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Mrs. W. H. Batton Died Friday, March 28 Buried Saturday

Mrs. W. H. Batton was born Jan. 20, 1872 and died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Ben Tubb. She was born in San Saba County and lived there until 1882 then came to San Angelo. She was a member of the church for 50 years, baptized by Bro. A. J. Prichard. She loved the church but on account of ill health could not attend often. She leaves 7 children to mourn her death, namely: Frank, Silas, and Raymond Batton, of Douglas Wyo., Mrs. Ben Tubb, Mrs. Ern Mathers of Silver, Mrs. W. D. Jameson of Colorado City, and Wayne Batton of Oakland, Ore; three brothers, J. Frank Norfleet of Hale Center, Bob Norfleet of Olten Tex., Tom Norfleet, of San Jose Calif.; two sisters Mrs. N.E. Jameson of Fritch Texas, and Mrs. S. E. Conner of Robert Lee. Several grand children and great grand-children besides several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Bro. John T. Smith minister of the Church of Christ at San Angelo, conducted the funeral. Vautrans Funeral Home had charge. Pallbearers were nephews and grandson. The floral offerings were very beautiful. She was buried by the side of her husband at McKinzieville, in Mitchell County, Texas.

A Volunteer

Jerry Dudley Green, No. 453 was notified to appear April 6th, before board of instructors, and will be sent to Fort Bliss.

FOR SALE

Singer Sewing Machine and 9x12 wool rug with pad See Mrs. H. L. Scott

Carl Hurley of Sanco set his Observer for another year and says it is like bread at his house.

Judge Arnold renews his paper for two years.

Trustee Election

There will be an election held at Robert Lee Independent School District's tax office in the city of Robert Lee, Texas, on April 5, 1941 for the purpose of electing two trustees for a term of three years each.

"Any person desiring to have his name on the official ballot as a candidate for the office of trustee must, at least ten days before said election, file a written request with the County Judge of Coke County requesting that his name be placed on the official ballot."

The above requirement is taken from Article 2746a of the Public School Laws of Texas. Board of Education Robert Lee Ind. School Dist. Robert Lee, Texas.

Murtishaw-Sparks

The marriage of Wilfred Sparks and Miss Maurine Murtishaw was solemnized Friday night Mar. 28th at the Bronte parsonage with Rev. Eldredge officiating.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Murtishaw, was reared near Robert Lee and was a Junior of the Robert Lee High School. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sparks of Paint Rock.

The couple left March 30 to go to a ranch near Paint Rock.

Judge Wylie made a business trip to Austin first part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burroughs of Divide visited with Mrs. Lizzie Davis Wednesday.

Eugene Simpson left Monday for Big Spring to enter the NYA project there.

Miss Louise Stewart spent the week end at Big Lake visiting Miss Daisy Lee Duncan returning home Sunday.

Among the students making the honor roll at John Tarlton Agricultural College for the first preliminary was Claud Ditmore of Tennyson.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank our many friends for the kind deeds and words of encouragement during the sickness and death of our dear mother, Mrs. Batton.

The Batton Children

BAPTIST W. M. S.

Mrs. G. C. Allen's group entertained the WMS with a luncheon at one o'clock on Monday 31st at the Baptist Church. 18 members attended and Dr. Jenkins, Bro. Simpson and Mrs. H. S. Lewis Jr. as visitors.

Dr. Jenkins led in prayer after which all enjoyed the delicious eats. After the luncheon Mrs. G. C. Allen conducted a quiz on Bible characters. These present expressed their enjoyment and appreciation of being entertained so highly. Next Monday the W. M. S. will meet with Mrs. J. N. Adams at 3 p. m., for business and Bible study.

Gunnels-Simpson

Miss Willie Ruth Gunnels and Glen Simpson were married the 16th of March and will be at home in Mrs. Annie McCabe's apartment.

Willie Ruth was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Gunnels and Glen was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Simpson.

The Watkins Dealer

I will be in Robert Lee and Bronte Friday and Saturday April 4th and 5th.

T. J. Gillmore.

Proclamation By The Governor of the State Of Texas

Whereas, home ownership has long been recognized as a major factor in building good citizenship and encouraging family solidarity; and

Whereas, it is important that the benefits of home ownership be made available to an increased number of our people thereby giving impetus to those factors making for unity and good citizenship; and

Whereas, we recognize the cultural and economic benefits which may accrue to our people as a result of an increased interest in home ownership;

Now therefore, I W Lee O'Daniel, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby proclaim the week of June 1, 1941 as

Texas Home Building Week and urge the citizens of Texas to direct their thoughts during that week and throughout the year toward the achievement of home ownership.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the seal of the State of Texas, this 24th day of February, A. D., 1941.

W. Lee O'Daniel
Governor of Texas.

Local Items

Mrs. G. T. Hester is in a San Angelo hospital for treatment.

Mr. Hawley Allen has been going to the clinic for a check up.

Mrs. Lizzie Russ, sister of W E Willbanks, of Sedan is here visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Mary Cryer of Ft. Chadbourne is in Robert Lee visiting old time friends.

Hugh S. and Eddy Lewis from Camp Bowie spent Sunday with home folks in Robert Lee.

Miss Boone the commercial teacher in Robert Lee high school spent the week end visiting relatives and friends in Seymour.

Misses Sylvia and Jane Taylor of Odessa, and Mrs. Luther Gayley of San Angelo, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor and family.

Maxine M. Craddock daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Craddock or Robert Lee, made the fall semester honor roll at Texas Tech with an average grade of A.

Misses Eunice McClure and Lois Bradford left Thursday afternoon for Hearne where they visited Miss McClure's mother, returning home Sunday evening.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Genie Baker in a San Angelo hospital on March 29th a girl, weighing 7 pounds 3 1/2 ounces. They named her Sandra Kay. Mrs. Baker was brought home Sunday and both are reported doing fine.

Jimmie Fred, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Cox returned to his home in San Angelo Tuesday after spending a week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor.

W. S. C. S.

Twelve members of the W.S.C.S. met with Mrs. F. C. Clark Monday afternoon. Reports were discussed and the evening spent in finishing quilt blocks. An enjoyable time was had by all present. Will meet with Mrs. Malone next Monday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Kinsey in a San Angelo Hospital a baby girl. Both are doing well.

Eat our Chili and be convinced at City Cafe.

Mrs. T. E. Puett of Dallas, spent several days with old time friends in Robert Lee and while here sold one of her houses to Mr. A. N. Cason who expects to rock veneer it.

Miss Jean Reichart left Tuesday morning for her home at Miles. Miss Reichart had been owner of the City Cafe having sold out some months ago and since then has worked for the present owner.

As scheduled Dr. Jenkins, world traveler and lecturer, delivered several fine messages at the First Baptist Church. Interest increased from message to message and the pictures were most enlightening.

TO TRADE

A new two row cultivator for a cow and calf.
B. F. Bridges, Hdw. Co.
Bronte, Texas.

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Funeral Service Was Held Sunday for Mrs Martha Richardson

Mrs. Martha Richardson 81 years, 5 months and 21 days old died Saturday March 29, at her home in Robert Lee.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 2 p. m. from Primitive Baptist Church and body was laid to rest in the Robert Lee Cemetery.

Mrs. Richardson was a native Texan and had lived here since about 1925.

Survivors a brother Mr. Rhodes of Cisco, and a sister Mrs. Fether Simpson Funeral Home in charge.

Singing Convention at Union north of Bronte Third Sunday in April, all day and dinner on the ground. Everybody invited.

Mrs. John Martin Gramling of Sweetwater, is in the Young hospital Roscoe recuperating from a major operation done Wednesday of last week. At last report she was doing nicely and is expected to be taken home in a few days. The little daughter, Sharon is with her grandmother, Mrs. B.M. Gramling.

AMERICAN CAFE

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

ALAMO THEATRE

"THE BEST IN SCREEN ENTERTAINMENT"

ROBERT LEE TEXAS

Friday, Saturday and Sunday Matinee
April 4 5 6

Pat O'Brien—Donald Crisp—Gale Page IN

"KNUTE ROCKNE--ALL AMERICAN"

Greatest Football pictures of all time WITH
THE FOUR HORSEMEN

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Wednesday only Money Nite April 9

ROBERT YOUNG—MAUREEN O'SULLIVAN—LEWIS STONE
IN

"SPORTING BLOOD"

Also Our Gang Comedy

TEXAS THEATRE BRONTE, TEXAS

Friday and Saturday April 4-5

TYRONE POWER—LINDA DARNELL IN

"BRINGHAM YOUNG Frontiersman"

Also Comedy and News

Tuesday only Money Nite April 8

BING CROSBY—MARY MARTIN IN

"RHYTHM ON THE RIVER"

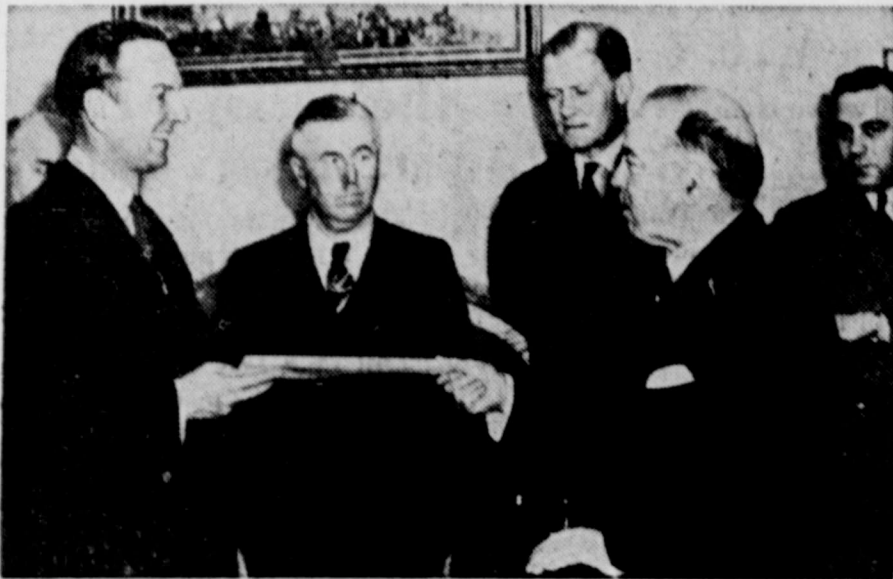
"Also Comedy"

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

By Edward C. Wayne

Soviet Russia Pledges Its 'Neutrality' In Case of Nazi Attack on Turkey; British Lose Tons of Vital Supplies As German Raiders Roam Sea Lanes

(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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The above photo was taken in Ottawa, Canada, at the signing of the agreement between the United States and Canada making possible the start of work on the St. Lawrence-Great Lakes waterway project. This agreement must be approved by Congress and then by the Dominion parliament. Above: MacKenzie King, Canadian prime minister, hands over a signed copy of the pact to J. P. Moffat, U. S. minister to Canada.

RUSSIA:

Another Pledge

In World War I Turkey's national interests seem to logically lie on the side of Britain and in opposition to Adolf Hitler. But Turkey has usually been forced from speaking too loudly against Germany. Reason: Josef Stalin and his Soviet Union. For Turkey knows well that she cannot risk armed conflict unless Russia approves.

This condition exists because once the Turkish army is occupied elsewhere the Soviet legions could easily move in and take over the national government. And Russia is interested in Turkey because Turkey controls the Dardanelles, those strategic straits which form Russia's only year-round, warm-water route to the outside world.

With the Dardanelles threatened by German activity in the Balkans and with the Nazis poised in Bulgaria for a thrust at Greece, Russia began to worry. That worry reached the point where Russia decided to sign a pledge of benevolent and helpful neutrality in case Turkey is attacked by Germany. Following the signing of this agreement Soviet troops were reported to have moved up closer to the massed Nazi forces in southeast Europe.

UNITED STATES:

An Axis 'Foe'

It made hardly a ripple in the United States that Italian and Nazi papers were openly listing this country as among the Axis "foes." Said one Fascist organ: "The democratic powers wanted the war and now must undergo defeats and ruin. The Italian revolution, begun 22 years ago, is today a world revolution."

A Milan paper said: "The new Europe will not forget at the opportune moment President Roosevelt's action and from now on assign such powerful arms to the duty of liquidating with its victory over the London democracies, also the spurious democratic remnants across the ocean."

These were typical of the other thinly veiled threats that American democracy was to be included with that of England and Greece and China in the general overthrow by the Axis powers, assuming victory to be certain.

Yet little Yugoslavia, even while apparently ready much against its will to sign up with the Axis, was making such a spectacle of the signing that Germany and Italy could have no slightest doubt that it was being done under the strongest duress.

In fact, Yugoslavia held back so long and so obdurately that it was evident she was hoping against hope that Germany would move over the Bulgarian border and that British forces, by engaging the Nazi hordes, would enable the Serbs to do a bit of fighting on their own, along with their friends, the non-Axis neighbors.

There was some talk that Russia was friendly to such an idea and that this was giving the Yugoslavs additional courage to hold out. But hold out they did, even in the vital meeting of the cabinet when the vote for signing up was to be taken.

Jugoslavia might give in, the word went plainly out to the Axis, but she would give in unwillingly.

FLEET:

On the Loose

In World War I, the German fleet steamed out of Kiel and was promptly defeated and sunk by the Allied naval forces. In World War II, the German fleet has sailed out of its harbors piecemeal, and has wreaked devastating destruction on the British merchant shipping.

It was with disquieted ear that the United States heard Britain, through Prime Minister Churchill, announce that two of Germany's strongest battleships, the Scharnhorst and the Gneisenau, had escaped cordons of British vessels set to intercept them, and were "on the loose" in Atlantic waters.

According to some reports, within a week these two vessels, possibly with the aid of others, had sunk around 244,000 tons of British and neutral shipping, particularly some vessels reportedly loaded with lend-lease aid to Britain.

The warning of Churchill that some German war vessels might be expected to act within American neutrality zone waters was followed dramatically by the announcement that two of the Nazi navy's capital ships were roving the high seas, obviously looking for easy prey in unprotected convoys.

For, under the British convoy system 40 to 50 vessels meet at Halifax or some similar port as far out as possible into the eastern Atlantic, and from there are conveyed some distance from land, after which the pitifully small conveying force returns to port after which the convoy is "on its own" until some point where it is picked up, say, 500 to 700 miles off the Irish coast, by another, also pitifully small convoy.

It has been somewhere between these points, according to Churchill, that the Scharnhorst and the Gneisenau, first-line battleships, with which destroyers and cruisers would be unable to cope, that the heavy current sinkings had been done.

SEVEN BILLION:

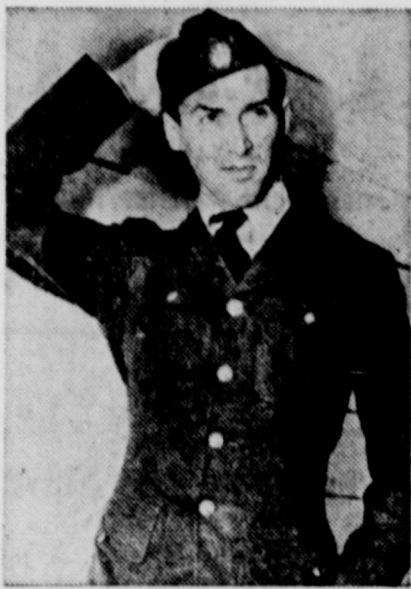
In the Bag

Approval of the seven billion dollar British aid bill came as both House and Senate passed the measure with top heavy votes. Only the President's signature was needed to start the speed of U. S. supplies to Britain. President Roosevelt was vacationing off the Florida coast and arrangements were therefore made to dispatch the measure to him by airplane.

The President could afford to leave Washington, he felt, and he saw by the house action and by the senate reaction that his \$7,000,000,000 plan would become a fact. Long before the house and senate acted on the lease-lend bill, administration advisers, working with the President and British representatives in this country, had formulated a general budget plan, somewhat flexible, but complete and separated into its various items.

In fact, that was one reason, it was generally believed, why the house passed the request by such a strong majority. It could not, in the face of the President's message, be said that the figure was just a "dream amount" hatched in a general way out of the administration's conviction that our aid to Britain and other democracies should be of the greatest possible amount.

'In the Army Now'



Jimmy Stewart, Hollywood's No. 1 male star, whose name spells glamor to millions of movie-struck girls, is in the army now. He is shown above in his buck private uniform given him by Uncle Sam on his arrival at his induction center.

STRIKES:
Tough Talk

The government rolled up its sleeves and determinedly made plans to deal with two vital defense strikes, both of which threatened to tie up vital plane production.

The one was the Allis-Chalmers walkout, which was hitting not only at plane, but at destroyer and submarine production, and the other was the miniature Harvill strike, which threatened to call a halt to all plane production in the enormous Pacific coast area.

However, the government mediation authorities called from his post as selective service director the versatile Dr. Dykstra, and in this move was seen a determined effort to break these two strikes, even at the cost of taking the plants over.

In fact the move to put Dr. Dykstra into this service was regarded generally as a sort of "last straw" move on the part of the government. Apparently, it was said in Washington, the Hillman-Knudsen set-up, while it might function all right in speeding production, was flopping rather badly when it came to fighting strikes and other labor difficulties.

If the Dykstra substitute should be found not to work, there seemed little doubt but that Uncle Sam would step in, take over one or both plants, and operate them in strike-proof fashion with workers chosen out of the civil service lists.

The clincher was a frank warning issued in the house by Representative Smith (Dem., Va.) who said: "I warn you gentlemen who claim to be friends of organized labor that, if something is not done in the next 30 days, and these strikes keep on, all of us who are real friends of honest organized labor are going to have to stand on this floor and fight drastic legislation that would take away the proper gains of organized labor that it has taken them 25 years to bring about."

Mr. Smith was author of a bill to prohibit strikes on defense labor. Though the bill had been losing out all along the line, it was evident that if the strikes such as the Harvill and Allis-Chalmers walkouts should continue, Mr. Smith's bill might be received with a very different tenor by his fellow solons.

FOOD:

For the Hungry

After much discussion pro and con, evidently with British approval, the state department finally allowed two French vessels to sail from U. S. ports for unoccupied France with flour.

There were positive stipulations demanded by state department officials:

1. These shipments had to be sent solely to unoccupied ports.
2. Every pound of food so sent must be distributed within unoccupied France to its ultimate destination under the direct supervision of the American Red Cross.
3. Not a single pound of similar or equivalent foodstuffs to be permitted to pass from unoccupied France to occupied France.
4. These ships must be ordered to return immediately to the United States.

The state department apparently had been able to win British approval for this plan to succor the hungry in southern France because of the second of these stipulations.

The situation was rather that of a man who makes a loan to a good friend whom he knows is a bad risk on the theory that if it is not repaid, then the lender will have a good excuse not to lend again.

Washington Digest

National Gallery of Art Is New Capital Attraction

Wide Array of Great Works Placed on Display; Late Andrew Mellon's 'Dream' Realized In Recently Opened Exhibit.



By BAUKHAGE

National Farm and Home Hour Commentator.

WNU Service, 1343 "H" Street N. W., Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON.—A slight, white-haired man walked into one of the narrow little houses that line the west side of historic Lafayette square opposite the White House and which he had just rented for himself and his staff. He looked it over from cellar to attic, indicated where he had planned to sit and watch the dream of a lifetime come true.

His staff moved in and worked there for four years. A few days ago they locked the door and moved into a \$15,000,000 building, which the man who had dreamed about and paid for, as a gift to the nation, never lived to see.

The building is the National Gallery of Art. The man was Andrew Mellon, who died only a few months after the ground for his "dream" was broken. He had hoped to sit at a desk in Lafayette square, only a few blocks from the art gallery, with his son, Paul Mellon, and with David Bruce and Donald Shepherd, directors of the trust which turned the gallery over to the government. Congress accepted the gift and established it as a bureau of the Smithsonian institution, the other great museum which was turned over to the government by an individual.

The day after the President of the United States dedicated America's new temple of art, I walked down the corridor toward the fountain beneath the rotunda on the first floor. About me moved some 2,000 other visitors who came from towns and cities and villages, all over America.

And from other places, too. As I stood there on the marble floors that are like black mirrors, I heard a woman murmur, "Magnifique." I looked at her and saw a refined French woman whose eyes spoke spontaneous tribute to the beauty about her. I had no doubt that she had seen the Louvre with its "Winged Victory" and its smiling "Mona Lisa"; the Luxembourg with its masterpieces of Rodin. But here she found something different. Here were the priceless paintings and sculpture of the old and the new world in a temple, which, despite its shining corridors and its great dome, was a friendly human place. Unlike so many of the musty museums of the old world, it seems as hospitable as it was spacious. Even its size, by the clever design of the architect, has been disguised with interrupting archways, with gently sweeping lines which give its classic dimensions a warmth and intimacy. The visitor feels at home. The pictures on the walls are less exhibits than a part of the decoration of a beautiful living room.

There are upholstered couches in the galleries. There is a smoking room and even (shades of Raphael and Rembrandt!) a very modern cafeteria.

In a simple office, I met David Finley, director of the gallery. He rose from a great leather chair that all but engulfed his dynamic figure. He is a slight man who served in the last war and later became a lawyer. He was a member of the war loan staff of the treasury and later assistant to the then secretary of the treasury, Andrew Mellon. The two became friends and Finley went to London as honorary counselor to the embassy when Mr. Mellon was ambassador. He was one of Mr. Mellon's confidants from the time the wealthy Pittsburgh banker began planning the gift of the gallery to the nation.

Mr. Finley believes that the National Gallery of Art will become a powerful force for bringing about a love and an understanding of art among all Americans, not merely because it belongs to the people of the nation, but because it is located in the national capital. New York, he pointed out, has its fine galleries, but visitors to the metropolis go there chiefly for amusement. People come to Washington to see the historic spots of the nation, to visit buildings — which are themselves monuments. But few buildings, save Mount Vernon, with its treasured possessions of our first President, contain things which have a patriotic and a cultural value.

Mr. Finley looks forward to the time when the pictures and the statues in the National Gallery of Art can be brought to the homes of the people through television. Meanwhile, he hopes through the gallery's

publications, to carry knowledge of the paintings and the sculpture, their history and facts concerning the artists to the people in order that the treasures under his care may be shared with the schools and the individuals of the nation.

There are two publications available now. One is the preliminary catalogue containing a descriptive list of the collection with notes. It sells for 50 cents which can hardly cover the cost, yet it contains 234 pages, the last 16 of which are beautiful black and white reproductions of some of the paintings. The book, which is to sell as cheaply as possible, is paper bound, but beautifully printed, containing brief biographies of the artists, descriptions of the works and factual information about them.

The other volume is a picture book. It sells for one dollar and a half and contains black and white reproductions of all the collection totalling 548 illustrations. The title, date and name of author are given but no additional text.

If any readers of this column would like to buy either of these books, I suggest that you write first to ascertain the postage required. I shall be glad to give you that information because I think that any art student or art lover ought to have them. They are not printed at a profit. They are part of the institution which belongs to you and which some day you will probably visit.

When you do come to the National Gallery of Art, you will understand why the President spoke of the masterpieces it houses as "symbols of the human spirit, and of the world the freedom of the human spirit made — a world against which armies now are raised . . ."

Farm Boy, Dead Poet,
And a Walking Stick

This is the story of a poor farm boy, a dead poet and a blackthorn stick. I first saw the boy when he was half a century young and by that time a veteran newspaper man. His name is Bishop and he looks like one.

I first saw the stick the other morning, lying across the chair in the club which is always reserved for "Bish."

The poet, John Boyle O'Reilly, I knew for one verse of his which I learned by heart for my first love. It goes like this:

"Oh, the red rose breathes of passion
And the white rose breathes of love,
The red rose is a falcon
And the white rose is a dove . . ."

O'Reilly, a wild Irish lad, was born in County Meath, Erin, a hundred years ago. He came early to America, fought his fights, burned with his love for the Old Sod, and wrote his poems. Today he stands, immortalized in stone by the famous sculptor, Daniel Chester French — in Boston, his adopted city.

The year the poet died, or thereabouts, a little fellow in a Texas village saw a toy balloon and coveted it as only youth can yearn for a bauble whether it be a plaything, a maiden's heart or the moon. But toy balloons cost 10 cents and pennies were few for Texas farmboys. Years passed, the desire for that balloon faded but the wound for its lack lingered. The boy grew up, sometimes lonely perhaps, for he never married, but never alone. Never very long alone, for "Bish" loves dogs, children, people.

He also loves walking sticks and is never without one. But he never owned a blackthorn. This morning one of those many friends of his brought this fine old heirloom — black, powerful, sprouting its strong thorns like Ireland aroused, its head worn smooth and gentle as an Irish heart, by the hand of John Boyle O'Reilly, who carried it for many years.

The friend laid it affectionately in Bishop's hands.

And then "Bish" told us, with a reminiscent twinkle in his eye but a note in his voice that belied it, about the balloon and the age-old ache. "Now," he said, caressing his new prize, "John Boyle O'Reilly's cane has more than made up for it."

I think the poet looked down and smiled.

THE SMOKY YEARS

By ALAN LE MAY

W.N.U. Release

INSTALLMENT 5 THE STORY SO FAR:

Dusty King and Lew Gordon were joint owners of the vast King-Gordon range which stretched from Texas to Montana. When building up this string of ranches, they continually had to fight the unscrupulous Ben Thorpe. He rivaled King-Gordon in wealth and power, but had gained his position through wholesale cattle rustling and gunplay. One afternoon King was killed by Thorpe and his two assistants, Cleve Tanner and Walk Lasham. King's adopted son, Bill Roper, decided to start a cattle war against Thorpe in Texas. He made this decision against the strong opposition of his partner, Lew Gordon. Bill's sweetheart, Jody Gordon, pleaded frantically with him to turn back, but could not change his grim determination.

CHAPTER VII

These men whom Roper now gathered about him hated a particular man, not only as lawless as themselves, but a man who was more than a thousand men; operating under Cleve Tanner in the south, and Walk Lasham in the north, his innumerable retainers flamed the plains from the Rio Grande to the Big Horn. That Roper's men hated Ben Thorpe was no coincidence; Roper had picked men of personal grudge. Most of them had first been outlawed because they had not suited a single organization—the organization of Ben Thorpe.

Up and down and across half of Texas, constantly in the saddle, Bill Roper threaded his new organization. Sometimes Dry Camp Pierce was with him; more often he traveled alone. These famous gunfighters and outlawed men whom Roper gathered were just youngsters, mostly. Some of them were true killers; some merely reckless kids who had got off on the wrong foot. All of them were badly wanted by what little law there was.

Dry Camp Pierce—he was called that because he hated to camp too near to water—went to work for Bill Roper as he had never worked before; and thus the king of cow thieves, the brand changer extraordinary, for once aligned on the side of the law that was not.

Ten rustlers' camps hooked into Thorpe-Tanner territory . . . But Dry Camp also helped in other ways.

A hot June dusk, five days after the meeting at Whipper Forks, found Bill Roper at the Dry Saddle Crossing, where he was to meet Lee Harnish; and this meeting, too, was arranged by Dry Camp Pierce, though by this time Pierce was already far away.

Here ran the broad, many-channeled river, dividing two countries—a river whose split wanderings made two miles of intermittent shallows. At this border of a vast, imperceptibly rolling prairie stood a narrow string of adobe shacks. That was the Dry Saddle Crossing.

Two men—Bill Roper and Lee Harnish—sat in front of one of those abandoned shacks, and tried to get together.

"I've always understood," Roper said, "that you were acquainted some, below the line."

Harnish's hard eyes studied Roper, and for a little while nothing could be heard except the mourning of doves in the willow scrub by the water. Next to Dry Camp Pierce, Lee Harnish was the oldest of those to join Roper; he was twenty-eight. He was tall and lank, sun-baked almost to the color of an Indian; his green eyes were curiously blank, impenetrable, and he liked to look his man in the eye with the peculiar fixity seen in the gaze of hawks.

"I've been down there some," he admitted. "I've made a few drives into Chihuahua; one drive to Mexico City."

"If you had a big wet herd run to you just below the line, would you know how to get rid of it?"

"I can't make out your hand," Harnish said. "King-Gordon never swung the long rope yet, that I heard of."

"I'm not King-Gordon now. My stunt is to smash Cleve Tanner; and I don't care what it costs."

"What's wrong with backing him into a shoot-out, if that's what you want?"

"That comes later. If I bust Tanner I can bust Thorpe. But if Tanner is gunned before he's busted, Thorpe will take over in Texas, and the chance to break up his Texas layout will be gone."

"You ain't going to bust him by running off a few head of cattle. This river crossing is slow work, kid."

"I figure to cross five thousand head within the next three months," Roper told him.

"Five thousand head won't even scratch the hide of Thorpe and Tanner, son."

"I know that as well as you. What it will do, it'll draw Tanner to throw

his warriors onto the border. That's what I want. Because by then I'll be working somewhere else."

"And you want me to take 'em on the other side—is that the idee?"

"I want three dollars a head, American gold, paid off as the cattle come out of the water . . ."

Roper's ways of gathering his wild bunch were diverse, as diverse as the saddle men he gathered. One way or another, picking up a man here, three more there, he got all he needed, and more.

But certain other things had to be done, in order that the wild bunch would have work to do, planned in such a way that something would be accomplished that would stay accomplished.

On a steamy afternoon early in July, Bill Roper sat in Fred Maxim's San Antonio law office. Maxim was an attorney who, some thought, had worked under a different name, somewhere before; but here, assuredly he was in no one's pay.

"I'm not asking the likes of you what's what," Bill Roper said. "I



Roper's ways of gathering his wild bunch were diverse.

want to know who actually owns range rights on the Graham stand."

The hard-bitten little man across the desk from Roper was still cadgy. "When it comes to ousting a man from possession—"

"You know who 'ousted' Bob Graham and his family from possession. Cleve Tanner took over that outfit by main horse-and-gun power, without decent cause or reason. Everybody knows that. I'm asking you now—"

"Taylor and Graves are already doing everything that can be done to regain possession of Graham's outfit," Maxim said, smiling.

It was the smile that Roper liked. "Suppose I hold the Bob Graham lands, and Bob Graham's family are living on it."

"Bob Graham hasn't got possession," Maxim said.

"Suppose he did have?"

"Never could happen. Ben Thorpe"

"Shut up a minute," Roper said. "I'm not asking you to put Graham back in possession of his range. I'm not asking you to save him from being put off again in the way he was before. What I want to know is, can you head off some cooked-up legal interference with Graham, after he's in possession again?"

Fred Maxim thought it over. "I can only promise you that I can cause considerable delay," he said.

"Months of delay?"

"Providing you can show possession—I'll keep you clear until hell freezes."

"That's all I want . . ." Still July, at Willow Creek—A barren range of hills, sand hills; golden in the dawn, purple in the twilight, barren always. Beneath them, what had been the Willow Creek camp of the old King-Gordon. In the bunkhouse nearest the river, five men lounging around a little room.

"All right, you hard guys," Bill Roper said; "you know who told you to come here. Dry Camp Pierce told you to come here. Maybe he told you what you could look for here, huh?"

These four gunfighters who met Roper here were none of them older than Bill; yet each was famous as a killer in his own right. Of them all Bill Roper alone had no name, no reputation. Yet, in respect for the name of Dusty King, they had come to hear him out.

Nate Liggett, a round-faced kid with eyelashes that looked as if they had been powdered with white dust,

said, "Well, what seems to be your offer?"

"I guess you already know Bob Graham," Roper said. "You know how a warrior gang of Cleve Tanner's jumped down on him, on some thin excuse, and run him off his range. They even took over his house and his windmill and his corals. Now, I aim to hand back that range to Bob Graham; he's waiting in Bigspring for the word. Your part of the job is simple enough—you just go and take it away from the Tanner bunch."

"Simple, huh? Just how do you figure this simple trick is to be done?"

"A lawyer in San Antonio kept the Rangers off when Tanner jumped Graham. Now we've got another better lawyer in San Antonio to keep them off when Graham jumps Tanner. The only question is, who's got enough salt to grab that range—and then hang onto it?"

"And what do we get out of all this?"

"Graham takes over the outfit and runs it. You hang around and help him, and see that he doesn't get run off again. For that you get a half interest in the outfit. You split it among you any way you see fit. I'll back Graham with cattle, and what other stuff he needs."

Nate Liggett said, "Bill, I don't see where we come in for no advantage."

"If you're satisfied with the lone wolf stuff you've been pulling, I haven't got anything to offer you," Roper admitted. "But I'll tell you this—the boys that string with me now will see the day when they'll run Texas; and Cleve Tanner, and Ben Thorpe, too, will be busted up and forgot!"

"It's a hefty order!"

"Maybe it is. This Graham business is a kind of experiment; it'll work if you make it work. But if it goes through okay—it's only the beginning, you hear me? You string with me a little while; and maybe, by God, we'll show a couple of people something . . ."

CHAPTER VIII

Hot, dry days of early August—

As the first sun struck with a red heat across the plains, the Tanner men who held the Graham ranch were already saddling. All over Texas, cowmen were throwing together the last trail herds of the year; it was time for these Tanner men to roll their chuck wagons again, to round up the last of the trail-fit stock that remained in the herds which had belonged to Bob Graham.

Out from what had been the Graham corral, three riders swept through the dusty dawn; but they had hardly left the pole fences behind when six other riders confronted them, rising into their saddles like Comanches, out of the brush. The strangers closed in a semi-circle, unhurriedly, their carbines in their hands. In another minute or two the three Tanner riders were grouped in a defensive knot, while from the semi-circle of the raiders Nate Liggett jogged forward to talk it over.

"I don't think you want to go on," he said. "I don't even think you want to work for this outfit any more."

Two nights later, one hundred and fifty miles away—

With the approach of dusk, a peculiar light lay upon the valley of the Potreros. In a reach of open grass a herd of five hundred head bunched loosely—tame, heavy cattle, already well removed by breeding from the old, wild, long-horn strain. But they had not bunched voluntarily. They shuffled restlessly, watching the brush! something was happening around them that they did not understand.

As the light failed, the figures of horsemen emerged from the brush, cutting mile-long shadows into the flat rays of sunset; the huge, heavy-shouldered man who signaled to his spread-out cowboys by turning his horse this way or that, in Indian horse language, was Dave Shannon.

They did not harass the cattle. Only, between sunset and the next daylight, no cow took a step other than in the direction of the Mexican border . . .

Dry-grass season; Texas scorched by the hot winds—

All across the southern ranges a peculiar thing was happening. As word spread from twenty points of disturbance, certain of the older cattlemen began to sense that there was a curious, almost systematic order to what in itself seemed a widespread disruption. All over the Big Bend country, eastward almost to the well settled Nueces, westward beyond the barren Pecos, northward to the fever line, was breaking a spotty wave of raids of an unparalleled boldness. Far apart, but almost-simultaneously, hell had busted loose in a great number of places, covering more than half of Texas.

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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for April 6

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CHRIST PROMISES POWER

LESSON TEXT—Acts 1:1-12.
GOLDEN TEXT—But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.—Acts 1:8.

Important things bear repetition. Luke, who wrote both the Gospel and the Acts, presents the ascension of Christ, His promise of power, and His command to witness, at the conclusion of the Gospel and at the beginning of the Acts. "The one is all suffused with evening light; the other is radiant with the promise of a new day. The one is the record of a tender farewell; in the other, the sense of parting has almost been absorbed in the forward look to the new phase of relationship which is to begin."—(Alexander Maclaren).

I. The Proof of Christ's Resurrection (vv. 1-3).

Before telling of "the day in which he was taken up," Luke makes it clear that the ascended Christ, who had made the promise of power to His disciples, was the very one who died for our sins, but who could not be holden of death or the grave. He arose, of which there are indeed "many infallible proofs" (v. 3). At Easter time we recall the fact that leading historians and experts in the field of evidence have declared that the resurrection is the best established fact in all history.

The fact that for forty days after His resurrection Christ was among His disciples, speaking to them of the things of the kingdom of God, is significant and conclusive proof in itself.

II. The Promise of Christ's Power (vv. 4-8).

They were to tarry in Jerusalem until the power of the Holy Ghost came upon them. This took place on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2) when the Holy Spirit came to abide. We no longer are called on to tarry for the Holy Spirit to fall on us, for the moment we believe. He comes into our lives in blessed abiding presence. But we do need to tarry, to wait for His fullness of power, before we attempt to minister for Christ. We need to yield to Him for His fullness, bringing out emptiness that He may fill us and then use us.

The disciples had an important question to ask (v. 6) regarding the restoration of the kingdom. The reply of Jesus turned their attention from that future matter to their present obligation to witness for Him and their need of power for that witness. This does not mean that His followers are to lack interest in the Kingdom which Christ will one day establish, nor that they should fail to be interested in prophecy and its fulfillment. It does clearly mean that we must leave times, seasons and dates to the Lord and be diligently about the business of witnessing for Him.

How greatly the little band of disciples needed power in that day to face a hostile, unbelieving world, sunken in bondage to Satan, and bring to it the convicting and converting message of the gospel. They received that power, and in spite of every hindrance the gospel through the centuries has made its way to the hearts of men, and won its victories for God.

We need that power today. The Holy Spirit is here to give it to us, as we yield our lives to God. There are many Spirit-empowered men and women in the Church today, but relatively their number is small. Who is ready to yield to His control now, and thus swell the host of faithful and effective witnesses?

III. The Pledge of Christ's Return (vv. 9-12).

How plain and understandable is the promise in this passage. "This Jesus"—not some other—"shall so come"; that is, personally, literally, and visibly. There is no ground here for spiritualizing, to say, for example that He comes in death, or that this was but a metaphorical expression.

The text is very plain and emphatic. In agreement, we find, among others, such texts as Luke 21:7; John 14:3; Philippians 3:20, 21; I Thessalonians 1:7-10; I Thessalonians 4:16; II Timothy 4:8; Hebrews 9:28; Revelation 1:7. Unless we reject God's Word, we must receive this truth, and should receive it with joy, for it is the blessed hope of the Church (Titus 2:13). He is coming again!

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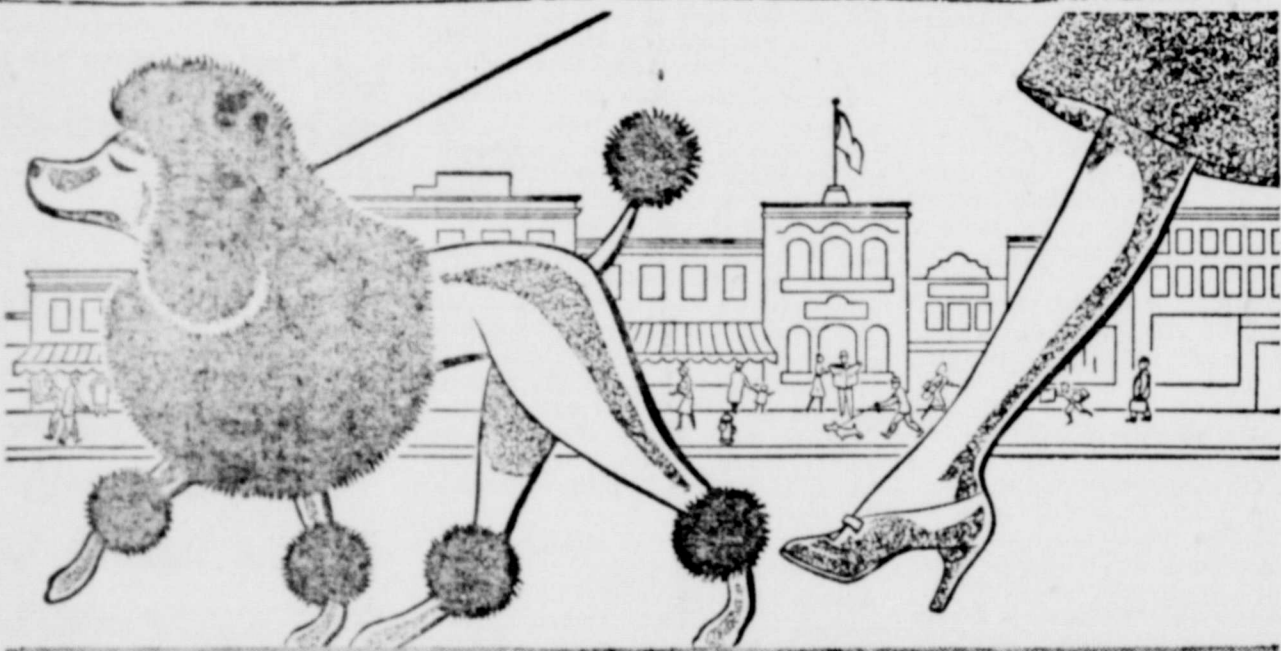
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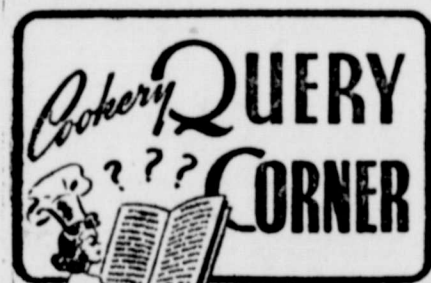
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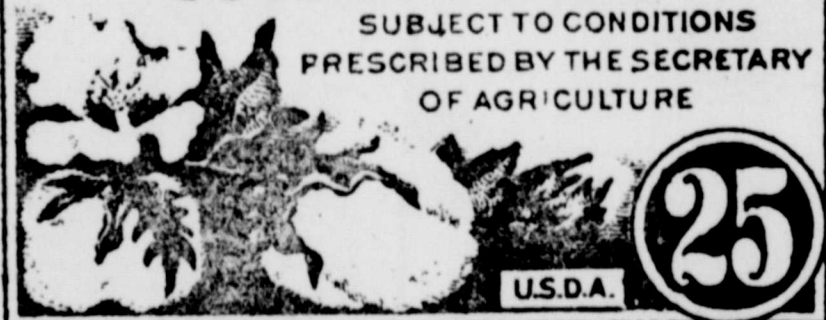
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OUR COMIC SECTION

Events in the Lives of Little Men



Middle-Aged Should Adopt Safe Routine

By DR. JAMES W. BARTON (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

WHENEVER you hear about how much longer men and women live today than just 25 years ago, you know that the main reason is that there are not so many children die at birth or during their first year now. Also that infectious diseases of children can be prevented.

TODAY'S HEALTH COLUMN

What many of us fail to remember is that the middle-aged man of today has a longer expectation of life than ever before despite the fact that he may not be very robust.

Why has the middle-aged individual a longer life expectancy despite the fact that he is not more robust than were those of middle age, 25 years ago?

The reason is that men and women with heart disease, diabetes, pernicious anemia, high blood pressure or other "dangerous" conditions have been told by their physicians and many have learned for themselves how to live "safely."

Recently I met a middle-aged friend walking much slower than was his custom. On questioning, he admitted that his physician had advised him that if he wanted to live for a number of years, he could do so by walking more slowly and resting more.

We have friends and acquaintances who follow a low starch diet or take insulin injections daily and live a normal life. Formerly these cases died in a short time with diabetes. They have learned also not to put on excess fat.

Eat Liver Daily.

Similarly with that formerly fatal disease pernicious anemia. Many a bright and useful man and woman formerly passed away in a few months or a year following some shock or infection. Today these men and women eat about a quarter pound of liver daily or take liver extract and continue to live.

Less than 20 years ago, operation for ulcer of the stomach or small intestine (peptic ulcer) was common. Today the majority of ulcer patients have learned how to live safely and free from ulcer symptoms by following a diet, avoiding emotional disturbances and removing or preventing infection of teeth, tonsils, gall bladder and intestine.

Food Allergy And Its Effects

THERE are many symptoms that may be caused by foods to which one is allergic and these symptoms may occur anywhere in or on the body. Thus, in addition to hives, the skin may be afflicted with eczema due to foods, and itching and swelling of the skin is very common.

Similarly, the whole digestive tract from the mouth to the lower end may be affected by foods to which the individual is sensitive—little canker sores in the mouth and on the lips, nausea, vomiting, gas pressure, diarrhoea, constipation or colitis.

Everybody seems to be allergic to at least one food that causes head colds—sniffing and running nose, sneezing, itching, and a hacking cough. A great many cases of asthma have been traced to a food, all symptoms disappearing when the offending food was omitted.

Some cases of irritable bladder causing frequent and sometimes painful passage of the urine are not due to colds or to drugs but to sensitiveness to food.

That the "nerves" can be affected by sensitiveness to foods has been established, such symptoms as migraine (one-sided headache), dizziness, neuralgia and irritability disappearing when certain foods were omitted from the diet.

Foods that do not usually cause allergic symptoms are lamb, gelatin, butter, sugar, tapioca, barley, arrowroot, soya and string beans, cooked apples, asparagus, cooked peas, pineapples, cooked pears, white and sweet potatoes.

The foods that do often cause symptoms are onions, cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce, milk, cream, chocolate, radishes, eggs, fats, greasy and rich foods, pork, pickles, cheese, salmon, fruits, peppers, oranges, sweets, spices.

Gems of Thought

BE ALWAYS displeased at what thou art, if thou desire to attain to what thou art not; for where thou hast pleased thyself, there thou abidest.—Quarles.

I owe all my success in life to having always been a quarter-hour early.—Lord Nelson.

That is a good book which is opened with expectation and closed with a profit.—Alcott.

I've heard old cunning stagers say, fools for arguments use wagers.—Butler.

Earth is here so kind, that just tickle her with a hoe and she laughs with a harvest.—Douglas Jerrold.

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By J. Millar Watt



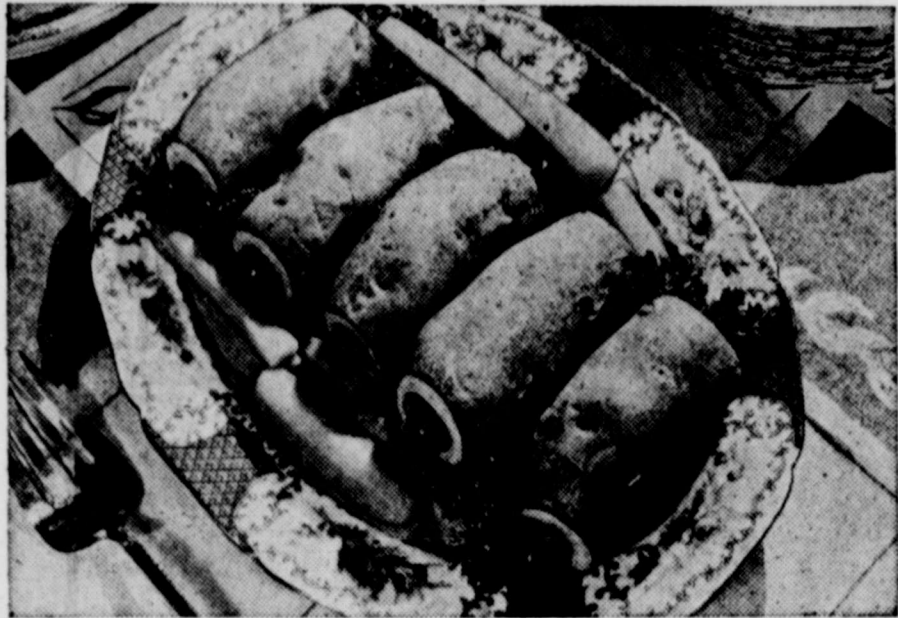
S'MATTER POP

By C. M. Payne



Household News

by Lynn Chambers



INVITE THEM ALL—AND HAVE BAKED POTATOES
(See Recipes Below)

LET'S SERVE POTATOES

Guests are coming for dinner. You have your meat and vegetables, and you have planned your dessert. You have potatoes on hand. But have you decided how you're going to prepare them?

I'll wager you haven't. It's an oft-repeated story in kitchens from Washington to Florida, Maine to California. Because the POTATO is such an old standby, you perhaps wait 'til the last minute to decide its preparation. Then it's too late to try "something different."

Don't treat the potato as though it were the Cinderella of the vegetable kingdom. Remember, it responds well to careful treatment. While it is usually considered to have a bland flavor, proper cooking will bring out its subtleties.



Although there are only three basic ways of cooking potatoes—baking, boiling or frying them in their raw form—there are innumerable new and different things to do with this vegetable.

I wonder if you have ever tried frankfurter- or sausage-stuffed potatoes, potato croquettes, pancake potatoes, Idaho Suzettes or potato doughnuts?

If not, resolve to use these recipes. I guarantee they'll help you "get the most out of your potatoes!"

*Quick Dutch-Stuffed Baked Potatoes.

(See picture at top of column)
6 medium-sized Idaho potatoes
6 link sausages or frankfurters
Scrub the potatoes and with an apple corer make a hole lengthwise through each potato. Stuff with a frankfurter or sausage. Bake at 400 degrees F. for 45 minutes, or until potatoes are done.

For an even richer flavor, stuff with a mixture of finely chopped sweet spanish onions and ground meat. Put a slice of bacon or salt pork over the potatoes and bake as usual. Length of baking time depends on size of potatoes.

Potato Doughnuts.

2 cups flour
1½ teaspoons salt
2 teaspoons baking powder
¼ teaspoon nutmeg or cinnamon
1 cup ricd potatoes
1 tablespoon butter
2 eggs
1 cup sugar
Sift flour, salt, baking powder and spice together. Put the hot ricd potatoes in a mixing bowl, add the butter and stir until the butter is melted. Cool until lukewarm. Add the unbeaten eggs and sugar; mix well. Stir in the sifted dry ingredi-

LYNN SAYS:

Baking potatoes is perhaps the most healthful method of preparing them, because steam escapes from them and results in a mealy product. No valuable minerals are lost, and, if the skin is also eaten with the contents, all benefits of the potato are realized.

If you are not quite ready to serve your potatoes when they are ready to come out of the oven, cover them with a towel so that moisture will be absorbed, and at the same time warmth will be retained.

It is important to retain vitamin C in potatoes, as well as in all vegetables. In order to do this, store them in a cool place; peel just before cooking; cook whole, if possible; have the water boiling rapidly before plunging them in; use a small amount of cooking water; cook till tender.

THIS WEEK'S MENU

- Tomato Broth
- *Quick Dutch-Stuffed Baked Potatoes
- Buttered Beets
- Molded Fruit Salad
- Bread - Butter
- Berry Pie
- Beverage
- *Recipe given.

ents; mix until smooth. Place mixture on a floured board; roll until ½ inch thick, cut into rounds with a floured doughnut cutter. Cook in deep, hot fat (370 degrees F.) until golden brown. Drain on soft paper. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

Idaho Suzettes.

6 medium-sized Idaho potatoes
½ cup hot milk
2 tablespoons melted fat
6 tablespoons buttered crumbs
1 tablespoon grated cheese
6 eggs
Salt and pepper
Select medium-sized or large potatoes; scrub and bake at 450 degrees F. until each is soft when you pick it up and squeeze with a cloth. When done, remove a piece of skin from the side of each potato to make it boat-shaped, or cut



large potatoes in two, lengthwise. Scoop out the inside, being careful not to break the shell. Mash the pulp thoroughly, or put it through a ricer. Add butter, salt and milk and beat well. Pile the mixture lightly back into the shells. Refill the shell to the top and make a depression in the center of each potato. Break an egg into each depression, season with salt and pepper and sprinkle with buttered crumbs that have been combined with grated cheese. Bake in a slow oven (250-350 degrees F.) long enough to set the egg and brown lightly—for 6 to 10 minutes.

Franconia Potatoes.

Use uniform medium potatoes. Pare and parboil 10 minutes. Drain, place around roast, and bake 40 minutes, or until soft, turning often and basting with fat in pan so that they will brown.

Old-Fashioned Scalloped Potatoes.

4 large potatoes, pared
1 small onion, thinly sliced
½ teaspoon salt
Dash of pepper
1½ tablespoons flour
1 tablespoon butter
1¼ cups milk
Cut potatoes in ¼-inch slices. Place potatoes and onions in buttered baking dish sprinkling each layer with salt, pepper and flour, and dotting with butter. Add milk and cover. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 2 hours, or until potatoes are tender, uncovering them during the last 30 minutes of baking. Serves 4.

Lyonnais Potatoes.

4 teaspoons butter or bacon fat
2 onions, sliced
3 cups cooked potatoes
Salt and pepper
2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley
Heat the fat in a frying pan and cook the onions in it a few minutes. Add the potatoes and cook slowly, stirring occasionally until all sides of the potatoes are golden brown. Season with salt and pepper. Press flat with knife and shake over low fire until brown on bottom. Turn like an omelet. Serve on a hot platter with finely chopped parsley sprinkled over the top.

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(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Five Men Proved Ready to Profit by Judge's Advice

A judge was pointing out that a witness was not necessarily to be regarded as untruthful because he altered a previous statement.

"For instance," he said, "when I entered this court today I could have sworn that I had my watch in my pocket. But then I remembered I had left it in the bathroom at home."

When the judge got home that night his wife said: "Why all this bother about your watch—sending five men for it?"

"Good Heavens!" said the judge; "I never sent anyone! What did you do?"

"I gave it to the first one who came; he knew just where it was."

ASK ME ANOTHER ?

A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

The Questions

1. Was Capt. Miles Standish one of the Pilgrim Fathers?
2. Who was killed by Aaron Burr in the famous duel?
3. What is the exact length of time taken by the earth in making its revolution around the sun?
4. Next to oxygen, what is the chief elementary constituent of the earth's crust?
5. The word guerrilla is derived from a Spanish word meaning what?
6. What President of the United

States was born on July fourth?
7. What place is known as the Gibraltar of the East?

The Answers

1. Capt. Miles Standish was not a Pilgrim, he was brought along for protection.
2. Alexander Hamilton.
3. The trip takes 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 46 seconds.
4. Silicon.
5. War (guerra).
6. Calvin Coolidge.
7. Singapore.

NEW IDEAS for Home-makers

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS



QUILTS do not belong to any one period and there doesn't seem to be the slightest indication that the old art of making them is dying out. Most quilts today are planned as bedspreads and have a color scheme to harmonize with other decorations. If a variety of figured scraps are used in the piecing, one dominant plain color is generally repeated in each block to give the design unity. Again, one color is combined with white throughout the entire quilt. Some quilts have elaborate pieced borders; others are finished with a band of white with the dominant color used as an edge binding. A bias striped material makes the binding of the quilt in the Whirl Wind pattern shown here.

The beauty of any quilt is enhanced if it is set off with a valance around the bed. They knew that in the days of the four-poster and the rule applies still. The bed in the sketch had no particular tradition and the footboard was much too high to display the quilt spread to advantage. What a difference in the effect when the board was cut down and the crisp frills of dotted Swiss were added! Surely, any quilt that is worth piecing is worth this extra touch.

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Coke County Boys

Taken From a Letter

College Station, Texas Frank Sayner and R. T. Caperton, Coke County boys are among the A. and M. boys graduating in June who will receive their reserve commissions in the U. S. Army, and will probably be called to active service duty within a year.

Both boys graduated from Bronte High School. Being interested in agriculture, especially livestock decided to pursue their studies at A. M. and are now candidates for B. S. degrees in Agriculture in June.

Other Aggies from Coke County are N. R. Kiker, a junior; E. M. Cumbie, E. F. Glenn, Louis Bridges, and Abe Caudle all sophomores, and Noel Percifull a freshman.

Percifull is following his brother, Waymans footsteps, Wayman graduated in 1938, and is now with the A. A. A. in Borden Co.

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