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## GOVERNMENT TO TAKE DELIVERY ON LOAN WHEAT

Only 1940 Wheat Stored On The Farm Will Be Granted Loan Extensions

COLLEGE STATION, Jan. 15. — Most Texas wheat farmers with wheat under the government loan can take their choice of either paying off their loans or permitting the Commodity Credit Corporation to take delivery of it during the next four months.

Only farm-storage loans made in 1940 will not be affected, since the corporation, upon request of the producer, will grant an extension of the 10-month loan period on farm-stored wheat in those areas where the grain can be stored without deterioration.

As loans mature during the next four months, the corporation will take title to all unredeemed wheat and barley, Charlie L. Thomas, state AAA committeeman and Pampa wheat farmer, announced following receipt of a statement from the CCC to that effect. More than 17,000,000 bushels of wheat in Texas stored in warehouses in 1940 or on the farm in 1939 and resealed in 1940 will be affected.

On December 31, closing date for making wheat and barley loans, the corporation had made 18,969 warehouse-storage loans on 17,300,378 bushels of wheat in the state. Held over in farm storage from 1939 were 192,000 bushels, making a total of 17,492,378 bushels which will be subject to delivery to the corporation if not redeemed by the date the loans mature. The first loans in Texas will mature in February. April 30 is the final maturity date. Eligible for re-sealing are 1,534,227 bushels of wheat under the loan and stored on farms. Only six barley loans were made in the state.

The state committeeman was informed that the corporation did not anticipate, insofar as practicable, selling any of the 1940 crop wheat that is in good condition except at prices not less than loan values plus charges. A small part of the wheat can be disposed of by the Surplus Marketing Administration in export channels and in relief distribution. There is also the possibility the Red Cross may be able to use small amounts of it. Some wheat may be sold or transferred to the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation or to other government agencies.

## Financial Assistance For Hard Pressed Farm Families

Farm Security Will Assist Farmers Unable To Get Loans From Other Sources

Farmers in Sherman county who will need operating funds in 1941 and who can not get credit elsewhere, should make application to the Farm Security Administration immediately, according to George F. L. Bishop, county FSA supervisor.

Funds in the form of loans are available to qualified farmers for the purchase of feed, seed, tools, livestock, and other equipment necessary to carry on farming operations.

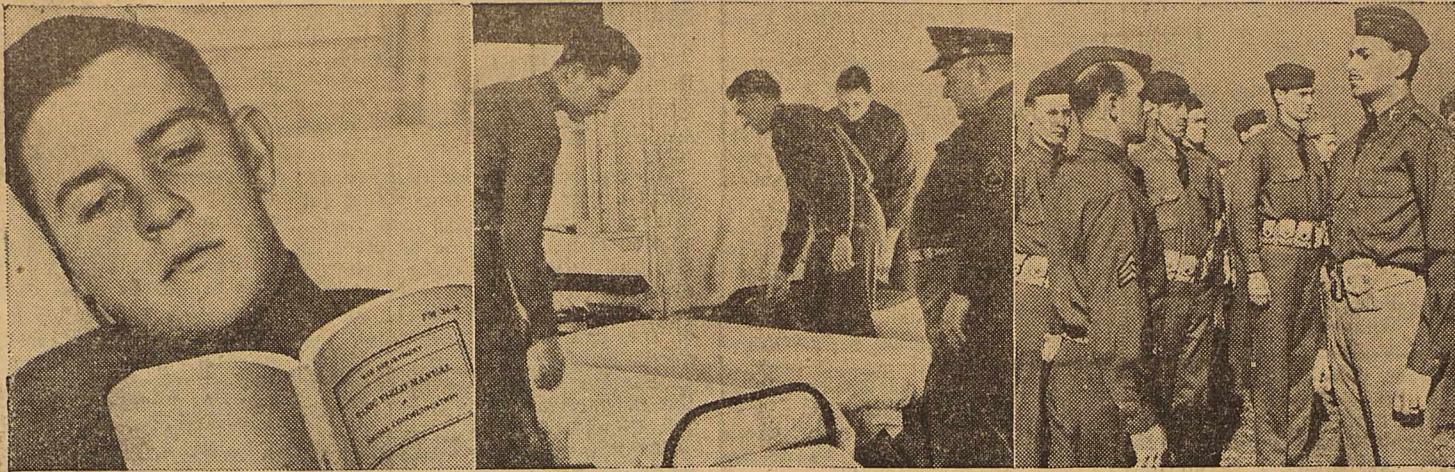
The Farm Security Administration, Mr. Bishop said, was created to help needy and low-income farm families in addition to that of making rehabilitation loans to individual farmers. Among those mentioned were loans for community services, farm debt adjustment services, and tenure improvement.

Community service loans will be made by the FSA to groups of qualified farms to buy tractors, combines, pure-bred sires, feed grinders, veterinary services and many other services and facilities which a single farmer could not afford alone.

For farmers in Sherman county who are overburdened with old debts, the FSA offers help to have the debts adjusted to their ability to pay. The service is available without cost to all farmers, whether or not they take part in other phases of this agency's program.

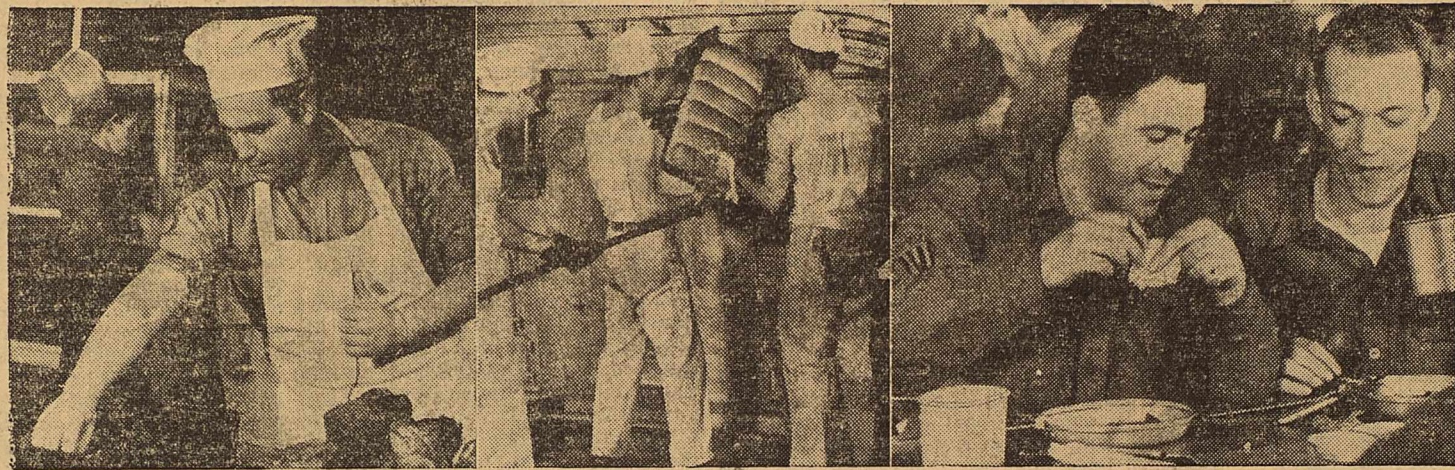
Bishop explained that a local farm debt adjustment committee meets with the debtor and his creditors for a discussion of their mutual problems. These meetings often result in an agreement for extending the time of payment, reducing interest rates, scaling down the debt, or refinancing part of it through the FSA rehabilitation loan. Farmers are saved from

## AMERICA'S YOUNG MEN FIND A NEW KIND OF LIFE IN THE ARMY



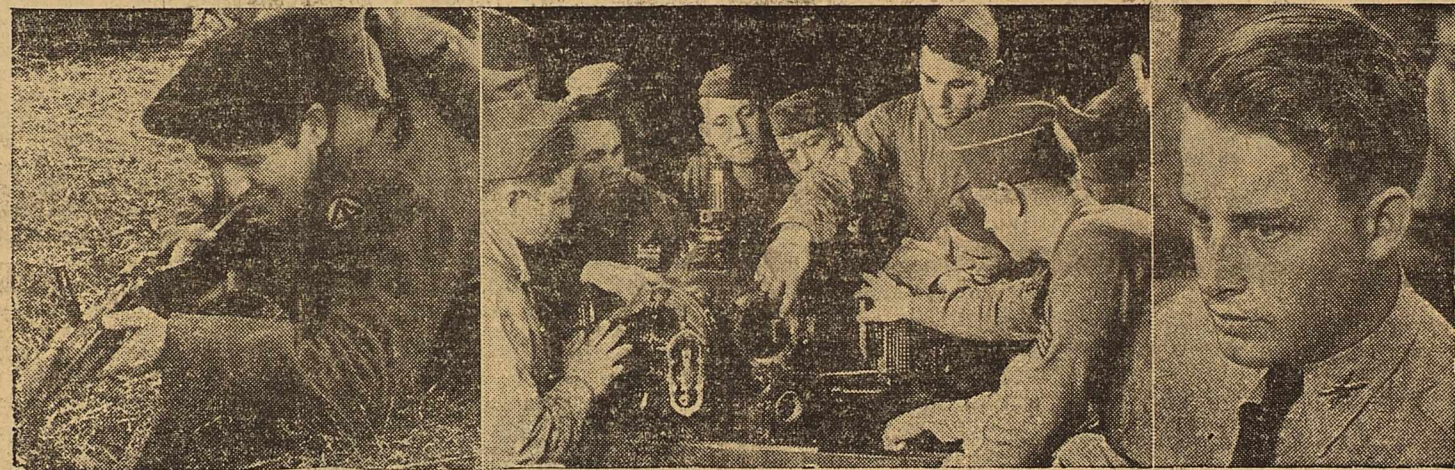
THOUSANDS of young men, volunteers and draftees alike, are today swelling the ranks of the U.S. Army as the nation's gigantic defense program moves rapidly forward. And in the Army, America's young men are finding an entirely new kind of life, different from any they have previously known. Regardless of his background in civilian life, the young recruit shares his tent or

barracks with five or more other men whom he has never seen before, learning the theory of soldiering and the reality of the comradeship of men in arms. Most important single individual to the young recruit is his drill sergeant, who supervises practically all of his activities, is sometimes severe but always a teacher.



THE QUARTERMASTER CORPS of the Army maintains 13 schools for bakers and cooks where a four-month course is given to train mess officers. Keeping up to the American standard of food consumption, the U.S. Army makes liberal allowance for an unflagging supply of healthful food. No scrimping is encouraged, and today's soldier finds that his daily fare is varied and substantial.

The Quartermaster Corps buys food in large quantities and then distributes it to the various posts. Eggs, milk, vegetables and other fresh foods are bought in the area of each Army post. Average cost per day of feeding a soldier is about 42 cents, with variations depending upon local prices.



BASIC UNIT of every army is he be taught the mysteries of the still the infantryman, and his rifle is still a powerful weapon. Not until he has mastered its use, with other fundamentals of combat, will

practice today, the latest March of Time film, Arms and the Men U. S. A. reveals. Young Americans take an absorbing interest in every thing mechanical, and today they are being taught the complex de-

## FARMERS MAKING RAPID RECOVERY FROM DROUTH

Cooperation Of Farm Population With Assisting Government Agencies Credited For Success

Sherman County farmers and ranchmen have made rapid recovery from the severe drowth years which were intensified by the grass hopper infestation the past three years. Extension work in 1940 in the county has been molded into more definite form as community leaders, cooperating with the county agent, took hold of the reins and helped promote some phases of the county work through what may be considered just a fair year for agriculture. Whatever may have been accomplished are the results of efforts put forth by the people of Sherman County with the cooperation of the various government agencies assisting where possible.

Four community boys' 4-H clubs were organized with fifty boys enrolling at Stratford, Texoma, Spurlock, and Lone Star. Thirty-four of these boys completed their demonstrations, which included 45 acres of milo, 20 acres of wheat, 300 chickens, 11 hogs, 4 sheep, and 25 beef calves. This being the first year for many of the boys in club work most of them used local products rather than invest too much in their demonstrations the first year. However, some of the boys succeeded in getting very good quality produce for their demonstration, especially is this true in the livestock demonstrations. Some of the things that the boys did that may be mentioned here are four boys attended the District 4-H club encampment at Canadian, the Spurlock community sponsored two community entertainments and raised sufficient funds to pay expenses for a three day encampment for all their club boys and their sponsors in New Mexico, the Stratford club sponsored field day for judging beef cattle, the Spurlock and Lone Star Clubs sponsored field days for grasshopper egg surveys in the spring. Richard Adams, Jr. won a gold medal awarded by Wilson Packing Company for the outstanding meat animal demonstration in the county for 1941. Richard is feeding out one calf for show purposes and carlot of fifteen calves for commercial demonstration. The club work was started late, the organization work being started in March, resulted in a hap hazard program which could be helped very much in some communities by a good active local sponsor.

A move to do something about making good quality planting seed available to farmers got under way a little too late, in July, to be most effective for this year. However, A. E. Miller, Extension Agronomist and Frederick T. Dines of the Texas Wheat Improvement Association were brought to the county in the interest of the farmers. This was followed up with demonstrations on milling and baking qualities of the five leading varieties of wheat in Sherman County; Turkey, Tenmarq, Standard Blackhall, early Blackhall, and Chiefkan, held in connection with achievement day where the wheat and baked bread were displayed. This program gives rise to much discussion among the farmers, and in addition to influencing some farmers in sowing better quality planting seed called their attention to a very important problem facing the wheat farmer here, maintaining and producing a high quality wheat which this area has established and is in demand by the bakers. There is also some interest in consumption of more feed on the farm which has possibilities in this county.

The grasshoppers came in for their part of the farmers crops again this year and their toll was fairly heavy in some parts of the county. The hoppers were wide spread and made three desperate efforts to play havoc with the farmers crops, but the farmers were wise to his tactics and met the hoppers attack before they developed wings with an active poisoning campaign that twice brought them completely under control and the third hatching in the county, late in the fall, was eradicated, however, adult hoppers moved in from the north and west by wing to do considerable damage to young wheat and deposit some eggs. The Federal Entomologist, after making late fall egg survey, reported possibility of only light infestation next spring if everything is favorable for the hoppers.

Farmers, with federal assistance, and supervision of county agent put out 893 1/2 tons of wet poison mash on an accumulative total of 196,194 acres at a total cost of \$53,011 to the county. The farmer took care of most of this expense by paying .05 per sack at the station for material received.

This is the second year for the Special AAA Program to operate and it has expanded to include 7 counties in Texas. Farmers of Sherman County have cooperated 100 percent with the program and carried out most of their units by leaving cover crops on 91,305 acres, pit cultivating 180,853 acres, contour on 61,224 acres, this includes most of the restoration land, seeding on the contour 13,407 acres, strip cropping 1,412 acres, practicing deferred grazing on 43,398 acres, contour listing 80 acres pasture, and removing 919 acres prickly pears. They also have practically 100 percent coverage under the range program who practiced deferred grazing on 22,000 acres, completed

ONLY 15 MORE DAYS TO PAY 1940 TAXES  
January 31 Deadline For Payment Of 1940 Taxes Without Penalty  
Texas property owners have 15 days to pay their 1940 taxes on or before January 31, when a penalty is added for delinquent taxes.

Exemptions For Unders  
All persons who do not reside in a city having a population of 10,000 or more inhabitants, who have become 21 years of age since January 1, 1940, or who will become 21 years of age before election to be held this year (1941) must obtain exemption certificates before February 1, 1941, if they desire to vote, according to Sheriff J. W. Garoutte.

## Careless Boys Break Insulators With Air Rifles

Considerable damage to insulators has been reported recently by boys who have carelessly broken them while hunting birds. Peace officers request the youths to be more careful in the future, as this form of destruction of property carries a heavy penalty.

## Mrs. Zimmer's Father Dies In Amarillo

Mrs. Anton Zimmer's father, a Mr. Brown said to be about 80 years of age, passed away in an Amarillo hospital Sunday night. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday morning in Amarillo. Burial will be made in Silverton.

## BOY SCOUT NEWS

Until further notified, all meetings will be held in the Davis building, next door to the Printing office, every Monday evening at 7:00 P. M.  
We especially encourage every Scout to be present next Monday night and bring some body with you. We want to make some very interesting plans for the near future.— E. R. Pigg, Scoutmaster.

## SNOW COVERS MUDDY PLAINS IN TERRITORY

Moisture Estimated From .25 To .75 Of An Inch During Week  
Rain registering .03 and .11 of an inch fell over the territory Sunday and Monday according to Albert Adam's reading of the government gauge.

Mists fell Tuesday night and turned to a wet snow falling fast from 11:00 A. M. to press time Wednesday evening. Estimates ranged from .25 to .75 of an inch of moisture.

The ground had not dried from recent rains and many roads are said to be difficult for travel.

## 4-H Girls Plans Include Educational Tour And Camp Trip

So there will be no disappointments and misunderstandings, Miss Mabel Martin, county home demonstration agent, has been going over the camp requirements with the 4-H club girls at their first meeting of the year.

This is to be a two day trip. The first day will be visits to places that are educationally interesting, then that night the girls will have an honest to goodness night of camping even to sleeping under the stars. They will return home by the next night.

The camp requirements are that the attendance be 75 percent up to date of encampment, and club goals should be completed up to date.

All clubs are glad to have new members so if you are not a club member but would like to join you are invited to.

## Albert Lee's Car Wrecked Sunday

Albert Lee wrecked his car south of Stratford on U. S. 287 Sunday morning when a blowout caused the car to swerve and strike a concrete culvert near the R. C. Buckles home.

## FREE COMFORT MATERIAL FOR FARM FAMILIES

Qualifications Are Similar To Free Mattress Program In 1940  
A supplement to the Department of Agriculture's 1941 cotton mattress demonstration program will enable low income rural families in Texas to have cotton comforts—one for each mattress made under the program.

Every Texas family eligible to receive mattress materials under the current program will also be eligible to receive 10 yards of percale and four pounds of cotton for making a cotton comfort, according to regulations announced last week by R. T. Price, field man at large for the State AAA office.

Materials for the program will be furnished by the Surplus Marketing Administration.

Under the regulations, comforts must be made in community centers set up as in the mattress program. A family must first have received a mattress before it can obtain materials for making a comfort.

## H. D. Council Met Saturday Afternoon

Sherman County's Home Demonstration Club Council met Saturday at the Courthouse with 16 present. Mrs. Norman Bridwell was elected to the office of Finance chairman. February 8 will be an all day covered dish luncheon and School of Instruction. All Chairmen and co-workers are requested to be present. Jacquelin Bridwell an outstanding 4-H girl, gave a reading, "Ideals" which is in the Year Book.

## Ellison Brothers And Dick Diehl Ship Feeders

Stock feeding for market is rapidly coming back in Sherman County. Ellison Bros. shipped 200 head of finished heifers from Etter Friday and Dick Diehl shipped 150 head of yearling steers from Kerick Saturday.

## BAND PLAYS AT DUMAS TUESDAY

Concert Will Be First Of The Year In Exchange With Schools For Concerts Given Here

Band Director Jack Veazey announced this week that about 45 members of the Stratford School Band will render a concert in the auditorium of the Dumas school Tuesday at 1:00 P. M. The concert will be the first this year given in exchange with other schools for a concert by their bands in the Stratford school at later dates.

## OIL LEASE FILED ON 3 SECTIONS

A 6-year oil and gas lease from Ruth J. Langston et al. to D. D. Harrington was filed with County Clerk J. R. Pendleton this week. Harrington acquired the lease on section 40, 70 and the southeast 1-4 of section 50, Block 1-C.

The lease was signed December 14.

otherwise bad debts. Committeemen in this county who meet frequently to help farmers and their creditors work out an agreement satisfactory to both parties are: G. L. Taylor, W. T. Martin and Albert Ross.

Mr. Bishop said that emphasis is placed on long-term or renewable contracts and on agreements which will encourage tenants to protect soil and improve the property. Flexible farm-lease forms are obtainable free at the FSA office and the personnel will be glad to assist in drawing them up for the landlords and tenants.

I feel certain there are many farmers and landlords who need the services of this agency, Bishop said, and I wish to issue an invitation to everyone to visit our office in the court house and give us a chance to be of help.

The Farm Security Administration he concluded is a part of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and is maintained by and for the people of this country and we want to help all farm families who need help.

## CURRENT PROGRAM AT THE ROXY

Tonight, "Captain Caution," with Victor Mature and Louise Platt.

Friday and Saturday, "Melody Ranch," with Gene Autry.

Sunday and Monday, "Escape," with Norma Shearer and Robert Taylor.

Tuesday, Picture to be announced.

Jan. 22-23, "Gallant Sons," with Jackie Cooper and Bonita Granville.

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# Hidden Ways

By FREDERIC F. VAN DE WATER

## SYNOPSIS

David Mallory, in search of newspaper work in New York, is forced to accept a job as switch-board operator in a swank apartment house, managed by officious Timothy Higgins. There David meets Miss Agatha Paget, a crippled old lady, and her charming niece, Allegra. One day, talking with Higgins in the lobby, David is alarmed by a piercing scream. David finds the scream came from the Ferriter apartment, not far from the Pagets'. The Ferriters include Lyon and Everett, and their sister, Ione. Everett, a genealogist, is helping Agatha Paget write a book about her blue-blooded ancestors. Inside the apartment they find a black-bearded man—dead. No weapon can be found. The police arrive. Higgins, who actively dislikes David, informs him that he is fired. David is called to the Paget apartment. There he finds an elderly, prim-appearing Agatha Paget sipping a cocktail. She offers him a job helping write her family history—which will unearth a few family skeletons. He accepts the offer. Meanwhile, police suspect Lyon Ferriter of the murder. Jerry Cochran of the Press offers David a job helping solve the murder.

## CHAPTER V—Continued

"The fine old Mallory luck still holds," I said. "You're about three hours too late."

I told of my discharge by Higgins and the life-line Miss Paget had thrown me. Cochrane heard me through with his pink face quiet, but his eyes were narrower when I finished.

"I don't know why you're balking," he said. "You're sitting pretty, right in a family that lives across the way from the Ferriters, a family that's taking care of the girl tonight and that hires one of the brothers."

I felt better, but I was still bothered.

"Look," I said. "This old lady has been more than white to me. If I throw in with you, I'm double-crossing her."

"You think maybe the Pagets had a hand in it?" he asked softly and that stung me.

"Why—?" I began, so hotly that he grinned and looked like a rowdy chub.

"All right, all right," he soothed. "Then if they're in the clear, how are you crossing them? Mallory, this town is paved with good newspaper men who would give one hand for your chance. Better take it."

I nodded agreement at last. For a moment I had the good feeling inside that at last the breaks were going my way. Then I said:

"I don't know why you think the story is still so hot, after Lyon Ferriter's pinch."

"What!" he said as though I had struck him. I repeated what Fineman had told me.

"Holy, suffering martyrs," he jerked beneath his breath and shoved back his chair. "And here I've been sitting. Shannon's been holding out again, the dirty tramp. So long, fella. Wait. I'll see you—let me think. Right here. Three tomorrow. G'bye."

He rose, thrust his check at the cashier and vanished with a wheeze of the revolving door. I ate a piece of pie and then another before I followed him.

Mrs. Shaw was suspicious when she answered her doorbell, but after I had paid a week in advance for the room I had used during my first month in New York and had received my trunk as well, she was glad to see me back.

I took all my things from my trunk. I thought, as I hung them up, of Allegra Paget and the ghostly uniform in which she first had seen me. I should have dreamed of her that night, by all standards of romance and Freud, but I didn't. I was too tired to dream of anything.

I took a long time dressing. My shoes had to be shined and my hair needed cutting.

I had barely time for a cup of coffee and arrived a little out of breath before the Morello where Higgins, once more arrayed in maroon and gilt, glared at me.

"I'll trouble ye, Mallory," he growled, "for the key of me flat downstairs. And I told ye to move your things last night."

I gave him the key and told him I would call for the suitcase later. I meant to gall him by my manner and I must have for he turned redder and muttered something about upstairs and "that old so-and-so upstairs," I grinned.

"Miss So-and-so to you," I said, and went on in.

The patrician gloom of the Morello had been proof against yesterday's upheaval. Hoyt beamed at me as he took me upstairs, and muttered congratulations. Shannon, emerging from the Ferriter flat as I stepped from the elevator, was not so cordial. He followed me into the Paget apartment.

Sunlight on the opposite white-washed wall of the air shaft filled Miss Agatha's dining room with a soft reflected cheer. The sun had been no more visibly marked by the day before than the old lady herself. She sat in her wheel chair at the table's head, white-haired and sharp. Grosvenor, sullen from lost sleep, looked far less competent.

"Good morning, David," Miss Agatha said precisely. "Captain Shannon, one more call and I'll have to ask you intentions."

Amusement softened the policeman's face.

"I'll not tell 'em before witnesses," said he. "I'd like to see Ione Ferriter a minute if you please."

Grosvenor set down his cup with a clatter.

"Miss Ferriter," the old lady replied with ever so slight a stress on the title, "left twenty minutes ago. Her brother Everett called for her. They are going to stay at a hotel until tomorrow—the Babylon, I believe."

"That's where Lyon is hanging out," Shannon growled.

"Possibly," Miss Agatha agreed, and nodded at the paper folded by her plate. "Then he hasn't been arrested?"

Her question made the Captain angrier. His thick neck bulged over his collar.

"He has not. We took him in for questioning, that was all. He's told the truth as far as we can prove it. He ate at Mino's and washed up beforehand at the Grand Central, like he says. We have nothing to hold him on. Before we were through with him, his lawyer sprung him. I'd like to know who tipped off the papers last night, I would indeed."

I looked across the air shaft at a window of the Ferriter flat. There was movement behind it, where Shannon's subordinates still searched for the missing weapon.

"Someone," the Captain said in a surly voice, "killed that man. That's why I want to see Ione Ferriter."

Color crept into Grosvenor's handsome face. He blurted:

"Ione of all persons. What utter rot!"

Miss Agatha's eyebrows twitched. Her nephew crumpled his napkin in

his fist. Shannon, angry and thwarted, welcomed opposition.

"Is it?" he asked nastily. "Who found the corpse? Who is the only one we know was in that flat, besides the dead man? Ione Ferriter, me lad. Make what you will of it." Grosvenor's voice shook.

"I know what you dumb cops do, first crack," he shrilled. "If you're too thick to understand a thing, you try to pin it on a woman. Why don't you accuse my aunt? She lives here too. Ione Ferriter knows no more about this thing than—than you do." He choked and water slopped from the glass in his hand. He drank with hot eyes still fixed on Shannon. Miss Agatha said dryly:

"I'd suggest, Grove, that you pull yourself together and get on downtown. If you will dance all night, you're bound to be jittery in the morning."

The lad hesitated, rose and flung himself out of the room. Shannon asked without expression:

"It's the Babylon they're stayin' at, Miss Paget?"

Miss Agatha looked at him with studious care.

"It is," she said at last. He let his eyes rest on me a second, nodded and left the room. Miss Agatha pushed her wheel chair back from the table and propelled it toward the hall.

"Somehow," she said half to herself, "an outburst at breakfast makes me feel young again. It's as if my own dear father still were alive. In here, David."

We entered the chamber into which I had carried her yesterday. She pointed to the paper-laden desk.

"In the top drawer," she said, "you'll find my outline for a first chapter, together with Everett Ferriter's bawdier expansion. When you've read his work, you'll know how I don't want the book written. The dossiers of the Pagets from the first Calvert—who incidentally got a baronetcy under Charles II for double-crossing the Protectorate—are there. You might read them, too. It'll be a long day's work, I said it would be, didn't it? If there's anything you want, there's a call-bell on the desk's edge."

She nodded briskly and wheeled her chair toward the door, she said over her shoulder in a mild scathing voice:

"Mr. Ferriter is still too shaken by yesterday's happenings to work. I suppose if Captain Shannon calls at the Babylon, he will have another relapse."

I thought I heard her chuckle as she trundled away.

All morning I plowed through the uncensored annals of the Paget ancestry—quotations from innumerable books, excerpts from court records, old letters and the like—all compiled, no doubt with frequent shudders, by Everett Ferriter, genealogist.

When someone moved in the hall, I found my eyes jumping from the scandalous annals before me to the open door. My heart would pound and then, when nothing happened, I would swear and bend again to my work.

Once, in midmorning, I heard Allegra laugh in the dining room. Toward noon Miss Agatha rolled herself in.

"Well," she asked, "do you begin to see why I wanted a newspaper man to write it?"

"I begin to see," I told her, "that a book like this would sell."

She lit a cigarette, blew smoke through her nose and shook her head.

"I know," she said. "One of those literary strip dances. I'm a sinful old woman, David, but I'm not selling the bones of my ancestors, no matter what I think of their owners. This book will be a family affair. Allegra and I are going out to lunch and you better, too."

I thought of my date with Cochrane and shook my head.

"I had a late breakfast. I'll slip out later. There's a lot of reading still ahead of me."

"If you can't finish today," she began, but I cut her short.

"If I'm not in the way, I'll stay till I've finished. Then we can talk it over tomorrow morning and get to work."

"You're an obstinate person, aren't you?" Miss Agatha asked, and grinned.

"Aren't you?" I asked her. She chuckled and turned her chair. Her warmth almost made me halt her and confess my arrangement with Cochrane, but I hesitated and then she was gone.

Later I saw Allegra push her aunt's wheel chair past the door. She did not look toward me and I took my mind by the scruff and jammed it back into its job so thoroughly that it was ten minutes past the time appointed when I recalled my tryst with Cochrane.

He beamed as I took the seat opposite him.

"I'm glad to see you, accomplish. We beat the town for one edition on Lyon's getting pinched."

"And got him unpinched again," I added, and told of Shannon's anger that morning, his squabble with Grosvenor, and the Ferriters' retreat to the Babylon. That pink and chubby mask through which he peered did not stir. He gave me an envelope.

"Confirmatory letter from Milligan," Cochrane explained, "and a week's pay in advance. There's an expense account on this job, too, if you need it. How far along have you got?"

"As far," I told him, "as Selah Paget who died in the odor of sanctity and foreclosed mortgages in 1737."

"Not that!" he grinned—"this killing."

"Nowhere."

"You and me both," he answered. "Let's order and then solve it."

While we ate, we groped among the scant unrelated facts, making crazy guesses, building theories and pulling them down. There were only the dead man—still, Cochrane said, unidentified—and the guttural voice I had heard over the telephone. Except for that, he might as well have been struck by lightning. No finger-prints, no weapons, no purpose in the killing, no clue to the slayer, no proof, beyond the phone call and the body, that anyone had been in the Ferriter apartment.

"I'm laying off mention of that voice on the phone," Cochrane said, sawing away at his steak. "Shannon is sitting on it and so am I. No use tipping off the gifted murderer to all we know."

"Gifted is small praise," I told him. "We're tinkering around the perfect crime."

"Hooley," he snapped. "Perfect crimes are as rare as perfect thirty-sixes, my lad."

I liked his mind—quick and daring yet solid—and it whetted mine. The long hand of the white-enamelled wall clock circled its face while we talked and I forgot Miss Agatha and the waiting records of the Paget family in a spell that was half puzzle, half hunt. Cochrane said at last:

"What have we got? We know who had keys to the flat. All right, one of the Ferriters or your friend Higgins did it. Let's not kid ourselves. One of them did. Yesterday noon, while you were away, and Higgins may have been downstairs, and the other guy—this Hoyt—may have been upstairs with the elevator, is the only time Blackbeard and his able assassin could have got in. All right again. Then it wasn't a planned murder because they couldn't have known that luck would leave the way clear. But it wasn't unintentional, at that. For they walked upstairs. As soon as the killer knew they hadn't been seen, he began to design slaughter. Right?"

"As far as you've gone," I agreed. (TO BE CONTINUED)



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## IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D. Dean of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

### Lesson for January 19

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### THE SLIGHTED INVITATION

LESSON TEXT—Luke 14:15-24. GOLDEN TEXT—Come; for all things are now ready.—Luke 14:17.

Actions speak louder than words. What a man says is important, but it is his life which determines whether we accept his words as true. In spiritual things men have too often professed to follow Christ but failed to do His will. It is the business of the church to press home the necessity of an acceptance of Christ as Saviour which also makes Him the Lord of our life.

I. Pious Words (v. 15). We do not know whether the man who said, "Blessed is he that eateth bread in the kingdom of God," was expressing the sincere longing of his heart or merely making a bit of pious conversation. Jesus had just been dealing with some rather disturbing matters (vv. 1-14). On such occasions there is usually someone on hand to spoil the effectiveness of the admonition by uttering some religious platitude which will direct conversation into more comfortable channels.

Even though the man was sincere, he had evidently not made any preparations to be present at that great feast. This appears from the story Jesus related in response to his words. II. Poor Excuses (vv. 16-20). It is not enough that we know that God has prepared a place of blessedness, nor does it suffice to speak approvingly of God's invitation to come; we must accept. God graciously bids all men to come; but all too many, while willing to admit the desirability of coming and admiring it as the ideal thing to do, begin to make excuses. Observe that the men gave excuses, not reasons. There is a great difference. Note also that the excuses were poor ones. One had a new possession—a field—which he "must go out and see." The second had a business matter to care for—trying out oxen he had bought. The third had a personal affection he wanted to foster—a new wife whom he could not leave.

The fact is that none of them wanted to come, and these were but excuses. What man buys a field without seeing it, or oxen without trying them? And we agree with Dr. Morgan that the one who had married a wife "was the most foolish of all. Why didn't he take her with him? Just excuses." Reader, what excuse is keeping you from accepting God's invitation?

III. Urgent Invitations (vv. 21-24). Those who reject God's invitation hurt only themselves, for He will find guests to fill the banquet hall at the marriage supper of the Lamb. Let us not fail to observe that it is the duty of the Lord's servants (and that means every born-again Christian) to be diligently about the business of urging men to respond to God's call. Let us care that we do not miss that point by uttering some pious platitudes about soul-winning, and then failing to do anything to reach others.

It is the first business of every Christian who reads these lines to be engaged in personal soul-winning. If you want to do it and do not know how to start, I shall be glad to send you free, a copy of "Lessons in Soul-Winning," by Dr. Will H. Houghton. The important matter is that we get busy giving out these urgent invitations.

It is the first business of the unconverted to accept that invitation. Dare you refuse? In one of his last meetings in Kansas City, Dwight L. Moody graphically portrayed the invitation referred to in our lesson. In closing his message he pointed to the wall of the auditorium and seemed to be writing out a reply to the invitation. He first wrote a note declining, the final words being, "I pray these have me excused." He said, "Would you sign that, young man? Would you, mother? Would you come up to the reporter's table, take a pen and put your name down to such an excuse? I doubt if there is one here who would sign it. It is a loving God inviting you to a feast and God is not to be mocked. Go play with the forked lightning, go trifle with pestilence and disease, but trifle not with God."

Must Have His Spirit A young Italian boy knocked one day at the door of an artist's studio in Rome, and when it was opened exclaimed: "Please, madam, will you give me the master's brush?" The painter was dead, and the boy, inflamed with a longing to be an artist, wished for the great master's brush. The lady placed the brush in the boy's hands, saying: "This is his brush; try it, my boy." With a flush of earnestness on his face he tried, but found he could paint no better than with his own. The lady then said to him: "You cannot paint like the great master unless you have his spirit." So it is with us in the Church today; if Christians have not the Master's spirit they cannot successfully carry on the Master's work.—F. M. Townley.

GENERAL HUGH S. JOHNSON Says!

### 'OPPOSITION' THINKING

Washington, D. C.

A favorite lawyer's trick is to give his own version of what his worthy opponent "thinks" and then tear his self-constructed straw man to pieces. That is being done daily in the current debate on foreign policy. Those opposing our rapid approach to a virtual war alliance with Great Britain, are said to "think" that no combination of powers will ever attack us and, no matter who wins, we can do business with them, so why risk offending Hitler and provoking him to fight us. What duck soup that is to argue down.

These truths are self evident; that it is to our great interest to see Britain win; that the hateful destruction of England embitters every American heart; that force rather than honor and good will now rule the world and that we hate that we hate Hitler who has been foremost in advancing that hellish condition; that we are in great danger and that our only course is swift preparation for invincible defense; that we are not so defended now and that the preparation is lagging shamefully. Any advocate of—

—who denies the sincerity of these opinions of others as a basis for his argument, is obfuscating the real issue—the dreadful question of peace or war for America. There can be only one question in the troubled heart of every true American—what is it best for us to do to safeguard the present and the future of our own country? Is it best to engage now in a two ocean war with a one ocean navy? Is it best for us to send, or threaten to send, our armed forces to seize the Azores, the Irish harbors, the tip of West Africa and Singapore—to plunge into warlike operations all the way from the Straits of Dover to the Straits of Malacca and, conceivably even further—through the Mediterranean and Red seas to Greece, Egypt, the Dardanelles, Calcutta and Colombo?

Short of this, is it best to take the intermediate step leading straight and inevitably to this course by putting our overseas shipments into American bottoms and, with a convoy of cruisers, attempt to buck the line of a legitimate blockade? Is it best now to undertake to finance another nation in a new world war, when we are already staggering under a mountainous burden of debt and confronting a near necessity of doubling it as a necessity in our own defense? These are real and basic issues and not at all the ill-considered or emotional conscious or deliberate obstruction of them by attacking the patriotic integrity or plain sanity of the people who raise them.

Furthermore, let this be faced: If our defense is so wholly dependent on Great Britain as we are now told—if she is now fighting our decisive battle which, if lost, loses our freedom—then the course advocated by those who say we should contribute unlimited material resources, but no blood, without regard to any of the considerations raised here—if these things we are told are true—then that advocated course is the most futile and pusillanimous ever followed by an honorable nation. If they are true, we should have been in this war a year ago with everything we have. Surely there is a question of truth here that deserves debate. The whole of our future is at stake on the wisdom of our answer.

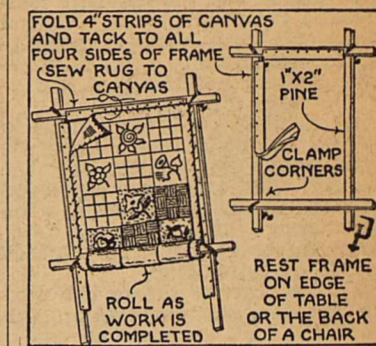
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OVERNIGHT OFFICERS The army is not making the best use of its trained officer personnel. The war department quite properly and necessarily encourage tens of thousands of civilians to take appointments as reserve officers. Naturally, some of them were rank amateurs as soldiers and the bulk of them held lieutenant's commissions. Now we are calling thousands of them to active duty. When they join for duty with troops they have to earn their advancement, but when they come in on staff assignments, it is becoming a very different matter. A little personality plus, sometimes, a political drag, works for many of these neophytes what many years of service don't work for a regular. New captains, majors and lieutenant-colonels are being created out of reserve subalterns who haven't a year of active duty. At the same time, men with complete military experience and education, who have resigned or retired or are World War veterans returned to civil life, get a deaf ear when they volunteer to be recommissioned and recalled to active duty. We should as readily condemn the selection of an amateur officer to look after their welfare as an amateur doctor to look after their health, especially if there is a reputable specialist available. Exactly the same thing happened at the beginning of the World War, until General Pershing got his independent command in France and began to send the misfits wholesale to the reclassification center at Blois—or "Bloody" as the soldiers called it.

## Making a Frame For Rug Hooking

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS

TWO of the nicest hook rugs I have were made without a frame. Many rug makers like to work this way so that they may turn the work as they do different parts of the design. Then, too, whenever rug hookers meet there is sure to be an exchange of treasured bits of colored fabrics. In no time at all a rug making group is meeting and it is difficult to carry a frame when one goes visiting. It is often difficult to find space to put a frame away in a small house or apartment, too. You can see by this that I rather favor working without a frame



though I know perfectly well that it is more efficient to work with one. Almost all professionals have frames that rest on a permanent base. I have sketched here the type of frame that most amateurs use. You can buy the corner clamps at the hardware store and put the frame together quickly. It may be the size of your rug or smaller. If it is smaller, just part of the rug is stretched on the frame at one time.

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## Immortal Character

Think of human life in terms of eternity. Realize that what you are today in process of becoming determines your character forever. Because you learn to love and to trust God through the shadows, you will be able to rejoice His support and guidance in the sunshine. Strive to do your duty well when days are dark and you will develop capacity for joyous service when your heart sings again. Indeed, earnest endeavor discovers sunshine amid the shadows.—Frederick G. Budlong.

## How To Relieve Bronchitis

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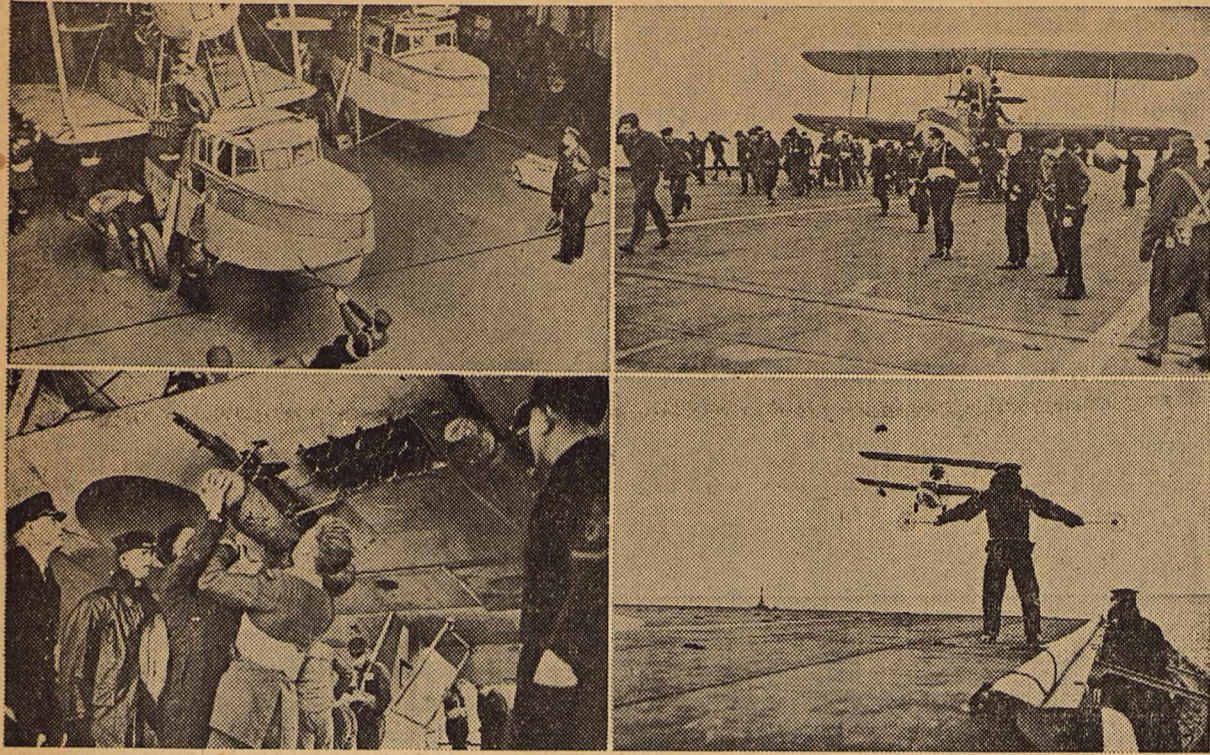
Visible World The visible world is but man turned inside out that he may be revealed to himself.—Henry James.

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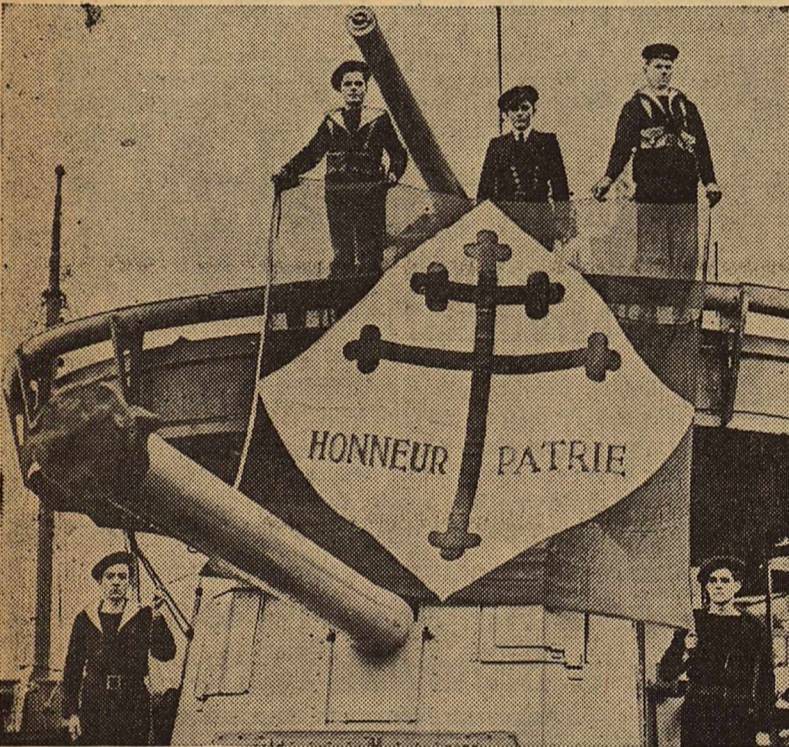
These photos, released by the British admiralty, give the layman an idea of what goes on behind the terse communiques. Top left, scene in the below-deck hangar of an aircraft carrier of the royal navy. Top right, the ground crew takes to its heels as the motors rev up for the takeoff. Lower left, the port wing of a Walrus plane gets its load of bombs before the takeoff. Lower right, a war bird comes home to roost.

## Military Training Helps Reformation

Army training is making men out of these boys at the New York City reformatory, at New Hampton, N. Y. At the suggestion of Mayor Fiorella La Guardia, military drill was tried as an experiment at the correctional institution. The average age of the boys is 19. Here you see (left) a company presenting arms at a flag-lowering ceremony. Right: inmates charging with their wooden guns during field drill.

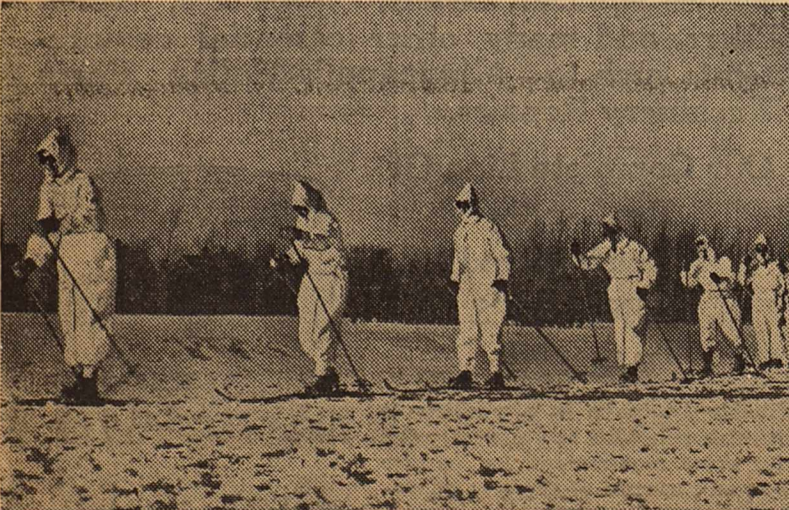


## Free French Fight on for Liberty



Somewhere in England, and in an English port, this destroyer now flies the standard of the Free French forces who fight on for liberty. It was one of the ships of war that came over to England rather than surrender when the French government capitulated to the Nazis. Craft of the Free French navy are now doing regular duty with units of the British fleet.

## The Army's Men in White



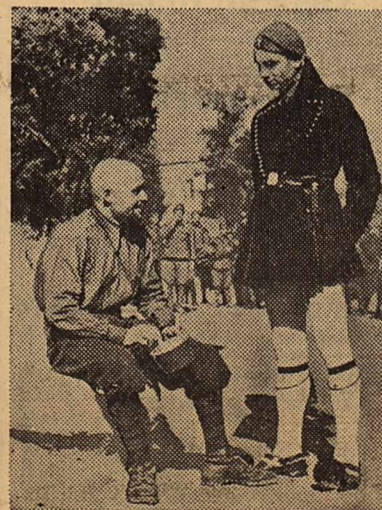
"Ten below zero" is what the thermometer said as this ski patrol of the U. S. Army started out from the Plattsburg, N. Y., barracks for a winter training march. These men, clad in outfits like those made famous in the recent Finnish war, are members of the Twenty-sixth Infantry. They are being trained in ski and snowshoe maneuvers.

## June and December



Honeymooning in front of their one-room brush shanty is Pleas Hickman, 22, of Roan County, Tenn., and his bride, the former Geneva Powell, 17, of Rock Castle, Ky. The girl ran away from home a year ago in search of romance. She says she is "completely happy."

## Italian Meets Greek



An Italian prisoner of the Greeks scoops out the remains of his prison-camp dinner as he chats with one of the Greek fighters to whose prowess he owes his present plight.

## SELLING OUT!

By JANE OSBORN  
(McClure Syndicate—WNU Service.)

THEY were selling out at Erick's. So Tuesday afternoon Madame McPherson said to Rose Hope that she thought they'd close the shop for the morning on Wednesday.

"They're selling out at Erick's," she told Rose, "and I want to get a lot of things—like to do it before the things are picked over. The only appointment I had was a permanent for Mrs. Clair—and she said she'd just as soon have it in the evening."

Rose had changed from her white uniform to her trim little blue street frock and stood before one of the mirrors in Madame McPherson's beauty shop smoothing down her soft brown hair. "Maybe I'll go to Erick's too. Aunt Sue gave me a hundred dollars for my birthday—to buy some clothes. Maybe I'll spend a little of that."

"I'll tell you what I'll do," said Madame McPherson, vigorously applying the powder puff to her round, rosy cheeks. "I'll call around a little before nine for you with my car and take you down."

So it was agreed, and Rose and her buxom employer were waiting the next day at the entrance of Erick's store when the doors opened for the first day of the sale.

Rose started in the basement—just to see the bargains, all spread out on tables and counters with \$1.98, or \$7.56, \$1.74 or 9c written on large signs in the center. The old price tags were left on the various articles offered for sale, so you could see for yourself just what tremendous bargains you were getting. There were some gleaming white enamel saucepans and double boilers on one of the tables that were selling far below the usual price and after Rose had visited all the tables in the basement she decided that she could save money if she bought some of these utensils.

Laden with her awkward bundle she got out of the crowd and went back upstairs and out to Madame McPherson's car where she put the things safely in the back seat. Then she went back. She noticed the large crowd gathered round the table-linen counter. When it was her turn she purchased two small dinner sets, and three sets of runners. Why, just on that purchase alone, Rose quickly figured, she was saving four dollars and thirty-nine cents. So Rose spent an hour and a half in Erick's store and when at last she and Madame McPherson met in the car the whole back section was fairly well filled with Rose's purchases.

"What did you get, honey?" said Madame McPherson. Then she turned to the things Rose had bought and saw the handle of a white saucepan and the end of a carpet sweeper. "Say—what did you get those things for? You're boarding—?" Then she laughed. "Say, you must be going to be married and you never told me."

Rose looked confused as she and Madame McPherson settled down in the front seat, but she felt that she must somehow explain.

"Honestly, I'm not engaged," she said. "Only—well, they were such bargains I couldn't miss them. Maybe I'll give them away."

"You're an awful fool not to get married," said her employer as they drove on. "That is if you've got a good steady fellow that wants you—and I dare say there are plenty."

While she was eating her meager boarding-house luncheon she was called to the telephone. It was from Walter Drew, who sometimes got up courage to call her, knowing that he could find her in at this time. "Hello, Rose," he said in a rather discouraged tone, "I don't suppose you'd want to go out with me tonight. I've had that second-hand car I bought all fixed up. It looks like a thousand dollars—and it's a nice night. Come out for a little spin with me and I'll promise not to talk to you the way I did the last time. Honestly, Rose. It's such a nice day and I thought maybe you'd enjoy it." It was clear from Walter's tone that he was quite prepared for a curt refusal of his invitation. To his surprise Rose said: "I'm awfully glad you asked me. I'd love to go, not so much for the ride as just to see you."

The next morning when Rose was putting on her white uniform at the beauty parlor Madame McPherson did not notice the queer little twinkle in her eyes and the warm glow in her cheeks. "Say, Rose," she said, "I was talking to a girl at the cafeteria where I went to get a bite to eat last night before I did that permanent. She said everything was sold out in the household departments before three in the afternoon. And she was awfully disappointed she didn't get there in time. She's going to get married—and she told me she'd be glad to take anything you had off your hands. I told her about the enamel things and the carpet sweeper and that you wanted to get rid of them. I got her name and phone number in my purse. You can call her up—"

"But I don't believe I want to," said Rose with a blush that Madame McPherson could not fail to observe. "I got to thinking things over—and Walter Drew happened to take me out—and I promised in a way that I'd marry him next month. Maybe if I hadn't bought those things I wouldn't have done it."



## WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON  
(Consolidated Features—WNU Service.)

NEW YORK.—Judging from past performances, any spot where Baron Manfred Von Killinger is operating is a good place to watch for a sanded deck, a pair of trained dice and a buried ace. Such have been the diplomatic paraphernalia of the eminent Nazi statesman who, it is now reported in Europe, will be the new gauleiter, or Hitler straw-boss in Rumania. Lately, foreign correspondence has converged on the idea that Herr Goebbels is faking a possible run-in with Russia and letting word leak out in the Balkans that the Nazis are sending troops to menace Russia, while in reality, he is dealing under the table with Stalin, as usual.

That would be a grand way to dampen American war ardor—this country getting into the war on the side of red Russia. Anything as elaborate and devious as this would be right on Baron Von Killinger's target. With his genius for duplicity and complicated intrigue he would be a marvelous advance agent for just such a grand razzle-dazzle as that.

When Baron Von Killinger was German consul-general at San Francisco, from August, 1937, to January, 1939, Rep. Samuel Dickstein denounced him on the floor of congress as a "Nazi adventurer." On November 6, 1937, the Americanization committee of the American Legion demanded his summary rejection from this country as a spy delivering secrets of the American fleet to his government. He stayed on the job until the Nazis saw fit to recall him, as the war loomed, for more immediately urgent intrigue over there.

He spent nine months in jail, in 1922, on charges of complicity in the murder of the conciliatory Matthias Erzberger. Bullets like those used by the murderers, Schulz and Tillesen, had been found in his possession. He was acquitted and moved through the turbulent years of the Nazi ascendancy to a spot at the right hand of Der Fuehrer. His gift for intrigue was such at some times he ran the ball the wrong way, and during the blood purge of 1934, Hitler put him in a concentration camp and fired him as premier of Saxony.

However, they could find no substitute for his legerdemain and let him out to pick up his old line of mystagogy.

IN 1933, a young man from Pottsville, planting his typewriter on his bed in a New York hall bedroom, rounded out 25,000 words of a book he was writing.

When the Utterly Improbable Does Happen, It's News  
He was down to his last three dollars. He sent unfinished manuscripts to three publishers, with a take-it-or-leave-it, first-come-first-served letter, telling them he would finish the book under a contract which would allow him to live decently while he was working. The next day came three acceptances. Harcourt, Brace was first in line and got the book, "Appointment in Samarra." The author got \$50 a week for the three months and delivered the finished book within four days of the dead-line.

Such was the literary get-way of Young John O'Hara, author of the current hit musical show in New York city, "Pal Joey," the same being one of the most-poisonous portraits of a "heel" ever etched with the steel-point of contempt. The book clicked and in the years between there was the routine stretch at Hollywood, and a series of magazine stories from which the unlabeled portrait of "Pal Joey" gradually emerged.

"Pal Joey" isn't a show to which you would want to take your Aunt Tabitha, but there is a moral in the story of how young John O'Hara began to rise and shine. When he decided to become an author, he swore off liquor, cut smoking down to a minimum, went on a diet and worked a punishing shift, seven days a week. He is tall, personable and gathers his garlands and his royalties at the age of 35.

IF HE can't buck a blizzard of an avalanche, a Grade A war would do nicely for big, bucko William F. Carey, New York commissioner of sanitation, on leave with the defense commission to shove through army cantonment construction. He says the building needs bucking up a lot, but it will all come through. We saw him win the Culebra cut steam-shovel record for dirt removal when he was helping to build the Panama canal. He has built railroads, dams, canals, roads, bridges and what not, pretty nearly all over.



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Set it down as a fact to which there are no exceptions, that we must labor for all that we have, and that nothing is worth possessing, or offering to others, which costs us nothing.—John Todd.

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**PERSONAL**

Mrs. Z. W. Daniel of Athens, Tex., visited the latter part of last week with her brother, J. B. McWilliams, and family.

Pinky Plunk transacted business in Amarillo Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Grow, and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Yates were visitors in Texhoma Sunday.

Emmett Turner, Amarillo, spent the week end in Stratford.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Plunk are

the parents of a 7 1-2 pound son born in Loretto hospital last Thursday.

Roy Worley, Texhoma, has accepted a temporary position with the County AAA office.

Rentie Hamilton, Stevens, transacted business here Tuesday.

Wade Turner, Amarillo barber student, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kelp and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kelp, Hot Springs, New Mexico, were here for a visit with relatives Saturday and Sunday. Howard Gibbons returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bennett and daughters left Saturday morning for a visit in Brownfield, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Diehl, were business visitors in Lubbock Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Foster and daughter, Peggy, who are now located in Lamar, Colorado, visited a short time with his mother, Mrs. C. R. Foster, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Mullican, Amarillo, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mullican.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Rogers and sons spent the week end in Kansas with his parents.

Miss Oleta Gilley returned last Thursday from a visit with her father in Denison, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. O'Brien visited Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Waters in Dalhart Saturday.

Mrs. E. Hillenburg, who has been here making a historical survey, has been transferred to Channing.

Mrs. E. D. Ritchie visited her husband in Dalhart Wednesday.

Earl Riffe motored to Amarillo Saturday to bring his wife and daughter, Linda Ann, home.

Mrs. E. Hill is confined to her home with the flu this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Hailey and Miss Eudora Farris were week end guests of his parents in Dalhart.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Highbottom have been on the sick list this week with the flu.

Mrs. J. D. McDaniel, Miss Osié McDaniel and Mrs. J. W. Flores were visitors in Amarillo Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ross had as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Lankester, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Condon and Mr. Munzer, Canyon, Texas, last Thursday.

Mrs. Sallie V. McAdams and Randolph visited her daughter, Mrs. Gene Foster and Mr. Foster Sunday afternoon in Dalhart.

Delmer Schafer, student in business college in Amarillo, spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. L. V. Schafer.

Mrs. J. R. Alexander and son, Bobby, Gruver, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. O'Brien.

Mr. and Mrs. Burk Green visited with her brother and family near Clayton, New Mexico over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Reeder, Perryton, were Sunday guests of their daughter, Mrs. Lester Plunk and Mr. Plunk.

Mrs. Lacy Fedric and daughters were Dalhart visitors Saturday

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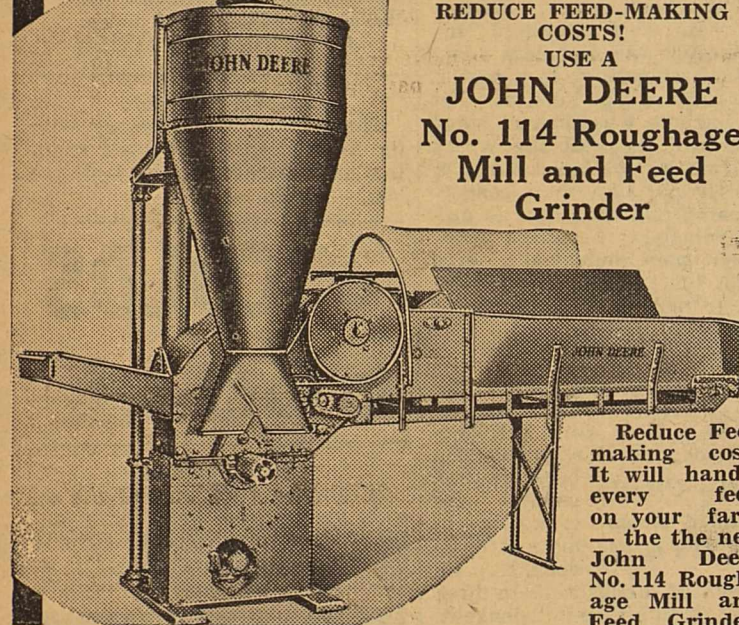
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Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Foster and daughter, Peggy, who are now located in Lamar, Colorado, visited a short time with his mother, Mrs. C. R. Foster, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Mullican, Amarillo, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mullican.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Rogers and sons spent the week end in Kansas with his parents.

Miss Oleta Gilley returned last Thursday from a visit with her father in Denison, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. O'Brien visited Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Waters in Dalhart Saturday.

Mrs. E. Hillenburg, who has been here making a historical survey, has been transferred to Channing.

Mrs. E. D. Ritchie visited her husband in Dalhart Wednesday.

Earl Riffe motored to Amarillo Saturday to bring his wife and daughter, Linda Ann, home.

Mrs. E. Hill is confined to her home with the flu this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Hailey and Miss Eudora Farris were week end guests of his parents in Dalhart.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Highbottom have been on the sick list this week with the flu.

Mrs. J. D. McDaniel, Miss Osié McDaniel and Mrs. J. W. Flores were visitors in Amarillo Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ross had as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Lankester, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Condon and Mr. Munzer, Canyon, Texas, last Thursday.

Mrs. Sallie V. McAdams and Randolph visited her daughter, Mrs. Gene Foster and Mr. Foster Sunday afternoon in Dalhart.

Delmer Schafer, student in business college in Amarillo, spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. L. V. Schafer.

Mrs. J. R. Alexander and son, Bobby, Gruver, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. O'Brien.

Mr. and Mrs. Burk Green visited with her brother and family near Clayton, New Mexico over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Reeder, Perryton, were Sunday guests of their daughter, Mrs. Lester Plunk and Mr. Plunk.

Mrs. Lacy Fedric and daughters were Dalhart visitors Saturday

**BAPTIST CHURCH**

(J. H. Dean, Pastor)

Sunday School 10:00 A. M.

Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.

Subject: If a Man Die, Shall he Live Again?

Training Union 6:00 P. M.

Evening Worship 7:00 P. M. subject: Carrying on For Jesus.

"Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy" by reading God's word.

**Church Of Christ**

Bible Study 10:00 A. M.

Preaching Service 10:50 A. M.

Communion Service 11:45 A. M.

Young People's Bible Study 6:30 P. M.

Evening Service 7:30 P. M.

Mid Week Services Thursday 7:00 P. M.

Subject for Sunday morning preaching service will be The Kingdom, A. C. Huff, speaker.

All services will be in the Davis building between the Printing office and the gas company office until further notice.

"Forsake not the assemble of yourselves together upon the first day of the week as the manner of some is."

Everybody is invited to all services.

**Christian Church**

(L. B. Chaffin, Minister)

Bible School 10:00 A. M., J. R. Pendleton Superintendent.

Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.

Junior Endeavor 6:00 P. M., Mrs. C. R. Bomer Sponsor.

Intermediate Endeavor 6:00 P. M., Mrs. S. J. Calvird sponsor.

Senior Endeavor 6:15 P. M., R. C. Buckles Sponsor.

Evening Worship 7:00 P. M.

Choir practice Wednesday 7:00

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**Spurlock Club Has First '41 Meeting**

The Spurlock Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Eugene Hudson last Thursday with the agent in charge.

Consideration of the parents for the children, and the respect of the children for the parents was the theme of Miss Martin's talk.

Finance and fun should be discussed freely with the children among the family board, if the true spirit of cooperation is to prevail in the home, continued Miss Martin.

She also stressed the fun and clean entertainment of the old fashioned taffy pulls and popping corn. (How well your reporter remembers long, long ago, of older brothers and sisters, and their friends at taffy pulls, corn all over the floor, and taffy on the door knobs. Its a sweet memory to me, and did they have fun.)

We also had round table discussions at the close of the lesson, which brought out the high lights of many a family circle.

Our books are all filled out now and ready for work, a committee of three was appointed by the president, and the leaders of the various lessons have been named. Come to club and get your book, and learn early what your lesson will be on. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Meritt Sweny on January 23. Please be present. Visitors are welcome.

**VELORA HANAH G. A.**

The Girls Auxillary met January 13 in the home of Mrs. B. Blake.

An interesting discussion was made over the first chapter of our mission study book.

Delicious refreshments of hot cocoa and sandwiches were enjoyed by Dorothy Nell McWilliams, Leta Faye Taylor, Maxine Blake, Billie Merle McWilliams, Marilyn Cooper, Marcie McWilliams, Ellen McBlake, Mrs. Joe Brown, Donny Blake, and the hostess, Mrs. Blake.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 20, at 7:00 P. M. The meeting place will be announced later.

All old and new members please come and bring some one else with you as we are always glad to have visitors.

**Friendship Club Resumes Meetings**

Friendship Club members and guests met January 2 at the home of Mrs. H. C. Borth.

Those present for the pleasant afternoon were Mesdames George Bradley, K. C. Borth, Elmer Summeror, Raymond Borth, Roscoe Dyess, Kenneth Pickens, Elmer Summeror of Conlen, and the hostess.

The club met Wednesday with Mrs. George Bradley.

**Mary Spurlock Circle Entertained By Mrs. Cummings**

The Mary Spurlock Circle met at the home of Mrs. J. G. Cummings for a pleasant afternoon of business, study, and social enjoyment.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Cummings. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. James Cameron. During the business session several topics of interest were discussed and voted upon.

Mr. Eustler read the devotional. Mrs. Thompson led the prayer.

Mrs. Harding gave an interesting talk about the Migrant Youth of America. Mrs. Thompson gave a review of the three month study on the Up Rooted Americans and the Work of the Church among these unfortunate people. At the close of the meeting, a lovely shower was given to the hostess as a new form of Pollyanna presents.

Lovely refreshments of sandwiches, pie and coffee were served to the following visitors and members: Mesdames Thompson, Crutchfield, Buster, Foster, Harding, Keenan, E. Cummings, Cameron, Bolster, McWilliams, Z. W. Daniel and W. T. Noblitt, and the hostess, Mrs. Cummings.

**Embroidery Club Met With Mrs. O'Brien**

The Embroidery Club met at the home of Mrs. W. G. O'Brien last Thursday. A jolly good time was had by everyone, and at the close of the afternoon a delicious lunch was served to the following members: Mesdames J. C. O'Brien, E. W. Butler, Earl Shirik, G. Batterson, E. J. Massie, Roy Allen, Sam Calvird, Dortch, Robinson, Kelly, G. L. Taylor, Wheeler, Tim Flores, and the hostess.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Royal Pendleton.

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**Questions Solicited  
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Stratford's Parent Teacher Association will sponsor a box social, amateur program and quiz for the kids with cash awards February 18.

Questions suitable for grade or high school students are solicited from local people and may be filled with Superintendent Guy B. Taber or Mrs. Nelle Alexander.

Entrants for the amateur program should register with Mrs. Van Boston or Mrs. C. R. Bonar. The three winners will be privileged to perform at the theater.

**T. B. TEST  
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and herds of others who may desire his services. The tests will be made free of charge for parties who have their herds ready for him.

Parties interested should contact the county agent to make arrangements. Molohon is making the visit as routine work to assist in maintaining the county's accredited record.

**Notice For Bids**

Notice is hereby given that at its regular meeting to be held on the 10th day of February A. D. 1941, the Commissioners' Court of Sherman County, will receive applications by persons and corporations, qualified by law, to be designated as depository, for the ensuing two years, of the following funds:

Depository for funds of Sherman County, Texas.

Depository for county school funds of Sherman County, Texas.

Depository for County and District Clerk, trust funds of Sherman County, Texas.

Such applications will be received until 10 o'clock A. M., on said date, when they will be opened and contracts awarded. All applications should be accompanied with certified check in amount provided by law, and be delivered to the County Clerk of Sherman County, Texas.

Dated: this 15th day of January, A. D. 1941.

L. P. HUNTER,  
County Judge, Sherman County,  
Texas.

Jan. 16, 23, 30.

**Golden Cross Society  
Met With Mrs. Dyess**

The Golden Cross Society met in their regular meeting last Wednesday at 2:30 P. M. with Mrs. Roscoe Dyess at the home of Mrs. A. E. Pronger. The meeting was opened by songs and the devotional was conducted by Mrs. Earl Shirk. At a business session, each member present, reported on the Christmas cheer treat that was distributed by the Society. The Bible lesson on last part of Psalms was conducted by Mrs. Arthur Ross, which everyone present took part.

Those present were Mesdames F. B. Mullins, H. M. Brown, Earl Shirk, Percy Pronger, Arthur Ross, Roscoe Dyess and son. The hostess served delicious refreshments. We adjourned to meet February 12 at the home of Mrs. F. B. Mullins with a valentine party and program.

**THE P. T. A. AT WORK**

The P. T. A. met in regular meeting Monday at 3:15 P. M. A very interesting program was given by the 7th grade and a discussion of Social Security. Mrs. A. L. King gave a report on the school lunch room.

The next meeting will be February 3 at 3:15 P. M.

**Farmers Making—**

(Continued from Page 1)

500,000 linear feet of contour furrowing, 42,000 linear feet contour ridging, built 16 dams, 5 wells, removed 6,400 acres prickly pears and moved 25 acres noxious weeds. For carrying out these practices the county will receive approximately \$381,000 for 1940 farm and range program. Four hundred and ninety-five wheat and barley loans were made this year and 780,000 bushels of grain, 134,135 bushels of this was stored on the farm which is a 300 percent increase in farm storage over last year.

Progressiveness of the farmer and ranchmen of this county is reflected in the improvement of farms and homes which dot the county that once was called the dust bowl but has all the prospects

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of a prosperous county again. The determination of the people is evident in the fact that no farmer lost any AAA payment in 1940 for letting his farm become a wind erosion hazard. The financial status, though still strained with some farmers, is reflected by the report of the Farm Security office in Sherman County. The Farm Security Administration has financially assisted 25 farm families in the county in operating loans, subsistence, purchase of capital goods, and in debt adjustment, during the past year and report them in good standing financially.

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**DOES FORD PAY GOOD WAGES?**

HERE ARE SOME FACTS about Ford Labor.

During the year ended November 30th, 1940, the Ford Payroll throughout the United States averaged 113,628 hourly wage earners, not including office employees, students, or executives. They were paid \$185,105,639.12. On this basis, the average annual wage was \$1,629.05.

According to the latest available government figures, the annual average wage of all workers in employment covered by old age insurance law was \$841.00.

If the 45,000,000 workers of this country received the same average wage as Ford employees, they would have had additional wages of more than \$35,000,000,000, thus increasing the national income about 50%. Think what such an increase would mean to the workers of this country and to the American farmer, whose prices are based on the national income.

Wage scales in the Ford Rouge plants are divided into three classifications:

- Unskilled . . . . . Minimum hiring wage . 75c per hour
  - Semi-skilled . . . . . Minimum hiring wage . 80c per hour
  - Skilled . . . . . Minimum hiring wage . 90c per hour
- Higher wages are in consideration of ability and years of service.

Minimum wage scales for unskilled labor at the Rouge plant are the highest in the industry. Top wages for skilled labor compare favorably with, or are higher than, wages in other automobile plants.

Now some facts on Ford labor conditions:

Not only are sanitation and other health conditions the best in the industry, but Ford also leads in safety devices for the protection of employees. Proof of this is found in the following com-

parison of compensation insurance costs:

The national average rate in automotive manufacturing plants as computed by the National Association of Underwriters is in excess of \$1.50 premium on each \$100 payroll. The Ford cost of workmen's compensation is less than 50c.

This indicates that the chance of injury in a Ford plant is much less than in the average automobile plant.

The Ford Motor Company has no age limit for labor, and in fact deliberately attempts to keep older workers working. The average age of Ford workers at the Rouge and nearby plants is 38.7.

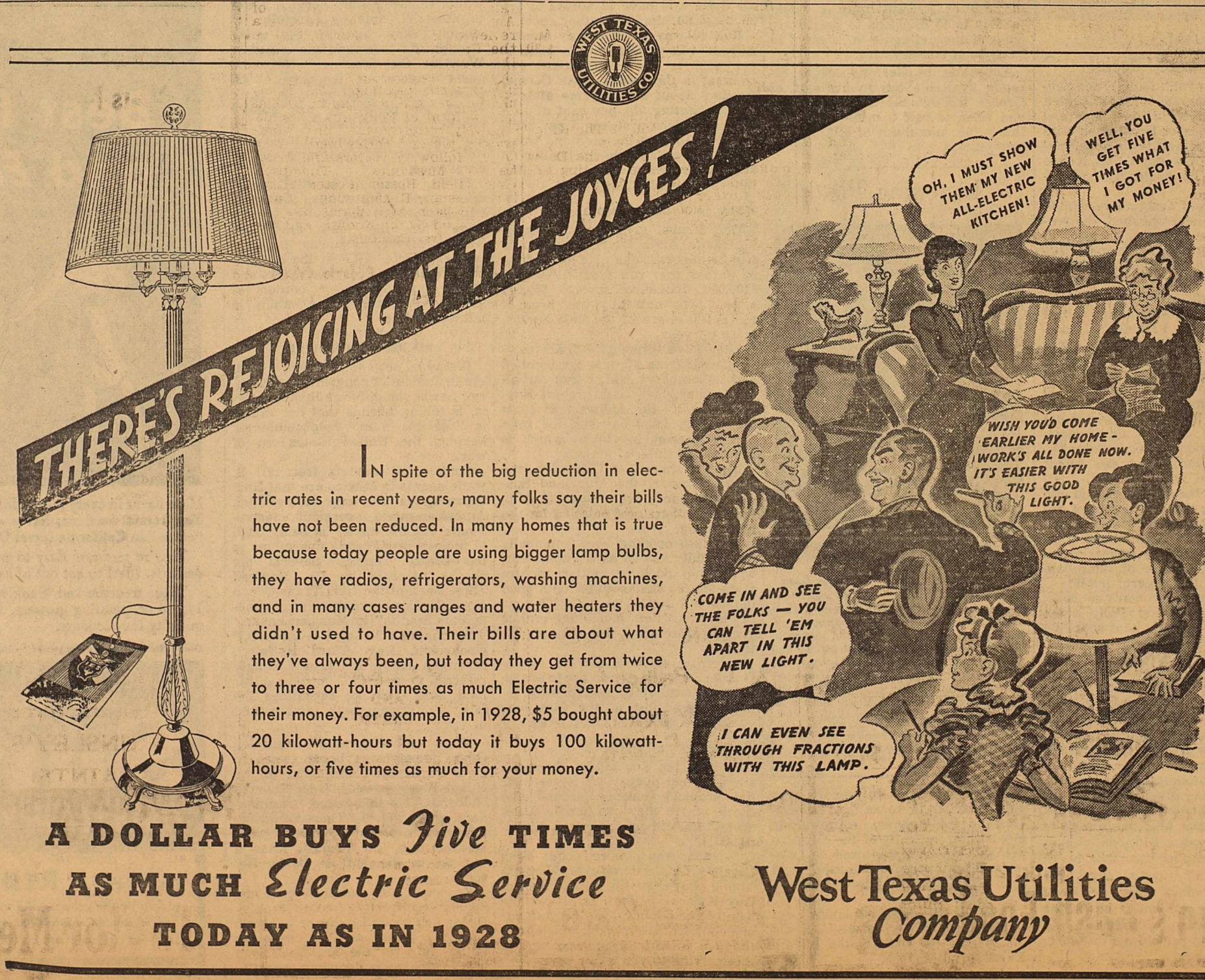
A recent check-up shows that nearly one-half the workers at these Ford plants were 40 or over, falling into these age groups:

- 25,819 between 40 and 50
- 14,731 between 50 and 60
- 3,377 between 60 and 70
- 417 between 70 and 80
- 12 between 80 and 90

In addition to the so-called regular employees, the Ford Motor Company has hired, and now has on the payroll, at the same regular hourly wage, thousands of workers who are blind, crippled or otherwise incapacitated for normal productive work. They are not selected for their ability to build cars or to maintain the plant. They are on the payroll because of Henry Ford's belief that the responsibility of a large company to labor goes beyond the point at which the unfortunate worker can no longer produce profitably.

The above are facts. They are open to anyone who really wants to deal in facts. Anyone who wants to get a job . . . buy a car . . . or place a national defense contract on the basis of fair labor treatment must place Ford at the top of his eligible list.

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COME IN AND SEE THE FOLKS — YOU CAN TELL 'EM APART IN THIS NEW LIGHT.

I CAN EVEN SEE THROUGH FRACTIONS WITH THIS LAMP.

## WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

By Edward C. Wayne

### President Calls for Armaments Drive With Increased Aid for Democracies; Irish Investigate Bombings of Dublin; New Congress Tackles Vital Problems

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

## CONGRESS:

## State of the Nation

Calling upon all U. S. citizens to "make the sacrifices that the emergency—as serious as war itself—demands," President Roosevelt in his personally delivered message to the new Seventy-seventh congress pledged full defense and help for those "... people who are keeping war away from our hemisphere."

He pointed out that he believed the United States to be facing an unprecedented foreign peril and he asked for a "swift and driving increase" in armament production. Both the United States and the "democracies" would reap the benefits of such increased production, according to the President.

"I also ask this congress," said the President, "for authority and for funds sufficient to manufacture additional munitions and war supplies of many kinds, to be turned over to those nations which are now in actual war with aggressor nations." While he did not actually list the nations to which such aid would go it is generally believed that he meant Britain, China and Greece.

President Roosevelt then proceeded to make clear that he did not consider such aid an "act of war even if a dictator should unilaterally



Here is retiring Vice President John N. Garner, as he rapped his gavel calling to order the 77th congress. He will wield the gavel until the new Vice President, Henry Wallace, becomes the senate's presiding officer after his inauguration, January 20.

proclaim it so to be." He stated further that "When the dictators are ready to make war upon us they will not wait for an act of war on our part. They did not wait for Norway or Belgium or the Netherlands to commit an act of war."

He also said that the American people would never "acquiesce in a peace dictated by aggressors and sponsored by appeasers."

## NEW BROOM:

## Gets Sweeping Material

The "old broom," namely the Seventy-sixth congress of the United States, 366 days old, having closed down, its successor found itself with a lot of "sweeping" to be done, and the evidence was plain that it was scheduled to be a stormy and epochal session.

Swearing in of new and re-elected congressmen accomplished, the senate and house hoppers, emptied of all unfinished business, rapidly began filling with the new, and it was plain that the bills would come under three general classes.

There would be bills aimed to test the strength of President Roosevelt's administration, most of them in the form of curbs upon his powers; there would be administration-inspired bills seeking wider aid to Britain and broader powers to rush forward the lagging American national defense; there would be something done about labor, unemployment and relief, what one might call the social relations field.

Rapidly, as the session rushed into its full stride, various figures of importance raised their voices in one or another of these outstanding issues, some expectedly, others to the considerable surprise of their constituents and the general public.

Back of it all the various polls, especially the Gallup Poll, which licks sought to stifle, kept sounding public opinion on moot questions. Eighty per cent of Americans wanted national defense industry speeded up; 54 per cent wanted all aid to England, even if it put the country into war; and so on.

It looked like a race to see whether congress would wag the polls, or if the polls would do the wagging. Outstanding among the early measures was one aimed to curb the President's financial powers, dubbed the anti-inflation bill; one aimed to change the national labor picture through revamping the labor board and creating an appeals "court" for labor; still another urging repeal of the neutrality act and a substitute permitting loans to England; and one that would set old age pensions at \$30 the month



ARCADIA, CALIF.—Santa Anita's \$5,000,000 plant opened one recent Saturday with its million dollars in prize money and some \$40,



Grantland Rice

000,000 waiting for the mutual windows. Santa Anita and Florida together will hang up close to \$2,000,000 in purses this winter, which is more coin than horsemen have ever looked at in the racing game, as far as I can add up the figures.

But the two main topics of interest you run across out this way are the following:

1. How or where can they dig up a horse which can prevent Challedon from cracking Seabiscuit's all-time money record with so much gold to shoot at?

2. Will there be truer racing form in the wake of the recent jockey scandal when so many alert riders were located in the pay of crooked gamblers, who had no trouble picking winners in advance?

This latter system gives the picker, on the inside, a great chance for a mop-up. The main idea is that he can't miss, which is at least financially sound. So those who are on the outside, meaning only 99 per cent, who were badly stung, are now waiting to see what will happen.

Which means that beaten favorites, even those beaten on the straight level, will be regarded with deep suspicion unless the normal average above 35 per cent is maintained.

Around the East this favorite average was dropping down to something like 25 per cent or less— or the size of your hat. Don't think the East was any too pure.

## This Jockey Stuff

I can say this much. In Jerry Geisler, California has one of the best and smartest chairmen of a racing commission the sport has ever known. He is both completely honest and just as able.

With sportsmen such as Carleton Burke and others on the lookout, Santa Anita has built up every known precaution against cheating. It will take an extra shrewd manipulator or an extra clever jockey to open some new form of chiseling.

There is nearly always chiseling in racing, wrestling and the fight game. They just happen to be built along those lines, in so many ways. It's a vital part of the trade—like politics.

It so happens that racing has the widest gap of all—the drop from such sportsmen as Al Vanderbilt, Carleton Burke, Charley Howard, Bill Boering and many others to jockeys and a few trainers, who happened to be lured by the fragrant odor of easy, if tainted, cash.

Racing is a thrilling sport. On the average it carries far more thrills for those who have \$2 across or \$10 on the nose, than any other sport.

It is no way to make any money. Anyone who thinks he can beat 12 per cent is what you might call comical in the cupola. Ask Colonel Bradley about the extreme difficulties of beating 5½ per cent at roulette. Or even a steady 4 per cent.

But as long as the men and women, the boys and the girls, like to have their whirl, why try to stop them? You can't, anyhow.

## Back to Santa Anita

Doc Strube, general manager of the Santa Anita track, figures this will be his best year. He has a flock of purses that run from \$10,000 to \$100,000, including several \$50,000 tests. This naturally has brought out a full share of the best horses, in an off year.

They have brought in crack thoroughbreds from all over the bombed and unbombed world to run for all this money, including three of England's best. St. Andrews II from the British Isles has run the mile and a quarter in 1:59½, which is motorcycle time.

But the shadow of Challedon, the Brann Blaster, the Maryland Special, still hangs over Kayak II, Mioland and others now pointing for the main swag.

The 1940 opening was technically or officially known as a gala event, wherein a flock of motion picture stars shared the spotlight with good horses and more than 3,000,000 flower blooms, not including orange groves shadowing the rim of the track.

Inspiring as these flowers, mountains and orange groves are to arguement tourists, they are merely incidental to most of the fans who come here to watch the horses.

## Track Surroundings

I could tell you again about the snow-capped peaks that hover over the tropical blooms around the track, where they can handle 60,000 spectators without too much crowding.

I could write more about Bing Crosby, Louis B. Mayer, Loretta Young, Pat O'Brien, Joe E. Brown, Guy Kibbee—in fact, about all the beauty and chivalry, all the glamour and oomph of Hollywood, which I can tell you is strictly unimportant to those trying to win a few bets.



Washington, D. C.

## HITLER REPORTED TO FEAR U. S. INTERVENTION

In talks with his close advisers recently, the President has revealed a much more confident opinion of the outcome of the war in Europe.

This conference rests partly upon the belief that Hitler, and Nazi officials generally, are greatly worried over the possible entry of the United States into the war, and are acquiring a genuine respect for what the United States is accomplishing in the way of national defense.

Hitler, Roosevelt has told his friends, had the greatest scorn for Britain under Chamberlain, and for France. For some time, also, Hitler had the same idea about the United States. The President confides that as far as he has been able to ascertain, Hitler regarded him just as another Chamberlain.

But now intelligence reports from Germany indicate that Hitler's opinion of the United States has changed to one of respect and even fear. Roosevelt plans to make the most of this psychological factor, and believes that sending every possible aid to Britain, short of war, will help to do it. He believes this can be done without getting into war, though he acknowledges privately that it carries risks.

Most risky American project would be to convoy merchant ships across the Atlantic, and so far Roosevelt has refused to commit himself, though this is what the British need most desperately. However, some of his advisers continue to be strongly for it, and believe they have made a dent on the President.

What they argue is this: The United States cannot be attacked as long as the war continues to rage in Europe and the British fleet remains afloat. Therefore, since we cannot be attacked, we can get into the war to any degree we like—without sending an expeditionary force.

Should Germany declare war on the United States, these Roosevelt advisers urge, we can merely continue with our present support to Britain. Business would proceed about as usual, since the Nazis would be powerless to cross the Atlantic to attack the United States—at least until Great Britain fails. Up until that time, they figure that declaring war on the United States would be about the last thing the Nazis could do.

## GUARDING THE PRESIDENT

No public appearance of the President receives more elaborate advance precautions than when he makes a speech or attends a dinner in a hotel. Secret Service men virtually turn the place inside out.

If you should happen to be registered at the hotel, the Secret Service men will find out all about you, your business in the city, where you came from and where you are going. Here is the procedure for guarding the President when he arrives:

The day before he is to appear, White House Secret Service Chief Edmund W. Starling carefully inspects every foot of the route through the hotel and the chamber used for the meeting. Next the guest register is inspected. All guests whom hotel officials can't vouch for personally are quietly checked up by Starling's men. In addition, the management must submit complete information about all employees.

If the President is attending a dinner, and extra waiters are needed, Secret Service agents get a "line" on the ones employed. Sleuths, dressed as guests, are strategically posted all over the banquet hall. When the President enters and leaves an "invisible" cordon of guards surrounds him. Nothing is left to chance.

## MERRY-GO-ROUND

It may be news to isolationist leaders in and out of congress, but Kathryn Lewis, daughter of John L. Lewis, is telling friends that her father is "the one man" responsible for keeping the United States out of war.

Confidential reports from U. S. trade agents in Mexico are that Nazi Germany is not only underselling American-made surgical instruments but the money is being used to finance propaganda operations in the United States. Several big checks received by Dr. Manfred Zapp, head of the Nazi Trans-Ocean News Service, were drawn on "propaganda credits" in Mexican banks.

Among his colleagues in the G.O.P. cloakroom, Rep. Clare Hoffman, Michigan anti-laborite, is jestingly referred to as "Will" because of his fond fancy that he resembles the late Will Rogers both facially and in wit.

When ex-heavyweight champion Gene Tunney was being sworn in as a lieutenant commander of the Naval Reserve, Maj. Gen. Thomas Holcomb, Marine Corps commandant, wisecracked, "Once a marine, always a marine." Tunney was a "leatherneck" in France, later a captain in the Marine Corps Reserve.

Roosevelt's second Supreme court appointee, courtly Justice Stanley Reed, has caused a lot of eyebrow raising in inner New Deal circles by lining up with the anti-New Deal bloc in four major decisions recently.

### Here's a Change From Old Stand-Bys: Cereal Cookies; So Tasty, Low in Cost

DID you ever hear of a "cereal"? No, it's not a breakfast food. It's the festival that the ancient Romans staged every year in honor of Ceres, Goddess of the Grains. You can have a cereal of your own; a Cookie Cerealia, for when it comes to turning out those batches of cookies, there's nothing that adds so much taste and variety at such a low cost as the well-known morning cereal.

Nice part about making cereal cookies is that the cereal is already cooked and tested in the manufacturer's ovens. All you need to do is mix it in according to directions. But nicer still are the gorgeous-tasting delicacies that you can produce from just ordinary, every-day corn flakes and the like. Sort of a change from the old stand-bys, the sand-tarts and ginger snaps.

## Bran Butterscotch Cookies.

1 cup butter 1 cup all-bran  
2 cups brown sugar 3 cups flour  
1 egg 2 teaspoons baking powder

Cream butter; add sugar gradually and beat until light and fluffy. Add egg and beat well. Stir in all-bran. Sift flour with baking powder and work into first mixture, a small amount at a time.

Knead and shape into rolls about 1½ inches in diameter; wrap in waxed paper, covering ends so that dough will not dry out. Store in refrigerator until firm. Cut into thin slices and bake on ungreased cookie sheet in moderately hot oven (425 degrees F.) about 10 minutes.

Yield: 7½ dozen cookies (2 inches in diameter).

Note: One tablespoon water or milk may be added to dough if it is difficult to shape into rolls.

## New Zealand Corn Flake Kisses.

½ cup butter 1 teaspoon baking powder  
1 cup sugar ½ teaspoon salt  
1 egg 1 cup finely cut dates  
1½ cups flour ½ cup corn flake crumbs

Cream butter and sugar thoroughly; add egg and beat until fluffy. Sift flour with baking powder and salt; add to first mixture along with dates. Mix well. Roll one teaspoon of mixture in corn

flake crumbs and flatten down on greased cookie sheet. Bake in slow oven (325 degrees F.) about 20 minutes. Remove from pan while warm.

## Minicmeal Hermits.

¾ cup butter 1½ teaspoons cinnamon  
1½ cups sugar 1 teaspoon cloves  
2 eggs ½ teaspoon mace  
¾ cup all-bran ½ teaspoon nutmeg  
3½ cups flour 1 teaspoon salt  
2 teaspoons baking powder 1 cup minicmeal

Blend butter and sugar thoroughly; add egg and beat well. Add milk and all-bran. Sift flour with remaining dry ingredients and add to first mixture; mix well and chill. Roll dough to about ¼ inch thickness on lightly floured board and cut into rounds. Place teaspoonful of minicmeal on one round, cover with second and press edges together. Bake on greased baking sheet in moderately hot oven (400 degrees F.) for about 12 minutes.

## Peppies.

¾ cup shortening ¼ cups flour  
1 cup sugar ½ teaspoon salt  
2 eggs 1 teaspoon soda  
1 cup molasses 1 teaspoon ginger  
1 cup vitamin-enriched wheat 1 teaspoon cinnamon  
flakes ½ cup sour cream

Blend shortening and sugar thoroughly. Add well beaten eggs, molasses and wheat flakes. Sift flour with salt, soda and spices; add alternately to first mixture with cream. Chill thoroughly. Roll to ½-inch thickness; cut and bake on greased baking sheet in moderate oven (375 degrees F.) about 20 minutes.

## Orange and Lemon Cookies.

(Makes about 5 dozen cookies)

1 cup sugar ¾ cups flour (sifted)  
¾ cup orange juice 2 teaspoons baking powder  
¼ cup lemon juice 1 teaspoon ginger  
1 teaspoon lemon peel (grated) ½ teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon orange peel (grated)

Mix sugar and fruit juices well. Add grated peel, dry ingredients and melted butter. Stir well. Dough should be firm enough to roll. Roll very thin and cut with fancy cutter in various shapes. Bake on a greased sheet in a moderately hot oven (375 degrees) for about 10 minutes, or until lightly browned on the edges.



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## IRELAND:

## On War's Brink

Aerial war reports were featured by a small but continued bombing of neutral Ireland, and George Bernard Shaw rushed an interview over the cables saying that either Britain or Hitler would get Ireland into the war somehow before long.

Hitler, said Shaw, wants Ireland in on the Axis side, to give him a possible landing site for aerial invaders. England wants Ireland actively in on the British side to give her good naval bases and a better defense against submarine activities in the eastern Atlantic.

Investigation of the bombs that dropped at first seemed to indicate that the Germans were attempting to line the Irish coast with magnetic mines and that some of them had inadvertently landed inshore.

This, however, was not borne out, for later bombs were not of the marine type, and then came a full daylight raider, with no excuse for missing, and popped one or two right into the streets of Dublin.

Examination of the bombs showed them to be German manufacture. The Axis, both Rome and Berlin, immediately leaped into print claiming that the bombs had been taken from downed planes by the British, who had been calmly bombing her neighbor, trying to get the Irish mad enough to declare war on Germany.

## GREEKS:

## Still on Move

Despite the rumbling thunder of Germans about to swoop through Bulgaria toward Salonika, the Greek armies, facing worst blizzards in Albanian history, continued to move forward, but more slowly in the face of stiffening Fascist resistance.

Chief gains were made on the southwestern front, but gains were reported in all sectors. Interesting were the dispatches telling of how Italians were taking to skis with disastrous results, and how Italian mechanized forces were bogging down.

Picture editors in this country continued to get dozens of photos of Italians surrendering, one of the captions even saying that when a cameraman happened not to be present at one "surrender scene," the Fascist troops obligingly posed for the picture when one finally showed up.

"Tirana by Christmas" did not materialize, and the Italian stiffer resistance did—but there was continued evidence that if the Greeks were to be beaten back and Italy kept in the war, German planes and German troops would have it to do.

Hitler's statement, made when he was "mad" with Italy before her entrance into the war on the eve of the fall of France, that it would take 10 to 15 divisions to keep Italy going if she did come in, seemed to have been conservative.

Estimates of German troops already available for an invasion of Greece through the Bulgarian door had risen to half a million, or four times the maximum of Hitler's estimate.

## 'Listening Post'



NEW YORK.—John G. Paine (standing), general manager of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, is shown with Dave Stamper, well-known composer, at one of the machines used to record all radio broadcasts so that any infringement of ASCAP copyrights may be detected. In the midst of a bitter fight with radio broadcasters over royalty payments ASCAP officials are taking no chances on missing tunes on the air.

## FOREIGN BRIEFS:

LONDON.—British report that since October 15, more than a dozen German infantrymen, representing eight different units of the German army, have been captured on British soil. They called them the "first men of the invasion army" to reach England alive.

ROME.—The Axis will knock England out of the war before U. S. aid can arrive for Britain, the Lavoro Fascista prophesied.

# Kathleen Norris Says:

Upon Taking Things as They Are

(Bell Syndicate—WNU Service.)



If he is thoroughly alienated by years of being just a bill-paying boarder in his own house, she finds that the neat selfish little scheme she has built up is a house of cards and that she is being forced to join the ranks of the divorced.

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

WHEN a woman writes me that after so many years of marriage—three or ten or fifteen, she and her husband have made the dismal discovery that they have absolutely nothing in common, that they are beginning to jar terribly on each others nerves, that without wishing each other any ill, they can no longer live together in anything but continual repression, discomfort and utter futility, then I know that she—or he, or both of them—are exhibiting a lack of character and common sense.

It is quite different when serious matters are influencing either one. Intemperance, cruelty, infidelity may be valid grounds for the breaking up of homes and the separation of children, although in the last-mentioned case I have always thought divorce too high a price to pay for temporary weakness and vanity.

But when it is just a general lessening of affection, glamour, companionship, mutual satisfaction in being together, it means that one or the other has let go. Has stopped the pleasantness that is friendship in marriage, the eagerness to discuss plans, the readiness to forgive trifling mistakes, the old honeymoon anxiety to be generous and considerate and loving.

Once these are lost, they are hard to recapture. It can be done. But the wiser way is never to lose them.

#### Husband's Position Parallels Child's.

That a husband is in much the child's position is a simple truth that many wives fail to grasp. Coldness, sharpness of voice, scolding, indifference, putting the feelings or the comfort of other persons first—her family, her old friends, herself—begins the trouble. Then when his affections wander, and when she suddenly senses that she no longer comes first with him, it avails her very little to reproach him, to ask pathetically how she has failed him. She has kept his house and borne his child and never been unfaithful and given him the best years of her life, she protests. What more did he expect?

But if he is thoroughly alienated by years of being just a bill-paying boarder in his own house, with a wife whose interests run entirely to her own beauty, bridge lunches, matinees with the girls, friends he does not know or does not like, she finds—as thousands of women find every year, that the neat selfish little scheme she has built up is a house of cards and that she is being forced to join the ranks of the divorced.

#### Dislike Divorce.

Most women hate the idea of divorce. They suffer bitterly with loneliness, once marriage is dissolved, and they suffer more when they realize that a second marriage means life with another man just as faulty as the first, and the fearful problem of the children's loyalties and their happiness thrown in.

The moral of which is that it would pay many a woman to check up on her marriage now. It would pay her to determine that life was going to be lived at least half the time on George's terms. That the weary man of the house was going to be in for a little spoiling. That what he says at dinner tonight is going to have an attentive and interested answer; that his views upon lowered household expenditures and a

#### HAPPINESS IN MARRIAGE

"Take marriage seriously," Kathleen Norris urges married couples. She advises them not to presume upon the affection of their mates for their own selfish ends, because this will gradually destroy the mutual bonds that hold them together. Miss Norris adds that it would pay many a woman to check up on her marriage now before she unconsciously alienates her husband and destroys both their lives.

slightly stricter rule for the son and heir are going to be respected.

In some families a man and a woman have reached the point when whatever is suggested by the one is violently antagonistic to the other. It never occurs to either to give way. The effect of this upon children is incalculably bad.

#### Wants First Husband Back.

"I have been terribly unfortunate in my marriages," writes an Iowa woman. "My first was at 17, my oldest girl being born before I was 18. Her father was very young and irresponsible, as everyone else but myself seemed to know, and we were immediately divorced. Two years later I married a very fine fellow, but five years afterward he had the misfortune to be injured in the head, and was placed in an institution. Having then two little girls to provide for, I married for a home—a silly mistake, but I was desperate. A son was born of this marriage, but owing to actual injuries inflicted on me by a jealous, unreasonable husband he was unable to develop like other children and is a semi-invalid to this day. Divorced two years later, I made a comfortable home for myself and my children but was obliged to sue for my late husband's estate for their support when my son was five years old.

"It was then I met my first husband, who had gone away from our town, put himself through medical school by his own efforts, and obtained a really fine position. My youthful folly in insisting on a divorce cost me very dear, for the old attraction is still strong in us both, and Cal has a wife and two little sons. What I am writing to ask you is whether I still have any claim on him, as in some states our divorce would not be considered legal. If he were free I believe I could win him back."

And she sends me a sheaf of documents to prove that her marriage while she was not of age and his letters protesting against the divorce and other complicated details constitute illegality. The pity of it! At 32, burdened with an invalid child and two daughters, she would step back into Cal's life to destroy it, ruin the happiness of his wife and sons, and once more complicate her own existence, this time beyond all hope of recovery.

#### Patience-Mutual Confidence Needed.

Seventeen is too young for marriage. But many a marriage begun in the teens has proved a success, nevertheless, and obviously this one might have been. Patience and mutual confidence and a little help from the grownups would have carried Cal and Sally safely through. Infinite mischief and suffering would have been averted, and possibly a houseful of fine children would have held both man and wife in safety. As it is, I'm not advising Sally.

For one thing, she wouldn't pay the slightest attention to advice. She must follow her willful and mischievous path to the end. But I do ask other wives to look before they leap to the divorce courts; see what you can do with the material in hand before you involve yourself in even more complicated troubles.



#### LET'S THINK SANELY ON DEFENSE STEPS

AMERICA SHOULD, and must, prepare for possible war, but why should we become hysterical about it? Why not do the job in a sane way, by progressive steps? Why not push ahead on the production of pants, shoes, rifles, cannon, airplanes, ammunition and everything our soldiers will need? Why confine the production of these things by taking the men who are trained to make them out of industry before they are made, before there is anything with which to equip and train soldiers?

Why upset the industry we so badly need by taking out the men capable of production, or by threatening to take them out?

Why disturb the father of a family with a day-to-day threat of a call to the colors, when that father of a family, that bread winner, will be more valuable to the nation as a producer than as a soldier without equipment?

If we must train men, why not take those of 19 to 21 years who are not yet proficient in industry? There are a million such young men available every year. They are the men who will fight our battles, if any, five years from now. They are the men who can be spared now with the least possible disruption to American industrial production.

A little sane thinking and less hysteria right now will be productive of results should war come in the future, as it may.

#### PRODUCTION IS RESULT OF THREE AGENCIES

PRODUCTION in America employs three distinct and necessary ingredients. It employs labor, the work of men's heads and hands, and in America it is the privilege of each one of us to engage in such production effort as, in our judgment, offers the best opportunities, the largest or most permanently assured dividends for the work of head or hands we put into it.

Production employs capital with which to provide tools with which labor will work, the buildings, machines, land and materials needed. That capital is provided by the you's and me's of America who have frugally saved our pennies, dimes and dollars that we may invest them in tools in such enterprises as, in our judgment, offer the least element of chance of losing our savings and the best assurance of continued dividends as compensation for the use of those savings.

Production employs management—men with executive ability to bring labor and tools together and to keep them operating, to find markets for what is produced. At all times in America there exists for each of us the opportunity of a place in management if and when we demonstrate that executive ability which would make us of value to labor—those who work with head or hands, and to capital—the savings of frugal you's and me's of America.

Production is the result of these three ingredients applied to the farm, factory, mine and transportation.

That is but the simple A. B. C. of the American system of free competition, the American way of life, under the operation of which we have become the most prosperous people in the world, with the most equitable distribution of wealth. Is it a better system than the totalitarianism of Europe? I know it is.

Of the dividends paid by production in America, labor receives 70 per cent of each dollar for which the products are sold. The second partner—capital—gets 4 per cent. Management gets only 2 per cent, and taxes, insurance, etc., take 24 per cent.

#### RECALLING THE BATTLE OF NORWAY

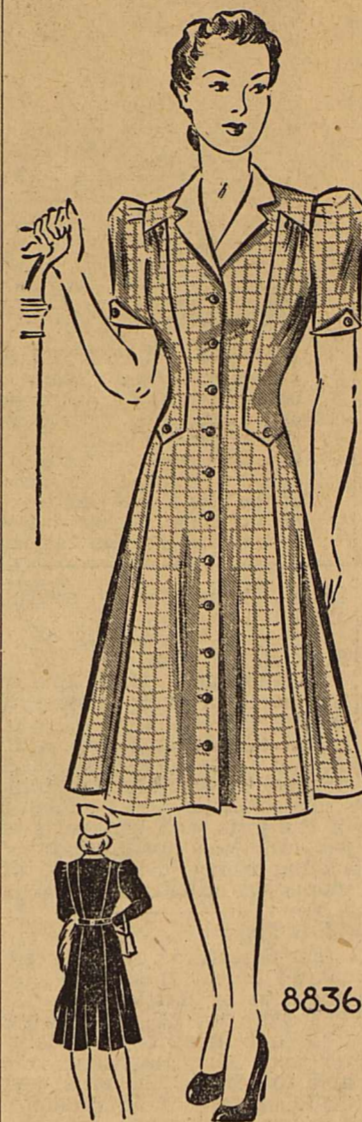
MAJOR BURG, head of the municipal government of the little city of Narvik, Norway, at the time of the German invasion, told me that when the town was the battleground between the invading Germans and the Norwegian and English forces, 70,000 were killed in the fight.

The major had been condemned to be shot by the Germans but escaped over the mountains to Sweden, then through Russia and Siberia to America. In Narvik he was a young lawyer, not over 35. He left a wife and small daughter, who escaped to the far north and were still living there several months ago when he last heard from them. He insists Norway will again be a free nation.

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##### The Questions

1. What is the population of Greece?
2. What standards are used by the Bureau of the Census in computing the number of illiterates in the country?
3. Under what conditions may a private in the U. S. army wed?
4. What does a panegyric piece of writing do?
5. "Now God be praised, I die happy" are the dying words of what general?
6. President Andrew Johnson escaped impeachment by how many votes?

##### The Answers

1. The population of Greece is 6,204,684.
2. The Bureau of the Census rules that any person 10 years of age or older who cannot read or write in any language is an illiterate.
3. With his commanding officer's permission.
4. A panegyric piece of writing elaborately praises.
5. James Wolfe (after his victory at Quebec).
6. One. The vote was 35 to 19; a two-thirds majority was necessary for conviction.

# Smiles

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Waiter—Well, sir, it was just ground this morning.

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Frank—There is nothing that can surpass the warmth of a woman's love.  
Jack—Oh, yes there is—the heat of her temper.



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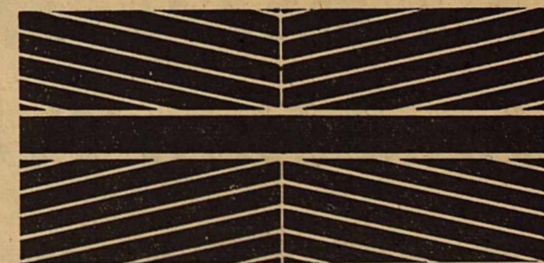
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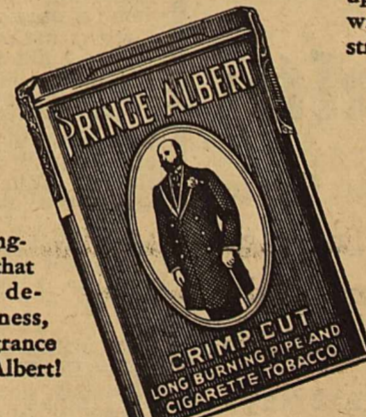
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### LET'S START OVER

By the time another issue of The Duster makes its appearance, a new semester will have begun. The first one will be past history—a history, however, that must definitely affect future history. Many students, looking back, find pages they would like to rewrite; it is too late. Many find that they have failed to make their credits for the first one-half of the school year and knowing that they could have done so had they started working in time, are tortured by regrets; regrets are futile.

With the beginning of a new semester the student who has failed in one way or another faces a choice between two paths. He may refuse to look the facts squarely in

the face, thinking that because he has perhaps really worked the last two or three weeks and has crammed diligently for final examinations, he has done his best—forgetting that he loafed through the first twelve or fifteen weeks. This attitude tends to discourage further effort, and he will find himself at the end of the year with a whole instead of a half year of lost credit. On the other hand, he may be honest with himself, face the fact that he simply did not work hard enough (we do not believe that we have in our high school anyone who is not capable of learning), and begin the new semester with a determination to do his best from the first day to the last. The student who chooses this path and follows it will lose no more half years along the way to his destination.

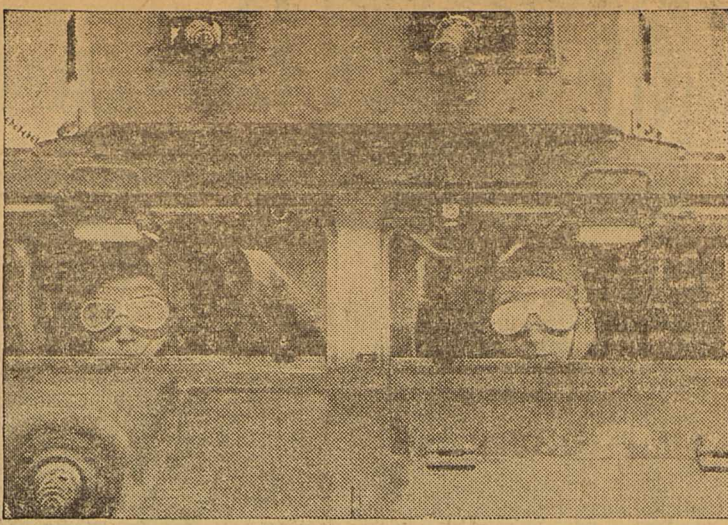
The past is gone; you can't change it. The future is yours; you can make of it what you will. Make your motto for this semester "Anything that is worth doing is worth doing well; therefore I will do my best."

### NOTE OF THANKS

The P. T. A. wishes to thank again all of those who have helped in the lunch room during the past weeks. Lack of sufficient help would have made it impossible to operate the lunch room had it not been for the loyal support of some of our mothers.

Should anyone entertain the slightest doubt as to the value of these lunches, he would need only to visit our school between the hours of 11:15 A. M. and 12:30 while lunches are being served to an average of 200 children to undergo a radical change of opinion. The help problem has not yet been solved; therefore we are still dependent upon the help of pa-

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### R. O. H. REPORT

Twenty-one R. O. H. girls met at the home of their sponsor on Wednesday, January 8. After a short business meeting, a discussion of kinds of hobbies and of hobbies for profit was presented by Ermalee Bonar and Lois James. All of the girls who had parts on the program were not present, so after having some delicious refreshments, we adjourned.

### YEA, TEAM!

The Stratford boys suffered their second defeat this season by getting beat by Hartley last Friday. The score was 29-24. Two Stratford first string boys, Dwight Hester and Gene Harrison, were unable to play. The girls, however, made up for the boys' defeat by winning their game with a score of 28-22.

On Tuesday, January 7, Stratford went to Texhoma, where both boys and girls were victorious.

Following is a schedule of the home games for the remainder of this season:  
 January 17 (Friday) Dumas.  
 January 28 (Tuesday) Texline.  
 February 4 (Tuesday) Gruver.  
 February 7-8 Stratford Tournament.  
 Be sure to see these games.

### SOCIETY

Stratford kiddies rushed Dalt-hart Sunday. Excitement? Oh, no, of course not; it's just the fad. Or is it? Just what is the attraction over there, Bill?

What's the matter, Douglas, are you trying to get on the good side of the English teacher? Uh-huh, uh-huh—taking her home in the Model T to get English test papers? We know.

Previews of coming events include:

A junior play, Aunt Tillie Goes to Town, is in the making. We hear it's going to be good. Can you feature Jim McCarthy clothed in nothing but a—But, shh! We're telling things. (But he comes right out on the stage.)

The senior play is just around the corner. Rumor has it that a real play with a cast of twelve characters has been selected. Work on it will begin as soon as the junior play has been presented.

The annual basketball tournament, one of the highlights of the year, is only three weeks away. Various arrangements are under way to make it a real success. Mary Foreman and Nettie Beth Everett are in charge of lists of available rooms for players who must be in town over night. If you have an extra room, please contact one of them. Your room will be needed and appreciated.

And last but not least—mid-term examinations. Now that really is a nuisance, but we hope to fool the teachers one more time—maybe.

### SCHEDULE FOR MID-TERM EXAMINATIONS

Thursday, January 16—  
 8:45 to 10:00 Civic Tr.; English II.; Homemaking III.; Chemistry; Shop II.  
 10:00 to 11:15 Civics IV.; English III.; General Science; Homemaking I.  
 11:15 to 12:15 Noon hour.  
 12:15 to 1:30 English I.; Plane Geometry; Homemaking II.; Shop I.  
 1:30 to 2:45 World History; General Mathematics; Bookkeeping.  
 2:45 to 4:00 English IV.  
 Friday, January 17—  
 8:45 to 10:00 Algebra I.; American History. Speed tests will be given in typing during the two days.

Students are not required to be present except when their respective subject tests are given. Please note that exams begin at 8:45 each morning.

### SENIOR REPORT

The seniors are bemoaning the loss of their class president. Pat Haynes left Tuesday for Oklahoma City where he will attend school for the remainder of the year. The senior gift to the school is to be definitely decided upon at the next activity period on Monday, January 20. If you have any special request to make concerning it, better speak now or forever hold your peace.

### FRESHMAN REPORT

We had our assembly program last Friday afternoon. We hope that everyone enjoyed it. (We have our doubts.)  
 The old saying, Haste makes waste, has proved to be true. We have been cramming for six weeks tests, and it seems to have been a waste of time. However, mid-terms are yet to come. Let's hope it

doesn't prove true next time, for I'm afraid we are going to have to haste some more.

### DAN CUPID'S MAIL BOX

Dear Dan:  
 At times I can get our car without the least bit of excitement. At others Dad can hear so well. Could you tell me how his attention could be so attracted that he would forget and leave the keys in the car? Peggy.

Dear Peggy:  
 Try getting the car after he goes to sleep. Sometimes it works. Dan.

Dear Dan:  
 A certain boy seems to like me, but I can't seem to get him to ask for dates. Please help me. Puzzled.

Dear Puzzled:  
 When talking to him, try to get the conversation into channels such as the best movie of the week or the oncoming party, and maybe he'll ask you before he has time to get bashful. Dan.

Dear Dan:  
 I am well satisfied. T'anks, anyhow. Jick.

Dear Jick:  
 Are you sure? Dan.

Dear Dan:  
 How can you keep your boy friend from having six other girl friends? Distracted.

Dear Distracted:  
 It's rather hopeless for you I think. Try directing your affections in some other direction. Luck! Dan.

Dear Dan:  
 Please advise the most convenient way of pitching wool to someone thirty miles away. Douglas.  
 Dear Douglas:  
 What's the matter with the telephone, telegraph, or post office? Or better still—mental telepathy. Dan.

### SEVENTH GRADE

Oh, for the headaches and heart aches! A number of us have come to find out that our studying has not been consistent enough. We realized last week that we should begin to study but alas it is too late. We have really begun to pore over our books and put in a little more work but the pitiful story is yet to be told. Most of us are about to go under in back-work or have decided we'll just have to take the consequences.

We woe-be-gone pupils will see you again next week, if we survive our mid-term examinations. Maybe we'll be feeling much better by then. (Or maybe much worse.)

### FIFTH GRADE

The fifth grade boys and girls are very busy this week reviewing for mid-term tests. They all hope to make good grades.  
 We are very sorry to report Alana Davis and Alphonso Garcia on the sick list this week.

### FIRST GRADE

We are working hard to be ready for high first, and almost everyone is ready to read in a first reader and begin spelling. Aren't we glad! We like to spell.  
 There is an attendance record of 97 1/2 percent, and three have been neither absent nor tardy. Today we have the largest number of absents.

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seentees— eight are absent because of illness. The others will soon catch up.  
 We will have 75 percent of our

class to start reading in first readers. The others will soon catch up.

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All Property Owners in Sherman County are requested to pay their 1940 Taxes as soon as possible. Payments made promptly will greatly facilitate work in this office during the usual rush period of the last days of January.

**Poll Tax Necessary**  
 All Citizens between 21 and 60 years of age are required to Pay a Poll Tax. This payment must be made when other taxes are paid on or Before January 31.

**Exemptions for Unders**  
 All persons who do not reside in a city having a population of 10,000 or more inhabitants, who have become 21 years of age since January 1, 1940, or who will become 21 years of age before elections to be held this year (1941) must obtain Exemption Certificates Before February 1, 1941, if they desire to vote.

**J. W. Garoutte**  
 Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector