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## Big Song Meet To Be Held at Robert Lee July 14.

Exhaustive preparations are being made by local song leaders and lovers of good singing throughout the country for a record breaking singing convention at Robert Lee High School Auditorium which is to be an all day affair with plenty of dinner on the ground. Word has already reached here from noted singers in other part of the state that they attend. Weaver Quartet and the Triple Star Quartet and the Rannels County Quartet with "Bob" Jennings on the bass are among those who are expected. Folks from many parts of Coke County have already pledged their support both in the programs and in the preparation of the lunchspread.

All singers are requested to bring their books.

H. A. Williams, President  
J. C. Jordan, Secretary.

Work on highway No. 208 has been delayed again. The rain of Friday night did some damage to the road bed and repair work will have to be done before road can be finished.

Mrs. Drue Scoggins returned from Denver City, Friday where she visited her daughter Mrs. Loyd Pate who returned with her to spend a few days.

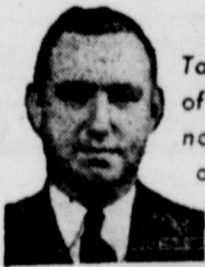
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schooler, Weldon and Mary Beth are making an extended trip in western part of the states. Grandma Schooler went as far as Lubbock where she will visit with relatives

Jennie Marie Reichert and Louis Connor visited at Miles Sunday.

For every barrel of petroleum produced in Texas last year, 46 cents was paid in wages and salaries to Texas oil workers.

O. H. Seamans, and Nina Seamans of Chester in Tyler, County and Selma David of Barnes in Polk County are visiting with T. A. Richardson and family.

## JERRY SADLER for GOVERNOR



Tax the mouths of the wells and not the mouths of the people.

TUNE IN

RADIO PROGRAMS: WOAI, San Antonio; KPRC, Houston; WFAA, Dallas; WBAP, Fort Worth, and KGNC, Amarillo. Wednesday, 9:00 to 9:30 P. M.; Saturday, 12:15 to 12:30 P. M.

VOTE AGAINST A SALES TAX

## Marriage Announced

Mrs. Daisy McCutchen announces the marriage of her daughter Mary Lou to Jack Weathers of Lubbock. The ceremony took place April 30th and they are at home at Lubbock, Texas, where he is employed at Sherrod Bros. Dept. Store.

## Visits Robert Lee

A. J. Taylor and family, of Pampa Tex. was visiting relative in Robert Lee this week. Mr. Taylor is a son of Mrs. A. J. Taylor, brother of Rcy Taylor and Mrs. Artel Roberts. This is the first time he has been here in about twelve years. Mr. Taylor is in the Meat Market business in Pampa. He reports crops are good and that harvest season is just on.

While here was a pleasant caller at the Observer Office.

## Returns to Field Artillery

Billie Joadan battery Clerk, has returned to Fort Sill, Okla. after visiting here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jordan. He will proceed from there to Minnesota, where he will take part in a series of sham battles, with First Field Artillery of which he is a member.

## Watch For Jobs

Young people who want good government jobs, watch for Civil Service Examination.

Graduate Nurse, \$168.75 per month, Junior farmer \$2,000 a year, Mechanical Engineer \$3800 a year and many, many others.

Mrs. B. M. Gramling returned Tuesday from a few days visit with relatives and friends in Oklahoma.

LAWRENCE POWELL gives the best Shoe Shine in town at the Magnolia Service Station, for 5 cents.

## Methodist W. M. S.

Mrs. C. S. Brown was program leader at the meeting of the W. M. S. Monday afternoon, the subject being "Our American Heritage." A large American flag and a Christian flag were arranged over the pulpit emblematic of our allegiance to our God and Country.

Miss Jane Taylor's subject was Americans, their early history and the contributions made by them.

Mrs. Carroll Russel talked on Great men of other Nationalities who have made great contributions to America. Mrs. Marvin Barnes gave the scripture lesson and Mrs. Traylor Hester the meditation. One new member enrolled, Mrs. W. E. Willbanks. Thirteen present.

## FOR SALE

Plenty of peaches and plums at Silver. Reasonable price R. B. Allen, Phone 1242



Rev. J. M. Lewis, of Menard Texas, whose picture appears above will do the preaching in a Revival Meeting at the Methodist Church July 10th to 21st.

We are speaking of this meeting, also, a Church Loyalty Campaign. It is both. Brother Lewis is a successful pastor-evangelist. You will be glad to hear him.

We expect to have morning and night services each day. Come every one of you; make your plans to attend every service possible. We urge every one to help in every way possible.

G. T. Hester.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Smith of Abilene were visiting with relatives in Robert Lee Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Davis, two daughters and Mrs. Pete Davis and children of Fort Stockton, spent Sunday visiting in Robert Lee.

Miss Wanda Wimberly who has been visiting with her mother at McCamey has returned to Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Kinsley of Fort Stockton have been visiting friends and relatives in Robert Lee

The first use anywhere of oil as fuel for a locomotive was in 1898 on a train operating between Corsicana and Hillsboro.

H. C. Varnadore come home Friday of last week from the hospital where he had undergone an appendectomy. Says he is feeling fine.

Visiting in the home of Mrs. J. O. Slaughter the past week have been Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Williamson and daughter, Julia Mae and Miss Ruth Martin of Dallas and Mrs. J. V. Davis of Winters.

## Lions Celebrate

Tuesday night the Lions installed their new officers with a program and barbecue supper at the City Lake.

The Menu: Barbecue goat, sun-of-a-gun, potato salad, beans pickles, ice cream and cake.

The Rev. Elmer Henson of San Angelo was the speaker of the evening. His subject was Americanism.

Officers installed: Geo. Taylor pres.; Bruce Clift vice pres.; Marvin Barnes and G. C. Allen 2nd and 3rd vice pres.; A. E. Latham tail twister; P. P. Fitzhugh; ec.; T. A. Richards Treasurer; Fred O. Green Lion tamer; J. S. Craddock, S. E. Adams, new directors; Houston Smith and J. W. Gardner old directors.

## BAPTIST W. M. S.

For a missionary program the Society met at the church with 11 members present Monday at 4 p. m.

Miss Juanita Barger told of the work among the 100 Tibetan tribes in far away Tibet being done by R. R. Holder formerly of this place and Bronte. It is believed these are among the last people of the world never to have heard the gospel. Mr. Holder and another missionary are in the United States now preaching, teaching and telling of the work in Tibet. They expect to return in September with 10 additional volunteers.

In a brief business session reports were made and a committee appointed to do some necessary repair work at the Pastors Home. The W. M. S. will meet at the church Monday July 8th at 9-30 to 10-30 a. m. for a Fellowship program arranged by Naomi and Viola Brown. All the women of the church are urged to be present.

## Texas Product

Two Texas farm boys, Oscar Turner, R. F. D. No. 1, El Paso and Chester Owen, R. F. D. No. 4, Wilts Point have been awarded \$25 each in cash for essays submitted in a national essay contest conducted by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. on the subject "How Rubber Tires Have Changed Farm Equipment and Methods."

Entrants who submitted the 10 best manuscripts will be given an all-expense-paid vacation trip in July, from their homes to Timagami, more than 250 miles north of Toronto, Ontario, for a northwoods outing as guests of P. W. Litchfield, Goodyear president. Turner's essay ranked 25th and Owen's 29th in the competition.

## Public Notice

It is ordered by the City Commission that City Lakes be opened for fishing purposes to the General Public, upon Compliance with the rules and regulations set forth by order of City Commission on the 25th day of June 1940.

Signed City Commission,  
Robert Lee, Texas.



The 4th of July has a warm place in the hearts of red blooded Americans, our Texas is filled with holiday programs for this victorious occasion. All over the state there are 1 to 3 days set out for celebrating the 4th that brought freedom to a nation that has ment so much to the civilized world, but with wars and rumors of wars and preparation for more and greater wars on the air, in the news, what next.

It is said that most of our troubles never happen, lets hope that we shall not be drawn into this war.

Our nation and resources will be needed worse a little later for relief work, keep that in mind.

## TAXES

The highway users paid great deal more taxes than any other group, they also received a large part of the State's dollar when it was spent. 34.04 cents of every dollar which the State expended went for highways. In figures for the total amount spent, this is \$55,934,398.56. Next highest came the 27.78 cts of every dollar spent for education in Texas. Third was the public welfare bill including pensions, benefits, and retirements, with 21.61 cents per dollar.

## FOR RENT

3-Room Furnished Apartment at Mrs. F. S. McCabe, north part of town.

Please send in your news items as they are appreciated.



JOHN N. GARNER

## TEXAS

John N. Garner a native Texan is still in the race for the highest office in the United States or the whole world and if Texas had staid with him thru thick and thin he would have had a much better chance. There is now a growing opinion that our present President will not shoulder the burden of the third term.

# 'Unbossed' Republican National Convention Pins Hopes on Willkie and McNary Ticket

By WRIGHT A. PATTERSON

**WENDELL L. WILLKIE**  
For President  
**CHARLES L. McNARY**  
For Vice President

With that ticket the Republicans tell us they named the best qualified men in America to direct the destinies of the nation through the time of stress and trials they think lie ahead.

They were picked from a wide field. A dozen or more men each with followers who believed their favorite was the best; who insisted they would stick to their candidate forever if necessary; who could see no possible virtue in any other candidate.

The delegates were divided between Dewey, Vandenberg, Taft, Willkie, James, Bridges, Bricker, Martin, Hoover, MacNider, Gannett and others.

Speeches were made about all of them, resulting in long hours of frenzied oratory. All were pictured as the one, outstanding, great American leader, eminently best fitted for the great job, and especially so for these times, but in the end they dropped out one by one, and until on the sixth roll call of the states Wendell Willkie was named to head the ticket.

After numerous consultations, some arguments, and another flow of oratory Charles L. McNary was named for second place, and the big meeting was over.

When at 10 o'clock on Monday morning, June 24, John Hamilton, as chairman of the Republican national committee, pounded the table and called the Republican national convention to order, anyone could get a bet for or against as he wished on anyone of 10 to 12 candidates.

It was not only the folks back home who did not know who the candidate would be. The delegates at Philadelphia were equally ignorant on that subject.

On Sunday evening Congressman Joe Martin was asked how many Massachusetts delegates would vote for him on the first ballot, as the favorite son of that state.

He replied he did not know definitely that any one delegate would vote for him; that aside from the delegations that were definitely instructed it was impossible to tell who would vote for whom.

### Party in New Hands.

And the reason for it all is that the party was in new hands, the hands of a thousand delegates, each one a law unto himself. Gone from the places of power were the older statesmen of former years, the party leaders who could crack the whip and make the delegates dance.

It was a new element, younger in political experience, each one of whom believed he was there to do a job as he thought it should be done, or until someone had actually convinced him of a better way than his own.

It all resulted in a confusion that was unknown to former Republican conventions, but out of that confusion, the Republicans say, has come definite party unity both as to policies and as to leaders. The delegates claim they did what they believed best, and not what anyone told them to do.

It was a picturesque gathering. There was with it all ballyhoo of a street carnival. Each group had its own pet form of expressing approval of either a candidate or a policy. The Dewey, the Taft, and the Willkie voters put on the best and noisiest show. In so far as he could influence his followers Senator Vandenberg prevented the introduction of burlesque into his campaign.

### Dark Horses.

Martin and Hoover were in the dark horse class and were not much talked about until after the opening of the convention. Others were among the "also ran" entries with not a sufficiently large following to produce much noise.

One noticeable difference between this and the Republican conventions of some years ago was the scarcity of Negro delegates. There were some from the southern states—not so many because of the limited delegate representation from the South, but practically none from the northern cities. New party leaders insisted the difference was due to a transfer of political allegiance on the part of the northern Negroes from the Republican to the Democratic party. Whatever the reason may



WENDELL L. WILLKIE



CHARLES L. McNARY

have been the Negroes were not in evidence as they have been at previous Republican gatherings.

Another difference was the discussion in committees of every plank in the platform, and every incident concerned with party policy. This year each delegate who had an opinion on any subject insisted on the right and privilege of expressing and fighting for that opinion before the committee. The whole show was more like a big town meeting than an old time Republican convention. It had no bosses who made the rules and defined the policies.

Aside from the balloting for candidates, the long roll call of the states, and the reading of the plank in the platform defining Republican policy as regards America's attitude toward the war in Europe, the two outstanding events were the keynote address of Gov. Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota and the address of Former President Herbert Hoover.

Governor Stassen was emphatic and fiery in his denunciation of the present national administration and of all things connected with the New Deal. He aroused tremendous enthusiasm as a keynoter is expected to do, and gave the delegates the ammunition they wanted for use during the campaign. He was compensated for his efforts by thunderous applause and demonstrations.

### Hoover Stirs Delegates.

Former President Hoover, with his analysis of what he termed New Deal fallacies, carried the convention by storm as he did at Cleveland four years ago and received an ovation that was unusual in any Republican gathering. He might have been the choice of the convention as its presidential candidate had he not withdrawn his name. He could

have named the candidate by indicating a choice, but refused to do so.

Each one of the 1,000 delegates took a hand in the platform building, and especially the plank covering war and preparedness. The battle between the "Fight Hitler Now" forces and the extreme Henry Ford type of isolationist was fast, furious, and seemingly never ending. In the end the fight did not get to the floor of the convention. Compromise was effected and the plank as finally adopted can be interpreted to mean anything each voter may want it to mean.

### Compact Platform.

Other platform planks followed very closely the findings of the Glenn Frank committee, but expressed in about 3,000 words instead of the 37,000 Dr. Frank and his associates needed.

On one subject there was no disagreement—"There shall be no third term."

All in all the Republican convention of 1940 was a colorful and interesting show—and very, very, different. The old leadership was gone, the game was being played by a new team and umpires had not been named. The result, for a time, was confusion with each delegate his own boss, taking orders from no one, and fully convinced that he had the solution of all the nation's problems.

Out of it all in the end came harmony, everybody satisfied, including the defeated candidates for the nomination. All of the noisily contending forces climbed onto the Willkie bandwagon and returned home with the usual assurance of victory in November. How well that assurance may be justified will not be known until the votes are counted in November.

## 'Small Town Boy Makes Good' Tells Story of Willkie's Life

By HAROLD E. KENTON

Three months ago he was virtually unknown to the American public.

Today he is the presidential nominee of the Republican party and sage political prophets are predicting that on January 1, 1941, he will be in the White House.

That is the saga of Wendell L. Willkie. His feat of sweeping into the Philadelphia convention without political sponsors and taking the prize away from seasoned political rivals is unprecedented.

Who is this man Willkie? What is he like? What has he done?

Briefly, his story is the tale of a small town boy who made good—who was never afraid to try his wings on a new flight.

In the 48 years of his life Willkie has had a wide training in the American way of life. He knows every section of the country.

He did farm work as a lad in Indiana and later sold newspapers. A few years later he harvested wheat in Minnesota. He worked in the oil fields of Texas. He ran a cement block machine in Wyoming and operated a little hotel in Colorado. He was a vegetable picker in California. He taught school in Kansas and is remembered there.

During all his experience in laboring at various jobs, he found time to attend Indiana university and to graduate with high honors.

Wendell Willkie was born in Elwood, Ind., in 1892, the son of Herman Francis Willkie, a lawyer. His paternal grandfather was an emigrant from Prussia who spelled his name Willcke. He came to America to escape the oppression of the Hohenzollerns. Wendell's mother, like his father, was a lawyer. Both parents believed in education for their children. At home as well as in

the school room he absorbed learning. By the time he was 15 years old he had finished high school and was able to matriculate at Indiana university. While there he earned most of the funds that kept him.

Sometimes jobs around the university were scarce and young Willkie had tough sledding. His parents were never able to give him much financial backing and there were times when he had to leave college and work elsewhere.

Back again in college, Willkie was able to attend long enough to get his degree.

College days over, he returned to Elwood and entered into law practice with his father. Then America entered the World war. Within a week Willkie enlisted in the army. He spent 22 months in service, 11 of which were in France. Before he sailed on January 14, 1918, he married his Hoosier sweetheart, Miss Edith Wilk. They have one son.

Back in America in 1919, Willkie resumed his law practice. He moved to Akron, Ohio, and practiced there for nearly a decade. His unusual legal talents gained steady recognition. In 1929 he became legal adviser of the Commonwealth & Southern Utility company and by 1933 its president.

Willkie's debates with government spokesmen established him as an articulate and able spokesman for business. He began to be in demand as a speaker. Some of his intimates began to say he might be presidential timber. Several newspaper columnists took up the idea. Then a few weeks ago a small group in New York began sending out literature about him. He received thousands of requests to speak. Willkie clubs sprang up from coast to coast. The boom caught on.

## IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D., Dean of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

### Lesson for July 7

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### JOB TEMPTED TO DOUBT GOD'S GOODNESS

LESSON TEXT—Job 2:1-13. GOLDEN TEXT—In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.—Job 1:22.

Poetry has in all ages been the language of the soul. Feelings beyond the reach of the choicest prose seem to pour forth unhindered through the poetic channel. That is one reason why Christian people find such a response in their own souls as they read the magnificent poetry of the Bible. For the next three months we are to be privileged to carry on a study of the Bible poets.

The book of Job deals with and solves the fundamental problem, "What is the meaning of the suffering of the righteous?" Our first lesson presents Satan as the great adversary and accuser of man, and reveals that man may successfully resist him by faith in God.

### I. Satanic Accusation (vv. 1-5).

The lesson opens with a scene in heaven, where the angelic beings present themselves to give an account of their activities. Satan, too, is there as the adversary and accuser of men's souls. He had already, by God's permission and as a test of Job's faith, destroyed all of Job's property and taken from him his family (see Job 1:14-19), but he had not destroyed Job's trust in God (1:21).

Now Satan had a new charge; namely, that Job could bear the loss of his children and his riches, but if God would permit his own body to be afflicted, he would deny God. It is the familiar refuge of those who would lie about the servants of God to say, "He is in it for what he gets out of it." Those who use that lie do well to recognize the originator of their calumny; they are working with Satan when they thus hinder the Lord's work.

### II. Spiritual Integrity (vv. 6-10).

The trial of Job was most severe, for only his life was spared. His affliction was evidently not only that of boils on his skin (which would have been bad enough), but a systemic condition which made his whole body sick and made him so repulsive as to be unfit to live with other people (see Job 7:1-5, 14, 15; 16:8; 19:17-20).

Not only did he suffer physically within an inch of his life, but he was subjected to the mental and spiritual torture of having the one who should have stood by him—his wife—urge him to renounce his faith in God and die. Many who have borne excruciating physical pain have broken down under spiritual cruelty, but Job still maintained his integrity.

Why God permitted him to suffer he did not yet understand, but he knew God and he was willing to take from His hand evil as well as good (v. 10) as long as His heavenly Father was in control. What a testimony!

### III. Sympathetic Friendship (vv. 11-13).

His wife and neighbors had abandoned Job, and even the children of the street despised him (19:18), but he did have three friends. Thank God for friendship—not the fair weather kind, but the type that stands by in the hour of trouble. These friends apparently came from a distance (vv. 11, 12) and at some sacrifice of time, effort and money. Friendship that doesn't cost anything usually doesn't amount to anything.

Note the intelligent and sympathetic manner in which they shared his sorrow. They were themselves sorrowful (v. 12) and they sat with him, not saying a word. In the hour of deepest need words are futile and often only add to the sorrow, but how much it means in such an hour to have someone who will silently, and yet sympathetically, stand by. One could wish that his friends had continued as they began and not later have spoiled their comfort by many important sounding but foolish words which the Lord had to condemn in the serious words found in Job 42:7, 8.

We shall see the answer to the question regarding suffering in our lesson for July 21 as being that man might be brought to really know God and to see himself in the light of God's holiness. Thus, by victory through testing, man proves to himself and to his fellow men that God is worthy of our fullest confidence, that faith in Him will bring us through the deepest darkness and the severest trial.

**THE CHEERFUL CHERUB**

I really like to be quite ill And have the doctor come — you see I get to talk about myself And that is such a treat for me.

WNU Service.

## Strange Facts

Rural New York Horses in Morgue Lap Pugilists

New York city has a theater that presents, without an admission charge, such plays as those of Shakespeare, Maughan, Moliere and Ibsen; a park that is closed to children; rural free delivery and star routes that serve more than 2,000 families, and a hotel that reserves its rooms exclusively for farmers.

Man o' War, Seabiscuit and Gargantua are the only animals whose biographies have been written by the press associations and are on file, ready for immediate publication upon their death, in the offices of more than 2,000 newspapers.

In preparation for any war emergency Switzerland has stored away huge quantities of wheat in great air-tight tanks that have been "hidden" on the bottom of lakes, their locations being marked only by small inconspicuous buoys.

In boxing matches up to 50 years ago, a fighter was not provided with a stool on which to rest between rounds. Instead his handler would kneel on one knee and hold him on the other.—Collier's.

## CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT

### HOTEL

Wabash Ave. Hotel, 27 E. Harrison, Chicago. Near Barr dance. Choice rooms. Daily \$1. up; weekly \$5 up. Paul Marshall, Res. Mgr.

### World's Water Power

The United States geological survey estimates the developed water supply of the world at 454,000,000 horse power.

## INDIGESTION

may affect the Heart Gas trapped in the stomach or gut may act like a hair-trigger on the heart. At the first sign of distress smart men and women depend on Heil-ase Tablets to get gas free. No laxative but made of the fastest-acting medicine known for acid indigestion. If the FIRST DOSE doesn't prove Heil-ase better return bottle to us and receive DOUBLE Money Back. 25c.

### Contagious Laughter

There is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good-humor.—Dickens.

## SIMPLE NEURALGIA Fast-working, powerful because extra-medicated. Rub PENETRO

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### Undiscovered

Emerson said: "A weed is a plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered!"

## That Nagging Backache

### May Warn of Disordered Kidney Action

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

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

Try Doan's Pills. Doan's help the kidneys to pass off harmful excess body waste. They have had more than half a century of public approval. Are recommended by grateful users everywhere. Ask your neighbor!

## DOAN'S PILLS

**Gems of Thought**

TWO things command my veneration—the stary universe around me and the law of duty within.—Kant.

I have three precious things which I hold fast and prize—compassion, economy, humility.—Lao-Tsze.

Number among your worst enemies the hawk of malicious rumors and unexplored anecdote.—Lavater.

The mark must be made in youth.—Chinese Proverb.

The feeling of distrust is always the last which a great mind acquires.—Racine.

Truth is the foundation and the reason of all perfection and beauty.—La Rochefoucauld.

**World's Richest Man**

The Nizam of Hyderabad, the principal native and the most nearly autonomous state of India, is reputed to be the wealthiest man in the world. His full name is Mir Mahub Ali Khan Bahadur Asaf Jah. Called Ali Khan, he is 74 years old and his income alone is estimated at \$50,000,000 a year, derived largely from prerogatives of his ancient Indian throne.—Pathfinder.

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**Universal Military Training Plan Will Encounter Stiff Opposition**

**Government Owned Monopoly to Control Trade in Surplus Products of North and South America Also Faces Serious Consideration by Congress and Public.**

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

WASHINGTON.—It begins to appear that President Roosevelt again has put his head out as a target for political pot shots. Indeed, the reaction thus far to his proposals for universal military training for all youths in the United States and his plan to create a gigantic government owned monopoly to buy all surplus products in North and South America bid fair to develop as much, or more, heat than did Mr. Roosevelt's program for packing the Supreme court of the United States two years ago.



**William Bruckart**

Tremendous opposition has sprung up to each of these plans, but the opposition comes from different quarters and for different reasons. As far as my survey has gone, of course, there are many duplications among opponents, but it must be said that the fundamental objection to each comes from a different base.

Reasons for the two proposals, as stated by those who are working with Mr. Roosevelt on the plans, are to be found wholly in the fear that Hitler's legions—armies and "fifth column" workers—will invade the Western hemisphere, sooner or later. Whether this fear is wholly genuine or partly political, I cannot say; yet that fear is being used to the utmost to force acceptance by congress and the general public of a two-part program to meet the expected invasion that is thus far just a mirage. The program, of course, comes from the wave of hysteria which has been allowed to develop, or has been openly promoted for political purposes.

There is thus far no clear cut program on universal service. Generally speaking, it provides for the training of youth of 18 for one year. It is not entirely a training on the drill field or in camp. It includes training in work "behind the front." That is to say, men must be trained in airplane factories, in handling planes on the air fields, in gun factories, powder factories, bridge building, transportation and general automotive work and a thousand other lines of service, each of which must contribute active and complete collaboration when the boys with the guns and bombs are out in front of the enemy.

**Both Girls and Boys Might Be Included**

That is the general thought. There are those in the administration, however, who would go much further. They would make universal military training embrace both boys and girls. They would train the girls of 18 or 19 years to fit into a great war auxiliary—equipped to make uniforms and medical supplies and produce and pack the proper foods and that sort of thing. And this group within the President's official family would have all of those boys and girls do this work and do it with almost no compensation, except their own food and clothes. In other words, if the extremes are attained in this direction, it would mean adoption practically of the methods employed by Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin in the training for military service.

Of course, the congress will never agree to such a thing as that. There would be a public revolt against any such program, but I relate these details because they actually are being discussed by men in key positions in the President's cabinet.

I doubt also that congress can be driven into adoption of any military service program of a compulsory character. There are dangers in a world so upset as ours is of this day. No one can dispute that. On the other hand, congress has voted some six or seven billion dollars to be spent for defense preparation, and unless that is wasted, as some 20-odd billions have been wasted in recent years, there ought to be some worthwhile defense structure result from use of that money. The present defense program, as it stands today, provides a regular army of 400,000 men—the largest peacetime army in our history. A navy of fighting ships which will be the largest fleet in all history will be constructed from these funds. Airplanes by the thousands are provided for in the general defense program.

From a political standpoint, the President has taken a long chance. That is more apparent as each day passes.

**United States Is Not Looking For Any 'Military' Trouble**

It is to be remembered, first, that the United States and its peoples are not a military nation, not a nation looking for trouble. In another phase, it is to be remembered that there are some 2,000,000 fellows who got their feet stuck in French mud and who fought off French cöoties as well as German attacks. They are scattered throughout the United States. I know of few of those fellows who ever want to see any more of war. They are saying so with great freedom. They have convinced their friends and neighbors and the families. So, from a general philosophy of peace and the word-of-mouth expressions of experience, it strikes me that universal military service will not get very far now—unless the entire New Deal political machine can be used to run over the opposition as Hitler's armies overran France.

In another way, I think Mr. Roosevelt made a big political mistake by sponsoring universal military service for use when the nation is not at war. It builds up a Republican opposition and supplies that opposition with an added type of criticism to be used in the forthcoming presidential campaign. And from what I hear, the Republicans are going to use it!

Now, concerning the great monopoly for handling all surplus products of the Western hemisphere:

The idea behind this gigantic cartel—government-owned and directed—the dream that is proposed to be made into a reality—is that there is as much danger of German infiltration through business as through armed forces. Moreover, it is held that with Hitler and his gang dominating Europe, they will dictate trade. That is to say, Hitler's Nazis not only will determine who will sell to those peoples under his steel boot, but they will decide the terms at which the products will be sold. The school of thought behind the monopoly plan contends that such a control of international markets will mean wrecking North and South American trade.

**Contention Holds That Hitler Will Influence All Trade**

Further, it is contended that small, or even great, corporations in North and South America will find themselves so thoroughly brow-beaten by the Hitler tactics that they will yield to whatever methods the Nazis desire to employ. All of which, they say, will mean that Nazi agents will be all over the place, speaking their pieces and promoting their propaganda.

So, comes then the plan for a giant corporation that would absorb all of the products of the Western world. This corporation, in the minds of the dreamers, would be so powerful that it could tell Hitler and his gang where to get off. The company on this side of the Atlantic could say to Hitler's representatives, in effect, we will trade with you, but you will not take advantage of us; we are too big. If you don't trade with us, you get nothing over here.

All of which sounds swell. It sounds like hard boiled stuff. But it will not work, and no really sane person believes it will work. In addition, it has all of the elements of danger that can be crowded into the meaning of the word "regimentation."

The first reason it will not work is because there is not the chance of a snowball in the nether regions that all of the South American nations will join. Unless it embraces everything, it will flop of its own weight. And if all of the South Americans do come, where is a guaranty that they will stay in? They have jumped the traces so many times that there is little faith to be placed in their agreements.

Another reason is that if such a corporation attempts to take all of the surplus, there must be control of production, complete and final control of production of food and fiber and materials of every known kind. If there is no such control, the corporation will find itself shortly owning an accumulation of several years' output, and more coming in because the world can and does produce more than it uses in a great many years.

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5. Were there any air battles during the Civil war?
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Answers to these questions are given in the next issue of the Observer.

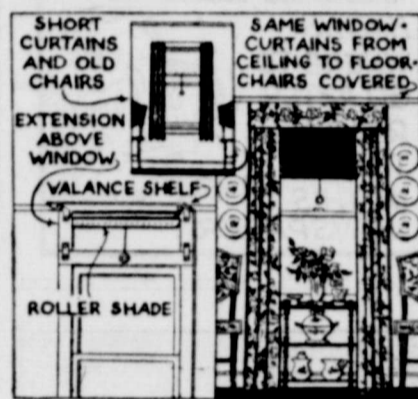
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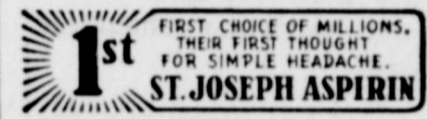


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We had many professional brain busters after the 1929 slump that discovered prosperity was only around the corner but thus far no monument has been erected to any.

With the world in a turmoil we are liable to make some real blunders in trying to meet the conditions that are not plain, too often we act under pressure and are not able to weigh all of the evidence.

It is very likely the world will continue to function, regardless of what we think or believe.

Just remember your days are numbered and act accordingly.

Texas leads in wild life resources, and valued at \$94,350,394.

Texas at one time teemed with wild life, deer, antelope, bear, buffalo and numerous featured life by the millions, but civilization has destroyed most all of them and we worry about the heathern.

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June's rainfall amounted to 5.43 inches. Crops are in fine condition and a bumper crop predicted.

The Colorado River is carrying the rainfall off on the installment plan, it is up and down.

The fishing season is on at the Lakes, however there is about three feet of new water in the Lake from the recent rain and the fish are a little backward from some reason. If you don't first succeed try again.

University of Oxford  
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**Visiting the Sick Truly a Science**

IT'S no secret that when you're sick—sick enough to be in bed—friends can be either a big help or literally "an awful pain." They can do many things to annoy you or a few which can be genuinely comforting.

Right in line with the striding developments made in medical care are the new and noteworthy advancements in the science of visiting the sick. William F. McDermott, a proponent of this humanitarian trend, outlines a few of its aspects in the July issue of Good Housekeeping Magazine. If you follow them, no doubt a reputation such as Florence Nightingale's will be your lot, for it is a code which, if rigidly adhered to, can be a joy in an invalid's life.

Collaborate, advises Mr. McDermott, with both doctor and nurse before you actually make any visits. Find out if you will be welcome, and if so, what the best time is for you to see the patient. Keep your self-control, and don't, under any circumstances, register shock or surprise at what you may see or hear. Flowers are indeed a nice thought, but don't send them right away; wait until the inevitable first batch has disappeared, if you want them truly to be appreciated. Another wise hint is to let the patient set the conversational pace—it feels like talking, all right, let him continue. Companionship, affection, and encouragement are what a sick person needs most—more all, be sure that you supply these essentials.



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**Exhibits of Ancient Life**  
West Texas State college is constructing exhibits showing animal and plant life from its earliest known existence—an estimated 400,000,000 years ago, to the present.

**Puerto Rico's Population**  
Puerto Rico is 12 times as densely populated as the United States, and more densely populated than the industrial state of Connecticut.

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GASOLINE

Mrs. Jim McCutchen and two daughters, Daisy and Charlene, returned last week from a two weeks trip to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Fitzhugh returned home Sunday after a ten days visit in Bluffdale and Tolar.

New names added to the list as Observer readers are as follows:

O. E. Geron Odessa, Texas, Mrs. Eula McCutchen Van Horn and J. S. Walker Sanco.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Perciful have gone to Logan New Mexico to spend the 4th, with his sister returning the 5th.

**Have Good Times Right At Home**

SUMMER, girls, is your time for fun. Those long winter nights filled with algebra homework and English themes are a thing of the past, so why not make the most of your vacation months. Just because your family can't afford to take a house at the beach or in the mountains is no reason why you can't have a whopping good time of it doing things you want.

Henrietta Ripperger has some wonderful ideas on this subject, and in the July issue of Good Housekeeping she explains how you can carry them out with the minimum of expense and the maximum of parental approval. First of all, she recommends going in for sports. Try them all—swimming, tennis, golf—and then concentrate on the one you like the best. Remember, too, that starting out, fancy or expensive equipment isn't necessary.

Have you thought about camping? Your pet teacher or the leader of your club will be a big help in making arrangements for getting a small camp, or possibly a lean-to in the heart of the woods. The expense is practically nothing, and rangers are always on hand to see that you're well protected. If you live near the sea or a lake, another good idea Miss Ripperger talks about, is a cruise. The chances are pretty good that you can charter a boat rather cheaply once you get a gang together and coax somebody's older brother to come along as a skipper. It's lots of fun even if you can do it only on weekends.

**WINDOW FOGGING CONTROLLED BY DOUBLE GLASS**



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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS By Farnham F. Dudgeon

## 'Dark Horse' Willkie Named G.O.P. Presidential Candidate; McNary for Vice President

(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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"All Gaul is divided into three parts," said Caesar, and now modern France, covering most of ancient Gaul, is again divided into three parts. The two most important segments will be occupied by the Axis powers, Germany and Italy. Germany received the black area in the above map according to armistice terms which ended the fighting. Italy now controls the dotted area on the map. The white area remains under French control.

### POLITICS: G.O.P. 'Oomph'

From the opening session of the Republican national convention in Philadelphia, there was little doubt as to what presidential nominee aspirant was the "gallery's choice."

For each time the name of Wendell Willkie was mentioned on the convention floor a sally of cheers swept down from the onlookers.

The New York lawyer and utilities executive in a decidedly brief (two months) period of time had risen from the political unknown to the pinnacle of popular G. O. P. favor.

Entering the convention balloting with a mere handful of pledged delegates, Willkie's dynamic super-salesmanship started its telling effect in the form of a definite trend toward him as the second roll call of states was called. On the first ballot he had 105 delegate votes cast in his favor and ranked third while Thomas E. Dewey held first place with 360 votes and Robert A. Taft of Ohio was second with 189.

On successive ballots Willkie then gained 65, 86, 47, 123, and finally on the sixth roll call he went over the top with a net gain of 204 votes, giving him a total of 633—501 being necessary for the nomination. Willkie having won, all state delegations then made the nomination unanimous.

Next day, on the first balloting for the vice presidential nominee, Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon was elected as the party's overwhelming choice for Mr. Willkie's running mate.

Tagged as a "peace, preparedness and prosperity" platform, the G. O. P. 1940 statement of party policy straddled most important national issues but packed plenty of anti-New Deal and anti-Third term punch.

Unanimously approved, the platform contained a keep-out-of-war declaration; a plan of Republican-inspired national defense; a slap at President Roosevelt's "provocative" speeches; and a demand to limit presidential service to two terms.

Willkie's political rise stands out as one of the most dramatic in American history. Coupled with the fact that he started his campaign a short two months ago, is the fact that up until the last few years he has been a Democrat. Many political experts thought this would spell political doom in a Republican convention. But it didn't.

### NAMES

... in the news

Secretary of State Cordell Hull announced that he had ordered Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, U. S. ambassador to Poland, to follow the exiled Polish government from its temporary capital at Bordeaux, France, to London, England.

Other experts were sure that his connection with the public utilities industry would carry a political curse that could end nowhere but in oblivion. But his winning personality added to the fact that among all the candidates he stood out as the one having the most political "oomph" appeared to be the determining factors in his favor.

In his campaign Willkie was quoted as saying that he sincerely hoped President Roosevelt would accept the Democratic nomination for a third term as he would be happy to campaign against him. This attitude seemed to please Republican party leaders, who realize that a vigorous, energetic personality like Wendell Willkie's will be needed in the coming political battle.

### UNEASY WORLD: Europe

As the Nazi war machine continued to push its military occupation of France's entire Atlantic sea coast and German bombers continued scattered raids over an uneasy England, the power of the Soviet Union was being felt in Rumania.

Word from Bucharest indicated that the Rumanian grand council, headed by King Carol had decided to agree to Russian demands for the cession of Bessarabia—long a disputed territory. Bessarabia belonged to Russia before the World war and the Soviet has for many years fumed about its control by Rumania. Up until a few months ago it seemed that Rumania would fight Russia rather than accede to demands for the province.

But of late King Carol has had an uneasy time attempting to keep his nation at peace with both Germany and Russia. With collapse of French forces it appeared that the small nation was not willing to force the hand of its powerful neighbor by refusing this demand. Late dispatches indicated that a portion of the province of Bucovina was included in the grab.

### U. S. DEFENSE: Activity Plus

In the Brooklyn navy yard, the new construction program which will add four huge capital ships to the U. S. fleet, got under way with the laying down of the keel of the 45,000-ton super-dreadnaught, the Iowa. Contrary to the usual practice very little ceremony surrounded the event and only officials were on hand to watch the beginning of what will be the largest battleship ever built for America's navy.

Less dramatic perhaps but vitally important was the announcement that the Reconstruction Finance corporation had started bargaining to obtain reserve supplies of rubber and tin. Under a new bill signed by the President the corporation is authorized to finance purchases of strategic material so that "in any eventuality" supplies will be on hand.

# The World In Pictures

Their Motto Is, 'Be Prepared'



Bearing posters demanding a strong national defense "to preserve the freedom won for us by the founders of our nation," these five girls, dressed in Revolutionary war soldiers' uniforms, rode up Fifth avenue, New York city, in a horse-drawn victoria, to observe the 165th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill.

## War Planes Stalled by French Peace



These former U. S. army Northrup A-17-A fighting planes, destined for Canada, to be shipped to Europe, are shown at Mitchell field, L. I., where they are held pending word from the British government. The planes were for France, but the British may take them over.

## Another Notch for a Nazi Flyer



Like the gunmen of America's wild west pioneer days who notched their guns for every killing, the pilot of this German fighting ship has a white stripe painted on the tail of his plane for every enemy shot down. The stripe is topped with the colors of the nationality of the vanquished pilots. This Nazi now has a "score" of eight.

## More Airplanes



A worker at the Wright Aeronautical factory in Paterson, N. J., uses a J-6 cylinder head for a hat and comes to a salute to "mass production," as vast new plane-motor manufacturing unit is opened.



# CARMEN OF THE RANCHO

By FRANK H. SPEARMAN

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## SYNOPSIS

Lon Alfredo, wealthy, Spanish owner of a Southern California rancho, refuses to heed several warnings of a raid by a band of outlaws, Sierra Indians. One day after he has finally decided to seek the protection of the nearby mission for his wife and family, the Indians strike. Don Alfredo is killed and his two young daughters are torn from the arms of the family's faithful maid, Monica, and are carried away to the hills. Padre Pasqual, missionary friend of the family, arrives at the ruins of the rancho and learns the story of the raid from Monica. After a trying and difficult trip across the plains and mountains from Texas to California, youthful Henry Bowie, a Texas adventurer, with his friends, Ben Pardaloe and Simmie, an Indian scout, sight the party of Indians who have carried off the two little girls. The three Texans attack the war party of fifty-odd Indians and through a clever ruse scatter the savages to the hills. The girls are saved. The group makes its way out of the hills and meets the distraught Monica, the children's maid. The girls are left with Monica and the friendly Padre at a mission.

## CHAPTER V—Continued

He spoke very slowly. Bowie responded with more energy. The padre, with a smile, raised his hand. "Please! Slow!"

Bowie nodded. "We are Tejanos, Padre—cannot speak Spanish. We took these girls from Indians—a war party in the Sierras. Do you know these youngsters?"

The padre nodded fast. "I know them much, much."

Haltingly and brokenly he related to Bowie and his companions the story of the raiding of Los Alamos and the burning of the rancho. With little difficulty the Texan followed and comprehended just how he and his men had chanced on the fleeing warriors and robbed them at least of their human victims. It was not the first time, the padre said sadly, that Spanish girls and women had been carried away by bad Indians raiding the ranchos. And rarely had rescue parties, however expeditious or well equipped, been able to recover the unhappy captives if the raiders could reach the high mountains first. And, he added, these thrice-unhappy victims of their savagery had been made creatures to the chiefs—so it had been learned from neophytes. The southern Indians, he added, were even more warlike and ferocious than the tribes about the northern missions. These wretches were Quemayas or Yumas. Both had been scourges of their missions and settlers for sixty years or more.

"And now," he asked in conclusion, raising his hands as he regarded the orphans with a world of pity, "what shall be done? Monica," he said in Spanish, "you know the quarters for the unmarried women. Take the children and find lodging for them and for yourself for the night. In the morning we shall see."

When the three had left the room the padre explained to Bowie that he could not speak freely before the innocent victims of the savages or disclose that these had murdered their father. He added that the mother was at San Diego at the home of a relative and that her son, brother to the little ones, was with her. He suggested that the Tejanos, supplied with a guard of soldiers from the mission, take the rescued girls to San Diego in the morning to receive the thanks and gratitude of their mother and relatives. Where, he doubted not, a generous reward would in part recompense them for the dangers they had incurred in battling the savages and for the hardships incurred in restoring the precious ones to their despairing family.

Bowie listened carefully. He liked the padre; he felt instinctively that he could trust him; yet he felt, too, the need of caution in all his movements and contacts in California.

"I appreciate all you say, Padre. But there are difficulties."

"Such as what, my son?"

"Let me ask a question: are you Mexican or Spanish?"

The padre looked quizzically grave; he spoke with a twinkle in his eye. "My son, Spanish priests are not now supposed to be in California missions."

Bowie caught the implication. "Then as a Spaniard you, too, have felt the tyranny of the Mexican government. May I give you a confidence?"

"It involves no crime or wrongdoing?"

"Certainly not."

"What is your name?"

"I am from the East, Padre. We are Tejanos."

"Granted."

"So we are worse than Americans. And we are now helpless. We used our slender stock of ammunition in that fight with the Indians."

"But you say, worse than Americans—how so?"

"Padre, do you remember the Alamo?"

The priest knit his brow in momentary perplexity. "I remember it."

"Then well may Texans!" said Bowie gravely. "My scout, Ben Pardaloe, lost his uncle in that damnable massacre by Santa Ana's Mexicans. Few are the Texans who cannot count a friend or relative murdered there."

"That," argued the priest pacifically, "was some time ago. There is peace now."

His visitor nodded. "Not for long, I fear, Padre. There will be more fighting," predicted Bowie almost casually.

"What brings you to California, my son?"

"That is not my personal secret, or I would willingly tell you. But I am treading here on delicate ground. I cannot risk going to San Diego. I had an American friend who was starved to death in prison there not so long ago by a Mexican wretch, the governor."

"You mean Echeandia?"

Bowie nodded. "Even if I were inclined to trust him I would not go. There might be fighting. Someone might be killed, for we would not submit to detention. My business on the coast demands speed. Excuse us from that venture."

"Then what is your wish?"

"Padre, we were forced to kill our horses when we were starving. These horses we ride were captured from the savages. No doubt they belong to the ranchero who was murdered. They should be returned to his family—the trappings are valuable. But we shall be left horseless. I have no money—what shall we do?"

"What do you want to do, my son?"

"To leave your hospitable roof before daybreak to continue our journey north."

"Where to?"

The Texan smiled again. "Padre, I have not given you my name. Excuse that I say only, I am bound north."

"As far as Mission San Francisco de Asis?"

"Probably."

"Then I can help you."

"But why should you help me, Padre?"

"Because," he went on in broken English, "you have done an inestimable charity to my dearest friends. None but a humane, an honorable, man would have endangered his life to rescue the helpless prisoners of these unhappy savages and now depart without asking or expecting recompense."

Bowie laughed. "Padre, you forget. Indians—mean Indians—wherever and however found, are poison to Texans."

The priest spoke on. "I forget nothing, my son; I take nothing back. It is true," he added sadly, "the philistines have despoiled us, as they have all the missions. They leave us nothing they can sell for money or put to their uses. A few horses remain to us in our poverty. These I place at your disposal."

"I will pay well for them, Padre, when I have the means."

"You will pay nothing for them. I have made a poor face, true. But that is only to explain. Our best horses are gone, but we still have a few homely, hardy beasts that will carry you safely—even these may be pillaged from us tomorrow. And I will give you a silent, trustworthy Indian for a guide."

"That would be wonderful."

"And a brief word to the missionaries on the way, so that if you are sick you shall be cared for. If you are hungry you shall be fed, and for your repose you shall have a place to sleep," continued the padre.

Bowie felt overcome. "It is too much," was all he could urge.

"Far from enough for what you have done. Since you have done it for these, His little ones, my son, you have done it for Him. What religion have you?"

"Padre, I started right. But how could I have any left after living all my life on the frontier, far from all religion? As a boy I slept on the

plains and fought Indians and rode with cattle . . ."

He did not finish—he felt he might say too much.

"You leave me most grateful, Padre," he added, "yet with but one sore need."

"What is that?"

"Powder and ball, Padre. We need some protection from savages and wild animals."

"You shall have both. But you will take no human life except in defense of your own—do you promise me that?"

"I promise."

"Padre," added Bowie gravely, "I'd like to ask one question."

"What is that, my son?"

"May I ask your name?"

"Padre Vicente Pasqual."

"Are there many men in California like you?"

"Not so many as there used to be. There are now but few Franciscan padres in Alta California."

Bowie looked sheepish. "I didn't mean exactly that, Padre. I meant, are there many men who would do for a stranger what you are doing for me? If there are, I'd like to meet more of them. Or better, be fixed myself to do something for them."

The streets of Monterey were alive with strange-looking men—men from every quarter of the globe—when Bowie, followed by his starting scouts, sought the office of



"I appreciate all you say, Padre."

Thomas O. Larkin, respected citizen of Monterey.

Frontiersmen, removed from their habitat of desert, valley and mountain and thrown into city streets, are as confused as children. The Texans themselves were objects of curiosity to other men of the capital. Their garb, in part Californian, thanks to the kindness of the missionaries, and in part reflecting the hardships of the desert trail; their long-barreled and carefully carried rifles and powder horns; and the long deep-sheathed knives suspended from their belts were a novelty to the naval officers, the seafaring Yankees, the Mexican supernumeraries and the rancheros who, ever averse to walking, rode richly caparisoned horses up and down the narrow streets.

Bowie himself, though more sophisticated than his scouts, found much to gaze at. His eye swept the beautiful harbor. Within it lay a coasting vessel from San Blas, a Lower California port. A shrewd-looking Yankee trader with sails innocently furled, trim and fast sailing, doubtless hailed from Boston. A clipper-built ship from Hong Kong and the Sandwich Islands lay under the bluff, and, most interesting of all to the young Texan, a United States sloop of war, rocked by a gentle swell, surveyed the harbor scene from a dignified distance.

The coaster brought soldiers, freight and dispatches from Mexico, and passengers from San Diego, San Pedro and Santa Barbara. The Yankee trader brought merchandise for sale to merchants of Monterey and Yerba Buena, for barter with California rancheros and the missions of Santa Clara, San Francisco de Asis and San Jose. The Yankee clipper brought from the Orient the silken stuffs of Cathay for the further adornment of women already so notable in beauty, dignity and charm that they dazzled the imagination of every traveler who visited California and attempted to describe its women. The sloop of war was there for a purpose; but a purpose unknown to any not in the councils of the very elect.

Bowie found Larkin at his home and was received in the darkened parlor. Perhaps the Spanish-speaking women of California had an inherited fear of sunshine, for even after a century of expatriation from Spain and Mexico they still fear it in their California living rooms. Or perhaps the aversion was born of sad experience with Yankee-dyed fabrics, their colors too perishable

for the honest sunshine of the Pacific slope.

When Larkin entered the room Bowie introduced himself and his companions. "Mr. Larkin, you know General Sam Houston?" suggested the Texan.

"By reputation, yes. Do you come from him?"

"I come from him. Mr. Larkin, we've broken away from the greasers down our way. We're flying our own flag in Texas. I'm here just to learn what I can and report back to the man that sent me."

Larkin studied his visitor closely. "What are your credentials, Mr. Bowie?" he asked.

"All in my head. I was directed to speak to you and make no move without your sanction. Had I brought any writing with me and been caught by the greasers it would have gone hard. By pulling together, Mr. Larkin, Texans and Californians can establish an empire that will reach from the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of California. That's what some of our people have got in their heads. That's the reason I'm in California."

He waited for Larkin's response. The latter hesitated some moments. When he spoke his attitude was not unfriendly but plainly it was not enthusiastic.

"Things are very different with us here in California from what they were in Texas when you started your fight. Most of our white men are not greasers, as you call them. They are of Spanish blood, just as white as you and I. These big land grants near here—anyway, in several cases that I know of—come direct from the king of Spain. When you talk about changing the flag you've got to deal with Californians of that kind of blood—and let me tell you, they hate the Yankees like poison. They are the kindest-hearted, most generous people in the world, but they don't want to get mixed up with Russians or English or Yankees. They are proud, and they are gentlemen, and they are very independent. So you see what little there is in any situation here, just at present, to interest General Houston."

"At the same time you will see, if you stay a while, as I strongly advise you to do, that things are kind of—well, say—unsettled here, just as they are down your way. There's no denying that. What's going to come out of it no man can tell much better than you can."

Bowie offered a few of his own thoughts. "I'm beginning to like this country. I'm going to stay a while, anyway. I'd like to live among the kind of people you describe. But I'll admit right off, I'm death on greasers and Indians."

"Well, boys, we're here," remarked Bowie that evening to his two scouts. "There's nothing to take us back to Texas till we look around. And inasmuch as the sovereign republic of Texas has not supplied its ambassadors with any funds, we'll have to forge along, best we can. We've got our rifles and, thanks to old Padre Pasqual, a little powder. You can see for yourselves, boys, there's plenty of game in this country for everybody; I reckon nobody will object to our taking our share."

Bowie's wound in his shoulder, long neglected, called urgently for a surgeon's care. The American frontiersman never gave a wound much attention; he had, without asking, the best of remedial agents at hand: the pure air of the plains and mountains and the hardest of constitutions. Neglect, not care, was the rule for any wound not completely disabling.

But Bowie had for once relied too much on nature unaided and at Monterey was obliged to seek a surgeon. Fortunately for him a good one was at hand; Larkin introduced Bowie to him.

Dr. Doane was an Irishman and justly proud of it, and he took an Irishman's fancy to Bowie.

The doctor was a good prober, both physically and mentally. He had been a world traveler and was a man of parts.

"I suppose I ought to say, Doctor," began Bowie, "that I haven't, just at present, got a cent in the world."

"Did I say anything about money?" demanded Doane sharply.

"Take off your shirt."

After some weeks Bowie complained that the doctor's treatment was taking a good deal of his (Doane's) time.

"Young man, you ought to be thanking God you haven't lost an arm instead of talking about the time it has taken to save it," snapped Doane. "You Texans, I hear, are a quick-trigger lot. But some things take time. How do you like California? What brought you out here? Why do you talk about going back to Texas?"

The doctor asked questions in bunches. Bowie was slow in giving his confidence, but he finally did so. Doane was immensely interested, but he took Larkin's view of Houston's dream.

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