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J. H. Hurley

Jessie Holmes Hurley, loved citizen of Robert Lee, died at his home here February 19, 1941. Funeral services were conducted at the Church of Christ with Brother Walker Allen, of Wingate, officiating.

Mr. Hurley was born in Ripley County, Tennessee, November 30, 1858. Losing both parents in early childhood, he made his home with an uncle, G. F. Hurley, moving with him to Stockdale, Wilson County, Texas. There he was married to Miss Martha Ann Barnes, December 3, 1887. They came to Coke County with their six children in December 1910. His wife preceded him in death 6 years ago. Surviving are their children Lena, Pearl, Myrtle, Elbert, Ada and Charlie.

Mr. Hurley obeyed the gospel in early manhood and thereafter lived a faithful christian, always interested in the welfare of the church.

He had many friends who shall miss his genial, kindly association. Those who were dearest to Brother Hurley will sorrow because of his vacant chair but he left them many precious memories of his patience and loving devotion, his tender care and wise counsel. These memories shall live on to bless them throughout the years to come.

We, too, shall sorrow, who for as many years have seen him, feeble in body but strong in spirit, sitting in his accustomed place at church, where he came, so faithfully, to worship his Lord.

Yet, while we are sad at his passing, his christian influence, as a light, shall lead us toward Heaven, where we hope, some day to meet him.

Jessie Key.

Attend Associational Meeting at Ballinger

Rev. D. E. Simpson, Boy Yarborough, Weldon Fikes and S. R. Young attended the Associational Brotherhood meeting at Ballinger Monday night, joint celebration by Ballinger and Paint Rock. There were 192 registered, the largest crowd ever gathered in Ballinger First Baptist church for an occasion of this kind.

A special program to entertain was rendered. Judge Cummins of Abilene made the address of the evening.

A barbecue supper with all the trimmings was served and no better meats could be found—beef and venison.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitzhugh and Mrs. A. E. Latham and a crowd of the FFA boys went to Abilene Tuesday for the stock show.

Judge Wylie, W. C. McDonald, attorney, and H. C. Varnadore, commissioner, were in Austin last week on county business.

We have had about three weeks of cloudy, foggy, nasty weather, temperature running from about 35 to 55. Very little wind.

Baptist W. M. S.

W. M. S. met at the church Monday 3 p. m. for the missionary program from Royal Service, with Mrs. Fitzhugh in charge of program.

The devotional was brought by Miss Naomi Brown from the 34th Psalms. Song, Marching to Zion.

Others taking part on the program were Mesdames D. E. Simpson, W. J. Cumbie, J. C. Snead. Next Tuesday at 3 p. m. the society will meet in the home of Mrs. G. C. Allen for their business meeting and Bible study conducted by Mrs. B. M. Gramling.

State mission programs next week, March 3-7.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Good and Eddie Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Mullins and Troy Jr. visited in Denton over the week end.

Miss Nova Skinner resigned as commercial teacher in the school and Miss Harriett Boone was elected to take her place. Miss Boone is a graduate of Texas Tech.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Gann went to Denton Friday to visit Mr. Gann's parents over the week end.

Miss Ruth Hopkins spent the week end in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy V. Starks and Raynell visited Mrs. Stark's parents at Norton over the week end.

Miss Evelyn Crowell spent the week end out of town.

Harold Gene Sheppard, Paul Burns and Le Drew Arrott entered sheep in the San Angelo Fat Stock Show.

Geo. W. Brown of Truscott visited his sister, Miss Naomi Brown, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

So many of our boys and girls away in CCC, beauty schools, business colleges, universities and army that we can't keep up with them.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Hester and Mrs. Lizzie Hester attended the Mission Institute at Trinity Church, San Angelo, Tuesday.

Jim Clift visited his son Wayne Tuesday and found him slowly improving.

If you are interested in good horses you have a special invitation to be at a meeting Saturday at 11 a. m. in the St. Angelus Hotel, San Angelo.

J. O. Greer has for his subject, "What Will Christ Do When the Comes," at Wild Cat Sunday night. You are cordially invited to attend.

E. P. Lowry and J. F. Keading spent the Washington holiday with homefolks.

Eddie Lewis is making quite a reputation as a marksman at Camp Bowie. He spent the week end with folks in Robert Lee.

P. T. A. News

Mrs. W. B. Clift, president, presided at the business meeting of the P. T. A. Thursday of last week. The meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. Clift. Mrs. Dru Scoggins read the minutes. The County Council meeting of last Monday night was discussed.

The ninth grade won the award for the largest number represented.

Camp Barkley Growing

According to the Abilene Reporter, Camp Barkley is spreading rapidly.

It lists 20 cafes, 24 trailer camps, and five tourists camps in the area, the majority of them being along the highway.

The survey lists the population of the area at 4,240 persons, including approximately 200 families living in trailer houses, tents and other improvised shelters which are very inadequate from the standpoint health, sanitation and comfort.

For water supplies, there are 262 wells, 211 cisterns, 129 families use Abilene city water, and 60 families use hauled tank or well water.

F. F. A. Show At Bronte Thursday

The Coke County 4-H and FFA Boys Show is being staged as we go to press Thursday. After several days of inclement weather the sun comes out bright and cheerful to help make the show a success. It was held in Robert Lee last year.

Mrs. Walter McDorman and Dorothy are in San Angelo for a few days, taking treatments.

Wilson Bryan's hogs seem to be in great demand, was carried to Abilene to the Taylor County show and put on display there Monday and Tuesday.

J. N. Adams renewed the Observer this week and said he had been taking the paper for forty years.

FO SALE

Bundle feed, Cane and maize. See Dr. Griffith.

Delbert Vestal, B. M. Mundell Carroll and Bailey Russell left Wednesday morning for Pecos river to do a few days fishing.

For Sale

Four Horses and one Mule. See Marvin Jones at Dr. F. K. Furney's ranch. Robert Lee, Texas.

AMERICAN CAFE

Invites Robert Lee Folks To Eat At Their Place South Chad. S. A.

County Council Meets

The Coke County Council of the P. T. A. met at Robert Lee on the evening of February 24. Because of the inclement weather many were detained at home.

Mrs. W. W. Millican had charge of the meeting, Mrs. Arrott giving the secretary and treasurer's report.

A motion was made and carried that the present officers of the Council have their offices for another year. The following will serve: Mrs. Floyd Modgling president; Mrs. W. W. Millican, vice president; Mrs. James Arrott, secretary-treasurer. Precinct chairmen, Mesdames P. L. Wilkes, C. E. Mathers, C. N. Webb, A. E. Latham. Mrs. Arrott and Mrs. Modgling were delegates to the meeting at Dallas. Mrs. Arrott gave a complete and very interesting report on the trip, the number of districts represented and the splendid program.

Mrs. Stark gave a timely talk on "Respect for Government."

An instrumental duet was rendered by Billy Taylor and James A. Gideon.

Mrs. Covey spoke on "Citizenship of the School."

Dorothy Walton and Billy Jean Millican entertained with tap dancing.

Mrs. Dru Scoggins spoke on "Education for Peace."

Eldorado seems to be coming to the front with the opening of the West Texas Woolen Mills on Thursday of this week.

Recruiting Service Station In San Angelo At Post Office

C. L. Wylie, CWT., U. S. Navy Recruiting Service, with headquarters in Abilene announces the establishment of a part time recruiting station in San Angelo. Representatives of the recruiting service will be at the Post Office on the first and third Monday of each month to interview and examine applicants for enlistment in the Navy. Age limits are 17 to 31 years. A birth certificate or other authentic proof of date of birth must be furnished. The Abilene office will continue to remain open as usual.

Mr. Cohen of Dallas was in Robert Lee Thursday.

1942 MODELS ARE IN PREPARATION

Already people are wondering all over the country whether there'll be any new automobile models for 1942. Though nothing can be absolutely definite yet, there is no indication, according to insiders, that any effort is being made at Ford's to hold up 1942 models. As national defense work stands at present, preparations for new models are in no way causing interference. Body design engineers are going steadily ahead with layouts.

Henry Ford Says: "It is not good business unless both buyer and seller gain by it."

"With one foot on the land and one in industry, America is safe."

"Industry is mind using matter to make man's life more free."

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"THE BEST IN SCREEN ENTERTAINMENT"

ROBERT LEE TEXAS

Friday, Saturday and Sunday Matinee

Feb. 28, March 1 & 2

James Cagney—Ann Sheridan IN

"CITY FOR CONQUEST"

You acclaimed them in "TORRID ZONE" so here they are again

Also Comedy and News Sunday

Wednesday only Money Nite March 5

Jane Withers—Joe Brown Jr. IN

"YOUTH WILL BE SERVED"

Also Comedy

TEXAS THEATRE BRONTE TEXAS

Friday and Saturday Feb. 28, March 1

TEX RITTER and his Horse

IN

"Rhythm On The Rio Grande"

Also Three Stooges and News

Tuesday Only Money Nite March 4

Leon Errol—Lupe Velez IN

"Mexican Spitfire Out West"

Also Comedy

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

By Edward C. Wayne

**Britain Mines Singapore Sea Lanes
As Tension Is Increased in Far East;
Turkish-Bulgarian Nonaggression Pact
Adds to Puzzling Line-Up in Balkans**

(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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This map shows where the lightning is expected to strike in the Far East. All indications point to an early attempt by Japan to extend her "New Order" in Asia to the south. Britain reports that she has mined approaches to her great naval base, Singapore, which is the main obstacle in the path of Japanese expansion. Biggest question marks now are: (1) Can Japan successfully attack Singapore? (2) Can the U. S. stand by while the Japanese spread south?

FAR EAST:

Pressure

Japan, under terrific pressure from the Axis, moved her fleet down toward the South Pacific and made strong demands for privileges of exploitation of territory on the Dutch East Indies.

Four powers, Australia, Britain, The Netherlands and the United States, simultaneously put the pressure on Japan, and there was little indication which way the "cat would jump" whether Japan would be propelled into open war on the Axis side or would back down precipitately.

Britain warned Japan that her moves against the Dutch East Indies would be considered in the light of a warlike act.

Australia echoed this, and held a special secret cabinet meeting to discuss defensive action against Japan.

The Netherlands government, in London, ordered all ships in East Indian waters or neighborhoods to put at once into neutral ports, a usual prelude to warfare.

The United States issued to all Americans in China and Japan a third and peremptory warning to leave immediately.

Quick was the response from Japan, but once again the response showed the nation is divided, and there were reports that there were so many Axis agents in positions of power in Tokyo that the Japanese government was in reality little more than a puppet.

The first evidence that the pressure from the four powers was taking effect came from official Japanese sources, in the form of a statement that the fleet movements had only been to keep order in Thailand-Indo-Chinese territory, and that no warlike measures against the South Pacific were intended.

But the very next day, after President Roosevelt had had a long, personal and serious talk with Ambassador Nomura, the only announcement from which was that he had stressed the necessity of friendly relations, one Japanese newspaper printed an editorial comment that Nomura was "confronted with an impossible task."

On this fire the Italian and German papers heaped oil, one Rome dispatch saying that American activities in the Pacific were definitely threatening to Japan and could only result in war.

The "activities" referred to were contracts awarded for the fortification of Pacific bases, more than \$4,700,000 alone to be spent at Guam, a base at which the Japanese have been looking sideways for a long time.

But if these "activities" were threatening, the Axis powers had something new to get excited about when Great Britain announced that she had mined the sea lanes in the vicinity of Singapore, her important oriental naval base. While the brief government notice to mariners giving the boundaries of the mined areas gave no explanation as to why the move was made, it was generally believed that the British feared a Japanese thrust in Asia so timed as to create diversion while Italy and Germany harassed Great Britain with some new activity elsewhere.

WAR:

Balkan Crisis

Moving of 400,000 to 600,000 Nazi troops into Rumania and according to unconfirmable reports, many thousands into Bulgaria brought matters in the Balkans to a terrific pressure crisis.

Little Bulgaria was merely a pawn in the war game, not one authority believing for a moment that she could or would make any substantial effort to halt what looked like an obvious move on the part of Germany to send an overpowering blow against Greece.

That the British success in Africa and the Greek success in Albania was to receive an answer from Hitler seemed certain. That answer began not only to take form but to assume critical proportions.

Britons Move Out

First definite action-move was the removal of all British diplomats from Rumania. This was closely followed by a statement from official British quarters that Rumanian trade would be barred.

This seemed a last forerunner to a bombing of Rumanian oil fields and Germany's troops and communications, in other words, to the entry into the war terrain of Rumanian lands, although the country and government were technically out.

The next definite steps were taken by Russia and Turkey. The Soviet, which had been viewing askance the movements by the Nazi hordes into Rumania and toward the mouth of the Danube, moved its fleet into waters from which action in that quarter might be taken, either as an ally or an enemy of Turkey.

Turkey Takes Stand

Meanwhile the Turks took their stand, concentrating what military power they had as near the Bulgarian frontier as possible. In the same movement they announced their intention not to sit "passively by" and let Germany move troops into Bulgaria and thence against Salonika.

But then came an announcement that a Bulgarian-Turkish non-aggression pact had been signed which would indicate that the Turks were avoiding any chance of breaking the peace with the Axis powers.

The Greeks were holding the Italians either at a standstill or were moving them backward steadily as this series of startling and critical events took place.

The British at the same time were not idle, but boldly sailed their naval vessels into action in the Mediterranean and Adriatic seas, shelled northwestern Italian ports, and dropped parachutists (the first they had used in the war) into southern Italy for the purpose of cutting water supplies and communications.

With regard to the success or failure of this effort, only the conflicting reports coming from Italy could tell, as the British were silent. The first Italian report was that all the parachutists had been captured before they could do serious damage.

Later, however, an unexplained dispatch stated that Italy had halted all rail traffic to and from the affected area. This was taken in some quarters to mean that some of the British air soldiers had succeeded in cutting the railway lines.

Washington Digest

**Farm Product Research
Brightens Rural Picture**



Government Chemurgic Laboratories Seek New Outlets for Raw Materials Of U. S. Agriculture.

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From four strategic points in the United States members of the department of agriculture are looking into the future and slowly and carefully planning the way toward new uses of the product of field and farm. They are the men directing the work in the new laboratories of the bureau of chemistry and engineering.

The layman who takes a quick look over the shoulders of these men may get a little dizzy. As I sat in the office of one of them taking notes with a pencil he had just handed me, labeled "U. S. Dept. Agr. Soybean-Phenolic Plastic" I had difficulty keeping down to earth. I saw the cornfields of my native state suddenly producing the fuel of tomorrow, I saw husks and cobs running farm and factory machinery and automobiles, and cornstalks turning into paper. Plants and vegetables from the farms of the nation became all sorts of gadgets from airplane parts to ash trays, a gallon of milk turned into a lady's dress, a pumpkin into a limousine.

At this point I was taken by the hand and led gently back to earth. I was reminded that "chemurgy," which is what the modern Aladdins call their art, is still in the list of "new words" in the dictionary. I looked it up. Chemurgy, I found, means "that branch of applied chemistry devoted to industrial utilization of raw materials, especially farm products, as use of soybean oil in paints and varnishes, and of southern pine for paper pulp."

Attack Surplus Problem.

That definition by no means gives the true picture of what the four laboratories of the department of agriculture are doing. In the first place it is necessary to point out that the government chemists are confining their research efforts to farm surpluses and to what is now waste. They are bending their efforts to discover new uses for farm products rather than trying to develop products to compete with present markets. The objective, reduced to purely material terms, is more cash for what the farmer raises.

The decision of the congress of the United States in 1938 to vote \$4,000,000 for these four laboratories to carry on this research was not a sudden thing. It was the gradual realization that in this changing world, new conditions have proved that making two blades of grass grow where only one grew before, will not solve the farm problem. International trade restrictions, wars and rumors of wars, revolutions both economic and political, have conspired to create great surpluses of farm products. The job today is to find new markets for those products. It is a long-range job.

Dr. Henry Knight, chief of the bureau of agricultural chemistry and engineering, describes the function of his new organization as a combination of three kinds of research. One is finding new facts about the substances he is dealing with. That is the kind of thing that goes on in the laboratory of the professor of physics. Another is improving and controlling the quality of a product and lowering the cost of its manufacture. That is the kind of research a manufacturing concern carries on.

Then there is the third type of experimentation which an industry developing new products follows, the attempt to discover and develop methods for processing or combining various raw materials to produce useful products.

Wider Markets Sought.

"These are the three basic types of research," says Dr. Knight, "which will be employed in the four regional laboratories to find new and wider markets for the farm commodities assigned to them."

These four laboratories are located in four areas in which four different types of farm products dominate.

In the western laboratory in Albany on San Francisco bay, fruits and vegetables and alfalfa are the chief concern. The eastern laboratory is in Philadelphia. Here tobacco and milk products are studied. The northern laboratory is at Peoria, Ill., where corn and wheat are the chief commodities dealt

with. In the South, at New Orleans, cotton and peanuts are the main interest.

Perhaps the best way to sum up what is being done right now is to quote the men in charge of the different laboratories: "Cotton overcoats for sheep," was the first thing mentioned by D. F. M. Lynch, director of the southern laboratory.

"We're co-operating with the agricultural experiment station of the University of Wyoming," said Mr. Lynch, "Sheepmen in that state put some of these cotton coverings on sheep last year—and found that the wool grew better—and it was much cleaner at shearing time. This year—we sent them 500 coats. They're being put on the sheep just about now—to be left on until warm weather. If coats were put on all our sheep it would result in a market for 100,000 bales of cotton a year."

Pacific Lab Objectives.

Mr. T. L. Swenson from the Pacific coast says: "We're to study alfalfa, apples and other fruits, potatoes, poultry and poultry products, vegetables and wheat."

And he is co-operating with the frozen-pack laboratory, located in Seattle. "One thing we did recently," Mr. Swenson told us, "was to prepare an entire dinner of frozen-pack foods—including chicken stuffed with frozen dressing."

In the Philadelphia laboratory, Dr. P. A. Wells is in charge: "One of the things we are working on is apples," he reports, "better ways of making apple juice for the market."

And tobacco—new nicotine compounds to kill insects and prevent plant diseases. Milk is another study in the East—making better casein products. Casein is used now chiefly in paper sizing. Lard is being studied, too, and like soybeans and other products, it is valuable in making plastics.

In the Peoria laboratory, corn, corn-stalks, corn cobs, are the chief interest. Their cellulose content is being studied. They have real possibilities for making synthetic rubber for example, says Director O. E. May. And motor fuel, too:

"That's one of the big jobs we're going to tackle. One of the important aspects of this problem is making alcohol or other fermentation products from corn or wheat, and using the alcohol as a motor fuel—perhaps alcohol alone, or perhaps blended with gasoline. We're setting up a pilot plant—that is, a regular alcohol-making plant on a small scale—so we can study methods of making alcohol and try to improve them and cut down the cost."

Washington's Foresight

A Boon to Nation's Capital

This year, as usual, at the season of his birthday, George Washington was lauded throughout the land for his many gifts to the nation. Few realize the role he played in creating the capital city which is named after him.

It seems today as if he actually possessed the ability to see into the future when he accepted the city plan of Pierre Charles L'Enfant, the young Frenchman who had followed Lafayette to this country and distinguished himself as an engineer in the Revolution. For to most of the people of that day L'Enfant's scheme was a madman's dream. The Frenchman was eccentric and he paid for his eccentricity with a death in poverty although his plan lived. Thirty-two years ago he was reburied with honor in the Arlington National cemetery.

When the landowners of the acres that were to comprise the capital heard about streets of 100 to 110 feet wide and an avenue 400 feet wide and a mile long, they said L'Enfant was crazy to waste this land that might be sold as building lots.

Today many Washingtonians vainly protest when streets with a line of trees on both sides of the sidewalks are widened between curbs to allow for the congested automobile traffic. But if it had not been for L'Enfant's planning of wide streets and the active support which he received from President Washington, this widening of the pavement today would have been impossible. Now, at least, one line of trees can be preserved.

**IMPROVED
UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL
SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson**

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Lesson for March 2

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THE AUTHORITY OF CHRIST

LESSON TEXT—Luke 10:41-20:8.
GOLDEN TEXT—And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?—Luke 6:46.

"By what authority doest thou these things?" The question of the scribes was a proper one, even though their spirit and purpose in asking it may have been wrong. Any man who claims to have authority over others should expect to be asked that question and be prepared to give an honest answer.

I. Authority Rejected (vv. 41-44).

On the previous day our Lord had made His kingly triumphant entry into the city and many had acclaimed Him (see vv. 37-40); but the city as a whole—and especially its leaders, both religious and governmental—had rejected Him.

As He came toward the city the next day and it spread out before Him in beautiful panorama, His tender heart was broken and He wept. His tears were not for Himself, but for the people who had rejected Him. We are told that the word used "for weeping here does not mean merely . . . tears" but "rather the heaving of the bosom, and the sob and cry of a soul in agony."

II. Authority Asserted (vv. 45, 46).

The act of Jesus in cleansing the temple was very bold, for He held no position in the temple and He had no police powers. Only a man with a disordered mind or in a frenzy of anger would assume such authority if it did not belong to him. This means that Jesus acting as He did here, quietly, deliberately, and intelligently, was declaring by His deed that the one whose authority is above and back of all human authority had come to cleanse His Father's house.

It is a striking scene. Let us see in it all the gracious majesty, power and authority of the Son of God, our Saviour and Lord.

III. Authority Accepted (vv. 47, 48).

The people "were very attentive," or more effectively, as in the Revised Version, they "all hung upon him." How remarkable it is that "the common people heard him gladly" (Mark 12:37), while the learned leaders, both in religious and political circles, hated and rejected Him.

That situation has continued throughout the centuries. Let us not be disturbed or confused by the fact that so many "leading" men and women (thank God, not all of them, by any means) reject or question the claims of Christ. It is the very thing we ought to expect.

Meet Jesus yourself and you will learn to love Him and want to serve Him. Get the balanced judgment of "the common people" who have really met the Lord, and you will find the right way—God's way.

IV. Authority Defended (20:1-8).

Humanly speaking, the priests and scribes were right when they challenged Christ. He had no official position which justified His acts and His words. But note carefully that the very fact that He, in return for their "Tell us," replied, "Tell me," indicates that the human authority which had a right to challenge other human authority had now met the One who is "the head of all principality and power." He had a supreme right to say, "Before I answer you, tell me."

We are apt to regard the answer of Jesus to their question as a skillful evasion of a difficult situation, but it was far more than that. If they had replied honestly to His question regarding John, and admitted that His authority was from heaven, Jesus would probably have said, "Then what did he say of me?" He would have reminded them of the statement of John that he was not worthy to loose the latchet of His shoes, of his prophecy of the judgment to come, of the baptism of fire (see Luke 3:16-17), of the day when John called Him "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

Here was proof concerning His authority, but they did not dare to ask for it because they did not want it. You too, reader, if you have questions regarding the claim of Christ to authority over your life may have a satisfying answer, but only if you honestly want it and will receive it with open mind and heart.



Hawk in the Wind

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CHAPTER XVII—Continued

"There are some things to be settled," Wills said. "We may as well finish it. Withers planned all this sabotage to force you to sell. But he had help. Men inside the mill. Brains inside the mill. He had Mr. Stanley Daniels."

"No!" The choky cry came from Lucy. "No—it isn't true."

"I'm sorry—it's true. I've been doing some investigating, Mrs. Morgan."

"They framed him," wailed Lucy. "Old Wallace Withers asked him—Stanley, I mean—if there was any chemical that would destroy pulp and Stanley told him. And then the pulp was ruined—and Wallace Withers threatened to tell Mrs. Morgan that Stanley did it unless he gave up his job."

"Why doesn't he come here to speak for himself, if that's true?" Wills asked.

"Because," said Lucy faintly. "I've got him—locked up. He was going to leave. He didn't do it. He was a fool—but he isn't crooked. I locked him up. Shall I let him out, Mrs. Morgan?"

Virgie's smile crinkled her face and she burst into a sudden laugh. "No—don't let him out, Lucy. Keep him there till he realizes what a grand girl you are. Keep him there till he melts."

Lucy smiled and it was as though a candle had been lighted behind her eyes.

"I think he's—melting, Mrs. Morgan!"

"It's raining," Marian said suddenly aloud. "Rain and sleet. I'd better take you home, Mother—it's going to be a dreadful night."

And then the telephone rang. Marian answered it, said, "Mother!" faintly, handed the instrument to Virgie, the color draining out of her face.

Virgie barked, "What did you say, how? Who came there? Do you say he took your gun?"

She hung up slowly, sitting rigid and aghast.

"Tom has escaped!"

"When? How? How could he?"

"Lon says he got away thirty minutes ago. They don't know how. He took Lon's gun."

"But—he'll freeze—on a night like this! We'll have to find him, Mother—"

"Yes—we'll have to find him." Virgie looked at Wills. "Lon says that Wallace Withers was over there today. Tom has found out who it is that has been plotting to ruin us. He's a mountain man—"

"We'll go," Wills said. "They'll look for him, of course?"

"Lon said he was sending some of the boys out. They won't know where to go. I know where Tom will go." Virgie's face was heavy with trouble as she twisted into her heavy coat.

"I'm going, too," Marian said abruptly.

"It's going to be an ugly night," Virgie objected. "You'd better go home before it freezes."

"Mother—I'm going. Tell Frank to put the chains on."

"Wrap yourself up then, Lucy, you stay here by the 'phone. If Lon calls tell him we're out on a hunt—if we find Tom we'll bring him in."

Wills drove and Marian huddled in the middle of the single seat of Virgie's old car. Freezing rain spattered on the roof, coated the windshield. The light failed with the swift completeness of mountain night. Wills got out to scrub the windshield clean. The wheels slewed on the curves in spite of the chains and Virgie's profile, against the dim light, was granite and grim.

"Drive on," she said. "I'll tell you when to turn."

"He wouldn't take the road, Mother," Marian worried. "And even if we met him we couldn't see him."

"Drive on," said Virgie, flatly.

They passed a looming mill and a curve where a waterfall came down, roaring and splashing under a high bridge.

"Left—at the next road," said Virgie.

"Mother—" an edge of panic was in Marian's voice. "You don't think—"

"I know!" said Virgie, soberly.

"They were over there—Wallace

and the others. Tom didn't know before who was working against us—but now he knows. Take it slow, Wills—this road is dirt and it'll be slippery."

"It's freezing a little. The chains hold. I can go faster if it won't make you nervous."

Marian huddled, small and frightened, under Branford Wills' elbow, her head in a snug beret, scarcely reaching his shoulder. Once he looked around and gave her a scrap of smile, in the dim light from the dash, but she was looking solemnly and searchingly ahead.

"How awful—to be wandering around in the hills on a night like this!" she said. "Poor old Tom!"

"I know how awful it can be," Wills agreed. "I had two nights of it. There's so much sky and black air and empty wind and savage dark around you—and you feel a sort of hatred in it—as though it would kill you if it could. And the branches reach out and snatch and almost snarl—and boulders and roots trip

Held it tight, clutched by the dread of that sinister, opened door. Beyond that door a lamp fluttered in the draft. Beyond it was a deserted room, where coals glowed in a base burner and Wallace Withers' elastic-sided shoes sat warming on the floor. Shoes he would never wear any more.

"Don't come closer," Virgie called sharply.

But Wills went on and Marian would not let go his hand, though her flesh was icy and her hair lifted a little on her head, at what lay there, face upward in front of that open door.

Wallace Withers had been shot cleanly through the head.

This time Tom's gun had not jammed.

"Don't touch anything," Wills warned. "Is there a telephone in this house?"

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you up—and the wind gathers up handfuls of ice and flings them in your face."

"And you were lost!" said Marian in a small, frail voice.

He looked down at her. "I'm still lost," he said, levelly.

Virgie cleared her throat. "I'm here," she reminded them, "but I'm old and my hearing isn't what it used to be."

"Tom wouldn't be lost," Marian essayed the commonplace again. "He knows his way anywhere in these mountains—no matter how dark it might be."

Too well—too well, Virgie was thinking. Old and a little mad, and frenzied with the thought that men were working to do her wrong—oh, she knew. Little by little news had come back to old Tom of the evil doings at the mill. The mountain grapevine was swift, it belittled nothing. And today these men had come, quarreling about his mill stock—the stock he had believed to be safe, which his simple mountain mind would believe now to be menaced.

The river was alongside now, dark and noisy and hidden by the whirling dash of sleet rain. Trees hung low, and the darkness grew thicker; it brooded and was hostile and fearsome. Marian clutched a sleeve and laid her face against it. Wind shook the old car fiercely, but the wheels dug and spun and plowed on. Once a frightened rabbit leaped through the darting steel rods of the rain, its eyes green and terrified. Ice was glassy on the hood, the windshield wiper gouged a feeble arc and then failed.

"I'll have to scour the windshield," Wills said. "I can't see through it."

Air that cut their faces rushed in as he opened the door. Marian thought of old Tom—the thin, torn old coat he had worn in the jail, his feet sloshing through the freezing mud, wind cutting through mercilessly.

"Oh—hurry!" she whispered.

"But—Mother, what if he didn't come this way?"

"He came this way. He took the old log trail across the ridge, and crossed the river on that swinging bridge."

"There's a light," said Branford Wills.

"The gate is beyond that big tree. It's steep beyond—you'd better change gears."

"Has he had time—"

"He left before dark. A boy saw him go. They didn't miss him till supper time—"

"If only they had locked the door," Marian mourned.

"We may be in time," Virgie was hopeful.

The house that sprang out of a gnarled darkness of old apple-trees was bleak and somber and somehow desolate.

"The door's open—" breathed Marian.

Virgie gave a little groan.

"I'll go," she said. "You wait here."

"Not alone, Mother."

"No—not alone," Wills sprang out after her.

Marian hurried after them, slipping and panting, in the wan beam of their headlights. But somehow she knew it was too late. She had known it when the dreary old house leaped out of the darkness, out of the solitude and silence which for a year it had known.

"Don't let her come," Virgie warned sharply.

"But I'm coming," Marian answered, setting the chin she had from David Morgan.

"Take my hand," Wills said.

"I can walk alone." But she took the hand.

Held it tight, clutched by the dread of that sinister, opened door. Beyond that door a lamp fluttered in the draft. Beyond it was a deserted room, where coals glowed in a base burner and Wallace Withers' elastic-sided shoes sat warming on the floor. Shoes he would never wear any more.

"Don't come closer," Virgie called sharply.

But Wills went on and Marian would not let go his hand, though her flesh was icy and her hair lifted a little on her head, at what lay there, face upward in front of that open door.

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crashed and slid through the icy night, cursing the storm and the darkness. And all night Virgie had sat by the stove in Wallace Withers' house, looking straight ahead of her, musing on the tangled tragedy of life—and the way greed snarled the twisting strands, wove traps and nooses and webs for hopes and high ambitions to be choked in.

Wills and Marian had gone for help and met a posse on the road. But light was under the hemlocks along the river bluff when they found Tom.

Virgie saw them coming, slowly, up the frozen lane, and knew what they had found.

"He went over them rocks—down there where the river runs under the cliff," a deputy said. "He was heading back toward your place I reckon, Mis' Morgan, and he missed his footing in the dark. I wouldn't take on, Mis' Morgan—I reckon it's just as well."

"Yes," said Virgie, tonelessly, "it's just as well."

Somehow she got home.

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The mill would go on.

The mill would go on and Tom would not be there. David would not be there. A sudden, stark, awful loneliness got Virgie Morgan by the throat as she walked into her own house, and sank into the chair that had the print of David Morgan's thin shoulder-blades.

She couldn't go on—she couldn't—alone!

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"I can't go on without her," he said. "I know what a presumptuous fool I am—"

"I'm glad," said Virgie numbly. She would have liked a son like this lad, she was thinking.

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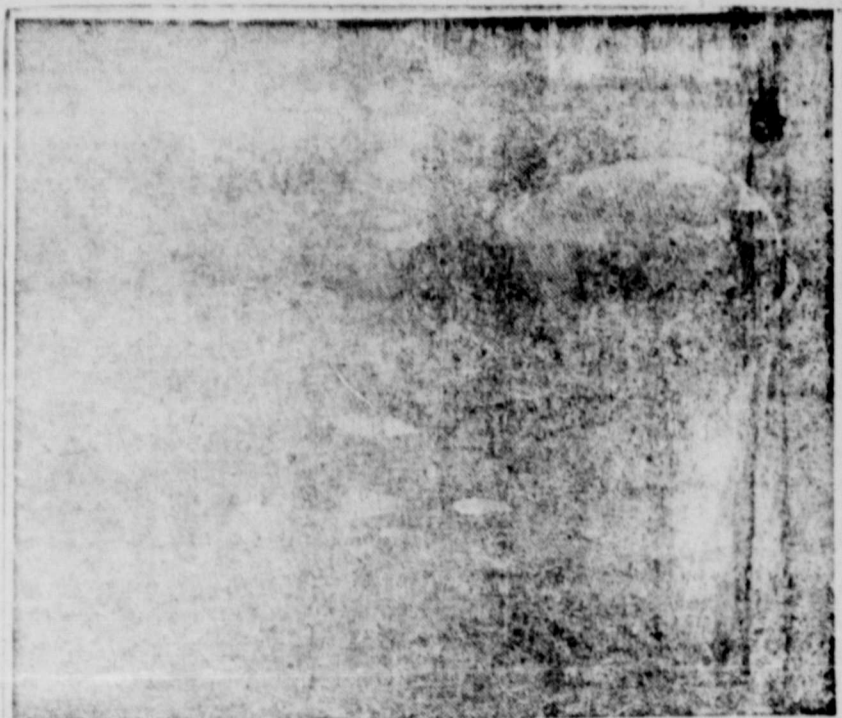
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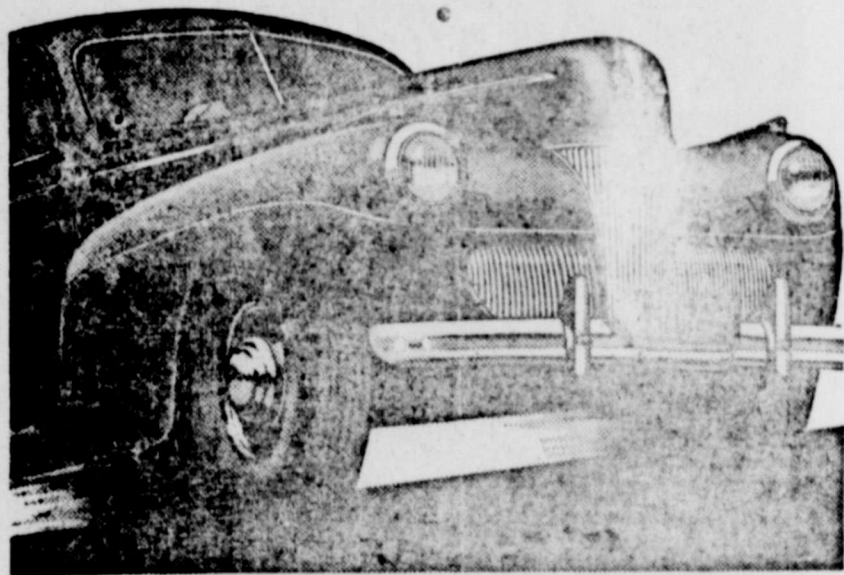
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**Hoover Presents
New Plans to Save
Hungry in Europe**

**Asks British and Germans to
Try Soup Kitchens in Belgium
as Military Test**

Chicago—(Special) New plans to save the inhabitants of the occupied democracies in Europe from starvation were presented by former President Hoover at a mass meeting, held in the Opera House Auditorium here last Sunday night.

In expressing his appreciation to the two thousand public bodies who have supported this movement to aid these unfortunates, and the sixty thousand who have written letters of approval, Mr. Hoover explained the purpose of the Committee was to expose to the world the facts of the food situation and to raise a voice in behalf of those tens of millions of innocent men, women, and children, now suffering from want of nourishment.

Speaking as Honorary Chairman of the Committee on Food for the Small Democracies, he made public the proposals submitted to the British and German governments a few weeks ago, to establish Soup Kitchens in Belgium as an initial experiment to test out whether these people can be saved without military advantage to either side.

There is nothing new in this war "March of Hunger," Mr. Hoover told his audience. The consequences of great wars are always famine and pestilence. The World War of twenty-five years ago brought hunger to three hundred million people. In the present conflict it is coming faster and with more violence. Today nearly three hundred million people are on rations more drastic, except in Germany and Great Britain, than at the end of the third year in the last war. In this creeping famine the most immediate danger and greatest suffering is among the seventy million people in the democracies which have been overrun by the German armies.

Two weeks ago the Committee's American experts in Belgium reported that within a month the city and town population consisting of over eight million people would be without food unless supplies were brought in somewhere, somehow. Reports from Holland, Norway, Central Poland and free France, indicate an extreme food shortage, and Finland and Spain present a serious problem.

NEW PROPOSALS

In presenting the new proposals, Mr. Hoover said, "You are aware that this Committee has made proposals to the belligerent governments that completely organized food control should be set up for the peoples on the lines

of the last war. Those proposals would have given time to organize prevention. They are the ultimate necessity. But a distracted world is slow to believe, and we were reluctantly compelled to conclude that it must be confronted with ghastly reality before action could be hoped for. That ghastly reality has arrived in Belgium. Furthermore, while I do not agree to the grounds for the rejection of our previous proposals, yet if these people are to be saved, we must seek to meet these objections by proving our case in action.

"Therefore a few weeks ago, we laid before the British and German Governments the following suggestions:

"First: That we make an initial experiment in Belgium to test out whether these people can be saved without military advantage to either side.

"Second: That this test comprise feeding only through soup kitchens, where the people come to get their food and thus there can be no question of feeding Germans.

"Third: That at the beginning we provide for one million adults and two million children; the adults to receive half a pound of bread and an allowance of soup, the children to receive special food in addition, including preserved milk. This would require about 50,000 tons a month, of which about one-half would be breadstuffs and one-half meats, fats, and food for children.

"Fourth: That the German Governments agree there is to be no requisition of native food.

"Fifth: Both Governments to give Relief ships immunity from attack.

"Sixth: The whole to be under the supervision and checks of some neutral body.

"It is my belief that the Germans should cooperate to secure some breadstuffs from continental sources. But for meats, fats, and food for children there are no sources of supply on the Continent. That must come from overseas,—and that requires cooperation from the British to pass the blockade.

"If we can make this experiment work in Belgium then such a plan can be extended to the other democracies. It is primarily devoted to saving the unemployed destitute and the children.

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A day for toil, an hour for sport, But for a friend is life too short.—EMERSON

Intelligence is to genius as the whole is in proportion to its part.—LA BRUYERE.

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TIPS to Gardeners

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A NEW, more vigorous, longer-blooming, heat-resistant sweet pea family has been introduced to the gardening world. It is the spring flowering sweet pea.

Because of their newness, spring flowering sweet peas are as yet available in only seven colors. Three All-American prize-winners were introduced last year: Rose pink, blue, and lavender. The new ones this year are white, clear pink, light lavender, and mauve.

The new sweet peas are grown just like other types now in general use. They may be planted outdoors as soon as the soil can be worked. For best results the soil should be spaded to a depth of 18 inches, and the lower 12 inches mixed with fertilizer, preferably well-rotted manure. The trench should then be filled with the soil-fertilizer mixture to within six inches of the top, and the seed planted one inch deep in this shallow trench.

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Designers Use Chinese Styles In Spring Jackets, Capes, Hats

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



SPRING 1941 promises a program of exciting new fashions. In answer to the challenge flung to American designers to carry on the style traditions of the world, there has been projected into the field of costume design a to-do and to-dare spirit that makes for refreshingly new ideas in clothes this season. Because of the encouragement given to originality and play of imagination there is that "something different" about current styling which fashion-minded women welcome and covet.

One of the most vital movements is the change taking place in the silhouette, especially in regard to suits. The new formula calls for longer jackets, straighter skirts and modified shoulders, and in these points is sounded the death knell for the carried-over suit you had hoped would be good this season.

As to shoulders, they certainly are under lively discussion. So important has the shoulder theme become that one is almost justified in coining a slogan declaring that a dress, suit or coat this season is only as chic as its shoulderline. Instead of exaggerated padding as heretofore the tendency in the newer versions is toward gently sloping and subtly rounded lines of grace.

There are breathtaking innovations, too, that are adding zest to the

mode, not the least of which is the Chinese influence that is seen in colors, in millinery (coolie hats are the latest), and in jackets and capes. Success for the new Chinese movement was mentioned at "Fashion Futures," that brilliant event at which authoritative style forecasts were dramatically presented in a spring preview. Beauty and suavity of lines and simplicity in Chinese technique were pointed out in several fetching evening wraps and daytime suits. Two of the latter are pictured in the illustration herewith.

The jacket to the left credits green as a leading color for spring. The Chinese influence is apparent in its neat, trim lines and the gentle, natural shoulder slope. An all-round pleated black skirt completes this twosome. That the fashion group sponsors green is again evidenced in the jacket to the right, which also is Chinese-inspired. Note the styling in the black skirt.

And now for a most breathtaking thrill—capas! Watch capas go on parade this season along the highways and byways of fashion. There will be more capas than you can count, and doubtless you will be wearing a cape yourself for designers are turning them out in endless types, and in every length from short to long.

Much attention will be given to cape linings. A demure monotone cape is lined the South American way in purples, Peruvian pinks, blues, reds and yellows nicely assembled. The cape costume centered in the group pictured with its matching turban is typically a new vogue. It's smart in any color but particularly so in oatmeal tweed with dashes of brown or gay tangerine.

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Whims of Fashion

One group of all-metallic dresses is designed with lines that are almost tailored in their simplicity.

Dropped shoulders, harem draped skirts and capas promise to be the novel trends in spring wearing apparel.

You can create a subtle aura of perfume about you if you will tuck a small sachet bag in the crown of your hat!

If you haven't much money to spend on clothes, you must spend more thought. This is why budgets make better-dressed women!

The strap bag of pigskin is still the success of all time; find one huge, square and stitched. It will improve with age and saddle soap.

Your dress in 1941 should be a part of you. Figure flattery will be easy with an array of colorful new fabrics and designs to choose from.

To make your black dress seem blacker—wear a dark slip rather than peach or white, which generally shines through the sheerer weaves.

Glove guards (simple gold chain) that can be fastened to your bag, so designed to hold your gloves tight, serve a dual purpose. Besides protecting them from being lost, they keep them from being crushed and wrinkled.

Easy to Make



Take a tip from smart dressmakers and use polka dot drama when you make accessories for your spring costumes. Sewing is really fun with modern sewing machine equipment and almost every locality has a sewing center where you can learn to make these smart accessories in an afternoon. For this turban and bag you will need three-quarters of a yard of 2 1/2-inch polka dot cotton pique, or print silk, if you prefer. An additional half-yard of 39-inch rayon taffeta for the bag lining and a half yard of buckram for bag reinforcement. By attaching the hem-stitcher gadget to your machine you can finish off all edges to look professional.

AROUND the HOUSE Items of Interest to the Housewife

In making applesauce slice your apples, cook them in a little water until they are soft, then add the sugar. If you add the sugar at first you may need to put in more later and the apples are likely to become hard.

Baked potatoes, if broken as soon as taken from the oven to let out the steam, will not be soggy when served.

Should the lock in your car door freeze, heat the key over a match and insert.

Don't cut the lemon in half when you want only a few drops of juice. Instead pierce the lemon with a bone knitting needle and squeeze out the amount required. The hole will seal itself.

It is best to whip no more than two cups of cream at a time. Chill bowl and beater. If the cream is beaten in a warm bowl, in a warm place, it is apt to turn to butter.

If you want to add extra luster to painted woodwork, add a little vinegar to the wash water.

Smiles

Concede Early "Well, here I am, bright and early."

Interpretation "What about that notice outside your shop, 'Money returned if not satisfied'?" protested the disgruntled customer. "Ah," said the shopkeeper, "I am satisfied with your money."

When a little bird tells you something, don't repeat it until you find out whether the little bird is a cuckoo.

One Better She (cooly)—How old do you think I am? He (gallantly)—Whatever it is, you don't look it.

Our Responsibility

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Household News

By Eleanor Howe



WON'T YOU COME FOR TEA?
(See Recipes Below)

TIDBITS FOR TEA TABLES

A visiting celebrity comes to town, there is a new bride to be entertained. For these and many other occasions, an afternoon tea provides just the right touch of sociability.

You can be on the committee in charge and still have as much fun as the guest of honor if you make your plans carefully. Plan to make only enough tea for 12 teacup servings at one time, and repeat the process as fresh tea is needed. A large saucepan works like a charm for such teamaking. Tie 6 tablespoons of tea loosely in 2 thicknesses of cheesecloth. Place the bag in the saucepan and pour 2 quarts of vigorously boiling water over it. Cover and let stand for just 5 minutes over a very low heat. Then pour the tea immediately into a teapot which has been rinsed with scalding water.

If it is part of your job to buy the tea accompaniments — the sugar, lemon and cream—remember that there are about 80 tablets of sugar in a 1-pound box and that you should count on 2 per serving. Allow 2 tablespoons of coffee cream per serving—a pint and a half of cream will be more than sufficient for 25 persons. Allow also 1 slice of lemon per serving. A large lemon makes about 10 slices, 1/4 inch thick. Then, should you be asked to bring two or three kinds of cookies or several dozen midget tea cakes, here are recipes that will make your tea contribution outstanding.

Swedish Nut Wafers. (Makes 6 dozen wafers)

- 1/4 cup shortening
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg (well-beaten)
- 1 1/2 cups flour (all-purpose)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup chopped nut meats

Cream shortening until soft, then add sugar gradually, creaming until light and fluffy. Add egg and combine thoroughly. Sift flour once before measuring, then add salt and baking powder and sift again. Add milk to the creamed ingredients, then flour and vanilla. Spread a part of the batter in a very thin, even layer over the bottom of a bread pan, using a small spatula. Sprinkle with nut meats and mark into strips 3/4 inches wide by 4 1/2 inches long. Bake, one pan at a time, in a moderately slow oven (325 degrees Fahrenheit) for about 12 minutes. Cut into strips, loosen strips from bottom of pan with spatula, and shape each one over the rolling pin. If strips become too brittle to shape, return them to oven to reheat and soften.

Almond Finger Biscuits. (Makes 5 dozen)

- 1 1/2 cups cake flour
 - 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
 - 1/2 teaspoon soda
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 cup butter
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1 egg (separated)
 - 1 tablespoon warm water
 - 1/2 cup almonds (finely chopped)
 - 1/4 teaspoon vanilla
 - 3/4 cup confectioners' sugar
- Sift flour once before measuring. Add soda, salt, and cream of tartar and sift together. Cream but-

ter until soft, add sugar gradually, then add egg yolk beaten with warm water. Add flour to creamed ingredients and combine well. Chill dough in refrigerator for about 1 hour. Roll stiff dough out 1/4 inch thick on lightly floured board or pastry canvas. Add vanilla to egg white, then beat in confectioners' sugar (use rotary beater) gradually until the icing is smooth and the proper consistency to spread. Spread frosting over dough and sprinkle surface with almonds. Cut dough into strips 1/2 inch wide and 3 inches long, then place carefully on lightly greased baking sheet. Bake in a moderate oven (375 degrees Fahrenheit) until they are a light brown color, about 10 minutes.

Tiny Tea Cakes. (88 2-inch cakes)

- 4 1/2 cups cake flour
- 6 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup butter or other shortening
- 2 1/2 cups sugar
- 5 eggs (separated)
- 1 1/2 cup milk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla

Sift flour once before measuring. Add baking powder and salt and sift 3 times. Cream butter until soft, add sugar gradually, creaming until the mixture is light and fluffy. Add the dry ingredients to creamed mixture in thirds, alternately with milk, beating until smooth after each addition. Add vanilla. Beat egg whites until they are stiff but will still flow from an inverted bowl, and fold them lightly into the cake batter. Drop the batter from a dessert spoon into oiled muffin tins about 2 inches in diameter. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees Fahrenheit) for 20 minutes. Cool and ice with your favorite icing.

Pecan Crescents. (Makes 30 crescents)

- 1/2 cup butter
- 3 tablespoons powdered sugar
- 1 cup flour (all-purpose)
- 1 cup pecans (finely chopped)
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Cream butter, add sugar and blend well. Add flour gradually and mix thoroughly. Stir in nut meats. Shape into small rolls, about the size of a finger, then form into crescents. Place on a greased baking sheet and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees Fahrenheit) for approximately 20 minutes. Roll in powdered sugar while warm.

Meringue Bars. (Makes 40 1 1/4-inch squares)

- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 egg yolks (well-beaten)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups cake flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup jam

Cream shortening and add sugar gradually. Beat in egg yolks and vanilla. Sift flour once before measuring, then add baking powder and salt and sift again. Add flour to shortening and sugar mixture, mixing thoroughly. Spread 1/4 inch thick on well-greased baking sheet. Spread lightly with jam. Top with the following meringue and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees Fahrenheit) for about 25 minutes.

Meringue

- 2 egg whites
 - 1 cup brown sugar (firmly packed)
 - 1 cup nut meats (finely cut)
- Beat egg whites until stiff, and gradually beat in the sugar. Fold in nut meats.

(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Sandy's Blowing Appeared To Be a Bit Overdone!

He was of a thrifty turn of mind, having originally come from Scotland. One day he was told by a friend that instead of putting a quarter into the meter, much the same effect could be obtained by blowing smartly into the slot. That night he tried the experiment with gratifying results. This went on for some time, and finally an inspector from the gas company called to examine the meter. He was obviously puzzled. "What's the matter?" asked the economizing householder. "Man," exclaimed the inspector, "I just can't make it out. According to my reading the company owes you three dollars."

ASK ME ANOTHER ?

A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

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| <p>The Questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Which of the Great Lakes has the least elevation above sea level? 2. In what country was the original Arcadia? 3. Of the bills vetoed by Presidents, does congress generally pass them over the veto? 4. Nobel prizes are awarded in how many fields of endeavor? 5. What name is given to a group of paid applauders? 6. From what language does the word mile come? | <p>The Answers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lake Ontario (245 feet above sealevel). Lake Superior is 602 feet above. 2. Greece. 3. During the last 50 years congress has passed only 1 out of every 35 bills that have been vetoed. 4. Five. For distinguished work in chemistry, physics, physiology or medicine, literature, and the cause of international peace. 5. A claque. 6. Latin (milla passuum, a thousand paces). |
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HOW to SEW

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS



NOTE: There are several other rug designs with directions for knitting, crocheting and braiding in Booklet No. 6 of the series of home-making booklets which Mrs. Spears has prepared for our readers. Copy of Booklet 6 with description of the other numbers in the series will be mailed to readers who will send name and address with 10c in coin to:

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This diagram shows you how to make a scroll pattern that you may use in different ways. Just rule a piece of paper in one-inch squares and then follow the diagram outlining the scroll so that its lines cross the squares exactly as they do here. Now, cut the scroll out and trace around it on the burlap repeating it at each corner; then fill in the flowers.

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La Libre Belgique

La Libre Belgique (Free Belgium) was one of the most famous of the "underground" newspapers during the first World war. Despite the persistent efforts of the German army of occupation, the newspaper was published and circulated at irregular intervals for more than three years. It was read eagerly by the Belgians, circulation rising at one point to 25,000 copies, although there were heavy penalties for mere possession of a copy. In April, 1916, the plant was discovered by the Germans in a vacant factory in Brussels where it had operated under their noses for more than a year. Despite the mass arrests that followed, the paper continued to appear with a new editor and a new plant.

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CHANGE TO **M SYSTEM** AND POCKET THE CHANGE

Celebrating with A Barbecue Supper

Celebrating 50 years as a Lodge and also a George Washington Birthday Party with a barbecue supper Hayrick Lodge entertained a large number of Masons from Bronte and San Angelo.

Hayrick Lodge, was organized Dec. 11 1890, and Bro. A. S. Richardson, then Worshipful Master of Texas issued a dispensation for Hayrick Lodge, to work under the supervision of Ballinger Lodge, Ballinger, Texas.

Bro. J. B. Sparks of Ballinger presided in the first meeting in which the elected officers were installed by him.

The officers installed were: J. L. Chambers, Master, G. C. Hill, Senior warden, B. H. Carlton, Junior Warden J. L. Durham, Sec. Treas.

Hayrick Lodge, met three days later and by contribution \$157.80 was raised to purchase a building to meet in. This building was not ceiled at that time and some time later was ceiled at a cost of \$52.81.

The first Masonic burial was in June 1891 for Bro. W. H. Paxton.

In January 1891 Hayrick lodge received its charter and Bro. Sam Pollock of San Angelo, presented same to the lodge. There were seventeen charter members and eight initiated members the first year of organization.

In April 1891, there was talk of moving the town of Hayrick, Texas, to the proposed site which is now Robert Lee Texas, because of lack of water at Hayrick. On May 2 1891 the lodge voted to move and a lot was bought in Robert Lee, but the building was not moved.

A burial ground was secured by the lodge at the new town and is now known as the Robert Lee Cemetery which is under the supervision of the Hayrick Lodge.

The membership of Hayrick Lodge did not meet until late on their meeting nights because of the great distance the members had to travel on horse back some times being 10:30 before the men arrived to open the lodge.

A period of fourteen years was taken to build the present building in Robert Lee. It was erected in 1906 and the following members were on the building committee; M. B. Sheppard, Wm. Millican W. T. Hazelwood, W. J. McFarland, Dr. F. K. Turney, and W. M. Clift.

University of Texas students are raising funds to help with relief for educational institutions in China and other war-torn countries.

Your news items sent in are very much appreciated. Thanks

Go to the church of your choice Sunday.

PRESCRIPTION FOR SUCCESS

As Thomas Edison's birthday rolls around again on February 11, we recall the analysis of the great inventor's genius by his friend, Henry Ford, who said, "All his life Mr. Edison had imagination. He knew all things were possible once we amassed the knowledge to build the power to overcome the impossible. But the thing about him that stands out in my mind above everything else was his capacity for the hard working and hard thinking necessary to turn his visions into realities."

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