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MOHAIR SALES IN THE SOUTHWEST

Of much interest to ranchers of Southwest Texas in general during the past week was the reported sale of a number of mohair clips in this area with most of the prices being at 50 cents for the grown hair, 65 cents for the yearling and 75 cents for the kid hair.

The top price for kid hair was that reported by L. Schwartz Co. of Uvalde, who received 75c per pound for that clip, a total of 90,000 pounds going at that and the other prices stated.

Several other sales were among those reported by the Uvalde Leader-News. These included a sale of around 130,000 pounds of mohair by the Uvalde Wool Mohair & Co. to Guy Burton for Forte, Dupree, Sawyer Co. Others included sales at Del Rio of around 300,000 pounds at 50c and 70c by the Val Verde Wool & Mohair Co. to Burton and around 14,000 pounds yearling hair to Richey at 65 cents. Some additional sales with prices in conformity with those prices are reported to have occurred in the Southwest.

Housing Shortage

A shortage of rent houses in this section of the state has already resulted in overloading of nearly every available house or apartment here and in nearby cities where, like here, because of the proximity of army establishments thereto, the demand exceeds the supply.

The rapid growth of the army establishments here, and their continued expansion, is bringing many new families here seeking houses, apartments or rooms with none to be found. Many of these persons are also looking for rooms or apartments in neighboring communities and finding them as scarce there. The presence of several score of construction workers here has also

complicated more an already acute situation.

Get Sweaters

Members of the Brackettville Tiger football squad of the 1942 season Thursday of last week received their letters and sweaters, which are black with a big gold B. As the Tigers were unable to complete last season, the sweaters were given to the entire squad, which numbered 20.

Victory Garden

One way in which we can do our part is in the planting of a Victory Garden in your home grounds or that vacant lot.

Such a garden will serve a two fold purpose, the first of which to raise food, the mighty weapon of this war, and help America feed itself while helping our troops and allies. Then, too it will help supplement the family table and keep up the family health.

Good Musical

One of the finest musicals of the current movie season comes to the Palace Sunday. It is "Springtime in the Rockies", featuring Betty Grable and John Payne, and the music of Harry James and his orchestra. It is photographed in technicolor which with a good story makes it "tops" in entertainment.

On February 10 and 11 this Theatre will show another spectacular picture. "Flying Fortes" starring Richard Green. Its more god entertainment.

To Registrants

Effective the first of this month of February, all men between the ages of 18 and 35 who registered under the Selective Service Act must have in their possession at all times their registration or draft card according to a recent order issued by the government.

Laughing Around the World

With IRVIN S. COBB

The Value of a Good Memory

By IRVIN S. COBB

WHEN Rhinelander Waldo was fire commissioner of New York and when Edward Croker, was fire chief, Croker volunteered one day to take Waldo for a ride down Broadway in his famous ninety-horse-



power red automobile, which he used when going to fires. Waldo's secretary, "Winnie" Sheehan, who's now a movie magnate, went along, too.

Waldo owned a number of brick-moving cars himself and thought he knew something about speed, but he had never traveled with Croker. They sped down Broadway at a terrifying pace, shaving trolley cars, slicing curbstones and avoiding collisions with trucks by quarter inch margins.

At Canal Street a block compelled Croker to slow down. Instantly Waldo jumped out of the car and, muttering something about having forgotten something, dived into the nearest building. About then, Croker decided to call up fire headquarters and he, too, went away temporarily, leaving his dare-devil chauffeur and the yet breathless Sheehan in the machine. Croker returned to find only the chauffeur.

"Mr. Sheehan said for you to go ahead and have your ride out," stated the chauffeur. "He said he'd just remembered the same thing that Mr. Waldo did."

(American News Features, Inc.)

Our Freedom Is Priceless

By JOSEPH E. DAVIES
Former Ambassador to Russia and Belgium.

(Written for the Treasury Department in connection with the "Say Yes" campaign to complete the nation's 100,000,000 partially filed War Stamp albums.)

What I myself saw in my four years in Europe gave me a new realization of the priceless rights which we here enjoy.

No secret police can in the night whisk us away, never again to be seen by those we love.

None of us can be deprived by any party, state or tyrant of those precious civil liberties which our laws and our courts guarantee.

None of us can be persecuted for practicing the faith which we found at our mother's knee.

None of us can be persecuted, tortured or killed because of the fact that an accident of fate might have made us of the same race as the Nazarene.

No American can be placed by any party or government in a regimented vise which takes from him or her either freedom of economic opportunity or political religious liberty.

What would the millions of unfortunate men, women and children in Europe give to be able to live and enjoy such a way of life?

Well, in this war, those are the things in our lives which are in jeopardy. Our boys are dying to preserve them for us.

Then we can do no less than to "say yes" and fill those war stamp albums. It is our duty and privilege to help the secretary of the treasury, Mr. Morgenthau, in his magnificent effort to do the tremendous job of getting the money to keep our boys supplied with the weapons with which to fight our fight.

Surely that is little enough for us to do on the home front.

U. S. Treasury Department

Overseas Parcels

In view of the very heavy demands being made on United States shipping men and military supplies overseas the Post Office Department has made the following regulations covering the shipment of packages overseas to men in the service.

Parcels must not exceed five pounds in weight, or 15 inches in length or 26 inches in length and girth combined.

No package can be mailed out side of the continental U. S. unless they contain articles that are being sent at the specific written request of the addressee approved by the Battalion or similar unit commander of the addressee. This written, approved request must be mailed to the sender and by him attached to the parcel being sent before the Postmaster can accept it for mailing overseas.

No third class matter can be mailed overseas.

Promotion

Fay Salmon, grandson of Mrs. R. S. Salmon, has been promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant, according to word which was received here last week end. He had been stationed at San Antonio and has since been transferred to New Orleans, Louisiana.

January Dry

That we have been in the grip of a real dry spell is now becoming more and more evident as month of January wound up with one of the shinnest rain records for the month know here. It gave us a very meager amount of water.

While range conditions are on the whole quite dry, and ranchers are feeding most of their livestock, the stock is still in excellent condition.

Range vegetation has suffered considerable, and its going to take a goodly amount of rain to put the country areas right for the spring.

FISHER TO WORK FOR STRIKE BAN

O. C. Fisher, new Congressman from Texas, on being assigned to membership on the House Labor Committee, said in Washington that he would personally do all in his power to have bills reported out of that 22-man committee that would prevent strikes in war production for the duration. He referred to the coal strike as "a shameful example of a strike which seriously interfered with the war effort."

"The coal strike started," Fisher pointed out, "when John L. Lewis undertook to exact heavier union dues from the miners' pay checks. The miners objected to this arbitrary scheme. Yet it seems that Lewis had the sanction of the existing law in thus levying tribute on the workers."

"Mining coal," the Congressman continued, "is so essential to the war effort, that deferments are granted many miners from military service. Yet they quit work and jeopardized the lives of our fighting men who depend on equipment made where coal is used for fuel. In cases like this, why not induce the miners and let them see for themselves, as fighting men, what it means to have vital war industries crippled and war materials holed up."

In addition to the committee on Labor, Congressman Fisher has been placed on a number of other important committees, including Immigration and Naturalization, Rivers and Harbors, Roads, and Flood Control.

General Here

Recently, Brigadier General Johnson arrived at the local post of Fort Clark to take station and assume command at this border army post.

General Johnson was formerly stationed here, while a Colonel in command of Texas National Guard regiment, and is well known to the people of this community and vicinity.

A large number of army officers have been arriving here for station at this post.

Buy bonds—its good sense.

NEWS MEMORIES OF THE YEAR 1911

(News-Mail, Feb. 2, 1911)

A total of 348 poll taxes were paid in Kinney County by the end of January 31, 1911 we read. Of this number, the Brackettville precinct had 197 and the Spofford Precinct 70.

About 30 men out of M Company 23rd Infantry of the Post, left Monday morning for the Rio Grande about 15 miles from Brackett to patrol the border. Lieut. Pepper is in command of the detachment.

R. O. R. Bergath, who has been wagonmaster in the Post Corral, resigned his position Tuesday, on account of bad health. Mr. Mike Kepinger is in charge of the corral now.

Louis Rotie, ranching in this county then in 1911, had the misfortune to be pawed in the face by a very fractious young horse he was training, and received painful bruises to his nose and lips.

Funeral services were held in San Antonio at this time in 1911 for Frank Gastring, 65, who had died then in Wilson county. He was at one time a resident here, and the father of Mrs. George Herzing then a resident here.

O. F. Seargeant bought the bottling works of W. F. Holmes this week and moved the plant up to the ice house. Mr. Seargeant the item continued is now prepared to have plenty of soda water on hand at all times and meet general soft drinks needs.

It must have been a really dry back then in 1911 for we read: "Many are predicting that because of practically a three year drouth in Texas the year 1911 is bound to be a good crop year." The drouth being then experienced was said by the Texas Stockman & Farmer to be "one of the most general and most severe in the history of the State."

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(WNU Service)

POP

YOU SEE - IF YOU EARN \$5000 YOU HAVE TO PAY THE INCOME TAX COLLECTOR ABOUT \$1500

AND IF I LOSE \$5,000 DOES HE PAY ME \$1500?

By J. Millar Watt

NO FEAR!

WELL! I SHAN'T BOTHER ABOUT IT!

SOMEBODY'S STENO

LATE FOR BREAKFAST AGAIN-YER COME DOWN ALL DOLLED UP LIKE A QUEEN-WHO DO YAR THINK YER ARE?

NOW, PA-PAW DON'T SLIP!

DON'T YOU PA-PAW ME! ALL DOLLED UP TO KILL! YER NO DAUGHTER OF MINE-YER LIKE YER MOTHER-SHE WAS ALWAYS LATE!

By SAM NICHOLS
WNU Features.

ONLY THING YOU GOT LIKE ME IS THE COLOR OF YER HAIR!

LAST ONE IN

Teacher-I see you are still at the bottom of the class, Henry. Can't you get any other place?
Henry-No, all the others are taken.

Long Tough Trip
Did you hear the one about Pat getting kicked by a mule? He was picked up unconscious and rushed to the hospital. As he was being carried into the building, feeling the swaying motion, Pat started to come to and moaned. "Oh-h-h, and I ain't landed yet."

It's the Same
Sergeant-Private, is that your cigar butt on the floor?
Private-Naw, you can have it. You saw it first.

No Indication
An Irishman, driving a donkey-cart in the middle of a narrow road, heard continuous hooting behind him. He looked round and saw a powerful car following in his wake. He continued on his way, and the car behind continued to hoot. After a mile or so the road widened sufficiently for the big car to draw level.
"Why didn't you make room for me to pass?" asked the infuriated driver.
"How should I know you wanted to pass? You weren't going any faster than I was," was the reply.

You're Still Out
Mrs.-Didn't I hear the clock strike three when you fell in over the door mat last night?
Mr.-Oh, no. You see, it started to strike eleven but I stopped it so you wouldn't be disturbed, dear.

Poor Mirror
Lady-My greatest sin is vanity. Only this morning I looked into the mirror and thought, "How pretty I am."
St. Peter-Pass in peace. To be mistaken is not a sin!

READ IT TWICE

Prof.-Can you give me an example of a paradox?
Smart-Sure. A man walking a mile and moving only two feet.

Held Down
Officer-The detectives got the woman's fingerprints from her husband.
Second Ditto-How could they do that?
Officer-Easy, she'd kept him under her thumb for years.

Same Difference
Boss-What was your last job?
Applicant-Diamond cutter.
Boss-Jewelry business, eh?
Applicant-No, I cut the grass in a ball park.



THE WILL OF HUMPHREY Z. CLEEK
I, Humphrey Z. Cleek, being of sound mind, do make this my last will and testament. I hereby give and bequeath:

To my wife, Zenobia Cleek, my old five-passenger coupe in the hope she may get tires for it after the war; the two gallons of gasoline left in the tank at the time it was put up, and the road maps which I wish her to keep if only in memory of the happy days when they meant anything. I also give to her the car battery in the sincere hope it is not too far gone to be charged up, the six (6) cans of assorted soups which will be found in my strongbox at the Mercantile Trust company, the can of hash which is in my safe and the three (3) tins of sardines which she will find behind the clock in the kitchen. Also all can openers in my possession.

II
To my daughter, Allagala, the four (4) cans of peaches, the two (2) cans of sauerkraut and the small can of tongue which was left me by my late Uncle Frisby, and the pre-war jar of pitted cherries which I won as first prize in the 1942 Toopsey Heights Golf Club Fall Tournament.

III
To my older son, Buckingham, my original Hochstoff oil painting "Gentleman Eating" and my Gabiny still-life "Tenderloin Steak," the mere inspection of which has meant so much to me in the last few months.

IV
To my younger son, Chidsey, my watch, the old family carving knife so reminiscent of better days, and my collection of American restaurant menus, with the request that he treasure especially the ones showing dollar table d'hote meals and 40-cent luncheon specials with meatballs.

V
To my sister, Phronisia Dibbels, the Cleek family coffee pot, which will be of much value as an antique, in testifying to the life of a bygone America.

VI
To my cousin, Zeke Fetherstone, the old tire which now hangs in the garage and which can be retreaded in more opulent times.

VII
To my aunt, Ella Belle Burpey, the second-string percolator, not because of any possible utility, but for whatever sentimental value it may possess for her.

VIII
To my nephew, Gideon Bloodworm, my oil ration card. It was never any good to me, but he is a man of energy and determination and may be able to do something with it.

IX
To Samantha McCarthy Persky Schmalz, maid in the Cleek household for the unusual period of almost seven successive weeks (unless she shall have carried out in the meantime her threats to go to work in the powder mill), any lamb chops that may be in the icebox and a half-pound of butter in appreciation of incredibly long service in my household.

Signed,
HUMPHREY Z. CLEEK.
Codicil.

Having overlooked it inadvertently in the above, I wish that any sugar and such grains of coffee as may be anywhere in my possession go to my wife outright. I also leave to her, in trust, my 1934 Eagle bicycle. Nothing can prove of greater value to her in the present shape of things.

FAIR WARNING
Of little things so much depends;
Beware of false acclaim.
So watch the guys who pose as friends,
Yet mispronounce your name.
-MERRILL CHILCOTE.

OPA has cracked down on bowling alleys now, making them reduce their rates. They were only making pin money, as it was.

Motorists are going to be rolling their own if the gas shortage continues much longer.-Joe Nolan.

"Winter may be difficult."-Herr Hitler.

The understatement of the month.

"We have not done the slightest thing to France, England or even to America."-Adolf Hitler.

Now, come Adolf, don't you remember that time you dropped ashes on the parlor rug?

Henderson came in like a lamb but he is going out like a Leon.

"It's hard to think of the fuel oil mess today and realize that this administration was once accused of 'turning on the heat,'" says Elmer Twitchell.

FORWARD LOOKERS
A wise old droop
Was Chester Lowe:
He sold his car
Two years ago!

If you're out in an auto today the burden of proof that you should not have your gas card revoked is on you, should a policeman hold you up. Elmer Twitchell was stopped this morning and his alibi was that he was driving down to the ration board to see about coupons for getting a horse.



STAGE SCREEN-RADIO
By VIRGINIA VALE
Released by Western Newspaper Union.

CBS' Stage Door Canteen will be the vehicle through which Bert Lytell, once a movie idol, will return to films. The movie version, produced for United Artists by Sol Lesser, will bring us a host of celebrities, including Katharine Cornell, who's shunned the films so far, and Lunt and Fontanne, Tallulah Bankhead, and scores of others. Lytell has been so busy with stage and radio engagements of recent years that he's had no time for pictures.

Orson Welles isn't trying to set a new fad with that shock of long hair that he's wearing at "Ceiling Unlimited" rehearsals. He's letting his hair grow at the request of 20th Century-Fox for his role of "Rochester" in their version of "Jane Eyre."

George Montgomery will do one more picture before he goes into the service; it's in "Bomber's Moon," opposite Annabella-the



GEORGE MONTGOMERY

story of an American pilot who's shot down in Germany. Do you wonder that Hollywood's wondering what to use for leading men?

Maybe Bob Hope's a prophet; he hopes so. His "The Road to Morocco" was filmed six months before the Allied invasion of that territory, and released right on the dot. Recently he interrupted his tour of the army camps for 48 hours to do a scene for "They Got Me Covered" which depicts a deflated Mussolini escaping from the nation he led into its present predicament-it's being filmed with the blessing of the Office of War Information. Bob's got his fingers crossed, hoping that this scene, too, will come true.

Alan Ladd's date with Uncle Sam upset the apple cart so far as Paramount's "Incendiary Blonde" was concerned. He was to have starred in this screen version of Texas Guinan's life with Betty Hutton, but his prospective induction into the army wrecked that plan. At present the film has been shelved; Miss Hutton gets the feminine lead in "Let's Face It," and Betty Rhodes gets a supporting role.

They could hardly believe it at Metro when they got two new leads at once. Tommy Dix and Gil Stratton were brought from the New York stage for "Best Foot Forward"-and at once Stratton was assigned to "Girl Crazy" and Dix will win Lucille Ball in "Best Foot Forward."

If the actors on your favorite radio program sound pretty exhilarated, it's practically certain to be due to just one thing-the return of a former member of the group in uniform. "Pepper Young's Family" was almost disrupted when Larry Woodleaf appeared recently. Larry's a handsome lad who joined up before Pearl Harbor, after doing publicity for the program; he'd spent eight months in the Far East.

Eddie Cantor's explanation for substituting for Phil Baker on "Take It or Leave It"-"Last April, Phil Baker took my place when I was in the hospital. So I took his place when he was in the hospital. Next time we'll both be on the program-the audience will go to the hospital!"

William L. Shirer, the news commentator, is planning a series of talks at service camps throughout the country in the near future. He has already given numerous talks at camps in the eastern area. Ed Murrow, the London newscaster, reports that he's expecting to solve the no-gas problem soon; he has his eye on an elderly horse, but is still dicker over the price.

ODDS AND ENDS-Radio's Tim and Irene are among the featured players in Columbia's picture, "Reveille With Beverly" . . . Joe Schilling, Edward G. Robinson's stand-in in "Destroyer," wears a naval lieutenant's uniform-the best his boss can do is a chief boatswain's mate outfit. . . Thomas Mitchell's been added to the cast of Metro's "Bataan Patrol" . . . Nelson Eddy, who hasn't made a picture since "I Married an Angel," will return to the screen in Universal's remake of "The Phantom of the Opera"; Deanna Durbin, originally scheduled for the picture when it was planned for years ago, probably won't appear in it.

Bird Cannot Walk

A curious formation of its feet won't permit the chimney swift to walk upon ground. Nor can it rest in trees like other birds. With its sharp claws the swift clings to the side of an object, gaining additional support by pressing its tail against the perpendicular surface. The brown-colored bird flies continually in daylight. It even eats while in flight.

COLDS' MISERIES
PENETRO

For colds' coughs, nasal congestion, muscle aches get Penetro-modern medication in a mutton suet base. 25¢, double supply 35¢.

When the soldier talks about "the skipper" he means his captain, the head of his company. And that's just what the title "captain" means. It comes from the Latin word "caput" meaning "head." Another leader high in Army men's favor since '18 is Camel Cigarettes. (Based on actual sales records from Post Exchanges and Sales Commissaries.) It's the gift they prefer from the home folks. If you have a relative or friend in the service, send him a carton of Camels. Your dealer is featuring Camel cartons to send to service men.-Advt.

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No Pep or Vitality?
INDIGESTION?
Feel All In? Rundown?

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BY MAKERS OF "BROMO QUININE" COLO TABLETS

Worst Slaves
The worst of slaves are those that are constantly serving their passions.-Diogenes.

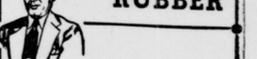
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Fear of Evil
Often the fear of one evil leads us into a worse.-Boileau.

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SNAPPY FACTS
ABOUT
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The first known rubber hose was manufactured in England in 1827.

Collapsible rubber boats equipped with paddles, ball-hole plugs, sea anchor, water, etc., are being produced for fighting U. S. airmen. Inflation in 10 seconds, this boat forms part of the pilot's seat and stays with him when he hits the water.

An Omaha, Neb., tire salesman hauled into court before rationing for parking his car near a hydrant first talked himself out of the \$2 fine, then sold two new tires to the judge, two to the cop who arrested him and two to the court attendant.

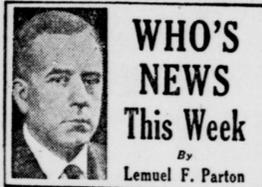
Production of War tires is definitely tied to the production of reclaimed rubber. It is estimated that the country has refining capacity to process 360,000 tons of reclaimed a year. Rubber authorities estimate that 900 million tires have been scrapped since World War I.

Jersey Shaw

In war or peace

B.F. Goodrich

FIRST IN RUBBER



WHO'S NEWS This Week

By Lemuel F. Parton

NEW YORK.—Big shots galore are headquartering in Washington now, but of all the gathering Eric A. Johnson is probably the only one who was actually born there. He is thumping for United States world-leadership when peace is won. He is from the other side of the continent where he heads the biggest electrical manufacturing company in the Northwest. He speaks, however, as president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, and with Bryanesque eloquence.

President Johnson quit Washington when he was a nipper, because his family quit it. By the time he was six he was selling papers on Spokane's streets. By the time he had got to high school he was reporting the school news. He yielded then, however, to a crass love of money and through his four years in college he cleaned up as a longshoreman. His notion was to study law and cash in on his oratorical gift, but the first World war shunted him off to the marines.

When the war was over he turned salesman. That led onward and upward to electrical manufacturing. Forty-five now, he is, as they used to say when Cluett and Peabody set the standard of manly beauty, handsome enough for a collar-ad. He is friendly, too. He hasn't yet been listed among the country's 12 best-dressed men, but when he gets into a modestly striped suit he doesn't need to keep to the side streets.

THE pretty matron decided that the photograph suggested Charles Boyer quite a lot. Not Valentino? Well, Yes! Around the mouth there was a definite suggestion of Valentino, his tender, sensitive . . . Whoa-a-a!

The photograph was an old, old one of Maj. Gen. William N. Porter, chief of chemical warfare service. But even though it wouldn't have been crickets to spread that tender and sensitive salve any thicker the pretty matron was on the beam when she perceived an aura of romance around the general's phiz. The general is a romantic man.

Commissioned as ensign at Annapolis 1909, married 1910, transferred to the army as a second lieutenant the same year, the general was no Ulysses to go rowing off while his Penelope sat alone ashore. Of course the general's wife rates an assist, a couple. She was the apple of the general's eye, but she was also a naval officer's daughter. She knew, as well as the general knew from his one year at sea, what sort of lives navy couples lived. She knows now the sort of life an army couple can live. Very pleasant!

The general hustled along the promotion files past enough more stationary officers to staff a corps and by 1941 he had his two stars. Now he has the tired face of a man who works too hard, but the benevolent face of a man who wishes others as much good in this world as he has had. The only ones who lack his good wishes are the Nazis and the Nips. Alert against the thinnest hint of gas attacks, the general says his service is primed to give back a double dose.

THE surge of women into all sorts of positions of authority in this wartime economy adds pepper to the challenge which Mrs. Alfred J. Mathebat, national president of the Legion Aux. Head Challenges Women To Stop Hoarding

American Legion Auxiliary, throws out to her sex. She says the women are the only ones who can put an end to hoarding; there will be none if they do not tolerate it.

Auxiliary presidents used to be just presidents of the Legion's tag-alongs. But nowadays, when any of the tag-alongs may turn up in congress or better, their president isn't to be quieted with a box of candy or a couple of matinee tickets. Mrs. Mathebat ought to have a wide audience. Legion members have been listening to her these years with profit.

Her husband fought with the AEF and the Fourth division and as soon as they had settled down she got the presidency of the Auxiliary unit in Alameda, Calif. By steady steps, she moved up through committee chairmanships, area and state presidencies to a seat in the national executive committee. She became national president this year.

Her eyes are warm and engaging, her chin soft, forehead high and mighty, upper lip straight, school ma'amish! Housewives who overlook her words on hoarding had best 'ware their knuckles.

PATTERNS SEWING CIRCLE



For All Occasions.

NO DESIGN is more successful for an all-occasion dress than the classic shirtwaist! In this button-front version you also have a dress which can be slipped on in a twinkling and a dress which may be effectively decorated with a row of handsome buttons and a stunning belt.

Barbara Bell Pattern No. 1648-B is designed for sizes 14, 16, 18, 20; 40 and 42. Corresponding bust measurements 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42. Size 16 (24) short sleeves, requires 4 yards 39-inch material; 2½ yards 54-inch.

Superb Blouse Styles.

THE newly popular round neckline is featured in our No. 1 style . . . won't it be pretty in soft voile or flower sprigged challis? The No. 2 style is the classic shirtwaist, with long or short sleeves—make it in broadcloth, flannel, pique or rayon crepe.

Hunted Camels in U. S.

Early settlers of the American West (1870-'80) relished the meat of the wild camel. Camel steaks were a favorite dish. These wild camels were descendants of a herd imported from Egypt for army use in 1855.

Turned loose because they caused horses to stampede (camels have a strange odor), the camels multiplied rapidly until wiped out by American hunters in search of the fine-flavored meat.



STANDS BETWEEN COLD MISERY and YOU

When colds start—spread cooling Mentholatum inside nostrils. Instantly it releases vapor "Mentholations" that start 4 vital actions:

- 1) They thin out thick mucus;
- 2) Soothe irritated membranes;
- 3) Help reduce swollen passages;
- 4) Stimulate nasal blood supply. Every breath brings quick relief! Jars 30c.

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AROUND THE HOUSE

The National Bureau of Standards does not recommend the use of oil paints on concrete, but says that if the concrete is thoroughly dry and remains dry, house paints can be used.

In lieu of anything better, cigarette ashes make a good silver polish.

Grease accumulations can be removed from clogging drain pipes by putting baking soda down the drain and then pouring in a little vinegar.

Here's a tip for business girls! When a stocking breaks into a little ladder and you haven't the time or the materials to mend it, just put a tiny dab of ordinary office paste at each end of the "run" and it will stop it from running any farther. Nail varnish, too, if you happen to have some in your bag, will do as well.

Enamel is a glasslike product and is subject to cracking with sudden changes of temperature. Wash the enamel on your stoves with a mild soap, allowing enough time for the stove to cool before washing.

Mice have a great dislike of peppermint. A little oil of peppermint placed round their haunts will soon drive the pests away.

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Many of the trees are estimated to be 2,500 years old, trees which were already growing while the Egyptians were building the Pyramids.

Core and slice apples, put into a baking dish and cover with cream. Add sugar and spices, if desired. Bake for 20 minutes, or until apples are soft.

Kerosene will soften shoes and boots that have been hardened by water, and will render them pliable.

Cook rice quickly in a quantity of salted boiling water and pour it into a colander. The grains will be tender and whole. But be sure to save the water, to starch any delicate-texture wash goods.



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You will need 60 spools; 12½ feet of wire just stiff enough to bend easily; and three boards of the size desired for the shelves. Either a stain or a paint finish may be used.

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- The Questions**
1. Who are the hoi polloi?
 2. What kind of an animal is a loggerhead?
 3. What city in the United States uses the same name twice?
 4. What is the total continental area of the United States?
 5. When intact how tall was the Great Pyramid of Gizeh?
 6. How great is air pressure at sea level?

- The Answers**
1. The masses; the populace.
 2. A large turtle found in the Atlantic ocean.
 3. Walla Walla, Wash.
 4. The area is 3,026,789 square miles, 52,630 of which are water surface.
 5. The pyramid was 481 feet tall.
 6. More than a ton to the square foot.



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Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation, which may appear in the columns of the News-Mail, will be gladly corrected upon being brought to the attention of the publisher.

Local News

O. B. Warner spent several days last week end in Austin on business.

FOR SALE - A piano practically new; also baby bed and high chair. See Mrs. C. L. St. John.

Sam Hoover Jr., of the Honda Air Field, visited home folks in Brackettville Saturday and Sunday.

Monday, February first, was pay day for the enlisted men at Ft. Clark and also the civilian workers.

Allan Dennis Williams of the Cadet Replacement Center, San Antonio, spent the week-end here with his parents.

Mrs. O. F. Miller was in San Antonio several days last week visiting her sister, Mrs. Connel, who has been quite ill.

Mrs. Elizabeth Teel visited here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stratton, last week end before going on to the Pacific coast where she will join her husband.

L. M. Huffman, editor of the Eagle Pass Guide, suffered a heart attack last week, according to the Guide. He is well known in this section and is a warm personal friend of the News-Mail Editor. Mr. Huffman died Sunday.

Jack Paul of Del Rio was in Brackettville during the week-end on business.

Lieut. J. J. McCabe of Del Rio visited here Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCabe Sr.

Mrs. Millard Porter left this week for Paris, Texas, to visit her son, Millard Jr., who is stationed near there.

G. L. St. John returned Saturday evening from a business trip to the Rio Grande Valley.

V. G. Deason was in Del Rio Saturday morning where he took the examination for Postmaster of the Brackettville office.

Miss Kathleen Judge, who visited in Abilene for a few days with her sister, Mrs. Easton Massey, returned home last weekend.

The rainfall record for the month of January was a very slim one, the total of which was officially recorded as being .16 of an inch.

Miss Ruth Horner, who has been teaching in the Brackettville Public Schools, has submitted her resignation as such teacher, because of inadequate living accommodations here. She left Monday for Lytle, Texas.

Ralph DeWitt of Leakey and Bart DeWitt of Alvin were here during the week end and this week, being called by the critical illness of their father, Joseph R. DeWitt, whose condition has been grave.

Funeral services were held here Friday of last week for Luciano De La Rosa, who recently retired from active army service with the Fifth Cavalry Band, formerly stationed here. De La Rosa died suddenly while visiting in Piedras Negras, Mexico. Interment was made in the local cemetery with military honors. His widow, mother and a son survive him.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Hutens visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hutchison and other relatives here last week end.

Mrs. Lillian Fitzgerald and children of Fort Bliss arrived during the week-end for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Miller.

The school faculty which was complete on January 15 has within 1 week's time lost three members thereof, principally because of lack of living accommodations.

V. C. Myrick, district manager of Central Power & Light Company in the Winter Garden District was a business visitor in Brackettville Thursday of last week.

Mollie Daniels, well known colored resident of this city, died Wednesday of last week, with interment being made during the week end in the Seminole Cemetery.

Payment of poll taxes in this county was rather brisk during January, and more than usual for an off election year, the stimulation being especially due to the recent local option election. We hope to give this total in our next issue.

A crew of men were here Monday to begin painting the Del Rio and Winter Garden Telephone Company's Central Office building here, together with the fence surrounding the property. Additional equipment also is being added to the fence.

Colonel Harry Stadler Jr., who has been stationed in Washington, D. C., for quite some time, has been assigned to command the Twelfth Cavalry regiment, stationed at Fort Bliss, it is learned here. This will bring Colonel Stadler back into active service again and to Texas. He has been living in Arlington, Va., with his family and mother, Mrs. John H. Stadler.

Buy bonds - its good sense.

Temporary Rations Now For Transport

College Station, Jan. 31 - The deadline date for obtaining temporary transport rations has been stepped up to April 1, the Texas USDA War Board was advised by the Office of Defense Transportation this week.

Previous closing date already had been set for January 31 by O. D. T.

The extended date will benefit many Texas farmers who have not applied for Certificates of War Necessity or who have been unable to operate with gasoline obtained under present Certificates, the War Board said.

Temporary transport rations in no way relieve farmers of appealing for corrected Certificates or applying for Certificates immediately. B. F. Vance, chairman of the board, said in pointing out that all temporary rations would be discontinued on March 31.

He added that farmers or ranchers who do not have final Certificates by the closing date will be unable to operate their trucks.

Vance said the ODT order affects farm truck operators as follows:

(1) If no appeals have been filed, farmers must apply to local county farm transportation committees and secure a permit to obtain gasoline for a period of one month or until April 1, whichever period is shorter;

(2) Applicants who filed appeals after January 15 automatically will be sent forms which allow them to obtain gasoline until final Certificates are issued; and

(3) Final Certificates will be prepared and issued by ODT for all appeals from farm truck operators on hand January 15 which are recommended by county farm transportation committee.

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5:45 P.M.	

Lv. San Antonio	Ar. Brackettville
8:15 A.M.	12:16 P.M.
2:40 P.M.	6:41 P.M.
8:20 P.M.	12:31 A.M.
ONE WAY \$2.50 Plus tax	ROUND TRIP \$4.50 Plus tax

Lv. Brackettville	Ar. Del Rio
12:16 P.M.	1:00 P.M.
6:41 P.M.	7:25 P.M.
12:31 A.M.	1:10 A.M.

Lv. Del Rio	Ar. Brackettville
8:00 A.M.	8:45 A.M.
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Social - Personal

President's Ball

The President's Birthday Ball was attended by a large group of dancers Saturday evening. Music was furnished by a selected group of players from the Brackettville School Band who donated their services. The committee in charge of the ball wish to extend their thanks and appreciation to Miss Leslie Pearl Slaughter, Band Director, and the group of players who furnished such excellent music for the occasion. Approximately \$140.00 was cleared.

Harold J. Toft was in San Angelo Monday and Tuesday of this week to attend funeral services for his uncle.

Lieut. J. J. McCabe Jr. who is stationed at Del Rio visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCabe, last week-end.

Mrs. Harry Dodge left Monday for San Antonio where she will attend a Quartermaster school for several days.

E. C. Martin and G. W. Barnes both of the Extension Service at College Station, visited in the County Agent's office last Friday.

Mrs. W. E. Fitzgerald and twins, Jewel and Gerald of El Paso have arrived for a visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Miller.

Mrs. W. H. Golemon returned the latter of last week from Dallas where she attended a Quartermaster's School for several days.

Mrs. T. T. Reynolds and her daughter, Miss Eugenie Reynolds, of Uvalde, visited the former's mother and sisters, Mrs. O. W. Zuehl and Misses Bess and Gertrude Zuehl, Monday.

Misses Elaine and Gita Beidler who are attending the University of Texas in Austin spent last week-end here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Beidler, at their ranch home.

H. L. Slaughter, with a group of 4-H Club boys, and his sister, Miss Leslie Pearl Slaughter, were in Del Rio last Saturday attending the Val Verde County 4-H Club Fat Stock Show and Sale.

Mrs. Prosser Martin of Del Rio was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Beidler at their ranch home. Mrs. Martin, accompanied by Mrs. Beidler, left Sunday morning for Monterey, Mexico, to join Mr. Martin, and the party returned the middle of the week.

Lieut. and Mrs. Kenneth Keller visited here Monday. They were en route from Fort Bliss,

Texas, to Mississippi where Lieut. Keller will be stationed. Lieut. Keller has recently returned to the United States from foreign duty.

Mrs. Frank Higgins arrived last week end from New York City and New Rochelle, N. Y. where she has been with her husband, Lieut. Higgins, and will be with her mother, Mrs. E. Webb, for the duration. Lieut. Higgins is on duty overseas.

Compliment Member

Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, complimented one of their members, Mrs. C. L. St. John, last Thursday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock with a tea in the home of Mrs. J. H. Lowe. A red and green motif featured the decorations of the tea table which had scarlet verbenas and green foliage as a centerpiece flanked by red tapers. Mrs. A. R. Davis and Mrs. W. W. Nipper presided at the table. There were 17 guests.

St. Andrew's Guild

St. Andrew's Guild met Tuesday afternoon in the Parish House for their regular monthly business meeting. Mrs. H. B. Dugan, president, presided. Regular routine business was attended to, and it was decided that the Guild would meet only once a month. The first Tuesday of each month was decided upon, and it will be a business meeting.

Members present included Mrs. V. Christensen, Mrs. A. E. Bartberger, Mrs. T. J. Martin, Mrs. Maud O'Mara, Mrs. H. B. Dugan and a visitor, Mrs. Emily Lee of Angleton, Texas.

Methodist Ladies Meet

The regular monthly business meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church met Tuesday afternoon in the church, with Mrs. J. H. Lowe, president, presiding. The year's work was mapped out at this time. The next regular meeting of the society will be a Bible meeting and will be held at the church on February 16.

Members present included Mrs. A. R. Davis, Mrs. C. L. St. John, Mrs. Hugh Mullins, Mrs. W. W. Nipper, and Mrs. J. H. Lowe.

Mrs. Andrew Larson of Fargo, N. D., was the guest of Mrs. Robin England last week.

Mrs. W. W. McCutchen and small son, Walker of Del Rio, were guests Tuesday of Mrs. Natalie Yerby.

Mrs. Emily Lee of Angleton, Texas, is the guest this week of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wickham.

Lieut. Lloyd Davis of Brownsville is the guest this week of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Davis, at their ranch home. Lieut. Davis is being transferred to Florida.

Mrs. H. W. Wittiff of San Antonio was the guest last week of her mother, Mrs. Rosa G. Perry Sunday, she was joined by her husband and her sister, Miss Edie Perry. The three returned to San Antonio the same day.

Goat Breeders Chief

In the recent regular annual meeting of the American Goat Breeders Association held in Rocksprings, Carol F. Briggs, Commissioner of Precinct No. 3, Kinney County, was elected President of the organization. Mrs. T. C. Hampton was re-named as secretary-treasurer for her 18th consecutive year, while Sam F. Cooper of Leakey and J. A. Ward of Sonora were named 1st and 2nd vice presidents respectively, of the organization.

PALACE

Friday-Saturday

Regular
11c-25c Admission
2 Feature Pictures

NO. 1
Richard Arlen
in
'Wildcat'

NO. 2
Chas. Starrett
-in-
'Pardon My Gun'

SUNDAY-MONDAY
Betty Grable
and
John Payne
in
Spring-Time In
The Rockies

Technicolor

TUESDAY
Dana Andrews
-in-
BERLIN
CORRESPONDENT

Also "HOLLYWOOD".
Wednesday-Thursday
Richard Green
in
FLYING
FORTRESS

THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"I've been meanin' to ask you for the last couple of weeks, Judge, what you think of this prohibition talk that keeps croppin' up every so often."

"I've heard some of it too, Henry, and I feel like this about it, fings in."

"It comes from a group of reformers... the same type that plunged us into prohibition during the last war. And, as we all remember, into nearly 14 years of the worst...

this country has ever known. Everybody had all the liquor they wanted only it came from bootleggers at exorbitant prices and the government was deprived of millions and millions of dollars in taxes."

"It seems to me, as I told my Congressman down in Washington last week, that we've got all we can do here at home to help win this war without wasting time arguing about things we know, from sad experience, won't work."

Conference of Alcoholic Beverage Industries, Inc.

St. John Resigns

In our last issue we reported the transfer of C. L. St. John, for many years local manager of the Brackettville Central Power and Light Co. plant, to the Lower Rio Grande Valley. In the meantime Mr. St. John went to that area to survey the work to be done, and finding that he would be unable to cope with it in utmost efficiency because of his health, he turned in his resignation Saturday night on his return here.

In reply to the resignation, Mr. Bates, operating manager of the C. P. & L. Co., expressed his company's regret at Mr. St. John's resignation after 17 years of faithful, efficient service as local manager, having an excellent record which is well recognized as a bonus will be given him when the resignation takes effect February 15th.

The people of Brackettville will regret to lose Mr. St. John as a citizen, as both he and Mrs. St. John have many warm and lasting friends here. Mr. St. John has been very active in our city, always ready to cooperate in any progressive movement, and in first aid work an instructor recognized throughout the southwest. He has no plans for the future as yet, but expects soon to enter other fields. He will not remove his residence until school ends, as he desires to have the children he has in the school complete the term.

S. A. Worley, of Rocksprings, will relieve Mr. St. John on February 15th, and comes as no stranger, being well known to many of our citizens. Mr. Worley and Mrs. Worley and two children, Donald and Dorris, and Miss Norman Lee Smith, a sister of Mrs. Worley will soon move to and take up residence in Brackettville.

WAAC Information

The past week end, Mrs. W. Fred West accepted the chairmanship of a woman's committee to organize the women of Kinney County into an effective recruiting force for the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. Mrs. West has been supplied with information and literature on the WAACS and anyone interested should contact her for the desired information. Women under 21 and over 44 and those with children over 14 are ineligible to join the WAACS.

Canvass Returns

The Kinney County Commissioners Court met last Friday, to canvass the returns of the county wide local option election held Saturday, January 23rd. The results were the same as that published in our last issue, 109 for prohibition and 341 against the measure.

Mrs. Mary Lovejoy

Mrs. Mary Lovejoy, 83, former resident here, died in Batson, Texas, Jan. 30, at 4:50 P.M. after a two weeks illness. At the time of her last illness, she had lost her eyesight. Burial was made in Batson.

Mrs. Lovejoy was well known and loved here where she lived for many years. She is survived by two daughters, 5 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Form L. S. M. Club

The wives of the Service men have organized a Club, at the USO. The L. S. M. (Ladies Service Men) Club, started off last Tuesday, with a luncheon, at the home of Mrs. McMahill.

There are twelve members, and we hope to add many more. Those now belonging are:

- Mrs. Leona Gilgins
- Mrs. Clara Martinez
- Mrs. Ilene Quillen
- Mrs. Grace Torrento
- Mrs. Julia Simco
- Mrs. Lorene Ringle
- Mrs. Dorothy Plumb
- Mrs. Ethel Belle Evans
- Mrs. Jo Bethune
- Mrs. Mildred Steward
- Mrs. Florence McMahill
- Mrs. Elva Wells, Chairman

Railroad Schedule

Effective Sunday, Dec. 6, 1942
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EAST BOUND
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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Farm Implement Quota Boosted by 30%; Hitler's Disasters Mount as Russians Speed Up Caucasus-Ukraine Offensive; Tripoli's Fall Spurs Tunisia Drive

(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.)
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Close relations between the United States and Chile and a harder crackdown on Nazi espionage in South America were results expected from the recent action of the Chilean government in breaking diplomatic relations with the Axis. Shown above are Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles (left) and Senator Ben Rodolfo Michels, Chilean ambassador, discussing the situation.

FOOD PRODUCTION: Gets New Incentive

Two significant steps to spur the "Food for Victory" campaign were taken when the War Production board authorized a 30 per cent increase in production of farm machinery and Secretary of Agriculture Wickard announced a program of federal credit designed to extend from \$200,000,000 to \$250,000,000 to farmers for stepping up essential food production.

The WPB increased the steel allotment for farm machinery from 137,000 tons to 187,000 tons for the first quarter of 1943. This new tonnage was in addition to an increase previously authorized for the production of repair parts for farm implements.

Mr. Wickard said loans needed mostly by small and medium-sized farmers would be extended through the Regional Agricultural Credit corporation. Size of loans will be limited only by the amount needed to do the production job. The loans will be of short-term duration at 5 per cent interest.

NORTH AFRICA: Death of Empire

Tripoli's fall had various meanings for various interpreters. To historians it wrote finale to Mussolini's grandiose dreams of empire, for it was here the Duce had begun his disastrous expansion policy. To military observers it meant that the Allies could now concentrate closer attention on cleaning up the last Axis strongholds in Tunisia.

It had been apparent to observers that Marshal Rommel's retreat through Tripolitania had had Tunisia and not Tripoli as its goal. Rear-guard efforts to protect the main body of his retreat had constituted the only action in and around Tripoli.

Allied airmen had not only strafed doomed Tripoli, but General Montgomery's British eighth army and General LeClerc's Fighting French had constantly harried the retreating Afrika Korps.

In Tunisia the Axis had made strenuous efforts to cover Rommel's withdrawal by launching offensive thrusts against French positions southwest of Pond-du-Fahs.

While junction of Rommel's army with those of Nazi Col. Gen. Von Arnim would strengthen Axis forces in Tunisia, the Allies would similarly be strengthened by the addition of British and Fighting French troops to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's legions.

PRICE RISE: Predicted by Brown

As additional rationing and price regulations were promulgated, the American public learned that Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown's direction of the OPA would be less dramatic but no less firm than that of his predecessor Leon Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Average Citizen were assured by the new administrator, however, that the OPA would be operated solely for the protection of the American people. Frankly acknowledging that price rises were inevitable, Mr. Brown promised that such rises would be "slow and well-ordered."

HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

WASHINGTON: Dependents of 1,294,852 enlisted men in the army are now receiving allotments, according to a war department announcement. The announcement revealed that up to January 1, a total of 1,519,055 applications for such payments had been received. Of these, 133,750 were disallowed temporarily, pending receipt of additional information.

RUSS STEAMROLLER: Impact Hurts Nazis

From Leningrad to the Black sea the Russian steamroller offensive rumbled on, gathering momentum on all fronts. Nazi armies were forced to yield ground won in bloody battles last year, to surrender strategic "hedgohg" strong points and to see supply and communication lines shattered.

Russian sources asserted that 500,000 Germans had been killed and 200,000 captured since the winter offensive was launched in November.

Red strategy had specially concentrated on five key Nazi-held cities between the Ukraine and the north Caucasus. These were Kharkov, steel producing center; Rostov, communications city at the mouth of the Don river; Voroshilovgrad, industrial metropolis of the Donets basin; Salsk, important rail junction; and Armavir, gateway to the Baku-Rostov oil railroad.

Possession of these cities would not only open a vast reservoir of materials and machinery to the Russians, but it would loosen the Nazi stranglehold on the central and southern front. It would mean that the Germans would have to fall all the way back to the Dnieper river and hold lines dangerously close to Rumania, Poland and Lithuania.

CHILDBIRTH: Pain Is Stilled

To a world snuffing out lives in pain on scores of battle fields, the American Medical association brought tidings that the sufferings attendant on life's beginnings might be banished through a new method of childbirth anesthesia that is without danger either to mother or baby.

Designated as "continuous caudal anesthesia" the new technique was developed by Drs. Robert Hingson and Waldo Edwards of the Marine hospital at Staten Island, N. Y. Their report was corroborated by statements from 19 other clinics and hospitals which tested the new method on 589 patients.

SOUTH PACIFIC: Prelude by Air

"Softening up" attacks by air on Jap-held Lae were carried on by Allied fliers as a prelude to land movements by General MacArthur's forces. For Lae was the next calling spot on the Allies schedule after mopping-up operations had been successfully concluded in the Sanana area, last Jap toehold in the Papuan peninsula.

Aerial activity was not confined to the Lae area, for American and Australian planes bombed shipping at Finschaven and hit the airdrome and wharf sections of Madang in New Guinea. Elsewhere Allied airmen visited Cape Gloucester and Gasmata in Jap-held New Britain and strafed an enemy barge concentration off Willaumex peninsula.

In Australia, Allied bombers continued their pounding of enemy warships and merchantmen far to the north. At Ambon, 600 miles northwest of Darwin, they scored hits on a cruiser and cargo vessel.

HARD COAL: Miners Bow to FDR

Dangers of a crippling hard coal shortage were averted and a face-saving maneuver for labor executed when 12,000 Pennsylvania miners returned to work after a three-week old unauthorized walkout following a curt ultimatum from President Roosevelt.

The President had served notice that unless the miners ceased their wildcat strike within 48 hours, he would take "necessary steps" to safeguard the war effort.

A tangled skein of labor politics had complicated the eastern hard coal situation. Efforts of John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, and the War Labor board to get the strikers back on the job had failed. Strike leaders said the miners had walked out in protest against a UMW dues increase of 50 cents a month. The strikers, however, had also demanded a \$2 a day wage increase.

AXIS TRUMP: Subs Still Potent

Hurled back on all world fronts by the ever-increasing ferocity of United Nations attacks, the Axis still controlled one ace offensive weapon—German submarines.

Hitler was said by British Admiral Sir Percy Noble to be maintaining 200 U-boats of his fleet of 500 at sea all the time in an effort to keep the tremendous output of Allied war factories from the battlefields. Unofficial British estimates placed Nazi submarine construction at 15 to 20 a month—faster than naval experts believe the Allies are sinking them.

Elmer Davis, director of the Office of War Information, reported that German submarines had sunk more Allied shipping in January than in December.

A brighter side of the picture emerged, however, when the Lend-Lease administration announced that the United States and Britain had sent Russia 5,800 tanks and 4,600 airplanes up to January 1 and promised that aid to the Soviet "will grow still more in 1943." Regardless of submarine wolfpacks, convoys were getting through.

RUBBER: Jeffers vs. RFC

With his synthetic rubber program facing further curtailment so that more convoy escort vessels can be built and more high octane gasoline produced for fighting fliers, Rubber Conservation Director William M. Jeffers assumed control of all rubber import programs formerly exercised by the Board of Economic Warfare through the Rubber Re-



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serve company, a Reconstruction Finance corporation subsidiary.

This action meant that henceforth Jesse Jones, as head of the RFC's Rubber Reserve company, which supplies the money for operations, would take orders from Mr. Jeffers instead of from the BEW on rubber imports. It meant, moreover, that Jeffers hoped to bolster lagging synthetic rubber production by imports as a means of keeping civilians supplied with automobile tires.

NAZI AIR RAIDS: RAF Welcomes Reprisals

Tragic as was the death of scores of school children in German bombing raids on London, aviation authorities hailed the renewal of Nazi attacks as a further opportunity to weaken the Axis in the air.

Every raid means a further thinning of Hitler's already over-extended air forces, these authorities pointed out. In the biggest daylight air assault on London since the 1940 battle of Britain, the Nazis lost 13 planes while the British lost two. Because of improved anti-aircraft defense, destruction and loss of civilian life were held to minimum levels.

The German raids have been reprisal for getting attacks on Berlin by large flights of RAF bombers raining down four-ton "block busters" on the Nazi capital, and spewing incendiary bombs that caused untold damage. British losses on these raids were comparatively light, officials revealed.

MORE BLOOD: Asked by Red Cross

Mounting war casualties prompted a request from the army and navy for the Red Cross to procure 4,000,000 pints of blood during 1943, or more than three times the amount obtained from donors last year.

Red Cross Chairman Dwight F. Davis disclosed that the request had come from Maj. Gen. James C. Magee and Rear Admiral Ross T. McIntyre, surgeons general of the army and navy respectively.

Washington Digest

Opinions Vary on Success Of Mexican Labor Plans



West, Southwest Farmers Reported Objecting to Minimum Wage Clause; Many Prefer Familiar 'Padrone' System.

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What has happened to the scheme for bringing Mexican labor into the United States to help fill the gap left by the drain which industry and the draft have made on the farm?

In trying to get an answer to that question I turned up some rather interesting data which I wish to submit as an answer to that slur on our fair city that you hear frequently these days: "Washington is a mad house." It may at least explain what makes the wild cat wild.

I first went to an official in one of the war agencies with my query about Mexican labor. He is a very energetic, sincere worker, an anti-New Dealer, who is here trying to do his share to win the war. I am not permitted to use his name. He said:

"Somebody in our government with a lot of high ideals went to the Mexican government and made an agreement to send Mexican laborers to the United States. They arranged to have a contract which would deal with each laborer as a free agent and put in all sorts of conditions which the farmer who had to hire him had to agree to, including housing, transportation, and a minimum per diem rate.

"But instead of sending over experienced farm laborers the Mexican government gathered together a lot of ne'er-do-wells and hoboos. It didn't work. In fact, the farmers got less help than usual. The trouble was that before the social-conscious officials took a hand the American farmers had been making contracts with padrones (bosses) who got the money and the workers, established the working conditions and paid the workers as they saw fit. They brought in trained workers and they made them work. But the starry-eyed members of the Mexican and American governments wouldn't hear of making use of the padrone system."

That sounded very bad to me, so I called up the offices of Senator Downey of California and Senator McFarland of Arizona, who are members of a special committee holding hearings in California and New Mexico on this question of imported farm labor.

Success Reported

Senator Downey was still in California but his office was enthusiastic. I was told about how successful the use of this imported Mexican labor had been under the government's plan, in the beet industry, how it worked in the great guayule rubber fields of which 500,000 acres have been planted as part of our home-grown rubber program. How the senator was arranging with the state department for the admission of more foreign labor.

Then I talked with Senator McFarland. He said he would go along with Senator Downey in some of the things but not all. He said the farmers' complaint in Arizona was that they got neither the quantity nor the quality of workers they wanted. Cotton and dairy workers are their chief needs. He said that some of the farmers wouldn't sign a contract which the American government required. All protested against it. The objection was to the clause which established a minimum daily wage. The farmers said that the worker came out to the field in the morning, picked until he wanted to quit and then weighed in. But in order to be sure he had worked his minimum hours it was necessary to have a timekeeper and a book-keeper to check on his time and the whole process was too expensive.

Long-Staple Cotton

He said, on the whole, that the Arizona farmer didn't get as many workers as needed and didn't get as good ones as he had expected.

On the department of agriculture's program for the next year there is a quota of 160,000 acres of long-staple cotton. One hundred thousand acres are allotted to Arizona. Normally, we import most of our long-staple cotton from abroad.

Senator McFarland said that unless some solution of the farm labor problem was reached, unless the present contract was modified and the Arizona farmers were assured more and better hands at a lower cost, they wouldn't be able to invest

their money in planting the long-staple cotton the government wants. Neither Senator Downey's office nor Senator McFarland's had any comments on the padrone system.

Then I talked with a department of agriculture official. He was of the opinion that the contracts had worked out fairly well, and he pointed out that there was an "ideological" as well as a practical objection on the part of the farmers to the contract—the objection to establishing a minimum wage for farm labor.

Here are three quite different viewpoints. They represent a tiny fraction of the tangle which Washington has to untangle, has to reconcile.

If Washington is a madhouse, who made it mad? . . .

MacArthur Lauded For Leadership

When the chapter of war history dealing with the Battle of New Guinea is written, it will be one of the most important in the whole book. That is what military men here tell me.

They began telling me that bit by bit just before the second front in Africa opened. Then the African story wiped everything else off the first pages. Recently they have been talking about New Guinea again. They keep saying to me a little reproachfully, "the American people don't realize what MacArthur has achieved down in that jungle country."

These aren't the "MacArthur men"—there are such in the army, a little group of hero worshippers who perhaps worship a bit more fervently than logically. But the men who have watched the New Guinea campaign from Moresby straight up over the Owen Stanley range and down the other side and up to the eastern coast of the island tell me that MacArthur and the leaders he has about him have done a great and a significant job.

It is great because he has accomplished what it was freely predicted the Japs could not do (and didn't). It is significant because it has proved that Australians and Americans, given the training, can beat the Jap at his own game. They can (and have) beaten him with less training, without the fatalistic quality of the Jap, whose religion is to die rather than surrender even when dying isn't a military necessity.

There are two reasons, which military men put forward why the battle of New Guinea has not been painted in its true colors—represented in its true importance. One is the fact that MacArthur leans backward in his communications. Another is a peculiar copy-desk prejudice of American newspapers, which causes them to play down reports from the distance and play up the reports from the war department in Washington.

There are two reasons why MacArthur's reports are given out from his headquarters in Australia instead of by the war department in Washington. One is that the Australians (and perhaps MacArthur) want it that way, and another is because American newspapers, who pay a lot of money to keep correspondents in that area, don't like to have their men scooped by Washington.

Why He Is Winning

MacArthur may have another reason for not ballyhoosing his achievements. He was beaten in Bataan. He may feel that until he has a complete victory to his credit, he doesn't want to sing too loudly.

But MacArthur has won so far in New Guinea because the men under his command were able to do what they never had a chance to do on Bataan because of lack of numbers, supplies and food.

On New Guinea they were able to do better than the Japs could, the very things which the Japs could do best. And they did it in the kind of jungle country in which that "best" was even better. They were able to adapt themselves to the environment which required a kind of fighting and a kind of endurance for which the Japanese had spent years in preparing. The kind of fighting that resulted in the fall of Singapore and the kind which the conventional British soldiers—even the Far Eastern experts—said was impossible.

BRIEFS . . . by Baukhage

"An Idle Ship Is a Crime Against the Public Interests."—so reads a sign over the door of John H. Lofland, Co-ordinator of Ship Repair and Conversion. . .

Officers of ships sailing the inland waters of the United States are licensed to sail their ships on a river where no ships sail—the Red River of the North. . .

The ships being built in American shipyards today have more speed, greater fuel economy than the ships built in the First World war. The speed increase means that three of these will "outrun" four old ones. . .

The Red Cross has designated the week of January 18-24 as the Second Red Cross Benefit week of the Bowler's Victory Legion. . .

MOROLINE FOR MINOR BURNS CUTS
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GHOST PLANE

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THE STORY SO FAR: To help save Norland Airways Alan Slade agrees to fly a supposed scientist named Frayne and his assistant, Karnell, to the Anawotto river in search of the trumpeter swan. With the proceeds Slade's partner, Croger, buys a new Lockheed, which is stolen. When Slade returns from the Anawotto he starts out to find the plane, aided by an eskimo named Umanak and by his old prospector friends, Zeke and Minty. Slade goes to Frayne's camp, where he learns that the missing plane is being used by Frayne to take something out of the country. Slim Tumstead, a no-good fyer who has lost his license, is Frayne's pilot. When Slade attempts to investigate the plane's cargo he is knocked unconscious by Karnell. He is "rescued" by Tumstead, only to be abandoned by him on a deserted island. Zeke and Minty find Slade's plane and stay to guard it. Slade escapes to the mainland. Umanak is found, exhausted, by Dr. Morlock and his daughter, Lynn, and he tells them he has found the missing plane. He has also brought a sample of the plane's cargo, which turns out to be pitchblende, source of a new kind of power. They decide to take Umanak home and then look for Slade. Now continue with the story.



"It's you who mustn't take chances," she reminded him.

CHAPTER XVI

But taking Umanak home had its difficulties.

"No like devil-bird," was his stubborn protest.

But the Flying Padre was insistent. And Lynn, after much talk and argument, finally persuaded the old Inuit to climb into the cabin. There he crouched down in a corner, with his hands covering his face. He moaned aloud as the plane took off. He continued to sweat and shiver on the trip back to Ivuk Inlet. And once there, disdaining Lynn's help, he disembarked with unexpected celerity, to be surrounded by an admiring group of natives whose exclamations of envy did much to restore the old man's shattered morale.

But Lynn's father was no longer interested in Umanak.

"Our next job," he said, "is to get in touch with Corporal McGarry at Great Bear. This begins to look like a case where the territorial authorities ought to get busy."

Lynn showed no active interest in that suggestion.

"Our first job," she maintained, "is to find Alan."

Some unlooked-for timbre of determination in her voice brought the Flying Padre's glance about to her face.

"But I feel we ought to swing over to Echo Harbor first. Umanak's an Eskimo, and you can, of course, discount his story a little. But if he's found what he says there it ought to be confirmed."

"That can wait," said Lynn.

Lynn studied the country over which the faded blue wings of the Flying Padre's plane drifted like a shadow. It was country that was new to her, yet in its general aspects it was oddly familiar.

She sighed as the Flying Padre banked and turned and settled down on a blue-watered lake where the wild fowl scuttled away at their approach. She remained silent as the pontoons moved slowly in toward a pebbled shore fringed by a scattering of driftwood.

"That's all for today," said the man at the controls. He sat for a moment in silence. His face looked tired and dispirited. But when he glanced at Lynn's equally dispirited face he roused himself.

"This is exactly what we're looking for," he said with a forced smile. "Firewood waiting for us and a clean shoreline without mosquitoes."

"But we haven't found Alan," said the still motionless girl.

"We'll find him," was the other's quietly assured response to that. After getting out his mooring line he rummaged through his cabin equipment for a jointed rod which he kept there. He ignored Lynn's clouded eyes as she sat watching him make ready his rod and tackle.

"There's fish in these waters," he announced. "And if you'll get things ready we'll have a beauty or two for supper."

"But we haven't found Alan," she repeated to herself as she mechanically set about her work.

The question of Alan's whereabouts was still in her mind as they took off, the next morning, and headed deeper into the land of stunted spruce boles and empty ridges. A sense of timelessness crept through her as they flew on. Then she saw how the plane was veering eastward and her father was leaning forward to study the course of a river that wound sullenly in and out between the shadowy hills.

"That must be the Anawotto," he called out.

She took her turn at studying the terrain over which they were drifting. The Anawotto, to her, looked malignant, like a snake. She found so little that was consoling in its aspects that she was glad when they temporarily swerved away from its ever-changing course and headed for a district of bolder ridges interspersed with lakes that lay like pools of silver in the morning sun. Some of them were small and some of them were large. But the heavier tree-growth along their shores told her they had left the Land of Little Sticks behind them. Some of them, she also saw, were studded with conical small islands. One larger lake held the ghost of an islet in its very center, like a tiny pupil at the center of a wider iris of azure.

Lynn's eyes were on that island as they bore down on it. It lost its vagueness, as they drew nearer, and took on a new irregularity of outline. Then she saw it was not a dot of land. It was a gray-winged plane floating there in its bath of blue.

She could feel her heart come up in her throat.

"The ghost plane," she cried aloud.

But the Flying Padre, apparently, had also sighted the gray wings against the blue of unruined northern water. He turned and circled the lake, dropping lower as he looked.

"It's Alan's plane," he shouted as his pontoons took the water. "That's the Snow-Ball Baby."

Lynn could feel her heart pound as they drifted nearer. But no sign of life came from the plane so lazily dragging at its mooring line.

"That's queer," he observed. "I'll edge closer and climb aboard."

But an abrupt interruption came to that movement.

A rifle barked from the lake bank and a bullet went whining over his head. As he looked up, arrested, a second detonation echoed out over the lake water and a second bullet whined perilously close to his ear. Then a voice, husky but authoritative, called across the water.

"Keep off that plane," it commanded, "or I'll drop you where you stand."

The Flying Padre's eye, searching the shore, made out an unkempt and ragged old figure with a leveled rifle. On a rock point behind him, a moment later, he detected a second bewildered old figure, also with a leveled rifle.

"Keep down," was the Padre's warning cry to the girl in the cabin.

"These fools are firing at us." Then he turned to the threatening figure on the shore. "Stop it, you idiots."

"Not on your life," was the husky shouted response. "You back away from that plane and taxi in here or we'll blow you out o' the water."

The indignant man of medicine considered that threat. But it failed to stir him into action.

"Where's Alan Slade?" he demanded.

"What's that to you?" was the shouted response.

"We're friends," called back the Padre, "who want to find him."

He could see the rifle-barrels, at that, waver and lower.

"Then you'd best swing in here and prove it," was the call came back to him.

"It's all right," Lynn was saying from the cabin hatch. "They must be Alan's old miners from the Kasakana."

She dropped into the pilot's seat and started the motor, her still indignant father balanced on one of the floats as she veered about and taxied in to the shore line.

There, as he waded ashore, the old man with the rifle regarded him with a skeptical eye.

"Now, who're you?" was that old man's prompt challenge.

"That's not important," announced the Flying Padre. "I'd rather know who you are."

"We're a couple o' peace-lovin' lone-panners who've been prospectin' back on the Kasakana. I answer to the name o' Zeke Pratt. And this is my bunkie, Minty Buckman."

"Then you know Alan Slade," cried Lynn.

"Sure, we know Alan," conceded the embattled Zeke. "And that boy's a bit of all right. But what's worryin' us is why he ain't back here with his plane. She's been sittin' there empty, day after day, and I don't like the looks o' things."

"That's why we're guardin' her," concurred Minty.

"From whom?" questioned the Padre.

"From them damned swan-hunters who're up to some devilment round here we can't figger out. They've got a landin' dock and a pile o' brush over the hills there. And when we tried to sleuth 'em out they started slingin' lead like a bunch of Sioux."

The Flying Padre's face remained thoughtful a moment.

"Could you take me to the camp

of these people with the plane?"

"Sure," said Zeke, "if you're ready to dodge bullets on the way."

"And you have no idea why those people are in this territory?" pursued the Padre.

"From the way they've been strippin' and dikin' and pittin' along the ridges I figgered out they was after gold. But they ain't workin' in the right rock for color."

"Supposin'," said the Padre, "they were after pitchblende?"

That failed to impress the two old lone-fire prospectors.

"There's pitchblende in this neck o' the woods all right," conceded Zeke, "but what in heck would they be doin' with it out here?"

The Flying Padre had his own ideas about that. A plane ferrying a ton a trip could carry a ponderable amount of uraninite from that uninhabited interior to tidewater.

"But what good would that do Germany," asked Lynn, "or any other country on the other side of the world?"

From an unmolested port like Echo Harbor, the Padre pointed out, a disguised Japanese whaler or even a furtive Russian freighter could pick up the cargo and quietly carry it on to Yokohama or to Vladivostok, where it could be transhipped and hurried on to the reducing plants north of the Rhine.

"This thing goes a trifle wider than you think," proclaimed the Padre as his gaze went from the two empty-eyed old sourdoughs to the disappointingly unresponsive face of his daughter.

"But this isn't helping us to find Alan," she objected.

The Padre studied the deepened hollow in her cheek and the sharpened line of the valorously poised chin.

"I know it," he agreed, "but one seems to weave in with the other. And I'm wondering which approach will bring the best results."

"If you take the one we took," interposed Minty, "you'll git results all right. You'll git 'em in the shape o' four-ounce slugs o' lead."

"Then we'll look 'em over from the air first," said the Flying Padre. He turned to the two ragged figures beside him. "Have you old-timers ever flown?"

"Sure," was the prompt response. But again Lynn interrupted.

"That's what we should both be doing," she insisted. "While you take Alan's ship I could take ours and be looking for him."

"Where will you look?" asked her father.

"I can't be sure yet," was her none too satisfactory answer. "But he wouldn't be away from his ship without some good reason." She stared out over the lonely spruce ridges. "And he'd come back to it if he could. That means he's somewhere out there waiting for us."

The Padre stood silent a moment. She had, as a rule, been singularly dependable. And the best antidote for anxiety, he had learned, was activity.

"All right," he acceded, "you can't stand around idle at a time like this, any more than I could. But keep some system in your scouting."

He smiled at her prompt nod of understanding. "And no overnight stuff, remember."

"Not if I can help it," said Lynn's father. "We can't afford a second searching party in these wilds. Mark this as your base and keep a close check on your course. And if the weather gets bad, head back here. One of these men will be keeping a signal-fire going. But the important thing, remember, is to spot your landmarks and know your lakes."

He found something reassuring in the girl's quiet smile.

"It's you who mustn't take chances," she reminded him.

For just a moment the firm young jaw quivered with some darker emotion. "You're all I'll have left, if anything's happened to Alan."

The Flying Padre forced a laugh. "I'm still betting on that bush hawk," he stoutly maintained. "He comes out of too hard a school not to know how to take care of himself. And today, remember, is the tomorrow we worried about yesterday."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

HOUSEHOLD MEMOS

by Lynn Chambers



Flatter Your Winter Menus With a Crisp Salad Bowl

(See Recipes Below)

Flair for Salads

Tie a string around your finger and remember that salads belong in wintertime menus, too.

Their cool crispness will be a tonic to your stove-hot meals, and their vital in alphabet is one of the longest and most substantial that you can find in any food. Oranges and grapefruit are having a fling in their abundance, and crackly crisp, red, red apples are better now than during warmer months. Use leftover bits of vegetables or just plain greens—lettuce and watercress—and your table will take on a new charm.

A bit of cheese here and there will bring a longed-for sharpness in salads. Here's one that makes use of winter vegetables, and is as pretty as pretty can be:

"Bermuda Salad Bowl."

(Serves 6 to 8)

1 small head cauliflower
1 small head lettuce
½ large peeled Bermuda onion
½ cup stuffed olives, sliced
Watercress, for garnish
2½ ounces Blue cheese, crumbled

French dressing

Separate uncooked cauliflower into florets. Break lettuce into pieces. Toss together with cauliflower, lettuce, onion rings, olives, and french dressing into which the blue cheese has been crumbled.

Look to the crisp and juicy apples for real menu inspiration. Apples which provide plenty of vitamin A—to help you resist winter colds and infections—along with sunny carrots make for a nice salad:

Apple-Carrot Salad.

3 large, red apples, coarsely diced
2 cups shredded raw carrots
1 small onion, minced
½ cup cream, sweet or soured
1½ tablespoons lemon juice
Salt and pepper to taste

Dice apples without peeling and combine with grated carrot and onion. Add cream blended with lemon juice, salt and pepper. Serve in crisp lettuce cups.

A salad that can make you the hit of the party is this grapefruit ring if you fill the center with a Waldorf salad made of apples as crisp as the frosty night:

Grapefruit Salad Ring.

(Serves 6 to 8)

2½ tablespoons gelatin

Lynn Says:

Your Diet I.Q.: If you're deficient in some vital vitamins and minerals you may have certain physical indications of this lack. Check the following indications:

Frequent ear and sinus troubles, nose, throat and sinus infections? Perhaps you're missing vitamin A—found in meat, eggs, milk, green vegetables, yellow-colored fruits and vegetables.

Is the appetite poor and are you nervous and tired? You may be skipping over lightly vitamin B1—found in whole grain cereals, meats and fish, liver and kidneys.

Can't recover quickly from a cold, from that run-down feeling, or having bleeding gums and a sallow, muddy complexion? Better get more vitamin C—from oranges, grapefruit, green leaves, cabbage, tomatoes and berries.

Anemia? Feel tired and listless? You may need iron—molasses, liver, beans, peas, whole grain cereals, egg yolks and leafy green vegetables.

Poor teeth, brittle bones, excessive bleeding when accidents occur, or weakened heart and muscles? A deficiency of calcium may be responsible. Eat more eggs, cheese, milk and cream—and vegetables.

This Week's Menu

Pork Liver With Rice
Baked Squash on the
Coral

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"Recipe effort, that defer-

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3 minutes). Pour over
the itin, stir well and cool. them-
juices and pour into ring
cool until firm. Unmold, se-
lettuce with center filled with
dorsal salad:

Waldorf Salad.

2½ cups diced, unpeeled
red apples
1 cup chopped celery
½ cup broken nuts
¼ cup salad dressing

Combine all ingredients together and fill ring mold or if served separately, fill lettuce cups. If apples are peeled in advance, squeeze juice of one-half lemon to prevent their turning dark.

A salad for every purpose. Here's one for a lovely winter luncheon or bridge refreshments:

Peach Cup Salad.

(Serves 6)

12 halves canned peaches
¼ cup apple butter
3 ounces cream cheese
½ cup celery
¼ cup chopped nuts
¼ cup seeded raisins, if desired

Arrange nests of lettuce on platter. Place two peach halves in nest after they have been filled with mixture of apple butter blended with cheese, celery, nuts and raisins. Serve with honey flavored mayonnaise.

Since it's the muffin season, this is a good place to include a muffin—they go so well with salads:

Corn Sticks or Muffins

(Makes 12 medium)

¾ cup yellow corn meal
1 cup sifted flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
4 tablespoons sugar
1 egg, well beaten
1 cup milk
3 tablespoons shortening, melted

Mix and sift dry ingredients. Combine well-beaten egg and milk and add to dry ingredients. Stir in shortening. Bake in greased muffin tins or in iron corn-stick pans (which have been heated before being greased) in a moderately hot (425-degree) oven 20 to 25 minutes.

Ruby red cranberry sauce goes into this delightful bavarian cream dessert that's made with corn syrup if you're short on sugar:

Cranberry Bavarian Cream

(Serves 6 to 8)

2 tablespoons gelatin
¼ cup cold water
1 1-pound can jellied cranberry sauce
¼ cup sugar, or ½ cup light corn syrup

1 tablespoon lemon juice
½ teaspoon salt
2 egg whites
1 cup heavy cream, whipped

Soften gelatin in cold water and dissolve over hot water. Crush cranberry sauce and combine with sugar (or corn syrup) and lemon juice. Add gelatin and stir well. Whip egg whites and salt and fold into cranberry mixture. Fold in whipped cream. Turn into large or individual molds which have been rinsed in cold water. Chill until firm, unmold and serve.

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Gems of Thought

THAT spot of ground pleases me in which small possessions make me happy, and where slight resources are abundant.—Martial.

If you can be well without health you may be happy without virtue.

He that climbs the tall tree has won right to the fruit:

He that leaps the wide gulf should prevail in his suit.—SCOTT.

The symbols of the invisible are the loveliest of what is visible.—Byron.

His own estimate must be measure enough, his own praise reward enough for him.—Emerson.



Stimulated by Difficulty
Difficulty is only a word indicating the degree of strength requisite for accomplishing particular objects; a mere notice of the necessity for exertion, a bugbear to children and fools, only a stimulus to men.—Warren.

Relief At Last For Your Cough

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Louis Rottie, ranching in this county then in 1911, had the misfortune to be pawed in the face by a very fractious young horse he was training, and received painful bruises to his nose and lips.

Funeral services were held in San Antonio at this time in 1911 for Frank Gastring, 65, who had died then in Wilson county. He had been a resident here, Sr. father of Mrs. George

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¼ teaspoon pepper 1 cup milk
2 tablespoons ¼ cup catsup
minced onion 1 cup Kellogg's All-Bran
1 pound ground beef

Beat egg, add salt, pepper, onion, parsley, milk, catsup and All-Bran. Let soak until most of moisture is taken up. Add beef and mix thoroughly. Bake in hot oven (450° F.) about 20 minutes or broil about 15 minutes. Remove meat patties from pan. Add some milk and seasonings to drippings. Thicken slightly to make gravy. Yield: 5 servings, 2 patties each.

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