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FIRST GRAVE IS LOCATED

Mr. J. Vestal received a letter from Frank Ezzell, Big Springs, wanting to know if he could locate the grave of his mother buried in the early days of Robert Lee.

Mr. Vestal felt sure he could locate the grave as it was the first ever made in the cemetery, and remembering that the grave was at a little angle to other graves and near two burials north and south.

A grave was located with markers badly eroded and he remembered that they scratched the name on the stone, so digging the earth away from the one he found the name still legible and the first grave in Robert Lee Cemetery was established as that of Mrs. Ezzell.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the special New Year's services at the Baptist Church 7:15 Sunday evening. Out-of-town visitors will take part on the program. Start the New Year right and attend this special service.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Havins had as their guests Christmas, and as their guests Christmas, daughters and granddaughters, Mike and family and Ed S. Roberts and family, all of Mertsville, Cleo and wife of Berger, Fern, Mrs. Vowell and their families, all of here.

Jim Reid, Jr., and family of San Angelo spent Christmas at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reid.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Adams had Christmas Day with Mrs. Adams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Pruett, near San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Glenn of Odessa visited in the H. L. Scott home Christmas.

Anderson Jewell spent the holidays with his parents in Brady.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Fish and daughter, Ada Oell, spent Christmas with relatives in Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred DeLashaw and daughter are spending the holidays in Fort Worth with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Camp.

Orval Denmaa of Fort Griffin, Texas, spent Christmas here with his father, Guy Denman.

Paul Pate of Brownwood is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Pate.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lovell and son, Jan, of Hart, Texas, visited at Barger and family during the holidays.

ANNOUNCEMENT

On Sunday, January 14th, at Edith Tabernacle beginning at 10:30 a. m., Evangelist Joe Temple, Director of the Gospel Broadcast named "Lest we Forget" on KRBC, Abilene, each day 1:15 to 1:30 p. m.; will conduct an all day meeting. You are invited to come and spend as much time as possible. If convenient bring your lunch and spend the entire day. Immediately after dinner the Bible lesson will be Acts 2.

Bro. W. E. Hawkins of The Radio Revival KRLD, Dallas, is announced to conduct the all day meeting at Edith Tabernacle, Sunday, February 11th.

Mr and Mrs. N. C. Brown had as their guests Christmas Day Rex Brown and son, Houston; N. C. Brown, Jr. and wife, Houston; S. J. McSpadden and family, Roswell; Lloyd Pate and wife, Denver City; Kathryn Scoggins, Houston; Chism Brown and wife, John Brown and family, Drue Scoggins and family, all of here.

The first reunion of the Smith family in four years was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Puett Christmas Day. Out of town relatives included Edwin Smith and family of Dallas, Van Smith and family of Abilene, T. C. Coffey and family of Silver, Mr & Mrs Tom Williams, Mexia. Those of this place included Mr. & Mrs Willie Wallace, Granville Davis, Jr., and family, Fred Smith and two sons. Also present were D. Mann, Harless Puett, and Mrs. A. W. Puett.

Frank Tubb is spending the holidays with his aunt, Mrs. Mabel Parker, in Eldorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson visited in Tyler during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ulmer of San Angelo visited in the Craddock home Christmas.

Mrs. J. E. Roane is visiting relatives in Fort Worth.

Winniford Bazz is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baze, Sr.

Jewell Ledbetter and Alec Long spent Christmas here with Mrs. J. C. Slaughter and family.

Mrs. T. E. Puett spent the holidays in Dallas.

CHRISTINE GLENN AND BILL TOM ROACH ARE WED

Miss Christine Glenn, daughter of Mrs. H. L. Scott, became the bride of William Thomas Roach, of Kellerville, Texas, son of W. R. Roach, of Celeste, Tex., in a ceremony performed in her home at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, Dec. 24.

The Rev. N. W. Pitts of Coahoma, Texas, read the ring service before an altar of ferns banked with large baskets of gladiola. Floor candelabra held tall, white tapers.

The bride wore a dress of powder blue crepe with black accessories and carried a shower bouquet of white rosebuds and lilies of the valley. Her only attendant, Miss Charline Morrow, wore a dress of sandalwood crepe and carried an arm bouquet of pink carnations. Serving the bridegroom as best man was Wilfred J. Gardner.

Mrs. J. C. Snead, Jr., sang "Oh Promise Me" and "I Love You Truly" accompanied by Hyman Teague at the piano. Mr. Teague played Lohengrin's Wedding March for the professional.

At the reception following the wedding Mrs. G. C. Ailen, assisted by Mrs. D. K. Glenn, poured coffee and served the three-tiered wedding cake.

Following a wedding trip to Fort Worth and Dallas the newly weds will be at home in Kellerville.

College Students Home

Students home for the holidays include:

Bennie Helen Turney, Texas State Teachers College for Women, Denton.

Ed Hickman, Baylor University, Waco.

Mary Lou and Gale McCutchen, Tom and Buford Peay, and Bill Craddock, Texas Tech, Lubbock.

Beatrice Wojtek, San Angelo Business College.

Mary Jo Byrd, Noah Pentecost and Ira A. Byrd, Bob Jones College, Cleveland, Tenn.

Continental Oil Company is giving national publicity to W. H. Maxwell, its representative in Bronte, in the current issue of its Red Triangle Magazine, which carries a photograph of Maxwell and an article about the unusual sales records Maxwell has set. The magazine is distributed throughout the entire United States and in several foreign countries.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harmon celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary last Friday.

They were married at Dublin, Texas, December 22, 1889. They moved to Coke County, August 18, 1899. They lived on the Schooler place three years and moved to Robert Lee where they have resided since.

They have five children, Mrs. Annie Carriger, Mrs. Canaro Epperson, both of Coleman, Mrs. Georgia McMinn of Corpus Christi, Mrs. Nettie Daffern of Sweetwater and Delbert Harmon, of Odessa. They have seventeen grand-children and two great grand-children.

The ones here for the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Harmon and son James, of Odessa. Mrs. Georgia McMinn and son J. W. and daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Thompson of Corpus Christi. There has never been a death in the family.

Maxine Craddock entertained the Arielette Club with a semi-formal party at her home Friday night. Those present were Alta Bell Bilbo, Carleen Clark, Dale Cowley, Joyce Havins, Shirley Havins, Maxine Slaughter, Zelma Slaughter, Maxine Craddock, Wanda Wimberley, Louise Stewart, J. S. Craddock, Jr., Bill Craddock, Horace Scott, Otto Havins, J. H. Escue, Jr., Garland Green and Noel Perciful, Jack Chisholm and James Keeney of Bronte.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Taylor and daughter are spending the holidays in Commerce with relatives.

Bobby Lee Davis underwent a leg operation in a Dallas hospital Thursday. At last reports he was doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Parrish of Abilene visited Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Griffith here Christmas.

Winston Gardner of Kilgore visited J. S. Gardner and family here during the holidays.

Nina Gramling returned home Saturday after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. John Martin Gramling.

J. D. Green of Fort Stockton, visited his mother, Mrs. Ethel Green, during the holidays.

Mr and Mrs. James Newton of Odessa visited friends and relatives here Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Pate of Deming, New Mexico visited relatives during the holidays.

Go to church Sunday.

CROP LOANS AVAILABLE

Emergency crop and feed loans for 1940 are now available to farmers in Coke County, and applications for these loans are now being received at Adams Abstract Office, Robert Lee, Texas, by D. H. Harrison, Field Supervisor of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Section of the Farm Credit Administration.

These loans will be made, as in the past, only to farmers whose cash requirements are small and who cannot obtain a loan from any other source.

WHITE CHRISTMAS

Snowfall equalling about three inches of rain has covered Robert Lee, as well as West Texas, twice this week.

The first snow in Robert Lee since Christmas, 1927, fell Christmas morning. Snow started falling again Thursday morning and is still falling at this writing.

Ira Byrd went to Tennessee last week to get his daughter, Mary Jo, nephew, Ira A., and Noah Pentecost, all students at Bob Jones College. In Memphis Mr Byrd's automobile received a smashed radiator in a collision with a truck.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McDonald had as their guests over the week end Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Herremann and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Laog of San Angelo, and Ray Goode and family of Fort Stockton.

John Snead and family had as their guests for Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Joe Long and family of Midland and Miss Eva Snead of Fort Davis.

Miss Nancy Clawson of Fort Davis visited her mother Mrs. W. L. Clawson, here during the holidays.

Horace Young of Dallas, visited his parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Young and Ronda Lea.

L. M. Morrow and family of Buckeye, N. Mex., spent Christmas here.

Mrs. Louis Morrow of Abilene and grandson, Louie, of Fort Sill, Okla., were here Christmas.

Mrs. C. B. Ferguson of Houston and Mrs. Elizabeth Scott of Buenavista spent Christmas in the Scott home.

Miss Mozelle Turney, a teacher in New London School, visited her mother, Mrs. Fred O. Green, here Christmas.

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS BY JOSEPH W. LaBINE

Opening of Garner's Campaign Fails to Stir Political Circles; New Nazi-Italian Plot Hinted

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

Announcement

"I will accept the nomination for President. I will make no effort to control any delegates. The people should decide. The candidate should be selected at primaries and conventions as provided by law, and I sincerely trust that all Democrats will participate in them."

In these 44 words the sage of Uvalde, Texas, whom John Lewis once called a "labor-baiting, poker-playing, whisky-drinking, evil old man," tossed his hat in the 1940 presidential ring.

Nobody in Washington was surprised by the announcement at first,



GARNER AND CHICKENS
Hatched at Uvalde.

but over the week-end those 44 words received considerable study. Points of interest:

1. Unlike other Democratic hopefuls, Garner did not offer to step aside if President Roosevelt decided to run again.

2. He promised to make no effort to control delegates, indicating he would be a hard man to deal with in the convention hall. Jack Garner presumably refuses to enter into any trades.

THE WARS:

Plot?

Her disrepute sharply heightened when the League of Nations expelled Russia, the German Reich got some solace when Italian Foreign Minister Galeazzo Ciano made an unusual announcement of his nation's foreign policy. European diplomacy is now clear as mud, with Germany's ally, Italy, aiding Finland to fight Russia, who is also Germany's ally.

But Ciano's speech indicated the picture may soon clear. Only point of difference between Rome and Berlin was Germany's method of "settling" the Danzig-Polish dispute, in the course of which Herr Hitler agreed that Italy should remain out of the European war. As for the Reich's friendship with Russia, Ciano charged Britain and France forced this solution on Hitler. This, possibly, is the key to future German-Italian collaboration.

Italy is still loyal to Berlin in every way, and still maintains that Poland, Czechoslovakia and Austria cannot be restored if there is to be peace. And by charging the Russian pact was "forced" on Germany, Italy admits that the Soviet has merely been used as a tool to bring pressure on France and Britain. Can it be that the axis may now force peace on the allies as the price for keeping Russia out of Europe?

Western War

Almost as a repercussion to the Graf Spee incident (see below) the western front saw its first direct artillery duel over the Rhine. This was purposeless, because the Rhine was so flooded that troops could not cross.

Biggest news developed from Britain's new aerial patrol, developed to combat the Nazi mine-laying campaign. On three successive nights royal air force planes raided German seaplane bases, after which the air ministry said it "tentatively believed" the mine menace was con-

quered. Next day, however, the war's biggest air battle took place over Helgoland Bight, the Nazis claiming 34 British ships were downed. London admitted seven losses and claimed Germany had lost 12.

British boast-of-the-week: How her tiny submarine Ursula had penetrated the mine-infested mouth of the Elbe to sink a Kohn class cruiser at her anchorage.

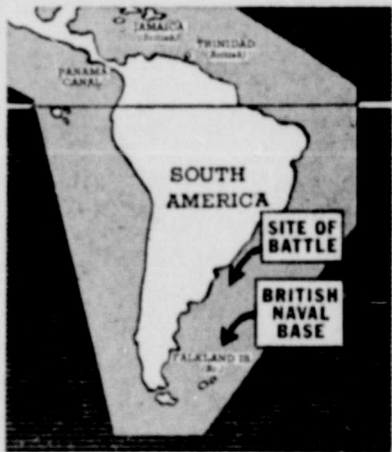
Northern War

Still playing to a full house was the Finnish-Russian war, in which the Soviet was taking a terrific licking both in manpower and prestige. For the first time, U. S. newsmen like United Press' Webb Miller and Chicago Daily News' Leland Stowe visited the Karelian front and saw Finnish troops resting snugly in their warm trenches while the Russians stormed away like madmen across the river, wasting ammunition and getting nowhere. Soviet tanks were disabled by the score, running against snow-covered boulders or being blasted by anti-tank guns. In the north the Finns reported they had encircled two Russian forces of 10,000 men each.

Spee

Pan America awoke suddenly to discover its "neutrality zone" (see map) was ineffectual. Before she dashed for the safety of Montevideo harbor in Uruguay, the Nazi pocket battleship Graf Spee had almost been blasted to pieces by three British cruisers. One of them, Exeter, was so badly damaged she headed for Britain's Falkland base in the south Atlantic, also within the neutrality zone. (Although Britain won the engagement, Germany lost fewer men.) Three days later, her 72-hour Uruguayan permit having expired, Graf Spee headed for open sea where British ships waited like lions for the kill. Suddenly she exploded, four-inch steel plates bulging like paper sacks. Graf Spee went to the bottom, her skipper having chosen to scuttle her in the face of hopeless odds.

Back at Montevideo a storm was brewing, but Foreign Minister Al-



NEUTRALITY & SPEE
The explosion had repercussions.

berto Guani stuck to his post. The German minister charged him with a "flagrant violation of international law" for not giving Graf Spee enough time to repair her damage. The Nazis even planned to demand reparations for the ship. Taking no chances, Uruguay promptly arrested four of the crewmen and charged them with blowing up the ship.

INDIA:

Zetland's Worry

Rapidly approaching, perhaps, is a crisis in which British domination of India may pass away. A good start at satisfying Indian nationalist ambitions was made several years ago when a quasi-home rule plan was instituted. But in November, faced with racial differences between the all-India congress and the Moslem league, Viceroy Marquess of Lithlington invoked emergency powers vesting authority in provincial governments. Native congress ministries in seven provinces promptly resigned.

Up in the house of lords to comment on this situation rose the Marquess of Zetland, secretary of state for India. The result of this wholesale resignation, he said, has been to "set back the hands of the clock more than 30 years." Meanwhile German propagandizers are trying to make the Indians "look to Nazi Germany for their freedom." Only hope for peaceful settlement, he thought, was division of legislatures on communal instead of political lines.

TREND

RATES DOWN—At Washington the interstate commerce commission ruled there is "nothing unlawful" about reduced rates for trainload shipments, thus reversing its former policy.

DEBT UP—Also at Washington, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau was quoted as testifying he favored raising the public debt limit from \$45,000,000,000 to \$50,000,000,000.

EXPORTS DOWN—November U. S. exports were \$287,000,000 against \$323,168,000 in October, \$12,000,000 of the drop being accounted for in blockaded shipments to Germany.

DIES UP—A Gallup poll showed 75 per cent of the U. S. still favoring continuation of the Dies un-Americanism investigation, though presidential criticism has caused a 4 per cent decline the past six weeks.

LABOR:

Bad Business

First witness before the house committee investigating the National Labor Relations board was Dr. William Leiserson, NLRB member, whose testimony actually keynoted the hearing. Its gist: That Dr. Leiserson has been a minority member, conservative and opposed to Members Edwin L. Smith and Warren Madden, whose agents had been "impartial" and had used "tactics one might expect from the (Russian) O. G. P. U."

Called to the stand, Boardman Smith found himself in hot water trying to explain his actions during labor trouble at the Berkshire Knitting Mills, Reading, Pa. First he admitted "extra-legal" action in trying to mediate a strike before charges had been filed with NLRB the striking union (now a C. I. O. affiliate) represented a minority.

But his biggest mistake was in suggesting to a Boston department store handling Berkshire products that "any stand you might adopt would be listened to with the greatest respect by the Berkshire company." That, charged the committee, constituted an attempted boycott sponsored by an NLRB member.

At such an embarrassing moment in the Wagner act's young life, C. I. O.'s John Lewis chose to make his own recommendations for amendments at the next congressional session. The suggestion: Criminal penalties for violators of the act.

AGRICULTURE:

Certificates

There were plenty of signs that the administration's campaign to make its farm program self-financing will take shape in a processing tax—provided congress approves. Meeting in Washington "to study something for the President" were Secretaries Morgenthau and Wallace, Federal Reserve Chairman Eccles, Budget Director Smith and other fiscal bigwigs. When they parted it was learned the "certificate plan" had been discussed. Its gist: A processing tax in new dress (the last one was thrown out by the Supreme court in 1936) it would consist of parity payments paid to the farmer directly by the processor, who in turn will pass them on to the consumer directly. Reason: The U. S. needs more money next year for defense, hence must find a source of income without boosting taxes in a campaign year.

MISCELLANY:

Ambassador to President

Back home from Washington to the republic of Panama went Ambassador Dr. Augusto S. Boyd, first vice president of his country, to assume the post vacated by death of 59-year-old Dr. Juan Demostenes Arosemena, president.

Purge

At Istanbul, Turkish officials clamped down on Nazi propagandists, ordering expulsion of 107 Germans charged with suspicious activities.

Probe

President Roosevelt ordered the tariff commission to find out whether large amounts of foreign wheat—particularly Canadian—are being imported to compete with the U. S. product. One reason for the probe: For several weeks American wheat has sold at about 35 cents a bushel above Canadian quotations.

Bruckart's Washington Digest

Closing Session of Congress To Set Stage for 1940 Campaign

Proposals to Aid Party in Power Sure to Appear; Effort Will Be Made to Make Money Bills a Political Focus; Trade Treaties Expected to Draw Fire.

By WILLIAM BRUCKART

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WASHINGTON.—It is generally possible to forecast in broad outline what will happen in the session of a congress that winds up a second term of an eight-year national administration. That broad outline will include the annual appropriations for running the government, the promotion of several legislative proposals designed to aid the political party in power when its presidential nominee gets out on the hustings, and much talk by representatives and senators. Congress, and a Washington dateline, make fine springboards, and the politicians who are "in" make full use of the opportunity.

Since the last session of congress in the Roosevelt administration is upon us, it seems that a prediction on several phases is indicated.

1. The coming session is going to be longer than some of the politicians would like. Contrary to the average of such sessions, the national legislators are likely to be here until almost the middle of June. The length of the sitting probably will be determined by the dates of the Democratic and Republican national conventions, and there is every reason to believe these will be later than usual.

2. Appropriation bills will occupy a great deal of the time in the early weeks of the session, as usual.

But contrary to what has been the situation respecting the money bills, there is going to be a determined effort to make them the center of an issue, a political focus.

Tangled up with the appropriation bills this year will be a delicate question involving the national debt because President Roosevelt is going to put up to congress the question of increasing the present national debt limit from 45 billions to 50

SOME FORECASTS

Next session of congress will be longer than politicians would like.

Republicans will seek a big domestic issue.

Roosevelt will ask 50 billion debt limit.

Garner will be on watch for New Deal fumbles.

Senator Wheeler may join contest for delegates.

billions. And it must not be overlooked that the question of national revenue—taxation—is bound to figure in this controversy because the national treasury has been in the red—more spending than receipts—in the seven years of Mr. Roosevelt's administration and two years of Mr. Hoover's administration.

Proposal to Create Second Budget Sure to Draw Fire

3. National defense—expansion of the army and the navy—obviously will get attention and here, again, the question of taxation appears. Mr. Roosevelt has suggested to some of the senate and house leaders that there should be a separate listing of these expenditures and a separate tax to pay for them. That is to say, the President is thinking, at least, of creating a second, and distinct, budget covering such outlays of money just as he has resorted, heretofore, to the use of separate budget listings for "regular" and "emergency" expenditures.

4. Another controversial proposition will be the President's proposal to extend the life of the reciprocal trade treaty program. If one expects fire from the trick budget plan, there is likely to be found a no-man's land, filled with gasses of the latest poison, hand grenades and machine gun strafing, between those who favor and those who oppose extension of the trade treaties.

5. In addition to the trade treaty program and tied to it in a fashion that makes a skein of tangled yarn appear simple of solution, is the widespread demand that congress revise the general agricultural program. Many farmers and farm organizations, as well as numerous politicians, are chasing Secretary Wallace and bureau farmers and farmerettes, in full cry. They are

demanding changes and Mr. Wallace is resisting.

Schism Within Democratic Party Due for Finish Fight

6. Lastly, there is the politics of the picture. This new session will be somewhat different than the ordinary run of "last" sessions because of the schism within the Democratic, or majority, party. Real Democrats are determined to get control of the party back in their hands; New Dealers, who have been running the show with increasing power to themselves until lately, are faced with what many observers believe to be conservative trend in the country as a whole. The best evidence of this is the great strength admittedly shown for the Democratic presidential aspirations of Vice President Jack Garner.

There will be other candidacies that must be watered and fed with artificial stimulants.

It looks like Sen. Burton Wheeler of Montana may jump out one of these days to contest for delegates to the Democratic convention against Mr. Garner. Each man will have his partisans, as will Paul McNutt, former Indiana governor, who holds himself in the spotlight through being social security administrator. But make no mistake about the vice president's ability to break up New Deal plays, if I may use a football term.

Conservative Tinge to Most Republican Aspirants

The Republicans have presidential aspirants, also. There are three of them in the senate—Taft of Ohio; Vandenberg of Michigan, and Bridges of New Hampshire. Some others may be found in the house of representatives. That is, there are those who are thinking of themselves as dark horses. Except for Vandenberg, there is a distinct conservative tinge to most of the fellows whose hats may be noted in the Republican ring.

Hovering over the candidacies in each of the two parties undeniably is the mist of a possible third term decision by President Roosevelt. I do not believe Mr. Roosevelt is going to run again, but he has not said so. Politically, of course, he would be foolish to announce it too early for the reason that once he takes himself out of the race, the wild scramble begins and Mr. Roosevelt loses control.

The political possibilities of the coming session are many. There is, of course, the evident move on the part of New Dealers, to drag the foreign situation further and further into the limelight.

That has the dual effect of enabling appeals to patriotism and of helping voters to forget mistakes and grievances.

I understand that Republican wheelhorses are moving to make issues out of purely domestic problems and alleged shortcomings of the New Deal administration. The undercurrent of information seems to indicate that Mr. Garner will make his campaign on proposals for improvement of conditions at home.

Will Result in Shaping Policies for Campaign

The presidential candidacies will make themselves felt likewise in the decisions which will be taken by congress on various of the other questions that I enumerated at the outset of this discussion. And when I say "presidential candidacies," I speak broadly of all of them, whether the aspirants be in, or out of, congress. It is to be remembered that the current session will result as much in shaping of policies to be fought out in the campaign of 1940 as in determining which of the men shall be selected by the respective party conventions.

Consider for example, the Roosevelt proposal for continuation of the trade treaties. Or, take the question of continued heavy spending and the resulting debt that is being piled up for future generations to pay, on which Mr. Roosevelt lately challenged Senator Taft to show how the budget can be balanced in two years. Or, examine the general agricultural problem. Any one or all of these may make or break the efforts of those now in the field.

THE GIFT WIFE...

● RUPERT HUGHES—WNU SERVICE

By RUPERT HUGHES

CHAPTER XI

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To escape the insistent autobiographer Jebb flung away with regret a half-finished cigar and said:

"I think I'll go to dinner now."

"Good idea," said Ludlam, and invited himself along.

At the table he flaunted the odious hospitality of the "wine-opener."

"Got to celebrate this, doctor," he said. "Don't meet up with a fellow-countryman every day out here. What'll it be, doc?"

"Nothing, thanks."

"Aw, go on—of course you will. What do you say to a small bot. of champagne?"

It began to look as if Jebb would have to break a plate over the man's head to escape his despotism. But at length he persuaded Ludlam to believe him, and Ludlam, more puzzled than ever, endured the ordeal of drinking alone.

His eye studied Jebb's face and garb as examingly as his curiosity pried into his history. But the dinner was half over before he noticed the ring on Jebb's left little finger.

He looked up quickly into Jebb's face, then back to the ring.

He followed Jebb back to the smoking compartment and compelled him to accept one of his own cigars.

"Odd looking ring you got on, doc."

"Isn't it?" said Jebb.

"Came from Servia, didn't it?"

"I don't know."

"That's funny."

"Think so?" was all Jebb found to say.

"It's a Servian design all right."

"Is it?"

"Ever been in Belgrade?"

"Passed through it today."

"I mean—ever stop off there?"

"I don't think so."

"You don't think so?"

"I'm not sure."

"That's funny. Don't remember whether you've been in a place like Belgrade? I can't imagine a man being in Belgrade without remembering it."

"I think I'll go to my berth and take a nap."

"Before you go, doctor, would you mind letting me look at that ring?"

"Does it interest you?"

"Yes."

Though he wanted to jab the man in the fat face with it, Jebb held his hand out meekly.

"Would you mind if I took it off?" said Ludlam.

"Is there any reason why you should?"

"Is there any reason why I shouldn't?"

"None whatever," said Jebb.

Instantly the ring was slipped from his finger and Ludlam was holding it close, his piggy eyes staring into the inner surface.

"Gh-hugh!" he snorted like an angry boar, "I thought so."

"You thought what?"

"See those initials, 'C. to J.'?"

"Well."

"Well! How do you come to have it?"

"My name is Jebb."

"How can you tell? She may have needed some money very badly."

"Nonsense, she's got a private fortune of her own."

"Then how do you know she didn't give it to me?"

"Why should she give you this ring?"

"Is she married?"

"Not that I know of."

"Maybe she exchanged it with me as an engagement token. Wait till you see her. You may find a ring of mine on her finger."

This random shot staggered Ludlam, but it had a backfire that bowled Jebb over, too, for the frightful possibility suddenly presented itself that the other member of the firm, V. Pierpont, Esq., co-partner in the Jebb-Pierpont soul, might actually have taken a fancy to this Miss Jennie Ludlam and proposed to her. She might be some pathetic old spinster who would jump at a proposal from anybody.

Meanwhile the train was pushing on through the dark. An iron bridge at Neusatz carried it rumbling across the Danube and into the plains of lower Hungary.

Finally, Ludlam, having failed to invent a next step, threw the bur-



If Mr. Jebb would wait in the reception room.

den on his prisoner, and demanded:

"Well, what are you going to do about this ring?"

"You have it, haven't you?"

"Yes, but—"

"Keep it, and call it square."

"Oh, no, you don't. I want to know how you got it. There may be some foul play here. I haven't heard from Jennie for a couple of months and—you're coming with me to Munich."

"Munich? I get off at Budapest."

"If you do, I'll get off and swear out a warrant for your arrest."

"You haven't a scintilla of evidence."

"They'll detain you till I get it. I've got friends in Budapest."

Jebb was fairly wringing his brain for memory and wisdom. He was eager to reach Trieste, yet he had no assurance of finding the child there. He had probably passed through Munich on his flight south from Cologne. Munich might be the very spot where he had lost Cynthia.

"You say your sister will meet you in Munich?"

"Yes, she lives there most of the time."

"Well, I'll go along with you."

"You will?"

"I'll go with you on one condition."

"What's that?"

"That you pay my expenses there and back to Budapest."

"Pay your expenses? Well, I guess not. Why should I?"

"I never heard of a prisoner paying his own fare, did you?"

"All right," Ludlam growled.

Breakfast time found them at Vienna, and Jebb ordered everything he could think of. He smoked Ludlam's expensive invicibles till he made himself dizzy, and his jailer was heartily glad to see Munich arrive in the late afternoon of the dreariest day he had ever spent.

The finishing blow was the discovery that sister Jennie, never expecting her brother, had gone to Vienna for a week's visit. The concierge gave her address as the Hotel Bristol—a familiar name to Jebb.

And poor Ludlam was so woe-begone and so sleepy from his all-night vigil that Jebb felt sorry for him. Jebb had won the confidence of a patient "trusty" inspired, and Ludlam felt sure of keeping him by the simple device of withholding his return fare. He engaged adjoining rooms after assuring him that they would entrain for Vienna on the morrow and waddled off to bed. It was not long before his snores came trumpeting through the thin partition. Jebb settled back in a chair in his own room, to figure up his expenditures and find how he stood with the future.

CHAPTER XII

When he reached for a fountain pen he kept in the inside pocket of his coat, he found that it had dropped through a hole and was lost in the lining.

He slipped off the coat, and, emptying the pocket, turned it inside out to examine what he would have called the lesson.

His eye was caught by the white label of the tailor.

MAX WANDL
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Herr V. Pierpont

This was the plainest clew Jebb had found yet. He cursed himself for having carried it in his own inside pocket all this while. He had idled about Salonica and Constantinople, trying to retrace his steps, when he might have taken this short cut and picked up the thread far back, near its beginning, without the loss of so many irretrievable days.

A creptation from the sleeping Behemoth next door reminded Jebb that on the morrow he was booked for Vienna, a wild-goose chase far down the line; a foolish tryst with one of V. Pierpont's flirtations.

A surging impulse to get to Dresden at once swept over him. He threw on his coat and hurried down to the office, where he learned that an express for Dresden left in an hour.

He did not wait for the dolorous lift; he ran up the stairs, threw into his suitcase what little he had taken out, and, retrieving his fountain pen from the depths of his coat, wrote Ludlam a note.

Dear Mr. Ludlam:

Sorry I can't accompany you to Vienna. Called elsewhere suddenly. Will join you at Hotel Bristol as soon as possible. Kind regards to sister Jennie.

Yours hastily,
D. Jebb.

He pushed this under Ludlam's door and, rushing downstairs, leaped into a cab.

Little Max Wandl was circumambulating a hugely globular Saxon, and recording the distance with a tape-measure. He paused long enough, when confronted with Jebb's question, to say that he had delivered the suit to V. Pierpont at the Hotel Bellevue. Jebb hurried to the Bellevue and was met by a smiling host.

"Goot-afternoon, Meester Bierbont. Pleasst to see you again."

It amazed Jebb to see how well everybody remembered Pierpont. But Mine Host was saying:

"You liked Vienna?"

"Vienna?—oh yes."

"But you have come to Dresden back. That is right. You have us your ledders to forvart getoldt, but he did not come any ledders. In fact, if you pardon me, I forvart to you de bill of de doctor who has your t'umb geopened, and de letter he has back come."

"Where did you send it?" said Jebb.

"The Grand Hotel in Vienna. I remember you said such a nice name it is, I like it."

"Yes, yes. I will pay the bill now, if you have it."

"It is no hurry. Vill you have again your old room overlooking the

river? And is your liddle—what it is a sister's child?"

"Niece?"

"Yes. Is your liddle neeze vit you again? So dear a child never was here. She throws me such a sweet kiss when she goes the hotel for the last time out."

Jebb sighed as he answered:

"No, she is not with me. And I just stopped in a—for a—for a cigar. I'm going back to Vienna at once."

He paid the bill of a Dresden surgeon who had lanced the thumb crushed on the train so many epochs past, and made haste to the station.

Several hours of feverish delay before the train started, and then ten hours in a sleeping-car brought him to Vienna. He hurried to the Grand Hotel to pick up the next trace of himself and Cynthia. To his unutterable dismay there was no evidence that V. Pierpont had ever visited the hotel.

Miserabler than ever from the sudden quenching of fresh-lighted hope, Jebb stood looking up and down the sweeping glory of the great Ringstrasse.

Just across the street from him he saw the Hotel Bristol. His flesh crept at the thought of sister Jennie. Still he had given his word and he would keep it—at a later hour. It was too early for a call even upon the prospective better half of his worse self.

Meanwhile, he would go to the Union Bank and see if by any chance there might be a letter there. He had written that address in his farewell note to Miruma and he felt all shot through with little lightnings as he thought of finding a message in her hand.

At the bank Jebb was met with a new facer. Two letters—both from Turkey—had indeed arrived for Herr Jebb—(his heart leaped at the glorious news, and at the sound of his own, own name)—but according to his recent telegraphed instructions, they had been forwarded to his address in Trieste.

So impatience foils impatience.

There seemed to be nothing left for Jebb except to cast himself adrift on the tide of circumstance and trust to luck again.

When Jebb reached the Hotel Bristol he asked if Mr. Ludlam were registered there. No, but Miss Ludlam was. He sent his name up, and asked for her brother. Word was returned that Mr. Ludlam was absent, but that his sister would be down in five minutes if Mr. Jebb would wait in the reception room.

A woman's five minutes! Jebb retained his cigar and tried to imagine what sister Jennie would look like.

He kept his eye on the clock and when the five minutes were gone he threw away his cigar and sauntered into the luxurious reception-hall, wondering how large a section of an hour sister Jennie's five minutes represented.

It had been a long time since he had sat in a fashionable continental hotel and watched a peacock alley parade.

But among the women moved one who caught Jebb's eye by some subtle differentness from the crowd. He could not see her face, though the back of her head, the glimpse of an ear or a cheek strongly implied beauty. Her form was beautiful, too; and she was graceful.

She paced awhile aimlessly, paused to look aimlessly out of a window, sat down at a desk, as if to write, seemed to decide not to write, rose. At length, however, she dropped into a chair with a visible if not audible sigh of ennui and stared at the floor.

And now Jebb could study her face. At once he knew that he had met her somewhere—but where? She was wonderfully beautiful, but where had he seen her?

Her timid eyelids rose and her gaze ran about the room, as if she were lonely and afraid. Her eyes did not see him, but he saw her eyes. There was no mistaking those eyes. He tried to call her name, but his pale lips commanded only a murmur:

"Miruma! Miruma!"

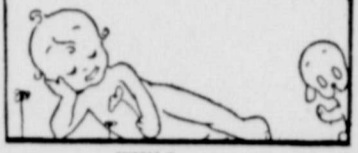
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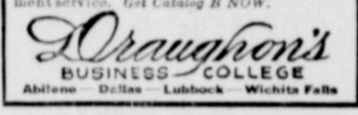
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Youth Must Be Gay

By Katherine Edelman

"ISN'T this the most exciting event?" Marjorie Hanson's blue eyes were shining as she spoke. "Imagine your Uncle Warren giving such a party. The pieces just don't fit together."

There was ample reason for Marjorie's bewilderment. Until tonight there was not a single thing to show that Warren Brownlee had anything but criticism for the younger generation. He had been unrelentingly severe in his judgments of even the most simple pleasures. Now, to the astonishment of all who knew him, he had thrown the big house open for a New Year's party. Its gloomy rooms were changed into connecting halls of gaiety and laughter.

Everything was there to make the occasion merry. Horns, whistles, balloons, silly caps, streamers and confetti. It seemed as if Uncle Warren had gone all the way; nothing was lacking to make a successful



"So you don't care, eh? You're willing to defy me?"

New Year party. And most amazing thing of all, Warren Crane's usually grim face was wreathed in smiles. He seemed to be enjoying everything like a schoolboy.

"It's the most puzzling thing," Marjorie repeated again.

She was sitting out a dance with Douglas Crane. Doug had lived with his uncle since his parents died. Now, he was doing secretarial work and helping with the estate. He should know all the whys and wherefores of everything. But Doug professed complete ignorance. "He just started making mad preparations after he came back from the city. Wanted everything made ready for a real party. But he hasn't told me a word. I'm as much in the dark as you are, Marjorie."

They were silent for a moment. Doug pressed Marjorie's hand tightly. "I'm afraid that tomorrow he'll change back into Uncle Grouch," he said; "I just can't remember Uncle Warren ever really smiling before."

But—but let's talk about ourselves. You know how I love you, darling. I—I don't care if Uncle is opposed to young people getting married. I'm going to tell him the truth tomorrow. I don't care if—

"So you don't care, eh? You're willing to defy me?" Uncle Warren was standing beside them in a threatening attitude. In the shadowed terrace they were unable to see the twinkling gleam in his eyes.

"Well, it's the only thing we can do," Doug answered hotly. "You're so hard about everything, and you're willing to defy me, since you put it that way."

"You won't have to, Douglas." Uncle Warren had come closer and placed an arm on each of their shoulders. "You can marry Marjorie just as soon as you want to—"

"But, we don't understand," Doug gasped. "Why, only a week ago you said—"

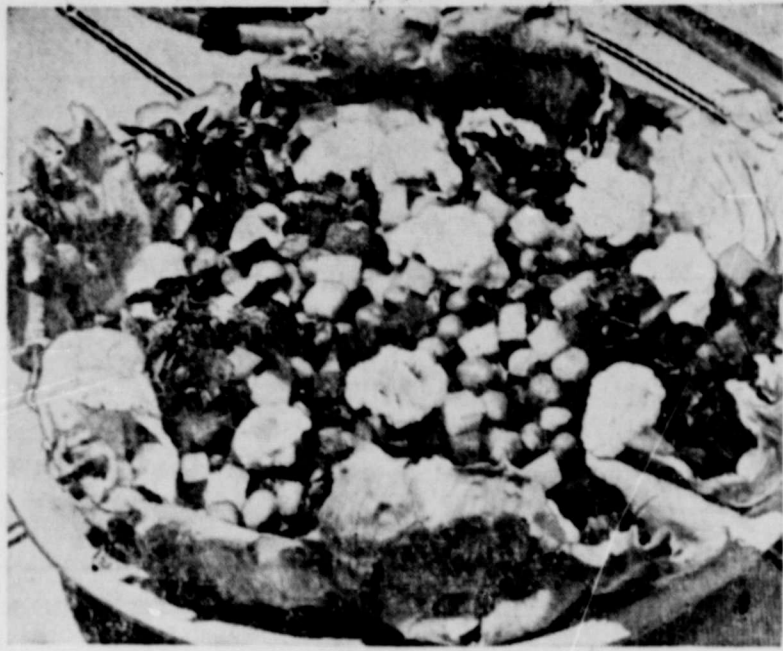
"I'M FORGETTING everything I said about young people," Uncle Warren admitted. "I was wrong, terribly wrong in my judgments. . . . While I was in the city I ran into a strange experience—too long to go into the story just now—but I found out that youth must be gay, that it must have fun and laughter to be normal. And that the best place it could have this fun was in the atmosphere of home. That's why I gave this party."

Two pairs of arms were around him before he had finished. Doug and Marjorie were telling him in one voice how wonderful he was, and how happy he had made them.

Uncle Warren pulled loose from their grasp. "Come along, young folks," he shouted gayly. "I've been trying to think of something as a climax to this party. I've found the very thing. It's just two minutes to midnight, and I'm going to announce your engagement before they begin yelling. HAPPY NEW YEAR."

Household News

By Eleanor Howe



VEGETABLE SALAD BOWL (See Recipes Below)

'V' Stands for Vegetables

Vegetables are not apt to be prime favorites with men; practically every man has a little black list of his own—vegetables he just will not accept graciously. Father is apt to be as chary of spinach and other vegetables as his own eight-year-old, and to look upon salads as mere woman's nonsense! It isn't strange, if Junior, who adores his Dad, begins to proclaim his likes and dislikes in no uncertain terms. Like father, like son! So coax father to keep his "I-don't-likes" to himself—at meal time.

But there are salads and vegetables that father really enjoys. You'll find suggestions in my booklet, "Feeding Father," for preparing them, and recipes, too, for his favorite meat dishes and desserts. But to get back to vegetables, have you ever wondered why the very people who love to nibble on a raw carrot, fresh from the garden, are the ones who need to be coaxed to eat them once they're cooked? You'll find one solution to the problem of getting Dad and Junior to eat their carrots, right there. Why not serve them crisp, raw carrot sticks for a vegetable? Or make a crisp, colorful salad by combining shredded raw carrots and shredded raw beets with the tender young leaves of raw spinach? Mix lightly with sour cream salad dressing or french dressing, and serve from a salad bowl so that the boys may help themselves.

Perhaps just changing the methods of preparing and serving them is all you need to do to arouse family interest in vegetables. Here are some recipes that are just a bit out-of-the-ordinary—recipes I think your family will enjoy.

Onions Baked in Tomatoes.

(Serves 4 or 5)

- 2½ cups canned tomatoes
- ½ bay leaf
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- 2 cloves
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 6 onions (small)

Combine tomatoes and seasonings and cook for 10 minutes. Then remove bay leaf and cloves. Melt butter, blend in the flour, and add to tomato mixture. Cook, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens. Peel onions, place in a casserole and add tomato mixture. Cover and bake in a moderately hot oven (370 degrees) for 1 hour.

Pennsylvania Dutch Spinach.

(Serves 4-5)

- 4 slices bacon (diced)
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1½ cups water
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 3 tablespoons vinegar
- 1 egg yolk (beaten)
- ¼ teaspoon dry mustard
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- Few grains pepper
- 4 cups raw spinach (chopped)
- 2 hard cooked eggs

Cook bacon until crisp. Remove from the pan. Add flour to bacon fat and stir until smooth. Mix wa-

We're Sorry

In a recent article on homemade bread which appeared in this column, the recipe for Yeast Bread should be corrected to read "seven to eight cups bread flour."

ter, sugar and vinegar and add to the flour mixture; cook until thick. Combine beaten egg yolk and seasoning and stir into the first mixture. Cook for about 2 minutes over a very low flame, stirring constantly. Combine hot sauce, cooked bacon and chopped raw spinach. Serve warm, garnished with slices of hard cooked egg.

Lima Beans en Casserole.

- 1 pound lima beans, dry
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons onion (minced)
- 1 tablespoon prepared mustard
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- 2 cups water
- 1 pound pork sausage

Cook beans in boiling water approximately 1 hour—or until nearly tender. Pour in baking casserole.

Meantime, place sugar, salt, onion, prepared mustard, vinegar and water in saucepan and bring to boiling point. Pour this heated mixture over the beans. Make sausage up into small cakes and place on the beans. Bake approximately 45 minutes in a moderate oven (350 degrees).

French Fried Asparagus Tips.

Cooked asparagus tips (short and thick variety)

- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon water
- ¾ cup soft bread crumbs (very fine)
- ½ teaspoon salt
- Fat for deep fat frying

Drain asparagus. Beat egg and add water to it. Dip the drained asparagus in beaten egg. Roll asparagus tips in bread crumbs—patting them on so as to cover asparagus tips thoroughly. Place carefully in a deep fat frying basket and fry in fat heated to 370 degrees. Fry until tips are golden brown; drain on unglazed paper. Serve very hot.

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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for December 31

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FRIENDS AND FOES OF THE KINGDOM

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 13:54-14:4; 15:25-31.
GOLDEN TEXT—Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.—John 15:14.

Inventory time has come, and it seems that our lesson for today, although it does come in the middle of our study of the Gospel of Matthew, comes too to sort of a pause to consider what has been the result of that which Jesus had said and done thus far in our study.

The answer we find is that He had both friends and foes, both love and hatred. His foes apparently outnumbered His friends, and the hatred was evidently fierce and the love none too warm. So Jesus was defeated? No, far from it. As we know, He won the victory over His enemies.

The situation is not different today. Those who follow Jesus and love Him truly are quite evidently in the minority and all too often it seems that hatred for the cause of Christ has the upper hand. Are we defeated? No, Jesus will ultimately win the victory again. We are on the winning side.

I. Dishonored Because of Jealousy (13:54-58).

One would have supposed that the people of the little, almost unknown town of Nazareth would have been thrilled at the return of its native son whose fame had also spread its name abroad and whose name was on the lips of thousands because He went about doing good.

They were astonished, but they were not ready to accept Him. They could not deny the fact either of His person or His power, but they could and did permit their personal pride and jealousy to lead them to deny Him. "This story teaches us the utterable folly of refusing to accept fact because it is astonishing, yet there are thousands of people standing in that position today concerning Jesus Christ. It is utterly unscientific, not to say irreligious. Here is an astonishing thing. They say we cannot understand how this man hath this wisdom. Has He the wisdom? Why, yes, we cannot escape it. Then in the name of God and common honesty obey the injunction and postpone the investigation" (G. Campbell Morgan).

II. Hated Because of Sin (14:1-4).

The pride of heart which causes many to hold themselves too good to follow the lowly Nazarene is sin. There is also that which even the world recognizes as sin, which separates men from Christ. D. L. Moody is said to have written on the fly leaf of his Bible, "This book will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from this book." That is true, and it is also true that sin will keep a man from Christ.

Herod, living in sin, had been rebuked by John and had silenced his accuser by the simple expedient of imprisonment and ultimately by beheading him. But one does not thus put away sin, and when this man heard of Jesus, he at once assumed that John had risen from the dead to plague him still. So Herod also took his place with the enemies of our Lord.

If a man shows his opposition to Christ, whether it be by indifference, or by jealousy, or in outright hatred, be sure there is sin in that man's life. Those who love righteousness love the righteous Lord.

III. Accented Because of Service (15:23-31).

"The Son of man came not to be ministered unto but to minister," even to the giving of "his life a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28). We have so overemphasized and misused the word service that one almost hesitates to speak it in connection with the name of the Lord Jesus. Yet it does summarize His earthly life and ministry. He served the needy with His teaching and preaching, with His provision for their daily needs, with His healing touch, and we read that they wondered and glorified God (v. 31).

As a means of encouraging men and women everywhere to follow Christ as they find Him in His Word, the writer of these notes will send without charge a folder, "The Why and How of Bible Reading," including a Bible-reading calendar for the entire year. Use the name and address at the head of this column and if possible enclose a stamped addressed envelope or a three-cent stamp.

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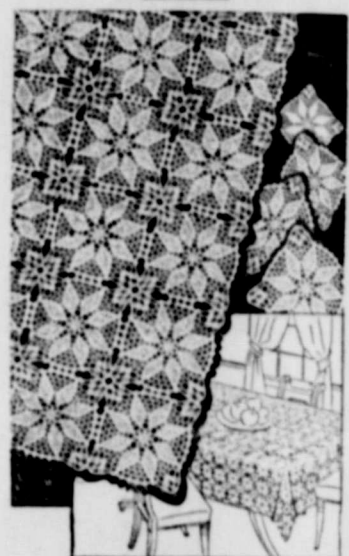
For Dried Fruits.—Try soaking and cooking a thin slice or two of lemon with your dried apricots, peaches or prunes.

Plan meals in advance, with concern for the use of leftovers, which will aid in saving energy in preparation.

Fat Side Up.—Put the roast in the pan with the fat side up so it will baste itself.

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World Looks Forward to Busy 1940, Fraught With Important Questions

By ROGER BAILEY

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The new year is destined to be the most important in a decade, a year of supreme testing for men and their military machines, for politicians and dictators whose philosophies and systems are even now waiting in abeyance until 1940 has spoken its verdict.

You can lay your bottom dollar that the European turmoil will crystallize in 1940 to the point where observers can see definite trends.

We'll probably know, for instance, whether Nazi Germany can withstand the pressure of an allied economic blockade, meanwhile trying to stave off French-British assaults on land and sea. Or will Hitler's machine crack up, the victim of internal discontent?

What Is Finland's Fate?

Valiant little Finland, whose early stand against the Russian invaders was acclaimed throughout the world, looks forward to 1940 as the year in which she will retain her freedom or fall vassal to the Kremlin.

It's a pivotal year in the Balkans, too. If Russia succeeds against Finland, she'll undoubtedly turn to a new conquest in Rumania, already pressed by Hungary, Germany and Bulgaria. And if that happens the observers are pretty certain Italy will join the melee to fight for Balkan independence. If these little states can stay free of war in 1940, they've little to worry about.

Even as Russia marches in 1940 she will answer the question world militarists have been puzzling for the past 10 years, namely, is her huge army and air force really so formidable? The Polish invasion, in which Russia knifed a fleeing enemy in the back, was no fair test. Neither were early days of the Finnish invasion, because the sturdy defenders were able to out-punch Soviet troops under extraordinary arctic fighting conditions.

Will FDR Run Again?

At home the year's biggest story will be November's presidential election and the campaign leading up to it. Will President Roosevelt break tradition and seek a third term? Will eight years of the New Deal be vindicated by election of a New Deal chief executive, or will the public repudiate this leadership in favor of a Republican?

Closely allied with this issue is the question of continuing or stopping national spending. Most Wash-

ington observers believe there will be no way of avoiding an increase in the national debt limit, which has almost reached its legal peak of \$45,000,000,000. President Roosevelt will leave revenue matters strictly in congress' hands, he has intimated.

Organized labor faces a critical year in which anti-trust suits may set a precedent by laying the unions open to prosecution under the Sherman act. Moreover there are signs that congress will amend the Wagner labor act following revelations before the Smith house committee during December.

Will Social Security Work?

Old age benefits under the federal social security act will be distributed for the first time, and by year's end America should know if the plan actually works. The Supreme court will receive its fifth appointment from President Roosevelt, gaining a clear New Deal majority.

How about the Far East? Japan, balancing precariously on the international fence since Europe went to war last September, must jump one way or the other, siding with the dictators or the democracies. Right now she is busy playing both ends against the middle, trying to frighten the democracies into line by smiling benignly on Russia.

The United States is especially concerned with Asiatic developments because the 1911 trade treaty with Japan, repudiated last summer, will become abrogated officially on January 26. Before Washington is willing to renew it, Tokyo must agree to cease threatening American interests.

Will Chiang Surrender?

The Japanese, meanwhile, hope to end their war with China in 1940. Despite continued resistance from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, the Japs plan to establish a puppet government under Wang Ching-wei as a means of pacifying Chinese nationalistic sentiment.

Not all of 1940's news will develop in the political and military fields. Followers of the boxing wars are wondering if a "white hope" will arise to strike down the colored heavyweight behemoth, Joe Louis. And throughout the hot stove league they're wondering about that perennial question—can the New York Yankees win a fifth straight pennant?

Refugees Learn English

SYDNEY, N. S. W.—European refugees entering Australia are being taught English. The system, employed under the direction of Mrs. Elsa Gormley, is of "Basic English" which gives them quickly 850 basic words, which is all that is necessary for them to get along.



ROOSEVELT: Will the President seek re-election, and if so, can he win a third term?



RUSSIA: Will this juggernaut, stopped by little Finland, retire defeated or threaten all Europe?



CHINA: Will Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek (shown with wife) make peace with Japan this year?



ITALY: Will Benito Mussolini turn against the Rome-Berlin axis and fight Hitler's ally, Soviet Russia?

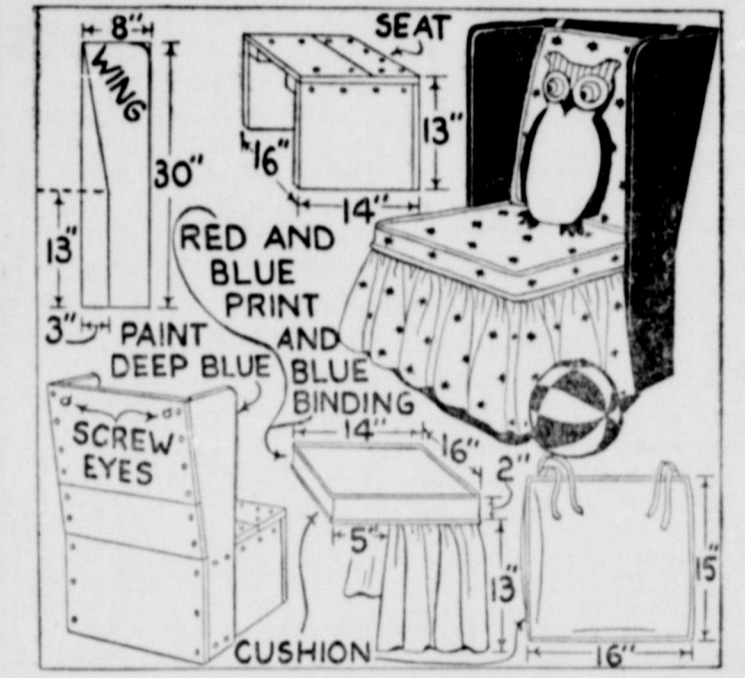


GERMANY: Will the hard-pressed German Reich, utilizing all its resources, be able to withstand the blockade?

ASK ME ANOTHER? A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

- The Questions
1. Can you write 600 in Roman numerals?
2. Is the income of the President taxable?
3. Who cut the Gordian Knot?
4. Which of our wars was known as Mr. Madison's war?
5. Which is the middle verse of the Bible?
6. Which woman has had more statues erected to her memory than any other woman?
7. Which race is increasing its population the fastest?
The Answers
1. DC.
2. His salary as President is not. Any other income he may have, is.
3. Alexander the Great.
4. The War of 1812.
5. The eighth verse of the 118th Psalm.
6. Joan of Arc.
7. The white races of the world are doubling their populations every 80 years, the yellow and brown races every 60 years and the black races every 40 years.

HOW to SEW By RUTH WYETH SPEARS



A gay winged chair for the youngster
A GOOD deal has been said about children having to live in a giant's world where all the furniture is made for grown-ups. Furniture stores are now selling chairs; tables; beds and dressers made for children. Here are all the dimensions needed for making a child's chair at home. It is of 1-inch material and the sketch shows clearly how it is screwed together after the pieces have been sawed according to the measurements given. The chair is painted deep blue; the back, seat cushions and full skirt are of red and blue cotton print with blue bindings. All dimensions for the cushions and skirt are also given in the sketch.
NOTE: If you enjoy making what you want from next to nothing, don't miss Mrs. Spears' newest Sewing Book (No. 4). It is full of information for making useful things. Books No. 1, 2 and 3 contain a fascinating array of things to make for the home. Mrs. Spears has made three patterns for Early American quilt blocks which she will send FREE with your order for four books at 10 cents each. Quilt block patterns only—10 cents for set of three. Send order to Mrs. Spears, Drawer 10, Bedford Hills, New York.

JUST FUN

- As He Saw It
'How does my dress look?'
'It looks to me like three weeks' wages.'
Greater Field
'I hear your son is to be a dentist. You said recently that he was to be an ear specialist.'
'Yes, he wanted to be, but I persuaded him that a man has 32 teeth and only 2 ears.'
Right Bait
'You must have used a lot of patience to catch so many fish.'
'No—worms.'
And Finally That
Politician—Now, ladies and gentlemen, I just want to tax your memory—
Audience—Good heavens! Has it come to that?
A naturalist says there's a fish that washes its young. How in the world does it manage to dry them?
Same Method
'I caught my husband flirting.'
'That's how I got mine, too.'

St. Joseph ASPIRIN NONE SURER NONE MORE DEPENDABLE NONE FASTER WORLD'S LARGEST SELLER AT 10¢

Insufficiency of Reason
There are few things reason can discover with so much certainty and ease as its own insufficiency. —Collier.

666 relieves misery of Colds fast! LIQUID-TABLETS SALVE-NOSE DROPS

BEACONS OF SAFETY
Like a beacon light on the height—the advertisements in newspapers direct you to newer, better and easier ways of providing the things needed or desired. It shines, this beacon of newspaper advertising—and it will be to your advantage to follow it whenever you make a purchase.

Swing Gives Way to Classics As 'Talking Machine' Reappears

NEW YORK.—The death of the swing-mad 1930-40 decade finds classical music reclaiming its traditional place in American artistry so fast that phonograph manufacturers and radio networks can't keep up with the demand.

This Christmas season the old-fashioned "talking machine" has been streamlined, and thousands of phonograph records have been placed around the family Yule tree in keeping with a revival of the kind which America has never seen before.



Toscanini

Under a barrage of swing, they brought them back again when swing had swung itself out. The thirties also brought their share of good popular tunes. A survey by the National Broadcasting Company revealed the following as the favorite tunes. How many can you recall?
Happy Days Are Here Again.

- 1930—I Got Rhythm.
1931—Stardust.
1932—Play, Fiddle, Play.
1933—Love in Bloom.
1934—Wagon Wheels.
1935—Red Sails in the Sunset.
1936—Is It True What They Say About Dixie?
1937—Viene, Viene!
1938—A Tisket A Tasket.
1939—Over the Rainbow

Musicians give radio much of the credit for the rebirth of classical music. Grand opera, once the plaything of a select few, has been popularized by regular broadcasts, chiefly over NBC during the Metropolitan season in New York. Symphony concerts are broadcast throughout the year, two outstanding examples being the Saturday night NBC series under Maestro Arturo Toscanini, and the CBS broadcast of New York Philharmonic concerts each Sunday during the winter season.

European Concerts Helped.
Until the war, many concerts came from abroad. In 1938, for example, 18 European orchestras contributed 24 programs to the NBC network. There were three operatic broadcasts from the Salzburg festival in Austria, one from Bayreuth and two from the Verdi anniversary festival at Turin.

In addition to network programs, an increasing number of individual stations are now broadcasting regular periods of classical music. One small station in New York broadcasts nothing else, all day long!

ALAMO THEATRE

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS
Motion Pictures Are Always Good Entertainment.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, December 29th and 30th
George Raft - James Cagney - Ann Sherridan In
"EACH DAWN I DIE"
Comedy & Movietone News

SUNDAY, 1:30, Matinee & MONDAY, Dec 31st & Jan 1
CARY GRANT - CAROLE LOMBARD In
"IN NAME ONLY"
Also Comedy & Latest News

WEDNESDAY ONLY, (?) Jan. 1, 1940
JANE WITHERS In
"BOY FRIENDS"
Arleen Whelan - Richard Bond
Also Comedy

TEXAS THEATRE

BRONTE, TEXAS

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, Dec. 29th & 30th
Warner Baxter in
"The Return of the CISCO KID"
with Cesar Romero
Comedy - News

TUESDAY ONLY, Jan. 2, 1940 (Money Nite)
Jane Withers In
"BOY FRIEND"
Comedy

For sale or trade - 1 span
1200 lb. mules.
1 span heavy horses, 3 & 4
years old
Wagon, plow tools, ank row
binder. J. W. Keenan

Pay your water bill by 10th
of each month or have your
service discontinued.
City Commission.

Fertilizer can not be used suc-
cessfully in West Texas for farm
crops on account of the irregular
rain falls.



For Health's Sake
--Roller Skate
Thursday and Saturday
Nights
Saturday Matinee

H. D. FISH

GROCERY Specials for Friday & Saturday, Dec. 29 & 30



TEXAS' FINEST
GLADIOLA FLOUR
AND Mary Lane RECIPES
INSURE PERFECT BAKING

Gladiola FLOUR	6 lb sack 27c	24 lb sack 88c
	12 lb sack 47c	48 lb sack 1.59
Maxwell House COFFEE,	3 lbs	84c
Folgers COFFEE,	5 lb	1.35
Rex Jelly	2 1-2 lb.	22c
K C BAKING POWDER,	25 oz	18c
Heinz RICE FLAKES,	pkg	10c
Gold Label BAKING POWDER, three 12 oz cans		25c
Swifts Pride SOAP,	6 large bars	19c
25c OXYDOL,		23c
SARDINES,	15 oz	10c
2 Joints Blue Steel STOVE PIPE,		33c
2 cans Prim Rose CORN,		25c
Good MOPS,		25c
Regular 75c BROOMS,		65c

Get my Prices on Big Smith Clothes.

WEEK END SPECIALS

Grocery Dept.

Pinto BEANS	10 lbs.	45c
B & W PEAS	2 No. 2	27c
R & W SOAP	10 giant bars	31c
R & W COFFEE,	1 lb. 25c 2 lbs 49c	
R & W FLOUR	6 lb. 29c 12 lb. 49c 24 lb. 89c 48 lb. \$1.59	
Sun Spun Salad Dressing,	pt. 21c qt 33c	
GRAPEFRUIT,	bu.	49c
Texas ORANGES	bu.	85c
APPLES Delicious or Winesap	163's doz.	19c
ONIONS Spanish Sweet	No. 1 3 lbs	5c

see Circular for other Specials

W. J. CUMBIE'S

The Red & White Store

JOYOUS SEASON



We hope we may continue to merit your friendship & patronage throughout the New Year as we have in the past.

3 No 2 Tomatoes 19c

Royal Owl Flour

write your own Guarantee
24 lb 75c 48 lb 1.39

Jersey Catsup, 14 oz 10c

4 tall cans C.H.B. Tomato Juice, 25c



FOLGERS COFFEE

1 lb can 25c
2 lb can 49c

GAL PRUNES water pack 25c

Choc covered Cherries, lb bx 19c

Pitted DATES, 2 lb cello 29c

2 lb bx CRACKERS, 13c

Fireside BEANS, 3 big cans 25c

50 oz can K C BAKING POWDER, 29c

Red & Gold Coffee, 2 lbs 29c

Texas Oranges, doz 15c

Lettuce, 3 heads 11c

Carrots, 2 bunches 5c

Grapefruit, Texas doz 10c

10 lbs Colorado SPUDS, 17c

IN OUR MARKET

Tobasco CATSUP, bottle 21c

PORK CHOPS, lb 19c

Our Sliced Bacon, more slices per lb 29c

Sliced BACON, extra lean lb 23c

Dressed FRYERS, each 43c

STEAK, round, loin or T-bone lb 23c

SALT PORK, for boiling lb 12c

M System CHILI, lb 20c

M SYSTEM STORE

LITTLE COUNTRY PAPER It tells of all the parties and balls at Pumpkin Row; 'Bout who spent Sunday with whose girl and how the crops'll grow; An' how it keeps a fellow posted 'about who is up and who is down; That little country paper from his Ol' Home Town. Now, I like to read the dailies and the story papers, too; An' at times the yaller novels an' some other trash don't you? But when I want some readin' That'll brush away a frown, I want that little paper from my Ol' Home Town. --Denver Post

When the evenin' shade is falling at the end of day, An' a feller rests from labor and smokes his pipe o'clay There's nothin' does him so much good, be fortune up or down, As the little country paper from his Ol' Home Town. It ain't a thing o' beauty an' its print ain't always clean ut it straightens out his temper when a feller's feeling mean; It takes the wrinkles off his face and brushes off the frown, That little country paper from his Ol' Home Town.