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## Funeral Services Held for Mrs. Daisy McPeak Friday

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Wall Church of Christ, for Mrs. Daisy McPeak, age 68 years, who died at her home in Turkey, Texas, at 10 o'clock, following injuries received from an automobile accident which occurred Wednesday morning near the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mildred Carathers, where she and Mr. McPeak were going to visit the daughter. Mrs. McPeak was brought to Floydada for burial by Harmon Funeral Home. Mrs. McPeak is survived by her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Mildred Carathers, Amarillo; two sons, John McPeak, Lubbock, and L. G. McPeak, Pampa City, Oklahoma. Precedents: A. J. Hammond, Lee W. Stephens, J. B. Turner, and Brodie, Harry Morckel. Flower girls were: Mesdames Har- mon, Grady Freeman, Ed Dunavant, Joe Dunavant, Joe Parson, and A. L. Duncan. Burial was made in Floydada cemetery with Harmon Funeral Home in charge of arrangement.

## Mrs. Sanora Vashti Ford Passes Away Saturday

Mrs. Sanora Vashti Harper Ford, 79 years, nine months and two days, passed away Saturday afternoon, December 28, after an illness of several weeks. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Lakeview Baptist Church, and Rev. G. W. Tubbs and W. D. Terrell conducted the services. Interment was made in Lakeview cemetery with Harmon Funeral Home in charge of arrangement. Mrs. Ford was born March 26, 1861 in Terrell, Kaufman County, Texas. She was married to J. M. Ford, November 23, 1876. He preceded her death December 2, 1940. Mrs. Ford was a member of the Mission Baptist Church. Children survive, they are: M. E. Smith, Shamrock; Mrs. M. Smittherman and Mrs. F. A. Smith, South Plains; Mrs. H. J. Smith, Lakeview; two sons, D. B. Spearman, and H. N. Ford, of Dallas. Two sisters, Mrs. Alice Clayton, New Mexico, and Mrs. W. Pratt, Panhandle, Texas, who have been in the home for several years. Grandchildren were grandsons of deceased: Truett Smith, John Smith, Earnest Smittherman, Ray Nelson, Carl Nelson. Grandchildren were granddaughter: Lorene Smith, Thelma McCaw, May Nelson, Alma Ruth Nelson, Dorothy Smith, Toxie Slaten.

## Former County Agent Killed In Holiday Accident

W. A. Lindsey, of Austin, former county agent of Floyd County was killed in an automobile accident near Fort Worth Saturday afternoon, December 20. No details are known as to how the accident occurred, but it is believed the accident occurred near the home of Guy D. Allen, of Fort Worth at the time of the accident and viewed the body at the undertakers home, when he returned home verified the statement that it was the former county agent. Lindsey was agent from September 1, 1933 to November 1, 1935. At the time of his death he was employed with a division of Federal Highway of Houston, and made his home in Austin.

## Is Real School Of Democracy

All Work Is Shared by Both Students and Faculty In This College.

BLACK MOUNTAIN, N. C.—Democracy is finding new ways to work at Black Mountain college. Now in its eighth year, the unique co-educational, co-operative educational institution in a picturesque setting of the western North Carolina mountains is continually combining book-learning and manual labor. Solving many problems met in everyday life, Black Mountain students and faculty, men and women, work every afternoon, side by side, on a new plant under student-faculty supervision and plans. The novel construction program was begun when the officials realized the college would be unable to obtain its present quarters another year and, lacking money, decided to build with everyone lending a hand. The work is entirely voluntary and organized largely by a popularly selected student work committee, but all able-bodied students work enthusiastically. That's the way Black Mountain has been ever since its first year when the faculty drew out of the treasury only enough for minimum needs—an average of \$7.27 a month a person.

They Learn Rapidly. W. R. Wunsch, rector,—he's elected by the faculty and student-moderator and not by a board of trustees—calls the college a "community of people." "Social, emotional and intellectual growth of undergraduates is influenced more by a close contact with people than by books," he says. "Hence the gap between the curriculum and the extra-curricular activities has been bridged. "Though many entering students have not yet learned to live in a democracy, they rapidly and enthusiastically learn to do so when given the freedom and the responsibility implied by democracy. Prof. John Dewey, noted Columbia university educator, called Black Mountain "a living example of democracy in action."

Here the work program becomes an integral part of the college life. However, there is no interference with the academic work. Rather, the program occupies the time devoted to other colleges to athletic participation—or the more usual participation as mere spectator. In this connection, Wunsch notes the recently recurring complaint that Americans are becoming soft, that college youth doesn't care enough about democracy to make any sacrifices for it, that he hasn't the enthusiasm for democracy which German youth has for national socialism, etc. The work program at Black Mountain, he says, not only hardens the students physically, but results in voluntary sacrifices for a democratic community.

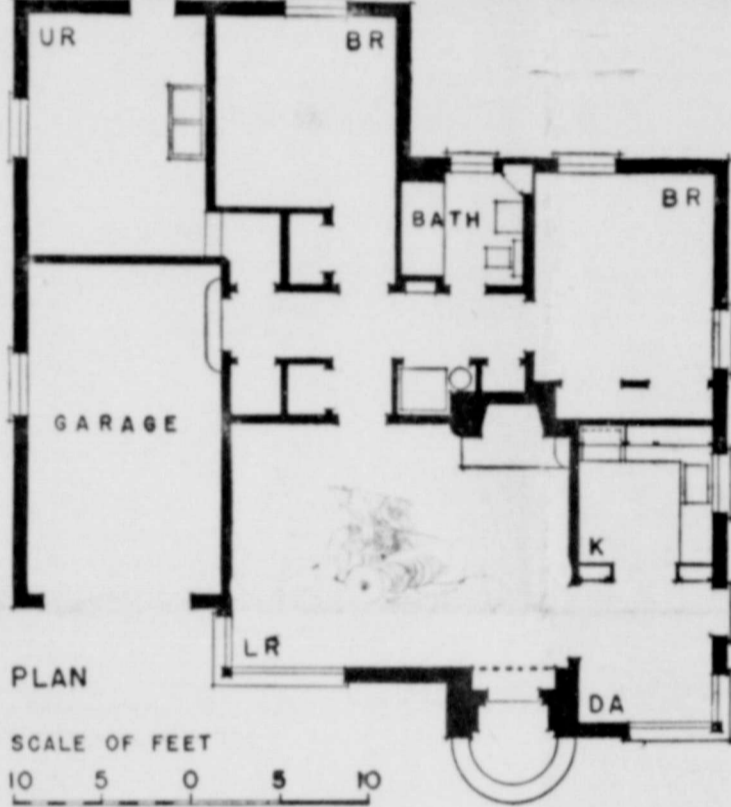
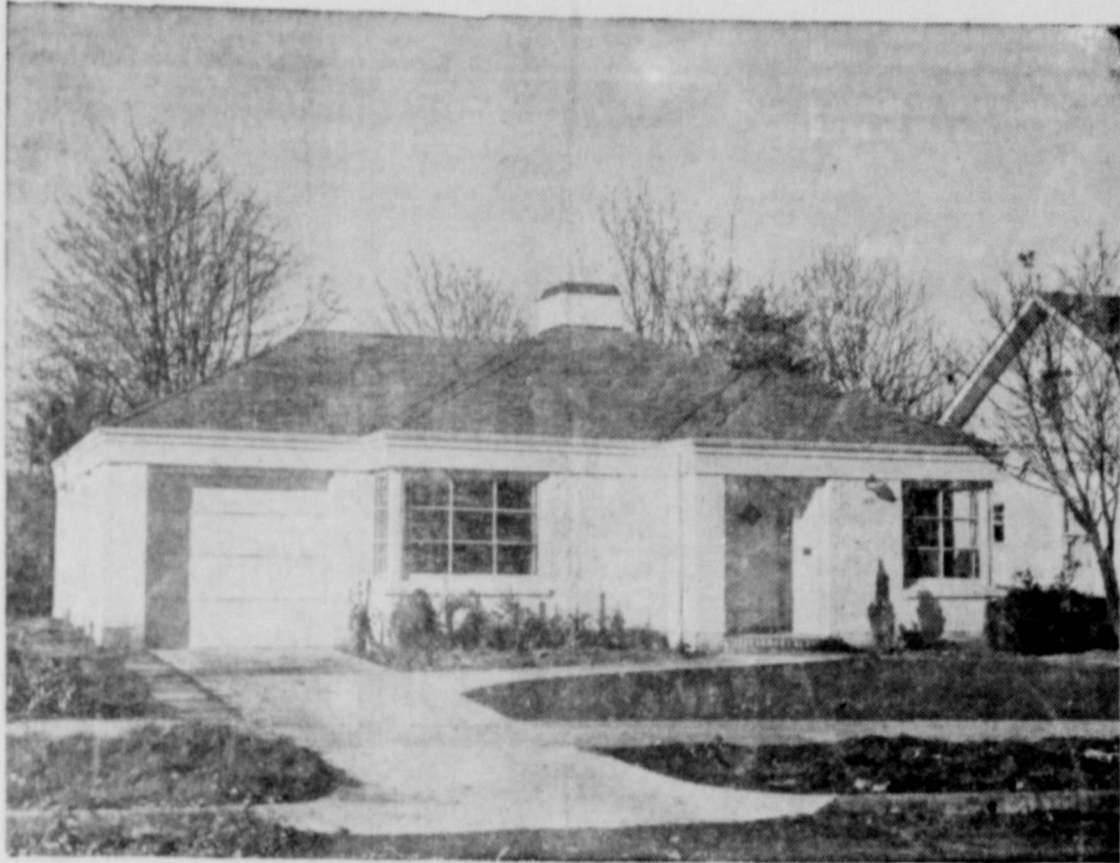
May Have Answer. Black Mountain students and professors feel that, perhaps, they have the answer to the question of whether democracy will work. For, they say, Black Mountain develops a greater sense of responsibility, increases powers of self-discipline and organization, deepens human understanding, and the student becomes more aware of the real implications of citizenship in a democracy through actual participation in the governing of the college. The faculty judges students as much for their place and adjustment in the community—their development as people—as by their intellectual growth. The college offers a liberal arts course covering the fields of the arts, literature and languages, the sciences and the social sciences.

## Witnesses Get a Drink But Jury Only a Whiff

CAMDEN, N. J.—Everybody but the jury got a taste of the "evidence" when the Monongahela Liquor company sued an Atlantic City liquor brokerage concern in Federal court. Attorneys and witnesses sampled the contents of a bottle, but the jury was allowed only to smell it. The plaintiff contended that 50 barrels of rye sold by the Atlantic City concern were not like the sample.

## Cadet's Rifle, Family Car, Have Same Numbers

LEXINGTON, MO.—Cadet Donald Durham at Wentworth Military academy here, thought there was something familiar about his rifle serial number (532-645), but he didn't find out what it was until his family visited him recently. The number on the license plates of the family car was 532-645.



Conforming with the best features of contemporary design, this simple house has the advantages of modern planning. Its plan is both livable and logical, and it presents a warm harmonious appearance. In its price range, this house represents a fair challenge to the building industry. The Federal Housing Administration insured a mortgage of \$3,500 on this property. A mortgage of this amount, over a 25-year period, may be paid off with average monthly payments of less than \$21, exclusive of local taxes and hazard insurance.

## County Officials Started New Year Wednesday

The Floyd County Commissioners Court convened Wednesday morning, New Year's day, for the purpose of inducting all county officials into office. Few changes were made in the county officials. Geo. E. Marshall was sworn into the office of Assessor and Collector, vacating the office of district clerk, a position he had held for three terms. Milton Sims, newly elected district clerk, succeeded Geo. B. Marshall as district clerk. Mrs. Ethel Graham, who has been deputy collector and assessor during Frank L. Moore's time in office as assessor and collector, will continue to hold that position under Geo. B. Marshall. Two changes were made in the Commissioners court. Henry Robertson, of Lockney, succeeded E. R. Harris as commissioner of Precinct No. 2; and B. E. Cypert succeeded M. H. Taylor in Precinct No. 3. Frank Perkins of Lockney, started his first regular term as justice of the peace of Precincts 2 and 3, and S. A. Thompson started his term as constable in Precincts No. 2 and three. Other remaining county officials are: Alton B. Chapman, district judge; John A. Hamilton, district attorney; G. C. Tubbs, county judge; A. B. Clark, county clerk; Mrs. O. M. Conway, treasurer; Fred N. Clark, sheriff; John Stapleton, county attorney. W. D. Newell, county surveyor; Clarence Guffee, county superintendent of schools; W. L. Finley, public weigher, precinct No. 1 and 4; A. S. Cummings, commissioner precinct No. 1; H. J. Nelson, commissioner precinct 4; and B. P. Woody, justice of the peace precincts 1 and 4. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. White, Jr. and children of Borger, spent the week end with Mr. White's mother, Mrs. A. E. White, Sr.

## AIR CORPS TO TAKE OVER AIR BASE AT SAN ANGELO

Washington, Dec. 31.—The air corps said today it would take over tomorrow its new \$1,600,000 basic training school at San Angelo, Texas, and begin the training of approximately 100 students there about February 15. The 67th and 68th school squadrons, to be formed at San Angelo, will have an eventual strength of about 200 enlisted men each, and the 64th air base group (special) also to be organized there, a strength of approximately 480 enlisted men. These units were among 38 school squadrons and six special air base groups, to be stationed at 14 posts throughout the United States, plans for which were first announced by the air corps in June as part of the training program to supply pilots for the air corps expansion program.

## TEXAS PIG CROP IS 22 PER CENT LOWER

Austin, December 31.—The 1940 Texas pig crop of 2,144,000 head is approximately 22 per cent below that of 1939 but exceeds by nearly 10 per cent the 1929-38 average. The agricultural marketing service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture reported only eight states, all in the corn belt, exceeded Texas production. A total of 167,000 fall sows farrowed between June 1 and Dec. 1 compared with 223,000 in the same period last year. Spring farrowings were 204,000 in 1940 and 240,000 in 1939. A further decline in pig production is indicated by the intentions of Texas producers to keep only 167,000 sows for spring farrowing, eight per cent less than the number last spring, the service reported.

## WARBLERS THREE



CELEBRATING the start of their fifth year on the air with Phil Spitalny's unique all-girl orchestra, the Three Little Words—Frances, Connie and Fern—here show by their smiles the way they feel about the anniversary. Known to millions of listeners and considered one of the best-matched trrios on the airwaves, these three ladies of song may be heard every Sunday night on the "Hour of Charm," over the red network of NBC.

## Test of Courage Is Demonstrated by U. S. Marines

Cautiously making their way through the trackless jungles of a Central American republic, a small detachment of U. S. Marines and native guardsmen were on the trail of bandits in May, 1928. Underfoot they were hampered by hidden rocks and a tangled undergrowth; overhead a dense tropical foliage blotted out the sun. Every step of the way there was danger of ambush, for in guerrilla warfare the enemy has the advantage of selecting his own time and place if he chooses to attack. Suddenly a blistering fire from bandit rifles blazed into the little group. Captain Robert S. Hunter, in charge of the patrol, carried a machine gun forward to a position from which to deliver an active and effective fire on the enemy's position. A bullet struck him in the neck. There was another burst of fire and Captain Hunter was struck in the chest. His last words before lapsing into unconsciousness were: "Don't go back; go ahead." Twice the patrol was attacked by an unseen foe which, it was learned later, outnumbered them about two to one. A marine and native guardsman were killed and a marine wounded. A number of the attackers were killed. A marine aviator finally located the group and dropped medical and surgical supplies. Captain Hunter was carried by his men to a nearby village where he died five days later. This skirmish was typical of scores of others fought by the marines in remote countries where they have landed to restore law and order. On this occasion the Navy Cross was (posthumously) awarded their courageous leader.

## Service Read For Couple

Of interest in Lubbock is announcement of the marriage of Mrs. Mary Lou Reynolds, daughter of Mrs. Dora E. Crain of Corpus Christi, former Lubbockite, to Nat E. King of Laredo, son of Mrs. Marie H. King, which took place Monday morning in the St. Anthony hotel in San Antonio. The Rev. Albert P. Shirkey, pastor of Travis Park Methodist church, officiated. Tate Fry of Norman, Okla., uncle of the bride, played the wedding music. The bride wore a navy light-weight wool suit with white blouse and navy accessories. She carried a white prayer book, adorned with gardenias and lilies of the valley. After the ceremony, the bride's mother entertained at breakfast. Attending were Mrs. King, mother of the bridegroom; Mary Charles Reynolds, daughter of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Ralls and Mr. and Mrs. Walker Watkins of Ralls, Miss Florence Pickett of Lubbock; Mr. Fry and several San Antonio friends and relatives. After a trip to Mexico City, the couple will be at home in Laredo where Mr. King is with the law firm of Neel and King and is also on the board of directors and legal counsel for the Texas Mining and Smelting company. Mrs. King has served as head of the homemaking department in the Corpus Christi High schools for two years. Both she and Mr. King are graduates of Texas Technological college—Lubbock Avallanche. Mrs. King is the niece of Mrs. G. A. Linder, R. E. Fry and W. L. Fry, Floydada.

## J. H. Shurbet Died At His Home Here Tuesday Morning

J. H. Shurbet, 82, pioneer stockman and farmer of Floyd County died at his home here Tuesday morning at 6:30 o'clock following a brief illness. He had been a resident of Floyd County since 1907. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the First Methodist Church with Rev. J. L. Henson conducting, assisted by the pastor, R. T. Breedlove. Interment was in Lockney cemetery with Crager Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Mr. Shurbet with his family moved to this section 33 years ago from Wise county. He retired from active farming and other pursuits some few years ago. Survivors are three sons, Jim and Jess Shurbet of Floydada; Will Shurbet of Lasara; four daughters, Mrs. M. F. Huskey of Kennedy, Mrs. D. L. Weaver of Lasara, Texas; Mrs. E. R. Harris and Mrs. O. D. Wofford of Lockney; a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mrs. Shurbet died December 26, 1935.

## Voters Ballot on Road Bonds Last Week - End

Plainview, December 30.—Returns Monday from Saturday's \$40,000 road bond election showed a vote of 728 against and 369 for in 14 of the 15 precincts in Hale county. The proposed bond issue, conditional upon assumption by the state, was for construction of 50 miles of lateral roads. Silverton, December 30.—Briscoe county voters Saturday authorized a \$180,000 road bond issue, conditional upon State assumption, for completion of Highway 87 to the Swisher county line and Highway 207 to the Floyd County line. Crowell, December 30th.—Foard county rejected Saturday a proposed \$365,000 road bond issue, which, if assumed by the State, would have been used with a \$425,000 issue in Baylor County to build a direct highway from Crowell to Seymour. Baylor County voted the bonds by an overwhelming majority, but the project is considered dead. The proposal in Foard County failed to obtain even a bare majority. With a two-thirds vote necessary, the returns showed 169 for, 172 against. Clarendon, December 30.—Returns Monday indicated the \$565,000 road bond issue voted on Saturday received less than 50 favorable votes. Returns from all but three small boxes gave 523 against, 46 for. Eight of the 15 boxes reported were unanimous against the bonds. Uvalde, December 30.—By a 10 to 1 majority, Uvalde County citizens voted Saturday for a \$160,000 road bond issue. Wellington, December 30.—Taxpayers of Collingsworth County Saturday approved the \$500,000 road bond issue for the hard surfacing of an East-West highway through the county. With one voting box still unreported Monday afternoon the vote was 586 for and 120 against. These bonds were voted with the understanding that they will be issued only when they can be assumed by the county and district road bond indebtedness board. Collingsworth is the only county of the Childress Highway district with only one hard surfaced road running through it. Eldorado, December 30.—A \$550,000 road bond election held December 21 carried 287 for and 7 against. Seymour, December 29.—Baylor County Saturday voted \$425,000 in road bonds for construction of a direct highway from Seymour to Crowell. The last count with few boxes unreported showed the total at 336 for and 57 against the bonds. The issue was conditioned upon the Legislature moving up the State assumption date to include 1940. A companion issue in Foard County, was reported here to have lost, which would nullify the Baylor County vote since both counties had to vote the bonds before the road could be constructed.

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# U. S. Is Short of War Essentials

## Experts Say It Would Take Three Years to Get Needed Supply.

WASHINGTON—Uncle Sam won't have to requisition aluminum pots and pans from the nation's kitchens in event of war—as Britain did—but he's much less fortunate with regard to some other vital raw materials.

Defense authorities estimate it may take three years for this country to acquire stock piles of some so-called strategic and critical materials adequate to a wartime demand, despite the progress already made in that direction.

If the United States should become involved in war in the meantime, strict conservation and distribution control measures and the wider use of substitutes almost certainly would be necessary in the case of some of the minerals for which this country is dependent upon foreign sources.

Of the 29 commodities which the army-navy munitions board lists as strategic and critical, officials indicated they are chiefly concerned about things which the man in the street takes for granted, such as rubber, quinine, mica, chromium, tin, tungsten and manganese.

Kaleidoscopic changes wrought by the war already have interfered with the normal supply of those and other materials.

### Need Tin and Rubber.

Army experts, keeping a constant watch on the shifting military and political tides abroad, report, for instance, that the French island of Madagascar, source of some of the world's best mica for electrical insulation, has quit exporting to this country, the neutrality act and the cost of war-risk insurance has virtually quadrupled the expense of bringing chromium ore from Turkey, where the best grade is located.

Thus far, Japan's penetration of French Indo-China has not affected the relatively small shipments of tin and rubber from that country, but informed sources emphasized the situation would be vastly different if Japan should attempt to blockade those two essential products as well as the tungsten coming from nearby Malaya.

For military reasons, precise figures as to the size of the growing reserves of the various materials are being withheld, but Edward R. Stettinius Jr., in charge of the defense commission's materials division, reported six weeks after taking office that surveys offered reliable indications that adequate supplies would be available for defense industries as needed.

### Army Forecast.

On the other hand, army sources forecast that if the existing situation with regard to chromium ore—important to the manufacture of armor plate and armor-piercing projectiles—continues, the United States would be in "bad shape" on that score in about a year and a half. Domestic production of the ore is insignificant.

Not all the items on the strategic and critical lists are so well known. There is, for instance, charcoal made from coconut shells. It has long been considered the best absorbent filling for gas mask canisters. The munitions board reported, however, that "great progress" has been made in the development of satisfactory substitutes from domestic materials which are abundantly available and that large-scale production of the latter would permit removal of coconut char from the strategic list within the next year.

Substitutes also are being developed for a number of materials, including synthetic rubber and substitutes for quinine, such as atabrine and plasmochin.

## This Youngster's Name Comes From High Source

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK, MONT.—If Allyn Grinnell Stevens isn't a mountain climber when he grows up, it won't be his fault. He was christened for a mountain and a glacier.

Aityn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cullen A. Stevens of Tampa, Fla., his grandmother, and his two brothers were touring Glacier park when he was born.

What to name the youngster was something of a problem. The parents and grandmother consulted park rangers. Mrs. Stevens recalled she had hiked to Grinnell glacier the day before the boy was born. She suggested his middle name be Grinnell. Everyone agreed.

Ranger Walter Nitzel gazed at Aityn peak which towers above the Many Glacier camp ground. He said the first name should be Aityn. That idea also was adopted.

## This Family Could Hold Reunion at Army Camp

DETROIT—The family of Maj. Claus M. Stafford of the 125th Infantry will be well represented at Camp Bearegard, La.

Major Stafford, a surgeon, has with him his son-in-law, Capt. Joseph W. Burba, a dentist, and his sons, Lieut. Robert Stafford and Private Frederick Stafford.

Lieutenant Burba and Major Stafford were with the Canadian army during the World war.

## Britain's Troubles Led Puritans to America

This is the strange story of the house of Stuart. While ruling Scotland during a period of 232 years, the monarchs met one piece of bad fortune after another.

At about 1600 a new religion was growing up in England. The Puritans had started out to improve the Church of England, but in time they broke into revolt. Their leader, Oliver Cromwell, led his forces to victory on the battlefield. King Charles was captured and put to death.

The king's son, also named Charles, fled to France. Later he sailed to Scotland and with an army of 10,000 Scots tried an invasion of England. The attempt failed, and Charles fled once more. This time he had narrow escapes from capture by the Puritans while obtaining a vessel to go to France.

After Cromwell died Charles was asked to come back to England to rule as king. He accepted and held the throne until his death 25 years later. In that period the great plague visited London, and much of the city was destroyed in a great fire.

The changes of power in Great Britain had a great deal to do with early American history. While Cromwell was in control of England, thousands of Cavaliers, members of "the king's party," moved to Virginia and settled there.

Later the return of Charles caused thousands of Puritans to flee across the Atlantic. They settled in New England and helped build up the colonies of Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

## New Fashions Dignified, More Natural Silhouette

Nellie was a lady—back in Victorian days—but not a bit more of a lady than her great-granddaughter Helen will be the winter of 1940-41.

The important note in women's wear news is the slimmer, more graceful—and more natural—silhouette. Shoulders and sleeves are straight—not exaggerated; skirts are slim-looking but sufficient for a natural stride. Untrimmed coats are important, fur is used less lavishly on dressy coats, collars are smaller, prettier and often detachable.

Costume suits, matching dresses and coats are top fashion, and the coats are made so that they can be worn with other dresses as well. Skirts stay at 15 to 18 inches depending on the wearer, dress necklines are high, hats tend more to fit the head.

Gold is the leader in jewelry, but it is never bold or garish. It, too, goes for the quiet elegance that suits the lady of fashion best. Only on the Americana note does the jewelry style trend become bold, with jeweled military pins, insignias, lapel ornaments like medals, and the American flag over and over again for every belt, neckline and lapel, enameled or twinkling with true red, white and blue stones.

### Turkey Yields to Women

Tradition, custom and law has been scattered by the winds in Turkey. No longer are the women kept secluded in harems. Today, about the only thing a Turkish woman can't do is join the military forces. It all came about because the men had so much to do in building a new nation that they needed the women's help. Today there are women judges, city officials, legislators and dentists. They have the right to vote and sit in assembly. There are women law students, women in the college of pharmacy, in engineering schools and in agricultural schools. There are more jobs for women than there are trained women to take them. The few restrictions against women workers are in the kind of work they may do. They are not allowed to work underground, under water, or in dangerous industries such as poison gas and sulphur plants.

### Columbus Saw Bahamas First

The Old World's first contact with the Western hemisphere occurred in the Bahamas, for it was on October 12, 1492, that Columbus, after a terrifying voyage of 70 days, saw the first land in the New World. It was the Island of Guanahani, one of the Bahamas, which the explorer named San Salvador. The landfall of Columbus is now known as Watling's Island.

On October 15 Columbus took possession in the name of the king of Spain of the island he called Santa Maria de la Concepcion, now called Rum Cay, and on the same day he visited another island which he called Fernadina, known now as Long Island. A few days later he named another island Isabella after the queen of Spain. This island is today known as Crooked Island.

### Yeast Dough Kneaded

Whether a yeast dough is kneaded with palms, knuckles, or the "heel" of the hand, or mixed in a dough mixer or mixing machine, matters little! What matters—and much—is that it be kneaded enough to make it the excellent gas retaining structure a good dough made from wheat flour should be! Dough properly and sufficiently kneaded will be smooth and resilient. It is not sticky, although it may be quite soft. A general rule says that the dough is kneaded enough when it does not stick to the palm if the hand is held on the surface of the dough during a count of thirty.

## Needs of Schools Shown by Survey

### Extensive Revision Urged As Prime Necessity.

WASHINGTON—Today's high-school graduates, facing a world of profound social and economic change, find themselves poorly equipped to meet the complex problems of present-day lives, results of a study indicate.

Competition among adults for positions in industry virtually has eliminated opportunities for apprenticeship, and the high-school graduate, trained though he be in vocational studies, can find no employment, according to a survey completed for the American youth commission by the American council on education.

"Even if vocational education were unqualifiedly successful in other respects, it cannot create jobs where they do not exist," the report said.

Recommending that thorough practice in reading—the most important single branch of education—accompany vocational studies, the report emphasizes the role of social studies in providing an effective education for citizenship in a democracy.

The committee making the study, headed by Ben G. Graham, superintendent of public schools in Pittsburgh, found that the stylized nature of present-day courses in English composition, mathematics, foreign languages, history and natural science kills their appeal for the modern student.

It is recommended that these courses be revised to present fundamentals of enduring value rather than a mass of easily forgotten detail.

If the high school is to fill its place as a factor in the American order, the report concludes, it must expand its program of instruction.

## Astronomer's Tests Show Speed of Earth Cut Down

PASADENA, CALIF.—A recent experiment on the speed with which the earth is traveling around the galaxy of solar bodies by Astronomer Ralph E. Wilson, of the Mount Wilson observatory, has established that this speed is not as great as previously estimated.

Dr. Wilson reached his new conclusion after looking at stars 1,000 parsecs, or 19 trillions, of miles away. The check showed that the earth is moving 188 miles a second around the center of the galaxy. This rate equals 11,280 miles a minute.

Previously it had been estimated the earth's speed around the center of the galaxy was 13 miles per second faster than stars 1,000 parsecs farther out, but the new observations have cut this to 11.6 miles per second.

The study of gas clouds in the inter-stellar space resulted in the new figures.

## Finds Food Rationing Makes English Healthy

NEW ORLEANS.—David John Rodgers, British consul, sees the English people growing more healthy on wartime rationing. "We have always eaten too much," Rodgers said. "Food rationing is not only conserving food, but is recultivating the English diet. Now we are learning moderation in food. I think it is unlikely that when the war is over the English people will go back to their classic British breakfasts and heavy lunches. The afternoon tea custom may also disappear.

"The rationing plan was put into effect not so much because there is a scarcity of food in England," the consul explained, "but because we want to build up a reserve."

## Inexpensive Hobby Takes Well-Developed Muscles

SPOKANE, WASH.—A Tacoma safety engineer has found an inexpensive but heavy hobby—he collects rocks with fluorescent qualities. Water Sutter swed visitors at the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies with more than a ton of rocks which threw off multi-colored rays when subjected to different lighting effects.

## Kindergarten Boasts It Has Its Own Laboratory

PERU, NEB.—Kindergarten as taught by Ann Harris, student teacher, at Peru college, is different. Her kindergarten laboratory has a rock garden, bird gallery, "mystery table" for nature's phenomena, aquarium, "viparium" for snakes and terrarium for plants.

## Light Bulb Burns For Quarter Century

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—An electric light bulb in the ceiling of the leech house of Han Rees Tanner has been burning day and night for nearly a quarter of a century, according to Tom Williams, foreman in the plant. Williams said the bulb was burning when he was first employed 22 years ago.

## Knowing Wood Guide In Selecting Furniture

Plan heirlooms for the future when buying furniture, is the advice of Anne Biebricher, home furnishings specialist, Ohio State university, who adds that there is a fine line of furniture to meet every income. The secret of good furniture selection is in knowing the merits of the different woods.

Walnut, mahogany, oak, maple, birch, and gum are the best cabinet woods. Walnut and mahogany are tops in quality and price. Both have rich color and luster, are not inclined to warp or shrink, take glue well, and are strong enough to make lasting furniture.

Mahogany makes some of the finest furniture. It has a variety of beautiful markings, shrinks very little, and is easy to work. Furniture makers use mahogany most for veneer, although some expensive pieces are of solid mahogany. Walnut goes by the name of American walnut or black walnut. Black walnut is somewhat misleading, for it varies in color from light to dark chocolate brown. It has a distinctive but not too conspicuous figure.

Oak is on the list of important furniture woods. Oak trees grow in nearly every part of the United States, but most of the oak used for furniture grows east of the Great Plains. Walnut and mahogany are sometimes more fashionable woods, but oak never really goes out of style. It is always plentiful, attractive, hard, strong, and takes many different finishes.

## Many Synthetic Things Produced From Melamine

The tremendous drop in price of melamine makes it interesting as a starting material for many synthetics, Dr. P. P. McClellan declares. Two years ago the American Cyanamid company began pilot plant production and development of melamine because of its resin possibilities. Full scale commercial manufacture is now under way, with melamine assuming a dominant place in the great field of resins. "Melamine is one of the most recent additions to the field of important industrial chemicals," Dr. McClellan says. "It has shown great promise in the field of amino plastics owing to its remarkable stability to heat and light; its reactions lead to the belief that it will become an increasingly useful basic material for synthesis.

"In 1834 Justus Baron von Liebig in Germany heated a mixture of potassium thiocyanate and ammonium chloride together. He obtained from his fusion mixture a residue which he called 'melam.'

"By heating this residue with a dilute solution of caustic for several days, he obtained a material that crystallized out when the solution was cooled. He decided to call this new base 'melamine' because he concluded that it had been formed by the action of alkali on melam, but this was not true; the melamine was present before the treatment with caustic."

### Making Steaks Tender

The common, lowly, down-trodden weed has risen to a more lofty position in the field of agriculture and now it will have a place in the sun, if the scientific experiments of two California doctors are correct. The doctors, Dr. David M. Greenberg and Dr. Theodore Winnick, University of California researchers, claim they have found that the extract from the sap of the weed will destroy tapeworms and other living parasites in the digestive system. The seeds and sap, they say, will make the toughest round steak as tender as a choice sirloin. It also helps speed up the commercial processing of meats or other protein substances, accelerate the curing of hides for tanning and the treatment of digestive disorders. The substance can be found, they claim, in any of a variety of weeds known as the horse nettle, the bull nettle, silver leaved nightshade and trompillo, and can be found flourishing in most sections of the United States.

### Saluting Flag

The correct way to salute the American flag, according to army authorities, is as follows:

A girl scout in uniform salutes with her official scout salute; worn salute by placing their right hand over their heart; Boy Scouts in uniform salute with three fingers of their right hand; Color bearer does not salute because he is holding the flag; man in uniform, like a policeman, gives the official right-hand salute; civilian without a hat shows respect by standing at attention, hands at his side and the civilian with a hat removes his hat with his right hand and places it over his heart.

### Dietary Habits

Diet may play a part in causing many other ailments besides those commonly recognized as dietary deficiency diseases, Hygeia, The Health Magazine points out. Among these are certain forms of heart disease, hardening of the arteries, arthritis, chronic stomach trouble, diabetes and occasionally an unexplained headache. It has been found that a change in the dietary habits of patients suffering from these diseases to a diet termed "protective" not only mitigated their distressing symptoms but actually restored the soundness of the injured tissues.

## Buying of Gold Is Seen Ending

### Economist Says Supply for United States Is Running Out.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CAL.—The United States soon will be unable to purchase and store any more of the world's gold for the reason there will be no more gold to purchase, according to Dr. Franklin Ebersole, former economic adviser to the treasury and professor of finance at Yale.

Dr. Ebersole told the Stanford business conference here that there is only \$27,000,000,000 of monetary gold in the world, and that more than \$20,000,000,000 of this is held by the United States government.

He understood, he said, that it is the policy of the administration to purchase another \$2,000,000,000, leaving only \$5,000,000,000 in the rest of the world.

Ebersole expressed his doubt that the United States would be able to purchase more than this additional two billion for the reason that certain countries like England and France, who believe in a solid currency, will refuse to let the last of their gold be drained from them.

### Away Ahead of Mines.

"The United States has been purchasing gold faster than it can be dug from the mines," Ebersole said. "The gold mines of the world are expected to produce only \$1,000,000,000 in gold this year.

"California leads the nation in gold production, having mined 5,393,425 fine ounces in 1939, valued at \$195,709,000."

Were the United States to continue its policy of purchasing and hoarding gold, there would not be enough left outside the vaults to support America's foreign trade.

Ebersole explained that naturally all of the gold held by the treasury does not belong to the United States. Much of it is the property of the Federal Reserve bank, of various foreign governments and individuals.

With the United States and Great Britain producing large quantities of gold, Ebersole does not think that they will go off the gold standard, but feels that the great problem to be solved is to prevent this hoarding of gold from ruining America's foreign trade.

### Suggests Purchases.

"Unless some substitute for gold is found as a medium of exchange," Ebersole declared, "the United States may have difficulty in competing with an influx of cheap foreign goods unloaded here at a loss in order that American dollars thereby gained may be exchanged at a profit as they become scarcer in Europe.

"The United States and its gold supply are like a poker player with all the chips in the game and no place to cash in."

Ebersole suggested as a partial solution that the United States begin buying such strategic materials as tin, rubber, manganese, chromium, and a half dozen others.

He believes that the gold would prove to be readily acceptable by poor nations which have strategic materials for sale.

"In any event, the fork of the road is in sight," he declared, "and the United States has to take one course or the other."

## 'Big Miss' Soon to Lose Another Old Companion

NEW ORLEANS—Train ferries may soon pass out of existence on the lower Mississippi river.

Contracts to use the Huey P. Long railroad and highway bridge at New Orleans have been signed by the Texas & Pacific railway, Missouri Pacific, and the Texas & Pacific-Missouri Pacific Terminal railroad.

If and when the contracts are approved by the interstate commerce commission, the roads can abandon ferry service to and from New Orleans. The Southern Pacific is the only road running its trains across the Long bridge at this time.

The recently opened Mississippi river bridge at Baton Rouge replaced use of train ferries there.

## Bombs to Halt Storms Create Stir at Airport

MENDOZA, ARGENTINA.—An attempt by a group of scientists to dissipate threatened hailstorms by discharging aerial bombs in the clouds caused consternation in the Mendoza airdrome and brought an immediate protest after an experimental bomb exploded about 400 yards from the airport.

The blast came as the Buenos Aires-Santiago, Chile, transport was taking off. Aviation officials said the plane was not endangered but that such experiments near the airfield were dangerous.

## Chain Letter Is Ignored, Then Bad Luck Starts

SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.—Mrs. C. Scharlach recently received a chain letter with the admonition that failure to reply would bring bad luck. She did not reply. Since then her mother fell and broke her shoulder bone; Mrs. Scharlach developed arthritis, and legal complications developed relative to her mother's estate.

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Washington, December 31.—Federal Works Administrator John M. Carmony today announced allotment of \$134,062,500 in federal highway aid for the fiscal year beginning July 1. Priority will be given roads leading to army and navy establishments and plants of defense industries. "This work is of first importance," he said. "Next in importance is the elimination of weak bridges and narrow roadways and straightening of surfaces on the strategic system recommended by defense agencies. These roads are on the federal aid system and the improvements needed are the kind we are making in the regular federal-aid program."

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dyer and family spent the holidays with relatives at Carnegie, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Scott, of Lovington, New Mexico, spent the holiday with Mr. Scott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Somer Hollingsworth, of Amarillo, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hollingsworth.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Calhoun and Mr. and Mrs. King of Floydada, Hobby Heath, of Amarillo, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. King, of Lorenzo, Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Neal, Jr., of Lubbock, visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Jones, Jr., Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Jones, of Conchas Dam New Mexico, returned to their home Friday after having spent the holidays with Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Sims.

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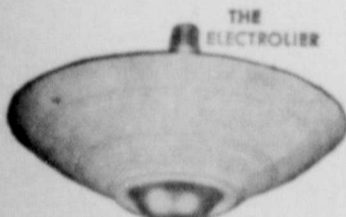
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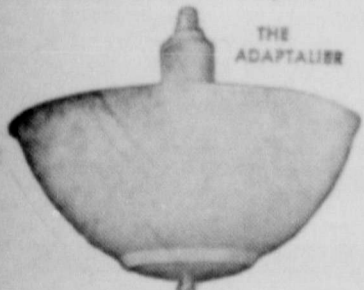


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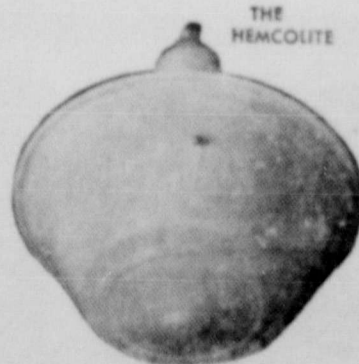
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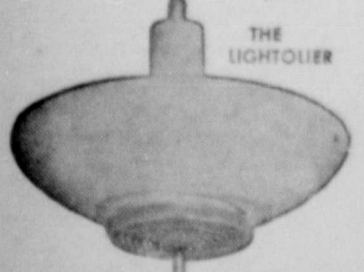


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