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S. M. Conner Celebrate His 83rd Birthday The 21st of February

Those attending the happy event of the Conner celebration were: Russ Mathers and family of Silver; Mrs. N. E. Jameson of Fretch Texas; Mrs. C. C. Davis and children, Claudette and Bonnie of Dumas, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Ern Mathers and daughter, Chrystelle of Silver; Mrs. G. M. Brown of McKinzieville, Walter Allison and wife of Sanco; Miss Emma Conner Mrs. Ethel Green and boys.

Mr. Conner received several nice gifts besides four big cakes and a big box of cookies. One of the cakes was cooked by his oldest son Roy, of Bakersfield.

It was a very enjoyable occasion for all present.

An Extended Visit

Miss Bryce Stewart who has been away on an extended visit to Brownwood where she attended a Baptist Sunday School Convention and visited with Lorene and Nina. On Wednesday she went to Denton, where she visited TSCW and Katie Sue. From there she went to Dallas and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Landers and returned home last Sunday.

Expanding

M System makes invincible record at the F. F. A. Show in Bronte last Thursday. There were 23 hogs auctioned off and Gene Baker bought the last one including the champion and the runner up. There were 3 yearlings auctioned and the M System got 2 of them and Carl Wilson from San Angelo bought the other one.

Frank Percifull bought most of the lambs that were sold.

Voice Culture Important in Holding Down a Job

Too few working girls realize that the relation between their voice and their job is an important one. Your voice can make you or break you in business.

Your employers won't always have the sense to know what it is they like or dislike about you. If they like your voice, they'll say you have charm or personality or intelligence. If they dislike it, they'll accuse you of everything from lack of co-operation to rudeness. For the girl who would have a "voice with a smile", Kate Clugston's article in the March issue of Cosmopolitan is valuable reading.

Miss Clugston says that your voice good or bad, has a direct bearing on your happiness in life, but that it is not like your nose or the color of your hair, an inherited liability or asset. It can be controlled and perfected with artificial aid.

Voice production is a series of habitual reflexes. If your voice is bad, you can pull the reflexes up out of the subconscious mind into the conscious. You can analyze them. You can tear your voice to pieces and retrain it. If you practice long enough, these new reflexes slip back into the subconscious mind and your new voice is set.

Five things, according to Miss Clugston enter into the making or remaking of a voice: 1. Bodily relaxation; 2. correct breathing; 3. correct tone production and diction; 4. self confidence and ease; 5. the development of your own unique personality.

El Valle Garden Club

The Garden Club met at the home of Mrs. H. L. Scott Thursday of last week with 17 members present. Mrs. Paul Good gave an interesting talk on Decorative Gourds, and Mrs. B. Clift spoke on Vines and their place in beautifying the garden. A delicious refreshment plate was served.

Attended The Opening Of West Texas Wool Mills

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Garvin and children, Marguerete and Edmond and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Garvin and son Dee Jay attended the opening of the West Texas Wool Mills in Eldorado last Thursday Feb. 27. It was estimated that from 5000 to 8000 persons were present, also the governor of Texas was there. A nice time was reported by the Garvins.

Ladies Spring Hats At Cumbie's.

Mrs. O. T. Sawyers is recovering from the flu.

Mr. Havins says if you don't like sunshine see him.

Misses Eunice McClure and Lois Bradford spent the week end in San Angelo and also attended the Fat Stock Show.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barnes of McCamey are visiting in the Summer's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Parish and children of Abilene, spent the week end with Dr. Griffith and family.

The biggest and best Hamburger joint in 4 counties is in Robert Lee - Ratliffs

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Brown and Chanda, spent Sunday in Abilene looking over the army camp and other changes.

Victor Barker of Brownwood and Miss Prestine Sullivan of Amarilla were visiting in the home of Drue Scoggins Sunday. They are to be married when Mr. Barker finishes his time out in the army.

Word was received from Sul Ross College that Alta Bell Bilbo of Robert Lee had made the honor roll with a high average.

Mrs. A. J. Taylor who has been making her home in Big Spring for several months visited the Taylors here last week, and returned home Sunday.

Sargent A. S. Haley of 83rd Field Art. and Sargent Paul Haley of H. O. troupe, Cal. 7 of Fort Bliss, here to visit mother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Millican over the week end.

Rush

We are in receipt of a letter saying Rush the paper for its like a letter from my home etc. Mrs. T. E. Puett, 819 N. Zang Dallas

National Farm Program Celebration Carried Over Major Networks

At 9:30 p. m. Saturday, March 8, President Roosevelt, Vice-President Wallace, and Secretary of Agriculture Claud Wickard will address the nation's farmers over all the major networks as part of the observance of National Farm Day celebrating the anniversary of the National Farm Program. The broadcast will be carried over the Columbia Broadcasting System, National Broadcasting, both Red and Blue networks, and the Mutual Broadcasting System.

This will mark the first time that these three leaders have all appeared on the same program, and it is a great tribute to Agriculture that they are doing so to address the farmers.

Formely of Robert Lee

Charles Fowler, former Robert Lee boy, but now of Monahans was elected one of the Dukes in King and Queen of Hearts, and Thurman Nell Chapman Duchess in the school at that place.

F. S. A. Deeds Delivered

The FSA has delivered deeds to four farmers in Coke County. Wornock Hipp, T. M. Wylie, James L. Brunson and Richard S. Boon, with three pending. No plans matured for future farms in Coke County.

This is one of the best helps the Government has ever put out for our civilization rests on the home.

Death of Mrs Jim Varnadore

Mrs. Jim Varnadore of Waller Texas died Monday morning and was buried Tuesday at that place. Mr. H. A. Varnadore was at her bedside when death came and remained for the funeral.

School Board met Monday night and elected teachers for another year. Four positions are to be filled at a later date.

Baptist W. M. S.

The W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. Gerald Allen Tuesday at 3 p. m. for a joint meeting. Miss Naomi Brown opened the meeting with prayer and after the regular business session ended Mrs. B. M. Gramling reviewed the Home Mission Book "Trail of Seed" and conducted the Bible study.

A delicious plate and coffee was served to 11 members

On Friday the society will observe an all-day meeting with a covered dish luncheon, in their yearly program on Home Missions, meeting with Mrs. Hawley Allen.

AMERICAN CAFE

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

W.S. C. S.

The women of the Methodist Church are missing a rare spiritual feast when they fail to attend the Bible Study conducted by Mrs. McNeil Wylie each Monday afternoon. If you are not a member of the class, you are urged to attend and "listen in", on the lesson.

There were thirteen present Monday afternoon and the next meeting will be with Mrs. Bruce Clift.

Observer Force Exploring

We have heard of the Mot for some time so we decided to see for ourselves. Mr. J. C. Hae owner, showed us around, gave the low down on the fine pecan trees found in the orchard. He had topped many of the large trees and budded them to large thin shell pecans, however there are some native nuts as fine as any body's improved.

Just last year he started a new fruit orchard, with several years experience he impressed us that he was on the right road to success. He is putting out money and lots of hard labor which entitles him to much success.

Winner at Fat Stock Show

Billie Frank Blaylocks Delaine fat wool lamb was placed first in the Coke County show and won a breeder's reward for W.A. Blaylock. He got a ribbon and \$5.00 for a prize.

M. H. Havins was brought home Wednesday from the hospital much improved.

Local Items

Mrs. G. T. Hester left Wednesday for Dallas where she will spend a few days.

Bro. and Mrs. D. E. Simpson attended the Baptist Workers meeting at Drasco Tuesday.

Mrs. W. J. Cumbie went to the San Angelo Clinic Monday for a check up.

The Lions Club had a special luncheon on Tuesday evening with several out of town visitors present.

Mrs. Chism Brown went to Coleman Wednesday afternoon for father and mother Mr. and Mrs. Young who will spend a few days visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

The will of the late J. B. McCutchen, pioneer Coke ranchman who died Jan. 9 was admitted to probate in county court at Robert Lee Monday.

At the capping exercises in the Shannon Hospital Monday night Melrose Boykin and Geneva Martin, received their caps for the first course in nursing.

Fishing

The best report we can get on the fisherman who went to the Pecos is that they did not get enough, and the biggest one did not get away.

Fishing on the Colorado is getting better, as several reports has come to the Observer of good catches.

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WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON
(Consolidated Features—WNU Service.)

NEW YORK.—In 1918, there was a tall, gangling young man in charge of a crew of men who were making lewisite gas, in a hide-out near Cleveland. A veteran officer advised him to give orders in a low tone of voice and speak slowly and cautiously. There were human and chemical tensions there, intermingling, and a sharp word might twitch a workman's nerve and cause trouble.

That might have been good training for a college president-to-be. At any rate, they made Dr. James Bryant Conant president of Harvard, in 1936. He has continued to speak softly and to get results without anything blowing up, and now President Roosevelt picks him to head a scientific mission to Britain.

He was a major in the newly organized chemical warfare service in the days when he was making lewisite gas. Within a few years of the day when he took his Harvard doctorate, in 1917, he was famed here and abroad as one of the world's leading research chemists. If our leasing and lending includes specialized brains, we could not have sent a scientist more competent to devise defenses against gas attack, or, perhaps to solve some new Nazi chemical ruthlessness, of which, it is reported, the British war office has evidence.

He is a pioneer and expert in gas warfare and defense, but he hates war and as an educator has worked diligently to out-mode and banish forever his war gases. He hastened to enlist when we entered the World war. A friend persuaded him that he would be much more useful in gas research for the bureau of mines. From this bureau he later was transferred to the chemical warfare service.

He is an Alpinist, still climbing mountains at the age of 48. In 1937, he scaled North Palisade mountain in the California Sierra, a hazardous climb of 14,254 feet. During the previous winter, he had broken his collar-bone while skiing. He is blue-eyed, with rather severe pedagogical spectacles, which make him look scientific, and a warm, ready smile which makes him look human.

His father was a photo-engraver of Dorchester, Mass. There was some sniffing among the Brahmins when the professor of chemistry became president of Harvard. But Charles W. Eliot had been a professor of chemistry and had scored heavily in the humanities—as did Dr. Conant. So there was precedent for that appointment, but possibly not for his present appointment. The tradition of the absent-minded professor fades in an era of highly specialized knowledge.

PERHAPS more than any other one man, Sir Robert Brooke-Popham saw the need for wings over the British empire and worked hard and long to provide them. As commander-in-chief in the Far East today, with tension mounting hourly on land and sea, he may take credit for strengthening air defenses to the farthest outpost of Britain's dominions.

He attended Sandhurst and entered the army. He was at the front in France from the first to the last gunshot.

Twenty years ago he began campaigning and agitating for an empire matrix of commercial and military airlines, predicting an hour of peril when only such unity and co-operation of scattered air forces could hold the empire together. He was one of the originators of the British commonwealth air training plan; established the Royal Air Force college in London and became commandant of the Imperial Defense college. He built Canada's \$600,000,000 empire air force which just now is greatly strengthening Britain's hopes with its 40,000 students and its daily yield of skilled fliers for the defense of Britain.

Washington Digest

New Envoy to Britain Is Staunch 'New Dealer'

Shares President Roosevelt's Political Views; Announce 'Social Defense Work' to Bolster Home Front.



By BAUKHAGE
National Farm and Home Hour Commentator.

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WASHINGTON. — Few American ambassadors have been chosen because of their philosophy. John Winant, just taking over his new duties as envoy to the Court of St. James, was.

Externally he is not the type to wear knee breeches and genuflect to royalty.

He is tall, Lincolnque appearing. He is no orator. He has had no previous diplomatic experience. He is anything but the glass of fashion, although he comes from a wealthy New York family. He was once Republican governor of New Hampshire. President Roosevelt called him in to head the first social security board. Later he was director of the international labor office at Geneva.

Many persons in Washington will tell you they cannot see why this man was chosen for our most important foreign diplomatic post. Within limits it is anybody's guess. This is mine:

Mr. Roosevelt believes that America is to play the dominating role in the peace that is to come. He believes that the democracies must have as definite a program to offer the bewildered and bleeding peoples of the earth as the totalitarians. Hitler has named his. It is national socialism. Roosevelt has his—the New Deal.

'If' Great Britain Wins.

If Great Britain wins the war, her chosen representatives will dictate the terms which will shape the new world. If they are to be persuaded to do the job on the American plan they must understand what that plan is. Therefore, since the man whose function it is to interpret the United States to Great Britain in the pre-peace days is our ambassador, he must truly represent his President. Of course all ambassadors are supposed to be the personal representatives of their head of state but under these circumstances the President's envoy extraordinary must be a man who Mr. Roosevelt believes, believes as he believes.

That is the reason the President sent Harry Hopkins over in the fateful interlude between a Kennedy and a Winant.

John Winant will talk to the king or the prime minister or whomever is head of the peace-making government, in the language of President Roosevelt. That is not precisely the language which Joseph Kennedy spoke so understandingly to the Englishman he knew best and respected highly, the late Neville Chamberlain, the language of the conservative liberal, the man of property. Winant's language is the language of what he would probably describe "social values"—for he is the New Deal incarnate.

President Has Plan For 'Social Defense'

At a recent White House press conference the President took a lot of time to answer an open letter from an ex-marine, World war veteran. The writer said that when the last war was over he had announced that he'd cheer the boys to the next one and then enjoy a big steak and onions. But when he tried it after seeing some draftees march by, the steak didn't taste. He wanted to know what folks, too old to join the army could do for national defense. The President said he would announce a plan soon. That plan is based on a report submitted by a committee, the chairman of which is Mrs. Florence Kerr, assistant WPA commissioner here.

Later I asked Mrs. Kerr about it. This was her reply:

"There are social defense jobs to be done in every home town in America. From border to border and coast to coast communities need more services in health, welfare, education, recreation. Everywhere there are things to be done to make America a better place in which to live."

Fields of training, says Mrs. Kerr, in which millions of men, women and youth will be engaged for defense on the home front will include: Food training programs, dealing with all subjects related to food, food conservation, food handling, gardening, canning, mass

feeding, vitamins and their importance, food for children, food for ill, diet, nutrition and many other topics related to food and the home front.

Aptitude testing, first aid and safety first; community organization, map reading, map making, drafting, community health, sanitation and hygiene: are just a few of the other fields in which more trained workers are needed.

"On a volunteer basis present and ex-teachers of language could develop nation-wide opportunities for classes in Spanish," Mrs. Kerr said. "Western hemisphere relationships give such training universal appeal, and many individuals will respond to such an opportunity to equip themselves better for world citizenship."

"Co-operating with private organizations, such as Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls, and other recreation groups, great numbers of women can be interested and trained in performing their home defense service through volunteer leadership of girls."

War-Gas Driven Cars Increase in Finland

Recently we reported the experimental work being done by the department of agriculture laboratory in Peoria, Ill., in the manufacture of alcohol from corn residue. In Finland, where necessity has become the mother of invention, reports coming to Washington show that they are already running automobiles without gasoline. The Finns have wood-gas carburetors in their cars. Finland in normal times imports all of its petroleum. In these times it can get little or none.

According to information reaching the legation here in your capital city the Finnish ministry of supplies and transport has issued orders to the effect that automobiles all over Finland, including privately owned cars, busses and trucks, must be fitted with the wood-gas carburetors as soon as possible. The only exceptions are ambulances and the cars and trucks of the fire brigades. Every day now sees an increase of the wood-gas driven cars on the streets of Helsinki. By early November, 1,900 wood-gas carburetors were in use in Finland, as well as 4,250 charcoal-gas carburetors, another substitute for gasoline.

And this affects the farmer, too. All tractors in agricultural use are being fitted with the wood-gas carburetors. Nearly all busses are already running on wood-gas, and passengers are gratified with the absence of the noxious gas fumes usually associated with gasoline-driven busses—one of the advantages of wood gas.

New service stations have had to be set up, for the servicing now is not merely a question of supplying the fuel but also of cleaning the carburetors and emptying the ashes, which must be done under cover.

Last August, when wood-gas carburetors were introduced into Finland, the state appointed a committee to find means to finance their purchase. This committee's recommendation, to set up a guarantee company in which the state would take part, was carried out by the establishment in October of a joint stock company, Wood-Gas Generator Credits, Inc., which extends credits, up to a maximum of 70 per cent of the cost, toward the purchase of the new carburetors.

The ministry of supply and transport also appointed a technical committee to work on improvements and modifications of the carburetors. The state granted \$100,000 to start this work.

Although the development of wood gas in Finland thus far has been a temporary expediency it may have a future as a fuel in the motor world. In that case, Finland, according to the Finnish experts, with her wealth of forests, would be in the first rank of motor-fuel producing countries. At all events, she would be independent as far as her own auto traffic is concerned.

However, if and when the Finns once again secure their political independence, it is to be hoped they will be part of a world where complete economic independence is not necessary—a world where there is a free flow of all the products of the earth and of industry between nations.

Star Dust
STAGE SCREEN RADIO

By VIRGINIA VALE
(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

IF RALPH MURPHY, Paramount director, needed to make a little extra money he could write a book entitled "Ten Lessons on How to Catch a Man" and the shekels would roll in.

Here's what he has to say about it. (He's a graduate of Syracuse university, has been a stage and motion picture actor, producer and director for years, so he's qualified to talk.)

"I have three girls in 'Las Vegas Nights.' Each would use a different technique. Each technique would require eight reels to fold. So—I let Constance Moore get her man with the direct-approach technique. I give Virginia Dale a man before the picture starts, and I leave Lillian Cornell out on a limb with nary a male in sight.



Constance Moore

"The allure technique is used by a woman conscious of the fact that she has an enormous amount of feminine appeal for men—a screen example would be Hedy Lamarr. Flattery is used by women ranging from the baby-faced girls to the mothering type. There's the girl who gives the impression that she's helpless; men want to stand between her and the world—Bonnie Baker's an example.

"There's the girl who uses the direct approach; spots the man she wants and makes no bones about it; she's a good sport, a playmate, and picks a man with the same characteristics. Barbara Stanwyck's a screen example. And the coquette, whose eyes say 'if you chase me I'll run—but not too far.' Like Virginia Dale on the screen.



Virginia Dale

"Then there's the one who is not brilliant and not dull, not beautiful and not homely; every girl asks 'What's she got?' The answer is 'She's got the man that a lot of other girls wanted.'"

Some other girl may have Errol Flynn for a husband now; Olivia de Havilland's married him five times—on the screen—and when she finished "Santa Fe Trail" she fled to the equally ardent arms of James Cagney, in "Strawberry Blonde." She was a little dubious about it; after all, Cagney's had a bad movie reputation where women were concerned since he squashed that grapefruit in a lady's face. But Olivia is safe in this one—he's cast as a belligerent dentist who gets into plenty of fights, but all with men.

Twenty-four of the show girls in "Ziegfeld Girl" voted for their favorite movie actress the other day. Vivian Leigh got eight votes, and Bette Davis and Greta Garbo each got five. But—Judy Garland, Lana Turner and Hedy Lamarr couldn't be voted for. They're in the picture.

Billy the Kid has finally joined the side of law and order. It happened recently near Tucson, Ariz., where Robert Taylor was made a deputy sheriff of Pima county. Taylor plays the fast-shooting desperado of the 1870s in Metro's picture, "Billy the Kid," which was on location in the Southwest at the time Taylor took over his duties.

They were shooting scenes on the Double U ranch in Pima county when Sheriff Ed Echols paid the troupe a visit and pinned a shiny new badge on the star's shirt.

Burgess Meredith rarely wears a hat, but he's exceptionally well provided with places to hang one. At present he has four homes. (1) His 200-year-old farmhouse in Rockland county, N. Y. (2) Jimmy Stewart's bachelor establishment in Brentwood, where he has stayed on his previous Hollywood sojourns. (3) The house in West Los Angeles which belongs to Wayne Morris, which he and Franchot Tone rent; it's known as Annex No. 1 to Stewart's abode. (4) A small beach house which he rented at Santa Monica, called Annex No. 2—he took it with the idea of week-ending there, but so far has been so busy that he's hardly seen it. But he has hopes, now that he's completing his work in United Artists' "That Uncertain Feeling."

IMPROVED
UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL
SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for March 9

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CHRIST REJECTED

LESSON TEXT—Luke 20:9-20.
GOLDEN TEXT—Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.—Matthew 5:11.

Rejection of Christ by Israel as a nation is pictured in our lesson. We know how the judgment of God has come upon that nation because of its failure to receive Him and believe on Him. God had to take the vineyard from them and give it to others (v. 16).

Men today reject Christ, and we find that the sin which causes them to do so and the judgment which follows are essentially the same as in the case of Israel.

I. Why Men Reject Christ (vv. 9-15).

Self-will, the very heart of all sin, underlies every refusal to let Christ have His rightful control over our lives. There are two forces which may dominate and direct my life—God's will or self-will. Just as love of God is the essence of all virtue (Matt. 22:37-38), so love of self is the essence of all sin.

The leaders of Israel, both political and religious, had one great fear which dominated all of their thinking concerning Jesus; namely, that they would lose all their authority if He were recognized by the people for what the leaders must have known Him to be—the Son of God, and their rightful King. God had entrusted to them as underservants the care of His vineyard, and in their wicked greed they had determined to have it all for themselves, even though it meant destroying the Son and rightful Heir.

We need only a moment's reflection to realize that this is exactly what occurs every time someone now rejects Christ. It is because in self-will that person decides that the one who has a right to his life is not to have it. There are many sins, but this is the root sin of them all.

II. What Happens When Men Reject Christ (vv. 16-18).

Judgment. It came to Israel, as all history even to this dark day so strikingly testifies. Just so, it will come to every one who rejects Christ.

It is not a slight matter of comparative unimportance whether a man accepts or rejects Christ. He likes to make it appear so, saying that it is just something about the local church that he does not like, or the preacher does not exactly suit him; or perchance he hides behind the time-worn excuse that there are hypocrites in the church, when in doing so he proves that he is himself the worst of hypocrites.

All of these excuses do not hide the fact that in self-will he is rejecting God's will for his life in Christ. At the end of that road he will have to meet the judgment of God upon sin. God reads the heart, knows the falsity of every excuse and the real rebellion against Christ, which may be hidden from fellow men by smooth words and polite manners.

Tear off that mask, unbelieving friend who may read these words. Face the truth that you are refusing Christ's authority because you are self-willed, and look squarely at the fact that "it is appointed unto men once to die, and after this cometh the judgment" (Heb. 9:27, R. V.)

III. How Men Reject Christ (vv. 19, 20).

Deceit and treachery of the vilest kind marked the rejection of Christ by Israel's leaders. They feared the people, and lacking the authority to condemn Him themselves they had to obtain some evidence under which the Roman law would have to sentence Him. It is significant that they could not find one bit of real evidence against Him and had to proceed by trickery and treachery.

Christ rejection in our day is just as deceitful and treacherous, although it does not often appear so outwardly. As a matter of fact, the leaders of Israel were outwardly polite and careful. They sent spies who could "feign themselves to be just men." They "feared the people" and did not dare to speak openly against Him.

No matter which way man may turn in seeking for an excuse for his rejection of Christ, if he is honest he will have to admit that he has dealt deceitfully with God. When he does that, he is ready in repentance and faith to take Christ as his Saviour and Lord.

THE SMOKY YEARS

By ALAN LE MAY

W.N.U. Release

INSTALLMENT I CHAPTER I

This was the crisis—the climax of all that long war. Here they sat, these men who had fought a common enemy for so long: Dusty King, who, with the hoofs of countless cattle, had carved many a Great Plains trail deep into the short grass; young Bill Roper, who had begun following those trails with Dusty King before he was big enough to hold a horse; and old Lew Gordon, Texas man, whose wild marketless herds had been the roots of fortune.

Dusty King and Lew Gordon constituted King-Gordon, the famous partnership that had developed with the great cattle trails; until now their many brands marked far-scattered herds beyond estimate. They were here because of tomorrow's auction of land leases. Under the hammer would go the grazing rights on the Crying Wolf Indian lands—those miles and miles of stirrup-deep grass that King-Gordon wanted, and that Ben Thorpe had to have.

It was curious that their long war with Ben Thorpe should have met its true climax here. The three in this room understood that the outcome would rest upon what the two older men decided here. Possession of the Crying Wolf meant dominance in the north to King-Gordon, or to Ben Thorpe; there was no longer going to be room for both.

"This is an old fight, Lew," Dusty King said. "It goes back as far as that first time you backed me with a little herd, to see if I could make it through to Abilene. Don't hardly seem like we better draw back now."

Lew Gordon stirred, swaying his shoulders imperceptibly, like a stubborn bear. "Credit's going to be terrible hard, this coming year," he said at last.

Dusty King seemed to sprawl a little more loosely; he was playing poker in a way of his own. Swaggering, easy-going, spendthrift—he still was a man who believed invincibly in himself.

"I passed Ben Thorpe in the road, today," he said. "He was looking mighty prosperous. I bet he weighs two hundred and twenty-five pounds now, with his stomach pulled in."

"His backing is terrible strong," Lew Gordon said, his eyes on the floor.

No one knew better than Lew Gordon that Dusty King, in tackling the impossible a hundred times, had a hundred times shown the way for the rest. But Gordon remembered too the poverty of the cattle-poor days before any outlet was found for Texas beef. To risk all they had won, in a single slashing stroke at an old enemy, was almost more than Gordon could bear.

"You know why Ben Thorpe's strong," Dusty King said. "And you know how he got his start. We know why it is that so many Texas outfits stand in Ben Thorpe's name; and how many different ways he's found to jump down on little lonely Texan cowmen and leave them broke or dead. And we know what's happened to many a little outfit that started north, but never brought their cattle through, nor got home."

"Every year," Dusty King said, "since we began driving up the big trails, we've locked horns in one way or another with this one gang. I'm not forgetting who started the Red Brick stampede where Dave and Bob Henry died under piled up cattle; nor the Tularosa shootings, with four more of my boys dead. There's some good cowboys under the prairie, Lew."

Gordon said almost maudibly, "Never could prove anything."

"His herds have grown faster than ours have grown," Dusty King's expressionless voice droned on. "He's as big as we are; he'll be bigger soon. From the Big Bend to the Tetons, he owns more outfits than he knows the names of. He's never run an honest deal where he could run a crooked one, nor a square trick where he could play a mean one; it's a long time since he rode all night with his rifle in his hands, but Lew, if he isn't stopped—there's plenty he can hire to do his dark-of-the-moon stuff now."

"Dusty," Lew Gordon said, "we've blocked him every way we could."

"That's why he'll get you, and me too, in the end."

Again the silence closed, with behind it the perpetual bawling of the cattle, far off in the spring night.

Dusty King said casually, "Cleve Tanner's here."

Bill Roper saw Lew Gordon's eyes flick up to look at Dusty King.

"Cleve Tanner?"

"Here in Ogallala."

"What the devil's the meaning of that?"

"Cleve and Walk Lasham are the only two of Ben Thorpe's men that

raided the cross timbers with him in the old days; the only two he can really trust, now."

"It's natural that Walk Lasham should be here," Lew Gordon conceded; "but Cleve Tanner, all the way up from the Big Bend—"

"Shows you," Dusty King said, "what store they set on the Crying Wolf lands. Ben Thorpe is sold mighty deep into next year's deliveries. Already he's committed for more northern-fed cattle than he can show—unless he can get the Crying Wolf."

Slowly Lew Gordon got a frayed tally book out of his back pocket. "The survey—" Lew Gordon's voice was curiously bewildered—"it's hard to believe there's any land as good as this."

Their private survey had been made by Bill Roper; it represented weeks of hard riding, and shrewd calculation of the strength and depth of the feed upon the surface of the broken land.

"One place here reads fifty head to the section," Lew said wonderingly. "Fifty head of cattle grazing

The bidding for the Crying Wolf lands was being held in a disused store, and here the sidewalk and half the street were filled with knotted groups. Through this crowd Dusty King and Bill Roper waded, Dusty trying to look like something bewildered, from the tall country. Beside the door was posted a handbill in black type, giving due legal notice of the auction of leases, and Dusty stopped to study this with a grave empty face, as if he had never heard of it before.

"Mr. King," somebody said, "they've been waiting for you, fully an hour."

Dusty looked blank. Then he clutched his hat to his head in a startled way, and rushed inside with a clownish representation of haste.

Within, the crowd of plains-country men—bronzed men, saddle-faced men, sometimes bearded men—gave way as King, followed by Bill Roper, shouldered his way to the back.

"Is this the place," King asked, "where the feller is selling the horse?"

The deputy commissioner took his feet off his table. "The sale was supposed to start at two o'clock," he complained.

A little tribute, there. The commissioner—perhaps already in Ben Thorpe's pay—hardly dared start an important sale, without present this slouching, nondescript-looking representative of King-Gordon.

"No word has come from your partner at all," the commissioner said.

"He ain't coming."

Three men who sat in chairs grouped around one end of the table looked at each other. They ignored King and Roper, as hostile dogs ignore an enemy of whom they are not yet keenly aware.

The big man in the light-colored hat was Ben Thorpe—the Ben Thorpe whose far-scattered holdings perhaps already exceeded those of King-Gordon. Thick-shouldered now, heavy-bodied, he was today more than ever a power feared in the cattle country—still unscrupulous, still menacing, but now of a different sort—a power of wealth, of organization, and of bought-up law.

Beside him, the tall man, lean and narrow-bodied as a slat, was Cleve Tanner; a hawk-faced man, keen-eyed, so cleanly shaven that the tight skin of his jaws seemed to shine. Cleve Tanner was manager of Ben Thorpe's Texas holdings, the breeding grounds from which Thorpe's whole organization drew its strength.

The other, the man who seemed uncommonly dark, even among these sun-darkened men, was Walk Lasham. He was Ben Thorpe's manager in the north, now; under his poker-faced watchfulness lay Ben Thorpe's northern holdings, the feeding grounds now necessary to any wide operation in the cattle trade.

The deputy commissioner raised his voice. "This," he said, "is a federal auction, to place by public bidding certain lands in the charge of the Indian Department, by the authority of the Secretary of the Interior and the President of the United States; namely certain lands . . ."

He droned through his preamble perfunctorily; everyone in the crowd knew exactly what was involved. Something more than land was here changing hands. To hold the Crying Wolf would all but mean supremacy in the north. But this thing was bigger than that. The two organizations which here clashed again were the great powers of the trails; behind each of them were whole coun-

ties of Texas mesquite grass plains, great areas of the middle short-grass country, scores of outfits. The struggle between them had developed with the Chisholm trail itself—a decade-long combat between men of diametrically opposed principles and methods. And now—

"This land," the deputy commissioner concluded, "is thrown into blocks. I think, gentlemen, you are already familiar with the placement of the lands. Block 1 includes, as previously agreed, an estimated one hundred sections, or sixty-four thousand acres, known hereinafter as 'Block 1'; bounded on the north by—"

Cleve Tanner leaned close to Ben Thorpe, whispered, and Thorpe nodded.

"I shouldn't think," said the deputy commissioner, "we need hear any bid of less than ten cents per year, per acre."

There was a moment's silence, and the deputy commissioner got out a big silk handkerchief and mopped his head, as King now let a slow smile come to the surface of his impassive face. A curious rumble ran over the room, and the crowd seemed to sway.

"I got a proposition," Dusty King said. "Nobody is bidding on this land but just us two; nobody means to bid. Throw the whole thing in one pot and we'll bid on the works."

"I'll agree to that," Thorpe decided. The black anger in his face had submerged again, so that he was poker-eyed.

The deputy commissioner was beginning to look like a man who wished he were some place else. "If there are no objections—"

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Ben Thorpe's face had turned a curious color, not gray, certainly not bloodless; an odd congested color, like dark sand. "Fifty-five," he said.

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"A dollar," said Dusty King.

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"Cash on the nail?" King asked.

There was no question now about the sweat that stood out on the commissioner's forehead.

"Seventy cents," said King.

"I'm already bid a dollar, five!"

"Sure; but we got different rules now. God knows Thorpe can't back a dollar, five in gold. What kind of shenanigan is this, anyway?"

The eyes of the deputy commissioner went to Ben Thorpe's face again, but there was nothing to be read there. Thorpe seemed so lumpishly still that it was not apparent that he breathed.

"Seventy cents," said Dusty King again in the silence. "Whoop'er up, boys—I've only begun!"

Silence again through the pack of those saddle-faced men; perspiring silence on the part of the deputy commissioner, dead lumpish silence on the part of Ben Thorpe. Cleve Tanner, his hands locked back of his neck, looked at the ceiling; Walk Lasham sat motionless, his eyes on the face of his boss.

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"Mr. Thorpe," the commissioner wavered, "Mr. Thorpe, will you—do you—"

They waited for what Ben Thorpe would say. His face was expressionless still, as he got up from his chair; but men stumbled over each other to get out of his way, as he walked down the length of that packed room, and out into the street.

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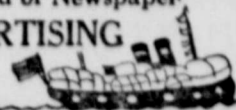
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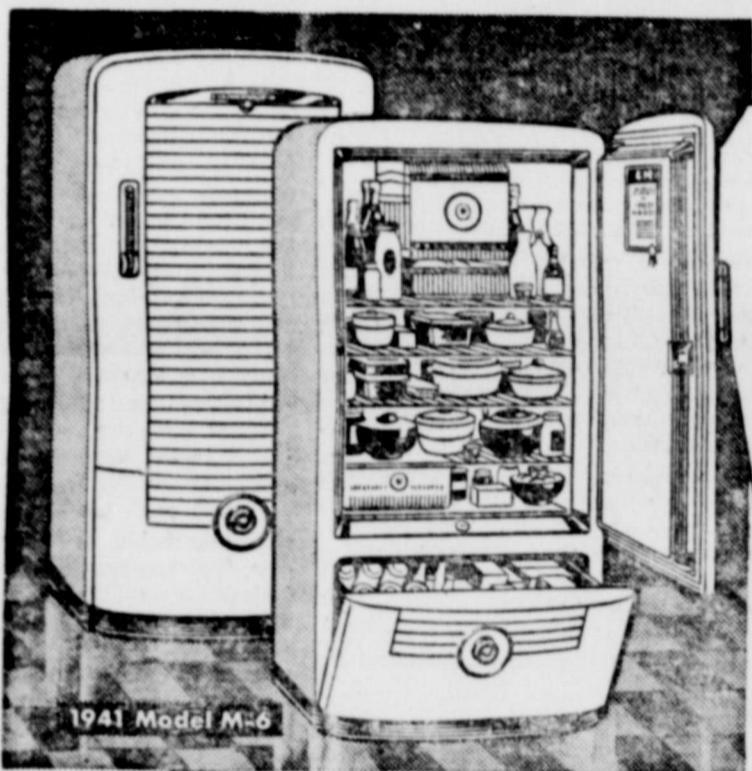


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Food Map of Europe as of Today



The starvation areas of Europe can be seen at a glance, above. This map will now darken from month to month as, in many countries, the last remaining food stocks reach exhaustion.

New York (Special) — All Europe is on short rations. Only tiny Portugal still commands a normal food supply. Before the first of the next harvests can be reaped, five months must elapse. In some countries, remaining food stocks will have been exhausted long before, when conditions of slow starvation which already exist will become actual famine. Moreover, in several European countries the harvest covers only a few months consumption.

The above map has been drawn to bring the threatened areas into relief. As may be seen at a glance, the British Isles, Germany, Italy and the Balkans, although all on rations, are not in danger. But the little, western democracies, always dependent on overseas supplies and now cut off by the blockade, are already on a semi-starvation basis.

Darkest, immediate spots in the picture are Belgium and Poland (the latter because of war devastation and partitioning). Here, actual famine already prevails. People are dying of sheer hunger. But Spain, France, Holland, Norway and Finland are not far behind. The above map will now darken quickly from month to month. The terrible food emergency in Europe, so long forecast by food experts, is now but a step away.

Spain may be able to get some help from the Argentine. In the case of the other countries, however, their main hope seems to be the United States. Like the Argentine, the United States not only holds large, surplus carryovers of foodstuffs of which it would be glad to get rid, but each one of these starving countries holds in this country frozen dollar balances ample to pay for the food they need. Belgium, alone, has several hundred million dollars in assets here. It is then primarily a question whether it can be arranged to pass this food through the blockade if, at the European end, it can be taken in control by a tight, neutral agency which will supervise its distribution to non-belligerent, civilian populations only—and a guarantee that it will not fall into other hands.

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Heads Jackson Day Campaign in Texas



George A. Butler

George A. Butler, well-known Houston attorney and Democratic leader, is chairman of the Texas Jackson Day campaign this year. He heads the annual drive to collect funds for the national Democratic party organization which will culminate with the annual Jackson Day Dinner to which all subscribers of \$25 or more are invited guests. The Jackson Day Dinner will be held in the Rice Hotel at Houston, where the Jackson Day committee have opened offices. Previous Jackson Day rallies have all been held in Dallas. The banquet will be on the night of Saturday, March 29. Appointment of George A. Butler as chairman was announced by National Committeeman Myron G. Block.

HAS FORD THE ANSWER?

NEW YORK. — After a six months' investigation of airplane manufacture throughout most of the United States, Edward P. Flynn, of the New York Post, found no likelihood of mass production by airplane manufacturers.

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After commenting that some airplane engineers with whom he talked elsewhere doubt that Ford or anyone else can manufacture plane engines in mass production, Flynn, still impressed by what he has seen at Ford's, declares:

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Just Commenting

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"When you feel stale, go for a long walk," advises someone. Probably a shoemaker.

"All women secretly look upon men as fools," declares a writer. Until they're married. After that they do it quite openly.

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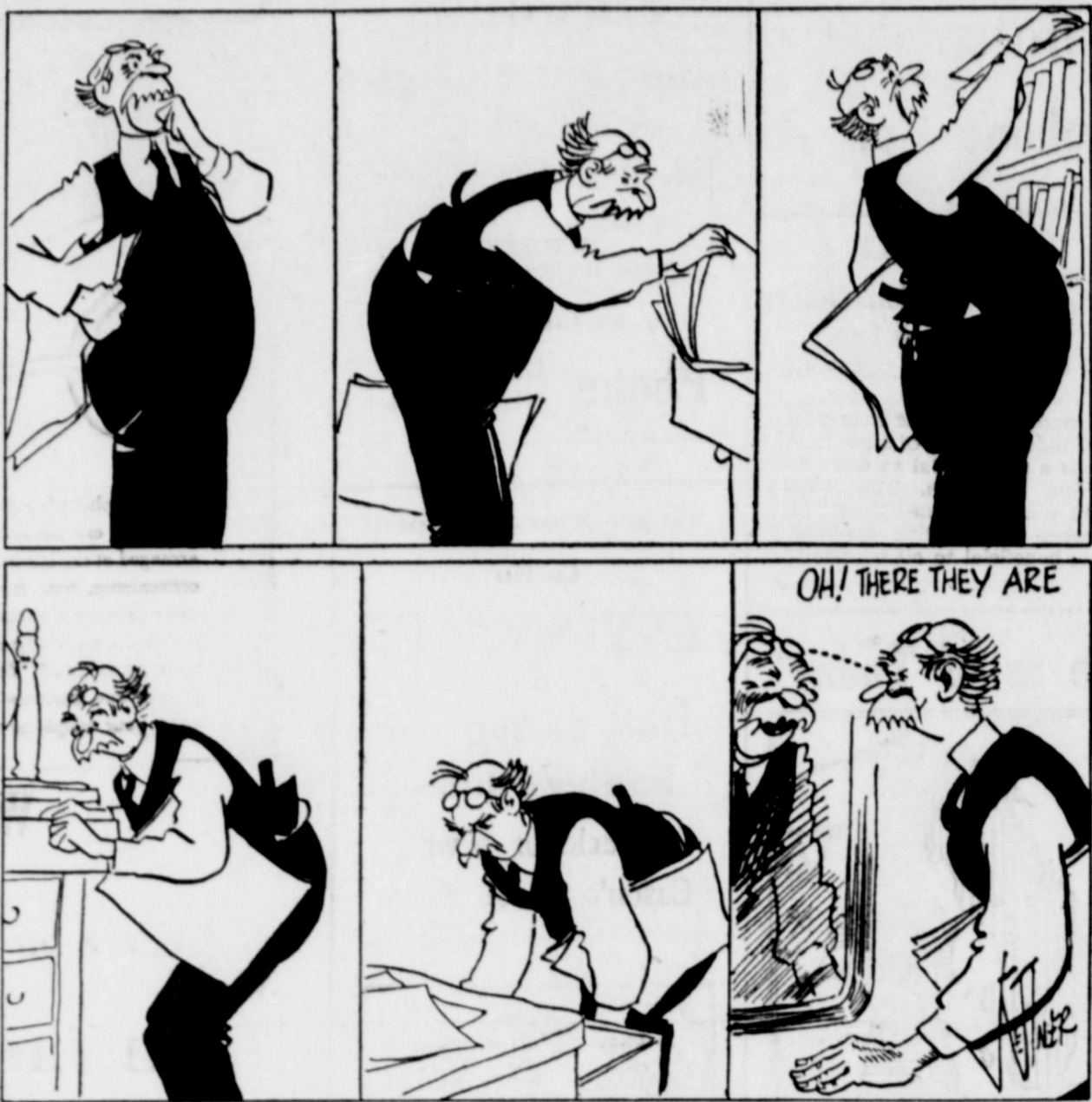
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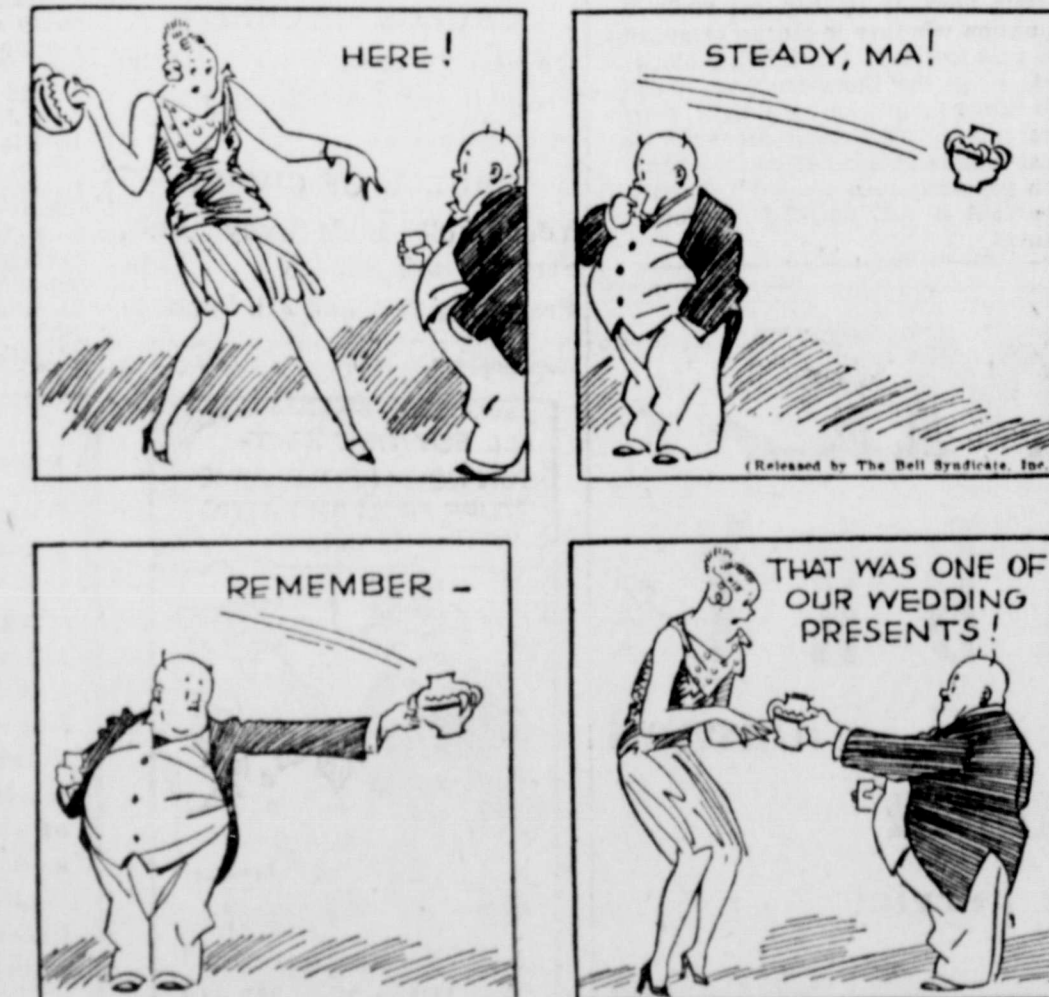
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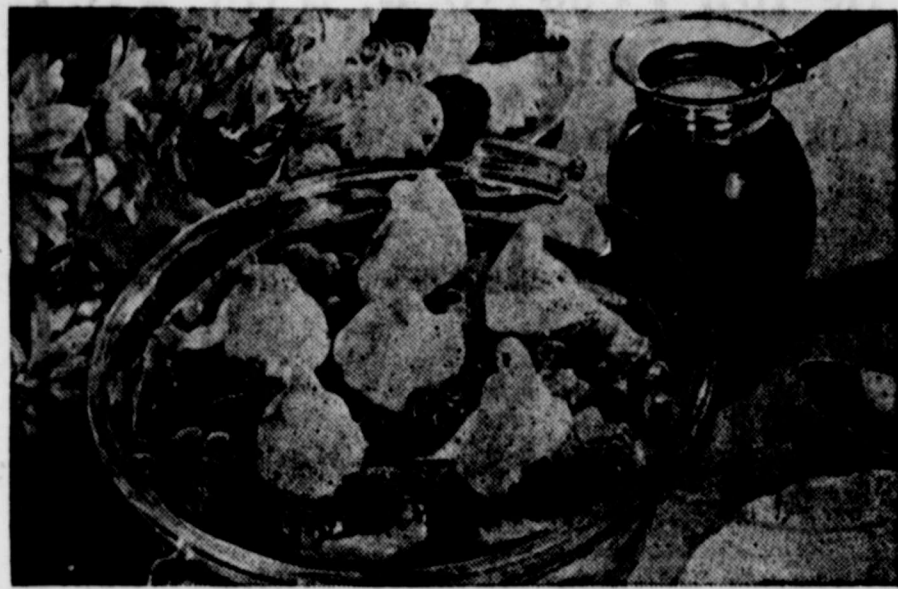
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Household News

By Eleanor Howe



THIS PUDDING FAIRLY SHOUTS 'TRY ME!'
(See Recipes Below)

ADD ONE CUP OF IMAGINATION

Once upon a time a friend told me that to her the addition of "one cup of imagination" was the most important ingredient that could be used in any recipe. So whole heartedly do I agree with her that today I want to give you a number of recipes to which that ingredient, imagination, has been added. In fact, so successfully has this been done that each of these recipes is different, yet each is delicious — each fairly shouts "Try me!"

These recipes, moreover, have been chosen as luncheon favorites because, of all of the meals of the day, the family luncheon some way seems to be most neglected.

Sausage Stand-Up.

- (Serves 4 to 6)
- 1 8-ounce package spaghetti (broken small)
 - 1 pound breakfast sausages
 - ¼ cup minced onion
 - 1 clove garlic (minced)
 - 4 tablespoons parsley (finely chopped)
 - 1 can tomato paste (6-ounce)
 - 1 cup water
 - 1½ teaspoons salt
 - ¼ teaspoon pepper
 - ½ teaspoon sugar
 - ¼ cup grated cheese

Cook broken spaghetti in boiling water (6 cups) (1 teaspoon salt per quart water) until tender, about 20 minutes, then drain. Place sausages in skillet, add ¼ cup of water and cook until nicely browned, about 15 minutes. Saute onion, garlic, and parsley in sausage fat for 5 minutes, until onions are yellow and transparent. Remove from fat and combine with tomato paste and seasonings. Combine spaghetti with tomato sauce and turn into buttered casserole. Tuck sausages into spaghetti in upright position, so that just the end of each sausage shows. Sprinkle grated cheese over top and bake in moderate oven (350 degrees Fahrenheit) for 20 minutes.



Baked Apricot and Tapioca Pudding
(Serves 6 to 8)

- ½ cup pearl tapioca
- ½ cup evaporated apricots or 2 cups canned apricots
- ½ cup sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 3 cups warm water
- 1 tablespoon butter

Soak pearl tapioca in cold water, to cover, for one hour. Wash apricots and place in a well-greased 1½-quart heat-resistant glass casserole. Add sugar, salt, lemon juice and warm water. Drain tapioca; stir it into the fruit mixture in casserole and dot with bits of butter. Cover the dish and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees Fahrenheit) for 1 hour or until the tapioca parts are translucent. Cool, top with whipped cream, if desired, and serve with coffee sauce.

Coffee Sauce.

- ½ cup sugar
 - 1½ tablespoons cornstarch
 - ¼ teaspoon salt
 - 1 cup hot coffee, regular strength
 - 2 tablespoons butter
 - ¼ teaspoon nutmeg, if desired
- Blend sugar, cornstarch and salt in the upper part of a 1-quart heat-resistant glass double boiler. Add coffee and cook until it thickens, stirring constantly. Blend in butter and nutmeg. Cool and serve with apricot and tapioca pudding.

Hot Dogs in Blankets.

When baking fresh yeast rolls, wrap strips of the dough around wieners, allowing the ends to stick out of their dough blanket. Give the dough time to double in bulk and bake as usual. These hot dogs in blankets should be served piping hot.

My Style Spaghetti.

- (Serves 5 to 6)
- ½ cup olive oil
 - 1 small onion, chopped
 - 1 green pepper, seeded and chopped
 - 1 pound ground beef
 - 1½ teaspoons salt
 - 1 cup tomato puree
 - 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
 - ½ cup grated cheese
 - 1 cup canned corn
 - ½ package spaghetti, cooked

Heat olive oil in frying pan and add onion, green pepper and ground beef. Fry until brown and then add the salt, tomato puree, and Worcestershire sauce. Stir in the grated cheese together with the corn and cooked spaghetti. Place in buttered baking casserole and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees Fahrenheit) for approximately 40 minutes.

Honey All-Bran Spice Cookies.

- (Makes 2½ dozen cookies)
- ¼ cup shortening
 - ½ cup honey
 - ¼ cup sugar
 - 1 egg
 - 1 cup All-Bran
 - 1½ cups flour
 - ½ teaspoon salt
 - 1 teaspoon baking powder
 - ¼ teaspoon soda
 - ¼ teaspoon cloves
 - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 - 1 cup seedless raisins

Blend shortening, sugar and honey thoroughly. Add egg and beat until creamy. Add bran. Sift flour once before measuring. Add salt, baking powder, soda, cloves and cinnamon. Combine with raisins. Add to first mixture and beat well. Drop dough by teaspoons on lightly greased baking sheet about 2½ inches apart. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees Fahrenheit) about 12 to 15 minutes.



Mexican Spaghetti.

- (Serves 8 to 10)
- ½ pound spaghetti
 - 1 can peas (No. 2)
 - ½ pound raw ham (ground)
 - ¼ cup chopped green pepper
 - 1 can tomatoes (No. 2)
 - ½ cup green pepper (cut fine)
 - 1 tablespoon pimiento (cut fine)
 - 2 tablespoons butter (melted)
 - 1 teaspoon paprika
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - ½ teaspoon pepper
 - Bacon strips

Cook the spaghetti in boiling, salted water. Drain. In a baking dish arrange layers of spaghetti, peas, ground ham and cheese and combine tomatoes, green pepper, pimiento, butter, and seasonings. Pour over the spaghetti. Cover with grated cheese and top with bacon strips. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees Fahrenheit) for one hour.

Refrigerator Hamburgers.

- (Serves 5)
- 1 pound hamburger
 - 2 tablespoons finely minced onion
 - ¼ cup chopped green pepper
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1 tablespoon prepared mustard
 - 1 tablespoon horseradish
- Mix all ingredients together, and shape into a roll 2½ inches in diameter. Let stand in the refrigerator several hours or over night. When ready to use, cut in slices ¾ inches thick and fry or broil as for regular hamburgers.

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1. What is the only state in the Union which is bounded by one state alone?
2. Which of the following is a natural magnet—Capstone, thunderstone or lodestone?
3. What are known as cardinal winds?
4. When was the boundary between the United States and Canada finally determined?
5. What are the odors of the principal gases that are used in war?

The Answers

1. Maine.
2. Lodestone.
3. Winds blowing from due north, east, south or west.
4. The boundary between the United States and Canada was not completely determined until 1925, or 142 years after our country signed the treaty with England.
5. As nearly as can be described, mustard gas smells like garlic; lewisite like geraniums; phosgene like musty hay; and tear gas like apple blossoms.

If You Read in Bed You'll Want This Bag

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS

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Beginner Didn't Want Possibility to Be Wasted

The instructor was teaching the awkward fellow to drive a car. "Put out your left hand to signal. Then with your left foot step in the clutch. With your right hand put the gearshift into first. Gradually ease up on the clutch, accelerating with your right foot. "When the car has gathered speed, again step in the clutch, shifting with the right hand to second. Then with the left foot slowly let out the clutch, accelerating with the right foot. Then repeat to shift to high speed. Keep your eyes on the road ahead." "There's nothing useful I could do with my nose, is there?" inquired the beginner.

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Dignity and Proportion

Remember this—that there is a proper dignity and proportion to be observed in the performance of every act of life.—Marcus Aurelius.

NAGGING BACKACHE

Max Warning of Disordered Kidney Action—Don't Neglect It!

Modern life with its ceaseless hurry and worry, irregular habits, improper eating and drinking, exposure, contagion, whooping, keeps doctors busy, hospitals crowded. The after effects are disturbing to the kidneys and oftentimes people suffer without knowing that disordered kidney action may cause the trouble. After colds, fever and similar ills there is an increase of body impurities the kidneys must filter from the blood. If the kidneys are overtaxed and fail to remove excess acid and other harmful waste, there is poisoning of the whole system.

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Many of the thousands who saw it at the Fairs were impressed with its timeliness and made inquiries about its availability in the theatres. Final arrangements have been completed to this end. The motivation for the theatrical distribution is the development of intelligent citizenship. It is not a profit-making venture. The rental receipts above actual distribution costs are to be turned over to war relief agencies and the production costs have been paid by the member companies.

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