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P. T. A. COUNCIL MEET

A meeting of the P. T. A. County Council and Conference was held at Bronte April 9.

A splendid program including music by the Bronte School Band was rendered. Mrs. C. T. Womack and Mrs. Frank Lossing of San Angelo gave interesting talks.

Mrs. Houston Smith of Robert Lee county council president conducted a business meeting of the county council. Officers installed were Mrs. Floyd Modgling, president; Mrs. W. W. Millikin vice president; Mrs. James Arrot, secretary treasurer; and precinct chairmans, Mmes P. L. Wilkes, C. E. Mathews, C. N. Webb and A. E. Latham.

Mmes. Womack, Lossing, McDurmt and Cassie Ward of San Angelo were out of county guests.

The Robert Lee P. T. A., will meet Thursday at 4 p.m. April 18.

We were asked to announce a meeting of the Christadelphian Saturday night and Sunday, at the Primitive Baptist Church house. Everybody invited.

The Juniors entertained the Seniors with a banquet in the basement of the Methodist Church Tuesday night. It was reported about sixty-five present.

INVITATION TOURNAMENT

San Angelo won first place in the invitation track tournament held at the school here Wednesday afternoon, with a score of 3477.30 points. Eden received second place with a score of 3356. Robert Lee was third with 33 points. Bronte came in fourth with 24 points.

Clifford Robertson of Robert Lee was high point man with 18½ points. San Angelo won the trophy for the mile relay. Medals for first and second places were given in each event.

Robert Lee experienced its blackout, but no bombs were dropped, last Friday eve. The lights flickered for some time and finally went out causing some real inconveniences. After about 16 hours the trouble maker was repaired and the lights came back on the job.

Harold K. German, of Canada who was one of the singers and speakers at the Sanco Camp Meeting one summer and who has been in Nigeria, Africa as a missionary for over six years will speak at Sanco Sunday, April 14 at 11 a. m. and at Edith Tabernacle at 2:45 p. m.

To make way for this service, Bro. Hawkins who was announced to be at Edith at this time is postponing his trip.

FAREWELL SOCIAL

A most enjoyable occasion was had last Thursday evening when between fifty and sixty people met at the Baptist Church for a farewell social for the former pastor and his wife Bro. and Mrs. Fred. DeLashaw.

A banquet was served in the basement, after which a program of songs and talks was held in the auditorium.

Census Enumerator requests that if you have not been seen and given in your census report please call at County Clerk's office Saturday. This refers to city limits only.

Rev. D. A. Bryant of Brownwood, preached at the Baptist Church last Sunday morning.

Miss Lois Bradford of San Angelo is teaching in the place that Bro. DeLashaw had supplied since Hyman Teague was injured in a car wreck.

Rev. and Mrs. G. T. Hester, Mrs. Lizzie Hester, and Mr. Morrow attended the District Conference at Sonora Tuesday and Wednesday.

Pay your water bill by 10th of each month or service will be discontinued. City Commission.

Of Interest to Robert Lee

SILVER P T A

The Silver Peak P. T. Association met and elected officers for the coming year.

Mrs. W. Hipp, Pres., Mrs. B. Walker, Vice Pres., R. B. Allen re-elected Secretary and Treasurer.

Singing At Tennyson

Beginning at 10:00 a.m. Sunday April 21, and lasting all day will be held the quarterly meeting of the Coke County Singing Convention. As is well known by all who have attended these meetings in the past, this gathering is a highly interesting and uplifting county wide movement in which worshipin song is conducted by all who wish to take part regardless of creed.

Reports from leaders in the community where it is to be held indicate that this meeting promises to be one of the very best with a strong representation from all parts of Coke County and with some of the very best talent from all adjoining counties and from other parts of the state. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

H. A. Williams, President,
J. C. Jordan, Secretary.

LIGHT UP ROBERT LEE

It has been talked, agitated but little done about lighting up a foot ball field for Robert Lee. If we are ever going to light a field why not now? The supreme question is do we want a lighted field? There is no question as to our need and the success of the operation of such improvements over our old obsolete method of former years. A field can be a drawing card for our town. Our business men, farmers, ranchers and all are free to attend at night. The nights are usually pleasant in comparison with the hot days, the boys fare better at night all in all there is no debate as to which is the proper time for a ball game.

It costs money to light a field but this is no bugaboo for there is no better way to invest a few dollars, when every body can be benefited.

A lighted foot-ball field is not a liability, but on the other hand it is an asset of the highest type.

It is not intended to make a gold mine digging proposition out of such enterprise. It will pay its own way and take care of the capital stock by charging a small nominal admission. Get the folks there, see the boys warm up, and put Robert Lee on the map.

METHODIST W. M. S.

Missionary Society of Methodist Church met with Mrs. J. S. Gardner Monday afternoon.

Mrs. G. T. Hester gave a very interesting report of the Missionary Conference at Yoakum last week. Mrs. Gardner taught the Bible lesson, after which refreshments were served to Mmes. W. H. Bell, J. T. Thetford, Hattie Day, McNeil, Wylie, Chasin Brown, F. C. Clark, Elzie Wright, Fred C. Green and Lizzie Hester.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

The two circles of the W. M. S. met in a joint meeting at the church Monday afternoon and had a program on Prayer. Mrs. W. J. Cumbie led the devotional with Mmes Preston Fitzhugh, G. C. Allen and S. R. Young taking part on program. Others present were Mmes. R. C. Roberts, J. C. Snead, S. E. Adams, Joe Dodson, Bob Read, R. E. McCutchen and Miss Daisy McCutchen.

As we go to press, there is a cold wind howling out of the north and a fish story that is a record breaker. Dr. Griffith Freeman Clark and Drue Scoggins have just returned from the Pecos with fish that really dwarfs these fireside fish stories. We have not contacted either of the fisherman but the amount quoted on the streets runs from 50 to 500 lbs.

Chester Jackson wife and baby of Odessa are visiting here with their friends and relatives.

It began to rain last Friday morning about 9 o'clock and kept up a continuous showering all day and night lapping over into Saturday and totaling 1.65 inches.

Miss Cleone Allen who is a senior in the Miles High School spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen at Silver.

Mr. & Mrs. James Newton of Odessa were Robert Lee visitors over the week end.

Uncle George Tubb was honored last Sunday with a dinner in celebration of his 63rd birthday. A large crowd of friends and relatives attended.

Wanted - Young yearling bull about a year old.

H. O. Freeman

Patronize those who advertise in the Observer. They make it possible for you to have a home paper.

The 1940 State Fair at Dallas will be very interesting to our school children. Prizes amounting to more than \$1,000.00 are listed in the eight contests offered, fall band festival and clinic.

NOTICE

If you people around Robert Lee would appreciate some nice concrete coping work in your cemetery we would like to do some work for you. You can see our work in the Bronte cemetery on the Beaty, Tannehill, Patton McQueen, Harwell and Pruitt lots. Price 50 cts. per foot and we furnish everything. If interested write J. T. Coats and sons

Merkel, Texas.

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PARTNERS IN A GREAT TEXAS ENTERPRISE


Oil TEXAS farmers and ranchers received last year from oil men the huge sum of \$132,478,000 for leases and royalties as their share in this partnership.

All but seven of Texas' 254 counties now share in this cash return from leases and production on more than 50,000,000 acres of Texas land.

Then, too, the Texas farmers and ranchers sell to oil workers and their families more than \$60,000,000 worth of farm and livestock products each year.

Thus the farmers and ranchers of our state receive nearly 200 million dollars a year as their share of oil's total expenditure of 750 million dollars annually in Texas. These 200 million dollars in turn flow into every channel of Texas trade.

The Texas farmer and rancher and the oil man are partners in the development of Texas.



TEXAS MID-CONTINENT OIL AND GAS ASSOCIATION

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

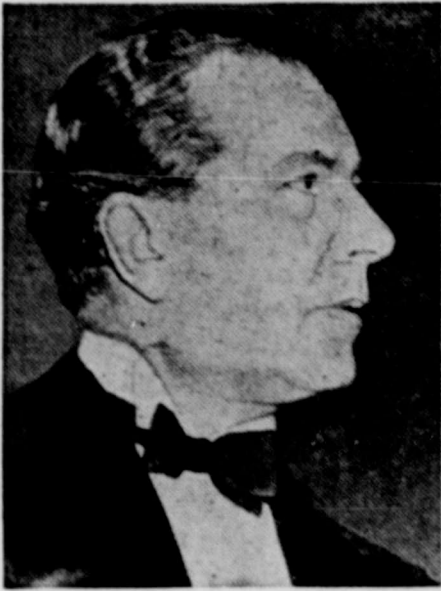
Release of Polish 'Documents' Creates Furore in Washington; Hull, Bullitt Deny Nazi Charge

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

HITLER SAY:

The Roosevelt administration indignantly denied spectacular charges by Germany. Herr Ribbentrop's aggressive Foreign Office charged that it had possession of 16 crucial documents, found in the Polish government archives at captured Warsaw. These documents had been turned in by Polish diplomats, so the accusation went, and concerned the activities of the American ambassadors to London and Paris. It seems that these ambassadors, Kennedy and Bullitt, had egged on England and France against Hitler, with the teeming promise that the United States would eventually come to the allies' help. It also was alleged that Bullitt held out false inspiration to the bellicose Poles. Unquestionably, these sensational charges were the news of the week.

President Roosevelt, Secretary Hull, and Bill Bullitt hastened to deny the accusations, as storm clouds gathered over America. Roosevelt talked about taking it all with "three" grains of salt. Hull made a flat denial. Bullitt and Potocki, Polish ambassador to the United States, both said no-no in



COUNT JERZY POTOCKI—Poland's ambassador to the U. S., whose alleged reports to Warsaw on conversations with William Bullitt, U. S. ambassador to France, were published in Berlin. Said Potocki: "I deny the allegations . . . I never had any (such) conversations . . ."

unison. But Congressman Hamilton Fish and the hardshell isolationists were infuriated, asserting that where there is smoke, there is a fire or two. Fish demanded a thorough investigation, and others defied the President to laugh it off, salt or no salt. It was a bad thing to have happen in a presidential, maybe a third-term, year.

ANGLO-FRANCE:

The allied war council met, somewhat bewildered by it all, in London. The French and English reaffirmed their unity, barred any separate peace by either, and announced that their financial, economic and imperialistic co-operation would continue after the present war was over. They intended, they

**NAMES
in the news**

Congressman Hamilton Fish, who wanted Roosevelt's foreign activities investigated, himself led colored N. Y. troops in the last war. He fought with the French army, in the only American unit officially attached to the Gallic high command. Fish also was Harvard football captain, and a member of the Harvard crew. He is Roosevelt's unwilling fellow-townsmen in Hyde Park, N. Y.

Dr. Thomas Parran, surgeon-general of the U. S. public health service, declared that cancer, which caused more than 140,000 deaths last year, is on the increase and ranks as second leading cause of death.

The Irish Republican army of wild men demonstrated against tall, calm Eamon De Valera, premier of Eire. "Val" was born in New York, with a Spanish father, and an Irish mother and sympathies. His American origin saved him from an English firing squad in 1916.

let it be known, to take a more active part in pushing the war, and there was a lot of gossip about Chamberlain going the way of Daladier—into the prime-ministerial discard. Due to British naval losses, there was also talk of the axe for Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty.

It appeared that the neutrals would suffer, as the result of an increased war endeavor by the allies. Germany must be shut off from oil and iron, and if Norwegian, or Rumanian, or Russian neutrality suffered in consequence, that could not be helped. The special threat was aimed at iron-carrying ships, from Narvik, Norway, to Stettin, Germany, which have the habit of plodding safely along in Norwegian territorial waters, free from the frustrated allied blockade. The allied reasoning ran something like this: No Swedish iron; no German steel; no Nazi mailed fist; no Hitler.

But the neutrals were not too afraid of the allies. The Dutch shot down a British bomber that had violated their neutrality, and Rumania appeared to be turning more and more to the German camp. The Russian ambassador to France expressed rude opinions in a telegram to Moscow, and the French kicked him out on a variety of charges. France appeared to want war with the Soviets; England, most emphatically, did not, as a number of significant organizational elections across the channel showed.

Meanwhile, the Germans and Norwegians scored off one another 1 to 1. A German U-boat wormed its sinister way into Kirkwall, British base in the faraway Orkney islands north of Scotland, and "singed Churchill's whiskers, if any" by sinking a Norwegian freighter, which was "safely" held there by the British navy. This was considered another maritime coup; but the Norwegians countered by interning a stranded U-boat in Norwegian waters, which aroused the customary amount of furor Teutonicus. There was sensational talk of a U-boat base on the Pacific, at Whale bay, southwest of Vladivostok, in the Siberian maritime province.

FORODDS & FORENDS:

Tokyo, capital of the Japanese empire of Nippon, claimed a population of 7,000,000. This is said to make the Jap-cap the world's second city, with New York first, and London third. London, formerly first in population, has been reduced by wholesale evacuations, blackouts, and utter boredom, so the story goes. Berlin is still fourth, and verminous Warsaw has doubled its population since the war began.

With the Spanish civil war a year over, the grandees (noble families of rank No. 1) took stock. Dictator Franco recently restored them their estates, confiscated by the late lamented republic, but still they had paid a heavy toll. Records of the



DICTIONARY FRANCISCO FRANCO—A year after the Spanish war ended, his people took stock.

Council of Grandees indicated that 40 ermine-clad ducal ones had been killed in the civil war, and that no less than 116 more of them had been "assassinated." It was further reported that Spain was slowly gathering momentum in reconstruction; that her people and her leaders were pro-German; but that her economic life now was closely integrated with the fortunes of the allies. It is typically Spanish, that the Hispanic heart does NOT follow the dollar.

IMPROVED
UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL
SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson for April 14

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**HOSEA TELLS OF GOD'S
FORGIVING LOVE**

LESSON TEXT—Hosea 6:1-7; 14:4-9.
GOLDEN TEXT—If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.—1 John 1:9

God loves sinners! This is the message of the Bible. God hates sin, but He loves sinners and is eager that they should repent and receive His forgiveness. God even loves the backslider, the one who has been in fellowship with Him, tasted the joys of the eternal promised land and then turned back to the fleshpots of the world. This is the special message of the book of Hosea, for he deals with a backsliding and rebellious Israel, so determined to turn against God's love that they are described in 11:7 (R. V.) as being "bent on backsliding."

I. God Calling Sinners (6:1, 2).

The great loving heart of God longs after wayward men. Though they have in deliberate unbelief turned from Him, yet He sends His messenger to bring them His gracious invitation. No more beautiful word can be spoken than "Come." It speaks of an open door, of a forgiving spirit, of a desire for renewed fellowship.

Come, O sinner, and meet the Saviour. He it is who by both life and death has revealed the fullness of God's love to you. In Him you will find entrance into eternal life and joy. He says, "I am the door, by me if any man enter in he shall be saved" (John 10:9).

Observe also the word "return." The invitation from God is not only to those who have never known Him, but also to the backslider. How many miserably unhappy backslidden Christians there are in the world! Friend, if you are one of them, this invitation is especially for you!

II. God's Dealings With Sinners (6:3-7).

Our Lord is both compassionate and faithful in His dealings with sinners. He will win them with love and tenderness if they permit Him to do so, but if necessary He can also use the rod of punishment or the storm of unpleasant circumstances to drive them to Him. Remember that both the tenderness and the severity of God are expressions of His love.

With Israel God wanted to come as the gentle, reviving rain from heaven (v. 3), but because of their unrepentant attitude (v. 4) He had to come forth as One who hews down and destroys (v. 5). Even in thus breaking down and destroying He is only preparing to rebuild. As the surgeon must first hurt in order to heal, God must sometimes cut deeply in order to remove the blight of sin.

These lines will probably be read by many who have wondered at the dealings of God with them. Perhaps they have been inclined to condemn Him as being unkind or severe. Let them be assured that God is love and that back of all of His dealings with men there is His tender purpose to bring them unto Himself for salvation or for blessing.

III. God Healing Sinners (14:4-9).

When sinners come to Him with words of repentance (14:1) God is ready to meet them and to heal all of their sins and backslidings. Observe that not only will He heal their past sins, but will cause their present position to be such that He may "love them freely" (v. 4), and then their future will be one of great glory. God is infinitely gracious and pours out His love without measure upon the sinner who returns to Him.

Verses 5 to 8 give a beautiful picture of God's blessings on the life of the regenerated man. The lily (v. 5) speaks of stately royal beauty. Lebanon (v. 5) is strength and stability, even as the great cedars of Lebanon were treasured for their strength. The spreading branches (v. 6) tell of expansion and growth. The olive tree (v. 6), the corn and the vine (v. 7), all speak of fruitfulness and usefulness. The smell of Lebanon (v. 6) is the smell of cedar and bespeaks a life so fragrant that it spreads around it the "sweet savor of Christ" (II Cor. 2:15). The evergreen fir tree (v. 8) speaks of constant freshness and beauty.

God has all these things in mind for every Christian, that is, for every sinner who will repent and turn to Him through Christ, and for every backslider who will return today.

Bruckart's Washington Digest

Government Ownership of Land Creates Serious Taxing Problem

Revenue Formerly Collected From Private Property Now Unavailable to Local Units Because of Extensive Federal Holdings.

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WASHINGTON. — Through some six weeks, the house committee on military affairs has been holding hearings on a question that is vital to the entire nation, but yet it has attracted little attention outside of the areas directly concerned. The problem is one of taxes which six southern states are not collecting. That is, taxes which they used to collect from private property but are not available to those states now because the federal government has taken over the property.

To be more specific, these taxes once were a fine source of revenue for running the state and county and city governments and the schools and the policing and the building of highways and such like in the states of Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, Mississippi and Georgia. But along came the idealism of Sen. George Norris of Nebraska, who wanted the government to drive out all private ownership of electric power, and along came TVA, the Tennessee Valley authority that has grown like stomach ulcers within the economic body of the southland. When it came, it took over millions upon millions of dollars of property that had been taxed by the state and local governments. So, after some seven or eight years, the governments of those states and cities and counties want money with which to pay the cost of legitimate government.

The original TVA laws provided that this gigantic government-owned octopus should contribute to those state governments—certain sums in lieu of taxes, but this was directed only in the case of Tennessee and Alabama. The others were not mentioned. Those states were to receive 5 per cent of the gross proceeds of the sale of power by TVA. As stated, the money was to be paid to the state governments, alone. Nothing was said about the counties or the cities or smaller towns that must have tax revenue upon which to live.

**Operation of TVA Program
Would Set Basic Power Rates**

But the omission of the counties in Alabama and Tennessee was only one phase of the trouble that was to come. You see, the TVA boys and the dreams of the government-ownership crowd wanted to expand the functions and the capacity and the scope of TVA. It was to be, in the words of President Roosevelt, a great yardstick by which the country was to be able to measure the cost of electric power. From the TVA were to come basic rates by which you and I were to know whether private electric companies were charging you and me and the rest of us too much for lighting our homes, etc.

So, it was only natural that the TVA and its backers soon were promoting something bigger and better in the way of its operations. Like some dread disease, the pressure of TVA on privately owned power companies became too heavy to bear, and they were swallowed up. In one gulp, for instance, the government-owned TVA took over the vast properties of the Tennessee Electric Power company for \$100,000,000. I understand that TVA got quite a bargain, but the sale of the property to TVA was no bargain for the taxpayers in the areas it served and, moreover, it was a terrible blow to the state and county and city governments in those regions. They had been receiving vast sums each year as taxes on these properties. In one scratch of a pen, the TVA almost put the local governments on relief, for all of the millions of taxable property became non-taxable when the federal agency—the TVA—took title to the property.

The government ownership crowd which is driving hard now for government ownership of a lot of other things were as happy as a kid with a new toy train. But like that same youngster, they did not stop to figure out just where their train was going. Certainly, the honeyed-words of the TVA promoters in the southland did not disclose to the taxpayers of those areas what the deal was going to cost them, ultimately.

**Taxable Property Reduced
In Areas Served by TVA**

It took several years of operation, actual practical experience, for those taxpayers and the officials of

their state and county and city governments to get hold of the horrible facts that are now being faced—the same facts that have brought scores of officials and others before the house committee on military affairs, seeking relief.

The cold facts are that scores of those counties in the six states mentioned have had their taxable property so reduced in quantity by the continued expansion of TVA that they are almost undergoing tax starvation. The committee record is replete with testimony showing tax rate increases in almost every area served by TVA, and evidence of expectation of further tax increases. It is a simple statement, in most instances. The witnesses — governors, county judges, mayors, spokesmen for groups of citizens—told almost identical stories. TVA had taken over so much taxable property that there was nothing left to tax for use of those local governments. The governments had to have running expenses. Thus, the tax rates were increased.

Members of the committee on military affairs are quite well aware of the job that confronts them in trying to write legislation that will solve the tax problem for the various areas. The states want the money paid to them; the counties want a share paid direct to them, and the cities are squealing, too.

But there is much more to the problem than just the TVA area. You see, the government ownership gang has fought for and brought about construction of scores of other publicly owned dams and power projects. On the West coast, in the inter-mountain area, in Nebraska, where Senator Norris lives, in the eastern and southern sections—exactly the same tax problem confronts those taxpayers or will come up to haunt them, soon. Whatever the committee does, it is presenting to the house of representatives a precedent-making legislative proposal. No one can envision its far-reaching possibilities.

**Legislation Will Provide
Compensation for Tax Losses**

There will be a bill of some kind, undoubtedly, that will provide that TVA pay more money to the regions where it operates. They ought to have it. But the thing that makes my blood boil is that the people of those areas have been lied to and propagandized so thoroughly that they were not able to understand how a scheming group was selling them down the river. That is, they did not see it until too late.

Right now, they are in the position where they cannot run their own affairs. They must come to congress and beg on bended knee for help which they ought to be able to give themselves from their own resources which are their own no longer. They have surrendered again to the federal government which, in the nature of things, is very difficult for them to reach for expression of their needs and an explanation of their own wishes.

There was included in the committee a set of figures which I am going to list here. The figures show that 441 of the principal, privately owned power and light companies paid \$317,742,200 in taxes in 1939. This tax, the record showed, amounted to 15.5 per cent of the total revenue of those companies.

Here are the amounts, by states, that these companies paid: Maine, \$2,189,000; New Hampshire, \$2,484,300; Vermont, \$1,226,500; Massachusetts, \$17,017,400; Rhode Island, \$1,824,200; Connecticut, \$5,324,000; New York, \$61,996,900; New Jersey, \$17,494,900; Pennsylvania, \$25,002,100; Ohio, \$16,960,200; Indiana, \$7,988,100; Illinois, \$26,422,000; Michigan, \$10,624,000; Wisconsin, \$8,817,000; Minnesota, \$4,904,700; Iowa, \$1,892,900; Missouri, \$5,859,900; North Dakota, \$721,400; South Dakota, \$509,500; Nebraska, \$1,731,600; Kansas, \$1,862,700; Delaware, Maryland and District of Columbia, \$7,120,500; Virginia, \$3,152,200; West Virginia, \$4,294,200; North and South Carolina, \$8,971,000; Georgia, \$2,392,800; Florida, \$2,461,000; Kentucky, \$3,093,200; Tennessee, \$4,374,400; Alabama, \$3,734,800; Mississippi, \$1,212,600; Arkansas, \$1,353,500; Louisiana, \$3,557,300; Oklahoma, \$3,311,000; Texas, \$8,237,300; Montana, \$2,009,900; Idaho and Utah, \$3,383,500; Wyoming, \$263,100; Colorado, \$2,419,300; New Mexico, \$154,800; Arizona, \$678,300; Nevada, \$285,200; Washington, \$3,850,900; Oregon, \$3,443,800; California, \$21,134,000.

EAST AND WEST

BY TALBOT MUNDY

• TALBOT MUNDY—WNU SERVICE

CHAPTER XII—Continued

Lynn stared: "Do you think I could persuade Rundhia to try to prove Captain Norwood's innocence?"

"But Lynn dear, if Captain Norwood has been guilty of taking a bribe—"

Lynn interrupted: "I don't believe Captain Norwood is guilty."

"But what do you know about him?"

"Maharaneer dear, what do you know about me? How do you know I'm not a criminal?"

"Lynn—"

"Maharaneer dear, even if Captain Norwood could be guilty of an ungentlemanly, mean thing like taking a bribe, it was I who betrayed him and I want him to know it. If he isn't guilty—"

The door opened suddenly. Rundhia entered, followed by an attendant in the Maharajah's livery.

"Yes," said the Maharaneer, "that man can be trusted. Lynn dear, I will give him both your letters. He will find Captain Norwood, even if he has to hunt all over Kadur."

She gave the man emphatic orders in his own language, told him to go at once, watched him along the corridor and led Lynn through the brass gate to the women's quarters.

Rundhia waited, standing. When he heard the messenger's footfall returning along the corridor, he opened the door, admitted him, closed the door, held out his hand, received both letters, glanced at them and returned to the messenger the one that was addressed to Mrs. Harding.

"Deliver that one. After that, keep out of sight for an hour. Then return and say that you have delivered the other letter to Captain Norwood. Go."

Rundhia opened the letter that was addressed to Norwood. He smiled. There was no heading:

"Your unkindness about what you saw this morning does not make me wish to hurt you in return. There is something I wish to tell you. It is important. I hate myself for something that I said unintentionally, under great strain. I can explain it. Won't you see me?"

"Lynn."

CHAPTER XIII

The Bengali doctor entered Rundhia's suite at the palace with the air of a crook who is afraid of a master-crook. He assumed an air of self-importance that he didn't feel; of confidence that didn't exist. He didn't wait for Rundhia to tell him to be seated, and he began to speak in Bengali.

Rundhia interrupted him: "You may discontinue dosing Mrs. Harding. Miss Lynn Harding has accepted an invitation to remain here at the palace, so the sooner the aunt clears out of Kadur the better. Let her get well."

"She has refused medicine. I had to put it on her breakfast food. And now she won't eat. She will recover quickly enough! There is nothing much the matter with her. I am relieved. I do not like to do such things to western people."

"Could you get at Captain Norwood?"

"No."

"I think you'd better. Last night at supper, Norwood watched your clumsy by-play when you gave that pellet to Mrs. Harding. The way you switched the pellets wasn't clever. Norwood suspects you."

"Captain Norwood is himself under suspicion," the Bengali answered. "He stands accused, does he not, of having accepted a bribe? You told me to say so to Mrs. Harding. And I did."

"Yes. I was coming to that," Rundhia interrupted. "I thought the news might influence her to keep Norwood away. Now, look here: officers caught taking bribes, especially if they're popular and well connected, very often commit suicide. Norwood's suicide would be appropriate, convenient and, in the circumstances, not suspicious. How do we go about it?"

"We don't!" the Bengali answered, without a second's hesitation.

Rundhia stared at him scornfully: "Well," he remarked at last, "it might be dangerous to do. You and I must be careful."

The Bengali folded his hands across his stomach: "Very careful." "Things mustn't be traced back to us," said Rundhia. "There is nothing,

so far, that can be traced back to me. But I have the goods on you; and by God, if you don't do what I tell you, you're in trouble."

Fear looked forth from the Bengali's eyes, but he said nothing. He crossed his knees and waited.

"Norwood has got to be killed," said Rundhia. "He is in love with Miss Lynn Harding. He hates me. He is suspicious by nature. He is on the defensive. And he is the type of person whose idea of self-defense is to attack with every scrap of energy he has. That kind of person is much too dangerous. You and I can't afford to let him live. If we can blame his death on the priests, that could be made to hold water. The priests bribed him. By this time, they probably know that the news of the bribe is out. It would be natural for them to murder Norwood, to stop his mouth."

"Well, why not let them? Why not leave it to them?" the Bengali retorted.

"Because they won't do it, you fool! Did you ever know a priest to do a thing at the right time to suit someone else? It will have to be done for them. Now here's the idea: they keep a hospice where mendicants may live as long as they please, for no payment. There are three men in that hospice, who would kill their mothers and anyone else for an ounce of opium. For two ounces, they would murder ten children apiece. You know my man Gulbaz?"

"Too well. Some day that bad-mash will turn on you."

Rundhia smiled: "Long before that, dear doctor, he shall swallow one of your prescriptions! Summon Gulbaz. Give him money. I will



"No, he didn't ask me to promise."

give you three hundred rupees, and you may keep the change. Tell Gulbaz he is to hire those three men to assassinate Norwood tonight. I don't care how they do it, and I hope they get caught. They have been living for months in the temple hospice. Everyone will believe they are in the pay of the priests. Do you understand?"

"I understand you. I won't do it. I have done what I have done, because you knew of former indiscretions, for which you could have betrayed me to the law. And I will do what I will do, because I need the money. There it ends. I wish you wouldn't keep me waiting. I am becoming nervous. I have drugged his medicine until he needs it five times daily. Now he is demanding one at bedtime. Why wait?"

"Are you sure of the poison?"

"Quite sure. It is the same that I gave you to test on the monkey that you packed in ice and sent to Delhi to be autopsied. It is a vegetable poison. It escapes analysis by all known methods. It is one of five poisons that baffle analysis, once it has become absorbed by the blood. They will find in your uncle's stomach, if they look, some traces of marijuana, which it can be proved that he himself bought, and which I added to his tonic at his own written request. I advise you to act quickly."

Rundhia nodded: "If you will attend to the killing of Norwood, I will let you do the other job tonight. But I want Norwood out of the way."

There was a chill at Lynn's heart. As she walked beside the Maharaneer into the room, that was called the boudoir but retained the sumptuous, old-fashioned splendors of a royal bibi-kana, she felt more self-critical than ever before in her life. Not even Aunt Harding's cruelest accusations had made her feel as guilty, and as impotent to undo wrong.

"Lynn darling, why are you silent? I can almost always count on you for chatter when I feel despondent."

"Maharaneer, did you ever betray anyone?"

"Let us sit here by the window," said the Maharaneer. "Tell me how it feels. Perhaps I can help you to feel differently. You have helped me in so many ways. There is a law of compensation. Perhaps comes now my opportunity to do for you what you have done for me."

"I hate myself," Lynn answered. "You can't change that. I don't want it changed. If I didn't hate myself for what I've done, I shouldn't be fit to live. The dreadful part is, that I can't undo what I did. Oh, my God—" she put her head between her hands. "I didn't mean to do it. If I could cut out my tongue! But I said it. I can't un-say it."

"Lynn darling, did you promise Captain Norwood not to speak about those diamonds?"

"No. He didn't ask me to promise. He took it for granted that I wouldn't mention what any idiot could guess he hadn't wanted me to see. Captain Norwood saw me kissing Rundhia. I know he did."

"Did he say so?"

"Of course he didn't. And of course he won't mention it, ever, to anyone else. The man is a gentleman. I don't want him to despise me, yet it wouldn't bother me if Rundhia did."

"Perhaps you don't yet understand Rundhia."

"Oh, yes I do. Rundhia is a beautiful savage."

"Darling, did you ask him not to tell?"

"I made it quite clear I was sorry I had told him."

"Well, you must remember that you told him something that concerns the State of Kadur. You uncovered to him the existence of a bribe that might have changed the destiny of Kadur by legalizing the priests' possession of the diamond mine. I haven't told you much about the diamond mine. It is supposed to be a secret. Do you call it a betrayal that I have mentioned it to you?"

"Don't worry. I won't tell!" Lynn answered. "I never want to hear diamonds mentioned again. How long will it take that messenger to reach Captain Norwood?"

"That depends on where Captain Norwood is. The messenger will have to look for him. He has gone on horseback. I ordered him not to spare the horse. It might take him half an hour—an hour."

"I can't wait for an answer! I wish I had gone in search of him, myself. I haven't any pride left. His career will be ruined, won't it?"

"But darling, he deserves to be ruined if he accepts bribes. And if he is innocent he can prove it."

"Do you believe that? I can easily doubt it," Lynn answered. "I have never once been able to prove my innocence, against Aunt's accusations. Not one single one! Not one time—ever. To this minute, she believes everything she has ever said against me." Then, suddenly: "What is Rundhia doing?"

"I don't know."

"Does he like to be despised?"

"Lynn dear, if you should despise him, I don't know what might happen. Rundhia loves you."

"Does he? You think so? Tell him I despise him! And I will, until he proves to me that he has done his absolute, utmost best to undo the cowardly wrong he has done to Captain Norwood."

"Lynn—"

"Maharaneer dear, won't you please tell him? I mean it. He might believe you."

The Maharaneer sighed. She left Lynn and walked out of the room to find Rundhia.

Lynn was seated in the armchair by the window, staring at an illustrated magazine, when the Maharaneer came back.

"Darling, Rundhia has promised."

"What did he promise to do? What can he do?"

"I mean that Captain Norwood can be cleared of the charge of bribery," the Maharaneer answered.

"However, Rundhia made a condition."

"Maharaneer dear! Tell me. Don't prepare me for it. I can take it without our pretending it's something else."

"Very well," said the Maharaneer. "Let us be quite frank with each other. Rundhia loves you."

"So says Rundhia."

"And I love you."

"I can believe that," Lynn answered. "Why else should you be so kind? I haven't influence or money."

"You have personality," the Maharaneer answered. "You have imagination and spirit. You can redeem Rundhia. So that when the day comes that he shall be Maharajah of Kadur, he will be a great man. Rundhia will do anything for you—anything. Your influence will persuade him to do good things, of that I am sure. Even now, having known you only one day, for your sake he is willing to save Captain Norwood. But he makes conditions."

"Can't he tell them to me?"

"He has gone in search of that creature Gulbaz. Rundhia has taken it for granted that you will accept the conditions, since he has accepted, as a command your wish that he should help Captain Norwood."

Lynn almost lost her temper. She retorted: "I was treacherous. So was Rundhia. I don't believe Captain Norwood has been! I won't believe it until they prove it."

The Maharaneer returned to her subject: "Rundhia insists that you mustn't tell Captain Norwood whose influence it was that saved him. He demands—and I think that is fair, isn't it?—Rundhia can't afford to be compromised—he demands that if Captain Norwood should characteristically force his way into your presence, you will not answer Norwood's questions."

"But I have asked Captain Norwood to come and see me."

The Maharaneer's sympathy looked genuine. Lynn didn't doubt it:

"Lynn dear, Rundhia thinks that Captain Norwood probably believes you told about the diamonds because you knew that Captain Norwood was embarrassed by your having seen them, and you wished to punish him for remarks he had made, in the garden, last night. Rundhia thinks that perhaps Captain Norwood won't answer your letter."

Lynn was silent for a long time, thinking. The Maharaneer watched her, reading, on Lynn's face, the course of the struggle between pride, humiliation, anger—and some other, western emotion that not even Lynn could have put into words. It was too simple. Too elementary. It escaped analysis. At last Lynn spoke:

"I promise. I won't tell Captain Norwood that Rundhia is helping him. But will Rundhia do it?"

"For you he will do anything," the Maharaneer answered.

CHAPTER XIV

Norwood sat in his tent and checked Stoddard's survey figures, found a couple of mistakes, corrected them, admonished Stoddard and gave the sergeant instructions for the following day. Nervously he walked the distance between the horse line and his tent.

After the third of his paces to and fro, he sat at the table in his tent and wrote a letter to Lynn Harding, tore it up, and made several more attempts. He tore up the last one, gathered all the scraps of paper into one heap, carried them to a cook-fire and burned the lot.

He returned to his tent, scraped out a pipe, wrote another letter to Lynn Harding and tore up that one. It was getting on toward dark. The Kadur River was a splurge of crimson. He heard the hoof-beats of O'Leary's horse at about the hour when he had first seen Lynn Harding in the Maharaneer's carriage. Norwood's servant came and lighted the lamp in the tent.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Washington's Teeth

Isaac John Greenwood, son of John Greenwood, who made dentures for Washington, states that "there was buried in the tomb of Mount Vernon in the mouth of George Washington a pair of false jaws with human teeth on, which were made by my father, and they were made with bone gums—I think of the elephant's teeth or ivory, and made from moulds of beeswax."

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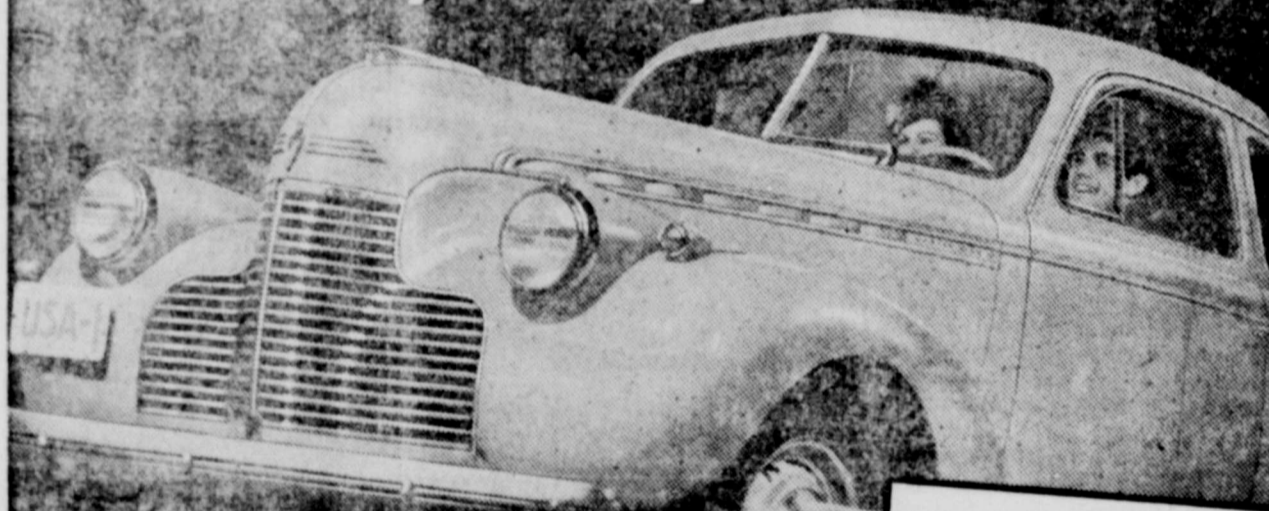
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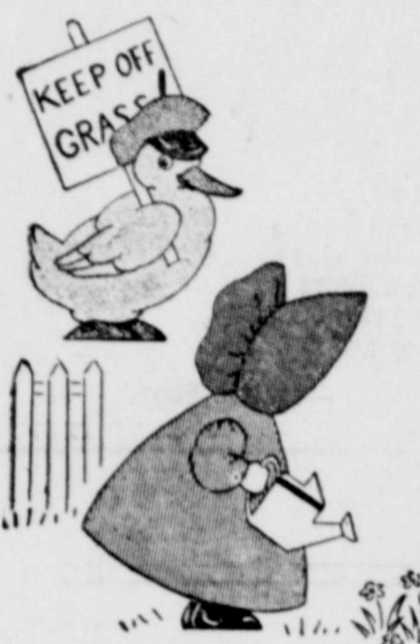
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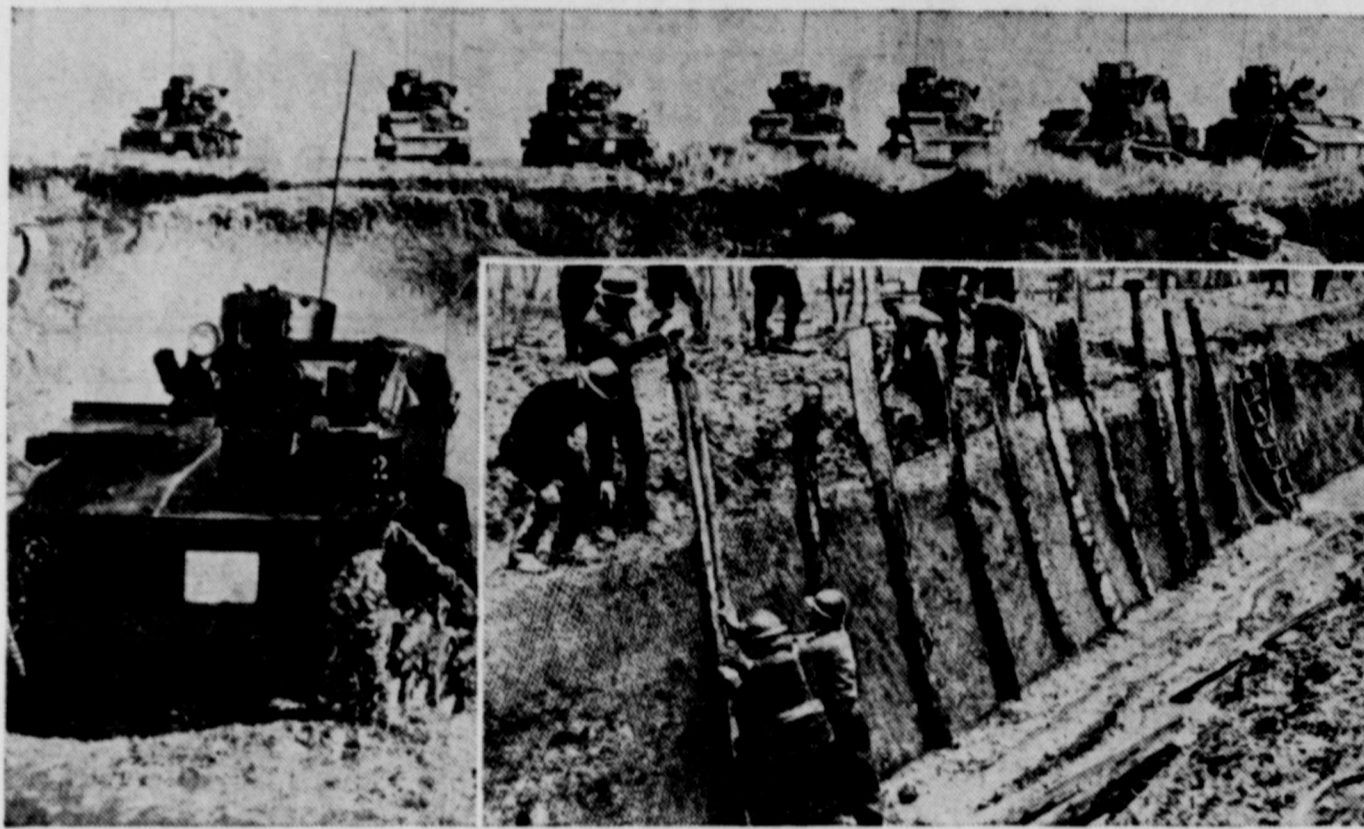
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Spring Scene: Big Top Prepares to Hit the Trail



Unmistakable sign of spring is the circus' preparation for the long trip north after a winter hibernation in warmer climate. Here a big show prepares to leave winter quarters in Florida. Left: The ringmaster, symbol of the big top, has readied his "spiel" for the season. Center: An elephant (known as a ponderous Pachyderm) goes through his act, supported by an attractive aid. Right: The equestrian acrobatic act goes through practice session for the coming year's work.

Cromwell Rebuked for Canadian Speech



An official rebuke to James H. R. Cromwell, right, United States minister to Canada, was administered by Secretary of State Cordell Hull recently when Cromwell, in a Canadian speech, lauded the war aims of the allies. Hull informed Cromwell that he had "contravened instructions" in his talk. Pictured with Cromwell are his wife, the former Doris Duke, and H. G. Heugstler, United States consul-general. Cromwell's speech was made before the Empire and Canadian clubs.

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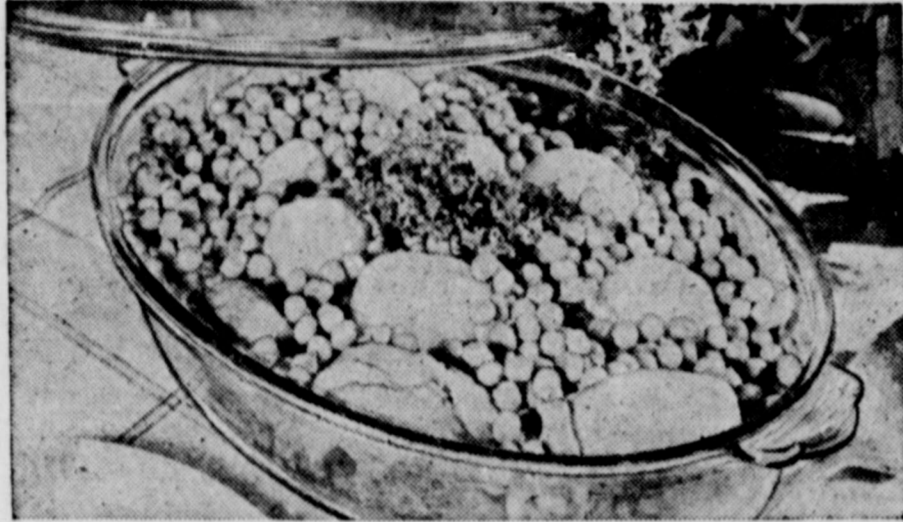
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THE SPECIALS

Household News

By Eleanor Howe



LAMB CHOPS EN CASSEROLE MAKE A "BUSY-DAY DINNER"
(See Recipes Below)

Busy-Day Meals

There's something about the first warm, sunny days of spring that makes a woman don her working clothes, roll up her sleeves and get started on house cleaning.

In spite of all the work involved, spring cleaning does give your spirits a lift. And it's very apt to spur you on to such heights that unless you've planned your cleaning campaign with all the finesse of an army general, the end of house cleaning is likely to find you with a shining, immaculate house, but an exceedingly weary body and a very disturbed family! But with a definite plan of action to guide you, even your meals can be served on schedule, and they can be good meals; a simple meal with a hot main dish that can be partly prepared the day before, is one solution to the problem of how to keep your family well fed and happy even at house cleaning time.

Plan a meal that requires little watching, one that is easy to serve and one that won't be spoiled if it isn't eaten on the stroke of 12:00. Serve the meal "help-yourself-style," using paper plates and napkins, because these are the things that make hot meals practical even in the thick clean-up by flying brooms and dust mops.

You'll find worthwhile suggestions for busy-day meals, below.

Lamb Chops en Casserole.

(Serves 6)

- 8 lamb chops
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- Few grains pepper
- 15 small new potatoes
- 2 lbs. fresh peas, (2 cups shelled)
- ¼ cup water
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon butter

Cut fat from the chops, sprinkle them with ¼ teaspoon salt and few grains pepper and brown slightly on both sides. Arrange the chops around the sides of a shallow casserole, 2 quart size. In the center, place the scraped new potatoes and shelled peas. Add water, sprinkle with salt and put bits of butter over the top. Cover the dish and bake in a moderately hot oven (375 degrees) about 1½ hours, or until the vegetables are tender.

Apple Crisp

(Serves 6)

- 6 tart apples (peeled and sliced)
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ cup water
- ½ cup general purpose flour
- ½ cup white sugar
- 3 tablespoons butter

Pare, core, and slice apples. Put in a greased baking dish. Mix together the brown sugar and the cinnamon, and sprinkle over apples. Pour water over all. Mix together the flour and the sugar, and cut in the butter. Sprinkle this crumbly mixture over the apples. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) 50 to 55 minutes, or until apples are tender and top brown.

Busy-Day Cake.

(Makes one 8-inch cake)

- ¼ cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup milk
- 1 teaspoon flavoring extract
- 1½ cups flour (cake flour preferred)
- 1½ teaspoons baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt

Soften the butter by creaming. Then add sugar, unbeaten eggs, milk, flavoring extract, and the dry ingredients which have been sifted

together. With a rotary beater or electric mixer, beat for 2 or 3 minutes, or until the batter is light and very smooth. Pour into greased pan 8 by 8 by 2 inches deep, and cover evenly with the following mixture:

- ½ cup sweet chocolate (grated)
 - ½ cup nut meats (cut fine)
- Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for 35 to 40 minutes.

Spanish Roll.

- Round steak, 2½ inches thick
- 1 No. 2 can tomatoes
- 1 small can mushrooms
- 1 medium onion (cut fine)
- 1 green pepper (cut fine)
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 4 whole cloves
- Dash of allspice
- ½ teaspoon salt
- Noodles

Dredge steak with flour and sear on both sides. Place in casserole, and add tomatoes, mushrooms, onion, green peppers and seasoning. Cover and bake about 2½ hours in a slow oven (300 degrees). Half an hour before serving, boil some noodles in salted water. Drain. Place steak on large platter, surround with noodles, and cover with the sauce.



All in One Dinner.

(Serves 5-6)

- 3 cups raw potatoes (sliced)
- 2 teaspoons salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 6 loin pork chops
- 3 cups spanish onions (sliced)
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 can condensed tomato soup
- 1½ cups sweet milk

In a greased casserole arrange a layer of the sliced potatoes. Season with salt and pepper. Then add a layer of pork chops and season these with salt and pepper. Cover with a layer of onions. Dot with butter and season. Add additional layers of potatoes, chops and onions, as needed. Combine the tomato soup and the milk and pour into the casserole. Cover, and bake in a moderate oven (375 degrees) for about 1½ hours.

Pa's Lima Beans and Sausage.

- 1 pound country sausage
- 2 medium sized onions (sliced)
- 1 can lima beans
- 2 cups canned tomatoes
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon chili powder

Shape sausage into flat cakes and pan fry, with the onions, until the sausage is done. Drain off all but ½ cup of the fat, add remaining ingredients and simmer for 30 minutes.



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Making Amends Was Bit Out of Paperhanger's Line

Whitley was having some decorating done, including the re-papering of the dining-room and the bath-room. His wife was away, so he left the men on the job when he went to business.

When he returned they were just finishing. But there had been some mistake. The dining-room paper was in the bath-room, while the dining-room showed an elegant design in green tiles and purple water-lilies.

"What are you going to do about it?" demanded the householder.

"I dunno," said the paperhanger, scratching his head. "I'd willingly move the bath—but it's a plumber's job."

ASK ME ANOTHER ?

A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

The Questions

1. What country has neither army nor navy?
2. What is the difference between the rank and the file?
3. At what point in the United States do four states join?
4. The word dugout has what three common meanings?
5. How many countries are there in South America?
6. How long have false teeth been worn?
7. An amanuensis is which: a dancer, a sculptor, or a scribe?

The Answers

1. Iceland.
2. To an officer facing his company the rank appears horizontal, and the file vertical.
3. Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado.
4. A low shelter for baseball players. A canoe made by hollowing a log. A cave made in a hill-side.
5. Thirteen.
6. The ancient Romans wore false teeth.
7. Scribe.

HOW to SEW

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS

A MOTHER writes: "I have enjoyed using the embroidery stitches in SEWING Book 2. I find a great deal of pleasure in handwork for the dresses of my little five-year-old, and am particularly interested in smocking."

Here is a trick that is useful for making honeycomb smocking in points without a special pattern. The fullness of any dress may be basted into tucks of graduated length, as at A. Even a little fullness in the center front



or at the neckline may be smocked in one or two points. Always baste the center front tuck first and then work each way from it. The smocking starts at the left and is done with colored thread. Begin at the top of the second tuck. Catch it to the tuck at the left with three stitches. Work from the top down along each tuck as shown. The stitch at B is made by sliding the needle along inside the tuck.

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Strange Facts

The 'Soul Window'
Who's a Hog?
Army Aboard!

In Switzerland, the bedrooms of many houses still contain a "soul window," or a miniature window near the ceiling, which is supposed to serve as a special exit for the soul at the time of death.

Unlike such animals as dogs, monkeys and horses, hogs do not overeat when having access to large quantities of food.

When oysters are shucked, or removed from their shells, on a large scale, the opening operation is made easier by first dipping them in a harmless, anesthetizing solution, which relaxes their shell-closing muscles.

The largest number of persons ever carried on a ship were the 14,426 American army officers, men, nurses and crew members who arrived in New York from Brest on April 2, 1919, aboard the Leviathan. On the trip 320 cooks working in three eight-hour shifts managed to prepare only two meals a day.—Collier's.

Actions the Criterion

A slender acquaintance with the world must convince every man that actions, not words, are the true criterion of the attachment of friends; and that the most liberal professions of good-will are very far from being the surest marks of it.—George Washington.

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Bewley's REAM MEAL,	10 lb sack	38c
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	2 " "	40c
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Deer Brand KRAUT, 3 no 2 1/2 can	25c
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Frazar Sliced PINEAPPLE, 2no ? can	25c
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Swank TISSUE, 3 rolls	19c
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