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Robert Lee P.T.A. Elects Officers

The Robert Lee P. T. A. met Thursday, April 19, in the last meeting of the present school year, with the seventh grade rendering the program and receiving the \$1 attendance prize. The \$5 award, which is given to the room having the best room mother activity throughout the year, went to the first grade.

The following officers, installed by Mrs. Geo. L. Taylor, were elected for the coming year:

President, Mrs. Marvin Simpson; vice-president, Mrs. Chester Harwell; secretary, Mrs. Sam Powell; treasurer, Mrs. Vernie Calder.

The following committees were appointed:

Finance, Mrs. Turney Casey, Mrs. Sam Powell, Mrs. T. A. Richardson; membership, Mrs. A. W. Littlefield, Mrs. Delmir Sheppard, Mrs. Alfred Fields, Mrs. L. E. Wink, Mrs. W. E. Burns, Mrs. Belva McCutchen, Mrs. Lynn Roberts, Mrs. Isham Austin, Mrs. Eugene Wojtek; program and year book, Mrs. Fred McDonald, Mrs. George Taylor; publicity, Mrs. H. A. Springer, Mrs. Carroll Russell; historian, Mrs. Frank Percifull; hospitality, Mrs. Willis Smith, Miss Eunice McLure, Mrs. Carl Hurley; project 1945-46, Mrs. Chester Harwell, Geo. L. Taylor.

W. R. Boykin Passes

W. R. Boykin, 85, resident of Robert Lee from 1893 to 1904, died at his San Angelo home at 11 a. m., Monday. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon by Minister J. Melton Thomas, with interment in the Robert Lee cemetery.

Deceased is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. C. M. Byrd and Mrs. H. C. DeShazo, San Angelo; four sons, E. L., H. M., C. L. and W. R., Jr., all of San Angelo; and a sister, Mrs. D. J. Kidd, San Angelo.

They Can't Get By

Saturday, six miles south of Bronte, Deputy Ollie Eubanks and Patrolman Jacobs took charge of a Lubbock citizen who had in his possession seven cases of beer and two cases of whiskey. The liquor was confiscated, and the man paid a fine of \$100 and costs amounting to \$35.

A little want ad will sell it.

Lovely Curtain Materials...

We have just received a shipment of lovely Curtain Materials. Curtains and Draperies are hard to get, and you should supply your needs now.

Dainty Panels, hemmed, ready to hang, are now in stock.

Graduation Gifts....

Bags, Gowns, Blouses, Combs, Stationery, Compacts, Scrap Books, Flowers, Sachets, Soaps, Body Powders Dress Shirts, Neckties, Shaving Sets, Handkerchiefs, Belts.

FREE GIFT WRAPPING

Cumbie & Roach

Quality Merchandise

Cotton Sacks Make Smart Clothes for Family

COTTON sacks are doing double duty in these days of fabric shortages, the Home Editor of nationally-circulated Capper's Farmer points out.

With a little ingenuity and various sizes of bags, one can make intriguing things for the home and smart pieces of clothing for the family.

"Appliqued cherries and red embroidered rickracks give accent to these chic mother-daughter outfits," this Capper's Farmer expert writes. "Rough-weave, bleached cotton sacks were used. When preparing the sacks for sewing, rip the stitching and remove any printing by soaking them overnight in thick soapsuds. In the morning wash them in warm, soapy water, rubbing printed parts between the hands. If this does not remove all marks, boil



Ready for Slumberland.

for 10 minutes in soapy water. Rinse well, dry and press. If you wish, dye plain material to a preferred color.

"Pajamas for this six-year-old boy were made from two 100-pound sacks. The facings are print.

"Twin jumpers made from cotton sacks are another budget-saving costume for mothers and daughters. They can be dyed a bright blue and smartly decorated with red felt apples. Other basic spring and summer outfits may be made from thrifty cotton sacks."

In addition to useful information on styles, wardrobe replenishment and sewing, women readers of Capper's Farmer regularly find interesting features in the magazine on cooking, child care, beauty, gardening and other topics.



Chic Frocks for Warm Weather.



MORE FACTS CONCERNING

Them Rabbit Twisters

H. A. Montgomery came to Coke county a good many years ago, horseback, he tells us. That was before the days of autos—back in the rabbit twisting times.

He told The Observer man that his first rabbit hunt was a flicker. He didn't see a single rabbit. A pretty young miss, daughter of his host, told him she would take him rabbit hunting the next day. They went, but she made him leave his gun at the house. Said they didn't need a gun to get rabbits. Calling her dog, the pair circled a pasture and after she had located a hole in the ground, she removed one of her stockings, pegged it down and pushed the foot into the hole. Put-

ting on her shoe, they sallied forth with the dog plenty busy. After a circle was made, returned to the hole, where she pulled out the stocking (it wasn't of the bobby variety) which contained three fat rabbits.

Mr. Montgomery declined to give the young lady's name. "She lives in Coke county now, and is a grandmother," said he.

W. H. D. Clubs

Friendship—Meeting with club members in the home of Mrs. A. D. Fields, Tuesday, Miss Fay Croslin demonstrated tomato canning. Those present were Mesdames M. B. Childress, Ethel Menielle, J. M. Monroe, Henry Varnadore, Ruby Robertson, Thelma Rives, Fay Croslin and the hostess. Next meeting will be with Mrs. Menielle, May 4. Come to the box supper at Friendship school house, April 27, 8:30 p. m.

Hayrick—Food preservation by freezing was discussed by Miss Croslin at the club meeting April 19, in the home of Mrs. F. H. Bagwell. A grab bag, to collect treasury funds, netted \$1.35. It was voted to have a grab bag each month. Cake and punch were served to seven members and four visitors.

District Court

In district court Monday, Judge J. F. Sutton granted divorces to the following: B. E. Davis Biggs vs. J. D. Biggs; Gertrude Susie Gray vs. Julius A. Grey. These were the only divorces granted at this term of court.

Court was resumed on Thursday Harve Mayfield vs. M. D. Porter case was to be heard by jury trial.

Sailor Boy Expected Home

Mr. and Mrs. Coke Austin are expecting the arrival of their son, Coke, Jr., for a 30 days' leave, within the next few days. Coke is seaman first class, and has seen plenty of naval service in the South Pacific. This will be his first visit home in 11 months.

Will Have July Fourth Rodeo

At the annual election last Friday night, the Coke County Livestock Association elected the following officers and directors for 1945:

L. R. Schooler, president; Wilson Bryan, secretary-treasurer. Directors chosen were A. E. Latham, F. C. Clark, Joe G. Wilkins, Allen Jameson, C. E. Arrott, J. P. Arrott, B. G. Gartman, John Coalson, Delmir Sheppard, and I. H. Devoll.

Plans were laid for the annual Fourth of July 4-H Club Rodeo, and activities for this event will soon be under way.

The Association recently purchased two blocks of land in the north part of this city, and the erection of pens and other needs will start soon in order to have everything in shipshape for the Fourth of July celebration.

County Agent Travis B. Hicks informs us that great interest is being displayed by the 4-H boys in behalf of the rodeo. Former rodeos here have always been successful, and this year's affair, it is planned, will outdistance all others.

Family Reunion

An enjoyable family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Ivey at Bronte last Sunday.

All of their children—nine sons and one daughter—besides daughters-in-law and son-in-law, and grand children gathered for the occasion. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Ivey present were: Mrs. Ollie Eubanks, Bronte; Cumbie and Homer Ivey, Robert Lee; Earl and W. W. Ivey, Bronte; Ray Ivey, Mertzon; J. D. Ivey, Hale Center; Ernest and Bryan Ivey, Long Beach, Calif., and Paul Ivey of San Francisco, Calif.

A bounteous dinner was served, and a most enjoyable time is reported.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Summers have for their guests this week Mr. and Mrs. Silas Angel of Houston, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sullivan of Ringling, Okla.

Frank Keeney, Bronte merchant, and Coke county resident for over a half century, was greeting his host of friends in Robert Lee Monday.

File Applications Now For Sugar

Coke county households will not get as much sugar this year as they did in 1944. The county's allotment will be more than one-third less, according to Mrs. Mattie Belle Keyes, at the County Ration Office, who is now providing application blanks for canning sugar.

Those desiring canning sugar should secure their blanks at once, fill them out, and mail them to the ration board.

Mrs. Keyes informs us that no permits will be issued for sugar until after May 15.

When making application, every question must be answered. Stamp 13 from Ration Book Four for each member of the family must be attached to the Application. Your application must be mailed to the Ration Board, and after same has been passed upon by the board, your sugar coupons will be mailed to you. Sugar is to be issued on the basis of one pound for each four quarts of finished fruit or fruit juices. Not more than five pounds will be granted for jams, jellies, preserves, etc. The board has full authority to adjust downward or to deny completely any application. There are five questions on the application which must be answered.

Mrs. Keyes has an ample supply of application blanks and will be glad to supply applicants.

NOTICE

Water customers are requested to pay their water bills promptly between the 1st and 10th of each month. Mrs. Green will be in the office from the 1st to 10th to receive your remittances. Shortage of help has caused dispensing with a collector to contact patrons personally. Please be advised that unless water bills are paid by the 10th of each month, water service will be promptly discontinued.

CITY COMMISSION.

Pfc. Rodger H. Holden, with the Army Air Corps, after a visit with homefolks at Silver, returned to his post of duty at Childress Wednesday. The Observer will keep this fine home boy posted on Coke county news.

W. F. Fikes was down from Sanco Saturday watching the aqua pura percolate down from the ethereal blue of the ambient



There's quite a simple solution to the case of those "disappearing" telephones... that new one you wanted installed, the extra connection upstairs.

Among the most important of the many things needed to achieve Victory are communications materials.

So, if your name is on our waiting list, please be patient. Applications will be filled in the order filed.

San Angelo Telephone Company

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Truman Faced With Momentous Tasks Abroad and at Home as Allied Drives Lead to Victory

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



Bearing meager household possessions on heads and in arms, Jap civilians on Okinawa return to lowlands after flight inland before invasion forces.

NEW LEADER:
Historic Task

Dying even as American military leaders saw an early end to the European war, with the intricate problems of peace lying ahead, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt left to successor Harry S. Truman one of the most momentous jobs ever confronting a statesman.

Oddly enough, Mr. Roosevelt himself entered the office 13 years before under highly critical circumstances, with the nation's business and agriculture in stagnation and its finances on the verge of collapse.



Mr. Roosevelt

Still comparatively new to the American people, Mr. Roosevelt won their immediate confidence during the first 100 days of his administration with measures designed to reestablish the tottering economy of the country.

Then, Mr. Roosevelt made perhaps his most famous statement of all: "The only thing we have to fear is fear."

World Problems

Greatest immediate task facing President Truman is the San Francisco peace conference, scheduled to go on despite the death of Mr. Roosevelt, who worked for its successful culmination to achieve his dream of an international cooperative organization to prevent future disastrous wars.

Though the groundwork for the San Francisco parley had been laid at the Dumbarton Oaks conferences, at Washington, D. C., new problems had arisen since to command the full resources of American statesmanship. Over and above the proposal of granting Russia three votes on the permanent security council to match Britain's six, there remained the touchy proposition of allowing representation to a Polish government not dominated by any large power and acceptable to all.

Along with the San Francisco parley for creating an international peace organization, the new President also was confronted with handling the Bretton Woods financial agreements, designed to establish postwar economic stability by supporting the monies of different countries and advancing loans for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of foreign nations to help them become profitably productive.

Rated Conservative

With President Truman considered a conservative Democrat despite his support of New Deal policies, speculation centered on the course he would adopt on domestic policy, long marked by Roosevelt liberalism. Bearing the friendship of both the CIO and AFL, President Truman was expected to maintain a sympathetic attitude toward labor.

With Roosevelt administrations having established such social security policies as unemployment insurance and old age pensions, and with the government pledged to support farm prices for two years after the war, President Truman's great-

est concern would seem to be not the establishment of emergency measures to tide the nation over the reconversion period but rather the development of a program to achieve Mr. Roosevelt's own goal of 60,000,000 jobs.

In recently explaining his political philosophy, President Truman said that, like his native state of Missouri, he was a little bit left of center, but that the cooperative effort of all elements of American life was necessary for the shaping of a prosperous economy.

Though comparatively unknown before assuming direction of the senate war investigating committee, President Truman soon earned the respect of both his colleagues and the country for his forthright and courageous leadership of the group in constructively criticizing the rearmament program with a view of increasing its over-all efficiency.

In this respect, the so-called Truman committee was quick to point out such material shortages as aluminum, rubber, zinc, lead and steel, and also revealed the nature of pressing manpower problems.

Staff Chiefs at Helm

An artillery captain himself at 33 during the last war, President Truman, like Mr. Roosevelt, is expected to leave the conduct of the war largely to the American chiefs of staff, who have already marshalled the country's great striking power for the knockout of both Germany and Japan.

Reeling under the force of U. S. and British power thrusts from the west, and Russian pressure from the east, Germany's days appeared numbered, with Allied military leaders mainly expecting guerrilla warfare after the collapse of integrated Nazi resistance.

In conformity with long-rumored Nazi plans for a last suicidal stand in the Alpine fastnesses of southern Germany, the enemy continued to put up his strongest resistance south of the river Main, where the U. S. 7th army's advance was slowed. Farther to the east, however, the Russians drove beyond Vienna to threaten the Austrian gateway to Adolf Hitler's last mountain stronghold.

PACIFIC:

Tough Nuts

Tough throughout the whole Pacific campaign, the Japs are proving even tougher as the battle approaches their homeland, with their stubborn defense of Iwo Jima more than matched by their resistance on Okinawa in the Ryukyu Islands against U. S. marine and army forces.

Experts at making use of the rugged Pacific island terrain, the Japs have set strong gun emplacements in the rolling countryside, with subterranean tunnels allowing their troops free passage from one position to another. In addition, the enemy has surprised U. S. forces with the use of deadly new weapons, with heavy concentrations of artillery on Okinawa helping slow the Yanks' advance.

If they have made good use of the terrain on Iwo Jima and Okinawa, the Japs are making equally good use of it on Luzon in the Philippines, where they are holding out in the rugged fastnesses to the north in the hope of tying up large bodies of U. S. troops through the approaching rainy season when operations will be necessarily slowed

AGRICULTURE:

Hog Support

Having called for greater fall pig production to help relieve the tight meat situation, the government sought to reassure farmers of future returns by announcing a 50 cents increase in the present \$12.50 floor or minimum price for all good and choice hogs up to 270 pounds. At the same time, the War Food administration said that neither support nor ceiling prices would be trimmed before September, 1946.

Though the government's action on floor prices was not expected to affect current operations because of the relatively small supply of hogs in face of the record demand, it was considered reassuring in the prospect of greatly increasing marketing in the winter, when the pressure on prices might be strong.

With private sources estimating that spring pig farrowing was up 12 per cent, the WFA called on farmers to increase the fall crop by 18 per cent. Chiefly because of lower hog production throughout the first part of 1945, total meat output is expected to drop some 10 per cent below last year.

Bumper Crop

Benefiting from excellent weather conditions, the nation's 1945 winter wheat crop is expected to approximate an all-time 862,515,000 bushels, about 37,000,000 bushels over the previous 1931 top, the U. S. department of agriculture reported.

After fall moisture was generally sufficient to get the crop off to a good start, good snowfall provided protection during the winter to hold acreage losses to the lowest level in 25 years. In most sections, the ground was in condition to absorb a large percentage of the moisture from the melted snow and rains, the USDA reported.

With the expected abandonment lowest since 1919, indicated yield of 17.4 bushels would be one bushel above last year. As of April 1, estimated stocks of wheat on farms totalled 239,083,000 bushels, third largest since 1927. Stocks approximated 22 per cent of the 1944 harvest, USDA said.

MINERS:

Another Raise

Maintaining his reputation as one of organized labor's shrewdest and hardest bargainers, bushy-browed John L. Lewis won new wage concessions for his United Mine Workers averaging \$1.07 a day, but the agreement remained subject to government review in the interests of the anti-inflation program.

Expected to run into close scrutiny of the War Labor board, which has hewed to the "Little Steel" formula limiting wage in-



Samuel O'Neil of coal operators (left), Chairman Ezra Horn of negotiating committee (center), and John L. Lewis at contract parleys.

creases to 15 per cent above the January, 1941, level, the agreement calls for time and a half for inside day workers over seven hours and a rate of \$1.50 for underground travel time; boosts of from \$1.07 to \$1.20 a day for outside employees, leaders and electricians; 4 cents an hour more for workers on the second shift, and 6 cents for those on the third, and \$75 pay instead of vacations.

Having run the gamut of WLB approval, the agreement still was subject to OPA consideration, in view of estimates that the wage concessions would add about 25 cents a ton to the nation's fuel bill, or \$150,000,000 annually.

RECONVERSION:

Make Preparations

With victory in Europe imminent, and with it a partial reconversion from wartime to peacetime output, War Production board took steps to permit industry to obtain new machine tools for manufacture of civilian goods.

Biggest major item on WPB's program was the grant of priorities to the automobile industry for 50 million dollars of machine tools and related equipment for civilian manufacture. To take from three to seven months for making, the orders were placed last fall without priority rating, then dumped when early hopes of victory faded and the war went into 1945.

In permitting the placement of orders for machine tools and related equipment for civilian manufacture, the WPB is developing a plan whereby such business would not interfere with the output of vital material needed for prosecution of the war.

Washington Digest

Conference Irons Out World Air Problems



Future of Commercial Flying Depends on 'Freedom of Air' Pacts, Allowing Planes To Fly and Land Anywhere.

By BAUKHAGE

News Analyst and Commentator.

Baukhage has made a study of that highly important question: Freedom of the Air.

The air transport command, with the help of the American aviation industry, has built up the greatest international aerial communication system in history.

Military and civilian experts alike admit that this tremendous system that links the globe from Arctic to Antarctic and around the world is the result of the "know-how," imagination, energy and initiative which have made this nation what it is today.

How shall the arts of wartime communication be woven into the expansion of American trade development in the peace to come?

Baukhage sets forth some of the leading military and civilian aviation opinions in this series of two articles, appearing as UNCIO (United Nations Council on International Organization) opens in San Francisco.

Some time after V-Day, when the forces of the occupation are withdrawn and the world once more settles back to peace, the greatest international air transport system which was ever built will largely cease to be. That system, the Air Transport Command of the U. S. army, criss-crosses the western hemisphere from Nome in Alaska to Rio de Janeiro; from Iceland to Panama City. It stretches eastward across the Atlantic, laces Europe and Africa, reaches India and then swings around the globe by way of Australia, through Honolulu to the Pacific coast.

Over the ATC's more than a hundred and fifty landing fields, the American flag now flies. Big planes travel the routes at the rate of 51 million miles a month, which is equal to 70 trips around the world at the equator every 24 hours.

From the flagpoles on most of those bases, the Stars and Stripes will be lowered after the world has returned to peace. And strange as it may seem, the thing that worries the friends of commercial aviation most is not so much whether Old Glory flies free over those bases, as whether the air over them and the rest of the world is free to the extent that American planes will have access to those and other bases over the globe.

We have achieved freedom of the seas. Why can't we have freedom of the air, too?

I carried that question right into the Pentagon building to the office of one of the AAF officers whose job includes worrying over that important question. He is William Mitchell, lieutenant colonel, United States army air force, assistant executive to the assistant secretary of war for air. This was his answer (Colonel Mitchell made it clear that he was expressing his personal views and was not speaking for the war department, but he stated that his opinions were shared by many other members of the air staff):

"Conflicts over artificial barriers on intercourse by sea," he said, "used to be a fertile breeding ground for wars. But for 200 years vessels of any nation have been able to travel the oceans in peacetime without international supervision, and as a result, this source of international conflict has disappeared."

If he had stopped there I might have left his office feeling quite reassured. But that was only the beginning.

Each Country Rules The Airways Above It

The analogy between freedom of the sea and freedom of the air, it seems, is an attractive one but it won't hold water.

"An airplane does not merely touch the coast of a country," the colonel explained, "it may penetrate into the remotest interior. Accordingly it has become fairly well established that a nation has jurisdiction over the airspace above its land to the same extent that it has jurisdiction over the land itself. The result is that, in the absence of agreement between countries, no plane may cross a foreign border. The air is not free, it is closed."

American ambition doesn't like to be fenced in and already we have mapped a pattern of air routes we'd like to establish when peace comes. Those routes will encircle the globe. Our own civil aeronautics board is in the process of holding hearings to determine which carriers will be certified to fly these routes.

But the certificates issued, says Colonel Mitchell, "will be mere scraps of paper unless other countries consent to operations by United States carriers."

Arrival at such common consent is in the making today, and has been greatly advanced since the state de-

partment called the conference in Chicago last November. Representatives of 52 countries met. At the last minute the Soviet Union dropped out, but certain basic agreements were reached. This conference Colonel Mitchell calls "the civil air part of the peace settlement" because it provided "in the main convention which was prepared, a proposed international organization which might, with respect to air matters within its competence directly affecting world security, enter into appropriate agreements with any general organization set up by the nations to preserve peace."

Colonel Mitchell believes "that the degree, or lack of it, to which the world can be linked by aviation will be an important element in determining whether the nations of the world can be brought together in peaceful understanding."

Preliminary Agreements Made at Chicago Meeting

Now, what did the Chicago conference achieve?

After considerable discussion in which there were sharp differences of opinion, the conference prepared two multilateral agreements on commercial operations which were separate from the main convention and which any country was free to sign if it wished. They are concerned with the "five freedoms of the air" which will be taken up in detail in a later article. They are (1) the right to fly over a country (2) the right to land for non-traffic purposes (3) the right to disembark passengers, mail and freight from the country of origin of the aircraft (4) the right to embark traffic for the country of origin and (5) the right to do business along the way.

Because all of the countries were not prepared to accept all the freedoms, a choice was provided. One agreement offered, between the signatory countries, merely the first two freedoms. That is right to fly over the country and the right of non-traffic stop, which means permission to stop at an airport for refueling and such purposes.

The other grants all five freedoms, but the fifth could be denied by any country on proper notice to other contracting countries.

At the time this is written the "Two-Freedoms" agreement has been signed (but not definitely accepted) by 34 countries, accepted by four (including the United States, Canada, the Netherlands and Norway).

The "Five Freedoms" agreement has been signed but not definitely accepted by 22 countries; definitely accepted by two, including the Netherlands (without the fifth freedom) and the United States.

The main work of the conference was the writing of a convention on International Civil Aviation and Interim Agreement which will set up an international organization. The conference also recommended a model form of agreement on commercial services to be used in bilateral negotiations.

"The work of the Chicago conference," said Colonel Mitchell, "is merely a blueprint for further activity. A start has been made, but, like Dumbarton Oaks, much remains to be done."

Further details of some of the problems involved and the attitudes revealed in negotiations so far will be set forth in a second article appearing next week.

Australia's famous Empire Air Training Scheme, which provided airmen for Britain, has ended. Ten thousand trained Aussies were promised, 35,000 provided. Of them, more than 6,000 have been killed, 2,000 are missing, 1,000 are prisoners.

50 YEARS AGO IN COKE COUNTY

Early Day Items From Files Of The Coke County Rustler, Aug. 11, 1894

Rufe Whiteside announces this week for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Coke county. He is well qualified and has many supporters.

Steve Parker has purchased W. L. Clawson's interest in the San Angelo stage line.

Mrs. J. L. Prichard has left for Penasco, N. M., where the Prichards will make their future home.

The protracted meeting held here last week resulted in sixteen additions to the church.

Prof. S. O. Richardson of San Angelo is an applicant for the principalship of our school.

R. M. Cumbie and J. C. Sills are to begin a protracted meeting at Pecan this week.

Commissioner Sayner was in town yesterday.

W. L. Clawson has purchased the J. J. Vestal blacksmith shop and the latter has leased the Shaw farm and will try country life.

We learn that L. B. Harris is to erect a gin at his farm across the river.

N. C. Lucas of near Bronte was in town Monday with a load of nice watermelons.

Our farmers and business men now have wide grins over the recent rains. Cotton, sorghum, milo maize, melons, turnips and fall gardens are now assured.

The populist county convention at the court house last Saturday drew a large attendance.

M. H. Havins was in town Saturday and stated that the rain came in time to make lots of cotton in his neighborhood.

On account of the high water in

the Colorado river, washing against the bank at the bridge, it was caved off until the supports of the approach at the south end of the bridge were undermined which caused it to fall Monday, thus making it so no travel can pass over it. Damage done is estimated at \$500.

The old soldiers reunion at Bronte was a fine affair. A bountiful dinner was served and all had a splendid time. The next reunion will be held on Friday before the third Sunday in July, 1895.

Congressmen are but hirelings for the people, working for a fixed sum and at a certain length of time, but few of them fill their contract, yet they get their full pay. This is a feature that should be looked into by the people, and full service exacted. How would it please our farmers or stockmen to entrust their work to their employees, and they would play half the time? Would they like to pay full price for such?

(Fifty Years Ago In Coke items appear each week in The Observer as a regular feature. Watch for them.)

The Observer prints Envelopes and Letter Heads.

The Mayor Of Edith Says



Of all the dogs, the hot dog is the noblest. It feeds the hand that bites it.

DAVIS BESSENT & DAVIS

Cabinet Makers
Furniture Repairing
Painting, Paper Hanging
Plumbing
Estimates Gladly Given

Mexican Steak Adds Gay Touch to Meal



Glorify the stand-by pot-roast in a south-of-the-border way, advises the Country Cooking editor of Capper's Farmer. Juicy Mexican steak is lean round of beef braised in spicy tomato sauce.

"Surround it with oven-browned potatoes and serve with crisp relishes and fruit pie for dessert," she adds. "A bright-colored cloth on the table puts the whole meal in a gay mood."

Mexican Steak

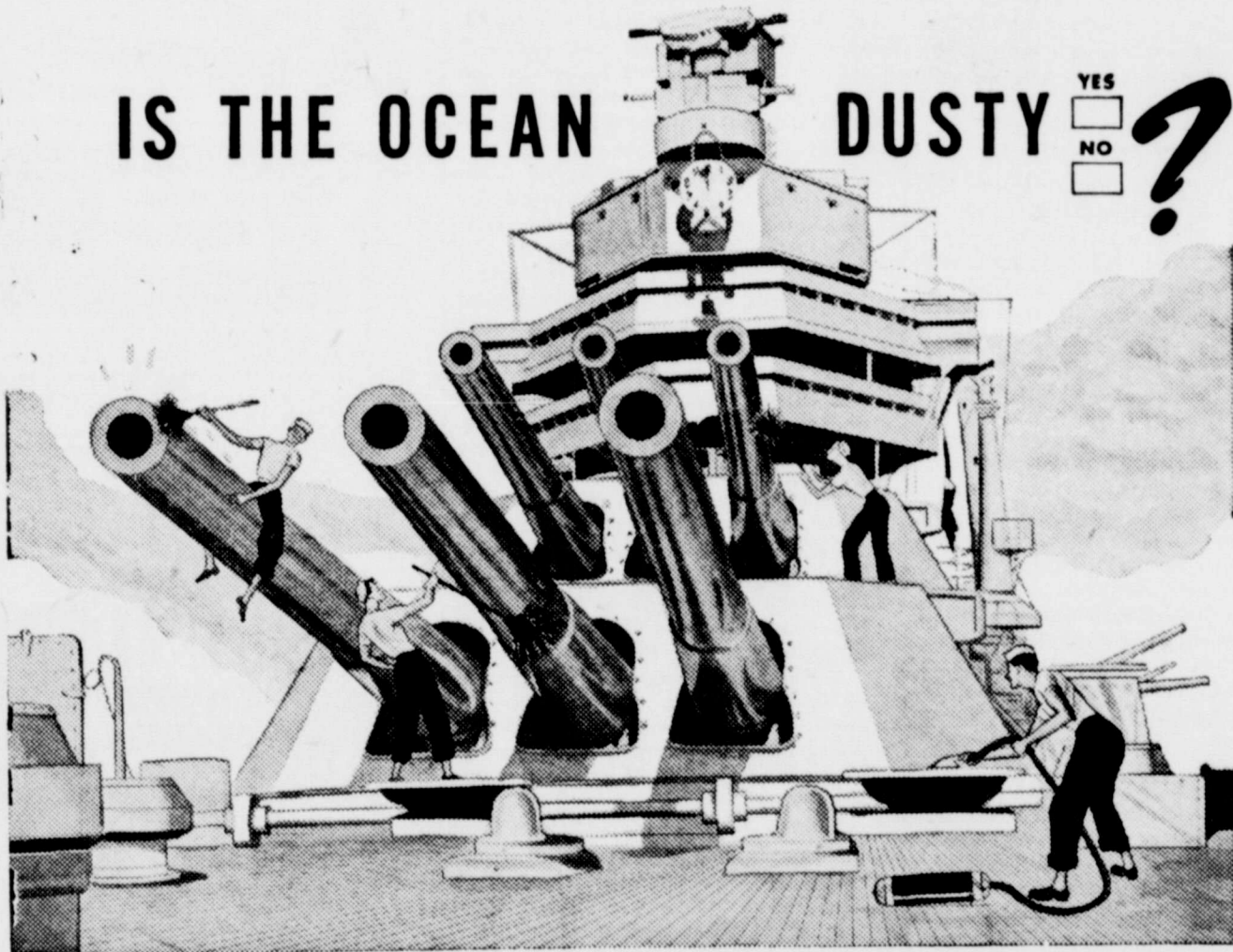
4 lbs. round steak
3/4 c. flour
1/2 tsp. pepper
2 tsp. salt
3 tbsp. bacon drippings
2 1/2 c. tomatoes
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 green pepper, chopped
1 c. celery, chopped
1 onion, sliced

Have steak cut 3 inches thick. Season flour with salt and pepper and pound it into meat. Brown steak on both sides in hot drippings. Add remaining ingredients. Cover. Bake at 300 F. for 3 hours. Serves 6.

How to Store Clothes

Best storage place for heavy clothes and furnishings in warm weather is a large closet of average temperature, declares the Home Editor of nationally-circulated Capper's Farmer.

IS THE OCEAN DUSTY ?

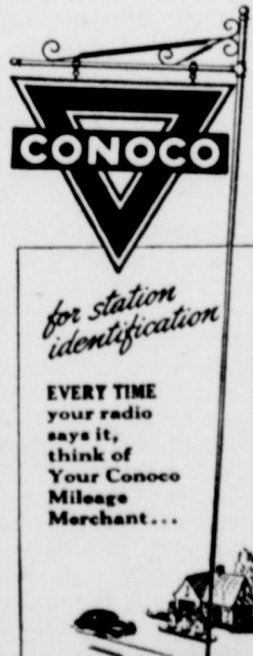


Like a giant broom sweeping China, the Asiatic wind shoots a blinding fog of dust out over the Yellow Sea. Gosh, the pranks of wind and weather are endless... often dangerous! But Spring weather's most dangerous threat to your car dies down the minute you change to fresh motor oil that will OIL-PLATE your engine—bringing new high resistance to wear—helping to keep up mileage and power, while holding down carbon and sludge.

All you need is patented Conoco Nth motor oil for the added safety of OIL-PLATING—a shield of lubricant added direct to inner engine parts. OIL-PLATED metal isn't all bare to wear. Even baffling corrosive wear—from acids that engine combustion always forms—is curbed by OIL-PLATING.

A feat of research—a special Conoco Nth ingredient that supplies magnet-like energy—is responsible for keeping your engine's delicate finish OIL-PLATED as long as you use Conoco Nth oil. This oil's high-strength liquid film, plus OIL-PLATING besides, means multiplied safety from wear, breakdown and expense. You will be glad you paid a bit more—to get Conoco Nth motor oil. Change for Spring—right today. Continental Oil Company

CONOCO **Nth**
MOTOR OIL



Change to M SYSTEM and Pocket the Change

GROCERY DEPARTMENT:

During National Baby Week

We have for your selection: Gerber's Baby Food, Heinz Baby Food, Libby's Baby Food, Clapp's Baby Food, Pablum, large size 39c, Johnson Baby Powder medium size 28c, Johnson Baby Oil 39c, Johnson Baby Soap 13c, Ivory Soap, personal size 5c, Ivory Flakes, large 23c



M System Enriched BREAD

1 1/2 lb. loaf

10c

- Honey Dew Concord Grape Preserves 2 lb. jar 39c
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Blue Rose Rice, 2 lb. cello pkg. 19c
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Pinto Beans, 2 pound package - 19c
Clothes Pins 1c Each
Bright and Early Coffee 1 lb. pkg. 25c
Ovaltine, plain or chocolate - 33c
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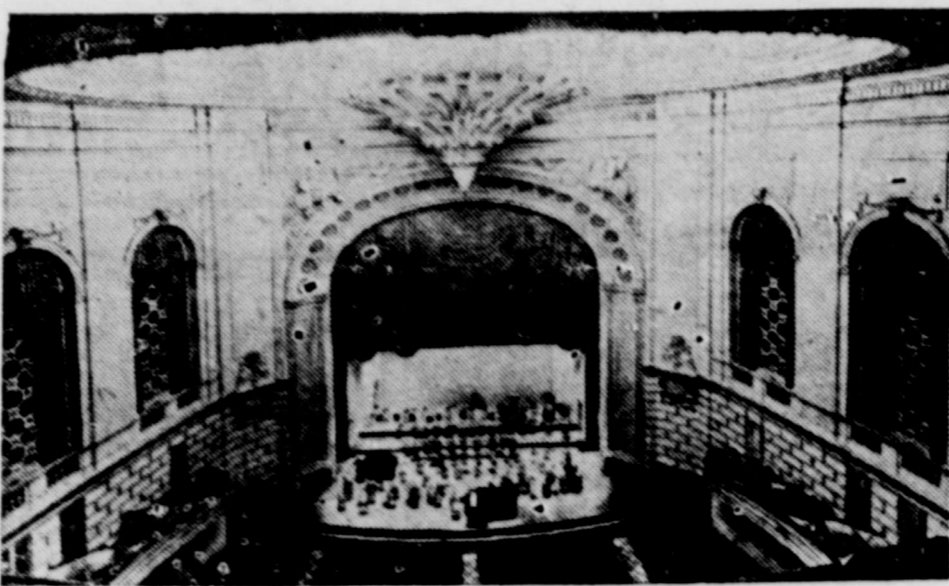
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World Peace Hopes Converge On Conference in San Francisco

An Organization With Responsibility, Power Envisioned by Planners

By JOHN E. JONES

Released by Western Newspaper Union.

Out of the Yalta conference of the Big Three came the electrifying news that San Francisco had been selected for the coming United Nations conference — "We have agreed," they said, "that a conference of United Nations should be called to meet at San Francisco in the United States on April 25, 1945, to prepare the charter of such an organization, along the line proposed in the informal conversations at Dumbarton Oaks."

Official announcement came to San Francisco's Mayor Lapham from Acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew with the further advice that "Representatives of the department of state will get in touch with you in a day or so with regard to necessary arrangements for the conference."

And so San Francisco, most western of our American cities, founded in 1776, the same year as our Declaration of Independence, becomes the focal point of men's hopes for enduring peace. San Francisco, the Golden Gate of the '40s, becomes now the new Golden Gateway to future security for all mankind.

If you take a map of the world and draw lines from Russia to South Africa, from Egypt to China, from Central Europe to India, from the Philippines to the Scandinavians, from Greenland to Australia, and from Canada to New Zealand, all of these lines will cross or converge at San Francisco. So San Francisco becomes the world peace center.

'No World War III'

Indicative of the importance of this meeting are some of the statements made by statesmen and pressmen. Veteran newsman Mark Sullivan: "The greatest present need of the world is to see that there shall be no World War III. This is the beginning of everything and the objective of everything."

Lt. Cmdr. Harold Stassen, delegate: "I hope that San Francisco may mean for the world of tomorrow what Constitution hall at Philadelphia meant for the United States of America."

Anthony Eden, foreign secretary of the British empire: "This may be the world's last chance to create an effective peace organization combining responsibility with power."

Attendance at the meeting bears out this importance. Forty-four nations from all continents of the earth are represented. It has been estimated that delegates and their attendants, secretaries, advisers—total some 1,500 persons. News gatherers—press and radio—number upwards of 1,000. San Francisco is host to from 2,500 to 3,000 persons.

Our state department has had representatives in San Francisco since March preparing for the big meeting, which taxes every facility of the coast city. Hotels, which have already been full to overflowing for the last two years or more, have to take care of several thousand more. The department of state has reserved 3,200 rooms in the larger hotels, taking over entirely several of the largest. The San Francisco chamber of commerce has advised member not directly connected with the conference to stay away from the city during April and May.

No one knows how long the conference will remain in session. First plans were for approximately four weeks. It may last eight weeks or longer, for a big job has to be done. East meets West, and all of the dif-

ferences between them must be ironed out in order to build an organization that will be effective and enduring.

Everything Arranged Early.

Experienced protocol officers have had to work out in advance details of seating arrangements at meetings—both general and dinner—and hotel room assignments. Transportation from air fields to hotels and from hotels to meeting places had to be provided.

San Francisco is a cosmopolitan city with a population made up of persons from all parts of the world. Many of its taxi drivers speak other languages in addition to English. Each taxicab carries a sign indicating the languages that its driver speaks, so that foreign delegates may pick out a driver conversant in his own language.

Headquarters for the United Nations convention are in one of the large hotels on Knob hill. Meetings are being held in several of the large public buildings in San Francisco's Civic center, such as War Memorial Opera house, Veterans' auditorium and the Civic auditorium.

Rules governing the press and the public follow in general the pattern established at the Chapultepec conference in Mexico city, where the press had admission to all general meetings and information sources from committee meetings. Many of the general meetings are open to the public, so far as space makes that possible. It is a privilege long to be remembered to sit in on a session where a constitution of the United Nations is being created.

Details to Committees.

Much of the actual business of the convention of necessity is done in committee meetings where plans and details are formulated, discussed, changed, and worked up into a cohesive program, to be presented to the general conference. Here differences come up necessitating reference back to committee, often time and time again. It is no easy job to create an instrument to govern international relations acceptable to people from every continent of the earth.

But present day transportation and communications have erased the barriers of distance and isolation. There is no isolation, we are a part of a family of nations. Kipling wrote, "East is east and west is west — and ne'er the twain shall meet." But Kipling was probably wrong. The "twain" are meeting where the east and the west come together geographically and spiritually in San Francisco, at the Golden Gateway to future peace and security among the nations of the earth.

The peoples of the United Nations look to San Francisco—Australians, Asiatics, Europeans, Africans, Americans — north and south — all have their hearts and hopes in the convention beginning on April 25. Who knows but that in their hearts the common people of our enemy, both European and Asiatic, are putting their hopes in this world meeting for their end to the catastrophe which they started but could not finish.

Atop Mt. Davidson, 900 feet above the city of San Francisco, is a huge cross. Here annually some 50,000 of the city's diverse population have gathered on Easter Sundays to worship at the foot of this cross. Here all forget their differences of race and creed in a common reverence. Never before has this cross been lighted at any other time than Holy Week and Easter. Now, however, it is illuminated during the entire international conference—that it may be a guiding light to bring together the east and the west; and—in the spirit for which it stands—make brothers of us all in the United Nations of the World.

When Johnnie Comes Home

Vets Opportunities Under 'G.I. Bill' Explained by Legion Auxiliary Workers

By MRS. CHARLES B. GILBERT
National President,
American Legion Auxiliary.

The American Legion Auxiliary, ever since its organization, has centered its work on aiding the war veteran and his family. The Auxiliary in past years has aided veterans of the last war. With the increasing number of veterans in the present war, the Auxiliary has stepped up its program to help the veteran in every possible way.

A million veterans returned home in 1944. More and more are coming home each month. There are bound to be questions they will want to ask and problems they will have to solve.

To ease this burden the Auxiliary under the leadership of its national president, Mrs. Charles B. Gilbert of Norwich, Conn., has prepared questions and answers on some of the problems which will affect the veterans and their families. Here are some pertinent questions:



Mrs. C. B. Gilbert

Q.—Just what does "farm loan guaranty" mean?
A.—Under Title III of the servicemen's readjustment act of 1944, provision is made for the guaranteeing by the administrator of veterans affairs of a loan to be used in purchasing land, livestock, machinery to be used in farming operations conducted by the applicant.

Q.—Does this mean that the veterans administration will make the loan?

A.—No. The law provides that the administrator of veterans affairs may approve an application for the guaranty of a loan within certain limitations, but the actual loans are made by regularly established banks, lending agencies and private lenders.

Q.—What does the law specifically provide regarding the purchase of a farm and farming equipment?

A.—Any application made under this title for the guaranty of a loan to be used in purchasing any land, buildings, livestock, equipment, machinery or implements or in repairing, altering or improving any buildings or any equipment to be used in farming operations conducted by the applicant may be approved by the administrator of veterans affairs if he finds—

1. That the proceeds of such loan will be used in payment for real or personal property purchased or to be purchased by the veteran, or for repairing, altering or improving any buildings or equipment to be used in bona fide farming operations conducted by him.

2. That such property will be useful in and reasonably necessary for efficiently conducting such operations.

3. That the ability and experience of the veteran, and the nature of the proposed farming operations to be conducted by him, are such that there is a reasonable likelihood that such operations will be successful.

4. That the purchase price paid or to be paid by the veteran for such property does not exceed the reasonable normal value thereof as determined by proper appraisal.

Q.—Who is eligible to apply for this farm loan guaranty?

A.—A veteran who (1) has served in the active military or naval service of the United States on or after September 16, 1940, and before the officially declared termination of World War II; (2) shall have been discharged or released from active service under conditions other than dishonorable either after active service of more than 90 days or because of injury in line of duty irrespective of length in service; (3) applies for the benefits of this title within two years after separation from the military or naval forces, or within two years after the official termination of the war. In no event may an application be filed later than five years after such termination of such war.

Q.—Who is eligible to receive readjustment allowance?

A.—A veteran described above who is residing in the United States and is completely unemployed or who is partially unemployed in that services have been performed for less than a full work week and the wages are less than the allowance under this title plus \$3.00.

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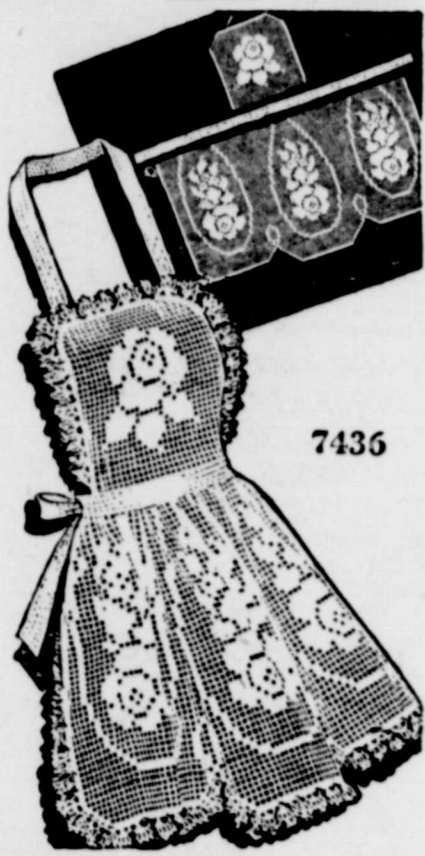
Nothing ever becomes real till it is experienced—even a proverb is no proverb to you till your life has illustrated it.—John Keats.

But it is as impossible for a man to be cheated by anyone but himself, as for a thing to be and not to be, at the same time.—Emerson.

The shame is not in having once been foolish but in not cutting the folly short.—Horace.

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A Bell for Adano
By John Hersey

THE STORY THUS FAR: The American troops arrived at Adano, a seaport in Italy, with Major Victor Joppolo, the Amgot officer in charge. Sergeant Borth, an M.P., was in charge of security. The Major set out to win the trust of the citizens and promised to replace the town bell stolen by the Nazis. General Marvin, chief of American forces in that section, became enraged at the car on road leading into the city and ordered the Major to keep them out of the city. Hearing that the city could not get water without the cars, Major Joppolo told Captain Purvis to let them enter the city. Purvis, to protect himself, reported the matter to headquarters. The letter was held up in the office.

CHAPTER VIII

"Giuseppe," the Major said, "I want to see Tina's father because you said he was the most respected of all the fishermen. I want to start the fishermen going out again, so that Adano will have something besides pasta and tomatoes and eggplant to eat. That's all there is to it."

"Boss, you're a kid Giuseppe."

"Giuseppe, do you want me to get another interpreter?"

"Okay, a boss, you're not a kid Giuseppe."

"I do want to see the old man. Will you fix that for me?"

"That's what I'm a sorry, boss."

"What do you mean?"

"Tina's old man Tomasino no want a see you, a boss."

"Why not? Did you say something about my wanting to go out with his daughter?"

"Oh no, a boss. Old man Tomasino say he never been in a Palazzo di Citta in a life. He hate a Fascist a crooks. He don't know you're a different. He won't a come a here."

"That's easy, Giuseppe. We'll go see him." The Major looked at a pad of appointments he had begun to keep on his desk. "Be ready to go at three this afternoon, Giuseppe."

And so it happened that another precedent was broken in Adano. Never in the memory of anyone in the town had an official gone calling on a citizen on business. Either the citizen had come willingly to the Palazzo, or else the citizen had been arrested, and had come against his will.

Between the time of this conversation and three o'clock, Giuseppe told several people about this amazing flexibility on the part of the Major. And therefore when it came time for them to go down to the port looking for old Tomasino, quite a large crowd had gathered in front of the Palazzo, and the crowd followed the Major and Giuseppe as they walked.

"Where do these people think they're going?" the Major asked Giuseppe.

"Just a bunch a busybody," Giuseppe said.

The Major turned around. "Go home, you people," he said in Italian. "Don't you have anything better to do at three in the afternoon?"

But the people kept right on following Giuseppe and the Major. Giuseppe led the Major, and therefore the crowd, down to the harbor and past the stone pier, past the sulphur loading jetties, past the patent slips, past the Molo Martino to the Molo di Ponente, where the fishing boats were tied up.

The Major sensed that he was going to have a tough time with old Tomasino, so he said to Giuseppe: "Interpreter, unless you keep this crowd well back, you will lose your job."

"What is an interpreter to us," people said, "when we have a chance to see something new in Adano? . . . This has never happened before. . . . What is the unemployment of one man?" And they kept moving forward.

Giuseppe shouted: "The Major will be very angry if you do not stop right here." And then he added softly: "Let us make a deal. If you stop, I will listen to the conversation, and I will tell you what is said."

On this basis the crowd was willing to stop.

By this time, Major Joppolo had come to the boat of old Tomasino. He recognized the boat not only by the fact that there was a morose-looking man sitting on the afterdeck, but also by the illuminated inscription, with its letters trailing off into leaves and fruits, just under the eye-piece of the bow: Tina.

The Major jumped up onto the bow.

"All right, man of authority," said the morose man, "arrest me."

"I haven't come to arrest you, Tomasino," the Major said.

Giuseppe came running up to listen. He stayed on the mole, so that he could commute easily between actors and audience.

"Why are you wearing your pistol?" the morose man said. "Shoot me, go ahead, shoot me."

"I always wear my pistol, Tomasino," the Major said.

"You have come to arrest me because I refused to go and see the American Major," the morose man said.

"That is not true," the Major said.

"Then why have you brought this informer, Ribaldo Giuseppe, who asked me to go see the American Major, and to whom I refused?"

"I am the American Major, Tomasino."

Tomasino did not bat an eye. "Why have you brought this crowd, if you were not planning to arrest me?"

"I didn't bring it, Tomasino, it just came. I don't want the crowd any more than you do. I just want to talk with you about fishing."

"I do not believe it," the morose man said. "All men of authority are alike. You came to arrest me, or perhaps to shoot me."

"I beg you to believe me," the Major said.

Giuseppe whistled to himself and ran back to the crowd. "It is amazing," he said impressively. "The Major said to Tomasino: 'I beg you to believe me.'"

"Beg," said the people in the front of the crowd. "Amazing."

"There has never been such a begging," others said. "The Mister Major is willing to be a beggar to this Tomasino."

"What did he say?" shouted people in the back of the crowd.

"He said: 'I beg you, Tomasi-



"The Major will be very angry if you do not stop right here."

no," shouted people in the front of the crowd.

"Amazing," shouted the ones in back.

Giuseppe ran back out onto the mole.

The Major was saying: "It is this, Tomasino: I want you and the others to start fishing again."

"Why?" said the morose Tomasino. "So we can line the pockets of the authorities?"

"No, Tomasino, so that you can line the stomachs of the people of Adano."

"Hah," said Tomasino bitterly, "a benevolent man of authority."

"Tomasino, you don't understand. The Americans are different from the Fascists."

"Hah," said Tomasino. "I have heard that before. The Mayor Crapa said he was going to be different from the Mayor Martoglio, and the Mayor Nasta after him said he was going to be different from the Mayor Crapa. The only difference was that the tribute and the taxes got higher each time. How much protection money do you want, American?"

"You have the wrong idea, Tomasino."

"Hah," said the morose Tomasino. "I am an old man, American. I have seen men of authority come and go. I don't believe that you are any different from all the others."

Here Major Joppolo got angry. "Old fisherman," he said, "you will have to understand something. The people of Adano are hungry. They must have fish. Do you get that through your thick skull?"

Giuseppe ran back to the crowd. "It is wonderful," he said. "The

Mister Major said: "The people of Adano are hungry. They must have fish."

The people in front repeated this and then shouted at the top of their voices: "Live the Mister Major! Live the Mister Major!"

The people in back shouted: "What did he say?"

The people in front shouted: "He thinks we ought to have fish for our hunger."

The whole crowd shouted then: "Live the Mister Major!"

Tomasino on the boat heard this, and it made him suspicious. "Why have you hired these people to come and jeer at me? No, I will not go fishing."

Major Joppolo shouted to Giuseppe in English: "Make the people go away! They are ruining everything."

Giuseppe passed on the Major's request, but the people just laughed at him. "Now?" they said. "You are crazy, interpreter. Speaking two languages has made you crazy."

Giuseppe shouted to the Major: "I'm a can't a do nothing, a boss."

So the Major said to Tomasino: "Wait for me, Tomasino, I will show you that I mean well toward you." And he jumped down on the mole and went to the crowd.

"Do you want fish?" he asked the crowd.

"Yes!" the people shouted.

"Then you must go home," the Major said. "It is not easy to persuade Tomasino to go fishing. You must choose between this stupid gaping and having fish."

The crowd chose. Watching this unprecedented conversation and getting bullets in it from Giuseppe was immediate, it was now. Eating fish was future and uncertain at best. The crowd chose staying to watch.

When he saw that he could not argue them into going home, Major Joppolo said to Giuseppe: "Where is the nearest telephone?"

Giuseppe said: "I guess she's in a Port a Captain's office, I show a you."

"Hello, Captain," the Major said when he walked into Lieutenant Livingston's office, "can I use your phone?"

"Good morning," the Lieutenant said, "what are you doing down here?" The tone of the Lieutenant's Kent-Yale voice indicated that he thought the Army ought to stay on Army ground, and let the Navy stay on Navy shore.

"Can I use your phone?" the Major said. The Major was a single-minded man.

"Sure, help yourself."

The Major called Rowboat Blue Forward.

While he was waiting, he said to the Lieutenant: "I'm trying to get these fishermen organized, got to get rid of a mob first."

The Lieutenant did not look particularly pleased with this summary of the Major's activities.

"Hello, this the M.P.'s? Purvis? Listen, I want you to come down here. I got a mob to break up. Bring your Colt along. I think if you fire six into the air, that's all we'll need to send 'em home. . . . We're down at the port, over by the breakwater on the western side. Okay, hurry down."

The Major thanked Lieutenant Livingston for the use of the phone.

Lieutenant Livingston said: "Uh, Major, seems to me this fishing racket is more or less a Navy deal, isn't it?"

The Major said: "Yeah, I'll be back to see you, I'm in a hurry now. Thanks for the phone, Captain. See you later."

As the Major and Giuseppe passed the crowd on the way back to the Tina, Giuseppe said to the crowd: "As a friend, I advise you to go home."

People in the crowd, delighted with the mystery of the Major's hurried visit to the Port Captain's office, mocked Giuseppe. "Poor Ribaldo Giuseppe," they said, "speaking two languages has weakened his head."

"All right," Giuseppe said, "I have advised you as a friend."

At the Tina, Tomasino was sullen again. "I see you gave your hired crowd their instructions," he said. "Go ahead, take me, what have I to lose?"

Major Joppolo said: "They will all go home soon, Tomasino. I have given instructions for them to be sent home. Now, about the fishing. Do you think you could get together crews for five or six boats?"

Tomasino said: "Who is to be the protector of these crews? What criminal?"

"Protector?"

"To whom do the fishermen have to pay tribute this time?"

"Don't mock me, fisherman. What are you talking about?"

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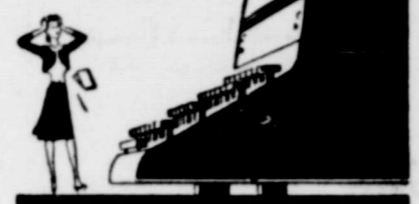


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More Flowers in the '45 Victory Garden



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Grow bouquets as well as beans this coming season! Flowers can add plenty of pleasure and zest to the plainer duties of vegetable gardening. More beauty in gardens can definitely be classed as part of the "better gardens" program our government recommends for 1945.

Where space is limited, the simplest way is to devote a few rows to easy-to-grow flowers that can be used for cutting material. Or, a border of flowers can surround the entire garden or part of the garden to make the vegetable plot an attractive part of the home grounds. Surprisingly enough, when the vegetable rows are well laid out and cared for, they are as pleasing to look at as the flowers themselves.

Annual flowers grown in rows in the garden can be cared for in the same way as vegetables. Asters are suitable. Be sure to get seed of the wilt resistant type. Bachelor buttons are always lovely for cutting. So are calendula and calliopsis and gailardia. Both nasturtium and salpiglossis are at their best in bowls or vases and are better adapted to growing in rows than in a flower border. African and French marigolds, Giant and Lilliput zinnias can be cultivated with a hoe the same as carrots or corn.

Medium and low growing flowers are usually best for bordering the vegetable plot. Petunias in rose, blue, and white are colorful and neat. Lilliput zinnias in a blend of bright hues will furnish a band of brilliance between garden and lawn. Harmony marigolds or one of the newer dwarf varieties with a

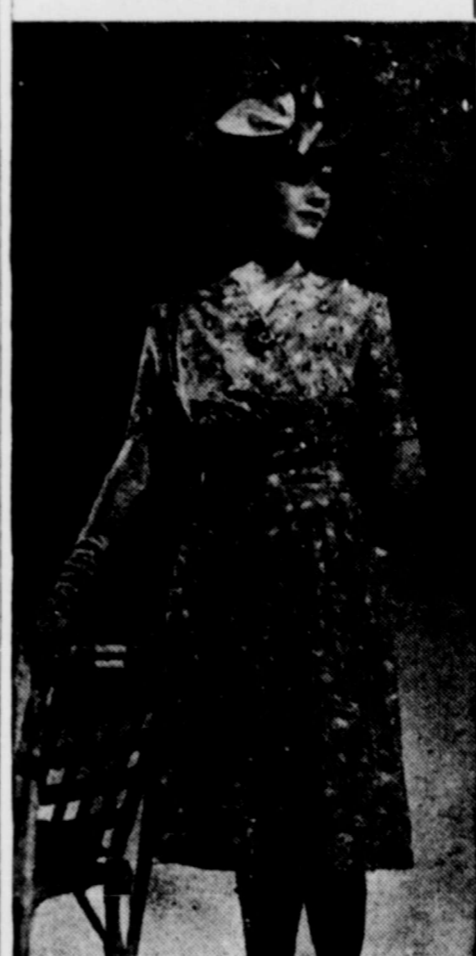
wealth of bloom and compact habit will form a line of splendor around any vegetable plot. Dwarf bachelor button, Jubilee Gem, and ageratum are good blues to edge the brighter blossoms, and a white edger like Little Gem alyssum is always in good taste.

A fence around the vegetable plot often affords excellent opportunity for flowers. Morning glories, such as Heavenly Blue and Pearly Gates, twining on the fence, will form a soft background for other annuals in front. Cosmos or Pink Queen cleome are beautiful tall selections next to a fence. Giant zinnias and African marigolds, as well as many other medium-growing flowers, are of proper height for a second row. Dwarfs such as those already mentioned will add interest to the foreground.

One of the secrets of easy flower border culture is to leave plenty of space between plants to permit using the hoe during the flowers' early growth. Later, as the plants grow larger, filling in the gaps and smothering any weeds that might dare to start, little cultivation is likely to be needed.

Sgt. Raymond A. Bloodworth reported to Ft. Meade, Maryland, March 19, after spending ten days with home folks. He had completed his infantry training at Camp Maxey, Texas.

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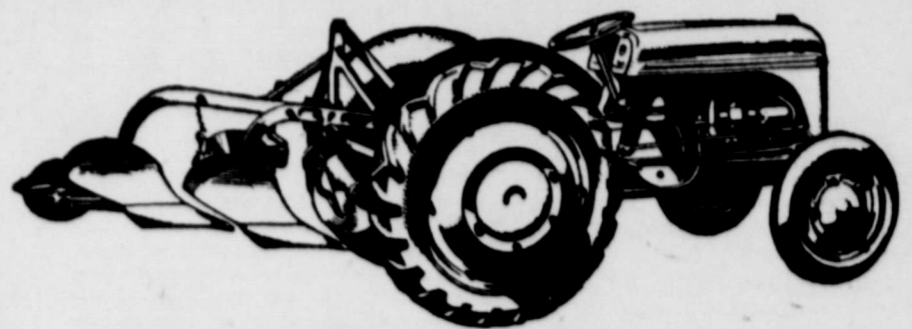
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T. Sgt. and Mrs. Horace B. Young arrived last week for a visit with Mr. Young's parents Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Young. Sgt. Young is stationed at Hampton, Va., where he is an inspector of B17s.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Puett arrived from San Diego, Calif., last week for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Coffey. Felix has a position with the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation, and is well pleased with that section of the country. For a number of years Felix published The Observer, and while here paid our office an appreciated visit.

Mrs. Leo Trammel of Oklahoma City is visiting her sister, Mrs. K. F. Shropshire and family.

The Silver 4-H Club girls met with Mrs. Bob Odom at the Silver School April 19, with all members present. A talk was given by Mrs. Odom on bedrooms. Clothes closet arrangement was given by Elva Avis Jameson. The next meeting will be May 3.

Awarded Oak Leaf Cluster

An Eighth Air Force Fighter Station, England.—First Lieutenant George C. Murtishaw, a P-51 Mustang fighter pilot from Kingsville, Texas, has been awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement in aerial combat over Germany." The announcement was made by Colonel Philip E. Tukey, Jr., of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, commanding officer of the 356th Fighter Group.

While a student at Texas A&M. Lt. Murtishaw enlisted in the Army Air Forces, October 21, 1942. He received his wings and commission at Moore Field, Texas, March 12, 1944, after training at Independence, Kans. and Pine Bluff, Ark. He joined this group last November and was promoted to first lieutenant in February.

Lieut. Murtishaw is a grandson of J. I. Murtishaw of this city.

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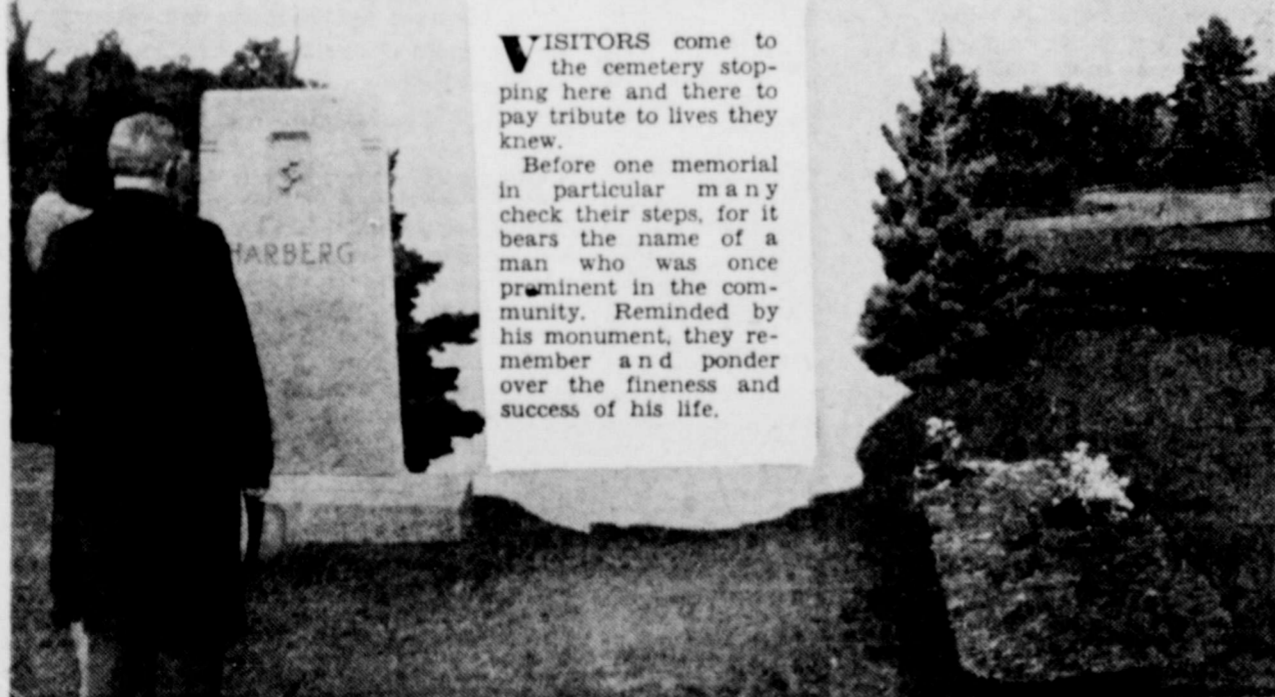
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Lv. 6:30 A. M. Lv. 3:45 P. M. View	Lv. 12:05 P. M. Lv. 11:40 P. M.		
Lv. 7:10 A. M. Lv. 4:25 P. M. Happy Valley	Lv. 11:25 A. M. Lv. 11:00 P. M.		
Lv. 7:40 A. M. Lv. 4:55 P. M. Bronte	Lv. 10:55 A. M. Lv. 10:30 P. M.		
Lv. 8:05 A. M. Lv. 5:20 P. M. Robert Lee	Lv. 10:30 A. M. Lv. 10:05 P. M.		
Ar. 9:05 A. M. Ar. 6:20 P. M. San Angelo	Lv. 9:30 A. M. Lv. 9:05 P. M.		

THEY REMEMBER ONE - THE OTHER IS FORGOTTEN



VISITORS come to the cemetery stopping here and there to pay tribute to lives they knew.
 Before one memorial in particular many check their steps, for it bears the name of a man who was once prominent in the community. Reminded by his monument, they remember and ponder over the fineness and success of his life.

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