

Award of \$75,000 Damages Made by Potash Case Jury

Plaintiffs Win in Eddy County District Court Wednesday Afternoon

A jury of North Eddy County men, which for two weeks heard evidence in the damage suit against the United States Potash Company in District Court at Carlsbad, yesterday afternoon awarded three South Eddy County farmers approximately \$75,000 damages.

The final vote was 10 to 2 for the plaintiffs. The farmers alleged their land and crops were badly damaged by salt dumped into the Pecos River by the potash company. Salt in the river, they charged, was refuse from the plant.

The jury awarded J. N. Livingston damages of \$75 an acre, C. W. Beeman, \$65 an acre, and Earl Donaldson, \$50 an acre.

J. O. Seth of Santa Fe, counsel for the potash company, said he would file a motion to set aside the verdict on grounds it was irregular and not consistent with the evidence.

The case, which attracted wide attention, went to the jury at 11 o'clock yesterday morning and the verdict was brought in at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The jury: J. R. Attebury, Ray Bartlett, W. W. Batie, Henry White, Roger Durand, Harold Hancock, Leon Barker, Harry Walker and Bill Ross, all of Artesia; Julius Terry and Fred Chambers of Cottonwood and Dick Carson of Hope.

Carl Martin of Artesia was the alternate, or thirteenth juror.

RIFLE CLUB SHOOT

The local rifle club report their season's best shoot last Sunday. Twenty-five birds were won in the various events. Joe Massey of Roswell was the high score winner of the day.

Louie Heick attended to business in Hagerman Wednesday morning.

STORES TO CLOSE HERE ON MONDAY

Stores in Hagerman will not open Monday in observance of the Christmas holiday.

As Dec. 25 falls this year on Sunday, heads of the majority of business places polled expressed themselves as in favor of closing on Monday.

This will make the fifth double holiday week in 1938. New Year's Day fell on Saturday; Memorial Day on Monday; the Fourth of July on Monday; Labor Day, as always, on Monday, and now Christmas will be observed on Monday, Dec. 26.

Forty-Fifth Gets Catcalls for Use Of the Swastika

Although the swastika was used by American Indians long before they ever heard of Columbus and the American white man should have some priority rights in its use, it is bringing ridicule upon the 45th Division, National Guard, Adj. Gen. R. C. Charlton said at Santa Fe last week.

He asked guard authorities in Washington to change the offending symbol, now emblematic of Hitler's National Socialist party in Germany.

A company of guardsmen, sent into a small New Mexico town recently to fire a funeral salute, was greeted by catcalls when residents saw the insignia, he said.

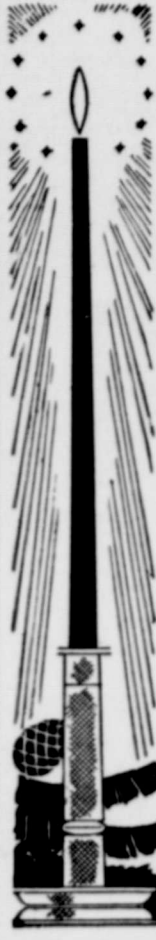
"The townspeople thought the boys belonged to a band, or some kind of Nazi organization," Gen. Charlton says. The 45th Division includes troops in New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma and Arizona.

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Carry The Yuletide Cheer All Through



Perhaps some things have not gone well,
Life's outlook fades to blue;
Or maybe when you sold the crop
The price looked slim to you.
But still you have the best of health,
Perhaps a kid or two,
So now you may as well shun cares
Until the Yuletide's through.

There comes a time to everyone
When worries get you down.
It's two darn' dry, or else, oh, my,
You can't get into town.
When skies are drab at eventide,
It makes existence blue,
But take this tip from off my lip,
Cheer up 'till Yuletide's through.

This Yuletide season puts a bit
Of joy in everyone.
It gulfs them like a foggy day,
But unlike fog, it's fun.
And then there are so many things
A person has to do,
Like buying presents, spreading cheer,
Until the Yuletide's through.

So why not get the Yuletide style
Of mannerisms gay,
And keep them up the whole year 'round
Until next Christmas day?
I'm sure that you'll agree with me
That that's the thing to do.
Continue being cheerful, folks,
E'en though the Yuletide's through.

—Pot Bert.



GREETINGS FROM THE WHOLE STAFF

The staff of The Messenger wishes you one and all a very Merry Christmas. Perhaps 1938 has not been all you had hoped for and you have not received as many blessings in life as you desired, but we should be happy at this Christmas-time for the gift we all enjoy—the privilege of living in the United States of America. Thanks for your gift to us, the honor of serving you. May your Yuletide holiday be a happy one.

Brake and Light Stickers Are Due By December 31

New brake and light stickers, issued for the first four-month period of 1939, are due Dec. 31, the State Patrol advised motorists. These stickers must be attached to all motor vehicles by that time, if owners are to escape fines for traffic violations, officers said. A check will be made after the first of the year, to ascertain that all local persons are complying.

"With bad weather coming on, and residents planning holiday trips, every car should be inspected to protect drivers, their families and friends," a patrolman said. "When bad headlights or faulty breaks cause an accident—it's too late then to wish they had been properly inspected and adjusted."

COTTON GRADES DROP AS THE SEASON WANES

New Mexico cotton gined from Dec. 1 to 12 shows only 25 per cent extra white grades as compared to 71.4 per cent for the last report. Also this report shows nearly 50 per cent spotted grades as compared to 24 per cent last period. More than 21 per cent of the cotton gined from New Mexico during this period as the season wanes was shorter than 3/8 inch.

Col. Boles Hopes To Exceed 200,000 In Cave for 1938

Caverns Chief Barnstorms in Texas to Drum Up Trade

With a dogged determination to pass the 200,000-mark for tourists through the Carlsbad Caverns during 1938, Col. Thomas Boles, superintendent, last week staged a promotional tour in West Texas to garner the necessary 2,000 before the books are closed Saturday of next week.

December travel, being slow as usual, the genial superintendent figured he could jigger up the caverns travel by means of personal contact.

"I'm not a mathematician," said the cave chief, "and 200,000 looks about twice as big to me as 198,000. I was afraid that would be the way it would look to other people, too, so I decided to see if something couldn't be done about it."

Thus far this month, travel at Carlsbad Caverns has averaged only about 155 tourists daily—and that, the colonel concluded, wasn't enough.

He went to Odessa, Midland, Big Spring, Lubbock, Lamesa and Colorado, Tex., where he contacted schools and Chambers of Commerce and newspaper men. He said the newspapers in every town gave the cave a good play, and that he had the promise of several groups during the holidays.

Col. Boles doesn't hope to bring this December's travel above that of a year ago, but he does believe the month's total will exceed 8,000, which would put the year's list "over the hump." Bad weather is seen as the only thing which would keep the total under the 200,000-mark.

On his trip, Col. Boles checked up on tributary highways which might affect cave travel.

In Odessa, the cave boss addressed 500 school children, meeting with them later at luncheon in their cafeteria.

Holiday Activities of the Hagerman School Faculty Members

The local school closes Thursday for the Christmas holidays and members of the faculty have planned their vacations to include trips and other festivities.

Miss Haley will be at her home in Dexter; Miss Lois Bivins at her home on Cottonwood, and later will move to her new home in Artesia; Miss Maryonne Becker will visit Mr. and Mrs. McCuiston and family in Reno, Nev.; Miss Jessie George will go to Kansas, near Wichita; Miss Growden to Clovis; Miss Eupha Buck to Tularosa; Miss Silliman to Arkansas; Miss Crow to Denver, Colo.

Mr. Witt goes to Roswell; Miss Peggy Harrison to Tennessee; Miss Mildred Christensen to Audubon, Ia.; Miss Eudora Lindsey to Texas; Miss Holt to Eastland, Tex.

Mrs. Stella B. Palmer will remain at Hagerman and Mrs. Hattie Sprual and sons, John and Walter, will spend the holidays with her. Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Welborn will also remain in Hagerman, and Miss Virginia Deter of Abilene, Tex., is planning to visit them during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Ledbetter will remain in Hagerman for Christmas.

Superintendent E. A. White, Mrs. White, Bruce and Gene plan to spend a few days during the vacation period in Las Cruces, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clint Smith and son.

AN HONOR

Hagerman is to have an event that has never happened before in history and will likely never happen again. The awarding of the Eagle Scout award to a Girl Scout. It will be a ceremony well worth attending. The young lady, Lila Lane, receiving the honor is deserving and will receive the praise of all Hagerman.

GIRL SCOUT HONOR AWARD

An award of honor, the "Eagle Scout" award, will be conferred upon Miss Lila Lane in a public service on Thursday evening, Dec. 29 at 7:30 o'clock at the Presbyterian Church. The Girl Scouts will also present a badge pageant. Mrs. T. D. Devenport will be master of ceremonies and the public is invited to attend.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANTRY

The Methodist Church announce their regular services in the morning Sunday, Christmas Day; in the evening, the pageantry and pantomime. Between forty and fifty will participate in the program.

Final Cotton Estimate Made

The final estimate of the United States cotton crop as of Dec. 1 made by the Crop Reporting Board was 12,008,000 bales (500-pound gross weight) from the crop of 1938 and an indicated yield of 226.8 pounds of lint cotton per acre on the 25,346,000 acres estimated for harvest this year after abandonment of 3.1 per cent of the 26,144,000 acres in cultivation July 1. The 1937 production was 18,946,000 bales.

The New Mexico crop is estimated at 95,000 bales with a yield per acre of 459 pounds of lint.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Burck have rented a farm for 1939, on the Berrendo, northeast of Roswell. They plan to move around the first of the year. Mr. and Mrs. Burck will spend Christmas at the Menefee ranch with Mrs. Burck's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Slater and Betty are here to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Paddock. Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred McCormick are expected Friday to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Heitman of Las Cruces will arrive Friday to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Heitman. They will return to Clovis Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Harris announce the arrival of 7½-pound girl on Dec. 12, who has been named Patricia Irene. Mrs. Harris will be remembered as Gertrude Duncan.

Miss Eleanor Smith left Wednesday night for Portales to spend the Christmas holidays with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McClendon and with Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Howe.

Miss Bonnie Haley is visiting her sister, Miss Ernestine Haley, who is a member of the Hagerman school faculty. Bonnie has been attending school at Portales Junior College.

Miss Jean Bielinski left Monday with her three brothers who have been going to school at New Mexico State College for Chicago, Ill., to spend Christmas with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Payton will arrive Saturday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Key. Mrs. Leon Nash and Mrs. Lloyd Jackson will arrive Monday after Christmas to spend several days at the Key home.

Mrs. Jim Sanders returned home from California, where she went on the death of her husband, Mr. Sanders. She had been making her home with her son-in-law and grandchildren, but will make her home here for the present.

Lawrence Menefee is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Howard Menefee for a few days. He plans to spend Christmas at the Menefee ranch near Hope. Lawrence is studying for the ministry at McMurry College.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Utterback are expecting all of their children home for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Brown of State College and Stanley of Cimarron will be in the latter part of the week and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Utterback expect to be here for Christmas day.

Miss Betty Magon and Garner arrived Saturday night to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Mason. Betty and Garner have been attending school at the Eastern New Mexico Junior College in Portales. Steve Mason of Wink is expected home in a few days.

Miss Rose Hubbard, who is attending the New Mexico State University, made a short visit home last week end. On Sunday she, took Mrs. Tommy Hubbard and little daughter and infant son to their home at Hurley. Miss Hubbard is working on her master's degree thesis at the university. She and David Hubbard plan to spend Christmas day at home.

Landlords Changing Farm Operators Ask For Aid at ACP Office

All land owners who will change operators of their farms for the season of 1939 must file a new work sheet at the county ACP office in the basement of the court house, it was announced yesterday by Melvin Mitchell, ACP secretary.

The county office must be notified by Jan. 15, Mr. Mitchell stated. Otherwise the farm affected may not be listed for 1939.

"It is the duty of every land owner of a place where there has been or will be a change of operators, to notify the county office by that date," he added.

The same rule applies to changes in ownership, the new owner being required to file his work sheet at once.

Holidays Provide Easy Setting for "Queer" Passers

Counterfeit Bills Pawned off on Clerks During Christmas Rush

A combination of increased and "new" sales people in local stores, coupled with the seasonal rush and surplus of customers, brought a warning that bogus money passers make good use of this time of year.

"These queer-shovers — as they are termed by officers — travel from one town to another, pick out some apparently new and flustered clerk, and succeed in getting rid of many counterfeit bills easily," an officer said.

He explained that they make small purchases, hand over a five or ten-dollar bill in payment, and are gone before the clerk or cashier has a chance to discover the crime.

Usually their escape is effected because of the large number of similar bills which change hands at this time of the year, making it impossible for clerks to remember descriptions unless the fake bill is found immediately.

The officer urged all employers to instruct employees to give experienced cashiers a change to uncover such fakes, when large denomination bills are handed them, by persons they do not know.

Locally there have been no reports of counterfeit money—which in some instances may even be coins—floating about. However, other towns and cities in New Mexico have had frequent cases.

The Treasury Department disclosed various methods through which spurious notes may be detected. Persons handling large bills are instructed to watch for these identifying marks on good money:

United States notes have red treasury seals and serial numbers; silver certificates have blue treasury seals and serial numbers; federal reserve notes have green treasury seals and serial numbers.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. West left Sunday for Greenville, Tex., to spend the holidays with friends and relatives.



Telephone Your Holiday Greetings this year on Sunday or Monday

Reduced rates apply on Both days

Lowest long distance rates again will be in effect this year all day Christmas and New Year's and the Monday following each holiday.

This gives you a choice of two days to telephone good wishes to far-away members of your family, relatives and friends.

On Christmas and New Year's weekends, lowest rates actually begin at 7 p.m. Saturday and continue through Sunday and Monday until 4:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Whose voice would you like to hear?



In The
Yuletide Spirit

That effervescent, catching gaiety that characterizes the attitude of one friend toward another during the holiday season is the spirit we wish to convey to you, our friends.

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SYNOPSIS

Barbara Sentry, seeking to sober up her escort, Johnnie Boyd, on the way home from a party, slaps him, and attracts the attention of a policeman, whom she then knocks down. As he arrests him, Professor Brace of Harvard comes to the rescue and drives Barbara home. On the way they see Barbara's father driving from the direction of his office at 12:45, but when he gets home he tells his wife it is 11:13 and that he's been playing bridge at the club. Next day Sentry reports his office has been robbed and a Miss Wines, former temporary employee, killed. The evening papers luridly confirm the story, and Sentry takes it hard. Mary, elder daughter, in love with Neil Ray, young interne at the hospital where she works, goes off to dinner at Gus Loran's, Sentry's partner, with Mrs. Loran's brother, Jimmy Endie. Mr. and Mrs. Sentry call on old Mrs. Sentry, and Barbara, alone, receives Dan Fisher, reporter, who advises her not to talk. Phil Sentry, who is disturbed at the possible implications and suspicion of Miss Wines' absence from her rooms for three days during August. He goes home to help. Dan Fisher explains the evidence against him—that the robbery was a fake, the safe opened by one who knew the combination, changed since Miss Wines' employment there—that a bag of money, the duplicate of Sentry's, was found in the girl's purse, and that Sentry, too, had been away those three days in August. Barbara calls, and backs up Barbara in her denial that Sentry could have done it, because of the discrepancy of time between the slaying and their seeing Sentry on the road. Phil, showing the police over the house, finds his strong box forced open and his gun, which only his father knew of, gone. Meanwhile, the police find the stolen money burned in the furnace. Mrs. Sentry sees her husband, who swears his innocence, and tells her he had known of the robbery and murder the night before, but failed to call the police, and came home at 12:30. Phil and his mother are doubtful of Sentry's innocence, but keep silent.

CHAPTER V

While they were at lunch, a little later, Dean Hare telephoned to say that Inspector Irons had decided to postpone his interrogations, so for the afternoon they were free. Mary was to see Neil Ray when he went off duty; and as they finished lunch, Linda came to propose that Phil go for a drive with her.

"I have to go out to those mills in Norwood to get some homespun," she explained, "and I hate to go alone."

Phil looked to his mother for consent. "Go along," she said. "Barbara and grandmother will be here." So Phil went, and found a measure of peace and forgetfulness in being thus with Linda. But when she brought him home, in late afternoon, he was reluctant to face them all; instead of going directly indoors, he walked around the house. He heard voices by the muddy stream beyond the pergola and went to look down over the bank. Policemen were there in boats with things like hinged rakes, dragging up debris from the bottom of the stream. One of them saw him and spoke quietly to the others, and they all looked up, silently. Phil went back toward the house, trembling.

He found his mother alone. "Mary's dining with Neil," she explained, "and I sent Barbara in to stay overnight with grandmother. Professor Brace called, drove them in." She smiled reassuringly. "So we'll have dinner together, you and I."

"Professor Brace?" he echoed. He remembered warily that the District Attorney had questioned Professor Brace, but he did not say so. "Funny for him to—hang around."

"I suppose he's naturally interested. The scientific mind, you know." Her tone was edged. "We're under his microscope, like insects."

"He introduced himself to the reporters," Phil recalled. "Almost as if he—wanted publicity."

"I see you don't like him either."

"Oh—I like him all right."

Dinner was served and they went in; and since they might here be overheard they spoke of other things. Phil talked at random, steadily, fighting down his thoughts; that his father had tried to burn money in the furnace, that his father was a murderer! He must not let his mother guess his dreadful certainty.

And she, as intent to hide her thoughts from Phil as he was to conceal his from her, helped him keep talk alive; but when they left the table and went into the living-room and were alone, silence crushed them; and Phil noisily lit a fire, and Mrs. Sentry telephoned old Mrs. Sentry's apartment to say good night to Barbara. She reported to Phil, when she left the phone, that Professor Brace had stayed to dinner with them.

"I suppose he's taking notes," she reflected. "Like that German tutor at the foot of the table in 'War and Peace.' Remember? There's just a paragraph about him, but he's perfectly clear cut, a complete character in your mind afterward."

Phil did not remember. "But speaking of Russians," he suggested, "how about some Russian Bank?" So they played till Mrs. Sentry said at last that they might as well go to bed. The house seemed very big and empty when they went upstairs, and parted for the night.

Later, Mrs. Sentry still awake, heard Mary come in; but the girl did not come upstairs, so her mother went down, a dressing gown over her night garments. She found Mary

in the living-room, standing by the hearth, her lips bitten red, her hands twisting.

And Mrs. Sentry tried in an awkward way—they were not a demonstrative family—to take the girl in her arms, but Mary said, "Don't, please!"

So Mrs. Sentry sat down. "Shall we talk for a while?" she suggested. "Or are you sleepy?"

"Sleepy!" The word was fierce with scorn.

"How is Neil?"

"Very sensible!"

Mrs. Sentry said, "I knew he would—help you."

"Oh—help? Of course!"

"He didn't, then?"

Mary said: "Don't worry about Neil! We were practically engaged, but I told him tonight we must forget that. That after all this, I was hopelessly disqualified to be a missionary's wife, even in China!"

Mrs. Sentry waited. Mary said in a flat voice, passionless as ashes, "He agreed with me."

After a while her mother spoke,



"Good Night! I'm Going to Bed."

tentatively. "I wish I could—hold you in my lap, dear, as I did when you were little and were hurt."

"No, thanks. I'm not little any more." The girl stood before the hearth, rigid and still, her eyes fixed, her hands clasped behind her. Mrs. Sentry thought of a martyr at the stake surrounded by flames, burned without being consumed. She began to talk, of casual, healing things.

"Some people called this afternoon," she said. "Mrs. Harry Murr, bulging with questions she wanted to ask and didn't quite dare. And Mrs. Furness brought Miss Glen. You could see her memorizing every stick of furniture, every picture on the walls, to use in her next novel."

The girl cried: "Mother, don't! How can you stand it?"

"And that young professor, Mr. Brace, dropped in." Mrs. Sentry persisted. "He took mother and Barbara to town."

"You're driving me crazy!"

Mrs. Sentry sighed wearily, surrendering. "I'm sorry about Neil, Mary. Yet—if he couldn't—stand the gaff, isn't it a good thing to know?"

"No it isn't!" Mary cried. "What does that matter, if you love a man? What does it matter if he's weak, a sniveling coward, a drunkard, a thief?" Her eyes widened. "Even a murderer," she whispered. "You go on loving him just the same."

And she cried: "Oh, why is love so deep a part of women, mother? Why can't we be reasonable, sensible?" She spat the word. "Like men!" And suddenly, seeing the older woman's face, she stopped, said then curtly: "Good night! I'm going to bed." The still room ached when she was gone.

When Mrs. Sentry came down stairs in the morning, Mary had departed, leaving no message; and the older woman felt a deep concern that was half despair.

But she hid it from Phil. They stayed at home, together and yet each one alone. Phil wondered whether his mother knew that the Grand Jury might act today; he thought of a group of strange men, in a secret room somewhere, hearing evidence against his father, and trembled as though he were ill. He thought his mother might suggest that they go again to see his father, and knew that he himself had no strength to face the older man and to pretend he did not know what he did know. But his mother did not make the suggestion; and after lunch they drove in to see old Mrs. Sentry, and heard newboys shouting the name of Sentry, and Mrs. Sentry shivered at last and said with a weary smile:

"I think we'd better stay at home hereafter, Phil."

On the homeward way—Barbara returned with them—they heard newboys calling late editions, and one bawling youngster jumped on the running-board when they stopped for a traffic light to thrust a paper before their eyes. A headline, inches high, "Sentry Indicted." Mrs. Sentry closed her eyes, and the light changed, and the car leaped ahead.

At home a knot of people scattered from the entrance to the drive, gaped at them as they drove in. Phil saw that one woman had broken off a branch of rhododendron, and he thought bitterly: For a souvenir!

Indoors, Barbara asked in a shakent whisper, "Mother, what does 'indicted' mean?"

Mrs. Sentry said, "Hush, darling!" And she asked, "Do you know where Mary is, whether she'll be home to dinner?" She felt cold as iron. Barbara shook her head.

"I think Mary's rotten!" Phil said angrily. "We've got to—stick to—"

"She's pretty unhappy, Phil."

She tried to tell herself: He did not do it! Of course, he had lied to her about the time, that night, knowing she was too sleepy to recognize his lie; but naturally he would lie, after that dreadful moment at the office when he found the dead girl. Found her dead! Mrs. Sentry clung to that thought stubbornly, insisting to herself that Arthur did find the girl dead as he had told her, refusing to remember the panic in his eyes, refusing to remember his tone when he reiterated his assertion that Miss Wines was dead before he found her. Found her dead, he said; and was afraid, and left her and came skulking home.

And Mrs. Sentry hoped suddenly that he would not tell the District Attorney that story of chance discovery and craven flight. Anything was better than that shame. She thought that if he did not speak he might find some woman—any woman—to swear that he had been with her during the hours when the murder occurred. That crime at least would be robust, masculine; not weakly cowardly.

But of course anything, any story true or false that could be made credible, was better than to see him convicted of murder. If that happened, she could never lift her head again. The pride she lived by was worth fighting for. Even with lies!

Linda came in as they finished dinner, and Mrs. Sentry welcomed her, and proposed a rubber of bridge. She clung to Linda's friendly loyalty. Linda agreed; but Barbara would not:

"I'm sorry," she said, trying to smile. "I'm afraid this is my evening for—letting go." Her tones were tremulously brave. "If you don't mind, I think I'll slip off by myself and cry for a while."

She darted away. Phil would have followed her, but Linda said softly: "No, Phil. Let her go!"

They heard Barbara's door close upstairs. Mrs. Sentry rose and they went into the living-room, and talk ran somehow, and a little after nine, a car grated on the drive.

It was Mary. She came in without laying aside her hat. Mrs. Sentry realized that the car had not gone away, and she was cold with fear of what Mary would say. The girl was flushed. Mrs. Sentry saw, incredulously, that she had been drinking. When Mary spoke, her tones were louder than usual, harsh, defiant.

She said to Linda, curtly. "This is a family council, Linda." She added carelessly, "Oh, stay if you like, of course."

Phil protested: "Hey, Mary, don't talk like that! What's the matter with you?" He exclaimed, "You're drunk!"

She laughed derisively. "If I'm not it's not for lack of trying." And she asked Linda: "Going? All ashore that's going ashore! The ship's sinking!"

Linda said quietly: "No, Mary. I'll stay."

Mrs. Sentry felt desperately that she must speak, must do something. Her heart was full of a great compassion; but old habit of repression bound her tongue. "Mary, you're not yourself!" she said sternly.

"Myself?" Mary laughed in a shrill way. "Myself? Who am I? Who are you? Who are any of us?" And she said furiously: "Oh, I thought I knew! I thought we were so secure, and settled, and decent, and good." Her laughter rang madly. "Decent? Good? No decent, good people will ever speak to us now."

"Mary!"

(TO BE CONTINUED)

refusing to intervene even if Germany threatens France's ally, Rumania. Within 48 hours after the Franco-German pact was signed, Berlin opened a noisy propaganda campaign against Rumania's King Carol, who has been actively purging Nazi partisans from his government. At the same time, in Memel (under Lithuanian sovereignty), German residents began an autonomy campaign that undoubtedly had inspiration in Berlin. Satisfied so long as Hitler keeps himself busy in eastern Europe, France will not protest these activities.

Italy. France must permit fulfillment of Italy's "vital aspirations" in the Mediterranean or incur the wrath of Adolf Hitler, Italy's friend. Though Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop declined to answer immediately the French question of what Germany would do in a Mediterranean crisis provoked by Italian demands, Germany's course hardly needs clarification. The Franco-German pact specifically reserves "particular relations with third powers" for both signatories. Most observers expect French capitulation to Italian demands next month when British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain makes his well-advertised "appeasement" visit to Rome.

Weekly News Analysis

Wage Earners May Carry Load In New U.S. Taxation Program

By Joseph W. La Bine

EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of the newspaper.

Taxation

Recent federal taxation policies have been based on the theory that business should bear the brunt. For this or some other reason, business has operated at a loss, laid off workers and precipitated economic depression. This year, as the U. S. treasury charts its course for the 1939-40 fiscal year, there are signs that business will breathe easier,



EDSEL FORD He offered an incentive.

that government will look instead to the small wage earner for its new monetary requirements.

Even as Auto Manufacturer Edsel Ford was telling a senate sub-committee that a general tax reduction would be "as good a business incentive as any," three outstanding forecasts could be sifted from the financial gymnastics of budget-making treasury experts:

Economy. Although Federal Reserve Chairman Marriner S. Eccles has plumped publicly against premature reduction in federal expenditures, Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau is essentially economy-minded. In this policy he has the support of his new tax adviser, Undersecretary John W. Hanes, a recent recruit from Wall street who believes budget balancing would stimulate the confidence of business. While not expecting a balance between income and outgo next year because of the proposed national defense program, Mr. Morgenthau can take heart from President Roosevelt's latest pronouncement:

Pay-As-You-Go. The billion-dollar rearmament plan, which is due for strenuous congressional opposition, will not be allowed to increase the federal deficit. Though the President has not indicated what new taxation method he will use to finance the project, there is guarded admission that a 10 per cent tax will be placed on present income taxes. (If you now pay \$25 a year, you'd pay \$2.50 extra.) But this special revenue measure would only pay for armaments, and would not eliminate increased deficits caused by relief expenses. To fill this need, many congressmen favor:

Lower Bracket Income Taxes. Married men are now allowed \$2,500 exemption, which might be decreased to \$2,000 or even \$1,500. Exemptions for single persons, now \$1,000, would be dropped to \$800 or \$750. While this would boost revenue by only \$60,400,000, it would place bigger wage earners in higher surtax brackets and bring the treasury an additional \$250,000,000. Since large incomes are already subjected to huge taxes, the proposal can expect justified opposition. Outside of relief costs, the biggest need for new tax money will be to finance the proposed federal-state health program for insurance, hospitalization, clinics and expansion of the U. S. health service

Europe

"Europe is drifting into war, a war which no nation wants but against which every nation is preparing. Unless there is a complete change in the outlook within the next month or two, international tension will reach the breaking point next spring."

This summation is the detached viewpoint of Oswald Pirow, defense minister of the Union of South Africa, after a two-month European tour in which he sought means of appeasing Adolf Hitler's colonial appetite. It came the same day German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop visited Paris to sign a pathetically insincere pact with France; as Reichsfuehrer Hitler consequently prepared to delete French attacks from the next edition of "Mein Kampf"; as Italy, Germany's closest ally, continued clamoring for the French territories of Tunisia, Corsica and Nice.

With Great Britain shoved temporarily into the European background, France finds herself holding a gilded bombshell in the German treaty. Her government is now forced to accept Fascist activity on two European fronts or risk complete overthrow.

Germany. France must give Hitler a free hand in eastern Europe,

labor

Both the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations insist the national labor relations act must not be changed, but A. F. of L. holds constant criticism at the board President Roosevelt has appointed to interpret that act. One bit of criticism centered around the labor board's order to New York's Consolidated Edison company, forcing abrogation of a bargaining contract with A. F. of L. The board's reasoning: that the contract resulted from unfair labor practices and was intended to discourage membership in a rival C. I. O. organization.

When A. F. of L. President William Green heard the U. S. Supreme court had voided this NLRB order, his joy was unbounded: "This knocks the props out from under the board's arbitrary, prejudicial and grossly unfair position." But keen observers who read further into the court's decision found cause for speculation about something more important.

Although Consolidated Edison operates chiefly in New York, the court ruled its labor relations were still subject to NLRB regulation. Thus was the scope of federal regulation under the interstate commerce clause given broad extension, paving the way for legislation which could make the potent Wagner act seem mere child's play.

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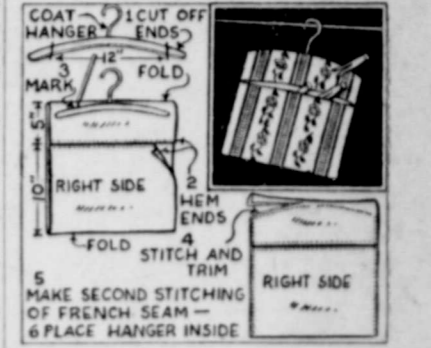


A. F. OF L.'S WILLIAM GREEN His victory brought a prediction.

Make This Useful Bag on a Hanger

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS

THIS bag has been a great success. Several others can be made for different purposes. They are good to hang in the closet or the sewing room for patterns or small equipment. When traveling I find a little bigger one perfect for laundry. The size shown here requires 1/2 yard of bright ticking. You will notice in the sketch that French seams are used. This makes the first stitching of the seams on the right side. Trim



close to this stitching, turn the bag inside out and stitch the seams again so that the raw edges are covered. Punch a small hole in the center top for the hanger hook. Clip today's lesson and add it to the many gift suggestions contained in the books offered below.

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In life I'm piling act on act. Of naughty deeds I've quite a crop. I'd better start now being good To make my life look nice on top.

RT-CHEM

Sensitive Springs Spun From Quartz; Tiny Threads Give Precise Measurement

Quartz, which looks like glass and is a sort of glass, is the last material most of us would use to make a spring. But the scientists in the General Research laboratories find nothing but quartz will do for springs in making precise measurements, says a writer in the New York Times.

Steel springs rust; quartz springs don't. Steel springs are affected by changes in humidity; quartz springs are not. Steel springs begin to lose their temper at about 250 degrees Centigrade (482 degrees Fahrenheit); quartz springs never lose their temper except at temperatures not attained in ordinary practice.

A quartz spring has a sensitivity of one milligram. In other words, it can detect a difference of weight as little as one 28,350th of an ounce. And it always snaps back, after stretching, to exactly the original point of rest.

Suppose it becomes necessary to measure the amount of moisture absorbed by cotton or cellulose. The cotton is suspended at one end of the spring and the weight of the sample determined by the stretch of the spring. By introducing more and more water at varying pressures it becomes possible to deter-

mine just how much moisture cotton can absorb.

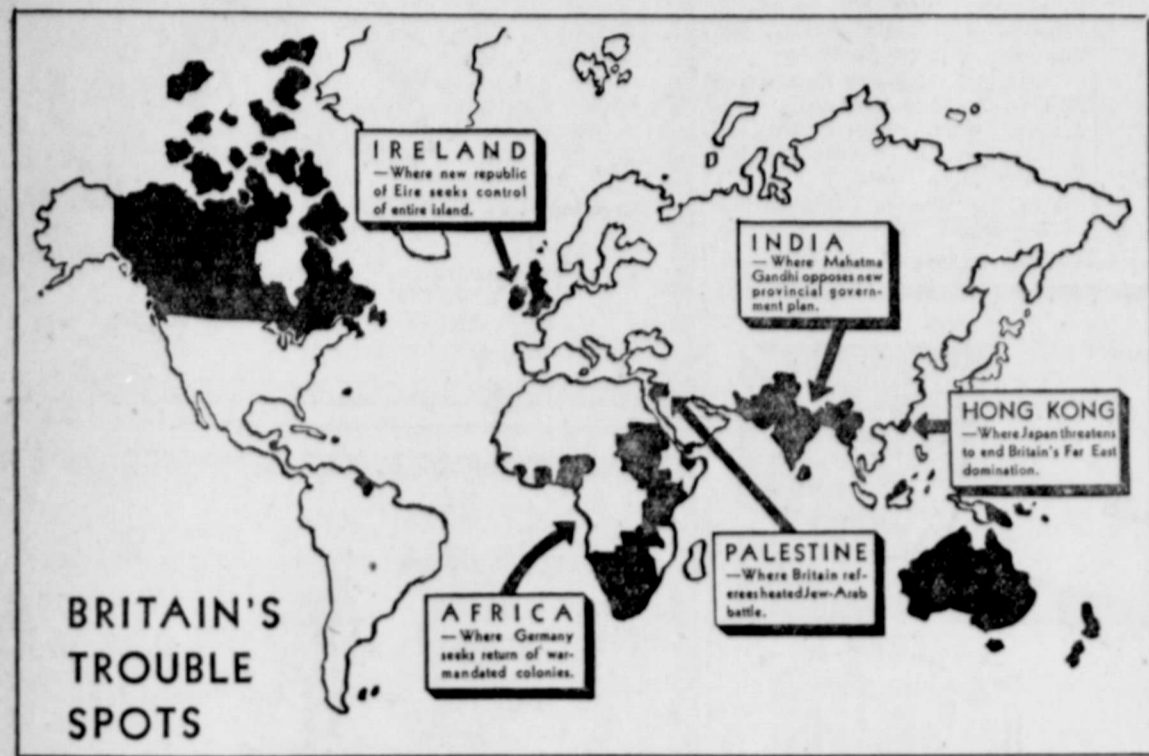
Making a quartz thread is something of a fine art. The first step is to spin a fine thread no more than six one-thousandths of an inch in diameter. This is done by heating a fused quartz rod to more than 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit and pulling threads from the rod. The threads are measured by calipers. All within a quarter of a mil of the desired unit size are saved. (A mil is a unit used to measure the diameter of a wire. It is equivalent to a thousandth of an inch.)

The final step is to place the thread in a long brass trough which leads to a mandrel (technical term for a drum of the right diameter). As it passes over the mandrel the thread is heated to 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit. The mandrel makes two revolutions a minute. After cooling, the coils are ready for use.

Diver Heavily Laden

When dressed and ready to descend an ordinary diver carries from 180 to 200 pounds. Though a depth of about 300 feet has been reached, the general maximum depth at which a diver can work is 150 feet and for short periods only.

British Empire, Beset by Woes, Faces Battle to Retain Position



Five Trouble Spots Draw London's Attention in Desperate Effort to Appease Dictators and Still Maintain World Supremacy

By JOSEPH W. LaBINE

Every world empire in history has eventually been threatened by disintegration. It happened to Alexander the Great, to Rome and to Spain. Today it is happening to Great Britain. Obviously any alliance of world powers like that of Germany, Italy and Japan must run smack-bang into conflict with the far-flung British Empire, whose tentacles reach from London into every cranny of the globe. Such is the case in China, Africa and Palestine.

Moreover the United Kingdom now hears demands for independence from her colonies, who no longer cringe in fear of the shaggy lion. Once vassal-like possessions have grown up and learned to assert themselves. Two examples are Eire, which has already won a large measure of freedom, and India, the world's No. 1 problem child. This Twentieth century territorial octopus springs from a seafaring mother country, whose sons went forth to trade and came home with an amazing empire. Mostly they acquired it not by aggression, but by just happening to be handy when it fell into their hands.

Importance of Navy Waxes.

The United Kingdom is held together by no stronger a cohesive force than some 3,000 commercial ships and the world's largest navy, but this has been enough to make Great Britain a referee of international affairs. In such a position she has sometimes been strong and aggressive, but her star may now be dimming. Since 1933 she has suffered a steady series of diplomatic defeats to appease Germany, Italy and Japan, rather than face the stark realities of the situation and stand her ground firmly. This is the traditional British way of doing things, a trait personified by Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain.

The United Kingdom now faces trouble at five vital spots. None is more important than Hongkong, which for 90 years has been the base of Britain's economic operations in the Far East. During that period one-fourth of all China's foreign trade found inlet and outlet through the tiny island port which lies a scant 30 miles from Chinese Canton. From here to the interior runs the Canton-Kowloon railroad, jointly owned by the British and Chinese.

Started With Manchukuo.

Britain's economic grip on China was first threatened in 1931 when Japan began her two-year battle to capture Manchukuo. In 1936 the danger became more acute when Japan turned to Shanghai, for years the base of British trade in northern China. Through the tremendously important Yangtze river was subsequently closed, Britain's trade remained substantially safe until a few weeks ago when Japan suddenly captured Canton and severed the Canton-Kowloon railroad.

Although Hongkong has been made impregnable against possible Japanese invasion, these precautions seem pointless in view of the city's death as a trading center.



WANTED: A LEADER— Britain's old school of diplomacy finds a voice in Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain (left), champion of the current appeasement policy. This program is opposed by followers of Anthony Eden (right), former secretary of state in charge of foreign affairs, who will have no truck with dictators.

India contains one-fifth of the world's population, represents every

religious and political creed, and is a mixture of at least 20 races that speak some 220 languages and dialects. It is obviously impossible to satisfy such a people, nor is the new "home rule" constitution a very far-reaching attempt to satisfy them. Under it, all real power is vested in British provincial governors who can veto what few actions the legislatures are empowered to take. Moreover they rule by decrees when legislatures are not sitting and can disband the sessions at will.

Although Mahatma Gandhi is no longer a leading force in Indian nationalization agitation, he has been succeeded by an equally strong chief, Jawaharlal Nehru, who is leading the battle to have the constitution abolished. Difficult though Britain's position may be, it is to be deplored that she has not made a more aggressive attempt to make peace in India. This responsibility is especially incumbent in view of the pot of gold that the empire has discovered in India. Since 1900 Britain has waxed rich in the Indian trade. Today the country is England's best customer, buying one-tenth of all her manufactured exports. Out of each dollar in revenue collected by the Indian government, 27 cents is spent in England, although England contributes less than 2 cents.

Eire Seeks Plebiscite.

The final trouble spot is Eire, just across the Irish channel from England proper. At the end of this year Great Britain will lose its last shred of control over the largest part of Ireland, which has an area about the size of Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Under Eamon de Valera, the southern portion of the island has waged a successful battle for nationalization and is now attempting to increase its sway by taking possession of Ulster. This latest development follows Mr. Chamberlain's pronouncement in favor of "self-determination" for European minorities. He was immediately pounced upon by Mr. De Valera, who said that self-determination should also hold good for Ireland.

If he has his way, Mr. De Valera will conduct a plebiscite in Ulster. Four of the six counties, almost entirely Protestant, will probably vote to join with Catholic Eire, the once-pronounced religious difference being forgotten under pressure of Eire's economic grasp on the island.

Such is the string of Great Britain's troubles and liabilities across the empire on which, it was once boasted, the sun never sets. If Mr. Chamberlain's policy of dictator appeasement is continued, observers believed these liabilities will indeed be lessened, that the empire will begin a steady process of internal decay in which one collapse will follow another. Offsetting this fear is the growing English opinion against Chamberlain conservatism, a movement which found expression last year in the anti-dictator policy of Anthony Eden, former secretary of state for foreign affairs. Mr. Eden is back in private life now, but repercussions against Mr. Chamberlain's "peace" of Munich are mounting every week and many Englishmen see hope for a new government with a stronger chin.

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Style Pendulum Swings to Handsome Ostrich Finery

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



FRILLS, feathers and furbelows mark the lady of fashion today and a lovely lady she is indeed, an alluring creature utterly feminine in her Edwardian grandeur. The long post-war cycle is over and with it has gone the tailored career woman, trim and uncompromising with her boyish figure and her workmanlike clothes. Back into favor come portrait gowns, picturesque dinner costumes topped by whimsical evening hats, nosegays or violets nestling in long fur stoles, opera-length evening gloves and back come ostrich feathers placing their glamorous seal on the return to femininity which colors the whole current fashion picture.

In the millinery field, ostrich sets the style for the new dress hats with their flattering softness. Long sweeping feathers droop gracefully from worldly dinner hats. Lordly plumes toss above high-piled curls for evening or lend height to tiny formal daytime hats for fur-coat wear. All-ostrich toques and bonnets, without a hint of fabric, are cleverly molded to the head. Not only do ostrich plumes go to the head on bonnets, toques and picture hats for formal daytime and dinner wear, but even tailored street hats use discreet flat-worked feathers or ostrich montures and motifs that are smartly conservative.

Outstanding in the evening wardrobe are the new ostrich wraps which are designed in any number of types and lengths from brief shoulder capelets to full-length coats and capes. They are in black or white or are superbly colorful.

With the present trend to the pure-

ly feminine, the ostrich muff has returned to prominence for both formal daytime and evening wear. Carried with the formal daytime costume the ostrich muff lends infinite chic but it is of two-fold charm when it complements an evening wrap of matching ostrich as pictured to the left in the illustration. Paquin designs this capelike coat and muff of black uncurled ostrich. Many smaller round muffs of ostrich are also shown that are youthfully pert and extremely smart for dinner or afternoon wear.

The long, long ostrich stole adopted this season by the duchess of Kent has unlimited possibilities. It may be draped or wound about the shoulders for protection or simply for flattery. It will be especially outstanding in black, black-and-white, pure white or the modish vintage tones. The one shown to the right in the picture is fashioned of long white feathers with black-dyed tips.

This season's interpretation of the ever-graceful ostrich fan is unusually lovely. Festive fans in exciting shades are carried, also very handsome all-black types that set a theater gown or dinner costume off to perfection. The evening fan pictured is of graduated uncurled ostrich plumes in pale pink with an uncurled ostrich hair ornament in the new deep plumbeous shade.

The encouraging part of the ostrich vogue is that the new feather fashions start with simple items on the hat and fetching little inexpensive neckpieces and scores of other unpretentious ostrich fancies that are within the reach of any limited clothes budget.

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Forecast in Silk



For the woman who looks ahead when she buys there are some exceedingly interesting advance silks on display. For the first new silk print a stylized palm tree design is suggested such as fashions the dress pictured. This print has the advantage of being dark enough to wear for town under the fur coat, and it will continue to be chic for spring in that it is new this season both as to color and patterning. Small neat tailored motifs in high-style colors are the desirable prints for immediate wear.

Grand Blouses of Metal Top Skirts

A gorgeous blouse in your wardrobe is a necessary luxury this season. It's left to you either to buy 'em or make 'em. The shops are showing the new glamor blouse in dazzling array. Likewise the fabric sections are scintillating with showings of gleaming lame in gold, silver and color, also rustling taffetas and crisp moires and lustrous slipper satins. A mere remnant of either in the hands of the woman who "makes her own" will transform into a blouse softly styled or smartly fashioned in the new jacket silhouette.

Gold Glittering On Winter Frocks

All may not be gold that glitters, but in the multitude of short lame afternoon dresses gold is the favored basic metal. The gold may be nothing more than a pin-stripe on a black wool or silk background; it may be combined with other less precious metal threads; or it may completely prevail to form a lavish cloth-of-gold.

This all-gold lame makes a striking "don't-dress-for-dinner" gown—so short it almost reaches knee level—and long-sleeved.

Black Furs Varied

Does your fancy run to black furs? You might have Persian lamb, black caracul, black kidskin, Alaska seal, silver fox, American broadtail or skunk.

Suits for Evening

Severe looking dinner suits with tuxedo-like jackets are defying the popularity of ultra-feminine styles.

Floyd Gibbons' ADVENTURERS' CLUB



HEADLINES FROM THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF!

Murder Ship

HELLO EVERYBODY: You know, boys and girls, there are two kinds of adventures—the kind that hits you like a ton of bricks and is all over in about five seconds, and the kind that sneaks up on you slowly and subtly and sticks with you until you're worn down to the point of exhaustion. And it's the latter sort of tale you're going to hear today—the story of how Charles Mahler of Brooklyn, N. Y., stepped onto a boat weighing a hundred and forty-five pounds on a bright day in the winter of 1921, to stagger off it five days later weighing a scant one hundred and ten. Not many reducing addicts would want to follow Charley Mahler's formula for growing thin, though, for it was sheer unadulterated terror that took the pounds off his body. Five days and nights of the most helpless fear he had ever experienced in his life.

The story starts in the Dominican Republic, down in the West Indies. Charley had been working there for a sugar concern in La Romana, for about six months. He was off on a week's vacation in Santo Domingo City when orders came transferring him to Barahona, in the same country, where a new project was being started.

Books Passage on Sailing Vessel.

At about that time a strike in the steamship industry had tied up all the boats. Charley was told that there wouldn't be a steamer sailing for Barahona for three weeks. There are darned few railroads or motor roads in the Dominican Republic, and none of them went where Charley wanted to go. It was a boat or nothing. So Charley did the only other thing he could do. He strolled down to the waterfront and booked a passage on a sailing vessel which was leaving port that night.

It was supposed to be an overnight trip. Charley had heard strange tales about these sailing packets, so he left his belongings behind to be shipped by freight. With two guns in his pockets and a round of ammunition under his shirt he walked aboard the vessel. It was pitch



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dark. His bed—the only accommodation the boat afforded—was a common wooden box placed on deck. Charley sat down on the box and watched the boat glide out of the harbor. They had barely reached the ocean when a storm blew up. Dark shadows began rising from the deck. There were 40 Haitian natives, also bound for Barahona.

It was then that Charley discovered he was the only white man on the boat—and the natives of those parts have been known to kill a white man for his shoes. The storm was now knocking the little sailing craft around with all the fury of a tropic cyclone. "Scared?" says Charley. "I was ossified." The captain himself was jet black, but I slipped him ten dollars for protection. He offered me the hospitality of his cabin. The odor of it damned near killed me. It was crawling with bedbugs and roaches and alive with rats and mice. When I awoke next morning I was really sick from sleeping there, but when I sawer bet than sleeping outside."

That morning there wasn't a breath of air stirring. The captain had had news for Charley when he awoke. The ship had been blown ten miles off its course and the steering gear was out of commission. The captain was depending entirely on the wind. If they waited long enough it would eventually blow them to Barahona.

"That whole day," says Charley, "I sat staring at the natives and they sat looking at me. There was no food on the boat and the water had turned hot in the tropic heat. Toward evening I noticed several natives holding a conference and I felt trouble brewing. The blacks were getting hungry, and they'd take it out on me."

And what was Charley going to do for sleep that night? He knew darned well he could never stand another night in the filthy, stuffy cabin. He spoke to the captain again and made another bargain. The captain stood the night watch at the wheel, and he agreed to watch over Charley while he slept near him on deck, his body lashed to the rail of the vessel.

The Natives Become More Restless.

But you don't get much sleep lashed to a railing. All night long Charley lay awake listening to the snores of the natives around him and thinking of the comforts of home. The next day was hot and humid. Hunger gnawed at his innards, but he had to make the best of it. The natives were getting more and more restless. They eyed Charley's clothes with covetous looks that became more and more insolent and apparent. And still there was no sign of the wind that would blow them into Barahona. That night, worn out by two days and nights of wakefulness, Charley fell asleep. Sometime in the dark hours he woke up suddenly, by sheer instinct. In the dim light of a tropic moon he saw two dark figures creeping along the deck toward him—two natives—great, husky blacks with machetes in their mouths!

"They didn't know my eyes were open," he says. "If they had known it I wouldn't be alive today. But their ignorance gave me an opportunity to draw my guns."

Charley got those guns out just as the natives were taking their machetes from their mouths. He whipped up one gun and fired twice. In an instant, two men were dead on the deck and the whole ship was in an uproar. Dark figures came swarming toward him. The captain was a big, powerful fellow. Charley says he was built on the style of Harry Wills in his prime. He picked Charley up with one hand, threw him into his cabin head first, and then, with the aid of a revolver and his powerful physique, held that furious mob at bay.

Captain Threatens to Sink the Ship.

The next morning the captain held an inquiry, announced that Charley had shot in self-defense, and threatened to sink the ship if any more attempts were made on his life. "Calm was restored at last," says Charley. "And in the meantime, for four solid days and nights we had nothing to eat and little to drink."

On the fifth day they sighted land—but when they tied the boat up to shore later on that day, Charley was too weak to walk the gangplank. They carried him up it, weighing a hundred and ten pounds—all that was left of the hundred and forty-five pounds of good solid flesh he had carried when he got aboard that lugger at the waterfront of Santo Domingo City.

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Meaning of Word Beccaficos

The word beccaficos literally means fig-picker and is applied to a small, sparrowlike bird found in Cyprus. They arrive from Syria in enormous flocks to gorge on figs and become so fat they can scarcely fly. Their plump bodies are salted and spiced and made into an excellent pickle by a rare recipe handed down from the Crusaders. In the process of pickling, the bones are softened and the whole bird is eaten.

Tusks Shipped to London

Elephant tusks from the African and Indian jungles are shipped to London, says Pearson's London Weekly. Here an age-old trade, the cutting and selling of ivory to buyers from all over the world, goes on unchanged, much as it has for years. It takes 1,200 elephants to provide the market with ivory for one year. Few elephants are killed for their tusks. Most of the ivory is collected by natives from dead elephants found in the jungles.

LET US KEEP THE TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Christmas originated with the birth of Christ. Nineteen hundred years ago, three wise men were overjoyed because of a new king, and journeyed afar to bring myrrh and frankincense to Him.

We rejoice at this season of the year, and give gifts to those we love.

Let's keep the true Christmas spirit next Sunday and go to church. We can show our love for the Christ in that way. We can show our rejoicing in that manner.

Christmas is the season for happiness. Give yourself the satisfaction of knowing you show the gift of your love for a Savior of the world, and in keeping a custom with the wise men of old.

Letters To Santa Claus

Hagerman, New Mexico, Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a doctor set, a writing desk, a bake set and a kitchen set for a little girl 8 years old. I also want lots of candies, fruits and nuts.

Your little friend, Billy Jean Andrus

Hagerman, New Mexico, Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa:

Please send me a blackboard, 2 chairs and a set of dishes.

Lorene Nowak

Hagerman, New Mexico, Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Old Santa:

I want a doll for Christmas, and I want a teddy bear and I want a pair of house shoes and a box of handkerchiefs, a bingo game and lots of candy and nuts. I want a ring and bracelet with my initials on it. If you will give me this, I will be very, very happy.

Yours truly, Betty Jean Stroud

Hagerman, New Mexico, December 22, 1938.

Dear Santa:

We have been two good little girls and would you please bring each of us a big tricycle, a big doll, a pair of house shoes, a broom and mop set, paint book and crayon set and a little table and chairs?

Yours truly, Cynthia Ann Keeth Josephine Keeth

Hagerman, New Mexico, December 22, 1938.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a doll, a doll house, a ring, necklace and a game book.

I'll be seeing you, Carolyn

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hanson and Carlin attended the show, "Angels With Dirty Faces" in Roswell Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Smith and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Dority and daughter, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Payton visited Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Key last week end. Mrs. Payton will be remembered as Maxine Key.

Dr. H. T. Willoughby left Wednesday evening for Phoenix, Ariz., to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Mattie Willoughby.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Stuart and little daughter of Artesia visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence King and family Sunday.

Kirby Hughes, who is a student at the New Mexico Junior College at Portales returned Friday evening to spend the holidays with his mother and friends.

The Hagerman young people enjoyed three nights of skating last week. This skating was sponsored by the teachers and was held in the Hagerman gymnasium.

Mr. and Mrs. Dacus Parker and Billy Dacus left Thursday morning to spend Christmas holidays with friends and relatives in Arkansas.

GIRL SCOUTS

Care of Public Property

13. Dramatize ways in which members of your troop can help the government save tax money in care of public property in your community. Common examples of wasting public property that might be changed: (1) marking up library books while taking notes. (2) "Why be careful with paper towels? The school pays for them." (3) "I can't get dirty from cleaning up after this picnic; the park men will be along tomorrow—they expect it from Sunday crowds, anyway." (4) "Why does the government plant trees on this hillside? It costs too much money."

14. Spend at least three hours doing some community service that improves community property. Some things Girl Scout troops have done are: Mending library books, cleaning up vacant lots, planting trees or flowers, building outdoor fireplaces at picnic grounds.

Freedom of Speech and Press 15. Find out how Americans got freedom of speech and press. Ask one of your grownup friends to help you find one example in current news, if possible, showing how freedom of press and speech in other countries compares with ours.

Forming My Opinion

16. Dramatize with your patrol several observations you have made of instances when persons were careless or prejudiced in forming their opinions, such as "I know, because somebody told me so;" "I don't care where you got the facts, I know I'm right," rather than, "I believe this, because..." or "I think I'm right for these reasons..."

17. Give an illustration or example, showing how one of the following has created or helped to create public opinion in your town or nation: (1) radio, (2) newspaper, (3) movie, (4) magazine, (5) sermon or church activity, (6) club, (7) political party in your community.

18. Find out what is the public opinion in your school—that is, the opinion of the pupils—as regards such things as (1) importance of winning athletic games or other contests; (2) cheating or copying another student's notes; (3) stealing; (4) behavior in study halls or rooms when a teacher is not present; (5) importance of student government. Or, Find out how your representative in community or national government learns the opinion of the public. You might be interested in how radio broadcasting stations get public opinion about their programs, how newspapers judge the feelings of the people about a cause or issue, what is meant by a straw vote.

19. Write a short story telling why you think the quotation, "That government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth" has become so famous in our democratic nation and what relation it has to the activities in this Junior Citizen badge.

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SUBSCRIBE FOR THE MESSENGER

Willis Stoskoff of Hoisington, Kan., arrived last Friday night to join Mrs. Stoskoff in spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Harrison McKinstry.

Mrs. C. H. Hughes is expecting her daughters, Eleanor and Flora from El Paso to be in Hagerman during the holidays season. They are both employed in that city.

Dub Hardin and Miss Bernice Tulk attended the show in Roswell Sunday night. Dub remained in Roswell to work at the Yucca Confectionery.

Miss Lois Bivins, Penix Fletcher

er and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Stoskoff spent last Sunday afternoon visiting Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Bivins in their new home near Artesia.

Miss Phyllis Andrews and Lowell Andrews of Eastern New Mexico Junior College will spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Basden and Mrs. G. O. Smith went to Portales Monday where they visited Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Claredon and Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Howe.

Mrs. Ray West of Dexter visited in Hagerman Thursday morning.

Merry Christmas. Attractive prices on Liquors and Wines for the holidays. HAPPY HOUR Bar and Cafe. CHRIS TRACEY, Owner. Hagerman New Mexico

Greetings. We are so grateful for your patronage. Your good will has helped to make our year a success. WE WISH YOU AND YOURS A HAPPY YULETIDE. PEOPLES MERCANTILE CO. Hagerman New Mexico

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U. S. LAND OFFICE at Las Cruces, New Mexico, Nov. 21, 1938.

NOTICE is hereby given that Jeff B. West, of Hagerman, New Mexico, who, on August 16th, 1934, made Homestead Entry, No. 050243, for SE 1/4, Section 31; SW 1/4, Section 32, T. 13 S., R. 27 E.; Lots 2, 3, 4, SE 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 6; Lot 3, SE 1/4 NW 1/4, E 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 5, Township 14 S., Range 27 E., N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Dan C. Savage, U. S. Commissioner, at Roswell, New Mexico, on the 6th day of January, 1939.

Claimant names at witnesses: Clarence Dozier, J. B. Dozier, Weatherston S. Greer, Mark Dockery, all of Hagerman, New Mexico.

PAUL A. ROACH, Register. 47-5t-51

NOTICE

STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE Number of Application RA-1711

Santa Fe, New Mexico, December 12, 1938.

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of December, 1938, in accordance with Chapter 131 of the Session Laws of 1931, The Hagerman Irrigation Company of Hagerman, County of Chaves, State of New Mexico, made application to the State Engineer of New Mexico for a Permit to Change Location of Wells, involving an appropriation of 2,000 gallons of water per minute, said change in location of wells to be effected by changing from wells now used by Southwestern Public Service Company, being wells numbered RA-499, RA-500, RA-501 and RA-502, which wells now empty into the Hondo River in NW 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Sec. 4, T. 10 S., R. 24 E., N. M. P. M., to a point in the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Sec. 8, T. 11 S., R. 25 E., N. M. P. M., by the drilling of a well 12 1/4 inches in diameter and approximately 600 feet in depth, within the subdivision of Sec. 8 as given hereinabove.

This application is not for a new appropriation of water but merely for the purpose of changing location of wells as stated hereinbefore.

Any person, association or corporation deeming that the granting of the above application will be truly detrimental to their rights in the waters of said underground source may file a complete sworn statement of their objections substantiated by affidavits with the State Engineer and file proof of service of a copy thereof upon the applicant within ten days after the date of the last publication of this notice. The date set for the state Engineer to take this application up for final consideration unless protested is the 21st day of January, 1939.

THOMAS M. McCURE, State Engineer. 50-3t-52

Typewriters for Rent at Messenger

Merry Christmas To All Our Many Friends Roswell Seed Co. Roswell New Mexico

Again, for the twenty-fifth time, We wish you a Merry Christmas EVERYBODY'S Roswell New Mexico

Christmas Greetings The gift we treasure most was not given at this Christmas-time... but rather it was given all through the year. This gift is your friendship and patronage. We treasure it most because we know it is your way of showing us that our service has been welcomed by you, and that you value this service. So for another year we say "Merry Christmas to All!" Gessert-Sanders Abstract Co. Roswell New Mexico

Christmas Greetings To Our Lower Valley Friends and Patrons BAILEY'S—CLEANERS Roswell New Mexico

Greetings For the Joyous Yuletide Season Johnson-Lodewick, Inc. Roswell, N. M.

Hagerman Service Station J. P. ANDRUS—"Your Mileage Merchant" Hagerman New Mexico

A Merry Yuletide and patrons made 1938 For To our friends You have a happy year Us L. W. Garner, General Mercantile Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Garner John Garner George R. Hams Albert Jay Hagerman New Mexico

Santa is rushing to get to you with our wishes for a happy Christmas. We are glad to be among your list of friends. Western Auto Supply Co. J. E. PATTERSON, Mgr. 117-119 W. 2nd Roswell, N. M.

Our messenger bringing a box loaded with good wishes for our friends at Dexter, Hagerman and Lake Arthur At This Glad Christmas Time Roswell Chamber of Commerce Roswell New Mexico

May the Peace and joy of Christmas abide with you and Your Household KEMP LUMBER COMPANY Hagerman New Mexico

SOCIETY.

BURCK-TOLLETT

Culminating a college romance, Miss Mary Burck became the bride of Mr. Marvin Tollett last Sunday morning at nine o'clock at the old home of the James family.

A Christmas tree, lighted with soft blue lights, formed the altar, and to the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March, played by Miss Esther James, the bride came to the altar attended by her father, L. J. Burck. They were met at the altar by the groom and his groomsmen, Thurston Tollett, a cousin. The lovely ring ceremony of the Methodist Church was read by the Rev. Arthur Shaw.

A reception was held following the service. Cake, coffee and mints were served from a lace covered table lighted by tall blue tapers in white candle sticks. Misses Dorothy Sue Davenport and Oma Dean Graham, dressed in dainty frocks, served.

The bride, a lovely blonde, wore transparent Royal blue velvet with wine accessories. She carried out the tradition of something old by wearing a cameo that belonged to a maternal grandmother, who was 100 years older than the bride. She also wore a "lucky sixpence" in her shoe. Miss Hannah Burck wore a wine colored frock.

The bride, one of the most charming young girls of Hagerman, is the granddaughter of an old pioneer family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. James, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Burck. She is a graduate of the local schools, and attended Texas Technological College, where she studied home economics. She has been a Girl Scout leader for several years and president of the Belle Bennett Circle of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Tollett is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Tollett, a pioneer family of Rogers. After high school, he attended Texas Technological College.

After a honeymoon trip to El Paso and other places, they will make their home in Santa Fe, where Mr. Tollett is head of the Bureau of Revenue, Gasoline Tax Refund Department.

Only relatives and close friends were present for the wedding. Out-of-town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tollett of Rogers; Thurston Tollett of Tempe, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Graham and Miss Oma Dean Graham of Dexter and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Fletcher of Artesia.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEETS

The American Legion Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. John Langenegger, Monday, Dec. 19. Old business and new was discussed and the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, which was held Nov. 21. Delicious refreshments of angel food cake and whipped cream, fruit salad and pimiento cheese sandwiches and coffee were served to Meses. Jim Michelet, Lloyd Harshey, Dub Andrus, A. L. Mann, Jack Miller, F. W. Stephens, Rufus Campbell and the hostess, Mrs. John Langenegger. The next meeting will be held Jan. 16.

LOCALS

Miss Ruth Wade is home for the holidays. She has been attending school at Texas Tech at Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams announce the arrival of a son Dec. 16, who has been named Cecil Ray. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Boyce of Roswell visited Mrs. J. M. Feather and other relatives in Hagerman Monday afternoon.

Jack Bible, who is attending the New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell again this year is home for the holidays.

The Rev. Arthur Shaw went out to Felix Sunday, where he held the regular third Sunday service at the J. N. Hopkins home.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Bowen have moved to their new home, the old Buck Boyce place, which Mr. Bowen purchased recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Sprayberry plan to leave Friday to spend Christmas at Seagraves, Tex. Miss Geraldine plans to spend Christmas with her grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cochrane of Oklahoma City are here for a two weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. M. George and other relatives during the holidays.

Howard Templeton of El Paso, Tex., came in Tuesday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Templeton and Bobby and Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hopkins of Felix.

Dr. H. E. Bielinski, who has been employed at Hot Springs, is visiting his family for a few days. His family will return to Hot Springs with him for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Omar Barker are expected Saturday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Barker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. McCormick.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Morgan and Harlan Boyce left Sunday for Phoenix, Ariz. They have been visiting Mrs. C. G. Mason and Mark Boyce while in Hagerman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hudgins of Plainview, Tex., are here to spend Christmas with Mrs. Hudgins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dority and other relatives.

George Goodwin is home from school for the holidays. He has been attending the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Stillwater, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Richardson of Turkey, Tex., are spending the holidays with Mrs. Richardson's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. John McAlister and Rita.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Heick plan to leave Friday to spend Christmas in Tucson, Ariz. Billy Hurst will also spend Christmas there.

Mr. and Mrs. Dub Andrus visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Youree and Mrs. O. J. Andrus in Roswell Thursday night.

Jack Yates left the latter part of last week for Clarendon, Tex., to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. Ray West visited in Hagerman Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Youree visited relatives in Hagerman Sunday.

Miss Wilma Walden visited her parents in Lake Arthur Sunday.

Victor Walden of Dumas, Tex., is home for the holidays.

Miss Ruth Wiggins is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tulk are driving a new car.

Mr. and Mrs. John Langenegger shopped in Roswell Tuesday.

Mrs. J. T. Conditt has been ill this week.

Mrs. Johnny McAlister shopped in Roswell Monday.

Mrs. Bob Burns shopped in Roswell Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Letha Green and Ed Boans visited Miss Oma Dean Graham in Dexter Wednesday night.

Mrs. Letha Green and Ed Boans visited Mr. and Mrs. Gene Boans in Carlsbad Sunday.

Misses Ida and Wanna Bee Langenegger spent Saturday afternoon in Roswell shopping.

Miss Ida Langenegger and Miss Wanna Bee Langenegger shopped in Roswell Saturday.

Mrs. Dub Andrus, Mrs. Lula Heick and Dub Hardin were Roswell visitors Thursday.

Mrs. Dub Andrus visited her mother, Mrs. Wier, at Monument Sunday.

Isaac Wortman transacted business in Roswell last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Sprayberry shopped and attended to business affairs in Roswell Monday.

Miss Letha Green, Ed Boans, Miss June Ewing and Jack Conner attended the preview in Roswell Saturday.

J. W. Lanning of Artesia attended to business matters in Hagerman Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Andrus and Mrs. Lazelle Huckabee shopped in Roswell Tuesday.

W. M. Tulk, Miss Bernice and J. W. Tulk shopped in Roswell Saturday, getting a new car.

Francis Donnelly visited in Hagerman Friday night of last week.

Mrs. M. W. Hutchinson returned to Roswell after a month's visit in Hagerman at the Mineral Wells.

J. N. Hopkins and daughter, Mrs. Howard Templeton were Hagerman visitors Monday.

Ben Truman of Lake Arthur was in Hagerman attending to business affairs Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Sprayberry attended to business in Roswell Tuesday.

Mrs. John Langenegger, Mrs. T. J. Nail, Mrs. M. E. Hamilton went to Carlsbad Wednesday.

E. R. McKinstry and Mrs. Tom McKinstry were Roswell visitors Wednesday.

George Heick will leave Friday for Tucson, Ariz., where he will spend Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. Bob Burns made a business trip to Artesia Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. William Solomon and family shopped in Roswell Saturday.

Hagerman MESSENGER 10 Years Ago

Miss Eleanor Paddock came in from T. W. C., Fort Worth, Tex., Wednesday to spend the holidays with home folks.

Mrs. C. G. Mason and little daughter, Betty, were in Roswell Thursday.

Dear Santa: Will you please bring me a doll and doll buggy and some candy? Miss Pettigrew is my teacher. I am a good girl.

Alice King

The L. C. Club met with Mrs. Fred Evans Thursday, Dec. 13, with the following members present: Mesdames Wiggins, Sanders, M. D. Menoud, N. M. Ehret, E. D. Menoud, Stine, Holloway, Bauslin, Heitman, Utterback, Burck, Michelet, Jacobs, Aubrey Evans and the hostess. A splendid business and devotional was enjoyed by all present. The club decided to hold a Christmas program at the next meeting, but later decided to postpone this meeting because of the prevalence of sickness. Delicious refreshments were served.

John W. Campbell was a business visitor to Roswell Friday.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Hagerman, New Mexico, will be held in the directors' room of the said bank at 2:00 p. m., the second Tuesday of January (January 10, 1939) for the purpose of electing a board of directors and the transaction of such other business as may be properly presented at that time.

W. A. LOSEY, President.

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Mr. and Mrs. Basil Barnett and baby of Roswell visited Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Sartin Sunday.

Miss Bernice Tulk, Miss Wanna Bee Langenegger and Stenson Andrus visited in Roswell Wednesday night and attended the show.

Seasons Greetings

The Space Is SMALL But Our Greeting Is BIG! Hedges Beauty Shop

Hagerman N. M.




A Merry Christmas

We Send to Your Our Greetings:

May your year be gay; your pleasures unending; your Christmas a merry one; your New Year a prosperous one. These are our wishes for you. For ourselves? All we want is your continued friendship and patronage. This is enough for anyone.

J. T. WEST
Service Station
Hagerman New Mexico



Holiday Greetings to you... We hope you will find a day of happiness, and the Christmas Spirit Abide in Your Household

CUMMINS GARAGE

Roswell New Mexico

Xmas Greetings

We wish to thank our many friends and customers for their hearty cooperation in the past year. We sincerely appreciate your business and trust that we may serve you more faithfully in the future.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Cotton Growers Gin Ass'n.

O. J. Ford

Hagerman New Mexico


Christmas Cards at The Messenger.



May the Spirit of the Yuletide abide with you—this holiday season

The Myers Company

Farm Equipment and Supplies
Roswell, New Mexico



Come Right on In

Howdy, neighbor! It's nice to see you at Christmas time and tell you how much we've appreciated your friendship during 1938. And it's nice to have this opportunity to say "Merry Christmas."

MABIE LOWREY HARDWARE CO.

Roswell, New Mexico



To All Our Friends and Patrons

Glover's Floral Co.

Roswell, N. M.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

To All Our Valley Friends and Patrons

SAFeway STORES, INC.

Walter Fulbright, Manager

Roswell New Mexico

Our Entire Organization Joins in Wishing a Very

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. McCarthy
Frances and Tommy McCarthy
Kern Jacobs Alan Hanson

HAGERMAN DRUG

Hagerman New Mexico

Holiday Greetings

It is with pleasure that we take this method of proving to our customers and friends, our appreciation of their support in so many ways.

We are going to give To the first fifty cars that appear at our station: To each car that we drain and fill with Pentroleum, with each quart of oil at 35c, we will give one gallon of Malco Supreme gasoline. We will do the same with Wanda oil. At 30c per quart, you have the privilege of any SAE weight up to and including SAE 30.

Our motto of service is to win that which money will not buy — your good will.

SUNSHINE OIL COMPANY

Phone 5 W. H. KEETH, Owner Hagerman, New Mexico

The spirit of Christmas pervades the entire world . . . but nowhere is it more felt, or more sincere than here in the Pecos Valley.

Price & Co.
ROSWELL, N. M.

Joins in today to wish every one . . . our patrons, our associates, our friends . . . a very Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year!

Sidney Prager L. M. Prager

MRS. MAMIE FOWLER		E. M. HYATT
MRS. MAUD ZIMMERMAN		MRS. MARY TIBITS
MRS. HELEN COX	L. E. DOYLE	MRS. DOROTHY JOHNSON
MRS. OVA PINKSTON		MISS ETTA LANNOM
MRS. ETHEL CROW	C. O. CONLEY	
MRS. F. B. McSHAN	ROSS STEWART	
WALTER C. GARGES	PHIL HELMIG	GEORGE ESTRADA
MARIE SCHAEFER	DAVID GREINER	EMIL SANDOVAL
CELINA GRZELACKOWSKI		

New Wall Paper Will Brighten Average Room

By BETTY WELLS

THIS year it's a birdie with a turquoise bill—and he's graduated from the window sill to the wall. One of the season's most delightful papers has a very modern bird and bird cage—I'm partial to it in pink and blue on a white ground.



The birdie has graduated from the window sill to the wall paper.

kitchen to match. What a fresh chirpy place that would be to fly about your work in! I'd paint table and chairs a sparkling white enamel, add pink voile curtains—yes pink—and get a not-too-deep blue linoleum. And there I'd be as cheerful as a canary I'm sure. The only catch is that I don't have a dinette and kitchen in need of redecorating.

In defense of all that pink and blue for dinette and kitchen, let me say that you can just about use any color anywhere—if your eye is sure. We have entirely too many color inhibitions anyway and this is as good a time as any to go through your head and clear them out—just as we sort our old clothes.

Take rust, green and gold for living rooms, for instance. I've got no grudge against that trio. But you must admit that it's been done to death. So if I had a room like that, I'd begin to inch up on it. Perhaps I'd use the gray cure—do over the walls in a fine light gray and hunt around for a gray and yellow chintz to ring in. If nothing else, I'd add some smart gray cushions or some important looking pieces of gray pottery.

Then there's the green and orchid bedroom, once such a joy to behold, now as "out" as the Buster Brown bob. If I had a room like that, I'd try to inch the orchid out of the picture and introduce yellow in its place—trying for that freshness—*à la* see in daffodils or buttercups. Any odd tidbits of orchid that have to be retained would look all right with the yellow, but with yellow and green predominating, I'd have a newer, crisper looking room.

If your room is too dull and neutral looking, try some incisive shade to pick it up—magenta, jade, orange, scarlet.

© By Betty Wells.—WNU Service.

Suit for Stratosphere Flying



This is the kind of suit the pilot and passengers of the stratosphere planes of the future may wear. It was successfully demonstrated by the parachute jumper Dendis, who made a jump from 30,000 feet at the Villeneuve-Saint George's airfield, France, in one of the experiments in stratosphere flying being conducted by the French air ministry.

Firehouse Put in Flames

By Own Noon Whistle
MONROE, WIS.—A fire was started in the firehouse when one of the firemen blew the noon whistle. A short circuit in the electric wiring started the blaze, which was extinguished before much damage was inflicted.

TO AID MEDICINE



Two rare tarsius monkeys, said to be the only ones ever imported into this country, are now subjects for medical research at Yale university. The tiny monkeys are about the size of large rats.

WIRE STORIES FOR BEDTIME

by Thornton W. Burgess

"GOOD MORNING," said Danny Meadow Mouse, when he suddenly found little Miss Nanny Meadow Mouse sitting with her back to him, quite as if she hadn't the least idea that he was anywhere about. Miss Nanny pretended not to hear.

"Good morning," said Danny a little louder than before. Little Miss Nanny turned her head and pretended to be very, very much surprised.

"Good morning," said she in a very low voice, and appearing very shy. Danny thought it was the sweetest voice he had ever heard.



"Do you always hide when you all see visitors coming?" asked Danny.

both laughed because it was all so very funny and foolish sounding.

"Do you always chase people until they lose their breath and are too tired to run another step when you make calls?" asked Miss Nanny.

"Do you always hide when you see callers coming?" asked Danny.

Then they both laughed again, and in two minutes they were talking as if they had known each other all day. And every minute Danny Meadow Mouse was falling more and more in love. It seemed to him that he just couldn't live without little Miss Nanny. He wanted to take her right home with him. He told her so. He told her that she was the most beautiful Meadow Mouse in the world, and a lot more foolish things which were very pleasant to hear.

"If you will come home with me and be Mrs. Danny, I'll fight for you and work for you, and you won't ever have anything to worry about," declared Danny.

Little Miss Nanny looked very thoughtful. "I know you can fight," said she, "because I saw you whip that important looking stranger whom you met on my doorstep. It was a splendid fight, and, do you know, all the time I hoped you would win. It was perfectly splendid!"

"Pooh, that was nothing!" said Danny. "That fellow couldn't fight."

"Would you always fight like that for me?" asked Nanny shyly.

"Just try me and see!" replied Danny eagerly. "I would fight twice as hard for you any time."

But little Miss Nanny hadn't lived by herself and earned her own living for nothing. She was very practical, was Miss Nanny. "Whoever I marry will have to prove his love first," said she with a very grand air.

Danny looked puzzled. "Didn't I prove it by fighting that stranger?" he asked.

"That was only part of the proof. Most people will fight for what they

Pink Bollworm Threatens Southern Cotton Industry

Worm Termed One of the Seven Most Destructive Agricultural Pests.

MALLEN, TEXAS.—Partial economic ruin of the South's cotton industry by pink bollworm is visualized by federal and state entomologists unless effective measures are adopted to curb infestation in Texas and Arizona.

The bollworm, which feeds on cotton bolls, was discovered in the lower Rio Grande valley only two years ago in gin trash, having spread from the Big Bend country of Texas.

Extensive precautions were taken to eradicate the pest but the bollworm attacked growing cotton during the last season in Kieberg, Nueces and San Patricio counties outside the valley.

Stalks Cleared Away.
South Texas farmers cleared their fields of cotton stalks under supervision of C. M. McEachern of McAllen, head of the federal-state quarantine office of the valley.

State Entomologist J. M. Dei Curto of Austin said that the Rio Grande valley cotton industry "could not stand a 30 per cent increase in the cost of production, cut staple and stained lint—all eventualities of infested areas."

Del Curto pointed out that unless farmers follow federal regulations for cleaning every field of stalks—only breeding places of the pink bollworm—establishment of a "non-cotton zone" might result.

Entomologists say that the bollworm is one of the seven most destructive pests known to agriculture and is one of the most difficult to eradicate because of its life cycle. Seriousness of the threat to Southern agriculture is indicated by stern efforts of the government to eradicate the pest.

Spread in 1936.
The extensive eradication program followed the discovery of the bollworm several years ago in the Big Bend country of Texas and it spread in 1936 in the lower Rio Grande valley of Texas and Mexico.

Del Curto said it had not been learned how the pest had spread last season to Kieberg, Nueces and San Patricio counties, which lie 175 miles from infested areas in the valley. There has been no infestation between the valley and the new counties.

Until recently the United States was the only cotton-producing country in the world free from the pink bollworm. Unless the pest is controlled, entomologists assert, an entirely new economic crisis will face the South.

The worm is so destructive that a serious infestation, sufficient to cause "commercial damage," will destroy as much as 80 to 85 per cent of an entire crop.

very much want. How do I know that you are as good a worker as you are a fighter? How do I know that you will keep the storehouse always filled so that I will have enough to eat and not have to work for a living?" Little Miss Nanny said this quite as if she had given the matter a great deal of thought and had fully made up her mind that whoever won her love would first have to prove that he could and would take the very best care of her.

"You might try me and see. Please do!" begged Danny.

"I'm very hungry right this minute," declared little Miss Nanny.

Away raced Danny as fast as ever he could make his legs go, after she had promised to wait right where she was until he should come back. He would show her what a good provider he could be. So he raced this way and that way hunting for something especially fine. If he had been at home he would have known just where to go, but this was a part of the Green Meadows with which he was not acquainted, and he really didn't know where to go. But he was bound he would find something, and sure enough he did. He ran right into a nice soft nut, and with this he was soon back. Little Miss Nanny's eyes sparkled as she saw it. Danny knew by the look in them that he had once more won her approval.

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Machine Locates Gales

To Aid Ships and Planes
MELBOURNE.—The physicist research board of Melbourne university has announced the invention of a machine for locating thunderstorms and gales, which it is believed will be of the utmost importance in aviation and steamer travel.

The machine operates from a ground base and radiates its information to all planes and ships.

Man's 55-Year Diary Is History of Town

ROBINSON, ILL.—Residents of Robinson who want information on daily weather conditions, politics or catastrophes in the last 55 years don't need a library.

They just ask Sam J. Barrick if he doesn't remember offhand he can find the answer in his diary.

Since February 26, 1883, Barrick has kept a diary which includes, in addition to personal affairs, references to events of public interest or importance.

Forestry Camp Is Set Up To Assist Wayward Boys

LOS ANGELES.—As an aid to the rehabilitation of wayward youths who have completed terms in forest service camps maintained by the Los Angeles county probation department, juvenile court and department of forestry, a "junior CCC camp" has been established in the Malibu mountains.

Through the co-operation of the three agencies the camp will care for 30 youths between 17 and 20 years of age, patterned closely along the lines of the federal camps. Boys who otherwise would be forced to return to surroundings that might counteract the character-building effects of the juvenile detention camps will be admitted and will be paid \$1 a day.

The youths will be available for emergency use in fire fighting by the county forest service, will build fire trails, motorways and firebreaks, as well as erosion control and reforestation.

RESIGNS JOB



Raymond Kennedy of Cleveland, Ohio, didn't believe that he was earning the salary paid him by the government, so he resigned. His duties called for inspection of equipment valued at \$1,500,000. He felt that taking the manufacturer's word would be incompatible with his oath of office, and unable to inspect all of the equipment, resigned.

Tax on Pitcairn Island

Only 12 Cents Annually
LONDON.—An island colony where they cannot cook or spell, but the only tax is 12 cents a year.

That is the picture of the lonely Pitcairn Island colony, founded by the mutineers of H. M. S. Bounty in 1790 on an isolated dot of land midway between Panama and New Zealand, in a report just published in London by the colonial office. The report is the work of J. S. Neill and Dr. Duncan Cook.

The brightest light in the whole report is the news that the "arms tax" on Pitcairn Island is a gun license fee of 12 cents a year, and that is the only tax levied.

SAFETY SONNETS



—National Safety Council—WNU Service.

WHAT to EAT and WHY

C. Houston Goudiss Asks How Do You Get Your Vitamin D? Relates Need for and Sources Of This Necessary Vitamin

By C. HOUSTON GOUDISS

THERE is scarcely a mother of a young baby today who has not at one time or another been told to give her child cod-liver oil. Perhaps she does not know this substance must be given to the baby for the vitamin D that it contains. But she has heard that there is something in cod-liver oil which makes it valuable to the baby's health.

A generation ago, cod-liver oil was given to children in the winter time, "to build them up" after colds or various other respiratory illnesses. It was not until 1921, however, that a long series of painstaking investigations, terminating in the discovery of vitamin D, made it clear that cod-liver oil is valuable as a source of vitamin D, and also why this vitamin is essential in the diet of growing children, as well as adults.

Discovery of Vitamin D
After years of patient work and many thrilling and dramatic experiments, seven forms of vitamin D have been revealed by science. And scientists have also solved the mystery of how such widely separated factors as cod-liver oil; sunlight; a diet that is rich in, and carefully balanced with calcium and phosphorus; and ultraviolet light, all can perform the same service for the body.

Readers of this column may have observed that the discovery of a number of the vitamins came about chiefly through the efforts of investigators to discover a method of treating or curing obscure nutritional diseases. In most instances, however, carefully controlled laboratory experiments played their part in reaching the ultimate goal after some clue had been found as to what the mysterious substance might be that helped to control a baffling nutritional disease. The discovery of vitamin D was no exception!

Vitamin D is associated intimately with the prevention and cure of rickets, the most devastating nutritional disease of children in temperate climates. Indeed, it is the moderate, and in some cases the small amount of sunshine in the temperate zone that accounts partially for the presence of rickets.

Historians have given us reason to believe that this disease may have existed in England even before the Roman conquest. Certainly it appeared in a serious form, both in England and in other North European countries, in the Seventeenth century. In fact, early literature refers to it as the English disease, and the early attempts to fathom its causes were written in Latin by English and Dutch doctors during the 1600's.

In rickets, the child's head grows large and out of proportion to the body, while the leg and arm bones, and in severe cases even the ribs, are bent and twisted out of their normal shape.

Need for Calcium and Phosphorus
The two principal minerals required for constructing the bones and teeth are calcium, obtained chiefly from milk, cheese and green leafy vegetables, and phosphorus, found in generous amounts in eggs, whole grain cereals and dried legumes. But one of the things that made it so difficult for scientists to determine the cause of rickets was the fact that apparently well fed children, who had plenty of calcium and phosphorus, frequently developed the disease.

Mystery of Cod-Liver Oil
Cod-liver oil had been used for many years because of its supposed "tonic" or "building" properties, when it was observed that regular doses of cod-liver oil not only cured rickets in children, but also cured the corresponding disease in adults, called osteomalacia, in which the bones become soft as the calcium and phosphorus already deposited in them are withdrawn and excreted.

Fat and Vitamin D
One of the strangest paradoxes to the scientists in their early investigations was the fact that while cod-liver oil appeared to cure rickets, another substance high in

want to give their babies the blessing bestowed on them by the scientists who discovered vitamin D, they must not overlook this important substance.

As guardians of the health of both children and adults, mothers should see to it that vitamin D is supplied regularly through the use of eggs and salmon; irradiated foods and those fortified with vitamin D; and if necessary, fish-liver oils or concentrates.

Questions Answered

Miss G. M. L.—Yes, it is true that sweet potatoes contain a small amount of protein. In fact, their protein is composed of four amino acids known to be essential to nutrition. Some of the protein may be lost if the potato is boiled, but it is entirely preserved when the potato is cooked by dry heat.

Mrs. M. B.—Both cooked lentils and baked kidney beans contain over 20 per cent of carbohydrate. Low carbohydrate vegetables include cabbage, celery, cauliflower, kale, lettuce and spinach. ©—WNU—C. Houston Goudiss—1938—42.

HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONS

Lintless Tea Towels.—Tea towels will not leave lint on china and glassware if they are passed through a weak starch solution when laundered.

Removing Indelible Ink Marks.—Equal parts of turpentine and ammonia will remove indelible ink marks from white fabrics when everything else fails.

Repairing Torn Clothing.—Triangular tears in garments may be neatly mended if the edges are first worked with a buttonhole stitch, then caught together through the stitches instead of the material.

Removing Smell.—A piece of lemon peel in the washing-up water will take away the smell of onions, fish, burnt meat. It will add a gloss to china, soften the water, and keep the hands smooth and white.

Saving Boards From Splitting.—Boards, such as are used for rough shelves, often split when nails are driven into them. To prevent this hold the nail upside-down with its head on the ground, and give the point a tap with the hammer to blunt it. Nails thus treated rarely, if ever, split the wood.

To Judge Grapefruit.—Notice its firmness, weight, and shape as well as the thickness of the skin. Good quality fruit is firm yet springy to the touch. It is well shaped, thin skinned and heavy for its size.

Dressy Midwinter Fashions



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things to your figure. The wide girle makes you look doll-waisted, the gathered bodice fills out your bustline, and the full skirt is extremely graceful. The high neckline is scalloped to make it softer and more becoming. In velvet, silk crepe, satin, or thin wool, this will be one of the prettiest afternoon dresses you ever owned!

Suspender Skirt With Jacket.
Here's a perfectly charming new princess skirt, in suspender fashion, topped by a short little tuxedo jacket. You can wear the skirt with your own blouses, or just with the jacket, so that you'll find it very useful. See how tiny it makes your waist look, and notice the cute, crescent-shaped pockets. Very simple to make, like all two-piece styles. Choose tweed, wool crepe, plaid or flannel.

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GRAND RIVER DAM TO BE COMPLETED IN 18 MONTHS

DISNEY, OKLA.—The new \$20,000,000 dam being built on Grand river in northeastern Oklahoma is rapidly taking form.

Seven contracts, aggregating more than \$10,000,000 have been awarded. The excavation for the spillway has been completed and core drillings have been taken to determine what kind of rock is available for the huge dam's foundations.

A small railroad and a transmission line have been built to the dam site. At present about 275 men are employed on the dam, but officials estimate that when the pouring of concrete begins between 1,600 and 3,000 laborers will be needed.

Contract for the construction of the streamlined, 6,100-foot multiple arch dam was awarded to the Mass man Construction company of Kansas City. The Massman company

bid \$9,322,960 for the job and promised to have the structure completed in 18 months.

The Grand River Dam authority also has ordered \$1,338,760 worth of turbines, generators and other electrical equipment, which is to be delivered on January 1, 1940.

The dam will create a lake 57 miles long stretching across four counties in northeastern Oklahoma. The power plant to be constructed

in connection with the dam will be capable of producing 200,000,000 kilowatts of electricity annually. The power will be sold to towns and cities in the area and the money will be used to retire bonds which were issued to pay for the dam.

Land in the area is selling at a premium. Town lots in Disney which a few months ago had little or no value are selling at prices ranging as high as \$1,000 each.

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WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON

NEW YORK.—In the pre-war years, about the only sure-thing newspaper man who covered Europe was Henri S. De Blowitz, the Bohemian who became a Frenchman and scooped the world with the full text of the treaty at the conference of Berlin, at the end of the Franco-Prussian war. Although he did this for the London Times, English journalists—distinctly that, rather than newspaper men—seemed to think it wasn't quite cricket and they went on wearing spats, carrying canes, and dodging leg-work. I remember citing to an English friend the De Blowitz book, published posthumously in 1903, in which he told how he got that beat on the treaty—an exciting newspaper yarn if there ever was one.

"Bit of a rotter, don't you think?" said the Englishman.

After the war, the English correspondents started shaking a leg, but, with all this Chauvinism loose in the world, we may boast that it was the American lads who set the pace. One press association and a few of our newspapers sent over to the big war news beagles who began retrieving stories right under the nose of the morning coat scribes. They've been getting better all the time, and one of the bell-ringers is Frank Smothers of the Chicago Daily News, the tenth correspondent to be bounced out of Italy for faithful reporting in the last year.

Mr. Smothers was a fast-stepping and fast-thinking reporter in Chicago for nine years before he went to the Orient, as correspondent for the Chicago Daily News and the Boston Transcript. He was close in when the Japanese made their first grab for China and pegged home some of the best stories from that beat. In Italy, he made a similar record.

A keen analyst, as well as news-getter, he is one of a number of American foreign correspondents who have told the story of world catastrophe faster and better than any others at any place or time. He grew up in Roseville, Ill., and finished at the University of Wisconsin, after two years at Northwestern. He is 37 years old.

GEORGE RUBLEE, 70 years old, is beset with a thousand plans for taking care of European political refugees, as he heads the American efforts in this humane undertaking. His fame rests upon his achievements as an international lawyer, of the firm of Covington, Burling & Rublee, of Washington. He was a strong supporter and ally of the late Robert La Follette.

Whenever they have had all trouble anywhere in the Western hemisphere, they have sent for Mr. Rublee. He has straightened out snarls over oil rights in Colombia, Mexico and other countries. He was a friend and associate of the late Dwight W. Morrow and helped him settle a number of oil and banking arguments in Mexico.

He is a native of Madison, Wis., and an alumnus of the Harvard law school. He began the practice of law at Chicago.

THERE was a news story the other day about a thwarted artist, who came through and had a glorious revenge on his thwarters.

The Fine Arts Substitutes association, in behalf of teachers flunked by the New York board of examiners, gives an exhibition by which the public is to judge whether the board bopped them unjustly. Among the exhibitors is Max Weber, distinguished artist, represented in the Metropolitan museum, who was among those flunked by the board. With his picture goes a note to the board in which Mr. Weber tells what he thinks of it and cites his success as "proof of their incompetence."

Mr. Weber, a native of Russia, here at the age of 10, was a modernist, so far out of bounds that the academicians would turn in a riot call whenever anybody mentioned his name. He has been marked up more by the critics probably than any other man in America.

The turn in Mr. Weber's fortunes came in 1925, when a discerning New York Sun critic, among others, piped him up as a thoroughly competent artist. His pictures sell. He has a nice home at Great Neck, Long Island.

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Shapely Neck Important to Good Looks

By PATRICIA LINDSAY

AS THE mode changes we re-fashion our bodies! No wonder men marvel at us. One year we are without chests. The next, we develop nicely rounded bosoms! If the walking vogue is a slouch—we slouch and allow our shoulders to grow rounded! Just bring on the style and we grow into it!

Honestly, we are queer, we of the female sex. But at last only good posture and regal carriage is fashionable. Thank heaven for this era's style for now we must learn to walk erect with easy grace. Our shoulders must be firm and lovely to set off the new strapless gowns and swim suits. Our necks, usually neglected, must be beautiful, as appropriate pedestals for smartly coiffured heads. Hair sweeping up into a cluster of curls with tantalizing ringlets in back of our ears. Yes, it is practically the Gibson Girl period returned, and we might conceivably look forward to wasp waist lines!



Exercises will help to fill out chest and straighten shoulders.

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To Keep Neck Beautiful

A few brief rules for keeping the neck beautiful. Scrub it each morning with a rich deep lather and body brush, using a light rotary movement. Rinse it well. Dry well. Powder with the same shade of powder you use for your face. Remember your neck is a continuation of your face!

At night cleanse it with a light cleansing cream. Then, with an upward movement, massage the skin well, using a rich nourishing cream or a bit of mineral oil.

Whenever you think to do it, exercise your neck by bending it forward and backward and rotating it slowly.

There is no beauty in hollow shoulders or a skinny neck. You develop them through exercise and eat enough to fill them out. A simple exercise does wonders for both, here it is:

Lie on your stomach across a chair, balancing the body carefully with feet and arms as if you were swimming the breast stroke. Out straight—slowly to the sides—back until you feel a pull on your shoulder blades. Relax after a minute or two and repeat.

Of course, the actual breast stroke while you are swimming will do more than anything else to make your shoulders beautiful.

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HINT-OF-THE-DAY

For Glorified Eyes

From Paris comes a new beauty secret that does wonders in rejuvenating tired eyes. For the girl who has read until the small hours to finish a book, or for the lady who's missed out on her normal quota of sleep, this new product is said to restore the sparkle of youth in a jiffy.

It comes in the form of a jar full of featherweight masques saturated in a solution that relieves eye tension and tiredness and leaves the eyes clear and radiantly alive.

You place one of the pads on your eyes and lie down for five minutes of relaxation. There comes a feeling of refreshing coolness to take the sting out of tired eye-balls and gently stimulate the skin area around the eyes, where age and fatigue show first.

Best part of the treatment is that good effect lasts for hours. The pads are harmless.

Quinine Has Saved Many Lives

The quinine tree gets its name from a grateful lady. Countess Chinchon. While her husband was Spanish governor of Peru, she contracted malaria and suffered from it for several years. Then, in 1638, says the Washington Post, she was given tea brewed from cinchona bark. She immediately recovered. Overjoyed, she returned to Spain and publicized this remedy. In the three centuries since she first used it, quinine has saved countless lives, brought relief to millions of malaria sufferers in all tropical countries.

Immortalized in Gray's Elegy The beautiful church yard o' Stoke Poges church, near London, is the church yard immortalized in Gray's "Elegy on a Country Church-yard."

Improved Uniform International SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson for December 25

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GOD'S GREAT LOVE

GOLDEN TEXT—Matthew 2:1-12. **GOLDEN TEXT**—God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—John 3:16.

Christmas Day on Sunday—what an appropriate combination! Today we commemorate the birth of our Lord, the coming of our Redeemer to dwell among men on the day of the week which is a perpetual remembrance of His resurrection from the dead—the Lord's Day. He came as the babe of Bethlehem's manger in order that He might in His death and resurrection from the grave prove His victory over sin and death. For those who know and love the true spirit of Christmas, this should be a great day of rejoicing in Christ.

We have an unusual opportunity to study the birth of Jesus from a text not commonly used for Christmas, namely, the coming of the Wise Men from the East to find and worship Him. It is suggested that your experiences may be considered as showing the way to Jesus, who is the perfect revelation of God's great love. We should

I. Look for His Sign (vv. 1-3). While most of their fellow men saw nothing but an unusually bright star (if they even noted that much, in their hurried devotion to the interests of everyday life), the men of the East showed that they were wise by recognizing that here was the promised sign of Numbers 24:17. Be sure to read that great prophecy. When they told Herod, he, fearing lest his own power and prominence should be challenged, became troubled in his heart.

The parallel to our day is striking. Everywhere in our lives, personal and national, are the unmistakable signs of the presence and power of Jesus. Most people heed them not in their mad pursuit of gold and pleasure. Others hate His name, and would destroy His influence on earth. Let us be among the wise men who come today to seek and worship Him!

II. Listen to God's Word (vv. 4-6). The Wise Men knew that to come, but they needed further light. They knew where to find it—in God's own Word. How different would be the history that is in the making in our day if instead of turning to the philosophies of men, or trusting in the might of armaments, we would turn to God's Word and let it lead us all to Christ, the Saviour of the world, the Prince of Peace.

III. Seek the Saviour (vv. 7-9). Different motives moved in the hearts of those who consulted the Scriptures on that far-off day in Jerusalem. Herod, while hypocritically professing to want to worship, really was looking into it so that he might kill Jesus. There are hypocrites who study God's Word in our day for the same purpose while ostensibly worshipping. The people of Jerusalem had the curious bystander's interest in an unusual event. They have their counterpart in our churches and communities on this Christmas Day of 1938. Then there were the chief priests and scribes, who had a purely professional interest in finding what the Scriptures taught concerning this promised One. There are plenty of that kind of religious workers today.

None of these actually sought the Saviour except the Wise Men. Thank God for the thousands of men, women, and children who today seek the Christ who is the very reason for the observance of Christmas, but who has been all but lost in the nonsense and commercialism that have practically ruined Christmas as a sacred "holy day."

IV. Worship Him (vv. 10-12). These faithful seekers found Him, and in Him they found joy (v. 10), worship (v. 11), opportunity for sacrifice of self and gifts (v. 11), and fellowship with God in the great work of redemption (v. 12). God spoke to them, gave them a personal and secret commission which thwarted the wicked plans of Herod.

Christmas may mean all of that to each one of us if we let the Lord Jesus come into our lives in all the beauty of His redeeming love and holiness. To you who read these lines just now, the writer makes this plea in the name of Christ—let Him have your life and transform it by His grace and for His glory. Only thus can you have a joyful and blessed Christmas.

The Parent Mind
The souls of the sons of God are greater than their business; and they are thrown out into life, not to do a certain work, but to be a certain thing; to have some sacred lineaments, to show some divine tint of the Parent Mind from which they came.—Martineau.

The Nation's Progress
National progress is the sum of individual industry, energy, and uprightiness, as national decay is of individual idleness, selfishness and vice.

Hurry, Pop! What's the Reason For All These Fake Whiskers?



Peggy Hopkins Joyce plays hostess to all the Santa Clauses in New York at a luncheon in the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria. Lucky no youngsters were around or there might have been trouble!

What will you answer this Christmas when starry-eyed Junior raises his face and asks: "Daddy, how come I saw three Santa Clauses downtown today?" Or: "Mother, why was Santa Claus riding in an automobile today? Are his reindeer hurt?" Or, looking at a newspaper: "Why was Santa Claus so thin when I saw him on the corner today? He's fat in this picture!" This is the season when harassed parents must think up quick answers or destroy Junior's faith in St. Nicholas. For Santa Claus, though a messenger of joy, can also be a pest. In Omaha a sympathetic mayor last year ruled that the army of fake Santas must leave the streets, thereby bringing sighs of relief from Mother and Dad.

But in other towns and cities, papa may restrain an impulse to strangle every red-suited gentleman

meets on the street. To prevent this mass liquidation, thoughtful persons have now offered a solution which has worked before and should work again. When Junior wonders about so many different kinds of Santas, the explanation is that they aren't Santas at all, but just his helpers. Simply wreath your face in a benevolent smile, take Junior on your knee and repeat the following: "You see, Junior, Santa is a very busy man and he needs lots of help. So he has helpers who ask boys and girls what they want in their stockings." The only trouble is that Junior may answer: "Yeah, but papa, why did that man there say that he really was Santa Claus and that he'd be sure to bring me a big train set, an' a lot of toy soldiers and a drum an' a . . . ?" Maybe the situation is hopeless!

Santa Claus Really Has a Post Office



This is the doorway to Santa Claus land, a real village resting in the Indiana hills which has become world-famous because of its Christmas name and also because Abraham Lincoln lived there from his seventh to twenty-first years. Santa Claus is an unincorporated village but its post office does a land-office business each December because thousands of people send their letters there to be cancelled with the famous Santa Claus postal stamp.



For 28 years James F. Martin was postmaster at Santa Claus, taking it easy each summer and working like a fiend during the Christmas rush. Finally the pressure grew so great that his office was rated as a third-class post office, a ranking usually enjoyed only by much larger communities. Above is the Santa Claus post office and general store.



Succeeding James Martin when he died was the present postmaster, Oscar Phillips, forty-one. To him has fallen the duty of making thousands of children happy. Each day he receives hundreds of letters containing enclosures which are to be cancelled carefully with the Santa Claus stamp and sent on to all parts of the world.



As he should be, the real Santa Claus is the patron saint of this little Indiana community. This 25-foot statue of St. Nicholas stands all year in a little park, attracting visitors from all parts of the country. Yes, Santa Claus does have a post office!

Christmas Toys



KEENE, N. H.—This community is toyland each Christmas season as workers in the toy factories rush to put last-minute touches on miniature locomotives, automobiles—and even auto trailers!

His Last Dime

By Katherine Edelman

DAN DRISCOLL was broke. Well, almost broke. He had one thin dime, hiding in the dark depths of a purse that had once held bills of three figures.

He had held it for 20 years, ever since he had found it while ploughing on his father's farm. His lucky dime—that's what he had called it. Dan laughed grimly at the thought. Lucky! Had anyone ever been so unlucky as him? Here was the whole town preparing for Christmas, shopping, spending oodles of money, and he was a penniless, weary wanderer. A lucky dime!

A little place around the corner caught his eye. Dan entered, his nostrils quivering under the tantalizing odors. He looked around with greedy eyes, his mouth watering with longing. Soup, roast fowl, potatoes, luscious mince pie! But he mustn't think about such things. He had just one dime—the price of a cup of coffee and a doughnut, or a hamburger. Which would it be? The

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queer little man inside the counter waited while Dan weighed the important question. The hamburger won. While it was being cooked to order, Dan dug into his pocket and took the dime from the battered purse.

Hungry as he was, he handed it over before attacking the food. His voice was a bit apologetic. "It's an old timer," he said; "been in my pocket for years and years."

The old man didn't seem to be listening. He was peering through his spectacles at the coin.

"You're sure you're telling the truth about this dime?" he queried.

"The absolute truth," Dan answered. "But, if you won't believe me, you can have your coffee and hamburger."

A shrill laugh ran through the place. "It's a good thing you ran across someone who knew, and better, somebody who was honest," the little man was saying excitedly. "Do you know that you have one of the rarest dimes at large? It's—its worth thousands."

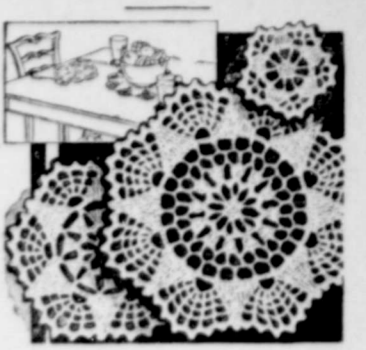
"You mean, this thing I've held on to for years is worth money?" "It's worth big money," the cafe owner was waving his hands in the air, the dime clasped between his thumb and first finger. "I've been looking for one of them all my life!" "Hand me that menu!" Dan Driscoll cried commandingly. "I'm going to have a Christmas dinner right now. I'm going clear down the line, from soup to mince pie."

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Hawaii Yule Greetings Broadcast to Islands

Broadcast to Islands In Pacific Territory
HONOLULU.—For the past three years Hawaii has broadcast Christmas greetings on December 24 to several lonely islands which have become potentially important along aviation's equatorial Pacific area. The messages, from station KGU, go out to the dozen or so young Americans who for three years have been keeping the Stars and Stripes flying on Howland, Baker, Jarvis and other tiny Pacific islands.

Lovely Doilies Can Be Crocheted in a Jiffy



Pattern 1715

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Unfaithfulness

The lines of suffering on almost every human countenance have been deepened, if not traced there, by unfaithfulness to conscience, by departures from duty. To do wrong is the surest way to bring suffering. Those sins which are followed by no painful pain are yet terribly avenged, even in this life. They abridge our capacity of happiness, impair our relish for innocent pleasure, and increase our sensibility to suffering. They spoil us of the armor of a pure conscience and of trust in God, without which we are vulnerable by all the changes of life. Thus, to do wrong is to inflict the surest injury on our own peace.

No enemy can do us equal harm with what we do ourselves whenever or however we violate any normal or religious obligation.—Channing.

Wise and Otherwise

A rumor is often very skimpy, but it soon gets round all the same.

It's not much of a brag when a man tells another he has forgotten more than he has ever known.

Courtship makes a man spoon, but marriage makes him fork out.

Work is the secret of success, says the millionaire. Yes, but you've got to get other people to do it for you.

Have you heard of the absent-minded gangster who held his machine-gun on his lap and fired his secretary.

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Foe of Tranquility
Nothing is so great an enemy to tranquility, and a contented spirit, as the amazement and confusion of unreadiness and inconsideration.—Jeremy Taylor.

That Nagging Backache

May Warn of Disordered Kidney Action
Modern life with its hurry and worry, irregular habits, improper eating and drinking—its risk of exposure and infection—throws heavy strain on the work of the kidneys. They are apt to become over-taxed and fail to filter excess acid and other impurities from the life-giving blood.

You may suffer nagging backache, headache, dizziness, getting up nights, leg pains, swelling—feel constantly tired, nervous, all worn out. Other signs of kidney or bladder disorder may be burning, scanty or too frequent urination.

Use Doan's Pills. Doan's help the kidneys to get rid of excess poisonous body waste. They are antiseptic to the urinary tract and tend to relieve irritation and the pain it causes. Many grateful people recommend Doan's. They have had more than forty years of public approval. Ask your neighbor!

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How much better to pay your bills by check out of a reserve fund in the bank, than to pay by money-order out of "cash in hand" with perhaps little or nothing left after you have paid.

When you pay by check you are not always at the cash "danger-line." Your balance, even though small, gives you greater confidence and peace of mind. You save effort and many valuable minutes by writing a few words and figures on a check instead of walking many blocks. You will get ahead faster with a checking account to help you.



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IN SOCIETY

MEN'S CLUB HOSTS TO HOLIDAY PARTY

One of the gayest of holiday parties was given on Tuesday evening at the Woman's Club building with the community Men's Club as hosts.

Keeping tally with the Christmas decorations in the rooms, long tables were laid with glistening damask, and centered with sprays of pine and pine cones. Covers were marked by midge trees placed on red stars of cellophane. Toastmaster was Robert Cumpsten, the outgoing president. He led in the singing of a Christmas song, and Walden Jacobson led in prayer.

A turkey dinner with plum pudding for dessert was served by the Woman's Club, a bevy of young girls acting as waitresses.

Following dinner, Miss Ernestine Haley gave two piano numbers; the Glee Club girls sang several songs with M. C. Owens at the saxophone, Miss Helen Goodwin played the accordion, and their teacher, Miss Maryonne Becker accompanied at the piano.

Before Santa Claus entered the activities, John Garner suggested a vote of appreciation to the outgoing president. This vote was unanimous.

Santa Claus was played by Starchy Starchman, who in an entertaining manner gave impersonations and imitations. From a laden tree he gave gifts to all present. These gifts in turn were given the committee to give among the Christmas baskets.

Visiting was enjoyed by the largest crowd reported at the club's guest parties. All reported a very pleasant evening.

SOPHOMORE PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Welborn entertained the sophomore class with a delightful Christmas party

at their home Wednesday night. Guests were: Austin Strickland, Ellis Bealer, Bobby Charles Mitchell, Malcolm Key and Jimmy Langenegger. Games of Chinese checkers and other games were played during the evening. After refreshments of candy, fruit and popcorn bolls were served, presents were distributed among the group. About forty attended and all report a good time.

EASTERN STAR HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The local Order of the Eastern Star and Masonic lodge held their annual Christmas party last night at the hall. First meeting at the Woman's Club, they enjoyed a covered dish supper, which was a holiday feast. A decorated tree held gifts for each one present. These gifts were from the "sunshine friend"

Chinese checkers formed the entertainment. About fifty were present, and report a very enjoyable party. Out of-town-guests were Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Mehlop and Mr. and Mrs. L. Parker of Dexter.

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR SENIOR CLASS

The senior class enjoyed a Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dub Andrus Monday night. Chinese checkers was played throughout the evening and prizes given at each table. Toy gifts were exchanged among the seniors at the beginning of the party.

Refreshments were served to Misses and Messrs. Marguerite Harrison, Patsy Farkas, Dean Condit, Ruth Solomon, Ruby Rhoades, Bernice Tulk, Austin Strickland, J. W. Tulk, Junior Wade and Grady Bartlett, Miss Jessie George, Miss Laverne Crow and Miss Almarretta Growden, sponsors, and Mr. and Mrs. Dub Andrus.

Mr. W. P. Woodmas is visiting friends in Hagerman this week.

DANCE FOR YOUNGER SET

Miss Dorothy Sue Davenport, Lloyd Harshey and George Mark Losey issued invitations for a dance on Monday evening at the Woman's Club. Miss Ernestine Haley furnished the music. Chaparrones were: Mesdames W. A. Losey, Lloyd Harshey and T. D. Davenport.

The club rooms were gaily decorated for the Christmas holidays. Cold drinks and sandwiches were served to about twenty-five guests.

L. C. CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mrs. C. O. Holloway was hostess last Thursday afternoon to the annual holiday party for the club. The rooms of the club are decorated for the Christmas holidays and have a gala festive appearance.

Mrs. Holloway read the Christmas scripture from the Bible. Roll call was answered by each one telling of their happiest Christmas.

Mrs. Heitman won in a contest, and following other games, gifts were given from a gaily decorated tree.

Sandwiches, cakes and whipped cream with coffee were served. Mrs. Tom Ferguson was elected a new member of the club.

A Christmas basket was prepared for a needy family. Present were Mesdames I. E. Boyce, Fred Evans, B. F. Gehman, Elmer Graham, W. L. Heitman, Lester Hinrichsen, Ross Jacobs, B. F. Knoll, Jim Sanders, Earl Stine, Ernest Utterback, Marion Woody, Frank Bauslin and the hostess.

BELLE BENNETT MISSIONARY CIRCLE

The Belle Bennett Missionary Circle of the Methodist Church met at the home of Mrs. Jack Menoud, Wednesday, Dec. 21. Old business of 1938 was closed and plans for the coming year were discussed. Those present were: Mesdames Howard Menefee, Elwood Watford, Bill Skinner, J. T. Condit, Wayne Garham, David Shaw, Alan Hansen, Miss Ida Langenegger and the hostess.

Refreshments of fruit jello and whipped cream, cake and coffee were served.

SCOUT MEETINGS

The regular Scout meeting was held Wednesday afternoon at the Presbyterian Church. Plans were made for packing and delivering a Christmas basket. They also planned to go caroling during the Christmas season.

A lovely towel shower was held for Miss Mary Burck, who is the only lieutenant ever to attend a Scout camp three years in succession. The Scouts were happy to have Mary with them and feel like they are losing an "older sister" when they lose her.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wyatt, Mrs. Franklin Baber and son, Frank Chester, of Texhoma, Okla., came Sunday for a few days visit with Mr. and Mrs. William Solomon and family.

BELLE BENNETTS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Belle Bennetts held a lovely Christmas party in the church basement Friday evening to which their husbands were guests. Delicious home made candy was served throughout the evening to the groups of Chenka-Check players. At the close, gifts were exchanged and refreshments of sandwiches, cookies and cocoa were served to about twenty-five who had spent a very enjoyable evening. Mrs. Condit was the hostess.

BERRY-DONNELLY

At a beautiful candle light service last Saturday at the Dexter Presbyterian Church Miss Dorothea Berry of Dexter became the bride of Dr. Thomas Donnelly of Albuquerque. The Rev. John Anderson read the impressive ring service at an altar made of baskets of shaggy white mums and lighted by tall white cathedral candles. Miss Irene Remmers played the processional and recessional marches. Miss Elaine Brown sang. Both girls are close friends of the bride. The bride was dressed in ivory velvet. Her bridesmaid, Miss Bobby Anderson, was dressed in royal blue velvet. Only close friends and relatives were present. A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Berry. They will make their home in Albuquerque, where Dr. Connelly is associate professor of government at the University of New Mexico.

Mrs. O. J. Andrus is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill Youree and Dub Hardin in Roswell.



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TURKEY DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Perry were hosts to a turkey dinner Tuesday evening at their home. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ivis Boykin, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Menoud, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Watford and sons.

John Garner transacted business in Roswell this morning.



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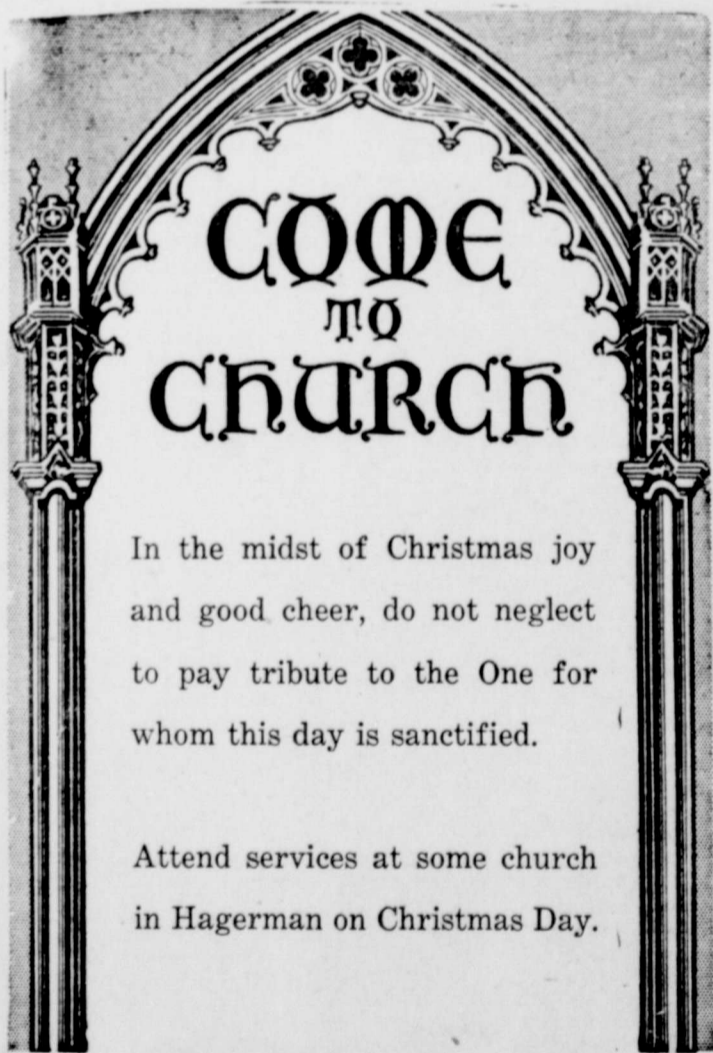
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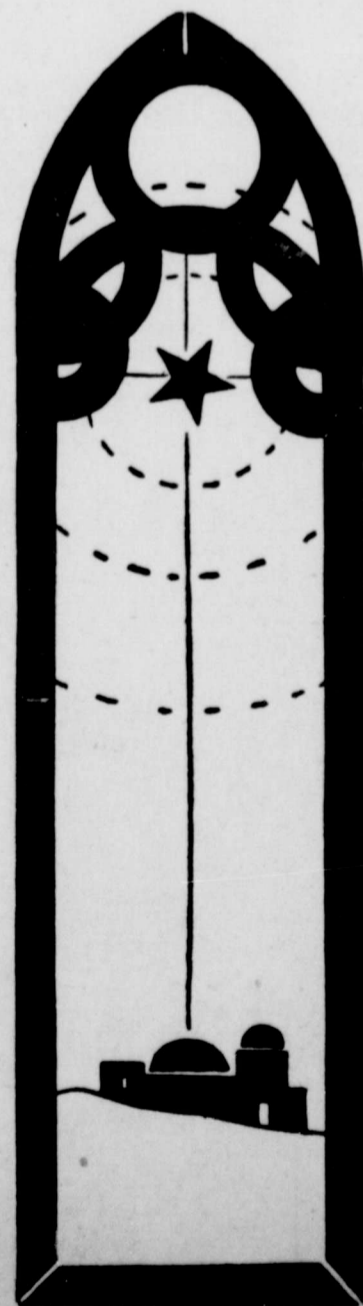
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