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### The Headline News For The Past Week

Here is a sample of the headline news for the past week . . . Two Bandits Kill Cafe Man, Escape with \$2000 . . . U. S. Buys 10,532 Tons of Prunes . . . Hike in Shoe Prices Seen . . . 15 Million Fighting Men Lost in War, Marshall Says . . . Nevada First in Divorce and Marriage Rates . . . Girl Has Tooth Extracted From Ear . . . Citizens Group Asks Major Tax Reductions . . . Eisenhower Pays Tribute to Rogers at Unveiling Rites . . . Austria to Get Gold Stolen by Germany . . . U. S. Jury Indicts Three in Robbery . . . Notables Gather in Oklahoma for Rogers Tribute . . . MacArthur to Run, Newspaper Claims . . . British Blamed for State of Affairs in Palestine . . . Teacher Makes Bond on Charge of Whipping Pupil . . . Keep Your Shirts on, Gals, Nylon Supply Is Picitiful . . . Death Claims "Man O'War" . . . Tools Taken by Nazis Recovered by French . . . Decrease in Food Supply . . . Continued High Prices Seen . . . N. M. Teachers Get Average of \$2780 . . . Drop in World Food Supply Predicted . . . Fort Bliss Observes 99th Year . . . Sugar Stock Is Plentiful . . . Soviets Hail New Era, Sow U. S. Hate . . . Southwest Enjoys Buying Boom . . . U. S. Enas Poultryless Thursdays . . . Now Its Eat More Poultry . . . REA Officials Plan Meeting in Clovis, N. M. . . . Truman Happy Over Kentucky Democratic Victory . . . Long Terra Food Saving Plan Seen . . . Noted Opera Singer Dies . . . Girl Stabbed While Walking . . . The Duke and Duchess of Windsor Sail for U. S. . . They Will Not Attend Royal Wedding . . . 30-Mile Wind Lashes L. A. . . Parade of Film Stars Launch Food Train . . . Food Conservation Plans Completed . . . Taft to Press Grain Probe . . . Cotton Harvest Nears Halfway Mark Cutting Hay in Pecos Valley in November . . . Two Jailed on Dope Charge . . . Farmer Kills Two Men, Abducts Wife . . . Later He Returns and Gives Himself Up to Police . . . Britons Short on Water . . . Take Baths in Wash Dish . . . U. S. to Buy Mexican Beef, Says Anderson . . . Now It's Eat MORE Chicken . . . Friendship Train Being Laden Down With Food for Europe . . . Stassen Begins Fight for Delegates . . . And That's All We Have Time for This Week.

### Health Officer Inspects Hope Dairies

Dr. Puckett, district health officer, and his assistant, were up to the Penasco Valley Monday and inspected the local dairies. He recommended that the persons working in the dairies should have a clean suit every day, that the dairies should be kept cleaner and that the cows should be given a thorough brushing before each milking.

### Eddy County Dairy Cattle To Be Tested For Tuberculosis

Dr. G. D. Allen of the U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry is ready to start testing dairy cattle in Eddy county for tuberculosis. The testing program is conducted every three years. Dairy farmers should write or telephone the county agent's office, giving the number of their cows and the location of the farms.

### NOTICE

For Sale: 1F 12 tractor, cultivator, 2 disc plow, 2 way plow 9 weaning pigs, 1 yearling heifer, 2 milk cows, 4 calves 7 mo old, 16 turkeys. See Jimmie Thompson, Hope, N. M.

### Hope News

"The Dillinger Story." He was the most dangerous man in America. Begin this startling story of ruthless killer John Dillinger. Peter Levins tells it in The American Weekly, that great magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

Mr. and Mrs. Herschell Bragg and son were in Hope over the week end. Herschell went hunting at the Hilary White, Jr., ranch, while his wife and son visited with Mr. and Mrs. Hilary White, Sr.

### Sheriff And State Police Pay Hope A Visit

Sheriff Dwight Lee and C. S. McCasland of the State Police came to Hope Wednesday and paid a visit to the school where Mr. McCasland spoke briefly to the children on safe driving and traffic regulations. They also paid a visit to The News office and informed the editor that several new traffic signs would be secured and erected in the very near future. One large sign, "Slow Down," will be erected one-half mile west of the school. Two smaller signs with a red flag on top will be kept in the center of the street just west and east of the school. And then another "Slow Down" sign will be erected just east of John Teel's store. These signs will be up in about two weeks. From now on there will be regular checks on headlights, brakes and driver's licenses. Trucks will come in for their share of attention and will be inspected for tires, flags and fuses and also for truck and trailer brakes. C. S. McCasland, who was recently assigned as State Police Officer in North Eddy county, will make his headquarters in Artesia, but expects to come to Hope and to patrol highway 83 nearly every day.

### A Little About This And A Little About That

Wayland Hodges was in Hope Wednesday . . . He comes up here every time he wants something good to eat . . . Mrs. Hal Harris was in Hope Wednesday . . . Superintendent Moore and family returned home from their hunting trip . . . They decided to leave their buck up there awhile to put on a little more fat . . . Officer McCasland of the State Police visited Hope Tuesday . . . Irving Cox was in Hope Wednesday with a load of iron junk . . . Mr. Byer of the Scarbrough ranch was in Hope Wednesday . . . He has bought himself a new car . . . Mr. and Mrs. Buster Crockett were in Hope Wednesday . . . Andy Teel was in Hope

Tuesday . . . B. L. McElroy is working on the cement floor at Altman's store . . . Floyd Hall has bought himself a car . . . Felix Cahape, Jr., has been appointed sergeant at the State College at Las Cruces . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hatter went to town with a load of vegetables Wednesday . . . Armistice Day was quiet in Hope . . . Everybody that could went hunting . . . Tommy Young, who is attending school in California, was home over Armistice Day . . . Several truck loads of cattle went through Hope Wednesday.

### EDITORIAL

Representative Harold Knutsen of Minnesota, chairman of the ways and means committee, has started a triple play—an effort to cut taxes, aid Europe and reduce the national debt, all at the same time, but putting chief emphasis on cutting taxes.

The editor of the Deming Graphic devotes two full columns in belittling Senator Taft. He could have saved all that time and space because Senator Taft will never be elected president — he won't even get the nomination. He has made a good senator, but has not the makings of a good president.

Politics are warming up. Bill Dunnam is offering his home, car and \$100 in cash if we can dig up one Democrat he would vote for. The lady from Hope that is planning on running for county office is figuring the cost of a campaign and counting her money. But to come back to Bill Dunnam's proposition, we know of one Democrat we wouldn't vote for, but he always gets elected.

Last Saturday and Sunday the service stations and cafes in Hope were snowed under by hunters bound for the hills, 90 per cent of them being equipped with cold med-

icine labeled "For Internal Use Only." One party left Hope with all the comforts of home. They had a 14x20 tent, two Butane heating stoves, two beds with springs and two feather mattresses, blankets, quilts, pillows, etc. Of course, they took along enough food to last them a month.

The Friendship Train, laden with farm implements, grain and food for the starving people of Western Europe, has left the West Coast and is speeding toward New York. It is hoped that by the time it reaches the East Coast it will provide two boatloads of food and farming implements, one for France and one for Italy. This drive will be a symbol to the peoples of the world of America's generosity and strength.

It won't be long now before it will be time to issue driver's licenses for 1948. Which reminds us that just because you are issued a driver's license does not entitle a driver to exceed the speed limit and skid around corners on two wheels and all that sort of stuff. There are some people that should not be allowed to drive at all, they do not seem to use a bit of judgment, they go from 75 to 80 miles an hour in a 25-mile zone, slide the wheels when stopping and turn around in the middle of the street.

Up at the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, located in the northwest part of North Dakota, there is going to be another treaty broken and another landgrab take place. The people of the treaty which guarantees them title to this land "as long as the grass grows and water runs." The reason for this sad state of affairs is that the Army engineers are building the Fort Garrison Dam which, when completed, will cover with water some 150,000 acres of this Indian reservation. The white man has offered them a small

compensation which the Indians think is far too little for losing their homes, their schools, churches and places sacred to them through hundreds of years of occupancy by their forefathers. The Army engineers claim that this dam will be the key structure in the joint Army reclamation program to control the Missouri River. Too bad that the Army engineers couldn't pick another spot to locate their dam, and leave the poor Indian alone. But that's the way it has been ever since the country was taken away from the original owners. Paleface make treaty, paleface break treaty, tell Indian "move on."

### Hope News

Beay Fowler, who is attending State Teachers College at Portales, was home over Armistice Day.

Dorothy and Francis Weddige of Lubbock were here over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Buckner and children were here over the week end visiting relatives.

Mrs. Ben Marable was in Roswell Monday doing her Christmas shopping.

"Dog Battles Mountain Lion." Read the thrilling story of the lion-fighting mongrei and other brave dogs. You'll meet these canine heroes in "Heroic Dogs, Inc." Read it in The American Weekly, that great magazine distributed with next week's Los Angeles Examiner.

Mr. and Mrs. Wasson took charge of the postoffice Monday while Floyd Cole and his wife went hunting.

Robert Williams has been driving the school bus this week while Lewis Scoggin went hunting.

Walter Coates, who has ben sick, is gradually improving. His friends will be glad to see him out again.

The \$64 question now is, "Who Stirred the Coffee With a Fork at the Boy Scout Banquet?"

### Uncle Sam Says



What did the Secretary of the State of Wyoming say to the Banking Commissioner when they met in Cheyenne in 1937? "I'd like to find a plan to assure a comfortable retirement for myself and my family," said the Secretary of State. "Why don't you do what I am doing, buy Savings Bonds regularly out of income?" his friend replied. Today they have begun the second 10 years of their retirement plan. The then Secretary of State is now Governor Lester C. Hunt, and the former Bank Commissioner is the present director of Savings Bonds sales. You, too, can emulate their example. If you invest \$18.75 each month in a series E Savings Bond of \$25 maturity value over a period of 20 years and hold ALL the bonds to maturity you will receive an average yearly income of \$700 for the ten years following.

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

**Meat and Wheat Bode Ill for 1948; Marshall Plan Ready for Congress; Public Backs 'Tough' U. S. Policy**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.)

FOOD PUZZLE

**Meat vs. Wheat**

Domestic food situation in the U. S. is entering a critical stage, with two aspects standing out in sharp opposition to each other:

1. The government, determined to ship 500 million bushels of wheat to Europe by next June, is campaigning to save a major portion of that amount by cutting down on the feed consumption of cattle, hogs and poultry. That line of reasoning holds that smaller flocks and feeding to lighter weights will save more grain than any other single effort.

2. The supply of meat is going to be considerably less than it has been and the demand will be greater. Meat prices are expected to go much higher in 1948. Further curtailment of meat production by saving grain at the feed trough will intensify that already serious situation.

There is no danger of a bread or food shortage of any kind this winter because of the nation's bumper wheat harvest. The pinch, if it comes, will appear after the middle of next year, precipitated by a currently threatening drought and failure of the winter wheat crop. Added to that is the fact that domestic uses, plus exports, will leave from this year's harvest of 1.4 billion bushels only a 100 million-bushel carryover by the time of the next harvest — too small a volume in the event of a short crop.

Meat, which right now is a little cheaper than it has been because more animals are being slaughtered, will continue in great demand next year because consumer buying power will remain high.

The supply, however, will be less. The agriculture department estimates there will be only 21.5 billion pounds of meat produced in 1948, compared to 23.2 billion pounds this year. There will be 4 million fewer cattle on farms next January than last January, smaller hogs will be sent to market and there will be no increase in the stocks of sheep, which are at an 80-year low.

FINAL TOUCHES:

**Marshall Plan**

After caroming from praise to criticism to condemnation for the past few months, the celebrated Marshall plan to help Europe regain its feet is being whipped into final shape under direction of Secretary of State George Marshall, its progenitor.

One known fact loomed large in the mind of the American taxpayer: The plan may cost up to 20 billion dollars for the four-year period during which it will be in effect.

Marshall, who abandoned temporarily his debating in the U. N. general assembly, returned to his Washington office to put the finishing touches on his plan, which will be laid before congress when the special session opens November 17.

The Marshall plan, subject to late revisions, may be outlined broadly in these main points:

1. U. S. would make available to Europe next year a combination of relief and recovery supplies totaling about six billion dollars. Relief

HEADLINERS



**IN NEW YORK . . .** Marlene Dietrich (above), who has two attractive reasons for favoring the short hem-line, showed up on a liner from Europe all bundled up in the "new look," drew hardly an ogle as she ankled down the gangplank.

**IN KNOXVILLE, TENN. . .** Adm. Husband E. Kimmel, former Pearl Harbor commander, told how on December 7, 1941, he was struck above the heart by a spent Japanese bullet which only bruised him.

**IN CINCINNATI . . .** Susie, 21 years old, the only trained gorilla in the world, died in her zoo cage after a stroke which paralyzed her right side.

Time Out From Crises



**Paul Ramadier, French premier, chats with a bed-ridden tot during a tour of a Paris hospital. Possibly feeling that he would like to be in a hospital himself, Ramadier is sorely beset with economic crises and cabinet crises, as well as a more recent political crisis brought about by the sudden ascendancy of Gen. Charles De Gaulle's Rally of the French People party.**

supplies (food) would be free; recovery supplies (machinery) would be financed with loans.

2. Because of shifting conditions, it will be impossible accurately to forecast the amount of help Europe will need beyond the first year.

3. Sums from the U. S. would decrease each year as recovery progress was made.

4. The plan would be administered in the U. S. by a new government agency and in Europe by an organization representing the 16 nations which drew up their estimate of needs at the Paris conference.

GET TOUGH:

**U. S. Approves**

Soviet leaders, who cry "warmonger" every time an American diplomat splits an infinitive, are gravely in error if they suppose there is any major cleavage be-



tween the American public's views on Russia and the state department's so-called "tough" policy toward the Soviets.

That conclusion was brought out in a recent Gallup poll which indicated that, actually, the predominant mood of public opinion today favors an even tougher policy than the state department is following.

Answers to the question, "Do you think that in dealing with Russia and other countries the U. S. is insisting too much on having its own way?" were: Yes, 12 per cent; No, 78 per cent; No opinion, 10 per cent.

Further, 62 per cent of the American people believe that the U. S. is being too soft in its policy toward Russia. Only 6 per cent think it is being too tough, and 24 per cent say our official attitude toward the Soviets is about right.

PLAGUE:

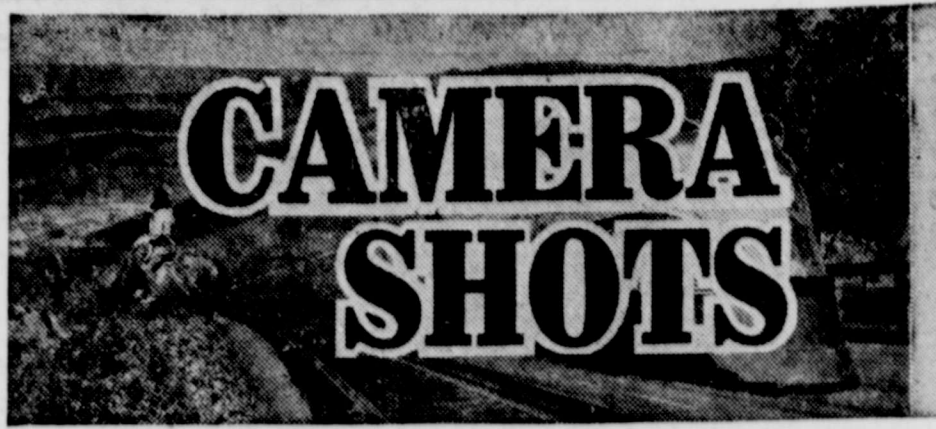
**Egypt Stricken**

Cholera, the dreaded black plague is spreading so swiftly in Egypt that a total of 6,000 dead has been predicted by year's end.

With many stricken villages isolated by troops, other small communities are ringed with bonfires day and night in the belief that fire will keep out the disease.

Meanwhile, neighboring nations were taking steps to prevent the spread of cholera from the upper Nile valley. Greece, Italy and Palestine have discontinued international traffic, while private shipping lines will bypass Egyptian ports and air travel is diverted away from Egypt.

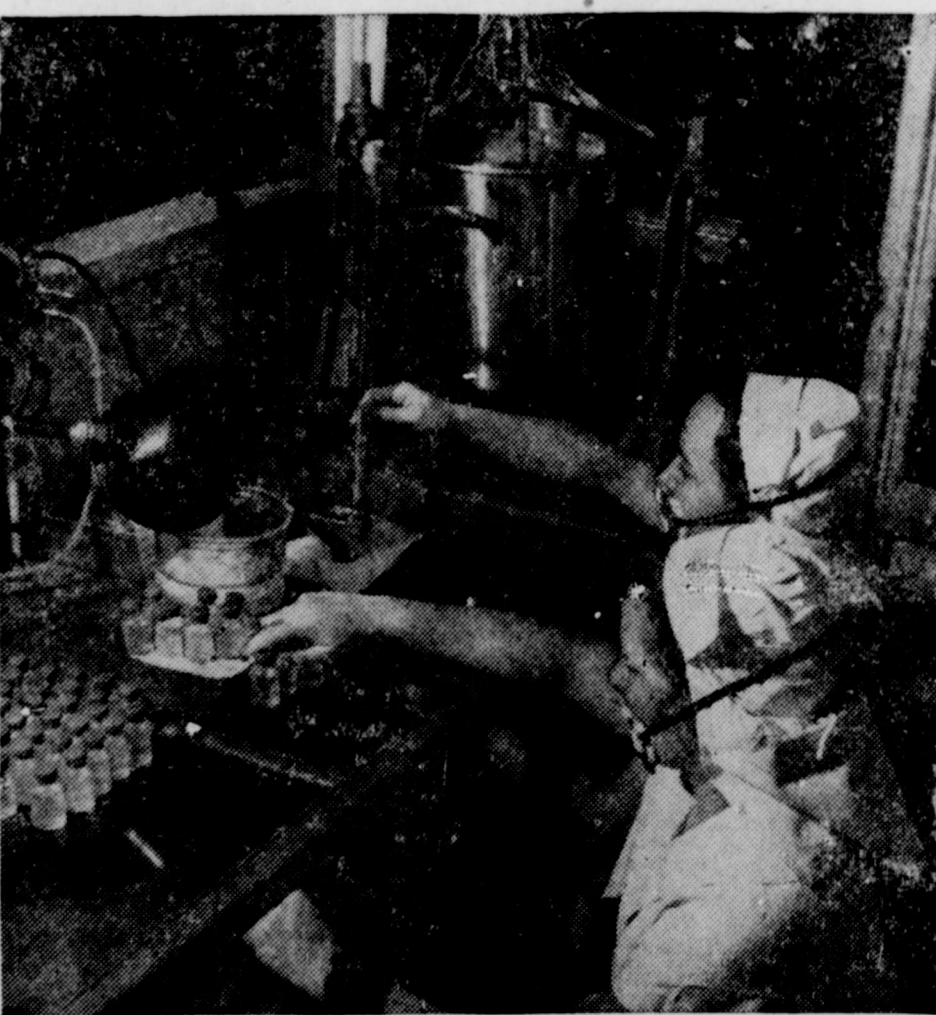
Outside help in combatting the disease is at a minimum in Egypt. Swiss scientists alone were said to be helping local health officers. There is a desperate shortage of vaccines, DDT and medical specialists.



**JOHN BARLEYCORN TAKES A HOLIDAY . . .** With Americans cutting down on their drinking so that hungry Europeans may step up their eating, distilleries have stopped making whiskey for 60 days upon request of the citizens' food committee. Here, Joseph Rodo, employee at a Philadelphia distillery, is shutting off the valve that stops the mash from entering one of the huge vats. All grain unused by the distillers up to the shutdown will be turned back to the government.



**HIPPO, HIPPO, HOORAY . . .** Pygmy hippos—that's a new one. At any rate, this one in the picture is a new one, and its proud mother looks like she might be cheering the event lustily. Gumdrop IV, the pygmy, was born not so long ago at the Washington, D. C., zoo. He weighs 12 pounds, his mother is a delicate 450. The Washington zoo has bred about eight pygmy hippos, and is the only zoo in the country that does.



**FIGHTING CHOLERA EPIDEMIC . . .** Cholera vaccine is urgently needed to battle cholera plague now sweeping Egypt, and production of the precious vaccine has been stepped up at the Sharpe and Dohme laboratories in Philadelphia. Alice Heron and Betty Guy, working in sterilized room, fill vials with the serum which will be flown to the plague area in Egypt as soon as it is ready.

Gems of Thought

A LEARNED PERSON is not learned in everything, but the capable person is capable in everything, even in what he is ignorant of.—Montaigne.

Philosophy is the parachute in which we return to earth after the wings of illusion fail.

Those who think it permissible to tell white lies soon grow color-blind.

When the heart is afire, some sparks will fly out of the mouth.

Observance, and not old age, brings wisdom.

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You may suffer nagging backache, rheumatic pains, headaches, dizziness, getting up nights, leg pains, swelling. Sometimes frequent and scanty urination with smarting and burning is another sign that something is wrong with the kidneys or bladder.  
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**TURNING IT ROUND AND ROUND WHILE I WORK IT GIVES EVEN THICKNESS AND SMOOTH TEXTURE**

**COOKS USING THIS EARTHENWARE FOUND THAT FIRE MADE IT HARD AS STONE. SALT FROM THE COOKERY GLAZED THE BOWLS.**

**SEE THE FINE FINISH THE SALT HAS GIVEN THE BOWLS!**

**A WASH OF LEAD DOES THE SAME**

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**EARLY AMERICAN SETTLERS USED WOODEN AND METAL TRENCHERS AND UTENSILS UNTIL THE INDIANS SHOWED THEM WHERE TO FIND POTTERY CLAY.**

**I HAVE SENT TO ENGLAND FOR SOME POTTERY BOWLS.**

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**HOUSEHOLD MEMOS**  
 by Lynn Chambers



**Baked Stuffed Tomatoes Save Meat**  
 (See Recipe below)

**Meat Savers**

Every now and then when we are called upon to save meat, it helps to have dishes with meat-like texture and flavor so appetites are satisfied. Fortunately there are certain combinations of vegetables which, when served with some cheese, are excellent just for such a purpose.



Tomatoes with a bit of bacon are satisfying for hearty appetites; so are squash and lima beans, with a bit of sausage. Au gratin combinations are interesting, too, from the point of view of satisfying appetites as well as the budget.

Use the recipes given today when you want to save on meat; these dishes are not meant to be used as a vegetable side-dish for the average family as they are just a bit too much on the hearty side for such a purpose.

**\*Baked Stuffed Tomatoes.**  
 (Serves 5)

- 5 tomatoes
- 5 slices of bacon
- 2 cups bread crumbs
- 2 tablespoons chopped onion
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 cup grated cheese
- Sprigs of parsley

Cut tops off tomatoes and remove pulp. Cook bacon until crisp. Break into small pieces. Make a stuffing by mixing tomato pulp, bacon, bread crumbs, onion, salt and pepper. Fill cavities of tomatoes with the stuffing. Sprinkle tops with grated cheese. Place tomatoes in a heat-resistant glass dish. Bake in a moderately hot (400 degree) oven for 30 minutes. Serve garnished with parsley.

**Squash, Sausage and Lima Bean Platter.**  
 (Serves 4)

- 2 1/2 cups cooked, mashed squash
- 1 1/2 cups cooked lima beans
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 8 sausages

Arrange squash in four nests on a heat resistant glass utility platter. Place lima beans in center of each squash nest. Dot lima beans with butter. Place sausages around squash nests. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for 30 minutes or until sausages are done.

**Sausage Stuffed Eggplant.**  
 (Serves 4)

- 1 medium eggplant
- 3/4 pound pork sausage
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 green pepper, chopped
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
- 2 cups cooked brown rice
- 1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- Salt and pepper
- 1/4 cup grated cheese

Cut eggplant in half lengthwise. Cook in boiling salted water for 10 minutes, or until it is almost tender. Cook sausage meat slowly in large skillet until lightly browned, stirring occasionally. Add onion, garlic, green pepper and parsley, and cook until vegetables are almost tender. Pour off some sausage fat, leaving about 1/4 cup in pan. Add rice. Scoop eggplant



**LYNN CHAMBERS' MENU**

- Celery and Potato Soup
- \*Baked Stuffed Tomatoes
- Hot Biscuits
- \*Baked String Beans with Mushrooms
- Molded Pear Salad
- Relishes
- Chocolate Cake
- Beverage

\*Recipes given.

pulp out of partly cooked halves, leaving a half-inch shell. Chop pulp and add to sausage mixture; add poultry seasoning and salt and pepper to taste. Fill eggplant shells with the mixture. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) until well browned.

**\*Baked String Beans with Mushrooms.**  
 (Serves 6)

- 1 pound string beans, slivered
- 1 pound mushrooms
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 cups milk
- 1/4 cup buttered bread crumbs

Cook green beans in boiling salted water until tender. Drain well. Peel, slice and saute mushrooms in butter. Dredge mushrooms in flour and add the milk. Cook until thickened. Combine with beans and pour into a buttered baking dish. Over the top sprinkle the bread crumbs. Bake just long enough to heat through and brown the crumbs.

**Onions with Potatoes.**

- 8 bermuda onions
- 3 cups diced cooked potatoes
- Salt and pepper
- 2/3 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup cheese, grated
- Paprika

Peel the onions and cut a slice from the top of each. Parboil in boiling salted water for 15 minutes. Drain and scoop out, leaving just a shell. Season potatoes with salt and pepper. Place in an iron skillet over a low flame, cover with milk and dot with butter. When all the milk is absorbed, fill the onion shells with the potato mixture and cover with grated cheese. Dust with paprika and run under the broiler flame to melt the cheese and heat thoroughly.



**Corn and Bean Pudding.**  
 (Serves 6)

- 1/2 cup butter
- 2 eggs, separated
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon white pepper
- Paprika
- 1 cup soup stock
- 1 cup cream
- 1 quart cooked and shredded green beans
- 2 cups corn
- 1 chopped green pepper
- 1 chopped pimiento
- 1 teaspoon chopped parsley

Melt butter; add yolks, then flour, sugar, salt, pepper and paprika. Add soup stock and cream. Fold in egg whites and vegetables. Pour into a greased baking dish and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for 30 minutes.

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2. What happened to the Colossus of Rhodes?
3. What territory was added to the United States by the Gadsden Purchase in 1848?
4. What name is given to the preliminary draft of a treaty?
5. In what states are the "Great American desert"?
6. A drum major's tall fur hat is called what?
7. Do fish bathe?

**The Answers**

1. Connecticut passed a law in 1901, restricting the speed of motor vehicles to 12 miles an hour on the highway and 8 miles an hour within the city limits.
2. Destroyed by an earthquake.
3. New Mexico and part of Arizona.
4. A protocol.
5. Utah and Nevada.
6. A shako.
7. Yes. They scrub themselves by squirming around on the sand at the bottom of the water.

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# THE BIBLE TODAY

International Uniform Sunday School Lesson  
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SCRIPTURE: II Peter; Jude; Luke 2:40-52.  
DEVOTIONAL READING: Matthew 5:3-16.

## Building Character

Lesson for November 16, 1947

WE SHALL need to read carefully Second Peter if we are to profit most in the study of Sunday's lesson. Peter tells us:



Dr. Newton

"According as his divine power hath given us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue."

We may partake of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

In addition to Second Peter, we are asked to read Jude and Luke 2:40-52. The passage in Luke tells how Jesus grew and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him.

### As Jesus Grew

WE HEAR a great deal today about juvenile delinquency. The question everywhere arises, What can we do to prevent juvenile delinquency?

We have the answer in Sunday's lesson. As Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man, so can every youth in America grow into strong and beautiful manhood and womanhood.

The parents of Jesus, we are told, obeyed God in doing for the Child all that they were commanded to do.

### The Lov. of God

"KEEP yourselves in the love of God," Jude, 21. There is the formula for building Christian character.

This business of building Christian character is based on a formula—keeping within the circle of God's love.

It is just as essential to have the proper nourishment in building Christian character as in growing a fine ear of corn. Progress is not accidental. It is the result of right thinking, right behavior, right purpose. Only in the love of God can the young life find the nature for Christian character.

### Christian Mathematics

TURN again, if you will, to Second Peter, and read his mathematical formula by which Christian character is realized:

"Add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Old-fashioned stuff, someone will cynically observe. Aye, old-fashioned it may seem, but only from this old-fashioned formula can character be built—Christian character.

And what is it that our needy, frightened world is asking for above everything else today? For the certitude of hope that is found only in hearts that are staid upon God.

### Jude's Benediction

YOU have read, I hope, the brief Book of Jude, only 25 verses. You have followed his pungent, cogent argument. You have followed his exhortation. And now you come to his benediction—a very fitting climax for Sunday's lesson:

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and evermore. Amen."

As you sit in your living room, or on the train, or in the plane, or in the hotel, or at the hospital, or wherever you may be, reading these lines, remember this—the need of America today is more Christian character in the home, factory, store, bank, mill, field, school room, in the meeting house.

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STREAMLINED MARINE CORPS . . . Streamlining its forces for modern warfare, the marine corps is placing greater emphasis on small units and increased firepower. Shown here is a group of Second Division marines marching back to camp after an extensive day of maneuvers on the beach at naval amphibious base, Little Creek, Va.

## SAGA OF ACHIEVEMENT

### Marine Anniversary Recalls Proud Heritage of Service

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Six months after establishment of the corps, United States marines made their first landing on someone else's beach in 1776, an action which has been repeated successfully more than 200 times in the illustrious and colorful history of the heroic fighting organization.

Founding of the marine corps on November 10, 1775, by act of the Continental Congress and the proud marine heritage of tradition and achievement are being recalled this week as the traditional birthday celebrations are held throughout the world.

This year, for the first time, the leathernecks are being joined in celebrations noting the 172nd anniversary of founding of the marine corps by the new, postwar citizen marine corps, the leatherneck reserve force which is being built up throughout the country.

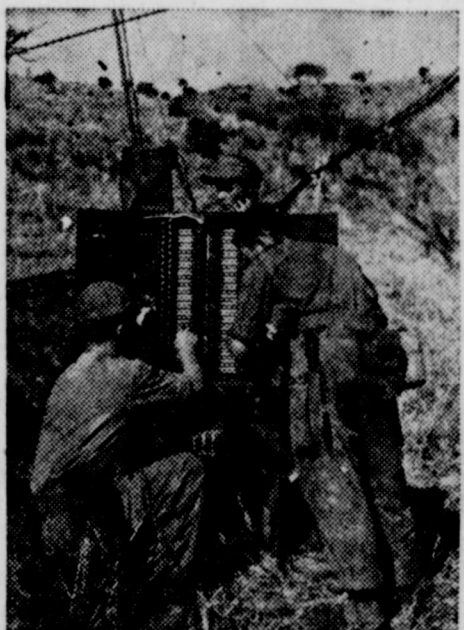
From the Shores of Tripoli in 1804 and the Halls of Montezuma in 1847, marines have carried the American flag around the world. Their battle record in every conflict, beginning with the Revolutionary war and continuing through Guadalcanal, Tarawa and Iwo Jima, still indelibly carved in memory as World War II battle shrines, have earned for marines the tradition of being true to their motto of "Semper Fidelis—Always Faithful."

Always a "ready force," the marines have lived up to that reputation even in such varied postwar assignments as guarding historical documents aboard the Freedom Train, setting a new speed record for jet-propelled planes, training Venezuelan marines, demonstrating the latest amphibious tactics to midshipmen or cadets and serving as part of the occupation forces in Japan.

To keep attuned with modern atomic warfare, the marine corps is undertaking a complete streamlining of its forces. Smaller but harder-hitting units are being formed which will have the flexibility and mobility needed for rapid movement.

Back of these revamped first-line defense forces will be the new citizen marine corps. These citizen marines, who live at home and hold their civilian jobs, will be trained at local armories and airfields in the marine tradition for service if needed "in the air, on land and sea."

A modernized system of up-to-the-minute instruction in new developments and technical training will be



CITIZEN MARINES . . . Members of the citizen marine corps play an integral role in the revamped marines. Three members of the organized marine corps reserve are shown here setting up field communications during summer maneuvers.

offered to citizen marines who volunteer for sparetime instruction.

A nationwide enrollment drive for the citizen marine corps opens this week in connection with the anniversary festivities. The campaign will reach its peak in January.

### Programs Attuned To Locale Planned For Luxury Trains

CHICAGO. — Packaged entertainment, fitted to the locale and produced by showmen in studios before the train ever leaves the station, is the latest promise in luxury travel by the railroads.

Everything from physical comforts to psychological color and sound effects are being utilized by train designers to please the passenger and make him fully conscious of the ease and relaxation of train travel.

Latest in the long list of postwar improvements is the plan of the Santa Fe railroad to use wire recordings for reproduction over the public address systems in new passenger equipment now under construction at shops of Pullman-Standard Car Manufacturing company, in Chicago.

In designing programs for these new trains, it is planned to have a producer study their specific routes and then select music and entertainment to fit the locale. Rivers, creeks and waterfalls will call for sparkling, tinkling music. Indian country may call for music with the chanting undertone so characteristic of the early American Indian folk and war songs.

Because nothing short of a major catastrophe interferes with the railroad schedule of a fast, cross-country streamliner, the producer in the studio will know in advance the exact time a train will pass through certain country. He will select his entertainment accordingly. His timing may call for the techniques of the radio producer; his choice of music an intimate knowledge of human emotions and history of the country.

Both Santa Fe and Pullman-Standard engineers point out that the use of wire recordings has several advantages in this type of custom-built entertainment. The units are small and compact and several hours of entertainment can be recorded on a spool of wire no larger than the average fishing reel.

Once set in motion, the unit requires no attention, as announcements and dialogue will be worked into the program at the studio. However, should special announcements be required, a flip of a switch will change the circuit to a microphone in the steward's office and another flip will bring back the wire recorder with practically no loss of time to upset the predetermined schedule.

### Comics Lend Cue For Pulling Teeth

WESTFIELD, MASS. — Taking a cue from the comic strips, John Dvorchak, 65, a tailor, decided to save a dentist's bill by pulling out teeth with pliers.

The method proved successful for the first tooth, Dvorchak reported. Two more, he feels, have to come out but he will await a steak roast, for which he'll probably need the teeth, before pulling them in the same way.

## Smile Awhile

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### Rarity

Tom—'I've never run across a girl that'd never been kissed?  
Jerry—Sure; but I've never met one that'd been kissed only once?—

A press agent was writing a letter home to his folks: "Winter will soon be here. Don't miss it."

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

### Is The Press "Free"?

Whenever I read about the controlled press they have in certain foreign countries—where truth is suppressed—I feel mighty proud of our free American press.

Of course, that word "free" doesn't mean completely uncontrolled. The press has its own Association with its own code of ethics—and is quick to warn any individual who oversteps the bounds of decency or honesty.

It's the same in many other industries—like the folks who make and sell beer. They have their own

standards—and protect them vigilantly. The Brewers call it a "Self Regulation" Program whereby taverns getting out of line are warned, and reported to the right authorities for discipline if needed.

From where I sit, freedom is a great thing—but a responsibility, too. And in shouldering that responsibility, and keeping their own house in order, the Brewers are protecting your and my right to enjoy a moderate beverage like beer.

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# Valley OF REVENGE

BY JACKSON COLE



Michael Valdez, who is also known as "El Caballero Rojo," protector of the poor, seeks revenge for the murder of his mother and torture of his father five years before. He learns from Juanita, Spanish girl disguised as a Mexican boy, where he can find Raymond Garvin, a man he knows killed the girl's parents and was also one of those behind the killing of his mother. He finds Garvin and kills him. In order to be rid of Juanita, who insists on following him, he sends her to a mission tended by Padre Vincente. There the padre tells her the story of Valdez and she meets her blind father. Valdez, meanwhile, has found Flash Conroy, another crook.

## CHAPTER VII

Atop his sleek dark head was a broad black sombrero, and he wore black tooled Mexican riding boots.

Though his long black coat hid it, a businesslike six-gun hung at his waist in a well-filled holster and, according to the time-honored custom of gamblers all through the West, a derringer that could drop into his hand on the instant was up his sleeve.

Neither gun was there for ornament. Many a man who was now reposing in Boot Hill might have testified to Flash Conroy's speed of hand and eye—before that same speed sent him there.

As Michael Valdez moved slowly across the bar-room floor now, the gambler turned to face him, and for a tense moment neither of them spoke. Then Conroy flashed his white teeth in what might or might not have been a friendly grin and said:

"How's tricks, cowboy? It's a treat to see you around here. Didn't know you often moved so far away from the border."

"Everything's fine," Valdez drawled, and slightly moved his *charro* vest so that his well-filled money belt came into plain sight. "I've just come into a little *dinero*, and thought this was just as good a place as any for me to invest it so it would bring me in more."

"Invest it, eh? You'd like to run it up?" Conroy's full lips quirked and again his white teeth showed. "Certainly, certainly," he said affably. "Draw up a chair and have yourself a stack of chips. I figure we can give you a run for your money."

As Michael Valdez drew a chair up to the table and sat down he cast a swift, comprehensive, but apparently idle glance around the room. He wanted to single out Conroy's henchmen, and he did that with one sweep of his eyes. They were some of those half-breeds and renegades lounging at the bar, of course.

But he gave no single sign of interest in them as he sat down and carelessly dumped the contents of the money belt onto the table in front of him. Flash Conroy began methodically counting out red, white and blue chips.

Valdez called for a new deck and began to shuffle the cards. Flash Conroy accepted his cards for the cut and deal as though this man who had just sat in at the game were no unusual visitor, instead of the spectacular one every man present knew him to be. The five other players in the game also accepted the bit of melodrama, but shortly realized that whatever was the reason for the unexpected entry of this man from the border country, they were going to have to play a heads-up game in order to stand even a fighting chance with him.

The game went on quietly, though, and men finally relaxed. The wins and losses sawsawed back and forth between the various players, while Michael Valdez studied them surreptitiously.

Before the game had been going on fifteen minutes Valdez got a pretty definite idea of the six men facing him around the table. The two directly opposite obviously were well-to-do ranchers who would be able to stand any reasonable losses at the Palace gaming tables. A man sitting beside the ranchers looked like a drifter who appeared to have made a stake, either in a lucky mining prospect or in some other quick turn-over. He probably was ripe for Flash Conroy's plucking. And if later he should be found dead in some alley, with all his money and his other valuables missing, there would be no explanation of that forthcoming.

The other two men in the game besides Conroy himself and Michael Valdez were plainly Conroy decoys. That was definitely proved a few minutes after Valdez had pigeonholed them in his mind, when they and Conroy swung into action, trying to whipsaw Valdez. But they did not succeed. He was ready for them, and after that play he went on methodically raking in his winnings, and pushing away his losses with cool indifference.

### El Caballero Rojo Plays Poker

His stake had been whittled in half when Valdez decided that the showdown he had come here to force tonight might as well come now as later. He had a good audience too, now, for the other games had been suspended and all of the former participants were gathered around the poker table where the owner of the Palace himself played.

Better still, the drifter had reached his limit and had dropped out of the game.

Valdez knew positively the time had come.

"How many cards, Valdez?" Conroy asked.

Michael Valdez' thumb fanned his five cards as he appeared to study them a moment more. He whipped out two cards then and tossed them into the discard in the center of the table.

"Give me a pair to fill this house," he drawled.

Flash Conroy stiffened perceptibly. His eyes flew open involuntarily, then his poker face took command again, and the slow lids dropped to veil the surprise. Except for that brief moment of suddenly jarring astonishment, his face did not change expression. But there was incredulity in his voice as he repeated:

"Two, you said?"

"Right," said Valdez.

Just those few words passed, but instantly, as if some undercurrent of danger had been transmitted, the watching crowd began to fade away from around the table. A sheepish grin quirked the lips of Valdez' nearest opponent as Conroy dealt Valdez the



With a resounding explosion the big lamp hit the floor.

two cards he had asked for. He picked them up slowly and found a queen of spades and a seven of spades.

Valdez laid down his three kings, face up, and raked in the pot, stuffing the money that had been piled up on the table in his pockets.

Slowly he glanced around at the silent crowd, his lips grim, his eyes hard and icy cold.

"I believe all you folks should know something about what has been going on here," he said, with a dagger-flash of his dark eyes at Conroy beside him. "Conroy," he said between his teeth, "according to plan, a man named Raymond Garvin wanted you to relay the money I've been playing with to the 'big boss.' It was to have been his whack out of all the robbery of poor peons and settlers from the Eastern states now in Paisano Valley. But Garvin's dead now and won't be able to pass on more—any more than he'll be interested in what's happened to this *dinero*."

### A Clash Between Conroy and Michael

Valdez nodded, his jaw hardening. "Yes," he repeated, "Garvin's dead. El Caballero Rojo paid him a little visit last night, so he won't be in on that new little thievery deal that has been planned—oh, you know all about it all right. You needn't look puzzled. "El Caballero Rojo has done me a good turn or two, as he has for many other people, so when he wanted me to do something for him I welcomed the chance. I have been plumb glad to come here tonight, as he asked me to do, because he is too busy himself right now to deal with snakes."

Slowly Michael Valdez rose, his eyes never wavering from the speechless gambler. He bent forward over the table to emphasize his words.

"So tonight I'm getting you for El Caballero Rojo, Conroy, just as he got Raymond Garvin. He'll attend to your 'big boss' himself!"

The very air in the Palace Saloon sparkled as Michael Valdez shot out his last words. Men who already had backed from the table scrambled hurriedly across the big room as, the next instant on the echo of Valdez' challenge, Flash Conroy lived up to his name.

With Valdez' last word hanging in the air Conroy leaped from his chair, and his six-gun was out of the holster, whipping up into line with the buttons on Valdez' *charro* vest.

But Michael Valdez was ready for him. In that same breath he lunged against the houseman on his left,

knocked him head over heels into the other member of the trio, who also was on his feet now. Even as the two went sprawling onto the floor, Valdez swung around, and two long-barreled six-guns were in his hands. There was a roaring burst of flame from the muzzle of each gun, and Flash Conroy's gun flew from his hand. He made one small flicker of movement as if to shake the derringer up his sleeve down into his hand, but stopped on the instant as he looked into the deadly bores of Valdez' guns.

Michael Valdez swiftly backed away then, his guns moving in sweeping arcs as he covered not only Flash Conroy but all the other occupants of the Palace who were directly before him. A curious smile creased the corners of his eyes and mouth as those eyes kept each man present in his range of vision, as though his gaze were centered on each one alone.

"There are plenty of rewards on my head!" he 'aunted. "Perhaps some of you brave men who work for Flash Conroy would like to take a chance on collecting them! If you do, come shooting—I'm warning you! I'd be glad of the chance—for this whole place has sort of a bad smell to it. I am aiming to air it out a little before I leave."

Valdez appeared not to see Flash Conroy's all but imperceptible nod toward the bar. But a split second later, when the double-barreled shotgun came up over the mahogany, he swiveled on the balls of his feet. His single gun roared, and the bartender who had obeyed his boss banged against the bar mirror, his hands plastered helplessly over his stomach.

"Being shot in the middle is a plumb painful business, I know," Valdez drawled, "but it's no more than some of you hombres deserve. I hope you take the warning."

His lips curled in a curious whistle, and the next moment El Cielo was pushing his way through the swing door. With his gun still covering the crowd, methodically Valdez tapped the till behind the bar, then stalked over and relieved Conroy of the cash the gambler had on him.

At last, while silence held the room, Valdez backed toward the door, his pockets bulging with loot. El Cielo followed him.

"I'm giving the whole lot of you exactly ninety seconds to get out of here!" he snapped. "This hole of Satan is going to be burned to the ground. Or—he shot one glance at Flash Conroy—"perhaps if you will say to me the name of your 'big boss,' so that I may tell it to El Caballero Rojo, I might let you off—to some extent. Though *Madre de Dios!* What El Caballero Rojo will say to that I don't know!"

"The gambler's pasty face took on the color of death.

"You're crazy!" he shouted. "There is no—"

"Well, what about that information I want?" Valdez snarled. "That ninety seconds are being ticked away with great speed."

### A Fight To the Death

There was a hurried shuffling toward the doors as the other men took heed of that. This fighting fool might not be bluffing.

The saloon was quickly emptied, and Valdez and Conroy were alone. Valdez' eyes shot to the loud-ticking clock on the wall.

"Your time's up, Conroy," he snapped coldly.

Even as he swung into the saddle he gave Conroy no chance to get the drop on him. He started El Cielo toward the swinging doors. One of his guns whipped up in an arc, exploded, and placed a shot squarely in the oil reservoir at the back of the big swinging lamp as Conroy scrambled back madly.

The light swayed back and forth. Another shot rang out, and the connection at the ceiling was severed. With a resounding explosion the big lamp hit the floor. Glass tinkled, there was a hiss and a roar, as the spilled oil caught the flames and burst into a sheet of burning color that in a breath of time spread across the floor.

Conroy, who up until that moment had himself thought that Valdez was punning a bluff in order to force information from him, dashed for the window. Valdez had cut off any chance of his reaching the door.

"Get him, men, as he comes through the door!" Conroy howled, as he battered at the sash in a desperate effort to get out of the rapidly burning place. Shouts and roars from outside answered him as some of his henchmen raced toward the doorway where Michael Valdez, still inside, was silhouetted against the rising flames.

But Valdez was ready for that move, too. Instead of racing El Cielo through the door, he whirled his mount and gave a sharp command. The horse leaped through the sheet of flame as Valdez poured quick shots right and left, dropping the other lamps to the floor.

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# AROUND THE HOUSE

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