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There Is A Destiny That Makes Us Brothers -- None Goes His Way Alone
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Warning Heeded

A San Angelo brother writing to the San Angelo Standard before the local option election, under caption of "Open Mind", said the great floods in the mid-west states is a judgement sent on these people by God because of their wickedness.

He further said that the flood last fall which did such grievous damage to San Angelo was another judgement of God, and that if the folks in the coming dry election did not vote the city dry another flood would follow.

Well, the folks of that city heeded to the brother's warning and made that city publicly dry, though some assert that it is privately wet. But, according to the brother's idea and prophecy, San Angelo will be safe from floods in the future as long as the city is publicly dry.

I infer that the brother is well acquainted with God and His attitude toward bad persons and towns. It seems that the brother has the low down on God's ways. According to him, God has a way of getting even with people who drink beer, fish on Sunday and vote the wet ticket by sending a flood to wipe out their homes and drown their cats and babies.

The things I can't understand is, why God would send a flood to drown out a man who always went to church on Sunday and voted a dry ticket, just because he had built his home on a low place near the river, and at the same time spare the man who drink beer, never went to church and fished on Sunday, just because that wicked rascal built his home on a high hill.

Maybe the brother is right, but for the life of me, I can't understand why God, in order to even up a score would deal a whole lot of misery to reach some worthless wicked devil. Another thing I can't understand, is that when this country had no people here to offend him, God would allow floods to come. Some how I can't lay all this devilment on God.

God made his laws in the beginning and has not changed them to speak of. He made water to seek the lowest places. If a man built his home there, the flood would get him, though he might be ever so good. God caused high places, had a man built his home on a hill the floods would not harm him although he might be guilty of stealing sheep, drinking beer and fishing on Sunday.

If a brother don't care, I refuse to believe that God is revengeful and takes it out on innocent babies and little children in order to even a score with a few wicked sons of Satan.

I refuse to lay all this devilment on God. --Uncle Bill

---Sterling City News Record

Your water bill must be paid by 10th of each month or service will be discontinued.
City Commission.

B. U. Smith Is Dead

Word was received here Wednesday of the death of B. U. Smith at his home in Port Arthur. Many of the older residents of Coke County will remember Mr. Smith as a teacher, back in the Nineties, of a number of the county schools--Pecan, Edith, Sanco, Cedar Hill, and others.

He was born in Harrison County, Texas, July 28, 1864. Dec. 27, 1895, he was married to Miss Emma Payne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Payne, the ceremony being conducted by Rev. R. M. Cumbie at the old Sanco School house. The first home of Mr. and Mrs. Smith was on the site of Dave Millican home at Pecan.

Surviving are his wife; two children, H. B. Smith and Mrs. F. C. Gardner, and two grandchildren, Shirley and Marian Garner, all of Port Arthur.

Mr. Smith had been poor health for some time. Death occurred at 7:25 Wednesday morning. It was understood that burial would be made at Port Arthur.

Mrs. Smith is a sister of Mrs. Will Campbell, Mrs. Marvin Stewart and Mrs. M. L. Marrow.

Gift Shower

Honoring Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Smith, Mrs. Gerald Allen and Mrs. Lamont Scott were joint hostesses last week at a bridge party which was climaxed with a surprise gift shower for the newlyweds. A miniature bride and groom centered each luncheon table when a salad course with coffee was served. Guests other than the honorees were, Messers and Mesdames, J. S. Craddock, A. F. Landers, Rial Denman, W. C. McDonald, Fred Roe, Cortez Russell, Bruce Clift, Fred McDonald, Jr., G. L. Taylor, J. C. Snead, Jr., T. M. Wylie, Jr., Marvin Simpson, S. E. Admams, Paul Good, L. M. Woodmanson, Frank Grimes, Missers Virginia Griffith, Sybil Summers, Charline Morrow, Christine Glenn, Louise Roe, Mrs. Ray Teller, and Messers G. C. Allen, Lamont Scott, Frank Allen, Hyman Teague, W. T. Roach, W. K. Simpson, and Wilfred Gardner.

Federated Women's Club

The recently organized Ariel Club which is affiliated with the Texas Federated Women's Club met Wednesday, February 3, at the home of Mrs. S. E. Adams with Mrs. George Taylor, the president, presiding. The constitution and by-laws of the club were formed, and other business was attended to.

Mrs. Marvin Simpson gave a most informative talk on parliamentary procedure at the conclusion of which the hostess served a salad course to nine members.

Red Cross Flood Relief Fund

Coke County has been asked to raise \$200 for the Red Cross to be used in the emergency situation in the east. Ordinarily our quota is \$40.00 but the west end of the county has raised \$90.00 to date. The whole county has sent in \$152.00, so please, those who have not contributed and wish to do so, please bring your donation to Coke Motor Co. and it will be turned over to the County Chairman, W. H. Maxwell, Jr.

Following is a list of those, in the west end of the county, who have given to the Red Cross fund.

J. I. Murtishaw	\$1.00
City Cafe	50
W. E. Wilbanks	50
C. R. Campbell	1.00
J. C. Jordan	50
G. C. Allen	1.00
Ella Brown	50
Carroll Russell	1.00
Myrtle Hurley	1.00
H. D. Fish	1.00
Fred O. Green	1.00
Frank Smith	50
Frank Grimes	50
Frank Dean Bryan	50
W. K. Simpson Co	5.00
J. W. Arledge Jr.	1.00
J. J. S. Smith	1.00
Juanity Barger	1.00
Mrs. Bailey Russell	1.00
Lois Vowell	1.00
Virginia Griffith	1.00
Eunice McLure	1.00
A. F. Landers	1.00
Sybil Summers	1.00
George Taylor	1.00
Roy Brey	1.00
Mettie Russell	1.00
S. P. Yantis	1.00
Joe Fields	1.00
W. H. Bell	1.00
Billie Craddock	50
Ed Hickman	50
Mrs. Annie McCabe	1.00
Will Price	1.00
Dr. Griffith	1.00
Joe Dodson	1.00
John Hearne	50
Mrs. T. J. Holden	1.00
Mrs. Ray Teller	1.00
J. H. Fields	1.00
Guy Denman	50
Loyal Schooler	2.50
Tom Peays	50
Mrs. Daisy McCutchen	50
Roller Page	50
Carl Hurley	1.00
Gilbert Wallace	1.00
Jake Morrow	50
M. L. Taylor	1.00
D. B. Richardson	1.00
Coke Motor Co.	5.00
Rev. Earl Hoggard	1.50
Willis Smith	1.00
Frank Percifull	2.00
S. E. Adams	1.00
H. E. Smith	1.00
H. L. Scott	50
Frank McCabe	50
Frank Strom	50
R. B. Allen	50
H. P. Malloy	1.00
Allin Roberts	25
McNeil Wylie	1.00
Ivan Brunson	25
Marvin Barns	50
Rial Denman	1.00
Alamo Theatre	1.00
Luther Sparks	85
J. C. Snead Jr	50
Mrs. Drue Scoggins	50
Mrs. Eva Vowell	1.00

Mrs. J. R. Smith Passes On

Mrs. J. R. Smith, a resident of the Valley View community in Coke County for many years, passed away Saturday after a long illness. She died in San Angelo where she had been a patient for some time.

Funeral services were held at Bronte Sunday afternoon with Rev. Lewis Stuckey officiating.

Survivors are, the husband, two sons, L. E. and J. J. S., seven daughters, Mrs. Ervin Hicks, Mrs. Charles Sherrel, Mrs. Lee Johnson, Mrs. L. G. Campbell, Mrs. L. L. Thomas, Mrs. Howard Holden and Miss Jannie Smith.

Judge Wylie Visits Austin

The county judge, at Austin Wednesday in interest of the old age assistance in Coke county, took up individual case with Judge Darsey, first assistant director. Judge Wylie stated that while he cannot immediately tell to what extent he met with success, he feels that the response was favorable. Robert Lee has recently been transferred from the Abilene district to the San Angelo district and Judge Wylie will go, probably Friday, to confer with F. C. Atwood at San Angelo.

The judge also talked for several hours with Senator Davis and Penrose Metcalf relative to ways and means of coping with the relief situation in the county. This conference was also responded to heartily and favorably.

N w and Renewals

Since publishing our new and renewed list of subscribers last week, we have collected quiet a number. They are, W. J. Brock, Bronte, C. W. Millican, Blackwell, Kelly Haseiden, V. V. Wojtek, W. G. Bird and Mrs. F. A. Gladney, Homer, La. Mrs. G. A. Rambin, D. B. Walling, J. B. Walker, H. D. Fish, H. L. Bloodworth, Loyal Schooler, Jess Buchanan, and L. E. White. And E. W. Smith, a subscriber for some 25 years.

W. S. Jackson	1.00
Mrs. Irene Roberts	50
Mrs. Leola Scott	50
Cumbie's Store	1.00
R. S. Walton	50
Raymond Jay	50
Vladimer Wojtek	1.00
W. J. Varnadore	50
A. E. Latham	50
G. C. Casey	75
Henry Varnadore	1.00
Wilfred Gardner	1.00
Mrs. Lizzie Davis	1.00
Delbert Walling	2.00
Ajax Simpson	1.00
Bruce Clift	50
Hugh Smith	1.00
A. L. Lofton	50
Will Simpson	2.50
Chas. Thompson	1.00
Mrs. Dollie Wylie	1.00
Mrs. Gramling	50
Frank Bryan	1.00
Total	\$90.10

P. T. A. News

The P. T. A. did not meet at the regular time this month because of extreme cold weather, but a meeting was held last Thursday which was attended by 24.

Mrs. F. C. Clark gave a talk on Family Safety in the community.

Reporting on the major problem of the P. T. A. for this year, that of regular attendance of schoolastics, Supt. Taylor gave the percentage of attendance for the past six weeks as 91.6 -- as good, he said, as it had been for several years.

A founder's day program, to be given on February 15, will probably be a night program and is hoped to be well attended by parents and all interested in school work and school children.

Funds were allowed for the purchase of a first aid kit for the use of school children, and Mr. Taylor and Mr. Landers were appointed to select one suitable for the needs and to make the purchase.

The number representing the various grades were, first grade, 6; second grade, 5; third grade, 3; fourth grade, 4; fifth grade, 9; sixth grade, 6; seventh grade, 3; eighth grade, 2; ninth grade, 5; tenth grade, 5; eleventh grade, 1.

Timid Tommy

Next Thursday, Feb. 11, a play Timid Tommy, sponsored by the Robert Lee football boys, will be presented at the school auditorium. The proceeds will be used toward the purchase of the lettermen's sweaters.

The cast of characters is as follows:

Thomas--Ed Hickman, Helen--Patsy Haywood, Joan--Hilda McCutchen, Ann--Jane Taylor, Jim--Billie Jordan, Henry--Billie Craddock, Helen's Aunt--Erlene Jackson, Miss Odessa--Helen Newton, Madam DuPont--Doris Simpson; Jerry--Joe Bean Judson--Harald Teller, Louise--Margaret Garvin.

Admission 10c & 20c

Entertains

Miss Charline Morrow was hostess to the Methodist Young People's League, Tuesday evening, with the meeting at the Lamont Scott home.

Mrs. Marvin Simpson led the study of parliamentary procedure

A social hour followed the study and refreshments were served. Those attending were, Misses Weta Spykes, Lois Vowell, Virginia Griffith, Christine Glenn, Sybil Summers, Mrs. Marvin Simpson, Rev. and Mrs. Earl Hoggard, W. T. Roach, Hyman, Teague, Wilfred Gardner, and Woodrow Gardner.

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STAR DUST Movie • Radio

INFLUENCED to a great extent by thousands of letters from fans, Norma Shearer has definitely decided to make more pictures. From New York, where she went to visit Helen Hayes, she telephoned the studio that she would come back soon ready to begin preparatory work on "Marie Antoinette." She chose this story in preference to any other, because she had discussed every detail of its production with her husband before his death. Actual date of production depends on Charles Laughton, because she is determined to have him in the cast and he is under contract to make several pictures in England. It is good to know that we will be seeing Norma on the screen again.

The most encouraging and sympathetic audience any girl ever had while making a film test was Alice Marble's when she tried out recently. Carole Lombard was right there on the sidelines making suggestions and cheering. Some people might think that Alice Marble won enough glory in tennis tournaments for one young girl, but Carole thinks it would be nicer for her to get in the big earnings that come with glory in pictures.



Carole Lombard

Radio favorites are moving en masse to Hollywood. Harriet Hilliard is back at R. K. O. Milton Berle will be there soon, and very costly it will be for him too because he will have to pay all the expenses of bringing his radio troupe west. And soon Fred Allen will move his broadcasting activities to Hollywood.

Those august personages at National Broadcasting company's artists' service have put a new artist under contract and they are fairly swamped with mail asking about her. She is Minnie, the singing mouse, who appeared on the National Barn Dance program, and who will probably be star of a program of her own soon.

Paramount is going to defy the fates and attempt to make a picture that has long been a jinx in their studio. They started it last year with Marlene Dietrich, and when it was about half-finished, she walked out and declared that she would have none of it. So, Paramount engaged Margaret Sullavan to replace her, and then little Sullavan tripped over a cable and fractured her arm. Paramount still likes the story, once called "Hotel Imperial" and then "I Loved a Soldier" and also they like very much a young Viennese actress named Franciszka Gaal.

George Cukor, who will direct "Gone With the Wind," is determined to cast some girl who is not very well known in pictures in the lead. One faction at the studio wants Tallulah Bankhead whose tests have shown her to be a brilliant actress, but too old for the early part of the story. Others want Margaret Sullavan. But by far the most promising candidate is a very young and vivid actress on the New York stage named Louise Platt.

ODDS and ENDS—The M-G-M studio is busily pairing off their stars, but just professionally, trying to achieve a combination as sure at the box-office as Gary Cooper and Jean Arthur have proved to be. They are going to try Jean Harlow with Robert Taylor, Joan Crawford with William Powell. . . . Both Warner Brothers and Paramount are trying to get Noel Coward and Gertrude Lawrence to do their nine short plays, that are Broadway's biggest hits, as screen shorts. But a radio sponsor is topping their every bid. . . . Portland Hoffa always maneuvers an invitation to spend Sunday away from home, because that is the day her husband, Fred Allen, writes his radio script and he doesn't like to be disturbed.

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Current Events IN REVIEW by Edward W. Pickard

Ohio River Valley Is Devastated by Floods DAY by day the devastation caused by great floods throughout the Ohio valley and the lower Mississippi valley increased. Several hundred thousand persons were rendered homeless, more than 100 lives were lost, and the property damage, running far into the millions, cannot yet be estimated. Cincinnati, Louisville, Portsmouth, Frankfort and Evansville were the worst sufferers; but every city, town and village along the Ohio and its tributaries shared in the disaster. Fires broke out in the Mill Creek district of Cincinnati and destroyed property valued at \$1,500,000 before the flames could be controlled. Throughout the entire region transportation was crippled, pure water and fuel supplies were shut off or greatly reduced, and outbreaks of typhoid and pneumonia were threatened. In Louisville the light and power plant was forced to shut down.

President Roosevelt directed five federal agencies to co-operate with the American Red Cross in relief measures, and that organization, appealing to the nation for \$2,000,000, sent hundreds of nurses to the flooded areas. The army sent soup kitchens and tents and the coast guard sent boats and crews. Many cities forwarded supplies of food, clothing and medicines.

In Frankfort, Ky., the state reformatory was flooded and the prisoners were removed to other quarters with the aid of troops. The convicts took advantage of the emergency to start a riot and about a dozen were killed. All of southern Indiana was placed under martial law by Governor Townsend and 1,400 National Guardsmen were called out. In the effort to save Cairo, Ill., a levee was dynamited by army engineers despite the armed resistance of farmers whose lands were flooded when the dike was broken. All women and children were evacuated from the city. Twelve counties of eastern Arkansas were submerged over most of their area and thousands of families were gathered in refugee camps.

Radek and 16 Others Admit Plot to Wreck Soviet

KARL RADEK, noted soviet Russian journalist, and 16 other men more or less prominent in the affairs of Russia, went to trial as conspirators against the Stalin regime and the soviet state, and all freely confessed their guilt. They readily told the details of the amazing plot and asserted that the exiled Leon Trotsky was its chief mover. Radek described the scheme by which the plotters hoped to overthrow Stalin and bring back a modified capitalism to Russia. It involved the wrecking of the nation's railway system and the bringing about of war on Russia by Japan and Germany. Japan was to be given the maritime provinces in Asia and Germany was to be permitted to grab the Ukraine. But Radek added that the conspirators hoped the war would result in a new revolution in Russia and that thereafter those territories could be regained. "I am guilty of all the charges," said the once powerful editor.

Gregori Sokolnikoff, former soviet ambassador to England, declared he knew as early as 1932 of a plot to assassinate Stalin, and admitted he was guilty of plotting to betray the Soviet union to Germany and Japan. Vladimir Romm, former Washington correspondent of Izvestia of Moscow, though not yet on trial, was put on the stand and testified that he knew of the anti-Stalinist plot, that he carried letters from Radek to the exiled Leon Trotsky and that he agreed to become Trotsky's undercover informant.

Leon Trotsky, from his haven in Mexico City, sent out a specific denial of the charges that he was head of the conspiracy.

Japan's Cabinet Quits; Ugaki Is New Premier

KOKI HIROTA, premier of Japan, and his entire cabinet resigned after being bitterly attacked in parliament because of their militarist and fascist policies. The emperor

consulted Prince Saionji, last of the elder statesmen, and on his recommendation called on Gen. Kazushige Ugaki, former governor general of Korea, to form a new government. This choice was considered a victory for the anti-army element, but the military leaders, it was admitted, could still block Ugaki's efforts by refusing to provide a minister of war. That post must by law be filled by a general in active service and a cabinet cannot otherwise be accepted.

The crisis was brought on by widespread opposition to the dominance of the cabinet by the army and the oppressively high taxes required to carry out the policies of the militarists. The navy does not always side with the army and in this instance seems definitely against it.

Farley Is Reappointed Postmaster General

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT sent to the senate the name of James A. Farley as postmaster general for another term, and the senate promptly confirmed the nomination. It is believed Mr. Farley will not long remain a member of the cabinet, for he wants to return to private work. He told reporters in New York that he was looking for more than a job as a salesman. "If I should return to private life," the postmaster general said, "I would like an opportunity to build up an equity in a business, so I would have something more than just a salary for security for my family. I have had several offers already, but they haven't been just what I would want."

France Offers to Help a Peaceful Germany

IF REICHSFUEHRER HITLER will co-operate with other nations in the interest of peace, France will help Germany to overcome her present economic difficulties. Such was the offer made by Premier Blum in an address at Lyons. Blum, however, warned the Nazis that France cannot and will not co-operate with Germany economically or politically "while the possibility continues to exist that this help may be some day turned against the country which gave it."

Secretary Perkins Works on Motor Strike

SECRETARY OF LABOR FRANCES PERKINS herself undertook the difficult task of breaking the renewed deadlock in the General Motors strike, but at this writing she had not made much progress. Governor Murphy of Michigan, who went to Washington for the inauguration, helped her, arranging separate meetings with John L. Lewis, C. I. O. leader, and President Sloan of the motor corporation. But his efforts to bring these two gentlemen together seemed futile. Lewis summoned Homer Martin, head of the striking union, and John Brophy, C. I. O. lieutenant, from Detroit and conferred with them on "strategy". All the union leaders appeared supremely confident.

Lewis brought about the temporary suspension of negotiations by a statement he gave the press. With brutal frankness he said: "We have advised the secretary of labor that the 'economic royalists'—and the du Ponts and Mr. Sloan are among them—used their money to try to drive Mr. Roosevelt out of the White House."

"Labor rallied to the President's support when they attacked him. These same economic royalists now have their fangs in labor, and labor now expects the government to support labor in its legal and logical objectives."

Later Secretary Perkins invited Sloan and the union leaders to a peace conference. Martin accepted but the G. M. C. head declined, again insisting the strikers must first evacuate the company's plants.

General Motors officials called on about 40,000 workers to return to ten plants in Michigan and Indiana, which were to be reopened.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By REV. HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, Dean of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. © Western Newspaper Union.

Lesson for February 7 JESUS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

LESSON TEXT—John 8:12, 31, 32; 9:1-11. GOLDEN TEXT—I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. PRIMARY TOPIC—When Jesus Passed By.

JUNIOR TOPIC—When Jesus Passed By. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—How Jesus Is the Light of the World. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Walking in the Light With Jesus.

"The Light of the World Is Jesus!" Who does not remember with what delight we as children sang "Come to the light, 'tis shining for thee. . . The Light of the world is Jesus." How precious was the truth that thus flooded our souls. Jesus was the light, and just as the sunlight shed its glory on an awakening world at dawn, so he shed abroad the light of God in the hearts of men. The writer of these lessons pens these words with the prayer that as this portion of God's Holy Word is studied and taught, the light may break forth on many a soul caught in the bewilderment of this dark world.

Our study centers around three simple words fraught with beauty and rich in meaning.

I. Light (John 8:12). The text says, "Then spake Jesus." When? Just after he had silenced the hypocritical accusers of a woman taken in sin, and had spoken the word of peace to her troubled soul. She was to "go and sin no more" because she had met him who is the "Light of the World." They that follow him "shall not walk in darkness"; they are the children of light, they have the very light of life.

II. Freedom (vv. 31, 32). Free! Four letters, but what depth of meaning! Chains have fallen off, prison doors are open. The one who was bound is free.

But here we are concerned with an even more important liberty, the freedom of the soul. Many there are who boast of their independence but who are naught but slaves. Jesus said, "Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin" (John 8:34), not its master.

How shall they be freed? Note three things in these verses. (1) A condition, "If ye continue in my word." This means not only a profession of faith but a daily appropriation and realization of his truth in life. (2) A promise, "Ye shall know the truth." The philosophies of men profess to be a seeking after truth but how few there are who look to the one place where it can be found—in Jesus Christ. (3) A result, "the truth shall make you free." Truth always sets free. Men are enslaved because, as in some foreign lands, they have not had the opportunity to learn the truth (we have failed to send it) or because they have rejected it.

III. Vision (John 9:1-11). This is one of the most instructive passages in Scripture. A man born blind is seen by Jesus. His disciples note his intent and begin to theorize on a theological question. They had learned so little of the compassionate spirit of Jesus that they saw in this blighted life only an illustration of a theological theory. May God help us that we may never be so blind.

Jesus goes at once to work. He was in the world to do the works of God. He and the Father always work. Let us follow his blessed example. "The King's business requires haste." Let us work "while it is day, the night cometh when no man can work."

By a loving and gracious act, Jesus stirs in the heart of the man that faith which causes him to go, to wash, and, glory to God, he sees! Such a personal experience of the divine power of the Son of God leaves no doubt in the man's mind that the one who caused him to see "is a prophet." All of a man's doubts concerning the deity of Jesus Christ disappear when he becomes his Saviour.

Read the remainder of the chapter and note how this man's faith is victorious in the face of trials, persecution, and even of excommunication; for outside the temple he met Jesus and takes him as his Lord. As Dr. Scroggie puts it, "His excommunication was a promotion. He went from the synagogue to the Saviour."

Thinking of Self Only Show me the man who would go to heaven alone, and I will show you one who will never be admitted there.—Feltham.

The Quest of Life ONE of the best antidotes and cures of the craze for publicity is a love of poetry and of the things that belong to poetry—the beauty of nature, the sweetness and splendor of the common human affections, and unselfish aspirations of the soul. The most beautiful things that can ever come to us cannot possibly be news to the public. It is good to find the zest of life in that part of it which does not need, and will not bear, to be advertised. It is good to eat our meat with gladness and singleness of heart.—Van Dyke.

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Liberty and Obligation There is one thing diviner than duty, namely, the bond of obligation transmitted into liberty.—W. R. Alger.

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The Garden Murder Case

by
S. S. VAN DINE

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SYNOPSIS

Philo Vance, famous detective, and John F. X. Markham, district attorney for New York county are dining in Vance's apartment when Vance receives an anonymous telephone message informing him of a "disturbing psychological tension at Professor Ephriam Garden's apartment" advising that he read up on radio-active sodium, consult a passage in the Aeneid and counseling that "Equanimity is essential." Professor Garden is famous in chemical research. The message, decoded by Vance, reminds him that Professor Garden's son Floyd and his puny cousin, Woody Swift, are addicted to horse-racing. Vance says that "Equanimity" is a horse running next day in the Rivermont handicap. Vance is convinced that the message was sent by Dr. Siefert, the Gardens' family physician. He arranges to have lunch next day at the Gardens' penthouse. Vance is greeted by Floyd Garden and meets Lowe Hamble, an elderly follower of horse racing. Floyd expresses concern over Swift's queer actions. Mrs. Garden, supposedly ill, comes downstairs and places a \$100 bet on a horse.

CHAPTER II—Continued

"Right-o, Baby-face," grinned Garden. "Step into our parlor."
She started forward, and hesitated momentarily as she caught sight of Vance and me.
"Oh, by the way, Zalia,"—Garden put the receiver down and rose—"let me present Mr. Vance and Mr. Van Dine. . . Miss Graem."
The girl staggered back dramatically and lifted her hands to her head in mock panic.
"Oh, Heaven protect me!" she exclaimed. "Philo Vance, the detective! Is this a raid?"
Vance bowed graciously.
"Have no fear, Miss Graem," he smiled. "I'm merely a fellow criminal. And, as you see, I'm dragging Mr. Van Dine along the downward path with me."

At this moment Garden pressed forward the key on the switch box, and in a moment the voice we had heard earlier was again coming through the amplifier.
"Coming out at Rivermont, and here's the new line: 20, 6, 4, 8 to 5 scratch twice, 3, 20, 15, 10, 15. . . Who was it wanted the run-down at Texas—?"

Garden cut the amplifier.
He turned to his cousin. "And you, Woody?"
Swift shook his head. "Not this race."

"Saving it all for Equanimity, eh? Right-o."
Despite the superficial buoyancy of the gathering, I could detect an undercurrent of extreme tension and expectancy; and I made mental note of various little occurrences during the first hour or so.

One incident connected with Swift puzzled me greatly. I had noticed that he and Zalia Graem had not spoken to each other during the entire time they had been in the drawing-room. Once they had brushed against each other near Garden's table, and each, as if instinctively, had drawn resentfully to one side. Garden had cocked his head at them irritably and said:
"Aren't you two on speaking terms yet—or is this feud to be permanent? . . . Why don't you kiss and make up and let the gaiety of the party be unanimous?"

Miss Graem had proceeded as if nothing had happened, and Swift had merely given his cousin a quick, indignant glance.

CHAPTER III

"The great moment approaches!" Garden announced, and though he spoke with sententious gaiety, I could detect signs of strain in his manner.

Kroon rose, finished the drink which stood on the table before him, and dabbing his mouth with a neatly folded handkerchief which he took from his breast pocket, he moved toward the archway.

"My mind was made up yesterday," he spoke across the room, as if including every one. "Put me down in your fateful little book for \$100 on Hyjinx to win and \$200 on the same filly to place. And you can add \$200 on Head Start to show. Making it, all told, half a grand. That's my contribution to the afternoon's festivities."

"Not deserting us, are you Cecil?" Garden called after him.

"Frightfully sorry," Kroon answered, looking back. "I'd love to stay for the race, but a legal conference at a maiden aunt's is scheduled for 4:50." He waved his hand and, with a "Cheerio," continued down the hall.

Madge Weatherby immediately picked up her cards and moved to

Zalia Graem's table, where the two women began a low, whispered conversation.

Garden's inquiring glance moved from one to another of the party.

At this moment a young woman of unusual attractiveness appeared in the archway and stood there hesitantly, looking shyly at Garden. She wore a nurse's uniform of immaculate white, with white shoes and stockings, and a starched white cap set at a grotesque angle on the back of her head. She could not have been over thirty; yet there was a maturity in her calm, brown eyes, and evidence of great capability in the reserve of her expression and in the firm contour of her chin. She wore no make-up, and her chestnut hair was parted in the middle and brushed back simply over her ears. She presented a striking contrast to the two other women in the room.

"Hello, Miss Beeton," Garden greeted her pleasantly. "I thought you'd be having the afternoon off, since the mater's well enough to go shopping. . . . What can I do for you? Care to join the madhouse and hear the races?"

"Oh, no. I've too many things to do." She moved her head slightly to indicate the rear of the house. "But if you don't mind, Mr. Garden," she added timidly, "I would like to bet two dollars on Azure Star to win, and to come in second, and to come in third."

Every one smiled covertly, and Garden chuckled.

Vance, who had been watching the girl with more interest than he usually showed in a woman, leaned forward.

"I say, Garden, just a moment." He spoke incisively. "I think Miss Beeton's choice is an excellent one—however she may have arrived at it." Then he nodded to the nurse. "Miss Beeton, I'll be very happy to see that your bet on Azure Star is placed." He turned again to Garden. "Will your book-maker take \$200 across the board on Azure Star?"

"Will he? He'll grab it with both hands," Garden replied. "But why—?"

"Then it's settled," said Vance quickly. "That's my bet. And two dollars of it in each position belongs to Miss Beeton."

"That's perfect with me, Vance." And Garden jotted down the wager in his ledger.

I noticed that during the brief moments that Vance was speaking to the nurse and placing his wager on Azure Star, Swift was glowering at him through half-closed eyes. It was not until later that I understood the significance of that look. The nurse cast a quick glance at Swift, and then spoke with simple directness.

"You are very kind, Mr. Vance." Then she added: "I will not pretend I don't know who you are, even if Mr. Garden had not called you by name." She stood looking straight at Vance with calm appraisal; then she turned and went back down the hall.

Swift stood up and walked to the cabinet with its array of bottles. He filled a whiskey glass with Bourbon and drank it down. Then he walked slowly to the table where his cousin sat. Garden had just finished the call to Hannix.

"I'll give you my bet now, Floyd," Swift said hoarsely. He pressed one finger on the table, as if for emphasis. "I want \$10,000 on Equanimity to win."

Garden's eyes moved anxiously to the other.

"I was afraid of that, Woody," he said in a troubled tone. "But if I were you—"

"I'm not asking you for advice," Swift interrupted in a cold steady voice; "I'm asking you to place a bet."

Garden did not take his eyes from the man's face. He said merely: "I think you're a damned fool." "Your opinion of me doesn't interest me either." Swift's eyelids drooped menacingly, and a hard look came into his set face.

Garden capitulated.

"It's your funeral," he said, and turning his back on his cousin, he took up the gray hand set again and spun the dial with determination.

Swift walked back to the bar and poured himself another generous drink of Bourbon.

"Hello, Hannix," Garden said into the transmitter. "I'm back again, with an additional bet. Hold on to your chair or you'll lose your balance. I want ten grand on Equanimity to win. . . . Yes, that's what I said: ten G-strings—ten thousand iron men. Can you handle it? Odds probably won't be over two to one. . . . Right-o."

He replaced the receiver and tilted back in his chair just as Swift, headed for the hall, was passing him.

Garden, apparently deeply perturbed, kept his eyes on the retreating figure. Then, as if on sudden impulse, he stood up quickly and called out: "Just a minute, Woody. I want to say a word to you." And he stepped after him.

I saw Garden put his arm around Swift's shoulder as the two disappeared down the hall.

When Garden returned to the room his face was a trifle pale, and his eyes were downcast. As he approached our table he shook his head dejectedly.

"I tried to argue with him," he remarked to Vance. "But it was no use; he wouldn't listen to reason. He turned nasty. . . . Poor devil! If Equanimity doesn't come in he's done for." He looked directly at Vance. "I wonder if I did the right thing in placing that bet for him. But, after all, he's of age."

A bell rang somewhere in the apartment, and a few moments later Sneed appeared in the archway.

"Pardon me, sir," he said to Garden, "but Miss Graem is wanted on the other telephone."

Zalia Graem stood up quickly and raised one hand to her forehead in a gesture of dismay.

"Who on earth or in the waters under the earth can that be?" Her

face cleared. "Oh, I know." Then she stepped up to Sneed. "I'll take the call in the den." And she hurried from the room.

Garden a few moments later turned in his chair and announced:

"They're coming out at Rivermont. Say your prayers, children. . . ."

As the radio tubes warmed up, McElroy's well-known voice gained in volume over the loud speaker: ". . . and Equanimity is now making trouble at the post. Took the cue from Head Start. . . . Now they're both back in their stalls—it looks as if we might get a—Yes! They're off! And to a good even start. Hyjinx has dashed into the lead; Azure Star comes next; and Head Lightning is close behind. The others are bunched. I can't tell one from the other yet. Wait a second. Here they come past us—and it's Hyjinx on top now, by two lengths; and behind her is Train Time; and—yes, it's Sublimite, by a head, or a nose, or a neck—it doesn't matter—it's Sublimite anyway. And there's Risky Lad creeping up on Sublimite. . . . And now they're going round the first turn, with Hyjinx still in the lead. The relative positions of the ones out front haven't changed yet. . . . They're in the back stretch, and Hyjinx is still ahead by half a length; Train Time has moved up and holds his second position by a length and a half ahead of Roving Flirt, who's in third place. Azure Star is a length behind Roving Flirt. Equanimity is pocketed."

At this point in the broadcast Zalia Graem appeared suddenly in the archway and stood with her eyes fixed on the radio, her hands sunk in the pockets of her tailored jacket. ". . . They're rounding the far turn. Equanimity has improved his position and is getting into his famous stride. Hyjinx has dropped back and Roving Flirt has taken the lead by a head, with Train Time second, by a length, in front of Azure Star, who is running third and making a grand effort. . . . And now they're in the stretch. Azure Star has come to the front and is a full length in the lead. Train Time is making a great bid for this classic and is still in second place, a length behind Azure Star. Roving Flirt is right behind him. Hyjinx has dropped back and it looks as if she was no longer a serious contender. Equanimity is pressing hard and is now in sixth place. He hasn't much time, but he's running a beautiful race and may come up front yet. . . . And here they come to the finish. The leaders are straight out—there won't be much change. Just a second. Here they come. . . . and. . . the winner is Azure Star by two lengths. Next is Roving Flirt. And a length behind him is Train Time. Upper Shelf finished fourth. . . ."

"Not such a hot race," Miss Graem remarked with a toss of her head. "I'll just about break even. . . . Now I'll go and finish my phone call." And she turned back down the hall.

Garden seemed ill at ease and, for the second time that afternoon, mixed himself a highball.

Just then Mrs. Garden bustled into the room.

"Don't tell me I'm too late!" she pleaded excitedly.

"All over but the O. K., mater," Garden informed her.

"And what did I do?" The woman came forward and dropped wearily into an empty chair.

"The usual," grinned Garden. "A Grand Score? Your noble steed didn't score at all. Condolences. But it's not official yet. We'll be getting the O. K. in a minute now."

"Oh, dear!" sighed Mrs. Garden despondently.

"Well," said Garden, "Mr. Vance, the eminent dopester of crimes and ponies, can now take a luxurious vacation. He's the possessor of thirty-six hundred and forty dollars—of which thirty-six dollars and forty cents goes to our dear nurse. . . . And Woode, of course. . . . His voice trailed off.

"What did Woody do?" demanded Mrs. Garden, sitting up stiffly in her chair.

"I'm frightfully sorry, mater,"—her son groped for words—"but Woody didn't use his head. I tried to dissuade him, but it was no go. . . ."

"Well, what did Woody do?" persisted Mrs. Garden.

Garden hesitated, and before he could formulate an answer, a paralyzing sound, like a pistol shot broke the tense silence.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Montauk Point History
Is Shrouded in Mystery
Montauk's famous lighthouse, a great structure 168 feet above sea level, had its first tower erected in 1796. Some of the history of Montauk is shrouded in mystery. Folks did not talk too loud nor put their thoughts on paper about the slave ships in the 1850s which unloaded there, asserts a writer in the New York Times. There were mutinies, murder, no doubt, and strange black men sometimes swam or rowed ashore and disappeared toward Sag harbor, where they could find others speaking Spanish and Portuguese dialects.

Eastern Long Island's Indians were never as fierce as the New England Narragansetts and Pequots. Early white settlers got along amicably. Poggotacut ruled the Manhasset on Shelter island, another brother the Shinnecocks and a third brother, Wyandanch, the Montaukett tribe. The last named died in 1658 and his young son, Wyandome, became chief. But he died soon of smallpox, which greatly reduced the Montauk tribe in the next few years.

Now and then they were egged on to warfare by the Narragansetts, but Lion Gardiner, for whom Gardiner's island gets its name, was the peacemaker on more than one occasion.

Even up to the 1860s and 1870s Montauk point remained almost a wilderness.



The Two Women Began a Low, Whispered Conversation.

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Finding A New "Goat"

For about twenty years the auto has been the "goat" in this country in the matter of tax assessments. Every time a state legislature has sought additional revenue it has slapped some sort of a tax on autos, or the things the autos uses. And that is true of all legislatures.

Today there is a new shout of glee in legislative halls, for the old tax "goat" is appearing in new garb, and the milking process is about to be done over again. This time, unless all the signs fail, the auto trailer is going to bear the burden, and the man who owns both a car and a trailer is going to be doubly soaked. Already legislature in several states are drawing up laws looking to this end. Trilers have become a nation-wide fad, and trailer-making has become a giant industry. Already the highways of the nation are alive with this new and popular vehicles, while sales of new ones are pouring into the trailer factories in a flood. So the chance to plaster a lot of taxes on the trailer is too good for the legislature to loose.

Car owners around Robert Lee do not have to be told that the auto has long been the tax goat in this country, for they know from experience. Now if they submit to the same sort of program in the case of trailers, it's their own fault, because they name their own legislators. No one is going to kick on a just and equitable tax on either car or trailer, or both. But since it has been found possible to over tax the auto and get away with it the same thing is almost certain to happen to the trailer. Watch and see how near this prediction comes to proving true.

When Planes Fall

It must have occurred to most every Robert Lee citizen by this time that 1937 has started off with an unusual number of air-plane accidents, and that the year seems destined to be an ill-fated one for this form of transportation. At least a half-dozen tragedies, with more than a score of deaths, at the very outset of the year to this belief.

Older heads who pause to study these mishaps, however, are inclined to view them in a different light. They recall that for long years railway accidents were almost daily occurrence and people used to be as much afraid to ride on a train as they now a fraid to ride the airplanes. Then came, slowly but surely, new safety inventions and new methods of railroading; new type signal systems were perfected. Today a railroad wreck is so unusually that it attracts attention.

It should be remembered that we hear of every plane that falls but we do not hear of the thousands that make safe landings. And it should also be borne in mind that this method of transportation is still in its infancy. Inventors are burning mid-

Old Fad Revived

Things go in cycles, and the fads of a quarter of a century ago are sure to come back, even though in a different form. It is easy to recall when the bicycle fad swept the country, for Robert Lee experienced it the same as every other community. Now the bicycle has come back and bids fair to achieve even greater popularity than it enjoyed in the "gay 'nineties." Reports show that more than a million bicycles were manufactured and sold in 1936, and that employment in this industry has aided greatly in national recovery. In towns and in villages thousands of children are enjoying this healthful form of exercise, while in cities thousands of men are finding it an economical mode of transportation to and from their work. So sales are mounting more and more men are being employed in the industry. All of which is good news because anything that is both economical and healthful is deserving of a place in the American plan of living.

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The Seed Catalog

Just as the first falling leaves indicate the approach of winter, so the arrival of the first seed catalogus presage the coming of spring and the mails are now bringing them into Robert Lee. They are as welcome as they ever were, too, with their pictures probably a bit more exaggerated in color and their descriptions as alluring as a circus poster. They are missionaries of better and happier living and faint of heart is a citizen who can't work up a lot of hopeful dreams by perusing them. They at least accomplish one good purpose--they serve notice that gardening time is coming on at a rapid pace and that early planting means more profitable return. It isn't a bit too early to plan your garden, nor too late to remember that success lies largely in the planning. With food prices sure to be higher as the year progresses, a home garden is again going to be a profitable investment.

The Little Things

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Pneumonia Often Follows A Cold

Pneumonia is always a serious disease, and early treatment is of paramount importance to lessen the severity of the disease and prevent death, is the warning issued by Dr. George W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"A person previously well may develop pneumonia suddenly," he said, "but most often it occurs in persons who have, or recently have had, a cold. Yet many people do not take the cold seriously enough. Suspect every cold. Go to the bed immediately if you have fever with a cold, call your physician, and do exactly what he says. By intelligently following your physician's advice at the beginning of the attack, you may ward off the after effects which so often follows neglected colds--pneumonia among them.

"Almost any part of the air passage may sometimes be attacked by bacteria. When the nose is affected we call the condition a cold. The tissues of the nose react to such infection by a profuse mucous discharge or mucous liquid. This discharge is really an attempt on the part of the body to get rid of the germ and their poisons. If the infection is lower down, it causes a sore throat. If the voice box is affected, the condition is called laryngitis. If the germs reach the bronchi, the disease is known as bronchitis. If the germs get down to the lungs, the person is affected with pneumonia. Thus it may be seen that the common cold may be the beginning of one of the most serious complications of the respiratory tract.

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OUR COMIC SECTION

Events in the Lives of Little Men



The FEATHERHEADS

By Osborne



FINNEY OF THE FORCE

By Ted O'Loughlin



Going to the Party?



WHERE is the party? At Mrs. Smith's on Walnut street and it looks awfully much as though the principals were caught by the candid camera. Luckily, however, they're perfectly groomed for their parts:

Janet in her jumper (Pattern 1996) is asking Mother which glassware to use. Her plaid blouse in taffeta makes her feel dressed up. Your own little girl may have this same ensemble in sizes 6, 8, 10, 12, and 14 years. Size 8 requires 1 3/4 yards of 39 inch material for the jumper and 1 1/2 yards for the blouse.

Mother is the perfect hostess, calm and assured, because she knows her all-occasion frock with its sprightly crisp apron (Pattern 1220) is becoming and appropriate. For house wear she made up this model in print. She is wearing here the crepe version and knows that it will be delightful for later on in cool black and white. It comes in sizes 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, and 46. The dress and apron in size 36 require 5 1/2 yards of 39 inch material. The apron alone requires 1 1/4 yards.

The guest just arriving is wearing her trigest Sew-Your-Own.

She likes it because the puffed shoulders and swing skirt make her hips look smaller. The collar is young and the sleeves stylish. Make up Pattern 1205. It is available in sizes 14, 16, 18, and 20 (32 to 42 bust). Size 16 requires 4 3/8 yards of 39 inch material. One ball of yarn required for trimming as pictured.

New Pattern Book.

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Send your order to The Sewing Circle Pattern Dept., Room 1020, 211 W. Wacker Dr., Chicago, Ill. Price of patterns, 15 cents (in coins) each. © Bell Syndicate.—WNU Service.

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Good as Well Why is "human nature" always interpreted as bad human nature?

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Writes His Play After Audience Arrives

Thackeray and some other great Victorians used to write their novels with the publisher's messenger waiting at their elbow, but Mr. Aubrey Menon, a young London dramatist, is currently beating even this record, by writing his play after the audience arrives. This recalls the Italian Commedia dell'Arte of the Middle Ages, when the actors improvised the play. The Commedia dell'Arte, however, was helped by dealing with stories long established by tradition. But Mr. Menon lets his audience choose the subject of his play out of the evening newspapers. — Philadelphia Inquirer.

If You Have a Child

ASK YOUR DOCTOR THIS



Ask Him Before Giving Your Child an Unknown Remedy

Practically any doctor you ask will warn: "Don't give your child unknown remedies without asking your doctor first."

When it comes to the widely used children's remedy — "milk of magnesia," the standard of the world is established. For over half a century many doctors have said "PHILLIPS' Milk of Magnesia." Safe for children. No other is "quite like it."

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IT'S BY relieving both the irritated tissues of the throat and bronchial tubes. One set of ingredients in FOLEY'S HONEY & TAR quickly relieves tickling, hacking, coughing; the other soothes irritated throat linings to keep you from coughing. Another set actually enters the blood, reaches the affected bronchial tubes, loosens phlegm, helps break up cough and speeds recovery. Check a cough due to a cold before it gets worse, before others catch it. Check it with FOLEY'S HONEY & TAR. It gives quick relief and speed-up recovery.

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Mrs. J. L. Etheredge of 501 N. Washington St., Dallas, Texas, said: "After an illness I was in a weakened condition. I felt nervous and tired. I used only two bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription as a tonic and was soon eating more and feeling just fine." Buy of your druggist. New size, tablets 50 cts., liquid \$1 & \$1.35. Consult Dr. Pierce's Clinic, Buffalo, N. Y., by letter, without charge.

Printed Lace and Other New Prints

By **CHERIE NICHOLAS**



SEEMS as if every type of material ever known has gone into print. The latest entrant into the printed realm is lace. Printed laces are the big news in the lacy story for the coming season. Granted that prints for resport wear and for spring are more lovely each year, but never have they risen to greater heights of glamor than when colorfully printed on sheer Chantilly lace which brings the pattern out color-gloriously.

The evening gown in the picture is fashioned of printed Chantilly lace, the patterning done in green and shades of yellow and orange. Black ribbons make the shoulder straps and belt of this handsome gown. And if you want to wear printed lace in daytime let it be a blouse of printed lace worn with your new spring bolero suit—a word to the wise is sufficient.

The advance arrival of new prints would indicate that the vogue for the spring and summer of 1937 promises to exceed all previous records. In the new showings silk prints fairly hold one spellbound with their daring, their unusualness and their artful art both as to color and design. The same may be said of the grand and glorious linens, also

pique prints whose spectacular fling at color is simply breathtaking.

See the youthful contrast jacket-and-skirt costume centered in the group illustrated. An ensemble like this is an especially smart cruise fashion for deck-pacing or for going ashore at points enroute. It is fashioned of cloque pique combining print and plain. The fabric is one of the new pre-shrunk cottons so ideal to wear in warm climates where frequent tubbing is necessary.

The fact that prints are going strong in sunny resort and among cruise-faring fashionables in no way implies that midseason stay-at-homes are being left printless. On the contrary the prints that are peeping from beneath winter coats are as refreshing a sight as could possibly greet winter-weary eyes. The colors are entrancing and the patternings are unmistakably "new." The fact that the motifs are widely spaced makes for an absolutely "different" look. As a tonic that acts instantaneously we recommend a frock forthwith and sans delay made of one of the radiantly colorful new prints.

An interesting characteristic of early arriving modes is that the emphasis is placed on the smartness and novelty of the print which fashions the dress rather than on its making. In fact the new print frocks are styled most simply the more to show off to advantage the beauty of their material which thrills with unique designs and dramatic colorings.

The print fashioning the daytime gown shown in the foreground of the group illustrated makes color-play its big feature. Green and red on a brown ground is the color scheme. The belt is of brown suede. The large jewelled clasp (huge ones are worn this season) at the neckline further emphasizes the idea of striking color.

Speaking of the new spring prints in general they are newest looking when the florals are large and distinctive and set far apart. Just now it is the dark grounds that appeal or that which is ultra chic, the background in a vivid color. Paisley patterns and bold stripes are especially smart.

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FASHION NOTES

Redingote ensembles vie with bolero costumes.

Black stands out at any gathering of smart Parisians.

Elaborate open-strap effects prevail in evening footwear.

Color, dash and feminine detail are keys to new fashions for Southern sports wear.

The smartest complement for the printed dress is a bright nosegay from the florist's.

In fabric gloves for spring the use of leather detailing and leather trimming is more general than it has been hitherto.

One of the most outstanding creations in the new Vera Berca collection is a beaver evening coat worn with a brown and white gown.

Delight a Child With These



Pattern 5247

This sturdy pair, dressed in their "Sunday best," are sure to walk right into the heart of some wee tot. You'll have fun, too, making both the dolls and their bright finery, 'specially if your scrap bag furnishes you with gay odds and ends. Hair and features are done with a few simple embroidery stitches. Grand indeed for gifts are Sambo of the checkered over-

alls, and Mammy, in apron and kerchief. In pattern 5247 you will find a transfer pattern for a doll about 14 inches high; patterns for making the clothes; directions for making doll and clothes; material requirements.

To obtain this pattern send 15 cents in stamps or coins (coins preferred) to The Sewing Circle Household Arts Dept., 259 W. Fourteenth St., New York, N. Y.

Write plainly your name, address and pattern number.

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No matter how many medicines you have tried for your cough, chest cold or bronchial irritation, you can get relief now with Creomulsion. Serious trouble may be brewing and you cannot afford to take a chance with anything less than Creomulsion, which goes right to the seat of the trouble to aid nature to soothe and heal the inflamed membranes as the germ-laden phlegm is loosened and expelled.

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Others' Faith

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Household Questions

Pastry made with too much water is tough and hard. Use only enough water to hold the ingredients together, mix quickly, roll and handle as little as possible.

Grease your measuring cup before measuring syrup or molasses and the ingredients will not stick to the sides of the cup.

Do not put too much wax on floors. A little wax and plenty of polishing makes a better-looking floor.

Doeskin and chamois gloves become stiff and harsh unless washed in tepid suds and rinsed in slightly soapy water.

Do not use soft butter or lard in making pie crust. The shortening should be hard and cold.
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How to Ease a Cold Quickly



1. Take 2 BAYER ASPIRIN tablets and drink a full glass of water. Repeat treatment in 2 hours.

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At the same time, if you have a sore throat, crush and dissolve three BAYER tablets in one-third glass of water. And gargle with this mixture twice.

The Bayer Aspirin you take internally will act to combat the fever and pains which usually accompany colds. The gargle will provide almost instant relief from rawness and pain, acting like a local anesthetic on the irritated membrane of your throat.

Try this way. Your doctor, we know, will endorse it. For it is a quick, effective means of combating a cold. Ask for Bayer Aspirin by the full name at your druggist's — not for "aspirin" alone.

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Card of Thanks

It is in our sincere appreciation of your kindnesses that we express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who assisted us in any way during the illness and in the death of our beloved wife and mother, Mrs. J. H. Benningfield.

Mr. J. H. Benningfield,
Mrs. John Scarborough & family
Hermond Benningfield & family,
Clarence Benningfield & family,
Nile Benningfield & family,
Elton Benningfield & family,
Elbert Benningfield & family.
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Davis of Fritch, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Conner here last week-end. Mrs. Davis was formerly Miss Verna Conner.

Mrs. Will Fikes is in Santa Anna, recovering from a major operation which she underwent Thursday afternoon of last week. She was reported, Wednesday, as doing well. Dr. Seeley did the surgery and is in charge of the case.

Census report shows that there were 4506 bales of cotton ginned in Coke County from the crop of 1937 prior to January 16 as compared with 6374 bales ginned to January 16 crop of 1936. William Knirim, special agent.

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City Commission.

Notice!

The Members of the Live Stock Association will meet in Robert Lee, Saturday February 13th, at 2 o'clock, in the courthouse, according to F. S. Higginbotham.

The chief problem will be concerning whether they will continue the program. All who are interested are advised to attend this meeting.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our appreciation for all the kindness and the loving services given during the illness and death of our wife, mother and grandmother.

J. R. Smith & family.

FOR SALE--40 Nervous Goats one wagon, one cultivator, one godevil, one breaking plow (double disc), one section harrow. Belonging to the Thomas Webb estate. For particulars See J. K. Griffith, Administrator.

Correction

It is quite difficult to handle a string of names with which one is not familiar, without making mistakes. We regret some mistakes in the honor roll which was printed last week. Catherine Clark, in the sixth grade should have been Carline Clark; and in the first grade, instead of Dorthey McDonald and Francis Fowler it should have been Dorthey McDorman, Francis Johnson and Charles Fowler.

Methodist W. M. S.

Mrs. W. K. Simpson was hostess to the Methodist W. M. S. Monday afternoon when the society met at the W. B. Clift home for the regular mission study and social hour.

Mrs. Earl Hoggard led the lesson on mission under the general topic, Bringing World Help. Following an assembly singing of Break Thou The Bread of Life, the following topics were given: Christian Missions and World Work, Mrs. W. B. Clift; Health Work in Baby Clinic, Mrs. Marvin Simpson, Clinical Work by City Organizations, Mrs. Chism Brown; The Power of the Living Gospel, Mrs. Earl Hoggard; The first Readers of the New Testament, Mrs. J. S. Gardner, Scripture reading, Mrs. Dolly Wylie.

The social hour was conducted with a guessing game, a Floral Love Story, which was conducted by Mrs. G. L. Taylor.

The hostess served a salad course to those present who were, other than those taking part on the program, Mesdames, J. K. Griffith, F. C. Clark, Jim Clift, Daisy McCutchen, McDorman.

Assembly Program

Rev. Ramond Wilson, pastor of the Angelo Hights Baptist Church, conducted the devotional at the assembly, Wednesday, taking his text from Luke 21:33.

A program of unusual interest was given by pupils of the second grade, directed by their teacher, Miss Barger. Costumed as ancient Biblical characters, the children assisted by Zelma Slughter and Mr. Teague, dramatized the life of Job. Those playing the parts were; Job, L. C. Waldie; messengers, Bobbie Arnold, Delbert Brandon, Jack McCutchen, Willie Jean Perciful; the three friends, D. J. Waker, Lewis Owen and M. H. Havins; Elihu, J. C. Wallace; Job's wife Maine Scoggins, Job's daughters, Billie Inez Landers, Zelta Wojtek, Agnes Prather; announcer, Billie Allen. Musical numbers were given by a Mexican quartett and by the second grade chorus.

Entertains

Miss Tommy Jo Kerley entertained at her home Friday night with a forty-two party.

Refreshments were served to, T. S. Jones, Daisy McCutchen, Wayne McCabe, Patsy Lee Haywood, Raymond McCutchen, Kathleen Olsen, Fred Jameson, La Rue millican, Bill Humble, and Tommy Jo Kerley.



VIRGINIA VALE

Whose Movie-Radio Column Appears in This Paper.

Notice Taxpayers

The board of trustees of the Robert Lee Independent School District has extended the date of payment of all 1936 taxes to March 1, 1937. You may pay your 1936 taxes before March 1, 1937 without penalty interest. The board plans to force payment of all delinquent tax after March 1, 1937.

Board of Trustees
Robert Lee Independent School District.

Ray Ledbetter received painful cuts and bruises about the head late Saturday afternoon when a team he had been working ran away. The wagon and harness were also badly damaged.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many good friends for their help and loving kindness during the illness and death of our dear Mother.

If these troubles should come your way, we hope that you will be blessed as we were. The floral offering we deeply appreciated
Mr. & Mrs. Claude Landers
Mr. & Mrs. S. S. Wolfe
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Keenan
Mr. & Mrs. Pleas Millican
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R & W Home Style PINEAPPLE, No 2 1/2 can	25c
R & W Grape JELLY, 16 oz glass	20c
R & W FLAV-R-JELL, all flavors, 6 pkgs	25c
R & W MATCHES, 6 box carten	25c
R & W CATSUP, 14 oz bottle	15c
Early Riser COFFEE, 1 lb package	19c
R & W COFFEE, 1 lb Vacuum Tin	31c
APPLES, Fancy Wash. Winesaps, Size 252, doz	18c
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Iceberg LETTUCE, firm heads, each	5c
California CELERY, well branched, each	9c
ONION, Spanish Sweet, 2 lbs.	7c
CARROTS, Home Grown, 2 bunches	5c
Supreme SALAD WAFERS, 1 lb box	17c

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