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Carlsbad 4-H'er Wins \$25 Bond



Raymond Grandi, 19, of Carlsbad has been awarded a \$25 bond as the state winner in the 4-H dairy production contest sponsored by the Kraft Foods Co. Raymond has been a member of the Carlsbad 4-H Club for nine years. Specializing in dairy products since 1939, he has always kept milk and butterfat records on his registered herd.

CHURCH NOTICE

The Baptist Brotherhood of Artesia will give a program at the Baptist Church at Hope, Dec. 21, at 11:00 a. m. You are invited to attend.

RUTH DREW CIRCLE MET DECEMBER 5

The Ruth Drew Circle met Dec. 5 in the home of Inez Crockett. Eight members were present. Those present had their regular book study and also studied the first ten chapters of Genesis. Imogene Moore had charge of the program. The next meeting will be the Christmas party for both circles at the ranch home of Eneree and Robert Parks at 11 a. m. Dec. 19. Each person is to bring a gift of 50 cents or under. There will be no Bible study or business.

LANO CAFE TO OPEN THIS WEEK

The Lano Cafe will open this week. It is located just west of the Lano Tourist Court, owned by Mrs. Ida Prude. The Lano Cafe building has been remodeled and redecorated inside and out and is perfectly modern in every respect. It will be under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hill, who have leased it for a period of five years from Mrs. Ida Prude. The people of Hope should be happy to have someone here who is willing to build up and improve the town.

SCHOOL NEWS

The first six grades will put on a program Thursday night, Dec. 18. All are invited.

From Jan. 1, 1947, to Jan. 1, 1948, the amount of \$1548.32 was deducted for federal taxes from teachers' salaries in the Hope school. This amount was sent to the Collector of Internal Revenue at Albuquerque.

Two basketball games have been scheduled with Cloudercroft, Jan. 27 at Cloudercroft, and Feb. 17 at Hope.

Don't forget the Artesia game which will be played at Hope next Tuesday, Dec. 16. Remember that Hope has won four first team games from Artesia in the last two years. All of the Hope teachers have contributed to the Overseas Teachers Relief Fund.

The high school received two record albums this week as a start toward a record library. One album contains selections from famous American historical documents, read by Wesley Addy. The other is a group of world famous poems read by Basil Mathbone. These should be a great help in History and English classes. Mrs. Potter was kind enough to lend the English IV class some records of folksongs to play while we were studying the ballads and folksongs

Bring Your Donations to Indian Relief in at Once--Truck Leaves Artesia Sat. Afternoon

Indian Relief Drive Is On—Everyone Should Contribute

In each of the stores in Hope you will notice a large cardboard box on which is a sign, "For Indian Relief, Put Your Contributions in Here." We would like very much if every man, woman and child contributed something. This is a worthy cause, the Navajos and the Hopi Indians are what you might call "a forgotten people." They have money of their own in the U. S. Treasury but it takes an act of Congress to pry a nickel loose and in the meantime the Indians are starving and have nothing to eat, they are cold and have not sufficient clothing for the approaching winter. The federal government has started to do

something about it, but before the government gets going on their relief program, the various communities in the state of New Mexico are organizing a "Brotherhood Caravan" that will bring food and clothing to the Indians now. It may be six months before the government relief agencies get to functioning and this "Brotherhood Caravan" will bring help to the Indians when it is most needed.

A truck is being loaded out of Artesia, and Hope has been invited to bring their contributions down and add it to the Artesia contributions. The truck will leave Artesia late Saturday afternoon so as to be able to reach Albuquerque Sunday noon. The "Brotherhood Caravan" will then proceed to Gallup and from there it will be

distributed to the various Indian agencies.

Whatever Hope contributes must be ready by Saturday noon so as to allow time for cars to get it to Artesia right after dinner. If it is handier, bring your contribution direct to the Veterans Memorial Building in Artesia.

But we haven't much time, gather up all the clothing you don't need and bring in some corn meal, flour, beans, rice, etc., and don't forget canned milk. There are plenty of Indian boys and girls that are suffering from malnutrition. Bring something that will stick to their ribs and help fill up that vacant spot in the pit of their stomach. And do it now, let's show the other communities in the state that Hope can do her share when called upon.

Wins \$25 Bond



Wade Grandi, 19, of Artesia has been awarded a \$25 savings bond as a "blue award" winner in the 4-H national poultry in the 4-H national poultry achievement contest sponsored annually by Swift and Co. Wade, a 4-H member for seven years, has attended 110 club meetings during that time—an almost perfect attendance record. In 1945 and 1947 he was a member of second-place teams in the state crops judging and livestock loss prevention demonstration contests. As a poultryman, Wade follows the latest approved practices, such as pullorum testing, vaccination for fowl pox, treating for round worms, culling non-layers, and selling eggs to hatcheries. During the past two years, he has raised 130 chickens.



By HELEN PETRONE

JANET opened the door to her apartment, thinking as she did so that it had been only a week since Craig and she had shared this apartment they called their "ivory tower," named that because of its odd shape. It had been a storage room until the housing shortage became prevalent. Then old Mrs. Root, feeling sympathetic toward the plight of Janet and Craig Norris, newly married and homeless, had cleared it out, partitioned it off into two small rooms and rented it to them.

That was just 13 months ago, Janet remembered, dropping her gloves on the table and lighting the lamp with the same gesture. They had been married only three weeks, just long enough to realize they were imposing on Craig's family who were cramped for quarters themselves. Just a week ago they had the quarrel that had sent Craig from the apartment. It had been a blow



"She sat down at the window and looked out at the dark, starless sky."

to his pride from the day of their wedding that Janet should continue working. She enjoyed her position in the advertising firm where she had risen from a clerk to copy writer in just two years. Since she left the house after Craig in the morning and returned before him at night, she never felt her working interfered in any way with her household duties. But friends had spoiled everything with their snide remarks about "poor Janet still working," and it was more than Craig could bear. "They think I can't support you!" he'd storm at her, but the more he pleaded the more adamant she had become. And now he was gone.

The whole thing seemed so unimportant now. She glanced at the telephone, half-inclined to call him home, but her own recalcitrant nature refused to allow such a move. She turned on the radio instead and pretended the tears that welled in her eyes at the strains of "Silent

night" were mere tears of weariness after the preparation of the office party that morning. Deliberately she opened the dresser drawer to put away last night's ironing. Her souvenir box loomed temptingly before her. Lifting the cover, she stared at the items she had collected: Craig's class ring, exchanged for a diamond after their graduation from college; a pressed orchid, one of those she had carried at her wedding; various cards, Christmas, anniversary, birthday, valentine. She picked up a small gift card and read again, "To my dear wife, Janet, on our first Christmas." It was the card with the watch he had given her last year.

TREMBLING, she closed the box and turned quickly from the dresser. She had been a fool, she decided. Without Craig, Christmas could never hold the same meaning for her as it once had. She didn't stop to lock the door for there was nothing of value anyone could steal from her. Even her \$100 Christmas bonus lying on the table went unnoticed. The one thing she must not lose was happiness, and that was no longer in her home with Craig gone. She hurried into her coat as she started breathlessly down the 3½ flights of stairs. Tears coursed down her cheeks and she prayed with fanatic zest that she was not too late. As she reached the last flight of stairs, she crashed into a figure who was hurrying up, as oblivious of his surroundings as she. She gasped at the impact, but the man quickly regained his balance and caught her before she could fall. "Janet!" he cried.

She looked at him almost in disbelief. Then, throwing her arms about him she gave full vent to her tears. "Oh, Craig! Darling, I was just coming for you."

He kissed her and held her tightly. "Janet, I've been such a fool. I didn't realize until tonight what an awful thing pride can be. Will you ever forgive me?"

She sighed. "There's nothing to forgive, Craig. I was the one who was wrong. I'm going to quit my job right away."

"No, you mustn't. I don't want to deprive you of any happiness and if you want to work, I'm not going to stop you."

She laughed shakily. "We'll argue that out later, shall we?" Arm in arm they climbed up the stairs.

Hope Basketball Schedule

Tuesday, Dec. 16, Artesia at Hope.
Friday, Jan. 9, Hagerman at Hagerman.
Wednesday, Jan. 14, Carlsbad at Carlsbad.
Friday, Jan. 16, Carrizozo at Hope.

of America. The new library books are in great demand and it looks as if book reports will be more easily made now, with better reading material. Almost all of the high school students have subscribed to the Readers Digest. Our first copies have arrived and we are enjoying them in our English classes.

The Yellowjackets played the Weed Bulldogs last Friday afternoon and were beaten by the score of 26 to 36. The Yellowjackets played their best game of the season. The high point honors of the game went to Ackers of Weed with 19 points. Madron of Hope was next with 11 points. The game was played on a very slick floor, which caused both teams to do a lot of tumbling. The Yellowjackets go to Eunice and Monument Friday of this week for two games, one at 2:30 p. m., and the other at 8 p. m. The Weed Bulldogs defeated the Yellowjacket second team by the score of 19 to 17. The Hope boys did a very good job without having any subs to give a little rest.

First, Second and Third Grade News

Mary Hazel Bryant has moved away. We shall miss her. We have a new pupil, Jack Holland from Cloudercroft. Thanks to Eugene Babers for the candy. We also wish to thank Lessie Fisher for the Christmas tree. Our Christmas program will be Dec. 18 at 7:30 o'clock.

Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grade News

Lessie brought a Christmas tree and the sixth grade decorated it. The ones who bring things to put on the tree get to put it on. It is gaily decorated. Some pupils have made chains and have hung them around the room. Lessie Fisher made a wreath, hanging it in the window. Our program will be Dec. 18 at 7:30 in the gym. Everyone is invited to come. We hope to be able to speak louder than the stoves roar. We had Mrs. Trimble buy Mrs. Fowler's present for us although we sent the money. It is very nice, although we cannot tell what it is until after Christmas. We thank Mrs. Trimble very much.

Seventh and Eighth Grade News
We are planning our annual Christmas party for Friday, Dec. 19. Jack Hoskins and Johnny Cole have withdrawn from school. They are moving to Albuquerque. We are studying "Bookkeeping" in our eighth grade arithmetic class.

O.E.S. INSTALLATION

Tuesday, Jan. 13, the Order of the Eastern Star will hold its annual installation of officers for 1948. The members will meet promptly at 6 p. m. for a short business meeting. At 6:30 members and their guests will enjoy a covered dish luncheon followed by installation.

Hope News

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Cox were in Hope Tuesday.

D. W. Carson took a load of young stock to the sale Tuesday.

Mrs. Freda Henderson was in Hope Tuesday.

Hope had irrigating water Tues-

day until Wednesday at 3 a. m. Mr. Newsom's car broke down. He got plenty tired chasing the water around town.

Santa Claus came to town Tuesday and brought Mrs. Tom Harrison four big wool blankets.

At the annual election of the Hope Water Users association held Tuesday the old board was re-elected. They are C. R. Barley, C. A. Coie, J. H. Clements, M. D. Brandley, and Sam Hunter.

No More 4-F's. No man will ever again be rejected for military service because of a defect that is non-hampering in civilian life. Read about the Army's new plan for making greater use of manpower in future mobilizations. Be sure to read it in The American Weekly, that great magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner. adv. Mr. and Mrs. Bill McConnell of Lake Arthur visited Mr. and Mrs. Jess Musgrave Sunday. Mr. McConnell is an old friend of Mr. Musgrave, having lived together in Cloudu, Okla., over 25 years ago.

Lynn Menefee is home from Chicago, where he has been studying electricity. He will be employed by Mann-Kaiser at Artesia.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Anderson and Jean Lambrought were in from the ranch Tuesday.

"He Made a Partnership With God." Time after time James Kraft's business ventures failed. Then he enlisted God as his partner. The result, overwhelming success. Read this inspiring story of one of the nation's leading business men in The American Weekly, that great magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner. adv. Dance in the Hope gym Dec. 27 and Dec. 31. Bates-Fisher Music. Admission 75 cents per person. adv. 12-5-12-19-26

EDITORIAL

Has anyone heard anything about a Christmas tree for Hope?

Before another year rolls around efforts should be made to get someone appointed to issue car license plates. The financial returns for doing this would not be very much, but it would be a big accommodation for the Penasco Valley and the mountain people. Let's see what we can do about it.

The editor of the "Little Argus" mentions everybody's birthday in and around Carlsbad. From him we got a hunch and dug up a few from around Hope. Mrs. J. C. Buckner has a birthday Christmas Day, also Newt Teel. Neither one will tell how old they are. Claberon Buckner will have a birthday the 27th. Sam Lovejoy, Jr., (who lives in Carlsbad) will have a birthday the 28th. Verna Buckner will celebrate a birthday the 20th of December and her brother Bob has one the 18th. Emit Potter celebrated his birthday the 4th of December. Lawrence Blakeney celebrates his birthday on Christmas Day and Dee Moore had a birthday the 12th of December.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

British Laborites Win Strength Test; Government Seeks Coal, Oil Ration; Hannegan Quits as Post Office Head

(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.)

LABOR TEST: Clean Slate

In Great Britain the Labor party had been worried over the outcome of the by-election in the southern town of Gravesend.

Richard Acland, a rich baronet, was carrying the Labor party's banner against Frank Taylor, an ex-furnace stoker, the Conservative candidate. A seat in parliament was not the only thing at stake. The election was of major importance as a test of strength between the two parties.

It was a hard fought battle, and Acland, the Laborite, was elected to Parliament by a majority of 1,675 votes—a clear cut defeat for the Conservatives. The British people, the Labor party announced, retained their confidence in their government.

Nevertheless, the 1,675-vote margin of victory was considerably smaller than the 7,056-vote Labor party margin that had been piled up in the same district in 1945. Labor was still in the driver's seat, but clearly had lost something of its original strength. However, the party had kept its slate clean; it had not lost a single by-election since it first was swept into power.

Perhaps one reason for the Labor party's continued popularity was that, despite all else, it was doing a good job of distributing equally what food and other goods were available in Britain. The food rations of the poorer people were approximately the same as those of the rich, and that fact continued to carry a lot of weight with the mass of voters.

POSTMASTER: Hannegan Out

Robert E. Hannegan has eased himself out of the public political eye.

Little more than a month after he had quit his job as Democratic national chairman—because of ill health—he turned in his resignation as postmaster general.

To replace Hannegan as head of the nation's post office, President Truman named 62-year-old Jesse M. Donaldson, first assistant postmaster general, who has had 42 years in the postal service.

It was the first time a president ever had dipped into the ranks of postal "career men" to fill the top job in the department.

Donaldson is one of the men who came up the hard way. His career with the service began with his appointment as a city letter carrier in Shelbyville, Ill., in 1908.

Hannegan, meanwhile, had no intentions of going into retirement. He has purchased a substantial interest in the St. Louis Cardinals baseball club and would go to work as head of that organization.

FARM GOALS: Still Higher

Farm production goals for 1948, as announced by Clinton Anderson, secretary of agriculture, call for a continuation of high wartime levels of output in recognition of the desperate world need for food and this nation's own increased domestic consumption.

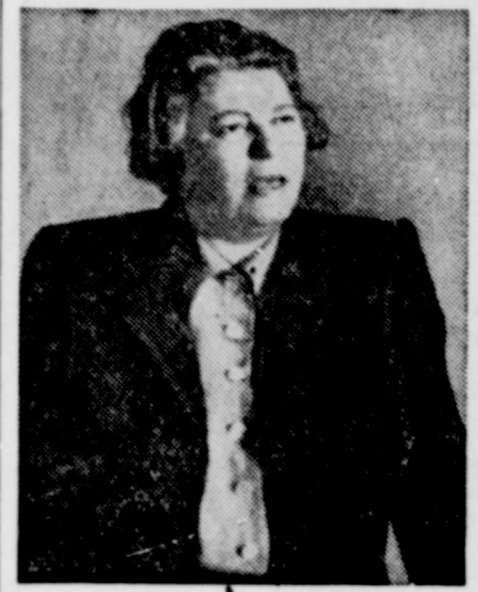
Anderson's report, which will serve as a guide for farmers next year, asks for nine million acres more of cultivated and noncultivated crops than the 347 million acres used to produce this year's near-record total of farm commodities.

Although aware of the need to give overworked land a rest from its heavy production burden of the past seven years, he said large domestic and foreign requirements dictated his decision.

Total production next year will might top the record set in 1946, but supplies of meat, poultry, eggs and dairy products are destined to be smaller in 1948 because this year's short corn crop left farmers with insufficient grain to maintain the volume of animal products.

Crops for which Anderson recommended increased acreages over this year include: Corn, 7 per cent; grain sorghums, 36; soybeans, 1; cotton, 3; potatoes, 5; oats, 2; barley, 4, and rye, 26. He called for a decrease of 3 per cent in wheat acreage.

Female of the Species



Ana Pauker, Communist firebrand, outlines Romania's foreign policy during a speech she delivered at her installation as Romania's foreign minister. It is the first time in Romania's history that a woman has held that post.

GENERALS: Disability?

As a result of the sordid disclosures by the senate war investigating committee of Maj. Gen. Bennett E. Meyers' wartime money dealings while he was an AAF procurement officer, President Truman has ordered an inquiry of all army and navy officers who were retired on tax-free disability pensions and then obtained high salaried jobs in private industries.

Mr. Truman asked James Forrestal, secretary of defense, to submit a list of all officer disability discharges since V-J day. More than 350 generals reportedly are receiving such pensions, and a number of admirals also get tax-free incomes.

Meyers' disability pension, totaling \$549 a month, was halted and he was stripped of his medals as a result of the revelation that he has used his air force post for personal gain.

There was a possibility that the President would ask congress to eliminate the tax-free status of officer pensions except in cases of actual combat disability.

Said Maj. Gen. Harry Vaughan, White House military aide, "I know of one officer who is receiving tax-free disability pay and is holding a \$75,000 job in private industry. If a man is handicapped to such an extent that he gets tax-free disability pay, he's not worth \$75,000 a year to private industry."

OIL RATION: Anti-Inflation

When President Truman, in his celebrated "10 points against inflation" address to congress, asked for limited authority to impose ration and price controls on basic commodities, it was taken for granted that they were food commodities alone.

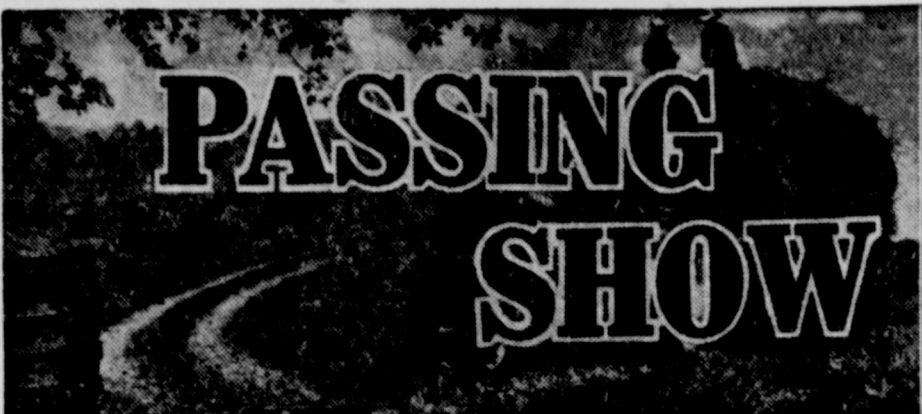
First indication that this might not be a correct interpretation of Mr. Truman's proposal came when the department of interior asked congress for power to fix price controls and rationing on coal and oil as part of the anti-inflation program.

Oscar L. Chapman, undersecretary of the interior, told the house banking and currency committee that grave shortages and price advances were threatened in the two basic fuels.

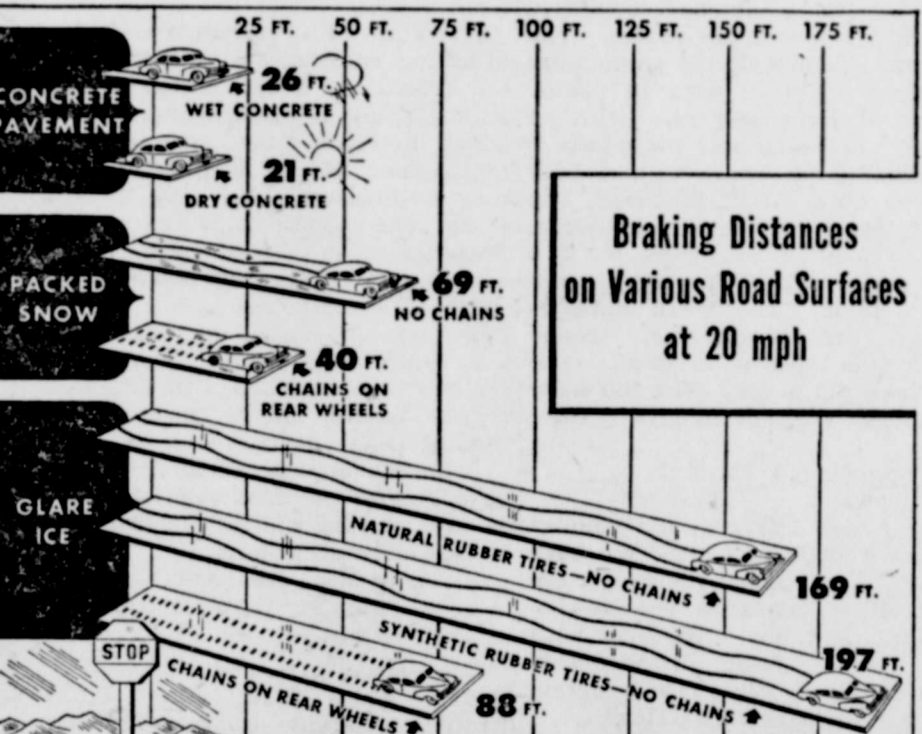
There was no way of telling, he said, whether such controls actually would have to be imposed, but he insisted that the government should have authority to do so, just in case.

It is not probable that congress will give the government power to control oil and coal, but the incident serves to reflect the current point of view of the administration that a return to wartime rationing and price controls is the quickest and most effective way to buck inflation.

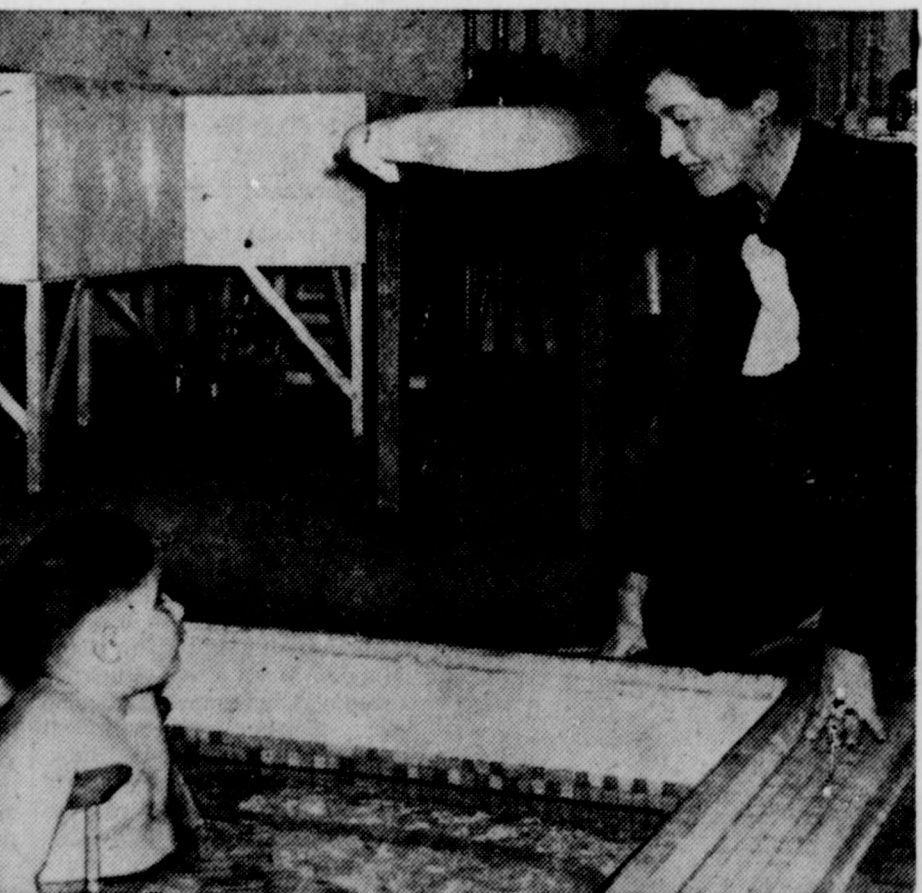
President Truman disclosed the policy first in his speech at the opening of the special session of congress. The interior department's request for control of coal and oil probably was a planned follow-up. There was a likelihood that other evidences of the administration's new price control and rationing complex would be forthcoming before long.



U. S. SAINT JOINS VATICAN GALLERY . . . The 21-ton marble statue of Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini is hoisted to its niche in the gallery of saints of the Roman Catholic church who are honored by statues in St. Peter's basilica, largest church in Christendom. Mother Cabrini, a native of Italy, was a naturalized American citizen and died in Chicago 30 years ago. Canonized in July, 1946, she is first U. S. saint whose statue has been added to the gallery.



INVITATION TO LIVE THIS WINTER . . . New winter accident facts, based on research by National Safety Council, reveal alarming increase of skidding and poor visibility crashes during snowy, icy weather. Authorities urge equalized brakes, using tire chains, windshield wipers, defrosters, good lights and lower speeds to minimize the added seasonal hazards of inadequate stop-and-go traction on snow or ice and in reduced visibility.



THE LONG ROAD BACK . . . Admiration and encouragement help Robert Laser, 9, of Somerville, Mass., take his first steps toward learning to walk again in the infantile paralysis center at the children's hospital in Boston, the nation's only general hospital for children. With the youngster at the polio center pool is Cornelia Otis Skinner, actress and national chairman of the women's division of the 1948 March of Dimes.

Ain't It So?
It's all very well to stand like a rock. But suppose you get covered with moss.
Don't take life seriously. You'll never get out of it alive anyway.
All this talk about rain making, when for years we've had a sure-fire method—window washing.
Said the tinsmith while putting downspouts on his own dwelling: "This is on the house."
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The old Cherry Tree carol, or the legend upon which it is based, is undoubtedly the reason for the custom of placing a branch of cherry tree in water to bud for Christmas time.

According to this legend, Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem passed a tree loaded with cherries. Mary was hungry for some of the fruit and asked Joseph to pluck some cherries for her. The tree graciously bowed down so that Mary could pick the fruit herself.

It has been customary among the Czechs and Slovaks to take the branch of a cherry tree and place it in water in the late fall so that the buds reach the blossoming stage at Christmas time.

The belief was current that if the sprig blossomed by Christmas Eve, the girl who tended it would marry during the New Year.

Holly Now Grown In Many Parts of Land

Grown on the hillsides of the coastal states from Maine to Texas and up the Mississippi valley to Missouri, holly is a pretty but slow-growing plant.

Leaves are evergreen, the margins of which are provided with rather widely separated spines. Weak and close-grained, the wood is exceptionally white, making it highly desirable in the manufacture of woodenware, cabinets and interior finishing.

As a result of scientific discoveries holly cuttings will take root quickly when they are treated with hormonelike substances. Christmas holly has been converted into potted plants. These plants can be set out as a permanent ornament for landscapes.

Growth regulating substances—indole butyric acid and naphthalene acetamide—are on the market in liquid or powdered form under various trade names. The chemicals are applied to plantings of fresh cuttings kept moist, cool and well shaded.

Our Most Famous Christmas Trees

Most famous of the nation's Christmas trees are growing on the wooded rolling acres of the Roosevelt estate at Hyde Park, N. Y. Developed as a result of hobby which occupied much of the late Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt's spare time, the groves of Yule trees now are scattered on odd patches and parcels of land throughout the estate.

The trees, about 270,000 in number, are principally of Norway spruce, white spruce and Douglas fir, with a few balsams also included.

Although the tree growing was a hobby with the late president, he insisted that the project pay its own way. Consequently about 2,000 to 3,000 trees are marketed every Christmas season.



This custom originated with the Dutch. They used their wooden shoes instead of stockings.

When the Dutch came to New Amsterdam, this custom came with them—the wooden shoes being gradually replaced by stockings made for the occasion out of net-like materials. As nearly every home had a fireplace the usual place to hang the stockings was over the fireplace.

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

Park Has Its Face Lifted!

Ever since our park was landscaped, or had its "face lifted," as we used to say, there've been no "Keep off the Grass" signs, and no warnings against picking flowers, or scattering trash. Somehow we never seemed to need them.

Folks are proud of the park. They'd be quick to speak to any one who marred it . . . and quicker to report them if they kept it up.

It's what you might call a community sense of responsibility, and you find it in industry as well. The Brewing Industry, for instance, does its own checking of taverns

selling beer—and warns offenders to clean up or be reported to the proper authorities.

They call it their "Self Regulation" Program, but again I'd call it a community sense of responsibility. In this case it's the community of folks who make and sell beer. They're proud of their service to those who enjoy a moderate beverage like beer, just as we're proud of our park.

Joe Marsh

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Courageous Loyalty

Lesson for December 14, 1947

OPEN your Bible to Revelation, and read the first seven chapters. Then you will be ready for Acts 16:16-40, and I Peter 4:12-19, and 5:6, 7. These Scriptures form the basis of a study for Sunday on Loyalty Under Persecution.



Dr. Newton

Christians are not promised an easy time, but they are assured sufficient grace for every time of need. This lesson, if carefully pondered, will fortify one's faith and send us forth renewed in courage and Christian poise for these days of discipleship.

How a Song Helped

"HUMBLE yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time; casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you," I Peter 5:6, 7. That is a splendid watchword for every boy and girl.

Now, turn to Acts 16:16-30, and see how Paul and Silas, locked in the inner dungeon at midnight, could pray and sing. That is what happens to the Christian who sincerely trusts in God—who acts on the promise that God really cares for his trusting children.

A memory verse suggested for Sunday is found in Proverbs 17:22, and it goes like this: "A cheerful heart is a good medicine."

Have you watched some Christian in affliction—how he or she could bless every passerby? It was because that person possessed the "cheerful heart." And each of us may have that precious possession, if we remember Mark 11:22, "Have faith in God."

Happy Behind Prison Bars

PAUL and Silas are pictured as happy in that dark dungeon. There is a statement to challenge every cynic, every doubting Thomas. Only the grace of God can make men happy under persecution. Paul declares in Romans 1:16, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel." Aye, he was not ashamed to go to the prison for the sake of the Gospel.

Best of all, Paul and Silas were sustained in their sorrowful plight by the consciousness that God was with them—that he always keeps his word.

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LOOK now at Revelation 2:8-11, and 3:14-22, for the example of the church at Smyrna, burdened by tribulation and poverty, but "rich" in the promise that a crown of life awaited them.

It was far more difficult to be a Christian in the first century than it is in the twentieth century. By which I mean that the early Christians were few in number and without any backing of public opinion. They were despised as the lowly followers of the crucified carpenter of Nazareth. Today, Christians are acknowledged as the best citizens in every community.

Even so, there are tests for us—tests that will be too much for human courage and loyalty. If we are true to the teachings of Jesus as they relate to everyday life, we shall need that same endowment which the Christians at Smyrna possessed, else our discipleship will shame the name of our Lord.

The Blood of the Lamb

THE lesson concludes with that dramatic passage in Revelation 7:9-17, in which we behold the great white-robed throng about the throne of God, singing, "Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be unto our God forever and ever. Amen."

Who were they? "These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Loyalty under persecution is dependent absolutely upon the life-giving power of the blood of the Lamb.

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Trend Toward Religious Christmas Indicated



People are placing greater emphasis this year on the religious significance of Christmas. This is indicated by the popularity of Christmas cards featuring whimsical angels, snow-covered landscapes about village churches, the traditional Bethlehem scenes and similar religious themes.

Many of this year's greetings recall the first Christmas with passages from the scriptures and famous prayers, illustrated by colorful Nativity scenes and reproductions of famous Madonnas. Present-day religious practices are emphasized by congregations streaming to church on Christmas morning, families praying and choir boys singing "Noel."

Comrades of the Cross

I cannot think or reason,
I only know He came.
With hands and feet of healing
And wild heart all aflame.

With eyes that dimmed and softened
At all the things He saw,
And in His pillared singing
I read the marching Law.

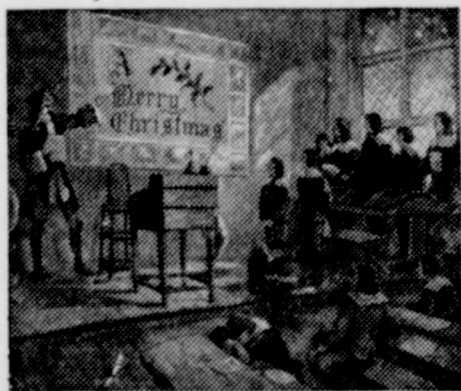
I only know He loves me,
Enfolds and understands—
And oh, His heart that holds me,
And oh, His certain hands.

The Man, the Christ, the Soldier,
Who from His cross of pain
Cried to the dying comrade,
"Lad, we shall meet again."

—By Willard Wattles.

English Schoolboys Originated Cards

The basic idea for today's expressive Christmas greetings traces back to an old English custom. More than 250 years ago, English school children demonstrated their pen-



manship by drawing elaborate "Christmas Pieces" using large sheets of special paper with engraved borders picturing the year's important events.



Our Favorite Trees For Christmas

FIR and spruce are the predominating favorites among Christmas trees. Balsam fir always has been an American favorite. The story goes that the Lord sent three messengers—Faith, Hope and Love—to find a tree as high as Faith, as eternal as Hope, and as wide-



spread as Love, and which bore the Sign of the Cross on every bough. They brought back the balsam fir. Three varieties of spruce, blue, white or Norway, also are big sellers in the tree markets.

If your tree is neither fir nor spruce, you may have some variety of pine or cedar. Almost any evergreen makes a Christmas tree, the species being dictated largely by where you live. In Colorado folks use the lodgepole pine because the firs grow too high up in the mountains to be cut and shipped easily. Tennessee uses white cedar, and in California you may even get a redwood.

Burning of Greens Is Ancient Festivity

The Burning of the Greens has formed a central part of Twelfth Night festivities in England since the Middle Ages. Large fires were held to purify the fields and to assure bountiful crops. Everyone in the district gathered together to sing the Wassail Song and to drink from the Wassail Cup.

The ceremony was revived in America in 1930, when George M. Haushalter held a Burning of the Greens at Rochester, N. Y., and since has become an annual event there as well as in other communities. Discarded Christmas trees and wreaths were held for the New Year's celebration, then collected and burned at a gala community bonfire. It has been accepted as the end of the New Year's celebrations.

Suggestions for Homemade Rugs That Add an Individual Note to Your Rooms



LOOKING for a hobby this winter? Why not take up rug-making. It's one of the most rewarding things you can do and without costly equipment or material! And best of all, you don't need to have great artistic talent. Anyone—even beginners—can make a lovely rug at home.

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Animal Friendship

Among the strangest cases of animal friendship known is that existing in the London zoo between a West African chameleon and a green-tree viper, both of which are about a foot long. Most of the time the snake is curled up on the back of the chameleon.



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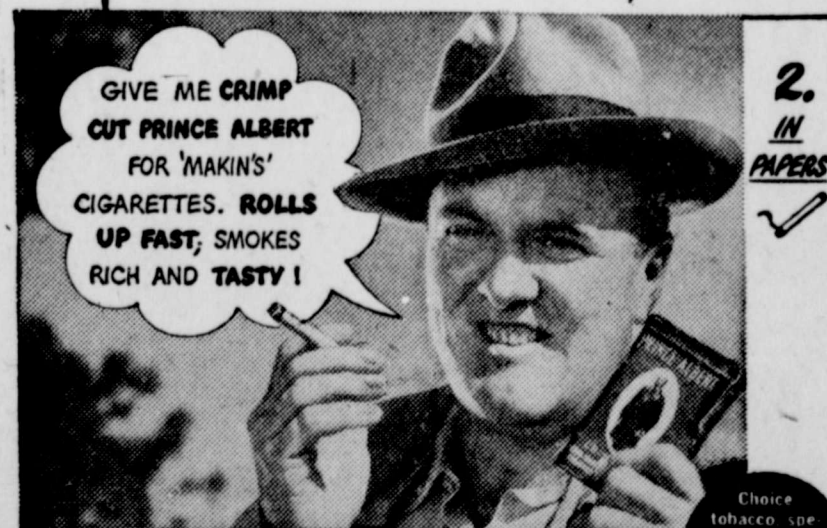
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Valley of Revenge

BY JACKSON COLE



Michael Valdez, who protects the poor under the guise of "El Caballero Rojo," tracks down and kills two of the men responsible for the murder of his mother and torture of his father and the murder of the parents of Juanita, a Spanish girl disguised as a boy who, after the demise of her family insists on riding the trail with Valdez. They discover a young boy shot and nailed to a wooden cross. Juanita follows the trail of the killer's horse. Valdez meets new settlers and warns them of the dangers ahead. One of them, Clark Weber, tries to shoot him. Juanita finds Straw Aldman, the brother of the boy on the cross, and discovers that his father was also killed. Straw goes to see Russ Bartle.

CHAPTER XI

"All this stuff you hear about him being a sort of Robin Hood is maybe just talk. I'll bet he's worse than any of the others around here when you get right down to it. If there is any El Caballero Rojo at all—and about that I'm not so sure."

"No," insisted the young farmer. "There is a man who rides to help others, and everybody will tell you he is not made that way—like you were saying. I know, from what that Mex told me, that he saw the fire and he saw Sam. I'm sure he'll do something about it. And even if he don't, news about him being here gives me a couple of new ideas myself."

Bartle shrugged resignedly. No use arguing with this stubborn boy. But he did insist:

"You'll find he's working hand in glove with Pete Haskell's crowd of beefmen."

"That's the first thing I'll do—find out if he's hired out to them. And I know how to get at the truth, too." But Straw's confidence in El Caballero Rojo seemed a little shaken by Bartle's attitude.

Bartle saw that, also, and spoke quickly, pressing his advantage.

"I'll try and find a buyer for your farm, Burr. I'll write right away tonight to a man I know who might be interested. He'll probably give you anyway two thousand for what's left of the place."

Aldman was startled. "Two thousand dollars?" he cried. "With only the shed missing?"

Bartle nodded. "And I'd take it on. Quick. Then I'd head back to Kentucky and my friends, and I'd be glad to get away from a place like this valley with my skin whole."

"Maybe you would," Aldman said defiantly, flinging open the door. "But I won't! Somebody's going to pay for Dad and Sam!"

As the young tobacco farmer galloped off into the night, Russ Bartle went back to his desk, sat down, took up a pen and chewed the end of it. "I haven't done badly," he thought exultantly. "Fifty-five hundred profit on Mike Chapman's place, three thousand on Steve Ramsom's—and why, I'm just starting. Wait till I have the north end, the cowmen's end of the valley, to bring them in and drive them out. There's thousands in it. Thousands! I'll be rich—rich!"

Thanks to Sheriff Lande, Gold Creek, in Deep Water Valley, had far outstripped cowtowns in any of the bordering towns in being law-abiding. No sensible outlaw ever lingered there long. Here cash and goods were safe, women respected, and men quickly appraised and treated according to assay. Yet Gold Creek could be fooled!

In the Western Sun Saloon a middle-aged man in cowman's clothes leaned heavily against the bar. Tall and thin, Pete Haskell, who held a coveted place in the ranks of cowmen of the neighborhood, had a face browned by sun and storm. He was a pioneer cattleman, a man who had fought his way up from a small beginning, and now was the unanimously selected guide and counselor of practically every ranch owner in the county.

A Cattleman Pays a Visit

Haskell was burning with anger. "No, Tim," he said sourly, without looking at the cowman beside him, "I don't know what to do. The devil of it is that all those tobacco farmers have as much right here as we have."

"But this has always been free and open cattle range!" blasted Tim Callan, another rancher. "First come—"

"Ain't always first served—or best served, either," finished Haskell.

Callan scowled. "There ought to be a law—"

"There is a law," said a man who had come in the door behind Haskell and had been listening, unnoticed. "It says if you own something, lock, stock and barrel, you can do as you see fit with it, without consulting anybody but yourself. But unless you do—"

Lande walked over and stood between the two cowmen at the bar. There were certain things he felt he must say to them.

"You gents are scared over nothing," he told the two ranchers now. "I wouldn't howl, 'Wolf!' till there was one in sight."

Haskell scowled heavily. "You've been away from the range for three years, Lande," he reminded. "Meanwhile, the wolf has moved in. Russ Bartle has announced that he is going to fence in more land for tobacco farms in the north end of Deep Water Valley! Our end!"

The sheriff looked surprised. Then he shrugged.

"I don't blame any man for kicking over the traces when bread and butter is taken out of his mouth!" Haskell snorted. "I wouldn't ask any man to sit twiddling his thumbs while Bartle brings in more farmers to squeeze him out of house and business!"

The sheriff scowled then. "You're not advising anybody to keep his bread and house and business with the help of a six-gun and torch, are you?"

"I'm not till I'm driven to it. Meanwhile I've got another pair of cards to play. Might as well be done now." As Haskell turned from the bar he read the questions in Lande's eyes.



Statuesquely still, ominously silent, he let the sight of him sink into every man's mind before he moved a muscle.

"I'm going to see Russ Bartle," he said. "Maybe I can get him to meet us cowmen halfway."

"And if he won't?" asked Lande.

Haskell did not answer. He walked out of the saloon and down the dark, deserted street like a man bent on a dreaded errand he knows is useless—and still must make an effort toward its success.

A light glowed in a window of the bank where Russ Bartle did his business when he was in town.

"Yes, Haskell?" he said at once.

"What's on your mind?" "The fact that what you're going to do in Deep Water Valley will bust every cattleman in these parts." Haskell's eyes bored straight into those of the landowner. "Cattlemen won't take this latest action of yours sitting down, Bartle."

The banker laughed shortly. "Then all I can see is that they'll have to take it standing up." He drummed on a ledger with impatient fingers. "That valley is mine. The law holds that. There is nothing you can do to change that."

An Offer for Bartle's Land

"I know. You know," Haskell hunched forward in his chair and spoke earnestly. "But men can be driven to break laws, Bartle. I've already kept several of them from doing so—till now. But I'm like a dam holding back too much water. Sabe! I'm going to get washed aside when your first tobacco farmer sets himself up in the north end of the valley. Then, remember this! Me, you and everybody in Deep Water Valley will suffer."

"Will you sell us the north end of the valley?" Haskell cut in sharply. "Every inch north of Don Attero's Cross?"

Figures flashed through Bartle's quick brain. Then his mouth opened. "Why not?" he drawled. "But it'll cost you exactly three hundred thousand dollars—cash."

Haskell waved his hands angrily. "Twenty times what it's worth! You must think you've got the whip hand, uh?" He got up from his chair, bitter, belligerent. "All our ranches and stock put together won't fetch that."

"Why, I always thought you lords of all creation were worth millions," Bartle sneered.

Haskell tried to keep his temper, but it was difficult. He felt the hot blood of resentment suffusing his face.

"Listen to me!" he made a final plea. "We ranchers can raise maybe seventy-five thousand cash between us.

We'll buy—"

"Three hundred and fifty thousand—or nothing," Bartle's smile was infuriatingly triumphant.

Haskell could stand no more of the banker. He turned and trudged heavily to the door.

"I've had my say," he growled over his shoulder. "I'm telling you that no tobacco man sets himself up in the north end of Deep Water Valley—and that's flat. Now go on with your blasted plans!" He stormed downstairs and out, slamming the outer door after him until the glass in it rattled.

Bartle smiled. He knew the imminence of open warfare between cattlemen and tobacco farmers, but what matter? Let them fight! Nothing could fit into his own plans better. For under the smoke screen of battle there would be safety, profits for him! As the cold gray of daybreak pale the eastern sky, sober-faced, solemn, bitterly silent riders converged on Pete Haskell's Half Circle H Ranch in the north end of Deep Water Valley.

Pete Haskell himself, with Tim Callan, who had ridden home with him from Gold Creek, solemnly greeted each new arrival who swung down from his horse and entered the ranch-house. Twice Haskell surveyed the big room which, huge as it was, soon became uncomfortably crowded with these men of the range who had ridden here at his behest and were waiting for him to tell them what he had in mind.

"I have been palavering with Russ Bartle," Haskell began seriously. "But I didn't get anywhere. He knows he's got the whip hand, and he aims to use the whip."

Luke Wallace edged closer to the table over which Haskell spoke.

"Did you offer to buy all the north end of the valley—as we suggested?" he asked.

"Yeah, I did." Haskell's lips tightened grimly. "But Russ has been bookkeeping so everlasting much that he hasn't got any respect for anything less than six figures crowding one behind the other. The price of the north end of the valley—he says—is three hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Cash!"

"That's plain highway robbery!" cried Wallace.

"Did you tell him there wasn't that much money in this whole half of the county?" inquired Callan.

"Of course I did," Haskell answered. "But I should have known enough not to. It didn't mean anything to him, and he cared less."

"Did you tell him we wouldn't let any tobacco farmers squat in the north end of the valley?" asked a whiskered oldster from the back of the room, his voice quivering with emotion.

"Yeah—I told him that."

"And that if one fence went up to keep our cattle away from the water we've got a right to, that we'd take the law into our own hands?" urged Luke Wallace.

"No!" Haskell cut him off. "I've been hoping that some of you men have thought of something less many than riding roughshod over farmers that are only trying to make a living, after all."

The Cattleman Receives a Visit

He paused for suggestions, glancing from man to man of the grim-faced ranchers in front of him.

"We're going to do something!" Luke Wallace barked. "I'm not a young man any more, and I've been here too long to be driven out of house and home by any barbed wire. And since there's no hope of help from the law, then we've just got to forget about the law and use—"

"Force?" asked Haskell. "Well," he temporized, "we can do one thing. As soon as a fence goes up around sweet water that we must have, that fast we rip it down."

"And if that way won't work?" Wallace snorted.

"We'll cross that bridge when we come to it," Haskell said firmly.

He had just opened his mouth to say more when the front door burst open so unexpected that Haskell himself, as well as every man present, swung around as if yanked by wires. Eyes peeped. Jaws dropped. Men were speechless with amazement.

For on the threshold stood a man in the garb of a Spanish don of long ago, a man with flaming red hair beneath a cone-shaped sombrero, and with a red kerchief drawn up over the lower part of his face!

Statuesquely still, ominously silent, he let the sight of him sink into every man's mind before he moved a muscle.

Then he took two stiff steps forward, and the eyes visible above the red kerchief fastened themselves on Pete Haskell.

"You're boss here?" he demanded.

The veteran beefman had never known what real fear was in his life. And no man whose face was hidden by a scarlet neckerchief was going to spook him now.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

AROUND THE HOUSE

To protect blankets from soil bind the tops with light weight washable material about 16 inches wide.

When curtains are removed from stretchers, iron the edges. This gives a more finished appearance.

When using a hammer, it should be held far back in order to produce the greatest striking power and improve the accuracy of the blow. A short grip is the wrong method.

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the figure and symbol of Christ. X is frequently found on walls of the catacombs. When the early Christians wished to make a representation of the Trinity, they would place either a cross or an X beside the names of the Father and the Holy Ghost. From this came the shortened form Xmas, instead of Christmas.
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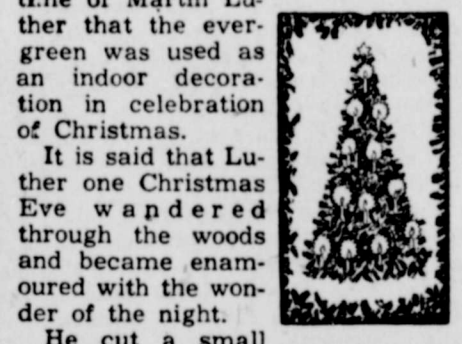
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We are told that the fir tree goes back to Eve, but it was not until the time of Martin Luther that the evergreen was used as an indoor decoration in celebration of Christmas.



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Make Extra Gifts By Baking Goodies In Home Kitchens



Cookies make a wonderful holiday gift! Wrapped as glamorously as these, they'll solve many a last-minute gift dilemma. Set a box under the tree as an extra gift, or take a box of them to your neighbor.

These are extra-wonderful days in the kitchen, for there's a hustle and bustle of activity, warmth and cheer, mysterious smells of something good and the swish of gay and cheery wrapping paper and ribbons. Yes, we're getting ready for Christmas. But it's not just the holiday feast we're preparing for, since kitchens also may be put to work to make those wonderful home-made presents every home-maker appreciates so much.

Of particular interest are cookies and candies. You'll want to make some of your own for the holidays, so why not whip together an extra batch and give some to neighbors and friends? There's no better way of expressing warmth and cheer than something made by deft hands and a heart-load of good wishes.

Here's a taste-tempting cookie you'll want to include in your cookie collection:

Henrecies.
(Makes 2½ dozen 2-inch cookies)
½ cup butter or substitute
½ cup brown sugar
2 egg yolks
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups cake flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 cup ground nut meats
½ cup whole bran

Blend butter and sugar; add beaten egg yolks and flavoring. Sift flour, baking powder; add nut meats. Combine with first mixture. Chill. Form dough into egg-shaped balls. Roll in whole bran which has been crushed slightly. Place on greased baking sheet. Bake in a moderately hot (400 degree) oven for 10 minutes. Note: Whole bran may be added to the cookie dough instead of rolling cookies in whole bran.

Chocolate Drops.
(Makes 2½ dozen 2-inch cookies)
½ cup butter or substitute
¾ cup brown sugar
1 egg, beaten
1½ squares chocolate
3 tablespoons water
¼ cup sour milk
1 cup whole bran
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon soda
¼ teaspoon salt
½ cup chopped nut meats

Cream butter and sugar, add egg, melted chocolate and water. Beat well, then add sour milk and whole bran. Sift flour with baking powder, soda and salt and add to first mixture with the nut meats. Drop from teaspoon onto a greased baking sheet. Bake in a moderate (375 degree) oven for 15 minutes.

Date Favorites.
¾ cup butter or substitute
1½ cups sugar
½ teaspoon soda
2 tablespoons water
1 cup buttermilk
3 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 cup nuts, chopped
1 cup dates, chopped
Powdered sugar

Cream butter and sugar. Mix soda with water and add to the butter-

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- Browned Short Ribs of Beef
- Glazed Carrots
- Browned Potatoes
- Cauliflower Au Gratin
- Tossed Salad
- Wheat Bread
- Baked Pears
- Beverage
- *Ice Box Cookies
- *Recipe given.

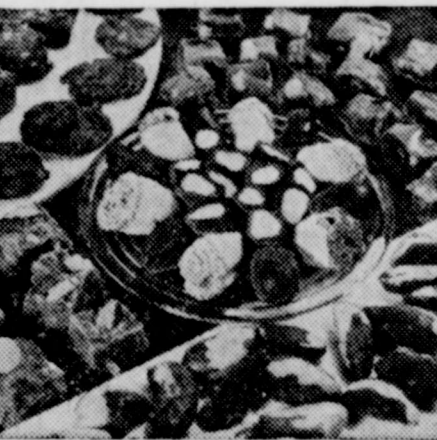
milk. Add flour sifted with salt and baking powder. Fold in nuts and dates. Pour into a shallow, greased pan and bake 20 minutes at 350 degrees. Cut into narrow slices while still warm and roll in powdered sugar.

***Ice Box Cookies.**
1 cup brown sugar
½ cup butter
1 egg, unbeaten
1½ cups flour
½ teaspoon cream of tartar
½ teaspoon soda
½ cup pecans, cut fine
½ teaspoon vanilla

Cream sugar and butter well together. Add the egg, flour, cream of tartar and soda. Mix well and fold in nuts and vanilla. Make into rolls about 2 inches in diameter and wrap each in waxed paper. Let stand in refrigerator for 24 hours. Then unwrap rolls and slice about ¼ inch thick. Bake on an ungreased cookie sheet in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for about 8 minutes, or until golden brown.

Fudge Squares.
(Makes 36)
2 squares unsweetened chocolate
¼ cup butter or substitute
¼ cup light corn syrup
¾ cup sugar
1½ teaspoon salt
1½ teaspoons vanilla
2 cups quick oats, uncooked
¼ cup chopped nutmeats

Melt chocolate and butter in top of double boiler. Add remaining ingredients, blending thoroughly. Pack firmly into an 8-inch square pan. Sprinkle a few chopped nuts on top if desired. Bake in a hot oven (425 degrees) for 12 minutes. When cool, turn out of pan and cut in squares. Store in refrigerator if warm.



Of Yuletide sweets, there are none tastier than home-made candies. With just a few ingredients and tested recipes you can concoct some delectable treats and gift-wrap them for Christmas presents.

Brazil Nut Patties.
½ cup syrup
½ cup sugar
½ cup water
½ pound brazil nut meats

Combine ingredients. Cook to 290 degrees or the crack stage. Pour carefully over brazil nuts arranged over a marble slab. Loosen patties before they become too hard to prevent them from cracking.

Maple Creams.
1 cup maple sugar
1 cup light brown sugar
¼ cup water
½ teaspoon almond extract
½ pound nut meats

Cook the sugars and water to 240 degrees or the soft ball stage. Add the almond extract and cool to lukewarm. Then beat until creamy. Knead until smooth, form into small balls and place a nut meat into each ball.

Stuffed Marshmallows.
1 box marshmallows
½ pound nuts (whole meats)
Lay the marshmallows out on a table and, with a sharp knife, make a gash into the center of each. Push a nut meat (English walnut, pecan, hickory or peanut) into this opening, and press marshmallow closed with fingers. They may be dipped in chocolate if desired.

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3. The Mayan civilization dates back to what year?
4. What Americans negotiated and signed the treaty with Great Britain after the Revolutionary war?
5. How many houses could have been built from the timber destroyed by forest fires last year?

6. What was John Bunyan's profession?
7. Approximately how many golf courses are there in the United States?

The Answers

1. The personal advertisements.
2. He was thrown from his carriage.
3. 4,000 B. C.
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A few days after the second case had been settled, he was thinking over his hard fate when a neighbor rushed in with the information that the butcher's wife had been run over by the careless driver of a motorcar, and was in a hospital. "Thank goodness," exclaimed the butcher, "my luck's changed at last!"

One of the most vexing questions facing women shoppers every Christmas is: What shall I get for him? The perfect solution for every male is quite a problem—but so far this seems like a perfect choice. If he's a cigarette smoker, give him a carton of Camels. And if you wisely choose Camels—he'll be twice as grateful—for that's probably his own brand. All over America—more people are smoking Camels than ever before! Now, if his highness prefers a pipe—give him Prince Albert Smoking Tobacco—the National Joy Smoke. Special holiday gift wrappings make both Camels and Prince Albert particularly desirable choices. Camels are conveniently packed—ten packs of flavorful, mild cigarettes to a carton. . . . Prince Albert is handsomely wrapped in one pound moisture-proof containers. Even a card is unnecessary for these gifts—space is provided for a personalized Christmas greeting. Your dealer is featuring holiday-wrapped Camels and Prince Albert now!—Adv.

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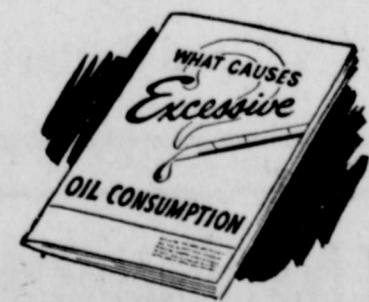
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CHRISTMAS on the frontier, as new bands of pioneers pushed ever westward to carve an empire out of virgin plains and wildernesses, was in marked contrast to the present holiday.

There was more meaning then in the words of The Book concerning shepherds in a certain country watching their flocks by night. The solitudes, the closeness of the stars, the virginity of the new world and its humble people made one feel that time had stood still. Christmas in those days somehow seemed much closer to that first Christmas.

Those bleak plains could be the ones the Wise Men crossed, this the Night and yon sleeping village, Bethlehem. The faith of the trail breakers was that of the Wise Men.

On Christmas Eve the pioneer folks would gather in a crude little church or schoolhouse where children recited their pieces and sang

or a calico doll from Santa Claus. But that doll, made from spare strips of bright cloth, probably was more treasured than any modern doll that can say "Mama," go to sleep and perhaps require a diaper.

Children who received a slate pencil or a shell-box, a little affair covered with shells and containing a small mirror, were the special favorites of Santa.

For goodies, no Christmas was complete without its pans of popcorn and ropes of molasses taffy. In rare cases there might be a bag of candy.

IN THE isolated cabins it wasn't so easy to gather with one's neighbors to celebrate. There were wolves in the timber and being caught in a sudden storm on the pioneer trails spelled death.

Christmas in some places meant a bobsled ride or perhaps a square



songs about the birth of the Christ Child. Santa would hand out mosquito-bar sacks of candy, a golden orange or an apple to each one, and childhood rapture would make that meager offering truly a gift of gold and frankincense.

HOME-MADE sleds and sleighs skimmed over the snowy countryside with sleigh bells jingling accompaniment to the caroling of "Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells."

Except in the forest regions, few children enjoyed the sight of a Christmas tree. But always they hung up their stockings, an old custom of their forefathers.

It was a lucky boy who awoke Christmas morning to find a new jack-knife in his stocking; a lucky girl who received a string of beads

dance, often followed by a turkey dinner costing 25 cents.

Gifts, if any, generally were in the form of utilitarian mittens, mufflers or home-made boots. For the women there might be a piece of intricate handiwork to which some enterprising friend had devoted her spare time for months.

Throughout the holiday season a candle burned in the attic window, guiding late-faring travelers to shelter—the Star of Bethlehem on the frontier.

But withal these hardy folks had as much fun as their great-grandsons and daughters who again this year will celebrate by exchanging elaborate gifts, dancing to name bands, feasting with no worries that tomorrow there may be nothing in the electric refrigerator.

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