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## Masons Hold Informal Social

In observance of the anniversary of the birth of Washington and in commemoration of his work as a Mason, the members of the Hayrick Lodge with their families and guests from the San Angelo and Bronte lodges, met Monday night in the lodge hall at Robert Lee for an informal social and appropriate program.

A generous supper of baked ham, pickle, boiled eggs, cake and coffee was served man style--take a plate and help yourself, with second helpings in order.

Substituting for O. C. Fisher of San Angelo who was unable because of sickness to accept the invitation as the principal speaker, Mr. Newlin also of San Angelo, read an address, on Washington by Senator Holbrook.

Dick Wagoner of San Angelo, past deputy grand master, expressed Mr. Fisher's regrets and spoke briefly to the members of the lodge reminding them of their obligations to the fraternity, mentioning briefly the great work of Masonry in general and citing local cases benefiting from the application its great principles and finally urging a revival of interest and loyalty.

Bailey Bell, master of the Bronte lodge, gave occasion for a good laugh in his admission that his lodge had accepted a second successive invitation on the twenty-second of February because they had forgotten to make preparations but extended an invitation for the celebration to be at Bronte. Others from Bronte who spoke were Rev. Lewis Stuckey and Frank Keeney.

Speaking for the members of the O. E. S., Mrs. J. A. Clift, worthy matron of the Robert Lee chapter, expressed appreciation for the invitation extended by the Masons.

Rev. Earl Hoggard gave the benediction.

## New and Renewals

The following have renewed their subscription to the Observer this week.

Clayton Carraway, new, J. C. Hale, Jim McCutchen, H. D. Gartman, Millard Meek, G. C. Casey, J. H. Vowell, Stafford, Oklahoma; Bob Patterson, Mrs. W. L. Clawson. Mrs. Clawson has been a subscriber over 35 years.

Look at the figures opposite your name on your paper and see when your subscription expired. We are going to hold the subscription down if we can, but prices are advancing and it may be necessary to advance the subscription price. So to be sure of the present rate better attend to it soon. It will be appreciated.

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Wallace of Miles, his daughter, Mrs. Morris of McKinney, and Mrs. R. M. Cumbie and Mrs. May Wilkins, were visitors in Robert Lee Wednesday.

## Celebrates 79th Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Conner were made happy Sunday when a number of their friends and relatives came to celebrate Mr. Conner's 79th birthday.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Brown, Clydene Mathers, Mrs. T. A. Brown all of Silver. Harold Brown and wife, C. M. Conner and family of San Angelo. Russ Mathers and family of Colorado. Ben Tubb and wife, Mary Ola Batton, Mrs. T. E. Puett, and Miss Emma Conner of Robert Lee.

Everyone present reported an enjoyable time.

## Official Visit

Last Friday night Mrs. Beuna Davis of Sonora, deputy grand matron of district 5, section 1 of the O. E. S., made her official visit to the local chapter. With Mrs. Davis were Mrs. Hoggard, Mrs. Trainer, and Mrs. Mary Ellen Hughes, all of Mertzon.

The chief event of the evening was a drill on the constitution which was conducted by Mrs. Davis.

Cherry pie was served with whipped cream and coffee and table centerpiece and favors were symbolic of the cherry-tree-and-hatchet legend.

## Delbert Walling Entertains

Delbert Walling, who operates a 17-section ranch in the rich valleys and hills of the extreme northwest part of Coke county, entertained quite a number of his friends last Thursday night at his ranch home.

Guests for the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Willoughby, Bronte; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Baker, Bronte; Miss Billie McMullen, Big Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roe, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Snead, Jr., Miss Louise Roe, Robert Lee; Miss Gwendolyn Higginbotham, Jimmie Eubanks and Allen Bell, Bronte.

Raymond Jay informs us that he is closing his filling station and for the present will devote his time to his feed grinders. He wishes to thank the public for the many courtesies and liberal patronage extended him during his stay in business.

A great deal of sickness is reported in the Green Mountain community. A large percentage of the pupils were absent Tuesday on account of illness; the B. B. Hines family are all said to be down and Mrs. Sam Powell, teacher in the school, was unable to attend her school duties Friday and Monday.

Mrs. Delbert Harmon is suffering from a severe case of flu.

## Mrs. Alf Key

Another of the old pioneer of this country was laid to rest in the historic Paint Creek cemetery Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Alf Key, one of the courageous, big-hearted group who set their faces westward in the early days, dropped from the fast thinning ranks of old-timers late Tuesday afternoon, leaving behind her that greatest of all earthly monuments--the life of a Christian pioneer mother and neighbor. Coming to this country in 1890 when it was an unfenced wilderness with little to offer and much to endure, she did her share to wrest from it the heritage we now enjoy.

Mrs. Key was born in Tarrant county July 2 1868, and was married in Menard county in 1885. She united with the Methodist church in her early girlhood in Hamilton county and when the old Edith church was organized she joined with it. It is thought she was perhaps one of the first members.

Surviving are the husband, two sons, Jodie of Melrose, N. M., and D. P. of Robert Lee; two daughters, Mrs. Viola Peays and Mrs. Grace Boykin, both living near Edith. There are also 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild, and a sister, Mrs. J. D. Hammark of Riviera. All but the son in New Mexico were present for the last rites.

Funeral service held at the graveside were conducted by Rev. Earl Hoggard, pastor of the Robert Lee Methodist church, who was assisted by her grandson-in-law, G. B. Shelbourne of Abilene. Pallbearers were Curtis Burson, Claud Murtishaw, Marvin Stewart, Andrew Johnson and Raymond Schooler.

W. K. Simpson funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Friends and relatives from a distance who attended the funeral of Mrs. Key included a sister-in-law, Mrs. J. J. Youngblood and daughters, Mrs. Jim Offield of Ashton, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Boykin, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Byrd, Mrs. DeShazo and her daughter, Mrs. Ellison McClure, Mrs. Charley Boykin and Mrs. Kidd, all from San Angelo, and from Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Shelbourne, Mrs. M. B. Shepard and her mother, Mrs. Margaret Fields.

## A Word of Appreciation

In retiring from business in Robert Lee we take this method to thank you, our friends and customers, for your friendship and patronage. You have made our twenty-seven years of business very pleasant. We would like to tell each of you personally how very much we value your friendship; but that is impossible, so we will just say, "Thank You."

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Simpson.

## Sparks-Cowley

Last Saturday night, Calvin Sparks and Miss Cova Cowley gave friends and relatives the slip, obtained a marriage license in San Angelo, went to Blackwell for the ceremony and slipped quietly back to Robert Lee. The secret seeped out and Sunday night a shivaree mob captured the newlyweds at the Boyd Yarborough home and took them for a wild, rough ride on the back of a truck. The bride sustained scratches and bruises when the couple jumped from the truck and attempted to evade their tormentors by escape into a pasture.

Mr. and Mrs. Sparks were both reared here and both are graduates of the Robert Lee high school.

Calvin is a son of Mrs. E. T. Sparks of Robert Lee and the bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lem Cowley of Valley View.

## Smith-Pennington

The marriage of Boyd Smith and Miss Mearl Pennington of San Angelo was told Saturday and the young couple are now at home in the residence of Mrs. Tubb.

Mr. Smith was reared in Coke county, attended the Robert Lee high school and was a member of the 1929 graduating class. He is employed at the W. K. Simpson garage as a mechanic.

## M System In Charge

Messrs Lewis & Henson, operators of M System Stores in San Angelo, and who recently acquired the W. M. Simpson stock of groceries, have been busily engaged this week in re-arranging the stock and getting acquainted.

As has always been the custom of this store, the new firm will carry in stock the very best in foods the markets afford.

Their ad is on the inside pages this week.

Miss Myrtle Hurley visited her brother and sister, Charley and Pearl Hurley, at Pecos this week, returning Tuesday.

Albert Baze, Sr., is reported to be seriously ill in San Angelo where he was taken for examination and treatment.

Mrs. Jodie Williams left Tuesday for Globe, Arizona, to be with Mrs. Jim Williams, who is a hospital patient in Globe.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Richardson spent last weekend among relatives and friends at Colorado City and Dunn.

Turne the Windstone  
There is a good many varieties of the new woman; but it is the old man who pins along and keeps the world moving and the four barrels of Exchange.

## Ranchmen of Coke County

The Committeemen of the Agricultural Conservation Association, Range Division, deem its advantages to hold another educational meeting in regards to the 1937 Range Program, in order that it can be more fully explained to the ranchmen in this county.

If you operate any ranch land in Coke county, we are asking that you attend this meeting. Application for inspection will be handed out for your inspection and signature, if you desire to have your ranch inspected.

It will be to your advantage to attend this meeting. If for no other reason you can familiarize yourself with the program our government has outlined to help you improve your ranch.

We are expecting you at the meeting March 1st, 1937, at Robert Lee, in the District Court room, at 2 p. m.

County Agent.

## San Angloe's Stock Show

The sixth annual Fat Stock Show and Rodeo will open March 6th and will run to the 9th.

Some of the best riders and ropers the country affords will be on hand to entertain you.

The showing of fine cattle this year will probably outstrip any previous showing.

Total awards in the livestock division this year will total over \$2,500.

## Commodity Report

A report of surplus commodities distributed in Coke county during the period of January 1, 1936 to December 31, 1936, shows a total retail value of foods, \$8,960.75 and clothing valued at \$18,157.65. The clothing issued includes 10 quilts, 81 mattresses and a large number of sheets, pillow cases and towels.

The division of employment report, February 20, 1937 gives a total assigned to WPA work in Coke county at 127, 82 male and 45 female.

The grand total of expenditures by Works Progress Administration and sponsors for the past 18 months was \$44,555.85 for Coke county.

Thirty-five years ago today many Robert Lee people will recall the fearful sandstorm on that date--probably the worst one this country ever experienced. One life was lost, that of Miss Graham, and some property damage was done in town and the surrounding country. The wind was of a cyclonic nature, and visibility about one foot. Business was suspended and everybody spent the day in storm cellars.

Trade goes where it is invited, Advertise!

Official State Trees

Five states have state trees, but only four of them have been officially adopted.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets made of May Apple are effective in removing accumulated body waste.

Temptation and Curiosity
So often Temptation is accompanied by another fellow, arm in arm—Curiosity.

WOMEN WHO HOLD THEIR MEN NEVER LET THEM KNOW

No matter how much your back aches and your nerves scream, your husband, because he is only a man, can never understand why you are so hard to live with one week in every month.

For three generations one woman has told another how to go "smiling through" with Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

One Kind of Vanity
Every person complains of the badness of his memory but none of their defective judgment.

MOTHERS KEEP ST. JOSEPH ASPIRIN HANDY

Be prepared for your family's pains and colds. Keep St. Joseph Aspirin handy.

St. Joseph GENUINE PURE ASPIRIN

Bless the Ladies
God created the women beautiful and foolish—beautiful so the men would love them, foolish so they would love the men.

When HEADACHE Is Due To Constipation

Often one of the first-felt effects of constipation is a headache.

That's the sensible way—relieve the constipation. Enjoy the refreshing relief which thousands of people have reported from the use of Black-Draught.

BLACK-DRAUGHT A GOOD LAXATIVE

DEAF or HARD OF HEARING?

By all means send for a free booklet called "EAR" which will prove both interesting and instructive.

ARE YOU A WEAK WOMAN?

Read this: "Any little duties about the house made me feel so tired. I suffered from headache and backache and my nerves were all upset.

CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT

LADIES

Follow the Hollywood Stars
The NEW MAGIC PERMANENT WAVE—First Aid to Personal Charm.

Current Events in Review

By Edward W. Pickard

Clark, Wheeler Attack President's Court Plan

THOUGH President Roosevelt persisted in his intention to force through congress his measure to "reform" the federal judiciary, law-makers who have been his warm supporters are coming out one by one in hot opposition to his plan to pack the Supreme court.



Senator Clark

carefully before issuing their statements. The announcements of these men was scarcely offset by a radio address by Attorney General Homer S. Cummings, dutifully defending the President's plan.

Senator Clark said he was entirely in accord with the minor proposals in Mr. Roosevelt's scheme, but was totally unable to agree with the provisions for packing the Supreme court.

"To me it seems a radical and unnecessary change in our whole system of government, without the submission to the people in the proper form of an amendment to the Constitution.

Then came Senator Wheeler, stalwart radical, with a statement which it was reported he made public over the protests of the White House.

"I am, always have been, and will continue to be opposed to the usurpation of legislative functions by the courts; I am, have been, and will be opposed to usurpation of legislative and judicial functions by the executive branch of the government.

"The issue is: How are we going to prevent in the future this usurpation of the legislative power by the courts? Shall we attempt to coerce them by packing the court with six new men?

"Every labor leader, every farmer, and every progressive-minded citizen in the United States would have been shocked and protested from the house tops if President Harding, President Coolidge, or President Hoover had even intimated that they wanted to increase the Supreme court so as to make it subservient to their wishes.

"If this administration can increase the Supreme court to make it subservient to its wishes, another Harding administration can do the same thing.

"There is nothing democratic, progressive, or fundamentally sound in the proposal advanced by the administration."

Attorney General Cummings advanced these two reasons for supporting the President's proposal:

New blood should be injected into the judiciary in order that the Constitution shall be construed in keeping with the changing needs produced by new complexities of national life.

The congestion of dockets in the federal courts is largely due to the inability of aged and infirm judges to perform their share of the work.

Investigation has shown, however, that the second reason is unsound.

Commenting on Mr. Cummings' speech, Senator Glass of Virginia said: "I think it indicates that the country is in infinitely greater need of an attorney general than of additional judges on the Supreme court or of judicial wet nurses for six of the present members of the court."

Senator Minton of Indiana defended the plan in a radio address but probably did it more harm than good, for he frankly admitted the

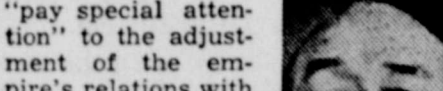
purpose of the administration is to change the personnel and views of the Supreme court, in order that President Roosevelt's New Deal program will be held constitutional.

Indiana Auto Workers Appeal to President

MEMBERS of the United Automobile Workers stirred up a riot in Anderson, Ind., that resulted in the injury of several men, and Governor Townsend responded to an appeal from the sheriff of Madison county by sending National Guardsmen to maintain order and keep outsiders from entering the county to aggravate the trouble.

Hayashi Urges Russia and China to Be Peaceful

GEN. SENJURO HAYASHI, premier and foreign minister of Japan, in a formal statement of policy to the parliament, said his government would "pay special attention" to the adjustment of the empire's relations with soviet Russia and China, and urged those nations to cease their quarrels with Japan and try to comprehend Japan's position and aims in East Asia.



Sugiyama

Hayashi's cabinet decided on a budget reduction of approximately 8 1/2 per cent; Lieut. Gen. Hajime Sugiyama, the new war minister, objected to any cut in the huge army budget, but it was reduced slightly.

British Destroyers Fire on Spanish Rebel Plane

SIX bombs were dropped by a plane, supposedly a Spanish insurgent craft, close to two British destroyers off the coast of Algeria. The warships, which were not damaged, drove away the plane with gunfire.

Schuschnigg Favors Return of Hapsburg Dynasty

RESTORATION of the Hapsburg dynasty in Austria was openly advocated by Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg, who committed his government party to that proposition. He intimated that a plebiscite would be held to decide the question.

The chancellor asserted that increasing official support would be given to the campaign to place Archduke Otto of Hapsburg again on the throne which his father, the Emperor Karl, "temporarily renounced" November 11, 1918. The archduke is twenty-four years old.

Jim Farley Banqueted by 1,600 Democrats

HEADED by President Roosevelt and Vice President Garner, 1,600 Democratic government officials... prominent figures in the worlds of business and sports honored James A. Farley with a banquet in Washington. Mr. Garner was master of ceremonies and called the roll of distinguished guests by states. Mr. Roosevelt made a speech, which was carried to the country by radio.

STAR DUST Movie • Radio

By VIRGINIA VALE

IT HAS always been difficult to get permission to visit studios in Hollywood. From now on, popular comedians, like the Marx Brothers, Jack Benny, and Burns and Allen hope to make it impossible. In fact, if there were any way that they could make pictures without having a flock of carpenters, electricians, property men, and extras around, they would be heartily in favor of adopting it.

Thieves on the set are the reason for all this uproar. It would be bad enough if the thieves merely lifted jewelry, or furs, but these thieves steal ideas whose worth cannot be estimated unless you can think in staggeringly big figures. When comedians and their gag men have finally worked out a funny situation and filmed it, two months may elapse before it is shown on the screen. But almost at once comedians elsewhere introduce their funny situation.

It is always gratifying to see a real trouper win out over all odds.

That is why everyone is rejoicing over Alice Faye's hit in "On the Avenue." When Irving Berlin moved into the Twentieth Century-Fox studio with a knockout musical score under his arm, the studio officials said, "We've got something big here." So, they decided to build up a marvelous cast with players borrowed from other studios.



Alice Faye

For months Cary Grant has gone around saying that if his Paramount contract would only come to an end, he would never sign another with anybody. He would just make pictures when he felt like it, and spend the rest of his time lying on the beach at Santa Monica or taking leisurely trips to England.

Back in New York all the young stage players and all the dramatic school students go to see Greta Garbo in "Camille" over and over. Two girls who are living on a tiny budget that permits eating only now and then and never riding on a street car or bus, had gone every day for six days and seen the picture at least 14 times.

Deanna Durbin

Deanna Durbin, the fourteen-year-old sensation of Eddie Cantor's radio program and Universal's "Three Smart Girls" thinks New Yorkers aren't very good mathematicians. She realized her lifelong ambition of climbing the stairs inside the Statue of Liberty on her first visit to New York a few weeks ago.

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THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

Through life's mad rush there comes to me at times a little peaceful stop like standing in a crowded street Right by a nice big traffic cop.

# 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 Ephraim 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. Gathered around an elaborate loud speaker service, listening to the racing are: Cecil Kroon, Madge Weatherby and Zalia Graem, who bet varying amounts on the race. There is tension under the surface gaiety. Kroon leaves to keep an appointment before the race starts. Miss Beeton, a nurse, and Vance bet on "Azure Star." Swift recklessly bets \$10,000 on "Equanimity" and goes to the roof garden to hear the results. Floyd follows Swift, remaining away from the group several minutes. Zalia goes to the den to answer a telephone call. Soon after the announcement that "Azure Star" wins, the guests hear a shot. Vance finds Swift dead, shot through the head with a revolver nearby. He says Swift has been murdered. After calling the police, he finds the door of a vault ajar. Kroon returns and is sharply questioned by Vance, who finds he had not left the building. Vance orders Miss Beeton to guard the stairway and prevent Mrs. Garden and Zalia from viewing Swift's body.

### CHAPTER IV—Continued

"Garden," he began, "there are a few things that I'd like to have cleared up before the district attorney and the police arrive." He turned about leisurely and sat down at the desk, facing Garden.

"Anything I can do to help," Garden mumbled, lighting his pipe.

"A few necessary questions, don't you know," Vance went on. "Hope they won't upset you, and all that. But the fact is, Mr. Markham will probably want me to take a hand in the investigations, since I was a witness to the preamble of this distressing tragedy."

"I hope he does," Garden returned. "It's a damnable affair, and I'd like to see the axe fall, no matter whom it might behead." His pipe was giving him trouble. "By the way, Vance," he went on quietly, "how did you happen to come here today? I've asked you so often to join our racing seance—and you pick the one day when the roof blows off the place."

Vance kept his eyes on Garden for a moment.

"The fact is," he said at length, "I got an anonymous telephone message last night, vaguely outlining the situation here and mentioning Equanimity."

Garden jerked himself up to keener attention.

"The devil you say!" he exclaimed. "That's a queer one. Man or woman?"

"Oh, it was a man," Vance replied casually.

Garden pursed his lips and, after a moment's meditation, said quietly:

"Well, anyway, I'm damned glad you did come . . . What can I tell you that might be of help? Anything you want, old man?"

"First of all, then," asked Vance, "did you recognize the revolver? I saw you looking at it rather apprehensively when we came out on the roof."

Garden frowned, and finally answered, as if with sudden resolution:

"Yes! I did recognize it, Vance. It belongs to the old gentleman—"

"Your father?"

Garden nodded grimly. "He's had it for years. Why he ever got it in the first place, I don't know—he probably hasn't the slightest idea how to use it . . ."

"By the way," Vance put in, "what time does your father generally return home from the university?"

"Why—why—?" Garden hesitated and then continued: "on Saturdays he's always here early in the afternoon—rarely after three. Gives himself a half-holiday . . ."

"But," he added, "father's very erratic . . ." His voice trailed off nervously.

Vance took two deep inhalations on his cigarette; he was watching Garden attentively. Then he asked in a soft tone:

"What's on your mind?—Unless

of course, you have good reason for not wanting to tell me."

Garden took a long breath and stood up. He seemed to be deeply troubled as he walked across the room and back.

"The truth is, Vance," he said, as he resumed his place on theavenport, "I don't even know where the pater is this afternoon. As soon as I came downstairs after Woody's death, I called him to give him the news. I thought he'd want to get here as soon as possible in the circumstances. But I was told that he'd locked up the laboratory and left the university about two o'clock."

### CHAPTER V

I could not understand the man's perturbation; and I could see that it puzzled Vance as well. Vance endeavored to put him at his ease.

"It really doesn't matter," he said, as if dismissing the subject. "It may be just as well that your father doesn't learn of the tragedy till later." He smoked for a moment. "But to get back to the revolver: where was it usually kept?"

"In the center drawer of the desk upstairs," Garden told him promptly.

"And was the fact generally known to the other members of the household, or to Swift himself?"

Garden nodded. "Oh, yes. There was no secret about it. We often joked with the old gentleman about his 'arsenal.'"

"And the revolver was always loaded?"

"So far as I know, yes."

"And was there an extra supply of cartridges?"

"As to that, I cannot say," Garden answered; "but I don't think so."

"And here's a very important question, Garden," Vance went on. "How many of the people that are here today could possibly have known that your father kept this loaded revolver in his desk? Now, think carefully before answering."

Garden meditated for several moments. He looked off into space and puffed steadily on his pipe.

"I am trying to remember," he said reminiscently, "just who was here the day Zalia came upon the gun—"

"What day was that?" Vance cut in sharply.

"It was about three months ago," Garden explained. "You see, we used to have the telephone set-up connected upstairs in the study. But some of the western races came in so late that it began to interfere with the old gentleman's routine when he came home from the university. So we moved the paraphernalia down into the drawing room. As a matter of fact, it was more convenient; and the mater didn't object—in fact, she rather enjoyed it—"

"But what happened on this particular day?" insisted Vance.

"Well, we were all upstairs in the study, going through the whole silly racing rigmarole that you witnessed this afternoon, when Zalia Graem, who always sat at the old gentleman's desk, began opening the drawers, looking for a piece of scratch paper on which to figure the mutuels. She finally opened the center drawer and saw the revolver. She brought it out with a flourish and, laughing like a silly school-girl, pointed it around the room. I reprimanded her—rather rudely, I'm afraid—and ordered her to put the revolver back in its place, as it was loaded—and just then a race came over the amplifier, and the episode was ended."

"Most interesting," murmured Vance. "And can you recall how many of those present today were likewise present at Miss Graem's little entree?"

"I rather think they were all there, if my memory is correct," Vance sighed.

"A bit futile—eh, what? No possible elimination along that line," Garden looked up, startled.

"Elimination? I don't understand. We were all downstairs here this afternoon except Kroon—and he was out—when the shot was fired."

"At this moment there was a slight commotion in the hallway. It sounded as if a scuffle of some kind was in process, and a shrill, protesting voice mingled with the calm but determined tones of the nurse. Vance went immediately to the door and threw it open. There, just outside the den door, only a short distance from the stairway, were Miss

Weatherby and Miss Beeton. The nurse had a firm hold on the other woman and was calmly arguing with her. As Vance stepped toward them, Miss Weatherby turned to face him and drew herself up arrogantly.

"What's the meaning of this?" she demanded. "Must I be mauled by a menial because I wish to go upstairs?"

"Miss Beeton has orders that no one is to go upstairs," Vance said sternly. "And I was unaware that she is a menial."

"But why can't I go upstairs?" the woman asked with dramatic emphasis. "I want to see poor Woody. Death is so beautiful; and I was very fond of Woody. By whose orders, pray, am I being denied this last communion with the departed?"

"By my orders," Vance told her coldly. "Furthermore, this particular death is far from beautiful, I assure you. And the police will be here any minute. Until then no one will be permitted to disturb anything upstairs."

"Then why," she demanded with histrionic indignation, "was this woman"—she glanced with exaggerated contempt at the nurse—"coming down the stairs herself when I came into the hall?"

Vance made no attempt to hide a smile of amusement.

"I'm sure I don't know. I may ask her later. But she happens to be under instructions from me to let no one go upstairs. Will you be so good, Miss Weatherby," he added, almost harshly, "as to return to the drawing room and remain there until the officials arrive?"

The woman glared superciliously at the nurse, and then, with a toss of the head, strode toward the archway.

The nurse, obviously embarrassed, turned to resume her post, but Vance stopped her.

"Were you upstairs, Miss Beeton?" he asked in a kindly tone.

She was standing very erect, her face slightly flushed. She looked at Vance frankly and firmly in the eye and slowly shook her head.

"I haven't left my post, Mr. Vance," she said quietly. "I understand my duty."

Vance returned her gaze for a moment, and then bowed his head slightly.

"Thank you, Miss Beeton," he said.

He came back into the den, and closing the door, addressed Garden again.

"Now that we have disposed temporarily of the theatrical queen,"—he smiled somberly—"suppose we continue with our little chat."

Garden chuckled mildly and began repacking his pipe.

"Queer girl, Madge; always acting like a tragedienne—but I don't think she's ever really been on the stage."

"You heard her tell me she was particularly fond of Swift," remarked Vance. "Just what did she mean by that?"

Garden shrugged. "Nothing at all, if you ask me. She didn't know that Woody was on earth, so to speak. But dead, Woody becomes a dramatic possibility."

"Yes, yes—quite," murmured Vance. "Which reminds me: what was the tiff between Swift and Miss Graem about? I noticed your little peace-maker advances this afternoon."

Garden became serious.

"I haven't been able to figure that situation out myself. Woody was pretty deep in the new-mown hay as far as Zalia went. Hovered round her all the time, and took all her good-natured bantering without a murmur. Then, suddenly, the embryonic love affair—or whatever it was—went sour. Obviously something had happened, but I never got the straight of it. It may have been a new flame on Woody's part—I rather imagine it was something of the kind. As for Zalia, she was never serious about it anyway. And I have an idea that Woody wanted that extra twenty thousand today for some reason connected with Zalia . . ." Garden stopped speaking abruptly and slapped his thigh. "By George! I wouldn't be surprised if that hard-bitten little gambler had turned Woody down because he was comparatively hard up. You can't tell about these girls today. They're as practical as the devil himself."

Vance nodded thoughtfully.

"Your observations rather fit with the remarks she made to me a little

while ago. She, too, wanted to go upstairs to see Swift. Gave as her excuse the fact that she felt she was to blame for the whole sordid business."

Garden grinned.

"Well, there you are." Then he remarked judicially: "But you can never tell about women."

"I wonder," Vance smoked in silence for a moment. Then he went on: "There's another matter in connection with Swift which you might be able to clear up for me. Could you suggest any reason why, when I placed the bet on Azure Star for Miss Beeton this afternoon, Swift should have looked at me as if he would enjoy murdering me?"

"I saw that too," Garden nodded. "I can't say it meant anything much. Woody was always a weak sister where any woman was concerned. It took little to make him think he'd fallen in love. He may have become infatuated with the nurse—he'd been seeing her around here for the past few months. And now that you mention it, he's been somewhat poisonous toward me on several occasions because she was more or less friendly with me and ignored him entirely. But I'll say this for Woody: if he did have ideas about Miss Beeton, his taste is improving. She's an unusual girl—different . . ."

Vance nodded his head slowly and gazed with peculiar concentration out the window.

"Yes," he murmured. "Quite different." Then, as if bringing himself back from some alien train of thought, he crushed out his cigarette and leaned forward. "However, we'll drop speculation for the moment . . . Suppose you tell me something about the vault upstairs."

Garden glanced up in evident surprise.

"There's nothing to tell about that old catch-all. It's neither mysterious nor formidable. And it's really not a vault at all. Several years ago the pater found that he had accumulated a lot of private papers and experimental data that he didn't want casual callers messing in. So he had this fire-proof storeroom built to house these scientific treasures of his. The vault, as you call it, was built as much for mere privacy as for actual safe-keeping. It's just a very small room with shelves around the walls."

"Has everyone in the house access to it?" asked Vance.

"Anyone so inclined," replied Garden. "But who in the name of Heaven, would want to go in there?"

"Really, y' know, I haven't the foggiest notion," Vance returned, "except that I found the door to it unlatched when I was coming downstairs a little while ago."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

### Nation's Frozen Wealth Reaches Into Billions

If the size of a nation's heart can be judged by the amount of money which its departed citizens leave behind them for humanitarian purposes, then America is the biggest-hearted nation in the world, writes James Monahan in Cosmopolitan. For each year, when the wills of the deceased are read, between two and three billion dollars are added to the enormous wealth which already stands set aside for the endowment of the various educational and charitable works which appealed most to the donors.

Of course, all of these bequests are commendable in purpose. Many of them are so carefully devised that they will probably withstand all the changing conditions of the years to come. But others are committed so definitely to the dogmatic notions of the loners that within a short time they, too, are destined to die, and the millions of dollars they represent will be added to the nation's staggering pile of "frozen wealth."

Many of these obsolete bequests date back to the early years of the republic, when the owners of the nation's first wealth fashioned their posthumous charities in the spirit of the times in which they lived, confident that things would always be pretty much as they were then.

But the "frozen wealth" which has been piled up in the past still confronts us with its greenish-golden stare. What will become of it? One guess is as good as another. These billions lie in the bone yard of American philanthropy, as object lesson for the people who have money to give away.

### Household Questions

Winter Salad—Mix one cup of celery with one cup of tart apples and half cup of walnuts. Cut the celery and apples into very small dice and combine with mayonnaise or cream dressing. Add walnuts just before serving. Garnish with celery tips.

Potatoes that are to be French fried should stand in cold water at least an hour before cooking.

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In the hill section of Kentucky they have what they familiarly call "the Eleventh commandment, and when you explain that you never heard of but ten, and ask what the eleventh one is they will answer that the Eleventh Commandment is "Mind your own business."

As the average Robert Lee man sees it, now is a good time for the U. S. government to inaugurate a strict observance of the "Eleventh Commandment." All indications points to an early war in the Old World. Where it will start, when it will start and what will actually start it, no man knows. But the leading diplomats of a half-dozen nations are agreed that it is bound to come. This country may not be able to stay out of it, but it can at least make every possible effort to do so. It can try harder to stay out than it did the last time, and it ought to be starting right now. The president has been given power to prevent the shipment of arms, ammunition and airplanes and no matter whose factories are hit and whose pocketbooks suffer, this power should be used to the fullest. Not an airplane, not a dime's worth of powder, not a single weapon should be permitted to leave the shores of the U. S. until the Old World lays aside its hates and returns to the peace it enjoyed before a little handful of men started in to grab off all the territory they can get their hands on.

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"RESOLVED, that the business of this bank be closed; that all depositors, and all creditors of every nature, be paid in full; that after paying all depositors and creditors, and discharging all remaining liabilities, the remaining assets of said bank be distributed proportionately among the stockholders; and that this bank surrender and have cancelled its corporate franchise. Be it further

"RESOLVED, that the officers and directors of this bank be hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary steps, and execute all necessary papers, to carry into effect this resolution."

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned directors, certify that the foregoing proceedings were had at such meeting and that the resolution hereinabove quoted was duly adopted

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"The men who succeed best in life are always cheerful and hopeful men; men who go about with a smile on their faces and take the changes and chances of this mortal life like men, facing rough and smooth alike as it comes".  
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**Locals and Personals**

Friends of Mrs. T. J. Percifull of Christoval will be grieved to learn of her serious illness for several weeks. Mrs. Percifull is a sister of Mrs. Hawley Allen.

Mrs. J. K. Harris of San Angelo was here last week as the guest of her niece, Mrs. T. A. Richardson.

D. J. Walker has sold his ranch near Silver and bought a farm between Robert Lee and Bronte. It is understood that the family will move to the new place.

Mrs. Alvin Hayley and her daughter, Mrs. Calvin McCutchen of Hayrick, are visiting this week with the Wesley Fields family in the Green Mountain community.

Mr. and Mrs. Cave of Eden were weekend guests of their daughter, Mrs. Roy Brey at the Green Mountain teacherage.

Rev. W. E. Hawkins is expected to preach next Sunday, Feb. 28, at the Edith tabernacle. There will be an all-day service with dinner served on the ground.

Mrs. W. F. Fikes, recuperating from a major operation, is able to be up some.

The greatest menace to the fruit and grain crops in this country is the English sparrow. Especially are they destructive to fruit buds. Every means should be used to rid the country of these pests.

The fellow who said women are going to become the ruling sex must be a bachelor or he wouldn't have said "going to."

When you borrow, always borrow from a pessimist. He never expects to get it back anyhow.

A man can fail many times, but he isn't a complete loss until he begins to blame somebody else.

Say what you will about old-fashioned mud roads around Robert Lee but a couple of pedestrians were not knocked off of them every day by speedsters.

Boys will be boys, but this day in time the girls are giving them a hot contest for the privilege.

Most men object to being called hypocrites. Not so much because they may be but they are a bit sensitive about it.

There may be some other name for it, but if a lad around here acted like Mussolini people would call it swell-head.

Air-conditioning solves every problem except keeping a skinny man warm when his wife is "just suffocating."

What has become of the old-fashioned Robert Lee man who used to walk down town every Saturday night and pay up all the bills he owed?

The only fellows who seem unable to control the desire to spend their money foolishly are drunks and those with government jobs.

No sooner does the average man learn to paddle his own canoe until he gets a hankering for a motor-boat.

It's a funny world. If you think what everybody thought last year you're an old fogey, and if you think what everybody will think next year you're a crank.

**Burden of Wealth**

"He who seeks riches in the hope of repose," said Hi Ho, the sage of Chinatown, "finds he must live in wakefulness trying to protect them."  
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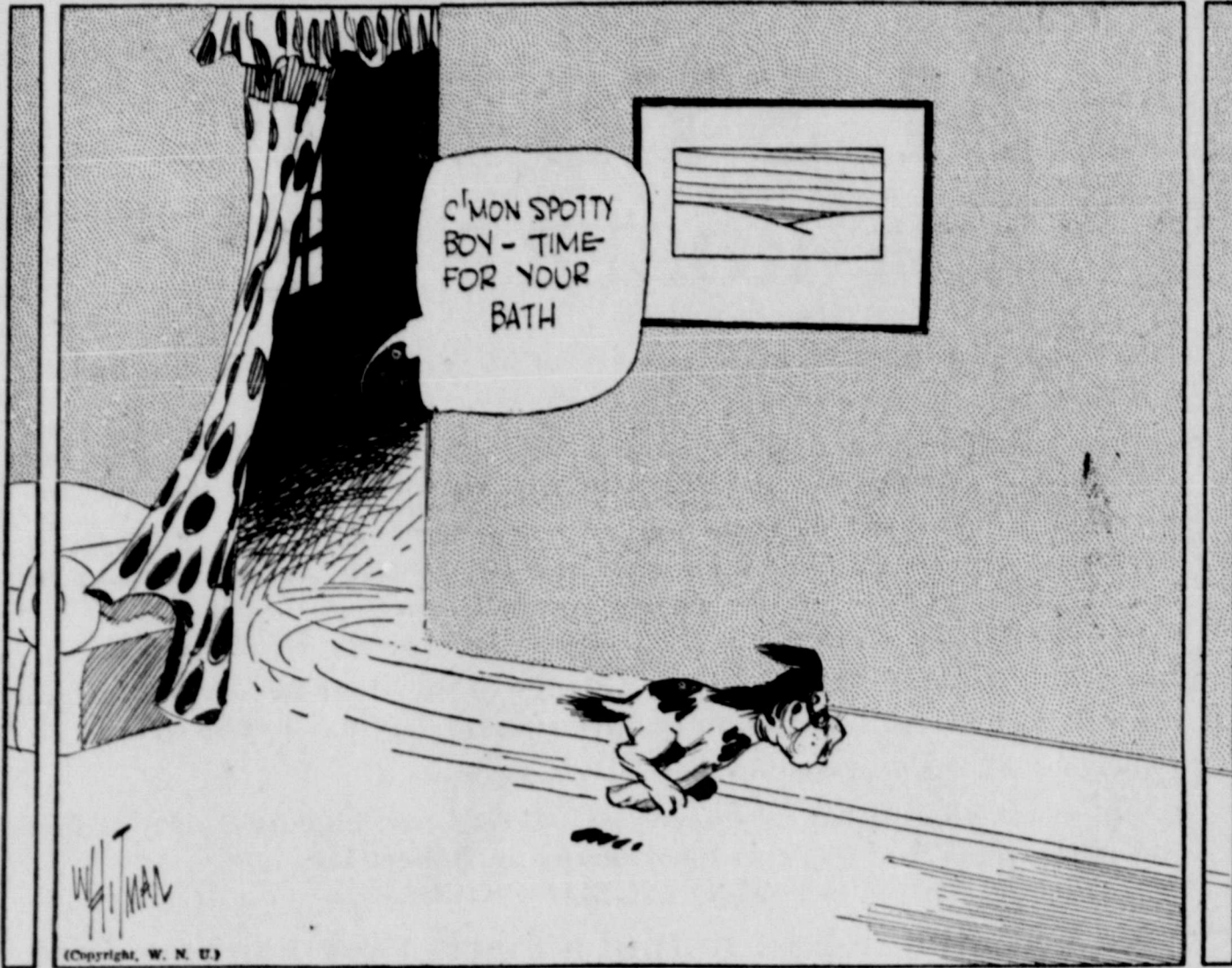
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# OUR COMIC SECTION

## Events in the Lives of Little Men



The FEATHERHEADS  
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By Ted O'Loughlin  
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## Worthy of Your Pride!



**M**OTHER, between you and me Sis is getting to be a little show-off. Last night when Dick called, there she sat, big as life, right in the middle of things chirping about the new dress you made her: how you used a remnant left over from one of your dresses, and got it finished in one afternoon—she even had Dick feel the material.

Well, Elsie, you can't blame the child's appreciating herself in a new dress. How about ourselves? Didn't you say your jumper was the talk of the Tennis Club meeting yesterday? And haven't I been spending more time before the mirror since I made my new "Stylish Stout" model? I actually feel like a new person in it—imagine me being vain at my age!

**Flatters Stout Figure.**

Oh, Mother, you're not vain and you're as young as any of us. You just were lucky to find a particularly flattering style for your figure. That soft jabot makes you look lovely and the whole thing is so slenderizing. But only an expert like you could make such a dress.

It isn't being expert, Elsie, it is choosing a pattern that is deftly designed and giving full step-by-step instructions on how to proceed.

**Several Blouses.**

I'm going to make another blouse for my jumper soon, Mother. I always admired that white pique shirt of Dick's, so I think I'll try it for my blouse, since the pattern is a lot like a man's shirt in design.

**The Patterns.**

Pattern 1229 comes in sizes 14 to 20; 32 to 42 bust. Size 16 requires 3½ yards of 39-inch material for the jumper and 1½ yards for the blouse. Pattern 1847 is available in sizes 36 to 52. Size 38 requires 4¾ yards of 39-inch material.

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**Ask Me Another**  
A General Quiz

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- Who was Alaric?
- Members of what race are sometimes called "Huskies"?
- Which is the larger unit, a brigade or a regiment?
- Who was father of Queen Anne of England?
- Who wrote "The Vision of Sir Launfal"?
- What is the significance of a "hall-mark"?
- How many "Fates" were there in classical mythology?
- What is a brogan?
- Was the lute a stringed instrument?
- What is a coulomb?
- What is dross?
- What English slang word corresponds to the French "Chauvinist"?

Answers

- A Visigoth leader who sacked Rome.
- Eskimo.
- A brigade.
- James II.
- James Russell Lowell.
- It is a mark of genuineness.
- Three.
- A heavy shoe.
- Yes.
- An electrical unit (the amount conveyed by one ampere in one second).
- Refuse of melted metal.
- Jingoist.

**HOW ARE YOU TODAY**

DR. JAMES W. BARTON

Talks About

**Blisters and Pimples on Feet.**  
FROM time to time you hear the old saying that the best specialty in medicine is that of the skin specialist because "his patients never die and never get better"—no worry and a regular income. Added to this is the fact that if he calls every skin ailment eczema he will be right in more than half his cases because eczema comprises at least half of all the cases with skin ailments.



Dr. Barton

Lately there has been much in newspaper and magazine advertisements regarding what is called "athlete's foot", where the skin on and between the toes becomes reddish white and little pimples or blisters are present. It has been shown to be contagious and in golf, athletic and other organizations fresh straw slippers are provided so that the feet may not come in contact with the floors used by those already suffering with this ailment.

The usual treatment is to keep the feet clean, dry the feet thoroughly after washing, and the use of various ointments containing mercury, salicylic acid and other substances.

**From Tonsils and Teeth.**

In some cases when there is present on the feet a type of little pustules—pimples containing pus—very similar to ringworm on the hands and feet, Drs. G. C. Andrews and G. F. Machacek in Archives of Dermatology, Chicago, state that some of these eruptions persist despite treatment because of infection. The infections are located chiefly in the tonsils but also in abscessed teeth. Conditions such as ulcer of the first or upper part of the small intestine, chronic inflammation of the large intestine and rheumatism (arthritis) often occur.

Of a total of twenty-four patients, nine have been entirely cured by the removal of the tonsils. Three others were greatly improved after removal of the tonsils but there were slight traces of "scaliness" or scales on the hands and feet which, however, caused no inconvenience.

One case of interest was where there was some doubt as to the tonsils being the cause; but suction of the tonsils (pumping them out with a special pump) showed that after each suction the skin condition improved; when suction was stopped the eruption became worse. Two weeks after the tonsils were removed there was a complete cure which has lasted two years.

In this type of infection it is not usually the toes and in between the toes that are affected, as is the case with athlete's foot or ringworm.

**Barbital Drugs.**

It would seem that almost every week a new drug to ease pain or to cause sleep appears on the market, all of which are spoken of as "safe" because they contain no morphine or other drug containing opium.

One of the most helpful drugs to ease pain, quiet restlessness, and induce or bring on sleep is what is known as barbital. It is used a great deal in mental institutions; and as a means of preventing epilepsy it is the greatest boon yet discovered for this ailment.

However, like other powerful drugs it may be obtained by anybody, anytime, anywhere, and the results in many cases have been disastrous. Just as morphine and other dangerous drugs must be obtained by a physician's prescription, so also should the barbital drugs be obtained. Mental institutions, public and private, now have barbital addicts to treat.

Sir William Willcox, in the Journal of the American Medical Association taken from the British Lancet, repeats his warning that the "barbiturates" have a powerful action on the nervous system and that care is required in their daily use. Even in the usual doses symptoms such as mental depression, drowsiness, "visions", dizziness, unsteady gait, indistinct speech, squint, sideways movements of the eyes, and paralysis of the limbs are common results.

The treatment of barbital poisoning is to wash out the stomach, using enemas, food by the stomach tube every six hours, and full doses of strychnine.

To help fight off the barbital "habit," the withdrawal of the drug, confinement in an institution and the use of strychnine has brought about recovery in a number of cases.

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IMPROVED  
**UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

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Lesson for February 28

**THE NEW COMMANDMENT**

LESSON TEXT — John 12: 29-33; 13: 34, 35.  
GOLDEN TEXT — A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. John 13: 34.  
PRIMARY TOPIC — A New Commandment.

JUNIOR TOPIC — A Great Man's Way.  
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC — What the New Commandment Means.  
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC — The Measure of Christian Love.

In the last week of our Lord's ministry on earth many important events took place, but we pass most of them in our present series of studies. The incident related in our lesson of today is of interest in and of itself, but it is of peculiar significance because it introduces a marvelously instructive discourse of our Lord.

Whatever had prompted their inquiry, we are delighted to note that the Greeks came with an earnest desire to see Jesus.

**I. Seeking Jesus (12:20-22).**

A man has progressed far on the road to blessing when he makes known his desire to see Jesus. Coming to him means coming to the One who has the words of eternal life.

Note that the disciples were wise enough to bring the men to Jesus. The true function of every Christian worker is to bring men to him. On the back of the pulpit in one of America's greatest churches, directly where the preacher can see them as he arises to preach, are the words of our lesson, "Sir, we would see Jesus." Little wonder that a strong and true gospel is preached in that church.

**II. Finding the Cross (vv. 23-33).**

The reply of our Lord to the Greeks and to the disciples who brought them to him, seems a bit singular at first glance. Did he not wish to receive them? They had probably come to see the great religious leader, the King of the Jews—why does he talk about death—why is his soul troubled? The words of our Lord are clear. Men do not need an example, a leader, a teacher, they need a Saviour. It is as a sacrifice for sin that Christ will draw all men unto himself (v. 32).

We need to relearn that lesson. Leaders of the church are earnestly seeking the explanation of the rapid decline in the influence of the Christian church. It is a good sign that some are beginning to realize that the difficulty is in the realm of the spiritual. The barrenness of so-called modern theology has become apparent to its leaders and they have begun to talk about a "spiritual revival." But unfortunately we soon find that they use the expression to stand for something entirely different from a real scriptural revival. "The voice is Jacob's voice but the hands are the hands of Esau" (Gen. 27:22).

Let us make no mistake about it, a real revival will center in the cross and will manifest itself in denial of self for the glory of God.

One cannot forego mention of the fact that the last part of verse 26, "If any man serve me, him will my Father honor," was the motto of the late Dr. James M. Gray, whose life gloriously exemplified the truth of the passage. God is willing and ready to do as much for you and for me.

**III. Loving One Another (John 13: 34, 35).**

When these words were uttered our Lord was two days further in the last week before he was crucified. He was alone with his disciples in the upper room. What message does he have for them in that solemn hour? That they should love one another. That is a message that needs renewed emphasis in our day. The strife which fills the world has almost engulfed the church, and there is bitterness and strife where love should reign.

Let us observe carefully that it is as his disciples that we are able to love one another. There are two erroneous extremes to be avoided. First, we have the out and out conservative, who proclaims his belief in the Bible as God's Word, who is anxious that he be absolutely correct in doctrine, a really saved man, and who then becomes the kind of "fighting" fundamentalist many refer to in these verses. On the other hand we have the liberal who has abandoned the scriptural basis of discipleship and who then boasts of his great love for his brethren. Love is no substitute for regeneration, and regeneration is no excuse for lack of love.

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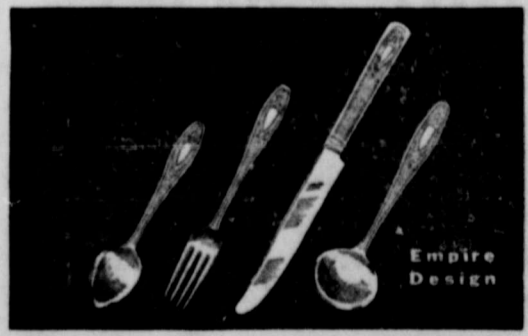
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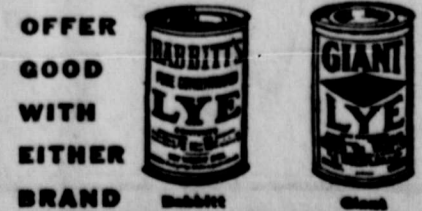
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Catherine Scoggins returned Wednesday from Abilene where she attended lecture week at ACC. She visited with her sister, Geneva, and her aunt, Chanda Brown, who are students in the college. Catherine reports a grand time.

The problem of the jobless will soon be solved. In another year they will all be going somewhere in trailers.

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**More Trouble Ahead**

If it isn't one thing it's another, and right on the heels of floods that caused a property loss of a hundred million dollars comes a warning that this is going to be the worst season for insect pests this generation has ever known. Just why someone can't predict something good is hard to figure out, when such predictions would add a lot more to human happiness.

But here is the prediction, and folks around Robert Lee can take it for what it is worth. Agricultural experts declare that this has been such an open winter, taking the country as a whole, that insect pests have not all been killed off by low temperatures as is usually the case. They explain that the ground has not been frozen sufficiently deep to exterminate insects that winter in the soil, while the same is true of those which hibernate in plant life, trees and shrubs. So they predict not only a season of great devastation from insect pests, but that the destruction will start earlier than it usually does.

The prediction doesn't come as good news by any means, in face of all the aggravations this country has undergone in the past few years. But the damage can be greatly minimized, perhaps, if a campaign of early spraying is resorted to and a diligent attempt is made by everyone to destroy all forms of destructive insects before hot weather arrives and before they can develop in such numbers as to make it next to impossible to eradicate them.

**Highway Vandalism**

There isn't a community in the land entirely free of that type of boy or man who delights in destroying something belonging to others. That Robert Lee and surrounding territory has its share of such individuals is evidenced now and then when it becomes necessary to replace highway warning and direction signs that have been mutilated or destroyed. Just what satisfaction comes from such destruction is difficult to understand, nor is it easy to understand why some people seem to enjoy tearing up the very things that common sense should teach them are intended to save human life and prevent accidents. Trying to find the reason for such destruction is a waste of time. What is needed is a few arrests and convictions for the malicious destruction of property. That is the only kind of example that will put an end to such despicable practices.

**Card of Thanks**

I take this method in thanking my friends, one and all who was so kind in helping me to get my pension and you may be sure it came at a timely aid. So if it ever comes my way to help you, you can count on old Bill.

Thanking you again, I am  
W. T. Gray.

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There is a noticeable drop in the number of poll taxes paid this year as compared to those paid on election year. Where last year, 1613 in Coke county registered their right to vote, this year only 812 paid the necessary poll tax.

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The county judge was in Cochran last week and reports that the situation is favorable for the liquidation of notes held by the county on oil lands there. He collected \$62,000 and eleven notes of \$1,240 each will go into the federal loan in 30 days and will become a part of the permanent school fund.

An old age assistance investigator was here several days this week and reports that the work is practically complete. Some cases he investigated will be denied aid but all he deems in actual need will be recommended for aid.

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