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the program next show nights -pictures that are well worth see-

"The Dawn Patrol," said to is urged to come early and bring be one of the pest.

It is a tale of the heroism and bing hoe. tragedy that were the daily por-World War.

Hlying Corps during a few fate- body else to come. ful months of 1915. Errol Flynn, is the main star, and he is back- organization see Mrs. Howard have. ed by numerous other well known McCullough, the fee being 60c stars, and strange to say, not a for an individual and \$1.00 for a woman appears in the picture.

Also The March of Times and Flying G-Men.

Sunday and Monday you'll see Spencer Tracy and Mickey Koo- Being Held in Fort Worth ney at their best in "B ys Town" that will be on the screen Sunday and Monday.

"Boys Town" is more than a tribute to a great work, spienidly done. It is a stirring, exciting picture packed with suspense, emotional thrills and grama. Spencer Tracy and Mickey Rconey give the best performances of their career.

"Boys Town" is a real community of 200 homeless, abandoned boys. It is located in Nebraska and was founded 21 years ago by a courageous priest. It is for Houseke ping Shower boys regardless of race or creed. Todate he has made over 4,600 boy inmates into useful, respected citizens. It's a picture you cannot afford to miss. It is one of the greatest pictures ever made.

Comedy and news.

Wednesday only, Bob Hope charge of the bride's register. and Shirley Ross gives you "Thanks for the Memory."

In this new comedy, Bob and Shirley are seen as newlyweds, struggling to make their way in the world despite their friends, who think that every night is party night at the home of the newly married couple.

It is packed with comedy right from the start, and plenty of laughs are in store for you.

Also a comedy.

# Farmers and Ranchmen Get Compliance Checks

Two hundred and ninety-one 1938 Compliance checks have issued from the county agent's office the past few days. The total amount of the checks was \$35,000.

The final date for correcting errors on 1938 cotton production is April 15, 1939, said Anderson W. Jewell, Secretary, Coke Coun- Texas. ty A. C. A.

duction, and you have not as yet the talk of the town. 84 x 1 5 corrected it, please do so imme- size, all colors,

# Fine Pictures Coming Sanco Cemetery Organiza-Three very fine pictures are on tion Plan Day of Work

Thursday April 13, has been set to set up the new fence at the Sanco Cemetery, other work Friday and Saturday we have will be done too, so everybody hammer, hoe, shovel and grub-

tion of the brave young knights taken down and the new one of the air who engaged in aerial lined up properly, so it will take combat over the western front a full day for a big bunch of during the early days of the workers. The women will be there with plenty of eats and a It relates the typical history of hand for anything they can do,

family.

# Robbers of Local Store

A man giving his name as Claud Brown was arrested by Jacksboro officers a short time after the looting of the W. K. Simpson store one night last week. All of the goods stolen were identified by J. O. Greer, who in com, any with Sheriff Percifull, went to Jacksboro for that purpose.

Brown is in jail at Ft. Worth and will be brought here for trial at the April term of court.

A housekeeping shower was given Mrs. Jay Lee Chatham at Mrs. Jim Clift's Friday afternoon, the shower having been young son, Bryan Andrew, have prolonged on account of sickness. Mrs. Jim Clift assisted the nostess, Mrs. W. E. Dixon in receiving. Mrs. Lowell Roane was in

Favorite recipes were written by those present for the brides's book.

Mrs. Johnny Hamilton gave the bride the rules of how to find the presents. The bride followed a string to the presents which ended at the "pot of gold" which was a beautiful decorated box filled with presents. Mutt Lofton helped the bride in reading names of donors and unwrapping presents.

Mrs. Buster Pierce, Mrs. John Pierce and Mrs. W. E. Dixon served cake and iced grape juice to those present.

About twenty were present and many presents were received.

You can never tell what Ratliff has to eat until you come in. Whatever it is, it's the best.

New single row planter or cultivator \$35,00. B. F. Bridge Hwde. Co., Bronte,

If there is an error in your pro- Those \$1.95 bed spreads are

Cumbie's

# Coke County Singing Convention To Meet

The regular quarterly meeting Dear Editor: of the Coke County Singing Convention will be held at the Pecan Church House, about twelve miles west of Robert Lee on the Robert Lee- Sterling City road, April 16th beginning at 1:00 p. The old fence will have to be m. Among the many song books available for use will be the new Stamps - Baxter book, "Gospel Tide," one of their best productions containing 138 selections produced by some of the leading song writers of the a squadron of the British Royal so plan to come and tell every- South. Books by other publishers will also be available and Anyone who wishes to join the leaders are to bring any they

This organization, like hund reds of similar organizations over the South, is a get-together sing-together movement extending a cordial invitation to singers of all denominational creeds to take part, and not only is Coke coun. y expected to be well represented but many well known singers from other counties are expected to be present. All are urged to come early.

> A E. Burgess, President, J. C. Wallace, Secretary.

In the school trustee election held here last Saturday Raymond Jay was reelected and Bryan Seminary, leading. Gartman was the new one went Topics for the classes are as in, H. A. Williams was elec ed trustee-at-large.

a visit. W. B. Clift, her father, Study". met them at Fredricksburg.

Mrs. Melrose Russell and her returned from a San Angelo hospital. Young Bryan was born Ratliff's. March 24, and weighed 7 pounds

Try it! Ratliff.

# Observer is Member of Half-Century Club

As you know, The American Press has organized a Half-Century Club of newspapers, and it is gratifying to us to enroll your paper in this group Enclosed is a certificate of membership which we feel you will want to frame and hang in your editorial office.

We hope that your paper will continue to uphold the best traditions of American newspaper life and that its force and influence will be felt for many halfcenturies to come.

Very truly yours, Don Robinson, Editor, American Press.

# The Baptist Church

We have been requested to announce that a special Easter Program has been planned at the Baptist church for Sunday

Special music will fill most of the program, and the sermon, "Go Quickly And Tell" will be delivered by the pastor.

Next week, Monday through Friday, there will be held at the church, a B. T. U. Training Course, with Bro. Barnes of the

follows: Adults, "The Fine Art of Soul Winning. Young Peo-Mrs. Dorothy Davis and young ple, "Planning A Life". Interdaughter from Taft are here for mediates, "I raining In ible

> You are invited to attend any and all of the services.

The senior class of Robert Lee high school left today for Carls-Our Ice Cream is the best. bad Caverns. They expect to return Sunday.

# Special Edition of The Observer April 21

The Observer's first attempt to publish a special edition will be made this month. We are combining the organization of the county and the 50th anniversary of The Observer to bring about this edition. While a few weeks difference exist between the organization of the county and the establishment of the paper, it is not enough to make much differ-

It will be mostly a historical edition and will be placed in every Coke county home as well as many homes outside of the county. We have our pans to print 20 pages or more. Naturally, the number of pages depends on the cooperation of the public.

This edition should appeal to everyone in the county, as you will become better acquainted with the county you live in. As for the Observer, 50 years is a long time for a country newspaper to exist -- in fact, very few have existed that long--and we will appreciate very much your help in putting this edition over.

if you have any material that you think would be suitable for this edition will you please mail or bring it in, typewritten or legible long hand.

Ulmer Bird, well known pioneer and historical writer, is getting up the data for most of the edition and any courtesies shown him will be gratefully acknowledged by this paper. Mr. Bird's address is Abilene, Texas, and if you wish you may send it direct to him in care of the Abilene

Another thing, if you have been on the Observer subscription list Coffee is still going good at for 35 years or longer, will you let us know.

# W. M. S. Society

The Methedist W. M. S. met April 3 in the home of Mrs. A. M. Tubb with the following members present:

Mesdames J. A. Clift, J. K. Griffith, G. T. Hester, W. H. Bell, A. E. Latham, J. T. Thetford, Elzie Wright, Author Tubb, Marvin Simpson, F. C. Clark, Ruby Brown, Bruce Clift.

Mrs. Rawlins of Bronte was a visitor. Mrs G. T. Hester was elected Secretary of Young Women's Work. Mrs. Taetford and Mrs. Hester gave interesting talks on the meeting they attended in San Angelo recently. After Mrs. Tubb served chocolate and cake the meeting was dismissed with prayer.

Total motor vehicle licenses iesued in the county this year are as follows: Passenger cars, 755; farm trucks, 125; commercial trucks, 70.

R. P. Fields of Merkel visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fields, and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Summers one day last week.

Bobby Lee Davis, Joe Long Snead and family of Midland week-end visitors in townt

# FIRST TELEVISION PICTURE



television pickup of a commercial comedians.

YORK - Ames 'n' Andy, radio program. This is how they apfamed blackface comedians, made peared on the television screen. Intelevision history at the New York cidentally, that's Amos on the left. World's Fair when they played the Later Mr. Whalen was interviewed stellar roles in the first experimental on the national broadcast of the

# Weekly News Analysis

# Congress Wins Economy Tussle **But Finds It Holds Hot Potato**

By Joseph W. La Bine-



WHEN SOCIAL SECURITY COSTS WENT DOWN

Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. (left), as he recommended before the house ways and means committee that a limited old age reserve fund be substituted for social security's controversial \$40,000,000,000 "full reserve" plan. At the right is Arthur J. Altmeyer, social security board chairman.

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

### Congress

U. S. business was pouting genuinely last February when Harry Hopkins made his famous Des Moines speech promising a new administration effort to start the recovery ball rolling. But to business men, recovery was precluded by high relief costs and "exorbitant" taxes. When the administration indicated unwillingness to slash costs, Mr. Hopkins' highly touted "appeasement" plan bogged down and in its place arose the most hostile, economy minded congress President Roosevelt has ever faced.

Many administration leaders, like Secretary Morgenthau and Vice President Garner, are economy bent. Others, like Federal Reserve Chairman Marriner Eccles, a White House favorite, believe government should spend when industry will not, providing a semblance of normalcy. But so unpopular a philosophy bucks the public trend, which is poor politics. A smarter course is to give d the nation its econ-If prosperity results, the White House will bask in glory; if it misses fire, the public can be reminded that the White House counseled against it all along.

Whatever the reasoning, a sudden switch in administration attitude has brought new peace to Washing-

Eccles Demarche. Appearing before a special senate silver committee, Mr. Eccles confounded his audience by advocating governmental economy. His reasoning: "While I am convinced that such a policy . . under present conditions would have disastrous results, we live in a democracy, and, therefore . the viewpoint of the majority should promptly be made effective." His suggestion: That federal spending be concentrated on non-competing public activities, i.e., buildings, roads, schools, hospitals, housing.

Morgenthau Demarche, Next day Mr. Morgenthau gave administration blessing to congressional plans for postponing scheduled increases in payroll contributions for social security, also endorsing a pay-asyou-go system founded on sound actuarial principles. Present assessments are 1 per cent each against employer and employee. In 1940 and 1941 this would jump to 11/2 per cent each; 2 per cent to 1945; 21/2 per cent to 1948; 3 per cent each after 1948. Mr. Morgenthau's four alternatives:

(1) One per cent to 1940; 11/2 per cent to 1943; 2 per cent to 1946; 21/2 per cent to 1949; 3 per cent after

(2) Boost from 1 to 11/4 per cent in 1940; to 11/2 per cent in 1941; to 1% per cent in 1942; present schedule thereafter.

(3) Boost from 1 to 1 1/2 per cent in 1940; to 11/2 per cent in 1941; to 11/2 per cent in 1942; present schedule thereafter.

(4) Omit increase to 11/2 per cent in 1940; step up rates in 1943 and follow present schedule thereafter.

Morgenthau reasoning: The trend of business conditions in specific future years could not be accurately foreseen in 1935 when social security was started under the present \$40,-000,000,000 reserve plan. Today it appears a \$3,000,000,000 reserve would be sound,

Also recommended was a trustee board to hold social security funds, thereby spiking criticism that the money is now being used to pay governmental expenditures. Under actual operation, payroll contributions now go to the treasury, are shifted to the old-age reserve fund, then invested in treasury securities to bring the cash back to the gen-

eral fund. Sour Note. Given a highly coveted concession, congress has found economy is easier to talk about than enforce. Next on the list is the farm appropriations bill, carrying a \$250,000,000 item for parity pay-ments which had not been included in the original budget estimate. Farm-state representatives, foreseeing political suicide if parity appropriations were not made, hoped the money might come from a renewal of processing taxes. Industrial-state lawmakers knew their constituents would object. And both groups reflected that less social security income would leave Secretary Morgenthau's cupboard bare.

## Pan-America

In early March Brazil's Foreign Minister Oswaldo Aranha arrived at ing friends and returned home with a basketful of plums. In return for liberal U. S. credit allowances to develop Brazilian trade and industry (partly a Pan American defense measure) Senor Aranha agreed to resume payment on Brazilian debts to U. S. bondholders on July 1.

But commitments that were convenient in Washington were hard to



OSWALDO ARANHA Back home, his tone changed.

repeat when the foreign minister returned to Rio de Janeiro. To pacify hard-pressed Brazilians, the smooth-tongued statesman told his home folks that "I always subordinated that moral obligation of pay-

ment to material capacity to do it . . My theory (in promising payment) was to tranquilize more than half a million holders of our bonds."

Observers have decided Senor Aranha is merely playing a clever game of diplomatic hide and seek. From safely within his own bailiwick he can make pointed inferences that Brazilian bond payments will not be forthcoming as expected unless U. S. tradesmen jump to reduce his nation's large surpluses.

People

Turned religious, Al Capone, former Chicago beer baron now imprisoned at Terminal Island, Calif. When a visiting minister asked prisoners to stand if they "felt the need. of the Saviour," Capone was the first to rise.

# Star Dust

★ Charlie Is Taken Down \* Politics Promotes Ann \* Orchestra Leaders All By Virginia Vale

DEOPLE in New York are still talking about Charlie McCarthy's first week there. In fact, a new aristocracy sprung into being; its members were the people who had actually gone to the first broadcast (tickets were scarcer than hen's teeth), and they are still high-hatting their friends who couldn't get in, and running perfectly good luncheons and dinner parties by insisting on telling about how cute Charlie is.

"You simply have to see him to appreciate him," they declare, which is rather hard on the people who have never seen Charlie and probably won't get a chance, as Edgar Bergen is too busy for personal appearances.

Charlie's kidnaping, one evening, by the amusement editor of one of the newspapers, very nearly stirred up a lot of trouble. The famous little man is insured for \$2,500. Bergen was so worried that after Charlie's reappearance he took to taking Charlie apart and hiding him in sections.

Ann Sheridan has sort of crept into stardom by the back door, although she deserves the promotion. It's "Naughty but Nice" that stars her, and studio politics are involved. For this is Dick Powell's last for



ANN SHERIDAN

Warner Brothers, and it's an old studio custom to play down the departing star, since advertising him just means that you're promoting property that will soon belong to somebody else.

So the charming and hard-working Ann gets big billing in this one, after five years of doing her best with whatever roles came her way, and never having a real opportunity to show what she could do.

Katherine Hepburn is doing very well indeed in her new theatrical venture, "The Philadelphia Story," although it has not, at this writing, been given the acid test of presentation in New York. Apparently Miss Hepburn still cherishes some affection for the screen; she has bought the film rights to the play and will do it herself before the cameras eventually.

Nowadays it seems that everybody who can't get a job feels that the answer to the unemployment problem is becoming an orchestra leader. Prize fighters, millionaires, tap-dancers, movie stars-all are more than willing to step in front of a band and wave a baton. But it's a rare thing for a man who works with his hands to become an orchestra leader-Russ Morgan is about the only exception to the rule.

He's an ex-coal miner, you know. He worked in the Nanticoke Mine, near Scranton, Pa., until the foreman fired him for playing a trombone in his spare time. The foreman happened to be his father.

Today he is one of the top bracket orchestra leaders. Before he was twenty-one he had written arrangements for such famous musical men as John Phillip Sousa and Victor Herbert.

Morgan's an impressive figure in his dinner jacket-but those coalminer shoulders bulge a little.

ODDS AND ENDS-All the big name bands will be in New York for the World's fair . . . Joan Crawford has picked South America for her impending vacation . . . Bing Crosby brought the law down on a Topeka lawyer recently; when arrested for speeding the lawyer alibied, "I was listening to Bing Crosby and forgot to look at my speedome-ter," and when Bing heard of it he wrote the man a note saying "You've been punished twice; how much do I owe

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# Find Joker in Department of Agriculture Appropriation Bill

It's the Soon-to-Be-Famous Food Stamps and Here's How Advanced Thinkers Think It Will Work; Billion Dollars Is All They Want.

> By WILLIAM BRUCKART WNU Service, National Press Bldg., Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON .- It was not so | long ago-six or eight years, perhaps-that the annual cost of the department of agriculture to the taxpayers of the country amounted to something like \$40,000,000. There was some talk even in those days about the drain upon the federal treasury resulting from department of agriculture operations. The totals were questioned; many persons wondered whether the politicians were justified in voting that much money to the department because there was little to show in the way of results. That is, congressmen could show very little except the packages of seeds sent out to their districts.

It was in those days, however, that the department of agriculture was seeking to operate effectively. Farming was not regarded by the folks who used to run the department as a subject for politics. The departmental officials were going about their business, rendering assistance in the form of advice and promoting better farming-when the farmers asked for it.

I was reminded of those days recently when the house appropriations committee brought out for consideration the appropriations bill for the department of agriculture for the fiscal year that begins next July 1. A Rip Van Winkle who could have slept through the last 10 years would have believed, truly, that he was in another world. The new money bill for the department contains a total of more than \$1,000,-000,000. The measure, indeed, ranks as the third largest appropriations bill of this year when altogether there is likely to be almost \$10,000,-000,000 appropriated.

### What Is Planned to Do With a Billion Dollars

It is extremely difficult to realize what a billion dollars is. That is, it is difficult for me to understand what it is. I can write the figures glibly enough. But to comprehend that sum of money, or a billion of anything, is something almost outside the pale of human knowledge. Yet that is what the department of agriculture seeks this year, and here be divided:

\$429,560,000 for soil conservation payments.

\$250,000,000 for parity payments. \$191,000,000 for road building. \$21,462,000 for soil and moisture conservation and operations.

\$24,984,000 for the farm tenancy program. \$7,175,000 for eradicating tubercu-

losis and Bang's disease. \$6,996,570 for the weather bureau

and its services. \$4,978,000 for retiring submarginal

\$1,631,000 for soil and moisture investigation.

\$1,500,000 for wild life restoration. \$300,000 for co-operative farm for-

\$250,000 for the water facilities program.

There were some other odds and ends embracing items of 20 or 40 or 90 thousand dollars, amounts so small that men almost smirk because they have forgotten how to

speak in such limited numbers. Then, and here is the joker which is hidden away. I really should not say "hidden" because no reference is made in the agriculture bill language. The joker is that there are almost countless millions of other dollars with which the department can play around, including approximately \$100,000,000 of money for use in getting rid of farm surpluses. That is the money from which Secretary Wallace and his advanced thinkers will draw funds for the

soon-to-be-famous food stamps. The country got its belly full of blue eagles before the NRA was plowed under. But the undistinguished, yet befitting, end that came to the NRA blue eagle has not deterred the advanced thinkers from attempting something else that is blue-a blue stamp for relief food. Yes, relief workers will have the same wages as before, but they will receive free blue stamps with which to buy surplus products for foods.

### How Wallace's Men Think Blue Food Stamp Will Work

I must write a little bit about that blue food stamp, about how the advanced thinkers think it will work, before I report on the main department of agriculture appropriation rather expensive bill.

It seems to be Secretary Wallace's idea of a more abundant life to designate certain farm products each week as being "surplus" and to help get them off of the glutted market by making them available for relief workers' kitchens. The first trial of the scheme will be limited to six cities. In those areas, the relief supervisors will be supplied with books of blue stamps. They are rather pretty stamps, too. Each WPA worker will get a book of stamps of a specified value. He can take those stamps to his grocery store and use them just like they were quarters, or half dollars or dollars. The groceryman will take them and he will be paid honest-to-goodness United States money for them. Thus will the surplus stocks of food products be reduced and the remainder will bring better prices. Or so say the advanced thinkers.

When I read the explanation of the program that was sent me by one of Mr. Wallace's publicity staff, the first thing that struck me was the extreme discrimination that will result. It is easy to see. Take any man who is trying to hold down a private job. It may be paying him only \$50 a month, or about the same as the relief worker gets. Naturally, he would like to be making more money. Who wouldn't? But he sticks on his job and stays off of relief. Then, when he gets paid he goes to the grocery store to buy some food. He pays cash, and gets his food.

### See Possibility of Creating A Lot of Bootleggers

There is another phase of the picture which was mentioned to me by Representative Hope of Kansas, one of the ranking members of the house committee on agriculture. He suggested that the blue stamps are going to create a lot of bootleggers. For example: the relief workers are not permitted to buy liquor with the stamps. They won't be redeemed if they are used to buy anything but food. However, Mr. Hope could see no reason why a relief worker couldn't use the stamps to buy liquor from a liquor store and the liquor store owner might possibly be is how that money is supposed to a crook. It is possible, you know. He might own a food store, too, or he might have an understanding with a food store owner who would take the stamps at a few pennies discount. What is to stop such procedure? It's your guess.

The whole thing strikes me as being so silly as to defy one's powers of imagination. It is dealt with here at such length only because I regard it as typical of a great many things that are going on within the department of agriculture for which more than \$1,000,000,000 is soon to be appropriated for a year's operations. The blue stamp scheme is destined to fail, even as the plowing under of crops and the slaughtering of 6,000,000 pigs was doomed a-bornin' and as the limitation of crop production was certain to flare back on those who were sucked into the maelstrom of nit wit plans.

### Learn Beautiful Phrases But at Rather High Cost

I am not prepared to say that the wild life restoration program is wholly bad. It seems probable that the country ought to rebuild the wild life stocks that have been wantonly destroyed in the days when people could go out and shoot ducks or deer or what have you without thought of the morrow. It is a program for which considerable justification can be advanced.

But it is to be noted that most of these items are small. Neither the department of agriculture administration nor the members of the house and the senate have seen fit to do more than maintain them. I have seen the inmates of the capitol squirm and fuss and scowl about some of them, while swallowing the items reaching into hundreds of millions with the greatest of glee.

As I said, it was not so long ago that department of agriculture appropriations were regarded as huge if they totalled 40 millions. As far as I can see, agriculture is no better off today than it was in those years. Of course, a very great number of farmers have learned that the beautiful phrases like "the more abundant life" and such, are meaningless. But I venture the assertion that the education has been

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# There COMES a MOMENT

# By ELINOR MAXWELL

O ARCADIA HOUSE PUBLICATIONS—WNU SERVICE

### CHAPTER XIII-Continued -13-

The dinner Spike served was delicious, and it was fun to be at Phillip Buchanan's apartment after four solid days of no companionship other than Addie's. Both Spike and Oscar greeted her like a long-lost friend, Spike smilingly taking her hat and jacket, Oscar offering his great paw in a handshake of wel-

The evening had turned cool, and a bright fire of channel coal crackled on the hearth. A table was already set before it when she and Phil arrived, and, shortly after, they were sitting down to English lamb chops. creamed new potatoes and buttered peas. Phil, himself, mixed a spring salad in a wooden bowl, while black coffee percolated in an electric pot on a side table.

"I've already spoken to Anthony Porter about your novel," he said. adding a dash of olive oil to the dressing he was making.

"Is he-an agent?" Mary asked. biting into a piece of spongy French bread.

"Best in New York," Phil replied. "If your work's good enough for Porter to handle, you'll go to town."

Eventually, dinner was a thing of the past, and a well-fed Oscar lay asleep on the rug before the fire. Mary settled herself in one corner of the couch, and began "Storm on the Mountain" in a voice which she knew was a bit shrill with excite-

Phil Buchanan, slumped into a deep chair nearby, filled his pipe from an oilskin pouch, and listened with half-closed eyes. On and on she read, able at last to overcome her nervousness; calmed yet puzzled by Phil's failure to make any comment whatsoever. She hadn't the vaguest idea what he was thinking, and, finally, at the completion of the third chapter, unable to stand his silence any longer, she put down the script.

"Are you thirsty?" Phil asked immediately. "How about a liqueur?"

"Well, yes, I am thirsty-for some water, but that's not why I stopped. Tear the story to pieces, if you like -only don't keep me in such suspense!"

Phil puffed slowly, maddeningly, at his pipe; then removing it from his mouth, smiled lazily at her. "Do you really want to know what I think of 'Storm on the Mountain'?"

"Yes! For heaven's sake, say something!"

"Well," he returned slowly, "it's great! I'm crazy about it. The only thing that worries me is-can you carry on with the same style throughout the story? There's something almost breath-taking about your way of telling this tale. Frankly, I'm-fascinated with it; it's held my interest from the very first

Mary looked at him incredulously. "Do you really mean that?" she asked.

"My dear child, haven't I told you the truth about everything else you've written? Why on earth should I suddenly go soft? Naturally, there are a few rough spots that need polishing up; occasional sentences to be interchanged; here and there a word to be substituted; but fundamentally, it's darned good. Wait a second before you go on with that next chapter; I'll get you some ice water."

Phil returned shortly, a tall silver pitcher in one hand, and a tray, holding two tumblers, in the other. He poured some of the cold water into one of the glasses and handed it to her, and she drank from it swiftly, greedily.

"You were thirsty!" Phil said,

smiling at her. "More?" "Yes, please. And then I want to

go on with the next chapter.' "All right. And when that's finished if you still crave a few comments. I'll make 'em."

Mary picked up her script, and began to read. At last, the fourth chapter completed, Phil left his chair and came over to sit on the couch beside her. "Now, let me look at that," he said, and Mary obediently placed the script on a table he had drawn up before the couch. "There's a paragraph in the first chapter-about page four . . ."

And bending over the script, their heads almost touching, they worked over the typed pages for the next two hours. Notes on the margin, notes on the back of each page; of money in the Barstow Amalga- of Christopher Cragg.

whole lines crossed out, and, the mated failure," Phil returned, "yet Phil flung aside her hand, and, found near the Cape of Good Hope.

thoughts of the man and girl work- | he's kept on paying that ridiculously | jumping up from the couch, started

ing in unison, new lines substituted.
"You don't mind my tearing this
to pieces in places, do you?" Phil asked, looking askance at the pencil marks that defiled one of the

"Mind?" Mary returned, her eyes filled with gratitude for Phillip Buchanan who bothered to rewrite the still terribly in love with Jim." sentences she had composed. 'Mind! Why, Mr. Buchanan, I can't tell you how grateful I am! You're terribly nice to help me . . .

Phil picked up his highball and, with head thrown back, drained its contents. "Don't be silly! I'm not 'terribly nice' at all. I'm a mean, grasping old man, taking great pleasure in indulging in my favorite "Perhaps Lelia ought to know," sport—the business of discovering Mary had thought at the time. "I new talent! And, Mary, I believe you've got the goods!"

'Well, you've done enough 'discovering' for one night," Mary replied, a smile curving the corners of her mouth. "Look at that clock over there! It's twelve o'clock, and I must go home!"

### CHAPTER XIV

The weeks slipped by-weeks that were almost identical in their pattern, yet strangely thrilling for Mary Loring. She was making excellent progress on her novel; the letters from home were fairly cheerful although her father had not yet found a position; she was seeing Phillip Buchanan two or three times a week, and he was, invariably, enthusiastic over each group of the newly-finished chapters which she read to him. This spurred her on to even greater efforts.

March had slid into April, and April had brought the publication of 'At Sea" in The National Weekly. With it had come a number of fan letters, a glowing article about her in the Hawkinsville evening paper; and a small but significant spot in Phillip's circle of friends.

Anthony Porter had now read the first fifteen chapters of "Storm on the Mountain," and agreed with Phillip Buchanan that it was "good stuff." "Yes," he said, "I'll market I think I'll scream in a moment if it for you, providing the remaining you don't say something—anything! chapters come up to what I've seen."

It was during the last week of April that Mary heard something rather startling about Jim Ormsby, and after several days of hesitation, decided to write Lelia an air-mail letter, and tell her what she knew.

Phil Buchanan had been her informant. "So Lelia's having a time for herself in Jamaica, is she?" he had asked, using that belligerent tone which he invariably employed



"My dear child, haven't I told you the truth about everything else you've written?"

when speaking of Jim Ormsby's ex-

"Yes," Mary replied coldly. "Why

shouldn't she?' Phil scowled at her. "Well," he retorted, "it seems a little unfair when Jim's having such rough sled-

ding." "'Rough sledding?' What's the matter with Jim Ormsby?"

"Don't you know?" "Know what? How should I know anything about Mr. Ormsby? Lelia hasn't mentioned him over three times since I've known her-and then, of course, only casually."

"Jim Ormsby's just dropped a lot halted by another blinding thought of money in the Barstow Amalga- of Christopher Cragg.

large alimony he signed up for when they got their divorce."

A shadow passed over Mary's face. "I'm sure Lelia doesn't know about Jim's losses," she said de-fensively. "She's one of the squarest, fairest women I've ever met, and, what's more, I believe she's

Phil Buchanan's chin thrust forward angrily. "Well, if she is, now's the time for her to show it! Jim's not only almost completely down and out as to finances, but he's also a very sick man. Ulcers of the stomach, or something. And he's at his Connecticut place, sick, broke and alone except for his houseman."

wonder if I should write and tell her. She might think I'm an officious little prig-yet I just know she's still in love with Jim, and she'll want to do something about

It was almost a week, however, before she could make up her mind to write Lelia, and, even then, it was with trepidation that she sent off the air-mail letter.

She and Phil had been seated on the lounge in Aunt Linnie's living room, and, finished with the reading of the last sentence of the last chapter, Mary looked up at the man, a shy unspoken question in her eyes.

"It's great, Mary!" Phil exclaimed. "Tony Porter can't help liking it! He'd be a fool to turn it down. It's got everything a popular novel should have-love and hate, revenge and vindication, conflict and suspense. And it's beautifully written, my dear."

The girl's eyes filled with sudden, unwanted tears of relief and happiness, and, looking at her, Phil thought, "Those eyes are like shin-ing dark pools." Quite without warning, he put his arms about her, and drew her to him. "You little nut!" he said brusquely. "What in the world are you crying about?"

"I'm-I'm so happy!" Mary returned, smiling through her tears. 'It's so wonderful to have the novel finished and to hear you say

it's all right." The man's arms tightened about her. But, he protested, "I've said all along that it was good stuff!"

"Well-yes. But you were so terribly insulting about those short stories!'

Phil extracted a big sheer handkerchief from his pocket and dried two shining tears that were sliding down her face. "I was frank about those stories, Mary," he said, and his gray eyes had grown serious, "because I wanted to help you. I suspect I was in love with you even then, but I didn't actually realize it until tonight."

"What!" Mary exclaimed, and, apparently aware for the first time that Phillip Buchanan's arms were about her, hastily drew away from

"Yes," he said in a low voice, making no effort to hold her, "yes, I'm in love with you, Mary, but never having been in love with anybody before, I suppose I didn't recognize the symptoms! . . . Darling?" "Yes, Phil?"

"Will you marry me? I need you awfully. It's just dawned on me how important a part of my existence you've become; how alone and lonesome and lost I'd be without you."

Mary regarded him silently, her eyes dusky with bewilderment and surprise. This man was so different from-the others; so unlike Jerome Taylor and Umberto Balianci, even Christopher Cragg. He was so honorable and straightforward. He loved her; he was, well, rather a wonderful person, and she should be elated over his wanting her for his wife-yet a vision of Chris precipitated itself before her mind's eye.

"Phil," she finally began, "I hardly know what to say. I . . He leaned towards her, and quietly took one of her hands in his. "Then don't say anything just yet," he replied, his speech blurred with a gruff tenderness. "Don't give me,

editorially speaking, a rejection slip

tonight! Wait a while, dearest, and

think things over. I shan't even ask

you if you care anything at all about me. Perhaps I'd rather not hear. Perhaps I'm just a little afraid." Mary tried valiantly to regain he equilibrium. "Phil," she began again, "I . . ." But her speech was

to pace the length of the living room. "Don't answer me now," he admonished shortly. "Give yourself some time! I won't force things, my dear. I'll simply wait until you're quite sure-one way or the other . . . Listen! You'll have to get 'Storm on the Mountain' typed, and into Porter's hands right away. I'm going to trot along now. It's twelve o'clock."

Mary got up from the lounge, and followed him into the entrance hall. "You've been so good to help me



He caught her in his arms and kissed her warmly, tenderly.

with the novel, Phil," she said timidly. "I can't tell you . . .

He opened the entrance door; then wheeled about and looked at her intently, a worried frown between his eyes. "I hope I haven't upset you, Mary," he said, his voice taut, 'but remember I'll be waiting for your decision. There'll never be anyone else in my life, darling!"

Abruptly, he caught her in his arms and kissed her warmly, tenderly, on the mouth. "I love you, dearest!" he murmured.

Then, almost roughly, he released her, stalked to the door, and slammed it behind him. Mary stood where he had left her, as if rooted to the floor.

Unconsciously, her hand went to her lips. Phil had kissed her for the first time-and she had liked his kiss! "Yet how can I" she asked herself. "I'm in love with Christopher Cragg!"

Mary took "Storm on the Mountain" to a public stenographer's to be typed the next morning. Yes, she was told by the efficient young man behind a desk in the outer office, they'd charge twenty-five dollars for three copies, and they'd bind it for her if she wished.

A few minutes later, she was back on Forty-second Street, and the rest of the day before her. She didn't know just what she wanted to do, or where she wanted to go. She was utterly satiated with writing. She felt as if she'd scream if she had to look at another word-even in someone's else novel-for at least another week. She'd like to make a sort of holiday, a gala affair, of today, but a girl can't be particularly festive all by herself.

She wished that Phil had invited her to have lunch with him, but he hadn't even mentioned a future engagement when they had parted the night before. A deep red suffused her face as thoughts of that parting recalled themselves to her mind, and a pleasant sensation flooded her heart as she remembered his kiss. "I've never felt quite like that before," she admitted to herself, "yet it's so silly for me to be-touched at all when I can't possibly be in love with Phil Buchanan. I wonder if he'll call tonight."

But "Mr. Phil" did not phone, and after eating dinner and reading the Sun, Mary, feeling lonesome for the first time since Linnie Cotswell's departure, went to bed.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Many Kinds of Whales There are various kinds of whales, ranging in size from one foot long to the whale shark which is said to reach a length of 70 feet. It is



The doctor put a thermometer in the sweet young thing's mouth. "Thank you," she said. "Have you a match?"

People who give themselves away are not always charitable.

### A Conservative

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### County Bond Plan Gets Double Okay

Approved by committees in both the House and Senate last week was the bill sponsored by the Texas County Judges and Commissoners Association to use proceeds from one cent of the state gasoline tax to pay for local and lateral roads in the various counties.

The money is now used to pay off county bonds waich were taken into the state highway system prior to September, 1932, and the county judges' bill would extend this refunding to all outstanding county road bonds, Observer.

## Tale and Tail

"Now boys," said the sweet teacher, "the word novelette means 'a short tale.' You may now write a sentence containing the word."

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### Bro. Crawford's Farewell Sermon

A minister in a certain town in Alabama took permanent leave of his congregation in the following pathetic manner:

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THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF COKE

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### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, that contracts will be made on the 24th of April, A. D. 1989, with some Bank in Coke County, lexas, to act as the County Depository, and depository of Common School District funds in said county; and all desiring to submit bids therefore, must have such bids filed with the county Judge of said county, not later than the 24th day of April 1989, at 10 o'clock A. M. at which time such bids will be duly considered by the commissioner's court of said county, and a depository selected in accordance with law.

Any banking corporation, or individat banker in Coke county desiring to be designed as County Depository, as aloresaid, shall make and deliver to the county suage an application applying stock and permanent surplus of said bank and there shall be furnished with said application a statement showing the date of said application which shall "Brothers, I am going away to be delivered to the county Judge on o before said 24th day of April 1939, at which the selection of the depositories is tiary. Where I go ye cannot be accompanied by a certified check for come, but I go to prepare a place not less than one half of one per cent of for you, and may the Lord have the counties revenue for the preceding mercy on your souls Goo .- bye " year as a guarantee of the good faith on the part of said bank, and that if said bank is accepted as said depository, that it will enter upon the proper boad required by law.

WILNESS my hand officially this 14th day of Larch 1959. McNeil Wylie. SEAL

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF

# ROBERT IFF STATE BANK

of Robert Lee, Texas, a member of the Federal Reserve System, rt the close of business on March 29, 1939, published in accordance with a call made by the Federal Reserve bank of this district pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Reserve Act.

ASSETS

Dollars - Ct.

Loans & discounts (including \$422 72 overdrafts) \$135,391.83 United States Government obligations,

direct and guaranteed 7,500.00 1,875.96 Obligations of States and political subdivisions Corporate stocks (including \$250.00

850 00 stock of Federal Reserve bank) Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection 26,860.33

Bank premises owned \$3,150.00 Furniture and Fixtures, 1,200.00 4,350,00 6.23 Other assets ......

## LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, 114,148.08 partnerships, and corporations 5,078.19 Deposits of States and political subdivisions Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.) 344.06 \$119,570 33 Total Deposit. ..... Bills payable, reliscounts, and other

liabilities for borrowed money 24,949.25 

## CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Capital ...... \$ 25,000 00 Surplus ..... Undivided profits ..... 4,814.27 Total Capital Account ....... 32.314.27 Total Liabilities and Capital Account ....... 176,833.85

## MEMORANDA

Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value): Other assets pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities [including notes and bills rediscounted and securities sold under repurchase agreement] 24.949.25 Total ...... 24,949.25

Secured and preferred liabilities:

Borrowings secured by pledged assets [including rediscounts and repurchase agreement] 24,949.25 Total .....

21,949.25

I. T. A. Richardson, Cashier, of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

T. A. Richardson,

CORRECT - ATTEST:

(SEAL)

Marvin Simpson. J. S. Gardner, D. R. Campbell, Directors.

State of Texas County of Coke ss: Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of April, 1939. W. B Clift, Notary Public.

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Coke County. Texas, will, on the 8th day of May, 1939, at 10 o'clock a. m. in its usual meeting place in the court house at Robert Lee, Texas, proceed to receive and consider competitive bids for the purchase of the following described road machinery:

One crawler type tractor equipped with gasoline motor, not less than sixty horse power draw bar, and will at such time let a contract therefor if any bid be accepted; all such bids to be made as required by law; and if any bid be accepted it is the intention of the Court to issue time warrants on said County in payment of all or part of such proposed contract, in the maximum amount of \$4000.00, to bear six per cent interest per annum, the last maturity date of such warrants to be not later than the year of 1947.

McNeil Wylie, County Judge; by Order of The Commissioners Court.



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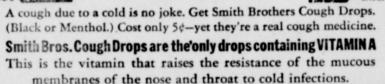
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Six Presidents died in office: William Henry Harrison, Zachary Taylor, Abraham Lincoln, James A. Garfield, William Mc-Kinley and Warren G. Harding. Washington was the only President elected without oppo-

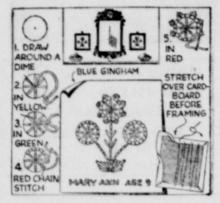
James A. Garfield, in 1880, was a delegate to the convention which nominated him for the presidency.

## Bit of Embroidery By Mary Ann, Nine

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS

MARY ANN was named for her grandmother, who at the age of nine, made an elaborate sampler of embroidery stitches. Everyone thought it would be nice if the modern Mary Ann could also do a bit of hand work to be framed and kept. We here report, thanks to a series of rainy afternoons, this was actually accomplished.

Mary Ann's mother started the project with a rather large piece of blue gingham; a pair of em-



broidery hoops and some odds and ends of bright six strand mercerized embroidery thread. Outlines for flower designs were made by drawing around coins and the flowers were embroidered as shown here. Stems were done in outline stitch and leaves in groups of straight stitches.

From the many attempts on that piece of gingham, two flower groups had almost as much life and charm as the modern Mary Ann, age nine. These were neatly framed and lend a gay note at each side of an old mirror.

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# Floyd Gibbons

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HEADLINES FROM THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF!

## "Murder Machine"

HELLO, EVERYBODY: George H. Dowd of the Bronx, N. Y., sends me a letter that starts out, "This is the first time I have ever tried to put an experience of mine down on paper. Shall I stop?"

Well, the answer to that is: For Pete's sake, no, George. Because George has turned in one hum-dinger of a yarn. It's the story of a barrage of flying steel that was set off, not by powder or any other sort of explosive, but by actual horsepower -28 horses, galloping hell-bent for election, drawing behind them a machine that spued death-dealing projectiles right, left, front and center.

It's the only case I ever heard of where projectiles were thrown by horses. Maybe some of those sword-rattling dictators of Europe will pick up this idea and use horses when their supply of powder runs low. I haven't done any experimenting with this idea and I don't know how well it would work. But I'll tell you George Dowd's story and you can figure it out for yourself.

It happened along about the middle of July, 1913, on the Idaho Falls Development company dry farm, a few miles northwest of Idaho Falls, Idaho. That farm was a seven-thousand acre wheat ranch. Out in that section they harvest their wheat in July, and George, who was just a young fellow then, had a job working on one of the big combine harvesters, sewing up sacks of grain.

There were three of those harvesters in the field-one drawn by mules, a second drawn by a steam engine or tractor, and the third, on which George was working, drawn by 28 head of horses. Those combine harvesters have a group of cylinders in them, hitched to the wheels and geared up to revolve at great speed when the horses are walking. George was working on a wooden platform on that harvester, directly over those revolving cylinders. But the cylinders weren't revolving at the moment, for the big machine was stopped for some minor repairs. The repair



Piece by piece the platform was being shot away.

man was putting a draper belt into the header, and the driver and the header man got down to help him, leaving George alone on the machine.

# Steam Pressure Explodes Safety Valve.

And 'hen the fun started-but it wasn't any fun for George Dowd! It was the steam tractor hauling one of the other harvesters that started all the trouble. There was too much steam in the boiler and all of a sudden the safety valve popped off with a bang. "And within the same second," says George, "off went the 28 horses with the machine I was on in what you would call a real runaway!"

Well, sir, a 28 horse runaway is something to write home about, but that was only the beginning. The men who were putting in the draper belt were knocked clear of the machine at the first jump the horses made. Then those animals were off down the field at a full gallop with the great unwieldy machine careening along behind them! And as they dashed along, the cylinders of the harvester, which revolved at high speed when the horses were just walking, began revolving at a speed greater than even steel can stand!

The horses hadn't gone a dozen feet when steel cylinders began bursting from centrifugal force and shooting out of the machine in all directions. The first one ripped up through the boards on which George was standing-ripped up with a deafening crack like the report of a cannon and shot past George's nose, straight up in the air. Another one followed-and another. Cylinders, gears and bits of broken metal came flying out of that machine in a veritable barrage.

## He Clung to the Harvester's Reeling Platform.

"I was on the U. S. S. Leviathan for 22 months during the war," George says, "and I have heard her guns bark a good many times. And I would say that the reports these gears and hunks of metal made when leaving the machine were about as loud as those made by a sixinch cannon.

And George, standing right in the midst of that hail of flying steel, couldn't do anything about it. He was having all he could do to cling to the swaying, reeling platform of that harvester while the horses galloped along at breakneck speed. Piece by piece and board by board, the fir flooring of the platform was shot away until it was even with the heels of his shoes.

If he'd thought of it, he might have jumped, but for the first few moments he was too bewildered. He could feel the wind of those deadly metal projectiles as they whizzed by him. One of them hit him in the calf of the leg. Others ripped great holes in the canvas awning over his head. "There were pieces of steel weighing three or four pounds shot from that harvester," he says, "that were picked up later more than a mile away."

## Help Was Already on the Way.

But meanwhile, help was already on the way. The repair man had a good saddle horse tied nearby and in less than half a minute he was in the saddle, riding hard. The runaways had almost a quarter of a mile head start, but gradually he closed up that distance. The barrage of steel had stopped by then, and George was safe as long as he could cling to his perch on the shattered platform.

He did cling to that platform. He clung to it for a full mile, while the harvester reeled and swayed and threatened to tip over. But at the end of that mile the repairman caught up with the lead horses and brought them to a stop.

George says that harvester was nearly new when it started, but it was a total wreck when it stopped. George, on the other hand, was lucky. His only injury was where that one piece of flying steel had hit "And that," he says, "wasn't serious."

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### PAUL PREACHES THE RISEN CHRIST

LESSON TEXT—Acts 13:16. 23-31. 38-39; i Corinthians 15:19-22. GOLDEN TEXT—But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.—I Corinthians 15:20.

From time immemorial man has stood questioning at the close of life, somehow feeling that (as Tennyson expressed it)

Thou wilt not leave us in the dust; Thou madest man, he knows not why: He thinks he was not made to die: And thou hast made him; thou art just.

But nowhere in nature was there written the assurance that death did not end all. In fact it was not until Christ won His victory over death that there was any real certainty that there was life beyond the

Christianity is the only faith that rests upon the resurrection of its founder. Other religions point with pride to the monuments at the graves of their founders. Christianity alone presents an empty tomb. Since only God can give life and Jesus by His own power raised Himself from the dead, we have the right to the glorious claim that Christianity is the one true faith a victorious living faith.

Resurrection truth 1. Makes the Preacher Bold (v.

Barnabas and Paul had been set apart by the Holy Spirit and by the Church for missionary work, and on their first journey had reached Antioch in Pisidia. In the synagogue on the Sabbath day they were asked to speak to the people. Paul arose in holy boldness and called upon them to hearken to him. What is the important message which gives this preacher such assurance? The resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is true that the sermon he gives presents much other information as it logically and tactfully leads up to its high point, but that point is the resurrection and the redemption which it assures.

II. Makes the Gospel Clear (vv. 23-31, 38, 39).

Reviewing Israel's history, Paul declares that of the seed of David God had "according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus," but that they slew Him. Now, if that were the end, we would indeed be "of all men most miserable" (I Cor. 15:19). Our hopes of salvation, with Israel's hopes, were bound up in Christ. But a dead Christ could save no one, not even Himself. We must have a living Christ. Had Paul's message stopped there it would have been a hollow mockery. But wait, what is it we read? "God raised him from the dead" (v. 30). Blessed truth! Glorious foundation for the proclamation of the gospel so aptly epitomized in the words of verses 38 and 39. Now it is clear that we have a victorious, living Saviour and a gospel to preach that is the "power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth" (Rom. 1:16).

### III. Makes the Future Certain (I Cor. 15:19-22).

Man comes to the years of maturity and suddenly faces the shocking fact that the life to which he gives so much, for which he labors and sacrifices, is but for a brief span of years, perhaps at the most "three score years and ten, and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow" (Ps. 90:10). He sees that friends and loved ones must part at the grave. Is this the end?

The answer to that question comes to us today from the empty tomb in the garden through the words of Paul. Listen to their majesty-rejoice in their beauty and assurance: "But now is Christ risen from the dead." Hallelujah! And that's not all, He has "become the first fruits of them that slept" (v. 20), which means that all those who are asleep in Jesus will be brought forth in due season.

The resurrection of Jesus transformed the grave (as a friend of mine expresses it) from a dark hole in the ground where hope ends, to a highway, going down, it is true, through the valley of the shadow. but lighted by the victory of Jesus over death, and bordered on both sides by Easter lilies. Thus is "brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory"-a victory that makes us "steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord' (I Cor. 15:54, 58). It is Easter. Christ is risen! Let us rejoice!

### And of All Things-Hitched to a Milk Cart!

It was early morning. Driving home from a party was a young chap somewhat the worse for liquor, steering a course that would have puzzled a snake to follow.

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For a moment the car wavered. then it stopped abruptly. Out sprang the tipsy fellow.

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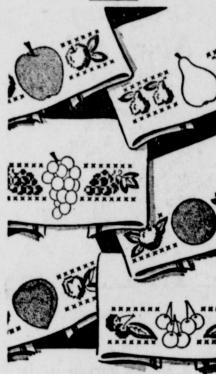
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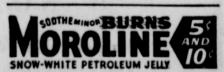
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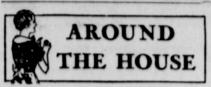


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# WHAT to EAT and WHY

C. Houston Goudiss Offers Practical Help in Planning Meals That Avoid Hidden Hunger; Illustrates Right and Wrong Methods of Menu Building

By C. HOUSTON GOUDISS

GENERATION ago, homemakers approached the prob-A lem of feeding their families with but two objectives: to put weight on their children and to send adults away from the table with their appetites appeased. If the child failed to gain satisfactorily, or if his teeth were crowded and subject to decay, he was said to "take after his Uncle Abner"

or perhaps to have inherited @ the poor teeth of his maternal grandmother. And if adults were chronically tired or suffered from "nerves," that, too, was blamed on circumstances that had nothing to do with the diet.

No one had ever heard of hidden hunger! For nutritionists had



not yet startled the world by demonstrating that food may satisfy the appetite and yet fail to feed . . . that the absence of minute amounts of minerals and vitamins may be responsible for a long train of deficiency diseases which cause untold misery and are responsible for men-

tal and physical inefficiency.

Planning Meals Scientifically Today we know that a definite relationship exists between food consumption and bodily activity, and that normal individuals usually control body weight by regulating the amount of fuel foods in the diet. We know that minerals and vitamins play a powerful part in building and maintaining sound teeth as well as healthy nerves; and that we can build resistance to disease, defer old age, and even lengthen the span of life by choosing our food, not merely for its appetite appeal, but for the qualities that contribute toward what nutritionists term a balanced diet.

## The Balanced Diet

Every modern homemaker therefore owes it to her family not to plan meals at random, but to take into consideration the seven factors that science has determined to be essential for top health. These include: protein for building and repairing body tissue; carbohydrates to produce quick heat and energy; fats, a more compact form of fuel; minerals, which serve both as builders, and as regulators of body processes; vitamins A, B, C, D, E and G, which act as regulators, and help to prevent the various deficiency diseases; water, which serves as a vehicle by which food is carried to the tissues, and cellulose or bulk, required for the normal functioning of the intestinal

The various food essentials will be supplied if the three daily meals include a quart of milk for every child, a pint for each adult, which may be served as a beverage, with cereals, in soups, sauces or made into desserts; an egg daily, or at least three or four weekly; one serving of meat, fish or chicken, usually at the main meal of the day; a second protein food, such as cheese, baked beans or nuts, usually served at lunch or supper; two vegetables besides potatoes, one of which should be of the raw, leafy variety; two servings of fruit, and at least one serving of a whole grain cereal.

By adhering to this plan, you will help to supply your family with the necessary proteins, minerals, vitamins and cellulose. Fuel foods may be added by way of breadstuffs, macaroni, rice and other cereals; butter or margarine and the fats used in cooking.

## Common Errors in Menu Planning

Common mistakes in menu planning are a concentration of too many proteins or carbohydrates in one meal; the failure to include adequate bulk by way of fruits, vegetables and whole grain cereals; and the massing in one meal of too many foods that are high in

The following menu, for example, contains more protein than necessary, and too little bulk, yet it is typical of the dinners served in many homes: Hamburger Steak, Baked Beans, Potatoes, Stewed Corn, Custard Pie.

Since both meat and baked beans are rich in protein, they may well be served at separate meals, as indicated by either of the following combinations: Hamburger Steak, Creamed Potatoes, String Beans, Lettuce Salad, Fresh or Cooked Fruit. Or, Baked Beans, Stewed Tomatoes, Cabbage Salad, Custard Pie.

In the first menu, the beans, potatoes, corn and pastry are all high carbohydrate foods. To provide additional bulk, as well as to reduce the amount of carbohydrate, it would be advisable to serve a green vegetable such as string beans, and choose fruit instead of pie for dessert. It is assumed, of course, that eggs would be given in some other form during the day.

Since baked beans contain both protein and carbohydrate, we omit potatoes in the third menu, and serve a food rich in vitamin Cthe tomatoes, and add a bulky raw vegetable by way of the salad. It requires no more time or ef-

fort to prepare nutritionally cor-

sive. For elaborate meals can lack balance, if they are deficient in minerals, vitamins and bulk, while those composed of such simple foods as bread and milk, and stewed fruits may provide an abundance of the protective substances which satisfy the hidden hunger of the body. My plea to homemakers is to give less thought to the prepara-

rect meals than those which lack

balance, nor is it more expen-

tion of elaborate recipes, and more thought to supplying the food values that will create abundant health and vitality. In that way, I believe we shall take a real step forward in human progress.

—WNU—C. Houston Goudiss—1939—57

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T BEGINS to look as though maybe we humans are second cousins to the chickens when it comes to crossing the road.

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