remarks by Senator Malone of Nevada, who thought we were fortunate in being able to use all of the 5 per cent gas tax for road maintenance and construction and having the 2 cent emergency tax exclusively for retiring our debt.

The fact that economies practiced by the New Mexico State Highway Department in the past three years have drawn praise from the Federal Bureau of Public Roads, and that we maintain our state highways already built at an average cost of about \$360.00 per mile, shows that we are not wasting money in this department for maintenance. Some 550 men on the average are employed throughout the state in blading, patching, oiling, repairing damaged bridges, keep

ing roads clear of snow, etc. It may be of interest to know that although we are now actively maintaining 8,333 miles of road as compared with 7, 629 in 1940, we are doing it with 41 less men than were used in that, the last year before the war. And, this notwithstanding that during the war years, when man power and machinery were at a premium and roads everywhere deteriorated. Maintenance work the past two years has been very costly for that reason, although we managed. with economical practices, to do the work with less men than in former years, as I have said.

For the entire highway department there were an average of 1225 persons employed in 1949 compared with 1467 in 1940 and yet we know we are building and maintaining more miles of road than before the war. I am rather proud of that saving and improvement in methods.

With the five cent gasoline tax now available wholly for highway construction and maintenance purposes, it is our hope to let to contract during 1950 an average of at least \$1,-000,000 per month in federal aid highway construction. In order to meet this goal the state will need about \$350,000 a month to match federal aid, as the federal government puts up approximately two dollars to every one state dollar. There is alway some emergency state construction which must be financed 100 per cent with state funds, but such work will be kept to a minimum so as much of our funds as possible will be available for matching purposes. Even though our maintenance costs per mile are low, it nevertheless takes about \$250,000 each month for this purpose alone and ill of this comes from state funds.

In 1912-13 only \$140,766 or 2 per ent of all state, county and municipal revenue of that firml year was spent on highways. We had not yet come to the automobile age in earnest. For the period 1929-30 this had risen to 3 3per cent or \$7,864,000 and in 1939-40 it was 32 per cent or \$11,--

194,000. It is now \$21,000,000. The people n New Mexico want highways whic hare comparable with those in the more populous and the Artesia, N. Mex. richer states. We are doing our best to provide just such highways and we are doing it more economically than most surrounding states; but we are still striving for more economies.

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