



Holiday GREETINGS

They Saw A Star

In this day of rapid changes and fleeting fads it does the heart good to know that one custom has never changed since it was originated almost 2000 years ago --- the custom of cele-

brating the birth of the Prince of Peace.

Again we are approaching the anniversary of that memorable event, the night when a new and brighter star gleamed in the eastern skies, and men in far places paused to point it out and marvel at its brilliance. It has been almost two thousand years since shepherds, tending their flocks in the still hours of the night, stretched forth their hands as a greeting to the newest heavenly diadem and read within it the greatest message that has ever come to gladden and comfort the human heart. In its brilliant rays they read that "This Day There Has Been Born To The World A Savior".

Almost 2000 years, and yet we

find ourselves as firm in our belief that that message is true, and as steadfast are we in our rejoicing as were those who first read in it, freedom from an earthly bondage that had kept heavy the hearts of all mankind. Since the moment we first learned the meaning of Christmas none of the brilliance surrounding it has been dimmed, and passing years only make dearer the story that the star told in centuries long gone by. Faith and Hope are as strong in the breasts of humanity today as on the morn following the appearance of that star, when the world awakened to find that in truth there had come One capable of saving all who might look up and believe. And not alone has this grand message of cheer gladdened the hearts of that part

of the world in which it was first read, but it has spread to even the darkest corners until today every heart can feel the solace of the sweetest story ever told and they take on new hope.

To the citizens of our fair city and vicinity, we extend the greetings of the season. We Wish You A Merry Christmas. For each of you we hope that the star in the east shines as brightly and with a message as comforting as it did on that Christmas eve more than 1900 years ago. We want to hope that the year fast drawing to a close has found you stronger in your faith and love for your fellowman, and that the blessings that come from a life honestly and sincerely lived have been yours in abundance. Just



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as men have lived by the star in years gone by, men must, if they would truly enjoy living, be guided by it in all the years to come. And we broaden our hope that by it you have lived and shall continue to do so.

May Joy and Happiness and Peace to the portion of every one of you as you pass this Christmas milestone and push on down the road of Life to a glorious sunset.

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Attention, All Farmers

On Wednesday, Dec. 28, 1938, a meeting will be held at the high school auditorium in Bronte, at 3 p. m., and at the court house in Robert Lee at 7:30 p. m., to elect committeemen for the Coke County Agricultural Conservation Association for 1939.

All farmers in this county are eligible to vote for committeemen. It is to your interest, to be present at one of these meetings. Please be there.

The County Agent's office will be closed Saturday, December 24, and Monday, Dec. 26, for the Christmas holidays. Please do not call at the office on these dates, as no one will be there.

New Year Special Edition

With one of the staff suffering with the "flu," and one laboring under anticipations, and the office stove getting cranky, and some legal work necessitating two trips to Angelo, the Observer had no time to devote to a Christmas edition this week, but next week we are planning one for the New Year.

Baptist W. M. U.

The Baptist W. M. S. met in the church Monday afternoon to hear a lecture from a Rev. James who has been a missionary to the natives in Columbia, South America for about sixteen years.

Following the lecture the members went to the John Adams home for a social meeting. The hostess served mincemeat pie with coffee and chilled fruit juice.

For Sale -- 3 short horned bull calves see W. A. Payne

Boy Scout News

A group of Robert Lee business and professional men met Tuesday night with Mr. Rogers of San Angelo, and chairman of the council for the purpose of organizing a scout troop in Robert Lee.

This is a worthwhile organization and merits the help and cooperation of the people in this community. If ever a community needed a Scout Troop, our community does, and it is up to the citizens of Robert Lee to promote such an organization.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday night, January 5 and all parents and boys interested in scouting are urged to be present at this meeting.

Mr. Paul Good has been selected by the committee to serve as Scoutmaster, and Fred McDonald assistant.

Other committeemen and other interested persons present were Gerald Allen, J. S. Craddock, Frank Perciful, Hubert Buchanan, Marvin Barnes, Rev. Hoggard, Geo. L. Taylor, Lee Ramsour and Bobby Lee Davis.

Sometime

When your heart is almost breaking,
From the weight of grief it bears,
It just makes the load seem lighter,

When you know someone cares.
Hattie Pope.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express gratitude for the sympathy and neighborly help extended us during our late bereavement and also for the lovely floral offerings.
The Yarbrough Family.

Jim Bob Puett, who has been visiting here some time, left for his home in Dallas Thursday, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. T. E. Puett, who will spend the holidays there.

Three Fine Pictures Coming to Alamo

Friday and Saturday at the Alamo you will enjoy seeing the "Painted Desert" with George O'Brien-Loraine Johnson-Ray Whiteley. Also the 8th episode of "The Spider's Web" and a comedy.

Sunday and Monday we have Mark Twain's best classic, the "Adventures of Tom Sawyer." Most everyone is familiar with Tom, and now you can see his life depicted on the screen. Tommy Kelley plays the part of Tom Sawyer, Jackie Moran as Huck Finn, May Robson as Aunt Polly, Ann Gillis as Tom's fiancée, Victor Jory as Injun Joe, and many others. Also news flashes and a comedy.

Don't miss seeing this great picture filmed in colors.

Wednesday only "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife," with Gary Cooper, Claudette Colbert, Edward Everett Horton, Herman Bing. This is a widely advertised picture and said to be one of the best. Also a comedy.

It looks like the Upper Colorado River Valley Dam project is going to receive some more attention. Another survey is planned soon to determine if the work should be done.

Mrs. Fred DeLashaw is visiting in Eden this week, the guest of Mr. & Mrs. Roy Brey.

NOTICE

Mr. O. L. Pate has been appointed Pound Master for the City of Robert Lee. The pound pens are located on lot 10, block 66, adjoining Mr. Pate's residence.

City Commission.

For Sale -- Two young work horses, weight 2500. A bargain see Otto Wojtek

Old-Timer Visits Here

Bill McDonald, an old-timer of Robert Lee, was in town Tuesday and of Wednesday meeting old friends and talking over old times.

Mr. McDonald came to Robert Lee in 1892 and bought a little store, that stood on the present site of the Gulf Station, from a Mr. Jordan. He left here in 1903.

Mr. McDonald said Mrs. McDonald died three years ago. He will be 79 on Jan. 3.

Let's Go to Church Christmas?

The services Sunday morning will be held at the usual time at the Methodist church.

Of all the days when we should attend church when Christmas comes on Sunday. Pick out the church of your choice and worship on this day. We should all be present.

There will be no services Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Simpson returned Sunday night from Hot Spring, Texas, where Mr. Simpson took treatment for several weeks.

A community Christmas tree and program will be held at the Wild Cat school house Friday night, Dec. 23. Everyone invited.

Local merchants have enjoyed the best holiday trade this year they have in quite a spell.

The fine holiday business the merchants over the country have enjoyed this year must be an indication that 1939 is going to be one of the best. At least, let us hope so.

It is usually women who insist that they know all about managing husbands who have never had one.

Just Old Folks Now

Several couples, long-time residents of this community, are celebrating wedding anniversaries this month that stamp them as "old married folks."

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Havins have been married twenty-five years and have resided on the same place throughout their entire married lives. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Fikes celebrated their thirtieth anniversary about the middle of the month and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cumbie were married forty-four years on Tuesday of this week.

Anderson Jewell came here from Glasscock county last Thursday to assume the duties of assistant county agent, taking the place of Mr. Jacoby who has been placed as junior agronomist in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Davis and daughter are expected to be here from their home in Taft to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clift.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hester moved Tuesday from an apartment in the W. H. Bell home to a residence recently erected on the Sanco road in the northern part of town.

Mrs. Christensen of Dallas is here as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Earl Hoggard and Rev. Hoggard.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Duncan are announcing the birth of a son who made his advent last week in a San Angelo hospital.

One badly needed law is one that will prevent mother from washing the dishes while daughter sits in an easy chair and reads movie magazines.

As we go to press Thursday afternoon the indications are good for rain or snow. Either would be a welcome visitor to this section just now.

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Weekly News Analysis
G.O.P. Keeps Election Promise,
Drafts New Pension Measures
 By Joseph W. La Bine

EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of the newspaper.

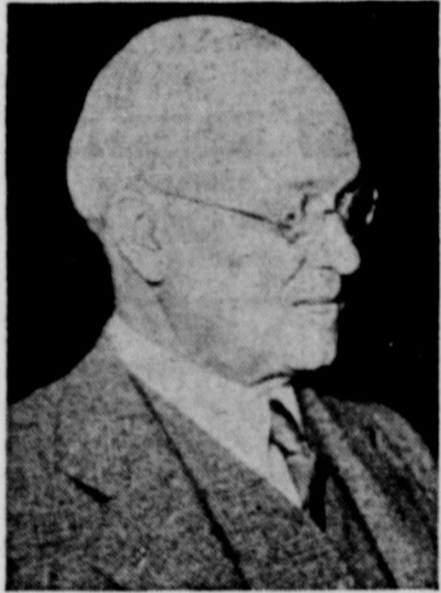
Congress

As the U. S. becomes a nation of older men and women (caused by declining birth rate) federal-state support of the indigent aged is no longer a political football but has emerged as an acute problem recognized by Democrats and Republicans alike. The present social security setup was a New Deal inspiration, but 1937's recession proved even this revolutionary step was insufficient. This month almost every congressman converging on Washington carries a new plan in his portfolio, foreshadowing the most heated battle to confront the seventy-sixth congress.

Many Republicans would like to forget that 40 of their 81 new members were elected this year on promises to support the Townsend measure or bring the pension issue to a vote. But one who refuses to forget, and who will undoubtedly fire the opening gun in next month's pension argument, is Massachusetts' Rep. Allen T. Treadway. Ranking minority member of the house ways and means committee, he will embarrass his political partisans by offering a resolution for hearings on Townsendism.

When pension arguments are sifted down, Washington observers expect Townsendism to drop from the picture, to be followed by a clear-cut Democrat-vs.-Republican debate on how social security shall be amended. In this argument the most surprising feature may be Republican support of a \$30-a-month federal old age contribution, featuring a 60-year age limit as against the present limit of 65 years. If states could equal the \$30 federal contribution, pensioners would then receive \$60 a month.

Where the federal government could raise \$30 a month, or where states could raise even less, is a moot problem. There are currently 1,656,700 persons on pension rolls, costing the U. S. about \$238,500,000 for the fiscal year. States pay \$250,129,000. This gives each of the



MASSACHUSETTS' TREADWAY
 Promises will not be forgotten.

1,656,700 indigent an average of \$19. If all eligible persons were added to the rolls, the number would swell to more than 3,000,000. Since the U. S. is already using social security payroll taxes as fast as they come in, and since most states are unable to raise their \$15 monthly share for each pension, any plans to increase payments must be preceded by plans for financing the system.

Europe

The long-cherished hope that Great Britain would eventually discover the futility of Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's dictator "appeasement" policy is at last bearing fruit. Faced with a new series of crises, Mr. Chamberlain is presumably being forced to reverse his stand or resign. Most significant was the dinner at Lord Stanley Baldwin's home, attended by King George VI and a group of right-wing Labor leaders, all strenuous opponents of the Chamberlain government.

Even as the king broke bread with this crew, another anti-Chamberlain leader was en route to the U. S. where he leveled veiled criticism at the man whose cabinet he left in anger. Anthony Eden, one-time foreign minister, told the National Association of Manufacturers that democracies must resist "false complacency" in viewing international perils, that "the survival of democracy must depend on the faith which it inspires . . . the results which it can achieve."

Within a few days the long-awaited results of Mr. Chamberlain's Munich "peace" treaty became despairingly apparent on three fronts, making the prime minister realize he must either turn about-face (if it is not too late) or resign to be followed by Lord Baldwin or Mr. Eden:

Memel. Detached from German East Prussia by the Versailles treaty, later ceded to Lithuania, this 943-square-mile territory on the Baltic is being absorbed back into the



ANTHONY EDEN
 Mr. Chamberlain's successor?

Reich without consultation with—or protest from—the four guarantors of the Memel statute (Britain, France, Italy and Japan). Using "Sudeten" methods, Germany first provoked Memelites to cry for autonomy. Following a victorious plebiscite came the cry for "anschluss" (union) with the Reich. Although Hitler announced after the Munich treaty that he had no more European territorial claims, no one doubts his agents are behind the Memel coup.

Ukraine. While world attention has been focused on the Franco-Italian crisis (see below) Hitler has quietly but effectively begun agitation for his projected Ukraine republic, to be carved out of Poland and Russia. A Nazi-inspired autonomy move in the Polish Ukraine, the first step, is being correlated with activity of German agents in the Russian Ukraine. The latter step is especially well timed, since meager reports out of Moscow indicate the Soviet republic is weakened by internal strife. Not content to stop there, Hitler has opened negotiations with Persia and Afghanistan for German exploitation of oil and wheat lands. In the Balkans, Yugoslavia has practically renounced the little entente to follow pro-Nazi Premier Milan Stoyadinovich, a result of the December election.

France. No observer believes the recent French-German treaty is worth anything, because the Reich has actually increased anti-French activity since it was signed. France has alliances with Poland and Russia, both of which have been ignored in Germany's Ukrainian drive. France dominates the little entente, which Hitler has defeated in Yugoslavia and is undermining in other Balkan countries. And—most important—France resents Germany's support of Italian demands for Tunisia, Corsica, Nice and Savoy. Current opinion holds that France will surprise Germany and Italy with a strong and unexpected resistance to these territorial demands.

International

Any shift in world military power is invariably followed by economic changes. One of these is world trade, in which Great Britain finds her position threatened by aggressive Germany. Taking a thoroughly revolutionary position, England has now broadened her government trade insurance plan to safeguard exports of materials ordinarily refused as poor risks. Beginning January 1, the export credits department may incur liabilities up to \$375,000,000 instead of the present \$250,000,000. To cover special risk items, another \$50,000,000 has been set aside. The latter policy, incidentally, will facilitate shipment of war goods to China.

If this aggressive British position has caused Germany any worry, Berlin can rejoice in a \$17,000,000 barter deal with Mexico, under which she will buy oil in exchange for manufactured items. In this case, Germany's gain is Britain's loss, since London has almost completely severed diplomatic and trade relations with Mexico over expropriation of British-owned oil lands.

Asia

The possibility of a major Far Eastern crisis involving Japan, China and Russia becomes more imminent each week. Far from denying it, Japan has taken new hitches in her economic belt and settled down for a struggle which may begin shortly after January 1. Having made supplementary army-navy appropriations of \$1,634,400,000, Japan faces a probable Russ-Chinese alliance forcing her to desperate measures to protect what gains she has already made in China.

Having penetrated deep into the vast Shanai province, Jap troops are confronted with guerrilla attacks which in 10 days cost 6,000 lives. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, who is already getting supplies from Russia, promises the guerrilla warfare will continue. That Japanese are at a disadvantage fighting so far from their base of operations is evidenced by Chinese recapture of several key towns near Canton.

Two clashes with Russia form the basis for a new war scare. The first concerns Japanese fishing concessions in Russian waters. Though Russia refuses to renew the concessions, which lapse January 1, Tokyo threatens to continue fishing even though an armed patrol is needed. The second dispute centers on Sakhalin island, where the Japs charge Russia is seeking to expel Nipponese oil workers. For her part, Moscow is demanding Japanese payment for the Russian interest in the Chinese eastern railroad, seized when Japan took Manchuria.

Meanwhile Japan has substantiated the belief held by observers for many months, that China's "open door"—guaranteed by the nine-power treaty—is about to be closed. Seeking to liberate Japan and China from dependency on foreign markets, finance and raw materials, Tokyo has virtually dictated what Great Britain and the U. S. can henceforth expect in the way of trading privileges. Shrugging its shoulders over still another treaty broken in 1938, the U. S. state department has called home Nelson T. Johnson, ambassador to China, to see what can be done about it.

JOBS WANTED

MAYOR—Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, may retire from office to run for Democratic nomination as Chicago's mayor.

PRESIDENT—John Nance Garner, vice president of the U. S., is being boomed for the presidency by his boyhood friends at Detroit, Texas. One claim to fame: the mud-chinked log cabin where Garner was born.

SECRETARY—Anthony Eden, who retired as British foreign secretary in opposition to Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, may return to the cabinet next month as dominions secretary.

LEADER—Massachusetts' Rep. Joseph Martin will be elected house Republican leader on the first ballot next month, since 109 of the 169 G. O. P. partisans have assured him their support.

Pan-America

Before they left to attend the eighth Pan-American conference at Lima, U. S. delegates spoke optimistically of efforts to unite the Western hemisphere into a solid bloc opposing European or Asiatic aggressors. But the picture looked vastly different from below the equator. At Lima they found representatives of 20 other American nations who exhibited justified coolness toward the "colossus of the north" whose President has taken the lead in what they think might be another attempt at "Yankee imperialism." U. S. delegates discovered that South American nations have their cultural centers in Rome, Paris and Madrid; that despite any U. S. ambitions to the contrary, Pan America will insist on maintaining its trade relations with Europe.

Thus, although Secretary of State Cordell Hull received a warm reception, he could not expect much to come from the conference. South American nations are generally agreed that totalitarian propaganda must be stopped, but they neglect to consider that Nazi trade and propaganda travel together, that countries accepting one must also take the other. This is the principle weakness of a proposal introduced by the Venezuelan delegation, which calls for co-operative action against military aggression but fails to consider political aggression.

A prerequisite to hemispherical defense plans is hemispherical cordiality, which occupies an important place on Mr. Hull's list. Stumbling blocks here are Mexico's communistic policy of expropriating U. S. oil and farm lands, and Argentina's desire for more trade and better relations with Italy and Germany.

Star Dust

- ★ So Back Came Olivier
- ★ A Chance for Stardom
- ★ Air and Screen Lure

By Virginia Vale

LAURENCE OLIVIER startled Hollywood the other day by telling a bit of unflattering truth about himself. Recently imported to play opposite Merle Oberon in "Wuthering Heights" for Samuel Goldwyn, he announced that he was fired the last time he was in Hollywood, and went home determined never to go there again. After all, he'd made a success on the stage, both in London and New York—why should he bother with pictures? Especially if pictures wouldn't bother with him!

You see, he was asked to go to Hollywood five years ago, to work with Greta Garbo in "Queen Christina." "But Garbo didn't like me," announced Mr. Olivier. "And I was fired—kicked out."



LAURENCE OLIVIER

Resentfully he departed. But he couldn't resist Mr. Goldwyn's persuasions, backed by a handsome pay check.

Incidentally, "Wuthering Heights" will give us something comparatively rare on the screen nowadays—a villain who isn't an American, but is Mr. Olivier, who's British as can be. Foreign censorship has played hob with pictures in which the villains represented foreign countries; the country concerned was practically certain to make a fuss, saying that people would judge all of its population by that one bad example. So all villains have had to be Americans. Apparently Olivier can present the kind of villain the British won't object to.

One number in Fred Astaire's "The Castles" may be a star-maker. It's "The Girl on the Magazine Cover," and for it Hermes Pan, the picture's dance director, is interviewing 1,000 girls, in order to select the eight prettiest girls in Hollywood. With a start like that, at least one of them ought to have her name above theaters in lights before another year passes.

Lanny Ross made two guest appearances on the CBS Hit Parade and was promptly signed up for a full year. It's his first regular radio assignment since he broadcast from Hollywood several months ago.

Patricia Crosby, Bing's fourteen-year-old niece from Seattle, was a visitor at one of her uncle's broadcasts recently, but she refused to sit in the audience. She and her father and mother listened from a booth off-stage, because Patricia thought their presence "might make Uncle Bing nervous."

John Griggs, who plays the villain, "Zero Smith," in the "Howie Wing" radio serial, can have a respite from playing villains if he wants to. Sinclair Lewis has offered him a part in the stage play that he and Fay Wray have written. Griggs thinks he'll take the part if Mrs. Griggs can have one too.

Movie folk have something new to worry about these days. Many of them have been appearing on radio broadcasts that originate on the Coast, and liking both the experience and the pay checks. In fact, it's getting so that a movie actor is likely to feel that he can't really be popular unless he's a success on the air as well as on the screen.

So—every little while up bob rumors that most of the big radio programs now aired from the Coast have decided to return to New York.

ODDS AND ENDS—Getting a watch isn't so difficult as it used to be, if you live in New York; you just get a place on one of the quiz programs that gives watches to winners, and there you are! . . . Dog owners swear by Bob Becker's "Chats About Dogs," aired on NBC every Sunday afternoon; he's an authority. © Western Newspaper Union.

Unfaithfulness

The lines of suffering on almost every human countenance have been deepened, if not traced there, by unfaithfulness to conscience, by departures from duty. To do wrong is the surest way to bring suffering. Those sins which are followed by no palpable pain are yet terribly avenged, even in this life. They abridge our capacity of happiness, impair our relish for innocent pleasure, and increase our sensibility to suffering. They spoil us of the armor of a pure conscience and of trust in God, without which we are vulnerable by all the changes of life. Thus, to do wrong is to inflict the surest injury on our own peace.—Channing.

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THE SPECIALS

BANNER SERIAL FICTION

She Painted Her Face

A story of love and intrigue . . . by **DORNFORD YATES**

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WNU Service

CHAPTER XI—Continued

Then I sealed the envelope up and addressed it to the Duchess of Whelp. And then Winter fetched Parish again and I gave it into his hand—and made him swear to hold it till the following day.

At half past three I saw the Duchess again.

She spoke to me very kindly and said that my lady had told her of our "most unpleasant experience" the night before and hoped that I was no worse for my struggle to save my life. After that she wished me good luck "in the matters you now have in hand" and said she should look for my coming in four days' time. And when I kissed her hand, she lifted me up and held my face against hers and thanked me for "plucking our darling out of the jaws of death."

Then, though I knew my way, she called Godolphin and told her to show me out; and before I knew where I was, I was passing through the state of the bedroom which Brief reserved for persons of royal descent. Thirty seconds later I stood in the picture-gallery . . .

Elizabeth turned from a window and came to my side.

"Come and sit down, my darling." She put her arm through mine and led the way to a seat. "You look so tired and shaken, and though God knows you have cause, it isn't like you. And now you're going straight off—to travel day and night to London and back. Oh, I wish I was going with you. I shan't know a moment's rest till I see you again."

With a superhuman effort, I braced myself for the part which I could not play. Somehow I had to play it—for both our sakes. She simply must not know that this was the end.

I got to my feet and drew her into my arms.

"My sweet," I said, "if I seem to you unnatural, that is because I am trying to play a part. I am trying my best to pretend—to make myself believe that I do not mind taking my leave. If you cannot help me to this, then my resolution will crack and I shall not go. After all, I've a fine excuse—I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come." And the man I promised to speak for can go to hell . . .

"Now I never realized how much it was going to cost me to keep the promise I made. It is costing me so much that I dare not consider the price, because, if I did, I know that I shouldn't pay it—and yet it's got to be paid, if I am to keep my word. So I'm trying to make believe."

"Now, of course, it's utterly hopeless to pretend that I don't mind going and leaving you here. I might as well pretend that I liked being down in that well. So I've made up my mind to pretend that, when I run into Innsbruck, I'm running out of some dream."

"After all, it's been rather like one—for me, I mean. Raven, Tracery, Brief; and the Duchess of Whelp—and you. Who ever saw anyone like you outside some dream? Who ever saw such beauty of face and form? What hair ever smelled so sweet? What temples were ever so lovely? What hands were ever so cool? And what queen ever spoke so gently, or told a man that she loved him, or put up her darling mouth—except in a dream? So I'm going to pretend I've been dreaming . . . for if I've been dreaming, I don't have to leave you behind. My dream, my shining wonder, will always be here—in my heart. There can be no separation. No miles can lie between us because you are not of this world. When I'm crossing the Channel, I shall hold you as close in my arms as I'm holding you now. Day and night you'll be with me—always: sleeping and waking. I'll have my cheek against yours." I threw back my head and laughed. "I shall be so rich I'll be almost afraid to come back, because that will mean the rendering up of my dream."

"Dropping shadow for substance," she smiled. "Perhaps you won't like me so well."

Then she laid her head on my chest and I laid mine against hers. And so we stayed, while the merciless sands ran out—and the blood ran with them, out of some hole in my heart.

Some clock struck four, and I felt a tremor run through her before its knell.

Once more I braced myself.

Then I put my hand under her chin and lifted her lovely head.

"Good-by, Elizabeth Virgil."

"Good-by, my love."

I kissed her lips.

Then we let one another go, and I turned and walked out of the gallery, down to the hall.

One minute later the Rolls was clear of the terrace and was whipping up to the woods that neighbored the entrance-drive.

I remember next to nothing of the journey we made that night.

A petrol-pump, highways and mountains and the growl of a frontier guard; a bridge, all white in the moonshine, and then the glare of my headlights fading before the dawn these things make up the nightmare through which I drove, with Winter asleep beside me against his will.

I know that at ten the next morning we came to Basle, and, because I could go no further, I drove to the old hotel at which I had lain for two nights three weeks before.

From there I wrote to my darling—a halting, pitiful note, in which I tried to make out how rich we must always be, because we had picked our flower when it was in full flush, so that now it could never wither or run to seed.

That evening we left for Strasbourg, and, after driving all night, embarked at Calais for Dover the following afternoon.

It was as I walked the deck and saw the cliffs of England taking their ancient form that it first occurred to me that when I stepped ashore I should come to the end of my plans. My one idea had been to retrace my steps and to put the sea between me and my heart's desire; but now, in a few minutes' time, I should have achieved this purpose, and since life had to be lived, I should have to take thought for the morrow and, plainly, decide what to do. For a moment I knitted my brows . . . But either because I was tired or because, to be honest, I did not care what I did, the effort seemed not worth making, and I let my thoughts fly back—to a slim figure standing alone . . . in an echoing picture-gallery, full of the lenient splendor of afternoon sun.

The steamer had berthed, and I was standing amidships, watching my fellow-passengers hasten ashore, when I found a man standing beside me, with a hand to his hat.

"Mr. Exon, sir?"

He was a commissioner, and he had a note in his hand.

"That's right," said I.

He gave me the note at once.

Within was a typewritten sheet.

The Duchess of Whelp presents her compliments to Mr. Richard Exon and begs that, as soon as may be, he will present himself at Tracery, where he will hear of something to his advantage.

With a hammering heart, I stared at the messenger.

"How did you know," I said, "that I should be coming this way?"

"I didn't, sir," he said simply.

"There's a man with a note for you at each of the ports. Every boat from France has been met for 24 hours."

CHAPTER XII

"No, you don't, sir," said Winter, stoutly. "I don't care what's in the wind. I promised her ladyship I'd make you look after yourself. I 'aven't done nothing so far—because of the look in your eyes. But now that's gone, thank Gawd. An' if you won't rest here a day before startin' back—well, I've got the Rolls locked and I'll chuck the keys into the sea."

So it came about that nearly four days went by before, after sleeping at Innsbruck, I saw the chimneys of Tracery rising against the blue.

Heavy rain must have fallen the night before, for woods and pastures were green as I had never seen them, and the countryside was glancing before the smile of the sun. All the fragrance of earth and her fruits was lading the lively air, and the mountain-tops were making a mock of distance and hoisting their lovely detail for all the world to see.

As twice before, I entered the waning courtyard and berthed the Rolls; but before I was out of the car, the doors of the mansion were opened and Parish was descending the steps . . .

Five minutes later I stood before the Duchess of Whelp.

She was dressed in gray, as usual, and was sitting at ease in a salon, the open windows of which gave on to the moldering splendor of terrace and park.

As usual, by painting her face, she had done her best to disfigure her splendid countenance, and, as usual, its noble features and her majestic air were turning their motley into a robe of state: on a table, beside her, lay papers—among them my letter and the statement which had been indorsed.

As the door closed, she looked up; and after a moment or two, she put out her hand.

I went forward and kissed it at once.

As I straightened my back, she spoke.

"Come for your cake, have you?"

"Madam, I have obeyed the orders you saw fit to send."

She pointed to a chair.

"Sit down," I did as she said. "I was right when I said you had taken the bit in your teeth; but it never occurred to me you were going to bolt."

"Madam," said I, "with respect, I shall always believe I was right to do as I did."

"Without speaking to me?"

"Yes, madam—because I had nothing to say. It was understood between us that, when I had done what I could, I should 'bow and go.'"

"Quite so," said Old Harry, "quite so. But you needn't have gone like that."

"Madam," said I, "the water was up to my chin. That night when—when Elsa fled, we were more or less pitchforked into each other's arms. Had I stayed—"

"Why didn't you come to me and tell me the truth?"

"And ask to be let off—in view of what I had done? Forgive me, madam, but I don't think you'd have done that."

"No, I shouldn't," said Old Harry. "I should have come and demanded the hand of the Countess of Brief." I started at that, but she took no notice at all. "And if my demand had been questioned, I'll tell you what I should have said. I should have said, 'Look here. That she loves me is nothing; that I love her is less. But I've saved her life twice over and damned near lost my own. I've made one man cut his throat and I've killed two more . . . And if you imagine I've done all these parlor tricks to keep her nice and warm for somebody else, then, by God, I'd have said, 'you've made a mistake in your man.'"

I stood up and folded my arms.

"Madam," I said, "I'll see you. Take it as said."

Old Harry regarded me straightly.

"This, to me, Richard Exon?" was all she said—but the words were sharply spoken and stung my ears as a lash.

Such rank injustice was more than my blood could stand.

"And this, madam. Your wisdom is infinite, and you can draw distinctions which I cannot comprehend. You speak of 'judgment' and 'instinct' as if the one was black and the other white. But I can see no difference between the two. In all I have done in this matter, I have acted as I thought best; and when I left Brief last Wednesday, I was acting according to my lights. You saw fit to call me back . . ."

"Five minutes ago I told you a thundering lie. I said that I had come in obedience . . . Madam, I did nothing of the kind. I came to receive your permission to marry the Countess of Brief. Had your note not promised me that, you might have called me until you were black in the face . . . and I would never have answered, much less have come. And now, if you please, I should like to have my cake."

"Well, I'm blessed," said Old Harry. "Black in the face." Never in all my life has anyone ever dared to address me like that. The more's the pity, of course. If only they had, I should be more tolerant now."

"I do not find you intolerant, madam."

"I'm much obliged," said the Duchess; "but don't let's get on to my faults, or we shall be here all night. One picks up quite a number in 70 years. And now unfold those arms and sit down in that chair. You shall have your cake in

due course. But first, as once before, I must take a hammer and chip the scales from your eyes. I like to think, Richard Exon, that when you came into this chamber you found your reception cold. I mean, I didn't burst into tears and throw my arms round your neck."

"You have been kinder, madam."

"Well, I'm glad you got it," said Old Harry. "Your reception was cold, because it was meant to be cold. I deplore and despise the sex to which I belong. I always have. We have few virtues and many contemptible traits. But who is Richard Exon to tread on our traditional corns?"

"Madam," said I, something startled, "I've no idea what you mean."

"Of course you haven't," says she. "But that's because you're a fool. Women are curious, Richard—get hold of that. They must know—everything. And what is more to the point, they've got to know it at once." She held up my letter. "And you walked out of my life . . . and left me this." She covered her eyes.

"And I helped you to do it. I helped you to keep me waiting for days."

"Madam, I—"

"Listen to this. I told him that he would be arrested, unless he made himself scarce. That's all. That is your dispatch—your account of the fall of a stronghold which I had been racking my brain how best to assault. Fall? Crash. The man left Brief the same night . . . And now perhaps you'll tell me by what supernatural means you uprooted in half an hour, without any tools, a tree which has stood and flourished for 22 years. And that, if Parish may be believed, upon an empty stomach."

"Madam, I'm sorry. I—"

"Damn your sorrow," screamed Old Harry, waving her arms. "Declare to me how you did it, you wretched boy. Cool my brain in explanation. Assuage my thirst. That's all I sent for you for—to learn the truth."

I tried not to laugh, and failed. And the Duchess got up and shook me, and then pulled me on to a sofa and sat with my hand in hers.

"Word for word," she said quietly. "Don't leave a syllable out."

I told what there was to tell; and, when I had done, she thanked me very sweetly.

Then I asked of Elizabeth and Herrick, to learn that the latter was at Raven and the former at Brief. Since there was much to be done, Herrick went over to Brief for the whole of each day, assisting my lady as I could never have done, for he was a fine man of business and, as I have said, could speak German without a fault.

And then we came back to myself. "You must understand this," said the Duchess. "Exactly ten days ago, before ever we left for Brief, Elizabeth told me plainly that she meant to become your wife. Well, I didn't argue with her, because I approved her choice. The difficulty confronting me was to make Richard Exon—not worthy to be her husband, but eligible to marry the Countess of Brief. Well, I think I can bring it off—but only by your consent."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Nature's Piano Tinkles in Deep Jamaica Caves

A "piano" tinkles deep in the Dry Harbor caves on the North shore of Jamaica, writes a Kingston, Jamaica, B. W. I., correspondent in the Philadelphia Inquirer.

This "piano" is a series of stalactites which, when struck, give out notes resembling those of tubular bells.

The caves are at Hopewell, between Runaway bay and Dry Harbor. They resemble closely the Roman catacombs or an early Gothic crypt and are also famous for their picturesque mineral incrustations. Shimmering shafts of light from above cut through the weird darkness, and here and there the roots of the ficus hang down and crawl along the floor.

Dry Harbor is 13 miles west of St. Ann's bay. It was here on May 4, 1494, that Columbus landed and took formal possession for Spain. The town received its name because no fresh waters or wells were there at the time.

Runaway bay is so called because it was here that the last of the Spaniards left the island after surrendering to the conquering English.

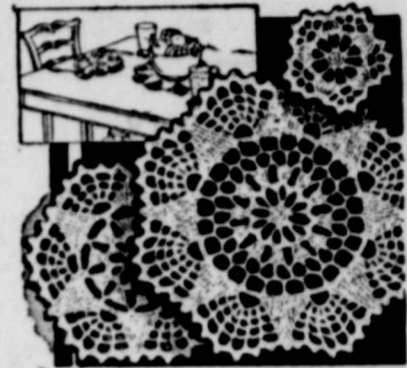
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May happiness, prosperity and great success attend you in the year to come.

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COUNTY JUDGE
& Ex-officio School Supt.
COKE COUNTY, TEXAS

DEATH PENALTY

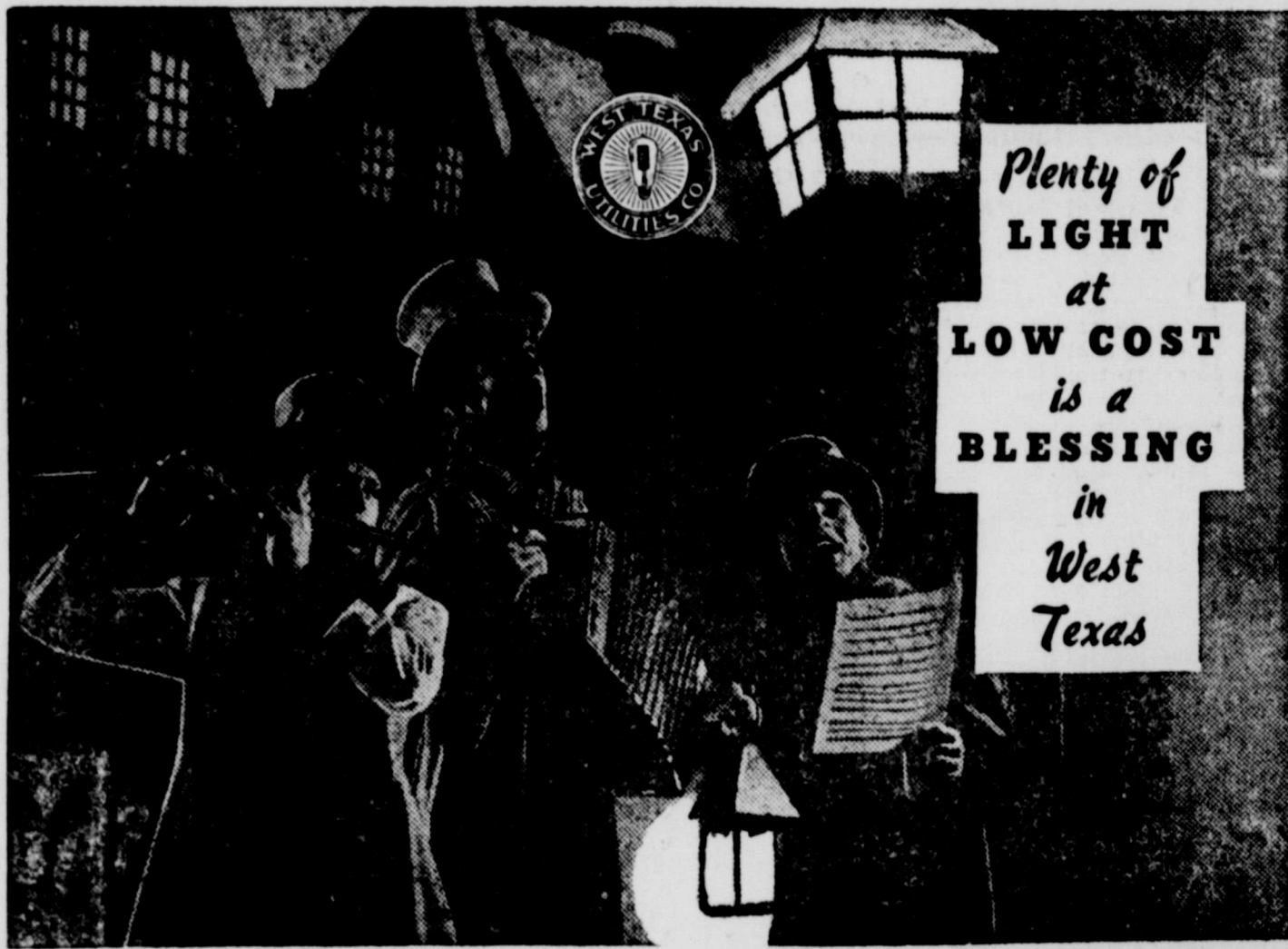
The O'Daniel plea for repeal of the death penalty in Texas lost a lot of ground in the brutal slaying of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kennedy of near Miles, the bludgeoning of their two little girls, and kidnaping of a third by the fiend slayer. One other thing sticks out in the admission of the murderer that he was crazy drunk on whisky and beer.

District Attorney O. C. Fisher has already asked the death penalty. A Tom Green county jury in 1928 gave a slayer here the death penalty without equivocation and it is certain that the same thing will be accorded Frank Salazar early in 1939, just about 12 years from the time this county was agitated almost to the mob violence. It was rumored this time, and that's another thing to be considered about repeal of the death penalty. When it's as deserved as in the case of Newton Byrnes or of Frank Salazar, penalty encouragement would be accorded the taking of justice into private hands, were it not for the certainty that the courts can and will act.

Being crazy drunk affords no alibi. It only adds to the indictment of a vicious business and helps to build up sentiment for outlawing one of the chief sources of crime. Repeal had its friends a few years back, but it has been losing them steadily since and today a country-wide poll reveals 36 per cent against it. So long as it contributes to the delinquency of men and the slaughter of innocent persons, it does not deserve the friends it has. The death penalty, in fact, ought to be exacted of men who kill and of evil things that detract from human happiness. -- San Angelo Evening Standard.

Wishing You A
Very Merry Christmas

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A Merry Christmas

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WILLIS SMITH
 COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK

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**NOTICE OF ROAD
 BOND ELECTION**

THE STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF COKE

TO THE RESIDENT PROPERTY
 TAXPAYING VOTERS OF ROAD
 DISTRICT NO. 1, OF COKE
 COUNTY, TEXAS:

TAKE NOTICE that an election
 will be held on the 21st day of Janu-
 ary, 1939, to determine if said Dis-
 trict shall issue bonds and if an
 ad valorem tax shall be levied in
 payment thereof, in obedience to an
 election order entered by the Com-
 missioners Court on the 15th day
 of December, 1938, which is as fol-
 lows:

On this the 15th day of December,
 1938, the Commissioners Court of
 Coke County, Texas, convened in
 regular session, at the regular meet-
 ing place thereof, in the Courthouse
 at Robert Lee, Texas, with the fol-
 lowing members of said Court, to wit:

- McNeil Wylie, County Judge,
- H. C. Varnadore,
- Commissioner Precinct No. 1,
- S. A. Kiker,
- Commissioner Precinct No. 2,
- T. R. Harmon,
- Commissioner Precinct No. 3,
- Sam Gaston,
- Commissioner Precinct No. 4,

being present, and passed the fol-
 lowing order:

WHEREAS, on the 9th day of
 December, 1938, came on to be heard
 the petition of more than fifty resi-
 dent property taxpaying voters of
 Road District No. 1 of Coke County,
 Texas, who own taxable property in
 said District and who have duly ren-
 dered the same for taxation, the said
 petition having been set down for
 hearing on said date by an order of
 the Commissioners Court of Coke
 County entered on the 22nd day of
 November, 1938; and

WHEREAS, at the time and place
 set for said hearing the matter came
 on for hearing and consideration, and
 it appearing to the Court that due
 and legal notice of the date and place
 of said hearing had been given in
 the manner and for the length of
 time required by law, the Court
 proceeded to hear all evidence offer-
 ed for and against said petition, and
 it appearing to the Court that the
 said petition is signed by more
 than fifty of the resident property
 taxpaying voters of said Road Dis-
 trict No. 1, who own taxable prop-
 erty in said District and who have
 duly rendered the same for taxation,
 and it further appearing to the Court
 that the proposed improvements
 would be for the benefit of all tax-
 able property situated within said
 Road District No. 1 of Coke County,
 Texas; and

WHEREAS, the said petition prays
 that an election be held throughout
 said Road District No. 1 of Coke
 County, Texas, to determine whether
 or not the bonds of said Road Dis-
 trict No. 1 of Coke County, Texas,
 shall be issued in the sum of Twenty-
 five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars,
 for the purpose of the construction,
 maintenance and operation of mac-
 adamized, graveled or paved roads
 and turnpikes, or in aid thereof,
 within and for said Road District
 No. 1, and whether or not an ad
 valorem tax shall be levied upon
 the property in said Road District
 No. 1 of Coke County, Texas, sub-
 ject to taxation, for the purpose of
 paying the interest on said bonds and
 providing a sinking fund for the red-
 emption thereof, said bonds to bear
 interest at the rate of four (4%)
 per cent per annum, and to mature
 at such times as may be fixed by
 the Commissioners Court, serially or
 otherwise, within twenty-five (25)
 years from their date.

The proceeds from the sale of said
 bonds to be used exclusively for the
 purchase of right-of-way, necessary
 fencing costs and expense in con-
 nection with State located Highways
 Numbers 208 and 158, in said Road
 District No. 1 of Coke County, Texas;
 and

It further appearing to the Court
 that said Road District No. 1, of Coke
 County, Texas, has been duly and
 legally established by order of the
 Commissioners Court of Coke County
 passed on the 13th day of February,
 1928, which order is duly recorded
 in the Minutes of said Court; and

It further appearing to the Court
 that the said petition is in all things
 regular and that the proposed bond
 issue of Twenty-five Thousand
 (\$25,000.00) Dollars does not exceed

the constitutional limitation of one-
 fourth of the assessed valuation of
 the real property of said Road Dis-
 trict No. 1, of Coke County, Texas;
 and

IT IS THEREFORE considered,
 ordered, adjudged and decreed, and
 the Court does now so order, con-
 sider, adjudge and decree that the
 said petition be granted and that an
 election be held within and for said
 Road District No. 1 of Coke County,
 Texas, on the 21st day of January,
 1939, which is not less than thirty
 (30) days from the date of this order,
 to determine whether or not the
 bonds of said Road District No. 1,
 of Coke County, Texas, shall be
 issued in the amount of Twenty-five
 Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars, bear-
 ing interest at the rate of four (4%)
 per cent per annum, said bonds to
 mature at such times as may be fixed
 by the Commissioners Court, serially
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 years from their date, for the pur-
 pose of the construction, mainte-
 nance and operation of macadamized,
 graveled or paved roads and turn-
 pikes, or in aid thereof, within and
 for said Road District No. 1, of Coke
 County, Texas, and whether or not
 an ad valorem tax shall be levied
 upon the property in said Road Dis-
 trict No. 1, subject to taxation, for
 the purpose of paying the interest
 on said bonds and providing a sink-
 ing fund for the redemption thereof
 at maturity.

The said election shall be held
 under the provisions of Chapter 16,
 General Laws of the State of Texas,
 passed by the 39th Legislature at
 the First Called Session thereof.

All persons who are legally qual-
 ified voters of this State and of this
 County, and who are resident prop-
 erty taxpayers within said Road Dis-
 trict No. 1, of Coke County, Texas,
 who own taxable property within
 said District and who have duly ren-
 dered the same for taxation, shall
 be entitled to vote at said election.

The ballots for said election shall
 have written or printed thereon the
 following:

"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS
 AND THE LEVYING OF AD
 VALOREM TAX IN PAYMENT
 THEREOF."

"AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF
 BONDS AND THE LEVYING OF
 AD VALOREM TAX IN PAYMENT
 THEREOF."

Each voter shall mark out with
 black ink or black pencil one of the
 above expressions, thus leaving the
 other as indicating his vote.

The said election shall be held at
 the following places and the fol-
 lowing named persons are hereby ap-
 pointed Presiding Officers of said
 election:

At the Court House Building, in
 Election Precinct No. 1, Robert Lee,
 Texas, with Roy Taylor as Presiding
 Officer.

At the Sanco School Building in
 Election Precinct No. 7, Sanco, Texas,
 with I. A. Bird as Presiding Officer.

At the residence of L. E. Cowley
 in Election Precinct No. 6, Valley
 View Voting Precinct, with L. E.
 Cowley as Presiding Officer.

At the Silver School Building in
 Election Precinct No. 8, Silver, Texas,
 with R. B. Allen as Presiding Officer.

The manner of holding said elec-
 tion shall be governed by the Gen-
 eral Laws of the State of Texas,
 when not in conflict with the pro-
 visions of the Statutes hereinabove
 referred to.

Notice of said election shall be
 given by publication of a copy of
 this order in The Robert Lee Ob-
 server, a newspaper published in
 said Road District No. 1, of Coke
 County, Texas, for three successive
 weeks prior to said election. If no
 newspaper is published within said
 Road District No. 1, then such notice
 shall be published in some newspaper
 published in Coke County. In addi-
 tion thereto, there shall be posted
 other copies of this order at three
 public places in Road District No. 1,
 of Coke County, Texas, and one at
 the Courthouse in Robert Lee, Texas,
 for three weeks prior to said election.

The County Clerk is hereby di-
 rected to cause said notices to be
 published and posted, as hereinabove
 directed, and further orders are re-
 served until the returns of said elec-
 tion are made by the duly authorized
 election officers and received by this
 Court.

WILLIS SMITH,
 Clerk County Court and
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 missioners Court of Coke
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**Notice to Creditors of
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
 the undersigned has been appointed In-
 dependent Executor of the estate of
 Mrs. G. A. Rambin, deceased, and
 letters as such were granted to me on
 the 5th day of December, 1938, by the
 County Court of Coke County, Texas.
 All persons having claims against said
 estate are hereby required to present
 the same to me within the time pre-
 scribed by law. My residence and post-
 office address are Robert Lee, County
 of Coke, State of Texas.

CURTIS RAMBIN,
 Independent Executor of the estate of
 Mrs. G. A. Rambin, deceased.

Notice to Bidders!

Bids will be received by Coke County,
 at the Court House at Robert Lee,
 Texas, until 10 o'clock a. m., on Janu-
 ary 9th, 1939, for the purchase of One
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Lonely North Carolina Town Marks Christmas January 5

RODANTHE, N. C., easternmost town in America, celebrates Christmas twice each year. "New" Christmas comes December 25 but just as regularly on January 5 the inhabitants of this isolated town observe "Old" Christmas, a carry-over from the days before our current calendar was generally accepted. Christmas trees must be imported, for Rodanthe has only one tree (see below), a gnarled oak. But the kids enjoy this plan, because Santa Claus visits them twice. Their parents, fishermen and coastguardsmen on an island that is little more than a shifting sand dune, participate enthusiastically in both celebrations. But around Old Christmas centers most of the tradition.



Boatswain's Mate P. A. Tillet, biggest man in the coast guard service, is Santa Claus for Rodanthe's Old Christmas party. They had to send to the mainland to get red cloth spacious enough for his suit. Each Old Christmas celebration is held in the school building where the only "furriner" is the school teacher.

To the present teacher, a girl from Virginia, Old Christmas is the world's most puzzling custom. But seasoned residents of Hatteras island don't look at it that way. To them, Old Christmas is no more unusual than the Fourth of July. On their isolated island the event has been celebrated by generation after generation, and will probably continue for generations to come.



Rodanthe children believe in "Old Buck," an ogre with hoofs and horns who comes at Old Christmas to punish the naughty boys and girls, just as St. Nicholas rewards the good youngsters. None of the islanders remember how "Old Buck" originated, but he's definitely a part of the celebration.

DIZZY DRAMAS—Now Playing—"HOKUS AND POKUS"

By Joe Bowers



WHAT to EAT and WHY

C. Houston Goudiss Asks How Do You Get Your Vitamin D? Relates Need for and Sources Of This Necessary Vitamin

By C. HOUSTON GOUDISS

THERE is scarcely a mother of a young baby today who has not at one time or another been told to give her child cod-liver oil. Perhaps she does not know this substance must be given to the baby for the vitamin D that it contains. But she has heard that there is something in cod-liver oil which makes it valuable to the baby's health.

A generation ago, cod-liver oil was given to children in the winter time, "to build them up" after colds or various other respiratory illnesses. It was not until 1921, however, that a long series of painstaking investigations, terminating in the discovery of vitamin D, made it clear that cod-liver oil is valuable as a source of vitamin D, and also why this vitamin is essential in the diet of growing children, as well as adults.

Discovery of Vitamin D

After years of patient work and many thrilling and dramatic experiments, seven forms of vitamin D have been revealed by science. And scientists have also solved the mystery of how such widely separated factors as cod-liver oil; sunlight; a diet that is rich in, and carefully balanced with calcium and phosphorus; and ultraviolet light, all can perform the same service for the body.

Readers of this column may have observed that the discovery of a number of the vitamins came about chiefly through the efforts of investigators to discover a method of treating or curing obscure nutritional diseases. In most instances, however, carefully controlled laboratory experiments played their part in reaching the ultimate goal after some clue had been found as to what the mysterious substance might be that helped to control a baffling nutritional disease. The discovery of vitamin D was no exception!

Vitamin D and Rickets

Vitamin D is associated intimately with the prevention and cure of rickets, the most devastating nutritional disease of children in temperate climates. Indeed, it is the moderate, and in some cases the small amount of sunshine in the temperate zone that accounts partially for the presence of rickets.

Historians have given us reason to believe that this disease may have existed in England even before the Roman conquest. Certainly it appeared in a serious form, both in England and in other North European countries, in the Seventeenth century. In fact, early literature refers to it as the English disease, and the early attempts to fathom its causes were

written in Latin by English and Dutch doctors during the 1600's.

In rickets, the child's head grows large and out of proportion to the body, while the leg and arm bones, and in severe cases even the ribs, are bent and twisted out of their normal shape.

Need for Calcium and Phosphorus

The two principal minerals required for constructing the bones and teeth are calcium, obtained chiefly from milk, cheese and green leafy vegetables, and phosphorus, found in generous amounts in eggs, whole grain cereals and dried legumes. But one of the things that made it so difficult for scientists to determine the cause of rickets was the fact that apparently well fed children, who had plenty of calcium and phosphorus, frequently developed the disease.

Mystery of Cod-Liver Oil

Cod-liver oil had been used for many years because of its supposedly "tonic" or "building" properties, when it was observed that regular doses of cod-liver oil not only cured rickets in children, but also cured the corresponding disease in adults, called osteomalacia, in which the bones become soft as the calcium and phosphorus already deposited in them are withdrawn and excreted.

Fat and Vitamin D

One of the strangest paradoxes to the scientists in their early investigations was the fact that while cod-liver oil appeared to cure rickets, another substance high in fat—butter fat, did not. More research work was necessary before it was discovered that while butter was rich in vitamin A, cod-liver oil contained two vitamins, one of which was later named vitamin D.

Effect of Sunlight

More work was necessary and it took years of patient effort before science unraveled the mystery of how sunlight could have the same apparent effect in preventing rickets as cod-liver oil.

Once nutritionists understood how sunlight acting on a fatty substance in the skin could produce vitamin D, however, it was not difficult to carry the process a step further and learn how to fortify foods with a satisfactory content of vitamin D.

Today we have at our disposal irradiated milk, or milk to which a vitamin D concentrate has been added. Margarine, too, has been enriched not only with vitamin D, but with vitamin A so that this

moderate-priced spread for bread has been made an effective vitamin carrier.

Natural Food Sources of Vitamin D

The richest natural sources of vitamin D are the fish-liver oils, including the liver-oil of the tuna, swordfish, rock fish, salmon, halibut, mackerel, cod and haddock. The body oils of many fish also furnish substantial amounts. That accounts for the fact that canned salmon has been regarded as such a splendid food in the diet of children and adults. It is not only a good source of protein and of energy values, but it contains substantial amounts of the minerals, calcium, phosphorus and iodine, and has been found to be an unusually good food source of vitamin D.

Egg yolk contains small amounts of vitamin D, and when eaten regularly, the quantity is enough to have a significant effect in the diet of children.

Vitamin D Requirements

So important is vitamin D considered, that the United States Children's Bureau advises that cod-liver oil or some other form of this vitamin be supplied to all babies, beginning at the age of two or three weeks.

Mothers should be guided by the advice of their physician in determining when to start the use of a vitamin D preparation and what quantities to give. But if they want to give their babies the blessing bestowed on them by the scientists who discovered vitamin D, they must not overlook this important substance.

As guardians of the health of both children and adults, mothers should see to it that vitamin D is supplied regularly through the use of eggs and salmon; irradiated foods and those fortified with vitamin D; and if necessary, fish-liver oils or concentrates.

Questions Answered

Miss G. M. L.—Yes, it is true that sweet potatoes contain a small amount of protein. In fact, their protein is composed of four amino acids known to be essential to nutrition. Some of the protein may be lost if the potato is boiled, but it is entirely preserved when the potato is cooked by dry heat.

Mrs. M. B.—Both cooked lentils and baked kidney beans contain over 20 per cent of carbohydrate. Low carbohydrate vegetables include cabbage, celery, cauliflower, kale, lettuce and spinach.

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Another trap is set. Nita leaves Wentworth's apartment with Kirk, and quits him unbeknownst to the trailing gunmen who imprison the commissioner. But Nita, clinging to the trunk rack of their car, trails the gangsters.

The Octopus pretends he and lieutenant Steve have fallen out. Blinky hears it, arranges a meeting as Wentworth, but allows Steve to pour his bullets into a dummy. Attempting a second contact, Wentworth swings from a second story window to the top of a double-deck bus, where gangsters surround him. He shoots his way out and escapes to his car and Ram Singh. The gunmen follow. The chase leads to the waterfront where, suddenly, the Spider's automobile plunges from the dock into the river below.

This is the 8th episode of "The Spider's Web," the exciting serial now showing at the Alamo Fridays and Saturdays. Don't miss it!

A Story With a Moral

It is right and fitting that ever every so often we repeat the ancient tale of truth and circumstances, a story with a moral and a moral that might be remembered by a number of readers. The story concerns a preacher who closed a sermon on indebtedness with this request: "Let all in the house who are paying their debts stand up." Everybody in the church, with the exception of one man, stood up. The preacher seated the congregation and

said: "Now, let everybody who is not paying his debts stand up." Then the one man who had remained seated, a care-worn fellow wearing last spring's suit, slowly rose to his feet. "How is it, my friend, that you are the only one in town unable to meet your obligations?" asked the preacher. The man replied: "I run a news paper and the brethren who stood up are all my subscribers and haven't settled for their subscriptions." The preacher hurriedly remarked: "Let us pray."

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APPLES, Delicious or Winesaps	any size per box	1.93
Texas Seedless GRAPEFRUIT,	doz	19c
CEERY, 42's tender & crisp,	stalk	8c
Fresh COCOANUTS, large size	each	8c
LETTUCE, california iceberg heads	each	5c
Red Ball LEMONS,	540's each	1c
RUTABAGAS,	per lb	3c
Delicious APPLES, Washington 180's	doz	17c
Kiln Dried YAMS,	5 lbs for	23c
Winesap APPLES, washington 234's	doz	12c
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Peanut Butter,	full quart	23c
Empson Garden Gathered PEAS,	2 cans	19c
Heinz Pudding, Figs or Dates,	large	29c
Heinz Mince Meat,	1 lb 19c 2 lb 37c	
Shelled PECANS,	lb	45c
Snowdritt,	3 lb pail 55c 6 lb pail 1.05	
20 Ball Roman Candles,	2 for	25c
3 inch National Salutes	3 boxes	10c