

Stanolind Oil And Gas Company Buys Hagy-Harrington & Marsh Oil Rights

Stanolind Oil & Gas Company has completed a deal for the oil rights of Hagy-Harrington & Marsh on their drilling block in the northeast corner of Sherman County and the northwest corner of Hansford county according to an assignment of oil rights filed with County Clerk J. R. Pendleton this week.

The transfer of Sherman County acreage to the Stanolind Oil & Gas Company included the following described land: sections 40, 70, the southeast 1-4 of 50, in Block 1-C; section 73, the west 1-2 of 36, 6/7 interest in section 47, Block 1-C; 1/8 interest in section 47, Block 1-C; the south 1-2 of section 22, Block 1-C; the south 1-2 of section 52, the south 1-2 of section 22, the north 1-2 of section 52, Block 1-C; the east 220 acres and west 100 acres of the south 1-2 of section 37, Block 1-C; sections 38, 10, 21, and 41, Block 1-C; section 41, and the north 1-2 of section 40, Block 2 G. H. & H.; section 45, Block 2 G. H. & H.

Erils Pitman and wife sold an oil and gas lease on the north 1-2 and southeast 1-4 of section 26, Block 3 G. H. & H. to H. S. Livingstone of Fort Worth.

1 Mineral Deal
Wesson W. Smith sold C. A. Rector a 1 acre interest in the mineral rights on the west 1-2 of 381 and northeast 1-4 of 370, and the south 1-2 of the southeast 1-4 of section 370, Block 1-T.

Miss Betty Farley Honored With Bridal Shower

Miss Betty Farley, Sherman County Home Demonstration Agent, was honored with a bridal shower given by the Sherman County Home Demonstration club members Friday, August 30.

The club room was beautifully decorated with a profusion of home grown flowers. The gifts were placed on a long lace covered table, decorated with pink gladiolas and lacy fern.

The guests were served from two beautiful cut glass punch bowls presided over by June McDaniel and Von Dell Guthrie, 4-H club girls.

Mrs. Norman Bridwell and Mrs. George Roberts presided at the guest book.

The receiving line was headed by the council chairman, Mrs. Emil Blanck, assisted by all the club presidents; Stratford club, Mrs. Odis Bryant; LX-Frisco, Mrs. Norman Bridwell; Ruby club, Mrs. C. E. Harris; Lone Star, Mrs. Luther Browder; Spurlock, Mrs. Arrell Cummings; Best Yet Club, Mrs. Shuler Donelson.

A medley of love songs, piano numbers, were played by Mrs. Walter M. Pendleton. Mrs. Royall Pendleton sang "Sweet Mystery of Life."

In her welcome address, Mrs. Emil Blanck, council chairman, said, "Words cannot express the happiness we wish her."

A favorite poem of the bride, "Ain't Nothin' Nicer," was read by June McDaniel.

"Home" by Edgar A. Guest, was given by Mrs. Lena Keenan. Mrs. Verdie Wheeler, Home Supervisor for the Home Security, spoke briefly.

The memory book was made and presented by Mrs. George Roberts. The life guest book given by the council was presented to the bride elect by Mrs. Norman Bridwell.

Miss Farley is to be married September 8 to Leldon Hudson, Rural Rehabilitation Supervisor of the Farm Security Administration.

Interior Of Christian Church Redecorated

The interior of the Christian Church is being redecorated this week.

A female housefly may become a great-grandmother in 60 days.

CURRENT PROGRAM AT THE ROXY

Tonight, "Saturdays Children," with John Garfield and Ann Shirley.

Friday and Saturday, "Wagons Westward," with Chester Morris and Anita Louise.

Sunday and Monday, "Comin' Round the Mountain," with Bob Burns and Una Merkel.

Tuesday, "On Their Own," with the Jones Family.

Sept. 11-12, "Maryland," with Faye Bainter, Walter Brennan and Brenda Joyce.

Methodist Women To Organize New Society

(By Rev. J. B. Thompson)
Formal organization of the Woman's Society for Christian Service will be held at the Methodist Church, Thursday, September 12, at 2:30 o'clock. The pastor of the church has been empowered by the General Conference of the church to convene the meeting and preside over the formal organization. The new organization is to take the place of the Woman's Missionary Society of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and similar organizations in the other two Methodist Churches which now make up the Methodist Church (United). Every Methodist pastor in the United States will perform a like service during the first part of September and the work formerly carried on by the missionary organizations of the three former churches will be united into one organization covering the entire United States and doing missionary work in forty nations.

Every Woman who wishes to become a member of the woman's society for Christian Service is cordially invited to be present at this meeting. They will become charter members of the woman's organization of the new church. Officers for the new society will be elected and installed, and a delegate elected to attend the formal organization of the Northwest Texas Conference Woman's Society for Christian Service to be held in October in some northwest Texas city to be designated. All societies organized prior to the organization of the conference organization will be charter societies of the conference society.

Brief History
The Woman's Society for Christian Service in the Methodist Church is the outgrowth of long and consecrated service on the part of the women of the three churches which compose the united church. The first mention of a woman's organization in Methodist history is found among the records of a Ladies Aid Society in old John Street Church, in New York City, the oldest Methodist Church in America. This early organization secured and furnished a house for the preachers and a list of donated articles and the names of the donors is one of the valued relics of this historic church. From this early beginning, long before the division of the church, there developed the Ladies Aid Society of the Southern Church, but has remained separate in the northern church until it now merges into the new society.

In The Northern Church
In March 1889 the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in Tremont Street Church, Boston, Mass. The Woman's Home Missionary Society was organized in 1880 in Trinity Church, Cincinnati, Ohio. One of the early presidents of this organization was Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes, wife of President Hayes.

In The Southern Church
The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was authorized by the General Conference in 1878 and the Woman's Board of Home Missions in 1886. These two societies worked separately in the southern church for twenty five years but since that time the mission work of the women has been under one organization, and in more recent years the work formerly done by the Ladies Aid has been under the one organization.

In The Methodist Protestant Church

The women of the Methodist Protestant Church organized a Women's Foreign Missionary Society in First Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1879. At the annual meeting of this organization held in Bridgetown, N. J. in 1893, a Woman's Home Missionary Society was organized. These, likewise, operated separately until in 1928, when the General Conference of that church held in Baltimore, Md., united all missionary efforts of the church into one Board of Missions with equal representation of men and women. From that the woman's work of the Methodist Protestant Church has not only been for missions but has been thrown behind all of the causes of the church. Thus the smallest group in the three sets the pace for united effort in the new society.

Heritage
This brief history of the woman's work in the three former churches shows a varied program but a united spirit of missionary zeal, and that spirit is to be embodied in the new organization which takes over the work of many years and moves into the future in union.

A review of the work totals millions of dollars invested throughout the world, and investments of untold resources in the spiritual vitality of Methodist women. Emphasis upon the spiritual life, christian social relations, missionary education and activity at home and abroad, and leadership education, have developed a host of consecrated, civic minded, broad visioned, thoroughly informed leaders among women. This then is the background to which Methodist women come now to re dedicate themselves in the Woman's

EMERGENCY CROP LOANS AVAILABLE

Emergency Crop loans for the production of winter wheat and other small grains are now available to farmers in Sherman County, and applications for these loans are now being received at the County Agents office by C. C. Gibson, Field Supervisor of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Section of the Farm Credit Administration.

These loans will be made, as in the past, only to farmers whose cash requirements are small and who cannot obtain a loan from any other source, including production credit associations, banks, or other private concerns or individuals.

As in former years, the money loaned will be limited to the applicant's necessary cash needs in preparing his land and for seeding his 1940 grain crops.

Borrowers who obtain loans for the production of small grains are required to give as security a first lien on the crop financed.

40 1941 Wheat Crop Insurance Applications Filed

Approximately 40 1941 wheat insurance policies will be in effect in the county next year, according to a report from the county agents office. Thirty-nine applications have been signed, and one application is reported to be in the mail for final filing.

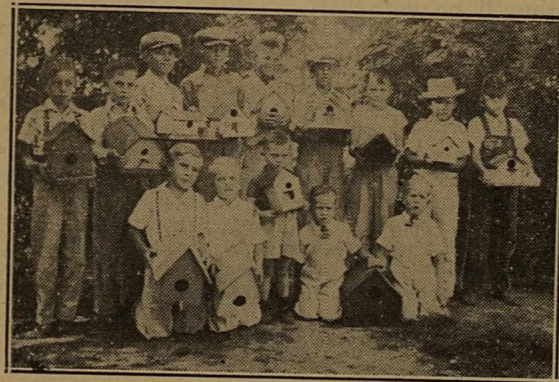
NOTICE

The boys are known that took the gas from my farm East of town. If any more gasoline is taken the law will take its course.
H. E. SMITH.

Society for Christian Service. Truly we can say today, "The Methodists are one people."

LX-Frisco Children Entertained With Second Bird House Party

Guests at the first bird house party at the home of Mrs. George Roberts a year ago appear in the picture to the right. It was the first party given for the children of that immediate territory.



All agog and could hardly wait for the day to come, were the children of the LX-Frisco community, when they received their invitations to the 2nd annual Bird House Party, given last Thursday by Mrs. George Roberts at her country home, 25 miles east of Stratford.

Both the boys and girls had been working weeks before on their projects. The boys made bird houses and the girls, camp pillows. Both entries showed gains over the year before. The unique hanging bird house of Joe Dale Hartman won first place; Wallace Bridwell's patriotic trimmed bird house took second; Gene and Paul Hartman placed third and fourth. Jacqueline Bridwell took first place on her pillow, while Marcella Diller and Selma Mitchell placed second and third.

285 ENROLLED IN STRATFORD FOR '41 TERM

Enrollment of students in the Stratford schools increased 40 students over the number enrolled in the school last September. The opening day of the current term 174 enrolled in Grammar School and 111 in High School. Last year there were 137 in Grammar School and 108 in High School.

Out of county students attending the school include 1 from Texhoma, 2 from Kerrick, and 5 from Conlen.

Enrollment totals of each of the classes as presented to Supt. Guy B. Tabor this week are: first grade 30, second grade 23, third grade 26, fourth grade 29, fifth grade 20, sixth grade 24, seventh grade 22, Freshmen 21, Sophomores 31, Juniors 33, Seniors 25.

Auditorium Filled For Opening Exercises Monday
Students, graduates, parents and friends of the school packed the auditorium Monday morning for the brief opening exercises. Supt. Guy B. Tabor made the opening announcements and introduced the faculty members.

Rev. J. B. Thompson, Rev. J. H. Dean and Rev. L. B. Chaffin each made short talks. It is possible that the senior class of the current school term will be the largest class to graduate from the school. Several students who still rank as Juniors may receive senior classifications by mid term.

Early Settler Visits Stratford

Charlie Chick, who settled in Washburn, Texas in 1890, stopped for a short visit with G. L. Taylor Monday, when on his way to Guyton, for a visit with his sister. Mr. Chick was from Mr. Taylor's home town in Kentucky and his letter to the folks back home was the reason for Mr. Taylor's father moving to Texas. Mr. Chick moved from Washburn in 1893 and Mr. Taylor had not seen him for 46 years.

Rain Brings Renewed Hope For Crops On North Plains Area

Annual Stratford NFLA Stockholders Meeting Saturday

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Stratford National Farm Loan Association will be held at the City Hall Saturday, September 7, at 2:00 P. M., for the election of directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting, according to Arthur Ross, Secretary-Treasurer.

Mrs. Bert Cock Likes Recipe File

"I never realized what a time saver a recipe file could be until I took the home demonstration agents advice, and sorted my recipe drawer full of recipes by discarding the old ones and making a neat new card file which is not only neat but quick to use," Mrs. Bert Cock, Stratford H. D. club food demonstrator, told Miss Martin, the home demonstration agent, when she visited her to talk over her plans.

So many people collect recipes from friends and cook books and put them in a drawer that is always overflowing. A great deal of time is wasted looking for recipes.

How much easier and more convenient to have a file that has recipes well organized and easily found.

A great many of the club women in the county are starting recipe files and are finding them helpful.

Methodist Church

(J. B. Thompson, Pastor)
Sunday School 10:00 A. M. Wanted, 125 in Sunday School next Sunday.

Morning Worship 11:00 A. M. sermon subject, "The Heads of the House." This is the second of a series during September on the general theme, "The Christian Home."

Evening Worship 8:00 P. M. singing and sermon.

Guthrie Home Re-Painted

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Guthrie was painted the latter part of last week.

Christian Church

(L. B. Chaffin, Minister)
Bible School 10:00 A. M., J. R. Pendleton, Superintendent.

Morning Worship 11:00 A. M. Junior Endeavor 7:15 P. M., Mrs. C. R. Bomer, Sponsor.

Intermediate Endeavor 7:15 P. M., Mrs. S. J. Calvird, Sponsor.

Senior Endeavor 7:15 P. M., R. C. Buckles, Sponsor.

Evening Worship 8:00 P. M. Choir Practice Wednesday 8:00 P. M., Mrs. Frank Judd, Leader.

Vacation is over for most of us for another year. We hope all are back with a new determination to be of service in the vineyard of our Lord. We hope to make this the greatest year in the history of our church. We are sure that with the cooperation of every member and the help of God we will be able to realize our ambition. Our big year will begin with Rally Day, September 22. Plans are being made for a wonderful day of fellowship and worship. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone not attending some other church to worship with us every Lord's day.

The young people will go to the First Christian Church, Amarillo, today (Thursday) for our Youth Fellowship meeting.

Rains varying from small showers to downpours fell over most of Sherman County, eastern Dallam, Northwestern Hansford, and extended into the Oklahoma Panhandle Monday afternoon and night. The rain was gauged as 1.89 in Stratford by Albert Adams. North through Kerrick to Keyes, Oklahoma, the rain was reported to vary from 3-4 to 1-2 inches. South and west reports varied from .25 to .75 of an inch. A light streak was reported in the Spurlock region, with rain estimated from .75 to an inch farther north and east. Other spotted sections where very little rain fell were reported due north of Stratford. Good rains were reported north of Conlen but very little moisture fell south of that place.

Row crops in the path of the heavy rains are expected to make good feed and some will make fair grain unless the season is cut short by an early freeze.

Wheat fields favored by heavy rains are expected to furnish early pasture for cattle.

According to the law of averages, rains falling the first of September are usually followed by more rains during the fall months and snows during the winter.

The down pour Monday night stalled 15 trucks just north of Stratford on U. S. 287.

Heavy Rains Reported East
Heavy rains were reported from Gruver to Stratford Tuesday night. Those making the drive described the rain as heavier than Monday night. Residents in the vicinity of Spurlock reported very little rain in some localities. The shower in Stratford registered .03 of an inch.

Mexicanus Hoppers Reported Hatching In Scattered Sections

Mexicanus grasshoppers are reported to be hatching in scattered areas of the county from a field survey completed last week. This is the same species of hoppers that caused wide spread damage to wheat last fall.

Asks For Reports
County Agent Goule requests farmers to be on the lookout for hatches of grasshoppers. He will appreciate it if farmers will file their reports immediately in order to allow time for identification of the pests, and an immediate poison program for their control. Goule does not anticipate a heavy infestation, but warns that possible outbreaks might appear within the next two weeks.

1941 Studebaker Car On Display At TOC Service Station

Ernest Lovelace and Pinky Plunk of the T. O. C. Service Station are announcing the arrival of the new model 1941 Studebaker cars. The new car they have on display is a Champion Tudor Sedan.

Former Stratford Girl Receives MA Degree

AUSTIN, Sept. 4.—Mrs. B. P. Simons received her Master of Education degree in Physical Education from the State University at Austin last Thursday. Mrs. Simons will be remembered here as Winnie Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allen.

New H. D. Agent Will Be Honored With Tea Saturday

A tea honoring Miss Mabel Martin, the new home demonstration agent, will be given Saturday, September 7, in the club room at the Sherman County Court House from 2:30 to 5 o'clock. All Sherman County ladies are invited to attend and get acquainted with the new agent, Mrs. Emil Blanck, Council Chairman, and a group of club ladies will be on hand to assure everyone a good time.

Mrs. Harrison Will Give Private Piano And Art Lessons

Mrs. Homer Harrison opened private classes for students in art and music Wednesday afternoon. The classes will be conducted in the high school building. Parents interested in giving their children this training may find the prices of the courses in Mrs. Harrison's advertisement appearing elsewhere in the paper.

BAPTIST CHURCH

(J. H. Dean, Pastor)
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M. Subject: "Life with Power."
Training Union 7:00 P. M.
Evening Worship 8:00 P. M. Subject: "Meat That Satisfies."
Notice the change in time of the evening services.

B. Y. P. U.
Subject: Character Determines Influence.
Place: Baptist Church.
Time: 7:30 P. M.
Leader: Mrs. Lening.

A nation is as strong as its average citizen and no stronger.

College Station, Aug. 28.—Stories of air defense battles over the English Channel mean more than just news to more than 600 students at Texas A. & M. College who are receiving military training in that phase of warfare as members of the Coast Artillery unit, Reserve Officers Training Corps at the college.

Here is one section of that unit manning a three-inch anti-aircraft gun which will hurl a fifteen

pound projectile five miles. The plane in the sky is a model fighter scaled to represent a real plane flying in the gun's range. It moves back and forth on a trolley as the students maneuver the gun to keep it within range.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

By Roger Shaw

Nazi Long Range Guns and Bombers Blast Southeast Coast of Great Britain; Mussolini Seeks Greek Naval Bases; Japan Pushes English Out of Shanghai

(EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.)
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Pictured above is the United States representation on the joint Canadian-American Defense Board now meeting in Ottawa and working out preliminary steps in planning hemisphere defense measures. This photo was taken as the board met with President Roosevelt before proceeding to Canada. Members of the group (reading left to right) are: (Back row) Capt. Harry W. Hill, Lieut. Col. Joseph T. McNarney; Capt. Forrest P. Sherman, Lieut. Gen. Stanley D. Embick, John D. Hickerson. (Front:) Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia of New York City, chairman of the board, and President Roosevelt, seated.

THE WAR: Long Range

Long-range German guns, posted in France along the channel shore, banged away at England, not so many miles away. These were the famous Big Berthas of song and story, but they failed at first to prove much. They shot at ship convoys, but their bore wore out quickly, and they were clumsy and expensive. In the last war, the famous German "Paris gun" was a waste of time, and these promised to be the same. Their objective, of course, was to cut across the channel, and close it tight as a drum. This maneuver failed to worry the increasingly cheerful British.

In their first air attack on Berlin, British bombers swooped out of a night sky directly over the heart of the city, were driven off by anti-aircraft fire and dropped their explosives on the city's outskirts.

The German aerial losses had been terrific, well over 1,000 planes, and maybe many more of them. The land invasion threat appeared to be "out"—for dictators cannot risk the chance of a bloody setback or repulse, especially one of so spectacular a nature. It seemed that the so quick-acting Germans were just a bit puzzled about what to do next. They continued to tighten their blockade of the British Isles by land and sea and air.

The British banged back, by bombing the Heinkel, Messerschmitt, Junkers and Dornier airplane works, and the Zeppelin works on Lake Constance, where the famous Mercedes-Benz air motors are manufactured. Other big industrial plants, in the Germanies, "got" it too, and German nerves (like those of the Americans) are nowhere near as good as stolid Britannic neurology. It began to look like a much longer war, which did not help Willie's chances for the presidency any.

Italics

The Italians continued to bully the Greeks, in quest of Greek naval bases to use against England in the Eastern Mediterranean. Greece was tied to Turkey, Russia, and England in one way or another, and all three of them expressed interest and sympathy. Would the war spread still further, the critics wondered? Would Greece turn into an Italic Finland? Meanwhile, the Italians took British Somaliland on the Red sea, in an effort to cut the ocean route between England and her treasure-house of India. The British garrison got away, by flight and skill as it had done already at Narvik, Dunkirk, and elsewhere. They said it was another "moral victory" for the Bullmen. All England had had in Somaliland was some South Africans, the local camel corps (partly mechanized, partly camelled, partly horsed), and a section of the ubiquitous royal air force. The R. A. F., as usual, gave a good account of itself. Not so, the camellaries. The Italians-in-Africa didn't look so good either, although they were in there fighting and making the usual big noise (so the critics declared, en masse).

Chamberlain

Old Chamberlain was on the way out, in politics, and so were Duff Cooper, the stylish propaganda expert, Sir Kingsley Wood, the budget maker, and Cockney Herbert Morrison, the economic bigshot. (Lloyd George, who won the last war, was on his way in, they said.) Lord Halifax, a Chamberlain partner, the one-armed foreign minister, was fading away, and the Laborite Hugh Dalton was scheduled for his ticklish job.

CAMPAIGN: Squabbles?

Willkie found that his ardent supporters consisted of two groups: the independent Willkie clubs, and the dissident Willkie Democrats. His less ardent supporters were a good deal more basic. They consisted of the Republican party regulars, in and out of congress. The regulars were grumbling like Napoleon's Old Guard before Moscow.

Willkie himself is an ex-Democrat and very independent of the regulars in his ways and habits. He is disinclined to lean on the Old Guard, although the Old Guard begs to be leaned against. Old Guardists complained that the candidate was too casual about consulting—and obeying—them. Then again, many of the O. G. are isolation-minded, while the independents and Democratic refugees are inclined, like Willkie himself, to be interventionists. Despite all the Hoosier getup, Willkie definitely, they said, has an eastern outlook (and maybe he has).

Some of the regulars, too, thought that "their man" Willkie was too New Dealish. He did not denounce many of the Roosevelt reforms, but adopted them in principle. He merely promised to "improve" the administration of what the regulars thought was a racket. In fact, the New Dealers said that Willkie was, substantially, "their man," too. This made the regulars—the O. G.—huffier than ever.

F. D. Bonaparte

F. D. Roosevelt-Bonaparte found himself in the same position as Napoleon, in the decisive year 1815. Bonaparte proper had then served two terms, and he wanted a third one. His first term had lasted for 14 years. Then came Elba. His second term lasted 100 days. Then came Waterloo. But the point was this:

Bonaparte (like Roosevelt) depended on the proletariat, as against the economic royalists and Bourbons. The French proletariat hated the Napoleonic conscription like poison, and many American proletarians dislike the prospect of conscription, too. But regardless of their anti-conscription attitude, the French plebs rallied round Napoleon, because they feared the Bourbons would repeal all the Napoleonic social reforms. The American plebs, against conscription though they may be, have the same attitude. They fear that if the "Bourbons" recapture the White House, even though they would scrap conscription, they might also scrap the Roosevelt reformation. Hence, the man in the street is for Roosevelt-Bonaparte.

DEAD:

R. I. P.

They died like flies, the bigshots did. Sir Oliver Lodge of England was one of them. He was the great scientist, mental telepathist, and spiritualist. He was 89, and much beloved by everybody in all countries. Then there was Leon Trotsky, or Comrade Braunstein. He was the organizer of the Red army, the brilliant author, the mortal foe of Stalin, Hitler, Churchill and others.

He was pickaxed by a "good friend," down Mexico way. Everybody blamed it on Stalin and his dread secret Gestapo, but this was really rather unlikely. Trotsky was no longer of enough importance to pester, and Stalin is no fool, or time-waster.

There was also the notable Max Steuer that died. He was New York city's best-known lawyer—though not its best-loved legalist. Senator Wagner of New York indicated that he was such a philanthropist and humanitarian, but many people shook their heads.

Kathleen Norris Says:

The Husband Who Was Too Obedient

(Bell Syndicate—WNU Service.)



Jack loves to take her places, to his golf club, to movies, to lunch downtown, and she flatters him by referring everything to "Daddy." I feel neglected and lonely.

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

A STEPMOTHER almost always has a trying time of it, and in these days of easy divorces the world is full of stepmothers.

What makes the situation especially trying for them is that in the beginning everything sounds so pleasant and simple. Sam has two darling children, and Sally adores them already. The little girl is shy, and naturally talks a good deal about her mother, but the boy is a perfect darling. After Sam and Sally are married she means to make much of Sam's children. Anyway, says Sally, joyously flustered with wedding plans, they'll be with their mother a lot of the time.

Sam feels at the moment that Sally is such a wonderful girl that she can't help winning the children's hearts. They'll adore her.

So Sam gets his divorce, and it is settled that Bruce and Betsey are to stay with their mother 10 months of a year, spending two months with Dad and the new stepmother. That being legally arranged, and financially arranged, what more is there to worry about?

Trifles Threaten Later.

Well, nothing, at the moment. But within a few months the worries arise, and these trifles that seemed so unimportant on the wedding day, arise later to threaten the safety of many a second marriage.

For one thing, the mother of Bruce and Betsey has every reason in the world for making trouble, if she can. She makes it hard for the children to pay those promised visits to their father's house. She talks of him slightlying, or perhaps with bitter scorn, before his children, and leads them to believe that Sally is the adventuress who came into a happy home and robbed them of their father.

Possibly it wasn't a happy home at all. Possibly Alma was the one who wrecked it, who wanted the divorce, who made no effort to hold Sam or Sam's affection. But all that is forgotten once Sam has started off upon a fresh marital hazard with Sally.

Children Sense Trouble.

The children feel the trouble in the air, and they are not natural nor reasonable with their stepmother. Sally, on her side, is young, she has had no experience with children, and very shortly she comes to see that it is wiser to leave them most of the time with their mother.

This makes Sam restless. He loves his boy and his small girl, and wants them to enjoy his new home and his new felicity with him. He becomes unnatural, too, so there are four of them; all uncomfortable; all placed in a false position.

A man cannot divorce their mother, marry another woman, and remain toward his children in the same position that he had when he was a part of their home and their background; the person they took for granted as Dad, who wanted them to be on time for breakfast and gave them movie money.

A woman cannot take her children away from their father, and put another man in that father's place, and combine with her new bridal happiness and her absorption in her new mate her motherly attitude as well.

There Are Exceptions.

These things simply don't mix, and the woman who tries to reconcile them merely wrecks her own nerves and those of everyone around her.

Of course there are exceptions. There are wise, simple, self-effacing

STEEPARENTS

Stepmothers and stepfathers always find themselves in a difficult situation. This usually arises from the inability of the child and stepparent to adapt themselves to one another. An anxious mother of a 17-year-old girl here confronts Kathleen Norris with a problem that is just the opposite: her second husband is too affectionate to his pretty stepdaughter. Miss Norris says that time offers the best cure for this problem.

women who see to it that the children and the new husband are brought to know and understand and like each other.

Beatrice, for example, is a case in point. Nine years ago she divorced her husband, and gave a small girl of eight a new father. For a while there was nothing they could do with little Alice. She hated everything about the change, and wept continuously for her own Daddy, and her own house, and the old school and the old friends.

Even a baby brother didn't comfort Alice, and for a while Jack, the stepfather, detested the child, and was glad when she went off to visit her own father and her grandmother.

But today the situation is different. Beatrice, the mother, has two small boys to keep her busy. She has no maid, and for some seven years, she writes, she has never slept through a night undisturbed, or been in bed later than six o'clock in the morning.

Stepfather's Attitude Changes.

Alice, the once unmanageable little daughter, is now a lovely seventeen; her stepfather adores her, and she idolizes him. The mother writes anxiously that she is idle, out of school, and mad for dances and evening parties, and that Jack indulges her ridiculously. Beatrice uses the rickety family car, when Jack doesn't need it, but Alice has been promised a new car on her eighteenth birthday. Jack loves to take her places, to his golf club, to movies, to lunch downtown, and she flatters him by referring everything to "Daddy." He says no man is good enough for his girl, and Alice says she never will find a man as perfect as Daddy.

"I ought to be glad, I suppose," writes Beatrice. "But I feel neglected and lonely much of the time, sweet as my little boys' company is. The actual situation is that my husband is taking a younger and prettier woman about, and although both Alice and Jack are conscientious people, far above any suspicion, it makes me feel as if my life somehow were unbalanced. If I suggest that Alice stay with the boys and Jack take me to a movie, he will do it amiably, but always with an effort, always with an air of marking time. And often, when we are alone together, he is thinking of Alice, I know, for he will break out with some reference to her, or some quotation from her, as if she were the most amusing and lovable creature in the world."

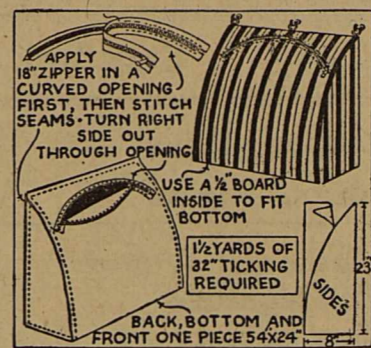
Stepmother Neglected Now.

"Well, she IS amusing and beautiful and lovable, too, there is not a mean bone in her body. But after all, it wasn't Alice with whom Jack fell so desperately in love, 10 years ago; it wasn't for Alice's sake that I divorced her father and was persuaded into a second marriage. Nobody could have been more passionately in love than Jack was then."

Well, in answer to Beatrice, I can only say that this seems to me one of those problems that time inevitably solves. With a girl as attractive and sweet as Alice, marriage will come along in a year or two, and Jack, who has made such a conspicuous success as a stepfather, can try being a step-grandfather.

HOW TO SEW

by Ruth Wyeth Spears



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2. To what type of road did a Scotch engineer give his name?
3. What two great Oriental cities were founded by the British?
4. What is the most widely used word in the world?
5. What is the line that follows "Lives of all great men remind us"?
6. What is the name given to the present royal house of Italy?
7. Which of the United States has the greatest water area, California, Minnesota, or Michigan?
8. What part of the human body is divided into the right and left auricles and the right and left ventricles?
9. What was the real name of "Bonny Prince Charlie"?
10. Does a horse sleep standing up?

The Answers

1. It was admitted into the Union in 1876, the Centennial year.
2. Macadam.
3. Hongkong and Singapore.
4. "Amen" is believed to be the most widely used word, being employed by 1,000,000,000 Christians, Jews and Mohammedans.
5. "We can make our lives sublime."
6. Savoy.
7. Minnesota.
8. The heart.
9. Charles Edward Louis Philip Casimir Stuart (1720-1788). He was also known as the "Young Pretender."
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WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON
(Consolidated Features—WNU Service.)

NEW YORK.—After 20 years they still tell, in Moscow, how bold Semyon Konstantovich Timoshenko, then a cavalry chief, led a Red regiment of horse up to Warsaw's very gates. After another 20 years, no doubt, they will still be telling how, in 1940, the same Semyon, then commissar of defense, led more than a regiment of his followers back to the payrolls from which they had been briefly booted.

When Russia blundered to victory over fallen Finland her armies obeyed a double-barreled leadership. Alongside the orthodox military commanders marched as many political commissars, all with the power of veto. Thousands of dead Russians proved the weakness of this command system, and this week Moscow announced that the commissars were out on their various ears.

Overnight, however, they got back—in the army, still. Now they are assistant commanders for political affairs. The old power of veto is gone, but the pay check will be the same. Timoshenko fixed it all up as briskly as any ward boss ever drummed up jobs for the faithful.

Timoshenko has been fixing things up ever since Lenin got a stranglehold on imperial Russia, for himself as well as his party. He is rough and tough, and on the record he has what it takes to get ahead under Communism. His jaw is wide and hard. His eyes have a "sez you!" glint. His thin hair grows close to a hard poll, offering no purchase for an enemy's hand.

He got his first real boost in 1937 when he was made commander of the North Caucasian Corps area. His last and best, however, came in May of this year. Then he reached his current job. He is pretty high up now. And in Russia, under Stalin, the higher they go the harder they fall. So those fellows may not be permanently on the payroll after all.

A PLUMP, pleasant middle-aged lady, who likes pink dresses and an old-fashioned hair-do, has the job of seeing that we don't turn too much butter into cannons —or at any rate that we get the butter. As consumer adviser for the national defense advisory commission, Miss Harriet Elliott calls a national conference of retailers to lay the foundation of co-operation in the maintenance of living standards as a bulwark of defense.

She has long maintained that health, housing, recreation, child welfare and general public well-being are bedrock essentials of any defense program. With the above appointment she became the first woman to be "drafted" in the current mobilization of human and material resources.

Miss Elliott is a Quaker and college professor—dean of the woman's college of the University of North Carolina. For 21 years she has been professor of political science at this college and has achieved unique distinction in her daily classroom take-off from the morning newspaper, rather than a text book.

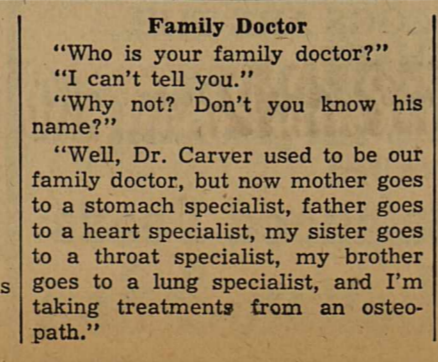
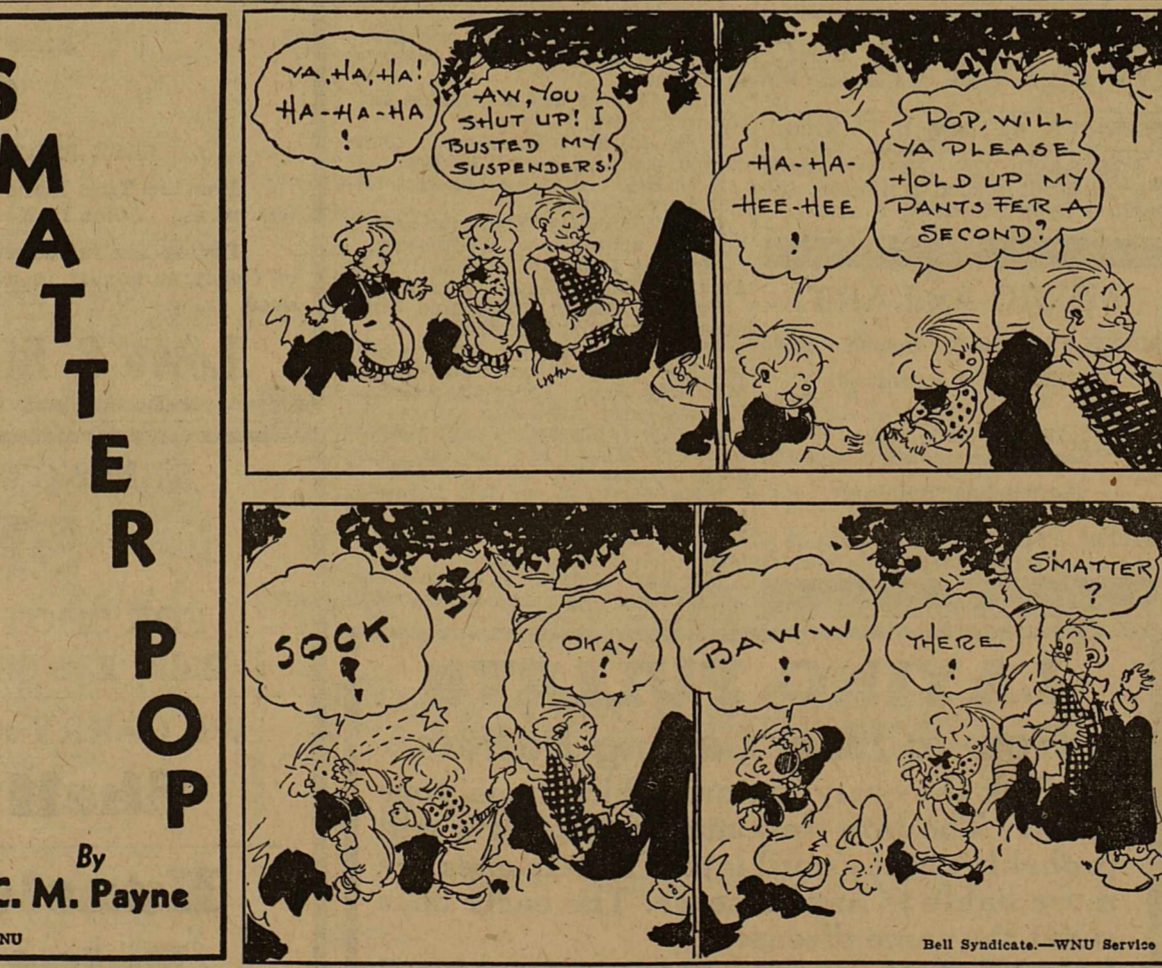
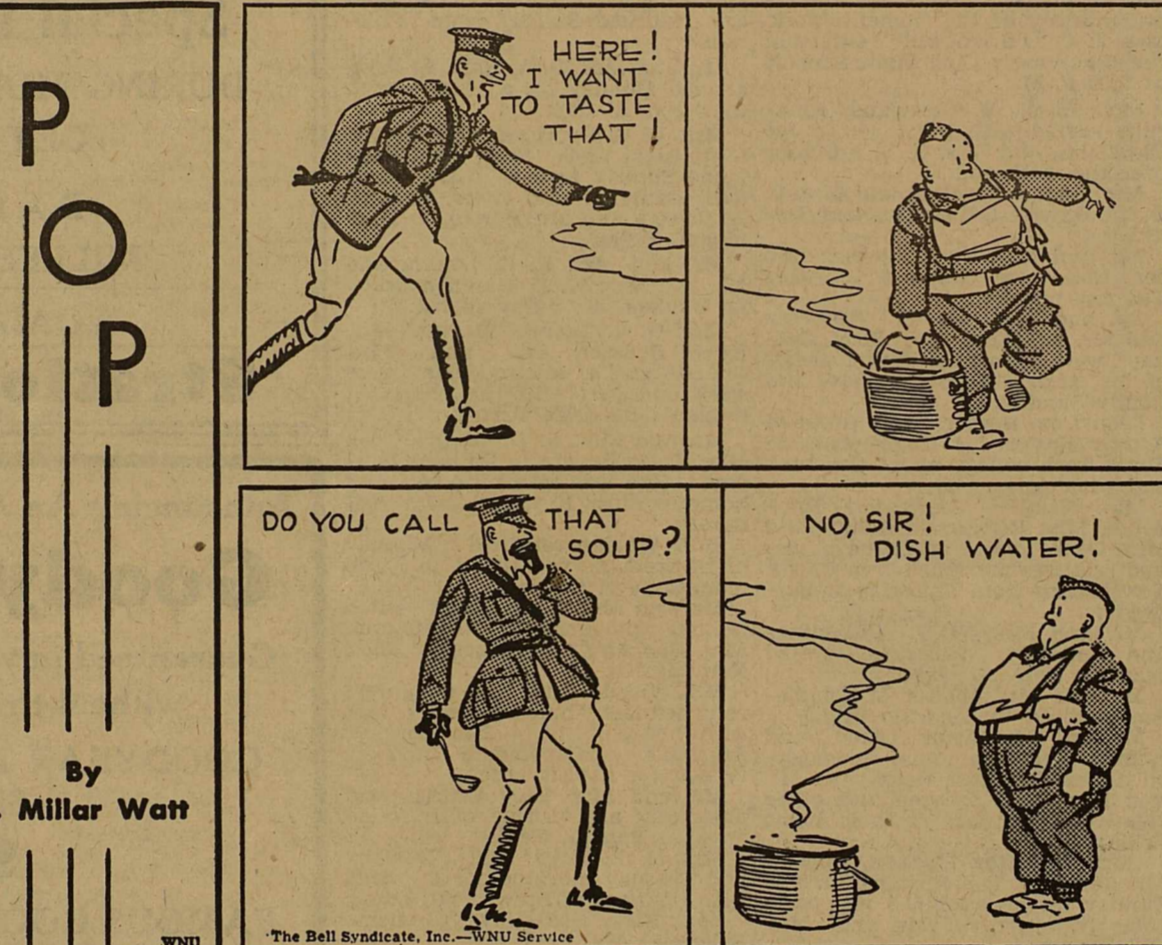
Her theory of education is to proceed from the particular to the general; she thinks Mill and Adam Smith should be left on the shelf until the student can generalize from every-day facts as they come to him in the news. She is wary about theories.

One of her main jobs as consumer adviser is to watch prices. While she has fought profiteers, she is no alarmist about gouging, and believes that all elements in producing and marketing processes will be co-operative if they are sensibly and fairly mobilized. However, she has at hand a portfolio of pretty stiff laws, with the department of justice standing by, if she finds it necessary to invoke them.

Miss Elliott is a native of Carbon-dale, Ill., where her mother and sister still live. She is an alumna of Park college, Parkville, Mo., and Hanover college, Hanover, Ind., and holds a master's degree from Columbia university. In the first World War, she was a member of the women's council of national defense. It was her work in this post which projected her into her long-continued studies of public well-being as basic requirement for defense.

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Select suitable bowls and vases in which to arrange flowers to decorate the house. Do not crowd flowers into them, but carefully select different flowers for different containers. A single rose in a bud vase is far more effective than several roses crowded into a bowl.

WITH her big roll-brim hat and new patent leathers, she'll look charming as a spring morning, when she steps forth in a breezy little day frock made over pattern No. 1942-B. It's very simple, very smart, with pretty neckline and short sleeves outlined by two rows of braid, and with braid and buttons to trim the front and back panel. The waistline is fitted

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Mrs. Peach Smith honored her friend, Mrs. J. R. Alexander of Gruver, with a birthday dinner last Sunday at their country home northwest of town. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Alexander and son, Bobbie, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. O'Brien and Miss Bettie Lou O'Brien. The honoree received

lovely gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Riestler and daughter spent Sunday in the mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Kessie, Amarillo, were Tuesday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Kelp, Misses Jerry Kelp, Marcella Garrison and Bobby Wighton motored to Dalhart Tuesday evening.

Miss Ruth Kessie, Amarillo, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Pendleton over the week end. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Diehl were business visitors in Amarillo Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wells, Griggs, Okla., spent Sunday with friends here.

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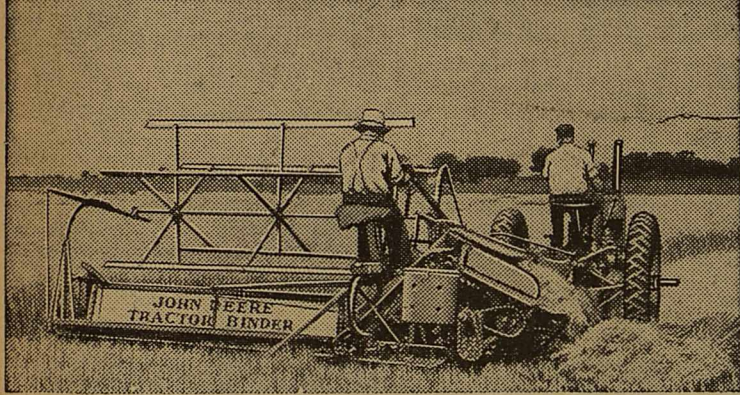
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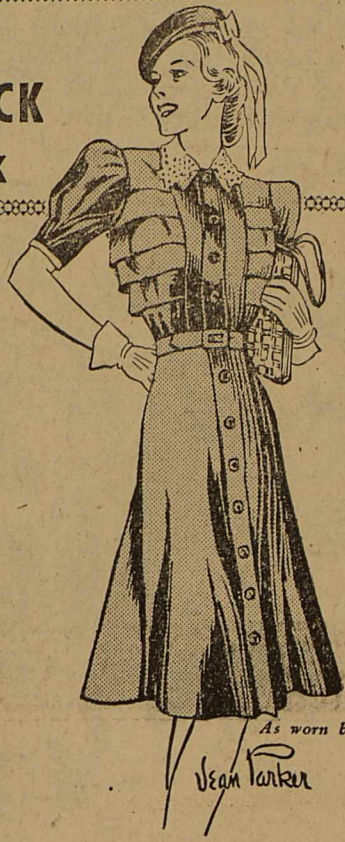
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The FASHION FROCK Of The Week



The "SHUTTER BODICE" Dress As Worn in Hollywood by Jean Parker A Favorite Movie Actress

The primary interest in this week's fashion centers on the "shutter" effect on the front and at the back of the bodice. This is achieved by open flaps of fabric from the yoke to above the waist. It is an established style success and adds much to the charm of the whole dress. It's a coat-dress opening all the way down the front with round bone buttons. A smart collar of dress fabric is topped by one of white rayon bengaline with an embroidered flower trim. A touch of the white trims the sleeves. At either side of the waist at the front are gathers which slightly blouse the top of the dress. The back is fitted. Miss Parker wears an American Navy Blue. It is also good in a vineyard wine.

L. M. Price and Royal Pendleton transacted business in Dalhart Wednesday.

The Embroidery Club meeting has been postponed to September 26 instead of September 12 on account of the meeting to be held at the Methodist Church for the reorganization of the women's work. Mrs. J. C. O'Brien will entertain the Embroidery Club September 26 at 3:00 P. M.

Mrs. Hilma B. Cleveland, Amarillo, visited with her son, Joe Cleveland, and Mrs. C. V. Collins over the week end.

Mrs. Ernest Lovelace and Mrs. C. D. Plunk were Dalhart visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Jackson and son, Neil, were Dalhart visitors Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. McCrory and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Steel, Dalhart, were six o'clock dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ross and family Sunday.

Leon Cox, Borger, room mate of Arthur Foster for three years at Texas Tech college, spent the week end with Arthur here.

Mrs. Sallie V. McAdams, Randolph, Miss Rowena McAdams and Mrs. Gene Foster of Dalhart, visited relatives and friends in Clovis, New Mexico from Thursday to Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Cummings and son, Billy, Dalhart, visited relatives here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Pendleton motored to Amarillo Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dixon and family, Wellington, who had visited a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. O'Brien and other relatives, returned to their home Friday.

Gary and Gay Parsons, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Foy Parsons, arrived Sunday for an extended visit with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parsons.

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drey have returned from a trip to Denver.

Cone Donelson, Skellytown, spent the first of the week here with relatives.

E. F. Spurlock spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Plunk in Bushland.

Miss Alma Hall, Dalhart, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. B. Mullins, Mr. Mullins, and Miss Lois Mullins.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Martin spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Rex Powelson, Mr. Powelson and daughter on their ranch north of Boise City, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fowler and Miss Eurna Lamm, Krum, Texas, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Baskin and daughter.

Mrs. L. V. Schafer took her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Roy Schafer of Texhoma, who was suffering from an attack of appendicitis to Amarillo Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Mason, Copeland, Kansas, spent a few hours Sunday with relatives here.

Mrs. Arthur Ross and Arthur Lee visited Mrs. L. B. Steel in Dalhart Friday. Miss Lorraine Ross, who had spent the week with her aunt, returned with them.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Foster, Newton and Arthur Foster motored to Amarillo last Thursday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Foster who have been transferred to Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Fred Mason, Texhoma, was a business visitor here Saturday.

Mrs. William Green has accepted a temporary position with the Pioneer Beauty Shop.

Notice Of County Budget Hearing

Notice of a public hearing on the budget of Sherman County for the year 1941, as prepared by the County Judge, will be heard by the Commissioners' Court at the Court House in Stratford, Texas, on Monday, September 9, at 2:30 P. M.

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KERRICK NEWS

The Kerrick Home Demonstration club met last Wednesday with Mrs. Woodson Wadley. Those present were: Mesdames W. K. Dunlap, Lee Johnson, Richard Williams and Misses Ida Crabtree and Dorothy Johnson. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Ennis Clayton September 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wells, Misses Winnie Ruth and Mary Taylor, and Earl McDaniel attended a surprise breakfast at the Plainview skating rink Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Barentine and son of McKamey, Texas and Miss Theda Cherry of Sanger, Texas are visiting this week with Mr. Lyall Murdock and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Crabtree and family.

Mrs. C. R. Bonar and Erma Lee visited Mr. and Mrs. Homer Harrison and family and Mrs. W. P. James Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy James and

Miss Lois James were in Dalhart Friday. While there Mrs. James had some dental work done.

Henry Ross of Krum, Texas visited Lyall Murdock and family and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Crabtree and family Saturday.

The D. T. Wadley Grain Co. installed new machinery in their elevator last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville McDaniel carried their daughter, Inez, to Goodwell Monday, where she will attend P. A. M. C. this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hillburn and Betty Ruth, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Johnson and family were in Stratford Saturday.

Stanley, Lyall Jr., and Burt Murdock and Roger Crabtree, Jr., attended the rodeo in Stratford Saturday afternoon.

B. R. Crabtree and Ida were in Dalhart Saturday. Miss Mildred Crabtree returned home with them for the week end.

Mrs. W. P. James and family moved to Stratford Monday where Lois and Buddy will attend school.

FEW CHANGES IN 1941 AAA PROGRAM

COLLEGE STATION, Sept. 5.—Few changes of importance to Texas were made in the 1941 AAA program as approved by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Such changes as were included were based on the recommendations of the national conference of farmer-committeemen and ranchmen held earlier in the summer.

Soil conservation and maintenance of adequate food and fiber supplies continue as the basic principles of the program, George Slaughter, chairman of the Texas state committee, declares, and still more latitude has been granted the county committees for adaptation of the program to fit local needs.

The \$20 minimum payment for each farm has been continued, the chairman pointed out, and an additional \$15 is available for planting trees. Thus, any farm can earn as much as \$35 by cooperating with the 1941 program.

In addition, on small farms where the maximum payment is not more than \$20, any part of the soil-building allowance may be earned by carrying out locally adapted conservation practices not included in the program where recommended by county committeemen. This provision will be applicable in designated areas only.

Encouraging feed production, the program provides that in areas where feed crops are not generally produced for market, any farmer may grow as much as 30 acres of soil-depleting crops without incurring a deduction for exceeding the total depleting acreage allotment.

In view of the substantial acreage reductions made by established cotton growers, not more than one percent of the state's 1941 cotton allotment may be used for new grower allotments, a reduction from the two percent allowed in 1940. No payments will be made for cotton produced in 1941 on allotments for new growers, Slaughter said.

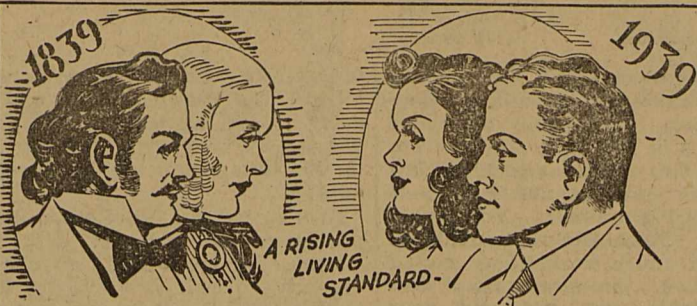
County Court Closed Tuesday

In a short session of County Court Tuesday one case was tried. In the case, The State of Texas Vs. Silas Weems, charged with theft of personal property, the defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 60 days in jail.

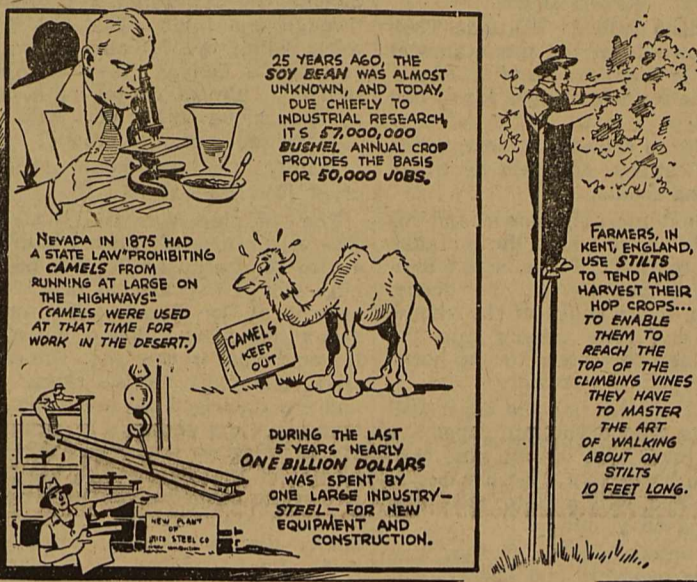
1941 AAA Discussion Meeting In Amarillo Monday And Tuesday

County Committeemen R. C. Buckles, W. A. Spurlock, H. S. Hawkins, County Agent Goule and Miss Jeanette Wilson will attend a AAA meeting in Amarillo Monday and Tuesday. The meeting will be held for the purpose of discussing former recommendations sent to Washington for the special 1941 AAA program. An attempt is being made to make a blanket program for the counties operating under special programs designed by the farmers themselves.

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Governments exist because the governed expect to receive benefits.

Many of those who shout the loudest about prejudice have much of it.

Old people never have understood young people; why expect a miracle.

The Chinese assert that only two nations are on the fighting line for liberty.

The man who depends upon his neighbors for his vegetables is buying his food.

Hitler is, like Japan, working for peace in his region; at least, that is what he says.

The truth seems to elude the grasp of mankind despite the long and historic pursuit.

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CARMEN OF THE RANCHO

By FRANK H. SPEARMAN

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SYNOPSIS

Don Alfredo, wealthy, Spanish owner of a Southern California rancho, refuses to heed several warnings of a raid by a band of outlaws, Sierra Indians. One day after he has finally decided to seek the protection of the nearby mission for his wife and family, the Indians strike. Don Alfredo is killed and his two young daughters are torn from the arms of the family's faithful maid, Monica, and are carried away to the hills. Padre Pasqual, missionary friend of the family, arrives at the ruins of the rancho and learns the story of the raid from Monica. After a trying and difficult trip across the plains and mountains from Texas to California, youthful Henry Bowie, a Texas adventurer, with his friends, Ben Pardaloe and Simmie, an Indian scout, sight the party of Indians who have carried off the two little girls. The three Texans attack the war party of fifty-odd Indians and through a clever ruse scatter the savages to the hills. The girls are saved. The group makes its way out of the hills and meets the distraught Monica, the children's maid. The girls are left with Monica and the friendly Padre at a mission, and the Texans proceed to Monterey. Here Bowie completes his business for Gen. Sam Houston of Texas, who has commissioned him to deliver an important message. Bowie decides to have a look at the wild untamed country that California was in the middle nineteenth century. Bowie disappears from California but returns eight years later and makes the acquaintance of a friendly Spanish family at the Rancho Guadalupe.

CHAPTER VI—Continued

"You must have dry clothing," Francisco insisted despite Bowie's protests. "You are my guest. I am now what you call the boss; you must let me be your servant. My clothes are not big enough. But my uncle, he is a big one, like you, Wait."

An Indian boy was dispatched with a message to Don Ramon. He was soon back, bringing a coat, two shirts, trousers, stockings and boots for Bowie.

In vain the Texan protested. Don Francisco had a persuasive way—he laughed away one objection after another with so much good-natured banter that Bowie found himself clad in Californian accoutrements of the head of the house, walking into the big living room where he met the Estradas.

Don Francisco introduced his new acquaintance to his uncle and to his aunt, Dona Maria.

But the uncle, Don Ramon, and the Dona, his wife, called for particular attention at the hands of their guest. Except for the youthful nephew, Don Ramon Estrada was the first real Spanish gentleman that the Texan had met.

While there was nothing of haughtiness in Don Ramon, there was something that called for consideration and respect. His mere presence made itself felt, presenting as it did a certain graciousness of manner tempered by dignity and reserve that put his guest at ease with a mute assurance of welcome.

When Bowie had met his host and hostess he felt already at ease, so exquisite was the kindly welcome expressed in their manner. But not until he was presented by Don Francisco, with due formality, to a young lady who now entered the room was the gaunt Texan conscious of a feeling of his own awkwardness and ill-fitting apparel. She was Senorita Carmen, of the rancho, cousin to Don Francisco.

The young Spaniard did the interpreting and much of the talking. Host and hostess extended repeated Spanish greetings to Bowie which Don Francisco translated. The young lady was wholly silent, save that when spoken to by her cousin she responded clearly and compositely.

Dinner was announced. Dona Maria was seated at her husband's right hand, and Bowie was given the place of honor on his left. Next to him sat Don Francisco; seated below Dona Maria was Senorita Carmen. As she sat opposite the Texan she made good use of her eyes, yet so skillfully that he was never aware of her inspection.

Don Ramon, as the beef, mutton and fowl in bewildering abundance were served in formal turn, asked many questions of his stranger guest—questions about Texas; about the differences of the Americans with the Mexican government; then as to what brought Bowie to California. This drew only vague generalizations from the Texan. Don switched next to what lay immediately ahead; what Bowie had in mind to do.

"As to that, senior," responded Bowie frankly, "I hardly have any plans. I find myself here on the coast with two scout companions. Soon we are going up the river, to Sutter's Fort. Our principal occupation in the interval must be to find something to eat."

Don Ramon laughed. "Truly important."

"So we are heading upcountry after game to sell in Monterey. There is a good demand, I am told, from the ships for venison and elk."

"But with the thousands of head of cattle everywhere available to furnish a beef supply?" objected the Don.

Bowie smiled as this was translated. "The beef of the range cattle is no competition for the meat of the deer and the elk, certainly not with the officers, nor even with the hungry sailors."

"And what is your equipment for the undertaking?"

"Our rifles, senior."

The amiable Don was astonished. "Nothing seems to appall you—your undertaking would, of a certainty, give me pause. And you need nothing?"

Bowie smiled. "One thing we do need."

Don Ramon lifted his eyebrows as if pleased—at last he had found a weak spot in the Texan's armor. "What is it?" he exclaimed.

"Salt," returned Bowie simply.

"Then allow me to be your debtor—you shall leave here with salt for yourselves and for your game. But self-reliant as you are, senior, I can lighten your labors a good bit if you will allow me a further pleasure."

"You are most kind, Don Ramon. I realize that we are strangers and your advice might save us much."

The Don shook his head. "Not advice, I doubt if you need it. But what I know you do need is plenty of horseflesh. It will save you much time and some hardship if you will accept a caponera from us and leave here in the saddle—with your salt," he added, smiling significantly, "in your mochilas."

Bowie sat perplexed. "Caponera?" He looked inquiringly at Don Francisco.

"Horses," explained Francisco. "My uncle means twenty horses, or twenty-five."

Bowie, despite his poise, regarded Don Ramon incredulously. Much talk and much translating followed. But it was for Bowie at last to say, as he was best able, that he



Both were beautiful.

and his scouts were grateful but could not think of so great a draft on this magnificent hospitality.

In the living room, while the rain poured furiously outside, Don Ramon smoked tranquilly and listened to Bowie and his nephew. The ladies talked about the wedding in Monterey. In the morning it was still raining hard—the rancho seemed afloat. The Texan had no choice but to accept Don Ramon's hospitality, and the day went in stories told before the big log fire—stories of Texans and the country of the Staked Plain; the story of Santa Ana and the Alamo, which was told without any effort to water down the cruel butchery by the Mexicans. And interspersed were stories of this new California, to which the plainsman listened with hungry interest. Don Francisco had already taken a fancy to Bowie. That evening he questioned the Texan with a purpose.

Bowie, quite alert to all that went on, noticed the glances that Francisco cast at times toward Carmen, who was in animated talk with Dona Maria. Even the Texan's attention wandered at moments from Francisco's explanation to the two women as they chatted. Both were beautiful, of a type the roughhewn Texan had never yet seen. They were beautiful in artless animation. The bronzed son of the desert was almost stunned by the atmosphere of charm. The Dona at forty had lost none of her youth; the years had tempered without encroaching the portrait of her maidenhood. The vivacity of youth was still hers, enriched now by the dignity of matronly charm. Yet Bowie's eyes were drawn to her daughter Carmen, just old enough to realize the presence of a stranger and protecting her attractiveness by the slight repression of girlhood.

Bowie listened, indeed, to the words of Don Ramon; but he heard the cadences of another voice—a voice of sweet-throated music, strange to the ear but bewildering in utterance. For the first time in his life the Texan, without realizing it, began to love the strange tongue in which Californians spoke and to listen for every syllable that might fall from the lips of the young Spanish girl. The clinging back of her gown did not hide the tender slope of her shoulders; it contrasted with the ivory of her slender neck; and above this, from a perfectly poised head, fell soft masses of brown hair. They framed the features of one just at the threshold of full-blown adolescence; lips filling with promise of a richer maidenhood; eyes that retired under long dark lashes and opened with a searching light.

"You want to start tomorrow?" Don Francisco was asking. Bowie nodded.

"But I have an idea," suggested Francisco. "My uncle is having ma-

tanza this week. He is slaughtering surplus cattle for the tallow. Captain Davis, with whom my uncle trades, is in port at Monterey from China. He will want much tallow for South America and Boston—it will be a big matanza. You should see one. Much attention, much excitement, much work. Stay over a day or two. The streams will then be fordable, and you and your scouts, in the meantime, will be well entertained. Plenty of bears!"

"Bears?" echoed Bowie.

Francisco nodded. "Dozens. They come down from the mountains at night after the matanza offal. Plenty of chance for a bear fight if you like one."

The Texan showed interest, asked more questions, and said he would talk to his scouts.

The next morning Bowie and his host rode out to where the matanza was in progress. Pardaloe and Simmie were already on the scene, watching every move of the vaqueros as one rode quietly into the corral, lassoed a steer by the horns and brought him outside.

When the rider had the beast well placed, a second vaquero roped the steer's hind legs, threw him and, with two ropes taut, tied his feet in a bunch and, with a knife, gave him the golpe de gracia.

What interested the Texan, seasoned as to cattle and horses, was the skill and speed with which the vaqueros worked and the almost human intelligence of their horses—the perfection of their response to every hint of their rider in snaring and handling a steer. It was particularly this skill of the horses that made the work proceed rapidly without mishap or hitch.

For two days the work went forward speedily. The matanza ground was a scene of the greatest activity.

To the Texan the spectacle of such abundance, such profusion of waste and such indifference to everything but the work in hand was a source of amazement. A hearty lunch served to the family at noon was followed by a heartier dinner for the evening, with the difference that native wine accompanied the dinner. This was the family gathering of the day at which the hostess and her daughter were formally dressed.

After the family had settled about the fire in the living room and the conversation had shown signs of lagging, Don Ramon made a request of Carmen.

Carmen took her place at the family harp, ran her fingers over the strings and sang a Spanish song. The conversation and the words of the song were lost on Bowie, but not the clear, true notes of the girl's voice.

Don Francisco explained that the song was the appeal of a lover to the stars to bear witness of his devotion to his mistress. Carmen sang again, a French chanson. It was very slight, but it echoed in Bowie's ears most of the night.

It bothered Bowie, that in these household meetings he could never manage to catch the eye of Carmen. He was discreet enough not to attempt to coax her glance his way—and old enough to be ashamed of himself for his curiosity. But curiosity persisted. Toward the end of his stay a natural resentment at the aloofness of one who had for a week enlisted his lively interest impelled him to practice such retaliatory measure as he could. The least satisfactory feature of his attempt to ignore her was that this made no apparent difference whatever to Carmen. If she were aware, there was no evidence of it—for her, he seemed not to exist.

Don Francisco, on the other hand, grew increasingly attached to Bowie. Everything about the Texan interested the youth. Especially was he fascinated by the plainsman's novel revolver. Indeed, the whole male population of Rancho Guadalupe marveled at a pistol that would shoot six bullets without recharging.

The matanza always brought down an army of bears from the hills, and Don Francisco, seeking excuse to prolong the stay of the hunters, promised them as many bear fights as they had stomach for—black bears, cinnamon bears and occasionally the famed monarch of the Sierras, the grizzly, the highly respected oso pardo, as Don Francisco called him. This prospect of adventure interested the two scouts. They added their appeal to that of Don Francisco, and Bowie—not loath to linger near the flame of the distant candle he had lighted for himself—consented.

Hardly had night fallen when the vanguard of the bears arrived from the hills. Tempted by the rejected meat and offal of the matanza, the bears would come down at nightfall for a feast. This gave the hunters, disposed for sport, their chance. Shortly the matanza ground was well filled with the hairy monsters, goring, growling, fighting among themselves and snapping ferociously at those bolder coyotes who dared trespass on the preserves of their banqueting "betters."

The Texans watched, Don Ramon, circling a chosen bear, lassoed him by the neck; Don Francisco, watching his chance, executed the more difficult feat of roping the bear's hind legs; and the two horsemen, riding then in opposite directions, forced the bear to fight his utmost

to save himself. In the end he was killed. The vaqueros made nightly sport with the big fellows. The Texans, seeing bear after bear brought to the knife, were not greatly impressed.

In the morning Don Ramon invited Bowie for a canter over the rancho. He particularly wanted to see how the rain had left the foot-bridge leading across the river to the grain fields which stretched in rolling acres toward the bay. Returning, he suggested a short cut through the hills. The two men were riding briskly abreast when, crossing a canyon, they stumbled suddenly, almost on top of a bear ambling along on her way with two cubs to the matanza ground.

"Mira! Cuidado! Oso pardo," cried Don Ramon.

The warning was well ordered. The bear, enraged, reared with the swiftness of a jack-in-the-box on her huge feet and sprang, as luck would have it, at Don Ramon. She struck him with a raking blow of her claw. It caught his trouser leg. The stout cloth, unhappily for the rider, held and the unlucky Don found himself torn from the saddle. In catapulting headfirst to the ground his foot caught in the stirrup, and his frenzied horse dashed down the canyon, dragging the rider a dozen yards before the Don could release himself.

As he kicked clear with a mighty effort his head struck a rock, and he sprawled on the canyon floor, half conscious. The bear dashed awkward but swiftly after the fleeing horse and the helpless rider. Bowie, close at hand, had barely seconds to head his panicky mount toward the angry beast and uncoil his lasso. Yelling to the Don to flee, Bowie flung his rope at the loping grizzly. It settled over her head and Bowie, spurring swiftly back despite the weight and size of the grizzly, jerked the monster around and threw her off her feet.

Only for an instant. Rolling over, the bear, doubly infuriated, seized the lasso in her claw and began reeling Bowie and his horse hand over



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hand toward her. The Texan perceived his peril. His horse strove vainly to pit his strength against the strength of his enormous enemy. It was a hopeless endeavor. Relentlessly the bear dragged horse and rider toward him. Luckily a sizable tree stood near. With shout and spur Bowie, plunging forward, whirled the horse and managed to circle the tree before the bear could take up all the slack. It gave the Texan an instant of respite, and he dismounted. But in that instant the bear charged him.

The tree between the two was of little consequence, as the hunted man was aware, and the grizzly's leap was far beyond the nimblest feat of a runner. Taking what was at best a merely desperate chance, Bowie, as he jumped, fired shot after shot into the bear's mouth and head. Then he dropped the empty revolver, whipped out his knife and, waiting not a second, plunged directly into the bear's arms for what was likely to prove a fatal embrace. Only one of the two, he knew could come out alive.

The foreman Pedro was riding away from the corral when he saw Don Ramon's riderless horse racing out of the hills. The half-breed realized at once there was trouble. Shouting to near-by vaqueros to follow, he spurred for the hills. Before he reached them Bowie's horse, dragging the broken rope, shot out of the canyon and gave him the direction. At the same moment he heard pistol shots echoing down the canyon walls. Urging his companions who were stringing along behind to follow fast, Pedro galloped into the canyon.

His practiced eye told him the story as he rode. Whatever it had been, it was over, for the canyon was as still as the grave. On he galloped until, rounding a bend, he saw the bodies of the grizzly and the Texan lying less than ten yards apart, both apparently dead.

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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for September 8

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INVITING OTHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

LESSON TEXT—Psalm 96.
GOLDEN TEXT—O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.—Psalm 34:3.

Worship is not only fitting, but altogether natural to the soul aglow with the love of God. Yet it is a sacred privilege to which we may call ourselves and others and in the doing of which we may be helped by an intelligent understanding of its nature and preparation for its practice.

What is worship? How does it differ from prayer, or from praise (which we studied last week)? While prayer, praise and worship belong together and often merge in one blessed art of devotion, we may possibly distinguish between them by saying that in prayer we are concerned with our needs; in praise, with our blessings; and in worship, with God Himself.

I. The Call to Worship (vv. 1-3).

This psalm has to do with collective rather than individual worship. It is not enough that man should worship God in his own soul, there is an added blessing which comes to us only as we worship with others. So we need to be called together for worship.

True worship centers in "a new song" that is the song of a regenerated heart. Worship is only a formality without life until there is a new song in the heart, and then it becomes life's greatest joy and satisfaction.

Real worship is a "day to day" matter (v. 2), not just something we put on like our "Sunday-go-to-meeting" clothes. Every day we are to worship, and as we do, we shall "declare his glory among the heathen"; among those nearest to us, but ultimately to all the nations of the earth. Worship leads out in a desire that its blessing may be shared with all the people of the earth.

II. The Reason for Worship (vv. 4-6).

Why should we worship God? He is "great" and is a God so good and gracious that He is "greatly to be praised." He made the heavens. "Honor and majesty" stand before Him like sentinels; "strength and beauty" fill the holy place which is "his sanctuary." The very words bespeak that glorious majesty and gracious loving-kindness which impel the heart to worship. They encourage us who need and seek strength and beauty of life to seek communion with Him who dwells eternally in such an atmosphere.

III. The Manner of Worship (vv. 7-10).

We have suggested that fellowship with God prompts us to worship. Some would feel that nothing more is needed, but experience tells us that, while we may worship anywhere, we are helped to do so by proper surroundings and circumstances. We are told to "come into his courts" (v. 8) and to worship "in the beauty of holiness" (v. 9), or, as the Revised Version puts it, "in holy array."

John Ruskin wisely said: "It cannot be questioned at all, that, if once familiarized with a beautiful form and color, we shall desire to see this also in the house of prayer; its absence will disturb instead of assisting devotion; and we shall feel it as vain to ask whether, with our own house full of good craftsmanship, we shall worship God in a house destitute of it, as to ask whether a pilgrim, whose day's journey led him through fair woods and by sweet waters, must at evening turn aside into some barren place to pray."

We are to give or ascribe unto the Lord praise and glory among our "kindred" (v. 7); that is, our own family, as well as in "his courts." His sanctuary. Note that one of the outstanding ways of worshiping is to "bring an offering" (v. 8), which means more than casually slipping a small coin in the "collection." If our "offerings" are liberal and regular the church will be able to send the news that "the Lord reigneth" to the whole world (v. 10).

IV. The Universality of Worship (vv. 11-13).

A world which has felt the blow of man's sin (Rom. 8:22) and has suffered from his wickedness and destructive violence will so rejoice in the righteousness of God's judgment that even the realm of nature will break into joyous worship. What a beautiful picture we see in these verses, how God's creation will lift itself up in praise, the sea in tumultuous joy, when "the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees shall clap their hands" (Isa. 55:12).

Can man then hold his peace? Must not "mortal tongues awake" and "all that breathe partake" in wholehearted worship of God? Who then will want to stand among "them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" (II Thess. 1:7, 8), and with whom God can deal only in judgment of flaming fire?



GENERAL HUGH S. JOHNSON Says:

Washington, D. C.

AIR BASES FOR U. S.
Getting air and naval bases, from Iceland to the South American "bulge" should have the unified support of this country. It is a move in the direction we must go—which is to make our defense independent of the strength of any nation but our own. The only criticism of it is the inexcusable delay and lack of foresight in not having done it long ago.

But what we are giving for them is something else again. It has not been revealed. Neither have the details of our defensive deal with Canada. Canada is a nation at war. She has gone across the sea to attack a European power. It puts us in a position of saying to Europe: "American nations can attack you but if you counterattack them we will fight you."

Perhaps in view of our geographic and strategic problem, that can't be helped. But do our Canadian and British secret understandings go further? There was some implication in Mr. Churchill's recent peroration that they do—British and American "co-operation" in war rolling along the Old Man River, which is a symbol for fateful inevitability—the "flotillas of 1941," which sounded like a promise of American naval intervention.

Mr. Roosevelt is reported to have scouted the idea that there is anything in the deal for bases about our detaching a part of our insufficient navy—50 destroyers—to fight on the side of Britain. But things that Mr. Roosevelt scouts, like his third term ambition, have a curious and tortuous way of promptly coming true.

No matter how it may be disguised or how warlike lawyers now split hairs, the detachment of those destroyers is so clearly direct participation in this war that two years ago, examining the question coldly, there is not an international lawyer on earth who would not have regarded a contrary view as preposterous.

From his Chicago "quarantine" speech to the present moment, there has not been an act of the President inconsistent with an inference of his willingness, if not his intention, to mix this country up in the wars of both Europe and Asia. On the contrary, with increasing tempo and intensity, every act has been completely consistent with precisely that aim.

Mr. Ickes, Mr. Wallace and others have emphasized Mr. Willkie's "endorsement" of "our foreign policy." Mr. Ickes has suggested that this is like the God-awful 1936 campaign where there were no issues except "The New Deal is good but I can deal it better." The New Deal boys, hell-bent-for-a-war-crisis-before-November, had better look that thought over carefully.

Some of Mr. Willkie's Republican and Democratic supporters in New York are also minded to involve us in foreign war. But most of this country isn't. Especially that great stretch of America from the Alleghenies west isn't, and as I read his utterances, Mr. Willkie isn't.

WHAT DO WE DEFEND?

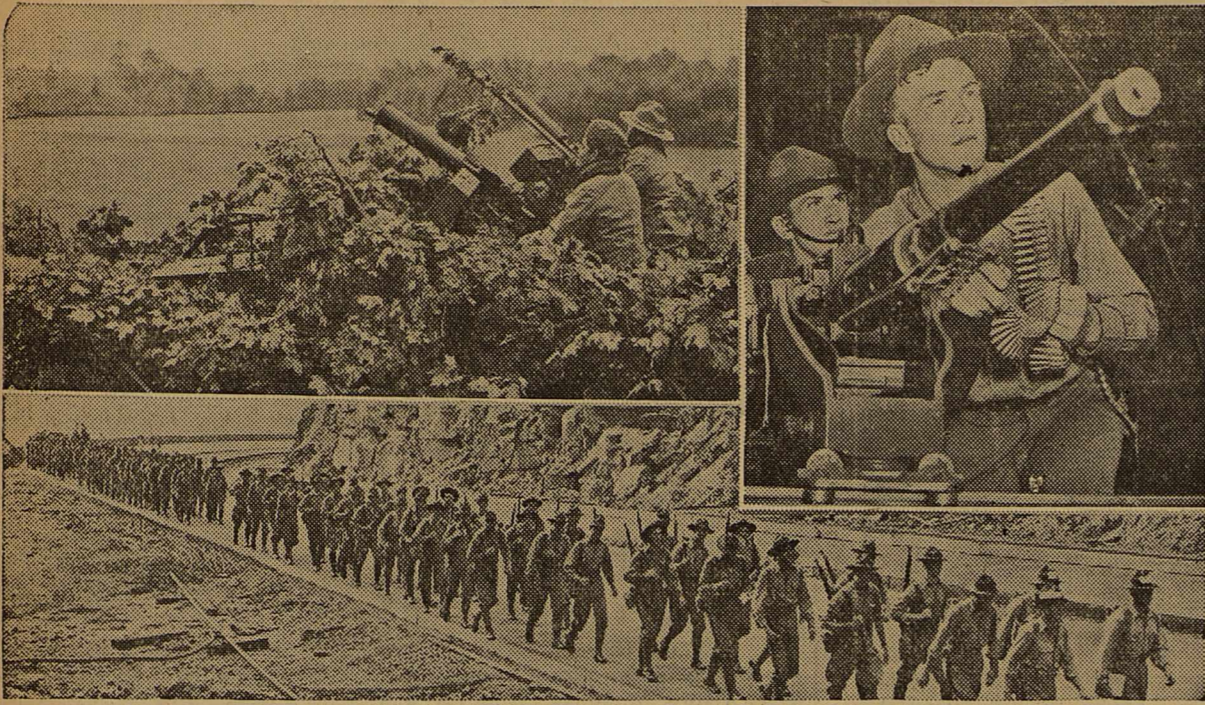
Step by step in the rapidly expanding policy of intervention everywhere, our general staff has been confronted with new and lightning-like changes in policy. There is this difference between the harnessing of Nazi foreign policy with Nazi military preparation—that Hitler planned nothing on foreign policy that his general staff hadn't been told to prepare in military strength and wasn't given time to prepare. In our case, the whole surprising brainstrom shift in a constantly increasing foreign policy of threat and aggression has proceeded with no regard whatever to our military preparation to make it good and with no sufficient allowance of time and money to do so.

General Marshall's talk about an army of 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 men was wholly based on a new diplomatic theory that we are to police every American country from the North Pole to Cape Horn. That theory is utterly fantastic and impossible. We can't afford it, couldn't do it and have no business indulging in any such popular deceptions and ludicrous international posturing.

It is about time that this government settled down and decided exactly what its foreign policy is going to be and, more precisely, as controlling that, exactly what policy it can enforce, without absurdity and possible disaster, within the realistic and reasonable limits of its present and immediately potential strength of arms and men on land, sea and in the air.

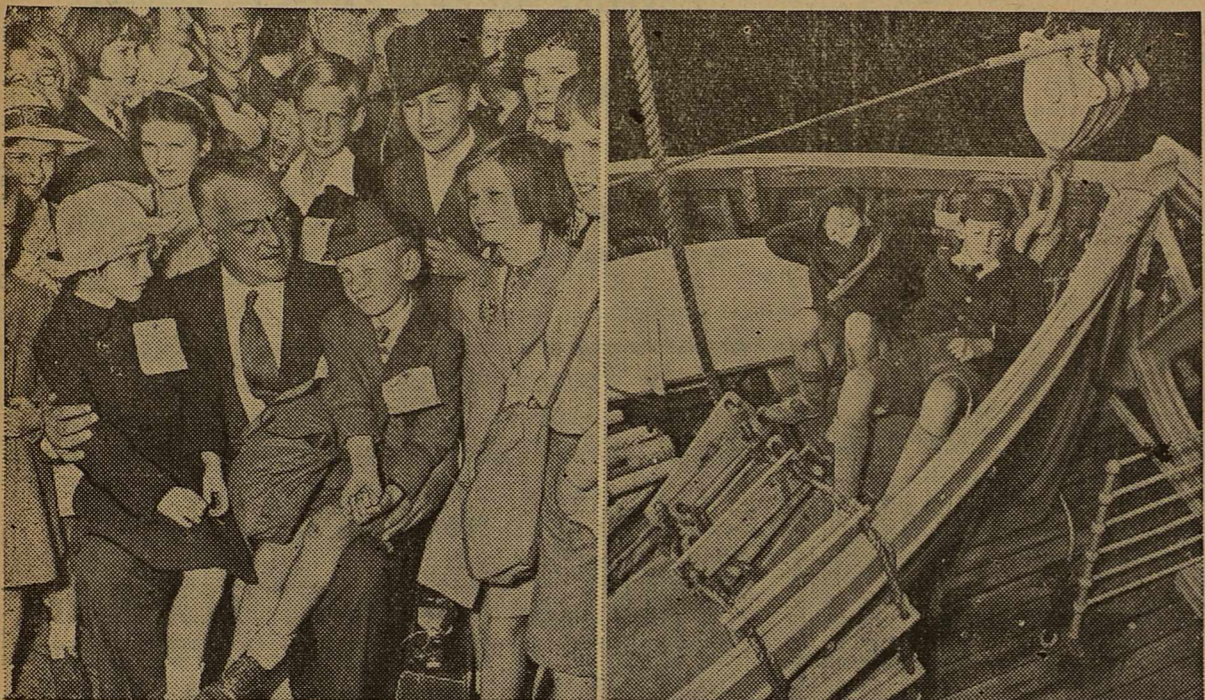
In that connection, the immediate controlling rubbin is naval and political policy in the Pacific. As between our necessary defensive policy of remaining dominant on both American coasts as far as Natal in Brazil and in addition to that of maintaining a threatening attitude in Asia, Indo-China and the East Indies, there is a difference of unestimated billions of dollars of expense and of comparative safety as contrasted with sprawling all over the map and constantly risking not only our prestige but our peace and even our existence.

Sham Battles Give Boys Strenuous Workout



Below is shown an infantry group of 400 West Point cadets marching on the new Storm-King by-pass, for a week of sham battles in the Orange county hills, New York. Fifteen hundred cadets with anti-tank guns and cavalry scout cars, simulating tank cars, participated in the sham battles. Upper right: West Point cadets man the guns in a combat car during maneuvers. The combat car is equipped with 50-calibre machine guns and two guns of 30 calibre. Upper left: A well camouflaged scout car of the Twenty-first Reconnaissance company of New York city is shown near the road in the vicinity of Pyrites, New York, scanning sky and road for invading "Black" forces marching down the St. Lawrence valley.

Child Refugees Met by Marshall Field



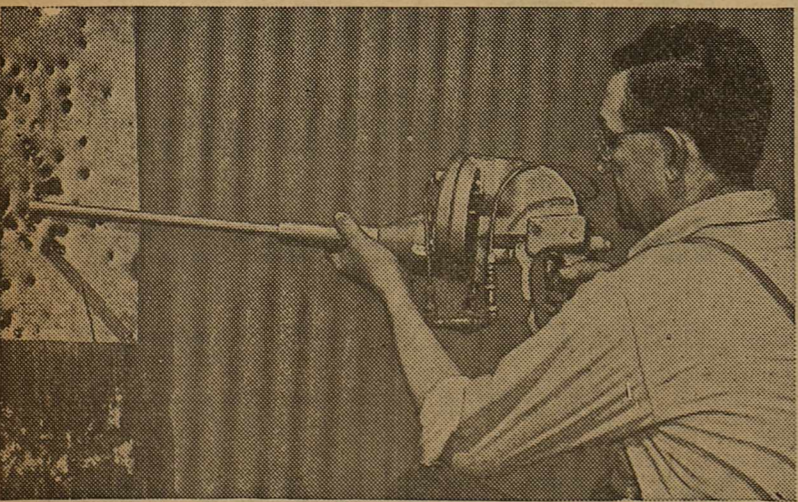
Left: Marshall Field, chairman of the committee for the care of European children, gets acquainted with Gwendolyn Kell, 6, of London, and Geoffrey A. Newbold, 6, of Middlesex, as the children arrive on the Samaria. Homes are available for them, and according to all indications, they were happy because of the hospitality extended to them. Right: Bunks were at a premium, and at times during the voyage some of the 138 refugee children from Great Britain slept in lifeboats. Clyde and Trevor Davies (shown) are so doing. They were sent to a home in Boston.

President Roosevelt at Maneuvers



The situation in the nation's biggest peace-time army maneuvers is explained to President Franklin D. Roosevelt by General Hugh Drum at Norwood, New York. The President, who is seated in his car, and the general carefully go over a map of the terrain over which the maneuvers were held.

Fires 10,000 Shots a Minute, Silently



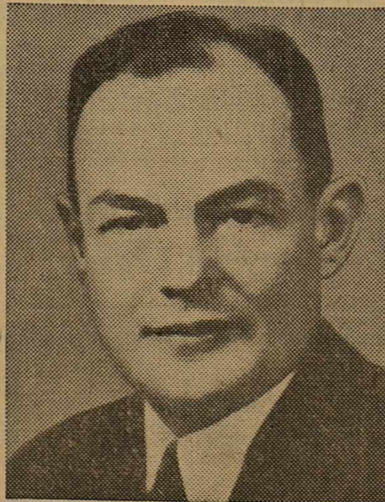
Put through a test by its two inventors, William Hale and Durand Beam, this rifle fired 10,000 shots per minute—with absolutely no noise. The rifle operates with compressed air. It reduced three-inch oak planks to kindling and turned airplane armor plate into steel mosquito netting. It resembles a sub-machine gun, and when it starts firing the barrel gets cooler instead of heating up.

To Arouse America

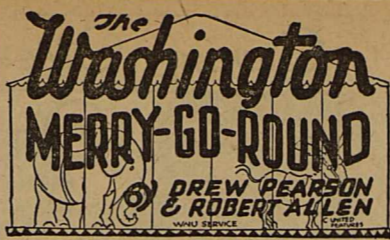


Artist James Montgomery Flagg is shown beside the poster he has just completed as a contribution to the work of the "Wake Up, America" committee, of which he is a member. Aims of the committee are physical and moral preparedness with mightier force, and the preservation of peace in the Western Hemisphere.

Succeeds Wallace



Claude R. Wickard, who has been nominated by President Roosevelt to succeed Henry Wallace as secretary of agriculture. A nomination by the President is tantamount to appointment.



Washington, D. C.

BULLITT MAY STUMP FOR BRITAIN AID

Ambassador Bill Bullitt, most versatile and volatile of all Roosevelt's diplomats, probably will go on the stump throughout the country campaigning for "national unity" and urging American support for Great Britain.

His tour will be divorced from the New Deal, and he will not return to his embassy in France.

Many of the men around Roosevelt now are far ahead of him in proposing aid to Britain, and some of them may co-operate with Bullitt in this movement. Some are definitely critical of the President, though close friend Bullitt is not. They feel that Roosevelt has been holding back, and that the country is ready to go much further than he.

DEFENSE BLOW-UP

If certain legislative and administrative snarls in the defense program aren't cleared up quickly, there is going to be a blowup in the defense commission that will knock a dent in the Roosevelt administration. Some fast footwork and placating White House palaver has kept the explosive situation under cover so far, but it is very serious.

Inside fact is that William Knudsen, who gave up a \$300,000-a-year General Motors job to become defense production chief, is getting restive over the delays he is encountering. He has made no threats, but he has also made it clear that unless he gets action he does not intend to continue in a position where he could be blamed for lack of production.

A "plain operations man," as he describes himself, Knudsen worked out a schedule of production for tanks, guns, planes, armor plate, and the other vital essentials for defense. But these plans, partly because of tax delays, partly because of business sit-downs, have encountered repeated obstructions.

For example: Knudsen was first told that the amortization problem, which has held up the construction of several new defense plants, would be handled in congress in a separate bill. But at the last minute, treasury tax experts objected to this and insisted that the matter be included in the excess (war profits) tax bill.

Next Knudsen was assured by congressional leaders that the tax bill would be passed by August 17. But first the Republicans recessed to attend the Willkie acceptance ceremonies at Elwood. Then it managed to get other delays.

RFC LOAN DELAYS

While this dilly-dallying was going on at Capitol Hill, Knudsen was having other difficulties with Federal Loan Administrator Jesse Jones.

The RFC was given wide powers by congress several months ago to make loans to industry for defense purposes. But when Knudsen submitted a list of plant expansions that needed financing, Jones balked.

He objected on the ground that one-third of the output of the plants would go to fill British war orders. Knudsen pointed out that this was not impairing U. S. preparedness, but on the contrary was providing the country with vital productive capacity at the expense of the British.

Still Jones, despite the President's policy of extending every assistance to the British, didn't like the idea of lending U. S. government money to aid factory expansion for the British.

BLITZKRIEG

It remains the firm conviction of Secretary of War Stimson and General Marshall, his chief of staff, that if Hitler is to invade this country it will come this fall before we are prepared. They are inclined to think that as soon as Hitler is finished with the British, he will move here. Stimson and Marshall have indicated this view to congress, but they are even more positive in their private conversations.

Despite the large air force guarding the canal, military authorities admit that it would be impossible for them to prevent an enemy air armada from getting over the locks. One well-placed bomb can put the locks out of commission for about three months.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

Pointing to the Willkie headquarters in Washington on the first floor of the Woodward building, directly under the TVA offices on the third floor, New Dealers wisecrack that "Willkie is still under TVA influence."

Significant of the extent of the split between John L. Lewis and his co-C. I. O. founder Sidney Hillman, labor defense commissioner, is the disappearance of Hillman's name from the letterhead of Labor's Non-partisan league.

Wendell Willkie and Edith Wilk (now Mrs. Willkie) attended Indiana university together—without meeting. They met in later years at the wedding of a friend.

The corn stalk discovered flourishing in a commerce department grass plot was no accident. It was planted by Lee Wood.



OVER 35 years ago Jack Chesbro stepped out and blew himself to 40 Yankee victories. A few years later Ed Walsh moved into the 40-game set, a record which doesn't include 10 or 12 other games he happened to save. Walsh that year worked in 66 ball games.

Under changed conditions it may be that Bob Feller will never reach the 40-game mark on the winning side, but with any luck at the age of 21 he will sit in the 30 winning-game division this next fall with such all-time performers as Christy Mathewson, Grover Alexander, Walter Johnson, Smoky Joe Wood and Lefty Grove. Matty and

Grantland Rice

Alexander reached this mark on three consecutive occasions.

But Feller is headed for the same fertile country at the age of 21. There is no telling what heights he might reach if the draft or war doesn't interfere. The Cleveland star is without any question the greatest young pitcher in baseball.

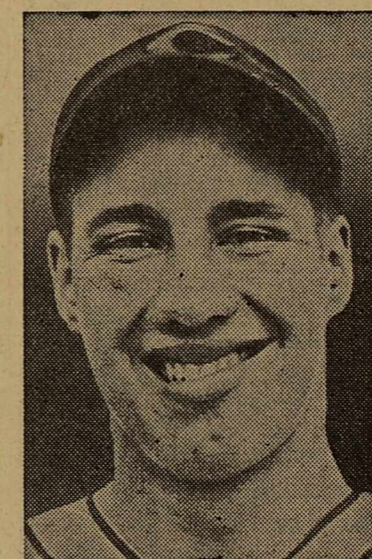
Matty was just getting under headway at 21 and Alexander was 24 when he came to Philadelphia and hung up 28 wins. But at 21 Feller is all ready to join the pick of the flock.

If the world ever settles down to something like its old normality there is no telling how many ball games Blasting Bobby might put away before he checks out.

Right From the Start

Feller was an amazing kid from the start. He came to Cleveland in 1936 at the age of 17—a big, ravenoned kid with a great pair of hands and a great pair of wrists.

You can imagine the feelings almost any 17-year-old player would carry into action, facing his first start under the Big Tent. Not Fel-



BOB FELLER

ler. He lacked control, but from the jump he was as cool as a slice of cucumber on ice.

After whiffing 17 of the enemy in one of his first games, the Van Meter phenomenon was a trifle too keen on the strikeout path for some time. This wrecked his control. He was also a bit lopsided at holding runners on base. But he has long since cured both faults. He has added a good curve ball to his speed.

Feller has the poise and balance of a much older man. He has shown no sign so far of an enlarged head, no sign of kid freshness with older men.

A fellow like Feller will mean a healthy package to Cleveland when the stretch running begins a few weeks later on. And a fellow like Feller can turn a world series upside down, if he gets the chance.

The Reds' Sad Story

When I sat on the bench a short while back with Bill McKechnie his Reds had a nine-game lead and they looked to be breezing. It was the first time I had ever seen Uncle Will breathing normally with his pulses in order. You could see that with this lead, plus Derringer, Walters and Thompson, his worries were just about over.

But they are not over now. It has been suggested that Willard Hershberger's death had a depressing effect. But the sliding had started before the young Red catcher ended his life.

The shock began when the Giants beat Bucky Walters in the game that Walters had tied up in a true lover's knot in the ninth inning with two out. The Reds have never quite recovered from that shock. Later on the suicide episode didn't help.

They were due for a slump, but no one looked for any such August dip. They still have the call with the pitching they have, but the old easy-going gallop is over. As some philosopher has said, "There is also gameness in front running." In fact, there is plenty.

What About Foxx?

The Mel Ott day was a knockout. No ball player had more wild laurel blossoms coming his way. Except possibly one James Emory Foxx of the Red Sox. Here is a great ball player and a great guy.

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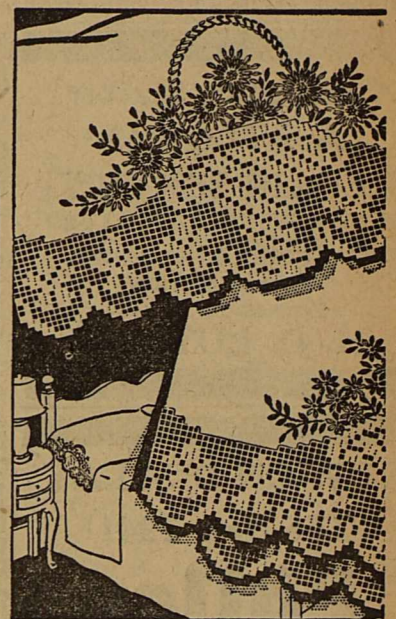
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All Equal

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Amateur Rodeo Presented Saturday Furnished Pleasing Entertainment

Highly complimentary reports of the entertainment presented with the amateur rodeo promoted by Roy Mitchell Saturday afternoon in Stratford have been given by those attending the rodeo. Approximately 127 cars of rodeo enthusiasts attended the show.

Roy Mason won the scramble race. Other entries were Cotton Gamble and Roy Mitchell. Lester Durham took first place in calf roping and C. P. Archer took second. Other entries were Roy Sessions, Doc White, Bill Trainham, D. S. Cluck, Bill King, Pete Cluck, Oscar Archer, Sam Cluck, Hardy Coffman, Pike Cluck, Keith Handlin, Bryan Handlin, Alton Robertson and Roy Mason.

Roy Sessions won first and Keith Handlin second in ribbon roping. Other contestants were Oscar Archer, Pete Cluck, Hardy Coffman, Bill King, D. G. Cluck, Bill Trainham, James Cameron, Sam

Cluck, Lester Durham, C. P. Archer, Pike Cluck, Doc White, Bryan Handlin, Alton Robertson and Hank Bryan.

Exhibition bronc riding was presented but there was no contest in this event.

Velora Hanna G. A.

The Velora Hanna G. A. met August 29 with Mrs. R. C. Lening. Thirteen cents was received on their Bible fund. The following program was given:

Opening prayer led by Leta Fae Taylor.

Scripture reading John 12:44-46; Mrs. Lening.

G. A. Allegiance:

Reveries of House Beautiful, Leta Fae Taylor.

Let Your Light So Shine: Billy Merle McWilliams.

Send out Your Light: Marcile McWilliams.

Closing prayer led by Mrs. Lening.

Punch and peanut butter cookies were served at the close of the program. The next meeting will be September 9 at 7:30 P. M. with Mrs. Lening. They will elect new officers.

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FIRST ACT OF THE PILGRIM LASSIES DISEMBARKING FROM THE MAYFLOWER IN 1620 WAS TO WASH THEIR LINEN. LIKE SO MANY TRADITIONS INHERITED FROM PILGRIM DAYS, THIS 1ST MONDAY BECAME THE ACCEPTED AMERICAN WASHDAY.

AMERICAN HISTORY BEGAN WITH A PILGRIM WASHLINE THAT HAS GROWN STEADILY LONGER, AND WHITER, THANKS TO HIGHER STANDARDS OF SOAP MANUFACTURE AND THE INVENTION OF MANY LABOR-SAVING DOMESTIC APPLIANCES.

MANY FRENCH TOWNS BOAST A COMMUNITY WASHTUB, USUALLY A STONE AFFAIR ACCOMMODATING SIX FAMILIES... HOUSEWIVES GATHER EACH WEEK TO WASH AND GOSSIP.

This money is to be turned into clouds of fighting planes, swarms of tanks, and a two-ocean fleet which will dwarf the naval might of any other power. All that makes an encouraging picture. What is not encouraging is the hard fact that government officials, and the industrialists in charge of defense preparations, are experiencing a very difficult time in turning the dollars into arms.

According to the War Department, an army of 2,000,000 men is necessary to defend this nation's interest in the Western Hemisphere. The Department is certain that such an army can be raised, in an orderly manner least disruptive to the social and economic life of the nation, only by compulsory, selective conscription. Yet, due largely to political reasons, the conscription bill has floundered about in Congress for weeks, and the Army has been growing only at the rate of 15,000 to 20,000 new recruits a month.

The two-ocean navy, under the best of conditions, cannot be completed for five years. And the best of conditions are not in sight now. Some ship contracts have been signed, but nothing seems to have been done to provide needed new facilities for making the necessary armor plate.

All authorities agree that a gigantic air fleet, whatever the exact number of planes, is absolutely necessary. But military plane production has been increased comparatively little. The Germans are supposed to be able to produce up to 4,000 planes each month. August plane production in this country will total about 895 ships, of which a considerable proportion are non-military, or are built for export.

Tanks are considered by many to

be as vital as planes; it was German tanks which won the battles of Belgium and Flanders and France after aircraft had done the preliminary work of destroying factories and towns and military depots, and disorganizing and terrorizing the civilian populations. We have not yet put in orders for big tanks, of the kind the Germans employed so effectively, and we have less than 700 light tanks on order.

We are even moving slowly in producing that basic arm, the rifle. Garand rifle production runs around 500 a day, which is considered far under the desirable rate. And experts have found serious faults in the Garand's design and operation; a problem which is still being acrimoniously debated.

During June and July, military contracts totaled \$1,250,000,000. That's a big sum; but the bulk of it was for Naval purposes, under a program which has been underway for a considerable time. Only about \$200,000,000 represents orders for the Army. So, unless the unexpected happens, it will be a long time before our defense amounts to much except on paper.

All this does not mean that we are unable to prepare against war; no nation on earth possesses our potential production. It simply illustrates the tremendous obstacles that arise when it is necessary to change from a peace economy to a war economy. The tax factor has been a major difficulty; present laws make it difficult and in some cases impossible for a company to expand sufficiently to meet arms program needs. The legal factor is another, as William Knudsen of the Defense Commission, has pointed out. Red tape slows matters down, and officials are in fear

of doing things that might later be construed a violation of the precise letter of the law. No one can be blamed for this, that's the way government normally works. The problem is to readjust the functioning of our government to emergency preparedness needs in such a manner that when the crisis is over we will not find emergency

preparedness needs in such a manner that when the crisis is over we will not find ourselves saddled with dictatorship, and the liberty we sought to preserve, destroyed.

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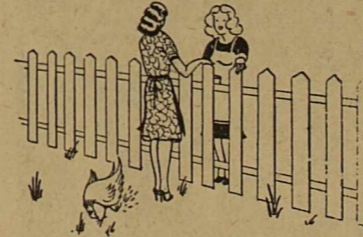
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"Read All About It!" There are certain responsibilities that go with being an American. For one thing, it's up to us — you and me and our neighbor — across the street — to make up our own minds about the various questions that harass the world and those that face us as a nation today.

Nobody gives us the answers, ready-made with no "ifs" or "buts" dangling on them, as they do in so many of the countries of Europe. Nobody says: "Just do what you're told and everything will be just dandy."

Instead we're shown the difficulties and uncertainties in every proposition that comes along. We're shown quite clearly that there are two sides to every question. Sometimes three or four sides! Those who believe in it say: "This is a thing we ought to do and it will work because—" And then they give us their reasons. And those who are against it say: "This is a bad thing, a very bad thing!" And then they tell us in no uncertain terms how awful the results will be if we go in for it.

Usually the truth lies somewhere in between these two extreme opinions and we, the people, see to it, somehow or other, that we take the middle way.

But listening to all of these arguments on the radio — reading about them in the papers — discussing them ourselves with our friends and neighbors and families takes time and trouble and makes us worry. Undoubtedly we worry a lot more than the people in the countries run by one man.

But isn't it worth any amount of worry and disillusionment and unpleasant facing the facts to know what's actually going on in the world and to have a part, even if a very small one, in determining what America shall do in this critical time?

Free speech, and a free press are two of the cardinal principles of a

democracy; as vital to this type of government as is the privilege of electing the people who govern us or having that right of a free people to found and run a business for legitimate profit without interference from the government.

It's a sobering thought — these days to realize that only in this country is the press free. Only here are we treated as adult, reasonable human beings and permitted to know all sides of a question. Only here do news boys calling an "extra" on the street cry: "Read all about it," and I'm sure no matter what happens we all of us want to continue to be able to read all about it!

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