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## Methodist Services

Making room for Jesus will be the subject of the sermon at the Methodist Church next Sunday morning. The following will be the order of service:

Voluntary. Hymn No. 96.  
Apostle's Creed.  
Prayer.  
Responsive Reading, page 594  
Gloria Patri.  
Special Song by Children.  
Announcements.  
Offering.  
Solo: Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough  
Sermon.  
Hymn No. 89.  
Benediction.

At the close of the sermon in the evening the officers of the Woman's Society of Christians Service will be installed. We will make room for you in either or both of these services.

W. Vasco Teer pastor

Gifts for her she will long remember.

CUMBIE & ROACH

## LOCALS

Mrs. Raymond Bloodworth spent last week end in Mineral Wells visiting her husband, Cpl. Bloodworth, who is in the Medical Division at Camp Wolters. Before her recent marriage Mrs. Bloodworth was Miss Gertrude Landers.

Ginning report for Coke County compared with last year's 1941 crop of 3,415 bales this year it is 2,445 bales

Bob Patterson renewed his subscription to the Observer for another year and said he had been reading the home paper 52 years.

Remember conservation of rubber causes more people to walk. Please do not park your car across pathways.

Mrs. Daisy McCutchen has renewed her subscription to the Observer.

Eddie Patterson is at home for a short visit.

Coke County goes over the top with bond and stamps sales for November, totaling \$10,694.75. The quota was \$6,300.00. We are short for the annual goal.

## Baptist W. M. S.

The Missionary Society met with Mrs. W. J. Cumbie Wednesday of last week in observance of the Lottie Moon Week of Prayer. Mrs. H. C. Allen gave a book review entitled "If Two Agree" and a covered dish luncheon was served to 10 present.

In the afternoon a missionary program was carried out depicting the different phases of our foreign mission work and a donation was taken for our foreign mission work.



## HONOR ROLL

Robert Lee Public School

Second Six Weeks Term

Floy Rives, Beverly Wilbanks, Frances Stark, Martha Sue Richardson, Cleta Wojtek, Stanley Adams, Marvin Simpson, Bobby Roberts, William Verfuth, Norman Roberts, Raymond Gunnells, Willie Faye Gaines, Rheta Beaver, Johnnie Beth Snead, Melba Rives, Bennie Helen Wyatt, Annette Simpson, Bobbie Bessent, Tilden Jones, Lealon McClatchey, Juanice Childress, Joan Hester, Angelita Roderiquez, Goldie Wojtek, Patricia Jones, Allen Sparks, Carrie Jo Rabb, Royce Wallace, Bobby Gene Hood, John Vestal, Betty Yarbrough, Wallace Ross, Don Fields, Eva Bell McCutchen, Barbara Harwell, Janet Bilbo, Disie Taylor, Joyce McCutchen, Lonell Landers, Mildred Meek, Bertie Mae Gaines, Eugenia Hurley, Reba Faye Woods, Marie Wallace.

Edna Mae Wallace, Nelda Ann Sheppard, Bobby Earl Seltz, Jimmie Don Rabb, Earnestine Atkins, Violet McClatchey, June Duncan, Wanda Jones, Patty Taylor, Maudie Watson, Billie Roberts, Ralph Walker, Jack Snead, Sammie Malone, Juanell Jay, Billie Faye Jolley, Yvonne McCutchen, Allene Olsen, Mayne Seiggins, Jo Ann Taylor, Billie Inez Landers.

Nita Allen, Billy Allen, Jamie Bilbo, Oletha Boyd, Wallace Clift, Clema Cowley, Alvilda Davis, Ione Davis, Ada Bell Fish, Irene Gartman, Eddie Paul Good, Floyd Higgins, Bryan Jolley, Mabel Jay, Royal Jordan, Gwendolyn King, Kenneth Lackey, Willet Malone, Barbara Ross, Wilfred Rabb, Rex Seiggins, Ruby Jo Sparks, Patsy Nell Stark, Ruth Ann Taylor, Agnes Walker, D. J. Walker, J. C. Wallace.

## Local News

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rives, Jr., on Dec. 13th, a girl weighing 6 lbs. named Marjorie Gladys.

Pvt. and Mrs. Glenn Simpson of San Angelo visited relatives and friends here last week end. Glenn is stationed at Concho Field.

Mr. and Mrs. Richmond Stroud and daughter of Pyote visited in Robert Lee the first of the week.

Mrs. Mitchell Lee and little daughter, Georgia Ann, of Maverick visited Mrs. Hattie Day and family Tuesday.

Mrs. Orville Childress and daughter, Mrs. L. E. Meredith, of Brownwood are here visiting Mrs. Walter Hester and daughters, Joyce and Sondra.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Burton and daughter, Berta Jane, of Wink have been here visiting relatives the past week. Mrs. Phillip Page served dinner at her home Tuesday for them and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Lee and daughter of Maverick and Phillip and Rollar Page.

## IN MEMORY OF WINONA FAY ADAMS

I cannot say, and I will not say  
That she is dead, - - She is just away!  
With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand,  
She has wandered into an unknown land,  
And left us dreaming how very fair  
It need must be, since she lingers there  
And you - - O you, who the wildest yearn  
For the old-time step and the glad return  
Think of her faring on, as dear  
In the love of There as the love of Here  
Think of her still as the same, I say:  
She is not dead - - she is just away!

James Whitcomb Riley

## Garden Club

The Garden Club met in the home of Mrs. J. K. Griffith and made plans for their Christmas social. Mrs. Delbert Walling assisted the hostess. Mrs. H. E. Smith gave a paper on "Design of Gardens" and Mrs. Paul Good made a talk on "Slumber Time in the Garden." There were 12 members present and one visitor, Mrs. Allen Davis of Taft.

What You Buy With  
WAR BONDS

Military motorcycles, for couriers, for speeding light guns from one section to another, are an important part of America's mechanized army. Many are equipped with sidecars for use of staff officers. They cost from \$400 to \$450.



We need thousands of these small maneuverable machines in our Army today. You and your neighbors, all buying War Bonds and Stamps, can help buy them for the Army. Invest at least ten percent of your income every payday in War Bonds and Stamps and become a member of the patriotic "Ten Percent Club." It is rapidly becoming the largest club in the world.  
U. S. Treasury Department

Give him a Warwick shirt sanforized shrunk to fit perfectly at  
CUMBIE and ROACH

## Locals

Corp. Frank Wojtek, Jr., is now stationed at March Field, Riverside, Calif.

Mrs. John F. Robertson is back home after an extended vacation in the state and New Mexico.

FOR VICTORY  
BUY  
UNITED STATES  
WAR  
BONDS  
AND  
STAMPS

Many of our stockmen attended the Monday auction in San Angelo.

Gas rationing is hard on shoe leather but our shoe shop will take care of that.

A FINE GIFT FOR SOME ONE  
A SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS NEWSPAPER

DRINK!  
At  
CITY CAFE in Robert Lee

## Ariel Club

Mrs. Raymond McCutchen was hostess when the Ariel Club met in regular session last Friday afternoon. Mrs. Marvin Simpson spoke on "Strange Musicmakers"; Mrs. Delbert Walling, on "Artistry in the Home." The hostess served a dessert course.

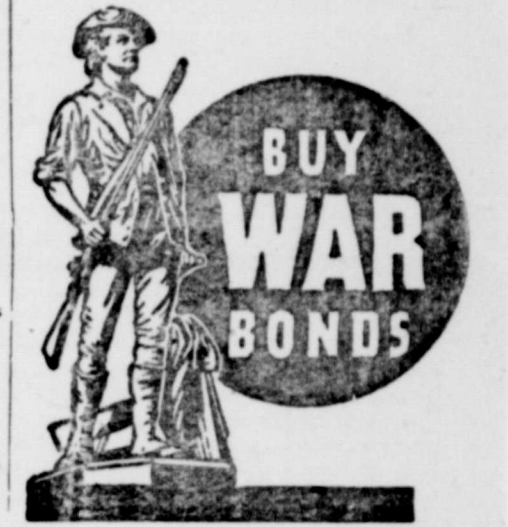
Pfc. Delbert Smith of Fort Sam Houston has been released from the hospital where he was confined with a broken knee and will be home Saturday for a 30-day furlough.

Corp. Horace Scott of the Bombardier School at San Angelo visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Scott, last Sunday.

Pvt. Marcus Turner of Goodfellow Field visited his wife here last Sunday.

Joe Dodson has set his Observer up another 12 months.

For your convenience we will stay open late evenings until Christmas.  
CUMBIE & ROACH



A. M. Tubb will read the Observer through 1944.

## ALAMO THEATRE

"THE BEST IN SCREEN ENTERTAINMENT"  
ROBERT LEE TEXAS

Friday, and Saturday Dec. 18-19

JANE WITHERS-JANE DARWELL IN

"YOUNG AMERICA"

ALSO

Comedy News & "WE REFUSED TO DIE"

Wednesday only Money Nite Dec. 23

ROBERT PRESTON-MARTHA O'DRISCOLL IN

"PACIFIC BLACKOUT"

Also Comedy

## TEXAS THEATRE

BRONTE TEXAS

Friday and Saturday Dec. 17-18

JOHN PAYNE-MAUREN O'HARA IN

"TO THE SHORES OF TRIPOLI"

Also Comedy and News

Tuesday only Money Nite Dec. 22

ROBERT PRESTON-MARTHA O'DRISCOLL IN

"PACIFIC BLACKOUT"

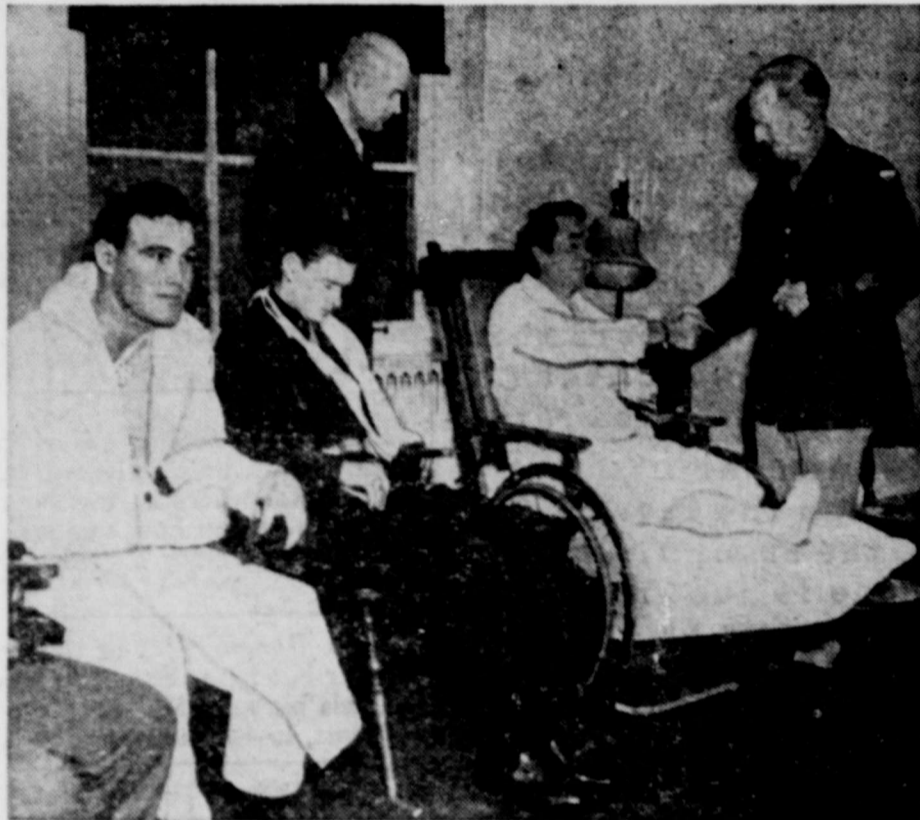
Also Comedy



WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

**Stiffening Axis Resistance Holds Up Allied Drive on African Strongholds; U. S. Navy Scores Again on Jap Fleet; House Moves to Increase Farm Parity**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.)  
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Lieut. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, commanding general of the U. S. army ground forces (right), congratulates army officers to whom he has awarded the Order of the Purple Heart. The decorated heroes who were wounded in action against the Axis forces in Africa are, seated left to right, Lieut. Darrel G. Lee, Inglewood, Calif.; Lieut. Leslie Ward Dooley, Athens, Tenn.; and Capt. Ford Alcorn, Boonville, Mo. Standing in background is Brig. Gen. Floyd L. Parks, chief of staff for General McNair.

**FARM PRICES: Parity Rate Boost?**

Farm parity prices would have to be revised upward 12½ per cent if a bill passed by the house of representatives is eventually enacted into law.

The measure passed by unanimous vote would require the department of agriculture to raise parity prices for all agricultural commodities, to include all costs of labor, including hired hands and farmers themselves.

That such action would be strongly opposed by President Roosevelt in his inflation efforts was indicated by the fact that a similar provision included in the price act amendment last fall was bitterly fought by the administration and finally compromised.

Explaining the provisions of their measure, house agricultural committee members explained that under the existing setup no allowance is now given farmers for their labor costs in fixing price ceilings, in spite of the fact that "farm wage rates were going up daily." The farmers ask no more than "equality treatment," the committee declared. "They know that every manufacturer is permitted to include his labor cost in figuring his costs of production."

**TUNISIA: Naval Phases Disclosed**

Naval guns of the British fleet added their power to the arms of the Allied forces pressing hard on the Axis defenders of Tunisia, by sinking four supply transport ships and two destroyers in a convoy carrying supplies and reinforcements to North Africa.

Announcement of the victory came soon after the admiralty and U. S. navy department disclosed that the Allies had lost 16 vessels during the original A.E.F. landings in North Africa. The toll was described as considerably smaller than originally expected.

Included in the United Nations' losses were the British small aircraft carrier Avenger, three destroyers and five lighter vessels as well as five U. S. naval transports.

As the stage was set for the final showdown for control of Tunisia, the German-controlled Paris radio admitted that a British-American column had penetrated to the east coast of Tunisia and had advanced between Sfax and Gabes.

With opposing forces concentrating in a narrow coastal area between the cities of Tunis and Bizerte Allied advances had slowed down in the face of strengthening German resistance.

Despite continuing vigilance of Allied sea and air patrols, the Axis had admittedly gained reinforcements. In certain areas they achieved local air superiority. Moreover the fierceness of their attempted counterattacks and the presence of considerable Axis mechanized equipment in the Tebourda-Djedeida area indicated the enemy's unexpected strength.

**PACIFIC: U. S. Strength Grows**

Offensive actions undertaken by Allied forces in the Pacific war theater had continued to gain momentum.

U. S. naval forces decisively beat off another Jap attempt to regain control of the southern Solomons by sinking nine more enemy ships, including six warships in an engagement north of Guadalcanal. Jap losses included two large destroyers or cruisers, four destroyers, two transports and one cargo ship. The Americans lost a cruiser and reported other ships damaged. Meanwhile American land forces continued their mopping up operations around Henderson airfield.

Indicative of the growing strength of the Allies was the report from Auckland, New Zealand, of the safe arrival of an American expeditionary force so large that it took hours for the de-laden transports to discharge their cargoes of men and supplies. Lean gray warships of the U. S. navy had safely convoyed the transports through Jap-threatened waters.

In New Guinea the tempo of the allied offense against the narrow Jap-held beach-heads bordering Buna was stepped up. Allied airmen beat off a Jap naval force attempting to land reinforcements and supplies for the hard-pressed Nipponese and shot down 23 Jap planes. American and Australian troops meanwhile had infiltrated to the outskirts of Buna and had driven down the beach from Gona toward Sanananda, five miles above Buna.

**INVESTMENT INCOME: \$25,000 Ceiling?**

Even as salary freezing regulations were made public throughout the nation, congress was invited by President Roosevelt to put a \$25,000 ceiling on net investment income to match the \$25,000 ceiling imposed on net salaries by James F. Byrnes, director of economic stabilization.

Under the existing system, individuals are restricted to gross income from salaries of \$67,200 a year, or net income after federal income taxes of \$25,000. Income from other sources is not now restricted. Pointing out that there has been widespread criticism against inequalities in the present system, Mr. Roosevelt proposed that identical limitations be put on income from investments.

Such a procedure would mean that an individual's total income from salary, from investments or from both could not exceed \$25,000 net or \$67,200 gross in any one year.

**LABOR PEACE: Decreed by CIO-AFL**

For the first time since the CIO split from the American Federation of Labor in 1935, the two organizations entered into an agreement that opened the way for permanent peace and possible full reunions of the two organizations.

**MUSSOLINI: Whistles in Dark**

With powerful American and British armies only a few hundred miles across the Mediterranean from Italy, with northern industrial cities rocked by RAF bombing attacks, and with Prime Minister Churchill's grim warning of future disaster still ringing in his ears, Benito Mussolini delivered an 81-minute harangue to the Fascist parliament.

In essence, the duce's speech was a "whistling in the dark" performance designed to whip up the Italian people's lagging war spirit. His prescription for national morale: "Learn to hate and to cease spreading silly stories and gossip."

Reading extracts from Churchill's speech warning that Italy would be placed under "prolonged, scientific and shattering air attacks," Mussolini said the English leader hoped to undermine the Italian people's resistance. He promised that Germany would reinforce Italy with "powerful contributions" and said "the joint Italian-German defenses will give the raiders a hot reception."

Il Duce revealed that Italy had lost 162 warships and more than 400,000 soldiers, sailors and airmen in the 30 months of war.

**RUSSIA: Headaches for Hitler**

Russian strategists concentrated doggedly on the task of rolling out the twin bulges at Rzhev and Vyazma on the far-flung line from Leningrad to Stalingrad as the Red's spectacular offensive continued to push the Nazis back and threaten the entire structure of their winter lines.

Hitler well knew the danger poised by the Russian thrusts at Rzhev. If this key point were taken, his troops in the Leningrad sector to the north would be in peril. And should these forces be trapped or forced to retire to avoid entrapment, then Finland would be left high and dry to make such terms as she could with the victorious Russ.

But Hitler's headaches were not confined to the Rzhev areas. At Stalingrad the Reds captured a strategic hilltop southwest of the city that had dominated the approaches from this direction and had been used for weeks by the Germans for artillery and observation posts.

Southward in the Caucasus, the Nazis faced the threat of disaster, for the steadily mounting strength of the Russ placed his control of oil, wheat and coal lands in jeopardy.

**THUNDERBOLTS: Make 725 M. P. H.**

Hurling through the air faster than any human beings had ever traveled before, two 22-year-old army lieutenants dived their fighter planes at the astounding speed of 725 miles an hour in twin tests of Republic P-47 Thunderbolts.

The two airmen were Lieuts. Harold Comstock and Roger Dyar. Starting their dive at 35,000 feet, the



Lieuts. Roger Dyar Harold Comstock

pilots reported the terrific speed froze their control sticks, causing them to resort to emergency cranks to pull the ships out of the dive. Reporting his reactions, Lieutenant Dyar said:

"I had a feeling that any second the plane was going to pull away from me and leave me stranded right there, five miles above the ground."

**STOCK SHOW: 'Sub' for International**

The war had long before intervened to cancel the International Livestock Exposition, but in outdoor pens in Chicago's stockyards, 6,349 farm animals from 19 states and two Canadian provinces competed for prizes in the Chicago Market Fat Stock show—an exhibition organized to bridge over the period until the International could be held again.

It was a one-way ride for the barnyard champions, for war-time transportation regulations decreed that the steers, hogs and sheep must be moved to the slaughter-house after the show. Gone for the duration was the traditional pageantry attending the exposition since the International amphitheater was taken over by the army last June.

No admission fee was required for the substitute show.

**Washington Digest**

**Payroll Deductions Seen As Direct Inflation Cure**



'Seven Keys to Economic Security' Won't Carry War-Cost Load Unless American Public Takes Voluntary Precautions.

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The war may cost Mr. John Q. Taxpayer an extra seventy-five billion dollars—\$75,000,000,000 (written that way it looks more like what it really is.) If it does, it will mean that this country will go through a depression that will make the black '30s look like a June day.

That is the warning sounded by the Office of War Information.

All we have to do to realize this is to look back to the period of the last war, when the cost of living rose 63 per cent between 1914 and Armistice day, 1918—and kept right on going up for nearly two years.

Those were the days of 67-cent butter and 22-cents-a-dozen eggs. Then came the crash. Hundreds of thousands of farmers lost their lands. Five million workers lost their jobs.

The cost of the war was partly to blame, of course. When other prices went up, the war-cost increased by 13½ billions. On that basis, it is estimated that if prices run away now, it will mean a 75-billion dollar rise in the war debt.

This time, of course, the government has tried to put on the brakes, but the brakes are already smoking. The seven "keys to economic security"—the checks on the cost of living are all right, but they won't hold the load unless the public takes certain voluntary precautions. If it doesn't, stricter regulation must come. Some are bound to come anyhow.

Let's look at those seven keys and see if they are really locking the door against inflation.

The first is "tax heavily"—keep personal and corporate profits at a reasonable rate. Well, you have to define "reasonable." Profits, wages and salaries are high. The current tax law, although it is better than expected by many persons, does not do the job, according to fiscal experts in Washington.

The next "key" is the price ceilings.

According to Price Administrator Henderson, the cost of price-controlled foods fell seven-tenths of 1 per cent in the two months after May, 1942, while uncontrolled foods went up 7.3 per cent. Now all prices are "stabilized," but last month in order to assure maximum food production, the ceiling on farm wages was raised and a bloc in congress began agitating for a rise in the ceiling on farm prices. Certain civilian manufactured goods are caught between the ceiling and the cost of raw materials and may burst the bounds, too.

**Wage Standardization**

The next brake on inflation is stabilization of wages. That was achieved by the freezing of wages, but allowances had to be made for the people not getting a living wage. Then the labor shortage in war industries made it necessary to call upon women to fill the gap, and women had to get the same pay for the same work, which seems fair enough. That put more money into pocketbooks—and, of course, put more people on payrolls.

Another stabilization move was rationing certain commodities. That, of course, is effective as far as it goes, but it covers a limited field.

Then there were the voluntary measures—which haven't worked so well and which provide the real outlet for the possible boost in all costs in spite of the artificial checks. Citizens were urged to buy war bonds, to save their money instead of buying things they didn't need, to pay off their old debts and refrain from making new ones.

So far voluntary methods have not been successful. There is a limit to which a democratic country can go in regulating the lives of the people. It was hard enough to get the nationwide gasoline rationing through, but finally it was accepted. Perhaps when the public "understands" it will be willing to save instead of spend, but financial experts in and out of the government predict that compulsory savings is the next key on the list.

Recently I talked with a hard-headed official. He does not direct the fiscal policy of the government, but he is indirectly concerned with national finance. He picked up a chart on his desk. "This is not

official," he said, "but it shows what is going to happen if the country keeps on spending at the rate it is spending now." He pointed to a line that shot upward. Where it climbed off the paper it was marked "two hundred billion dollars." That is what our war debt will be.

"The only way to stop it," he said, "is to get hold of this spending money at the source. Payroll deductions. That money has got to be put away—some of the deductions will go to pay taxes, some into bonds that will be redeemable when the government decides it is time to redeem them."

**Britain's Method**

He went on to explain that out of what Great Britain and Canada spend on the war effort, they finance one-half through taxes. We finance only one-fourth through taxes. They borrow the other one-half—and of the amount borrowed, two-thirds is borrowed from the public and one-third from the banks. We borrow two-thirds of what we do borrow from the banks and only one-third from the public.

"When you borrow from the public," this very earnest official continued, "you cut down the amount of money that is used for spending and bidding up prices. When you borrow from a bank, you really create new funds, which is inflationary."

"What about the present tax law?" I asked. "Isn't that going to take all we've got?"

"The new tax law is better than it looked at first," he answered, "but it falls far short of touching the funds—the pay-envelope funds—which are the chief cause of inflation. Under the new law there will be 27,000,000 taxpayers. In 1940 there were 3,896,000 taxpayers. Of the new taxpayers, so many are spending their money at such a rapid rate they will not possibly be able to pay their taxes. They will become tax delinquent."

**Rock in a Weary Land—Federal Reserve Building**

There is one building in hectic Washington which stands like a rock in a weary land—an oasis of calm and quiet in the desert of tumult and shouting. It is the Federal Reserve building.

I called there recently and the moment I put my hand on the door-knob I felt an atmosphere of serenity, an almost British solicitude and decorum, as the uniformed guard leapt up and opened the door. He didn't ask for my press pass. He said: "How can I help you, Sir?"

The elevator man bowed me into the car. When I approached the guard in the anteroom of the offices of the board members, he arose and bade me welcome.

I began to feel very small as I walked along the wide corridor with high ceilings. Voices were hushed. I entered an office presided over by a dignified secretary, a noiseless typewriter and a tickless telechron. Furniture of mahogany and mellow leather. Even the file cases suggested period pieces. The walls were gray with a hidden touch of lavender. The kind, I am informed, which are used in psychopathic wards to quiet the nerves. However, there was no need for such a sedative there, for the only suggestion of the vulgar world of finance was the muted sound of the Dow-Jones ticker.

As I sat waiting for my appointment, dropping the ashes of my plebeian cigar into a beautiful receptacle which doubtless had collected the residue of many a Corona Corona, and gazed at the walls and ceilings, I suddenly felt that I should be wearing tails and striped trousers. The delicate hint of lavender in the gray panels was like the faint tint, a soupçon of which brings added charm to the coiffure of a silver-haired matron.

Lost in these thoughts, I heard my name announced. If the uniformed Negro sentry (who reminded me of a White House footman) had been saying, "Mr. Morgan," (or "General Lee"), "the chairman will be glad to see you, Sir," he couldn't have done it with greater dignity.

Frankly, I enjoyed it thoroughly after fighting my way past sentries, guards and policemen to get into the War Production board.



# SADDLE and RIDE

By ERNEST HAYCOX W.N.U. Release

THE STORY SO FAR: Clay Morgan has decided to play a lone hand against Ben Herendeen, a rancher bent on running the cattle country his own way. The two men have been enemies for years, having first fought over Clay's wife, Lila, who died hating him and believing she should have married Herendeen. Morgan is a solitary figure, devoted to his nine-year-old daughter, Janet. Although two women, Catherine Grant and Ann McGarrah, are in love with him, they know he cannot forget Lila. Of his former friends, only Hack Breathitt had not gone over to Herendeen's side. Now Hack is dead, shot by Herendeen's foreman, Charley Hillhouse. Gurd Grant, Catherine's brother, joined Herendeen when he learned that Catherine had been to Morgan's ranch, but the cold bloodedness of Hack's murder has made him break with Herendeen. Warned by Fox Willing, a "nester" he once befriended, Clay discovers that Herendeen is stealing his cattle. He is nearly killed when he goes to Herendeen's ranch for a showdown, but he is saved by Lige White, one of Herendeen's friends. Like Gurd Grant, he is fed up with Herendeen's high handed methods. Clay and his men drive his cattle back into Government Valley, Clay's range. In the fight with Herendeen that follows, Lige is badly hurt. Now Clay is talking to Janet, who has discovered that she likes Catherine Grant better than Ann McGarrah and is not sure she should.

Now continue with the story.

CHAPTER XVIII

In the following silence Clay at once sensed that Janet was struggling with her loyalty to Ann McGarrah. She said: "I don't know, Daddy. Do you like her a lot? As much as you like Ann?"

He said: "Maybe I do, Janey. I'm going to town now. Better sleep."

She turned in the bed, her small body curled beneath the blankets and her head sinking into the pillow. She murmured: "It is like having a mother. It really is."

He went out of her room. There was a difference in women nobody could explain, an understanding, or a touch, or some mysterious fragrance of personality some had and some did not have.

Fox Willing was in the room with Lige White; the rest of the crew had left the house. Catherine waited for him downstairs.

"Janey wants you to stay on tonight."

She moved around the table. She put this distance between them deliberately, no longer smiling. "I can't do that, Clay. Not now."

"Wait until I get back from town and I'll ride home with you."

"I'm not afraid of the ride, Clay."

But she closed her lips, color rising on her cheeks.

"Hate to have you go alone."

"Then I'll wait."

Harry Jump joined him in the yard, but Morgan shook his head.

"I won't be long, and you've got to watch this place."

Jump had saddled a fresh horse for him; and now he lined out for town along a road smothered by a deep, moon-shot fog whose thickness touched him and seemed to break as he went through it. The lights of War Pass didn't show until he had turned into the main street. He went at once to Doc Padden's house, hailing him out. "Lige White's in a bad way, at my place. I'll go back with you."

Padden said, in rough regret, "Everything happens. Wait a minute." He went into the house for his hat and bag and walked down Custer Street with Morgan. "You heard the latest? Hillhouse killed Breathitt. He brought Breathitt into town and went out again."

They were near the stable when Morgan stopped. "In town?" he said. "Go ahead, Padden, I'll catch up with you."

Padden said: "Hillhouse bought a quart of whisky and started back to Three Pines. I guess it was on his soul, as God knows it should have been. Billy Wells came in a few minutes ago. He saw a team and wagon standing at the edge of Cache River near the Cottonwood ford, so he went over to look. Hillhouse sat against one of the trees. Guess he finished the bottle first. There was one bullet hole through the tree and another through his head. He killed himself."

Padden was a rough-handed man, made so by the kind of gunshot medicine he practiced; but he had his moments of insight and now walked to the stable without looking around. Morgan stood in the street's dust until he saw Padden ride away, then he turned down the street, left his horse by the hotel, and entered Padden's office. A night lamp burned here, wick turned low. He screwed up the light and took it with him into the adjoining room.

The first thing he noticed was Charley's hat placed over Hack Breathitt's face.

And when he saw it he knew at once the hell that had been in Charley Hillhouse's mind—his relentless

zeal and his memories of olden times confusedly mixing and torturing him. This last small act of grace, the placing of the hat across Hack's eyes, told the whole story of Charley's suicide. The wild and bitter winds governing Charley had blown him at last out of life.

Living or dead, the essential things of a man seemed to remain on his face. It was so with Hack. The disbelieving, cheerful insolence was still present. Born restless and full of scornful courage, he had carried these qualities with him; wherever he was now, Morgan thought, he'd be showing hell or heaven the same half-gay and half-ironic expression. Maybe, Morgan added, it was the best way out. For during these latter days he had seen a faint disillusionment in Hack, as though the youthful freshness and the strong appetites were wearing thin. Well, it was a new trail for Hack now; he could travel it with the same gusty pleasure that once had been his.

Morgan replaced the hat and returned the lamp to the other room. On the street he felt the brush of air on his cheek, and stood a moment in thought. These men had been close to him. Their passing left an empty place, reminding him that his wish to keep his youth alive was a futile wish.

He turned toward his horse. Jesse Rusey came from the shadows near the hotel. He said, "One Moment, Clay . . ." But at the same time,



He noticed Charley's hat placed over Hack Breathitt's face.

looking across the street, Morgan found Ann McGarrah on the store's porch. Her eyes were on him and, silent as she was, he felt the pull of her will or of her wish.

Rusey held his position by the hotel, watching Morgan and Ann McGarrah go into the store and close the door behind them. A light came through the window, reflected from the back room of the store; in a moment another door closed and this light died. Rusey rubbed a hand across his chin. Distant in him was a faint envy at Clay Morgan's opportunities, and a worldly man's curiosity. For Rusey's philosophy was a gray philosophy, wrung out of his cool, perpetual watchfulness. All people had wants. Some wants were little and some were big; some came cheap and some came high—but to all people sooner or later came a time when they placed their pride and all that they believed in against the one thing they most wanted and made their decision. Usually they sold out. For in the world Jesse Rusey so closely watched, wants always came first. He knew what Ann McGarrah wanted. He knew her pride and her scorn of the ordinary follies and appetites. Now he stood, rubbing his chin, faintly amused that all these qualities had bought her nothing, and knowing she realized it; knowing too she was close to her own decision. He had his curiosity and shrugged his shoulders and turned up the street. But he stopped again, still in the shadows.

At that moment Herendeen entered town with the Ryder brothers. Parr Gentry came from the stable and for a little while there was talk between these men. Later, Herendeen went up the hill to Doc Padden's house. A few minutes afterwards he returned to the group, shaking his head. Parr Gentry pointed down the street and all of them

turned to stare at Clay Morgan's horse still standing by the hotel.

Ann McGarrah followed Morgan into the store's living room. She came about and paused in front of him, quick to see the rough usage he had been through. Always, in action or in trouble, his eyes had a smoky coloring and this was present now.

"Sit down, Clay. If you're hungry, if you want anything—" "No, not right now. I've got to get back to the ranch. I sent Padden ahead. Lige White's been shot. We had a brush with Ben in Government Valley."

"What—"

"We drove him back. But nothing's settled."

"She said: 'You know about Hack? Of course—you came from there.'"

He sank into the chair, his long legs pushed forward. She stood near him, looking down. She put her hands before her, locked together, and for a moment she had the expression of a little girl on her face, half-wistful and half-stormy. She said: "You shouldn't—you shouldn't. Suppose it had been you instead of Hack? And when you meet Herendeen, which one will it be? You are sure to meet. Everybody knows that. It is as certain and as brutal as death. Well, it is death. Clay, is there anything I can say to stop you?"

"No, not now, Ann."

"Not now, and not at any time," she added quietly. "I have never been able to change you. Never. In any way at all."

He said: "Why worry about it? You know me pretty well. I know you pretty well. Let's be satisfied with that."

She walked away from him. At a corner of the room she turned, facing him over the distance. "What do you know about me? What do you really know?"

"I told you once, and you didn't like it."

"When you said it, Clay, you never meant it. It was a joke—and I hated you."

He shook his head, puzzled and gently amused at her. "There is fire enough in you to burn up the town. You swing like the weather—never still. You could be the kind of a woman, I think, to throw furniture at a man when you got mad. You could crucify him—if you loved him. And be sorry afterwards, I guess."

"Oh, Clay," she said, humbly, "not a scold—not a spitfire."

"No," he admitted. "Just Ann McGarrah who wants things perfect."

Her eyes grew darker and darker. "Clay," she said, near to a whisper, "you don't mean to be cruel, but you are. If—" She shrugged her shoulders, quickly changed the subject. "How's Janet?"

"All right. Catherine came up to see her today." He watched stillness come to her face, a listening intently, a coolness holding away her dislike. Then he said, "They seem to get along mighty well."

She said: "Don't you want coffee?"

"Better get back and see how Lige is making out," he said, coming to his feet.

She walked toward him. She stood in front of him, quite near—this small, supple girl so intense and so crowded with willful pride. She was dark, she was vivid; her lips were red and firm across her oval face and he caught the fragrance of her hair and was affected by it. Looking up, she drew a long, long breath. He never was able to define the look he saw in her eyes that night—it was like fear or shame, or like a woman forcing herself over some obstacle she dreaded. Her voice was taut and very slow. "It is hard to learn some things, Clay. Hard to learn that sometimes nothing comes by waiting, or by praying. And very hard to find out that a woman has to change as she swore she could never change. All that I am is right here in front of you, but it never has been enough—just to be in front of you. Is it something cold about me, or something of an old maid in me? I don't know. But only once did I ever see anything in your eyes that I put there. That was when I wore a dress which left my shoulders bare. I was a woman to you that night."

She lifted her arms. They touched his shoulders and lay there, with the smallest pressure in them, pulling him. He saw her lips lengthen and part, he saw her eyes widen, as though she opened herself to him completely. Reaching forward he kissed her, catching the force of her sudden-giving body. But even then there was a difference, a strain, a lack. When he stepped back they both knew it. She caught her breath sharply, turning away. And said in a dulling voice: "No, not for me. Well, good-by."

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## IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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### Lesson for December 20

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#### THE BIRTH OF JESUS

LESSON TEXT—Luke 2:8-20. GOLDEN TEXT—Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.—Matthew 1:21.

How shall we keep Christmas this year of our Lord 1942? That is a question which is pressed home to all of us by trying circumstances, growing wickedness—yes, by countless things which try to tell us that there just is not any use to try to keep Christmas as usual this year.

Well, then let's make it unusual! Let's have it more genuinely Christmas-like than ever. That's what we and this weary world need. The way to do it is to make this more than ever a Christmas centering in Christ. Doing that will mean that this year we will

#### I. Keep Christmas With Joy (vv. 8-10).

"Merry Christmas" may sound a little flat and empty this year, for there may be little to create merriment. "We wish you happiness at Christmas!" will probably not fit very well, because happiness depends on what happens—and a good many of the wrong kind of things have happened to most (perhaps all) of us.

But joy—that is quite another matter. We do not tire of the reminder that joy is something which God gives in the heart and which goes so far down into the depths of man's soul that the surface tempests of life cannot disturb it. Remember Paul who was "sorrowful" on the surface "yet ever rejoicing" in heart (II Cor. 6:10).

The ground of our Christmas joy is the good tidings of Christ's coming. That has always been the real heart of Christmas joy, but often it has been obscured by tinsel and trimmings. This year let's get back to essentials.

And let it be said that this does not mean that we are going to omit all the precious little customs and pleasantries which have had their innocent part in making this a holiday season. No indeed; let us have them all, or as many as we can, but make the heart of it all Christian joy.

#### II. Keep Christmas With Assurance (vv. 11-14).

With so many other things (many of which we had foolishly regarded as permanent and sure) failing us, it is a delight to have something sure to tie to, and we have it this Christmas. Christ the Saviour has come!

Not only do we know that He was born, lo these many years ago, as the Babe in the manger in Bethlehem town, but we know that He still lives! He was born, died for our sins, was raised for our justification, ever lives to intercede for us, and He is one day to come again. The evidence for all this is plentiful and satisfying, and gives us abundant ground for the keeping of Christmas even this year in assurance.

#### III. Keep Christmas As a Testimony (vv. 15-20).

Having found the Christ, the shepherds "made known abroad" (v. 17) the good news. They returned "glorifying and praising God" (v. 20).

They, too, lived in a time of great darkness. They were part of the people of whom the prophet said: "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined" (Isa. 9:2). That light was Christ, the "light of the world."

There could be no more appropriate time to testify to the world, whose lights have failed, that we keep Christmas because it tells of the coming into this world of the unfailing Light, the One who said of Himself: "I am the light of the world" (John 9:5).

The writer of these notes does not often hear from his readers, scattered all over the continent (yes, and in foreign lands), but he counts them all as his friends. He prays for them, and counts it a joy to serve them through these lessons. So, since they are his friends, he says to every one of them who sees these lines: "May God make this a blessed Christmas. Through the clouds of trying circumstances may you see His face. Above the noisy clamor of this world may you hear the angel's song. And may the joy of the Lord fill your soul this Christmas Day!"

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Believe me, every man has his secret sorrows, which the world knows not; and oftentimes we call a man cold when he is only sad.—Longfellow.

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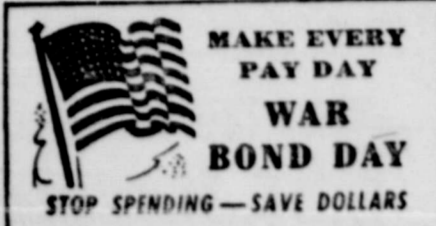
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Noble American wives are willing to see their husbands drafted to fight Japs for freedom, bayonet to bayonet, in fever-infested jungles. But what wife is willing to chance her husband's life so some other able-bodied man can grab a government job that's useless and fat? Not one! Married men will be called to arms by hundreds in the next two months, by thousands if a new legion of draft-age men are added to government bureaus. It will surely happen, too, unless the American people do something about it.

Look at these facts: General Lewis B. Hershey, director of selective service (no less) said recently that 100,000 married men were needed to fill November's draft quota. It is estimated also that delay in passing the teen-age draft law would bring 200,000 more married men into the service in December. Already there are 2,700,000 civilians on Uncle Sam's pay-roll, and new bureaus are being organized continually, making thousands of Washington jobs for men of draft age.

**How Bureaus Grow**  
One example will be enough to show how government bureaus multiply. Early in 1942 a manufacturer with a war contract got caught paying his secretary \$30,000 a year. The nation was outraged, and an indignant congress devised a remedy in haste. It authorized the Army, Navy and Maritime Commission each to set up a bureau to correct such abuses. Powers delegated to these bureaus are many and monstrous; like Frankenstein, only triplets.

These bureaus can make their own rules and enforce them arbitrarily. They can change the terms of contracts already made. They can allow one company more profit than another, both doing the same work. They can not speed the war effort. Already they have each a central board and are busy settling up branches in various cities, outfitted with lawyers, auditors and technical advisors a plenty.

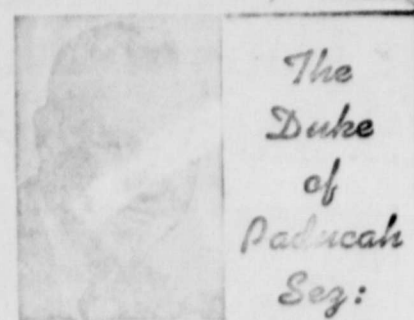
**Costly in Man-Power**  
The purpose of all this organization is called "renegotiation," meaning to figure all war contracts over again and change them if they show too much profit for anybody. It is going to take a lot of help. The Navy had only 1,000 men at such work on July 1, 1941; a year later 4,000 and the Navy has only 10 per cent of the estimated three million contracts to be renegotiated.

You might ask: "Don't you believe in eliminating excessive profits from war contracts?" I most certainly do! I want every dollar of booty wrung out of them in a way that will not consume the energies of thousands of men who might better be doing something to help win the war. President Roosevelt, in his famous September 7th address, told us how. He said "Recapture through taxation all war profits not necessary to maintain sufficient war production." And the President's plan will work.

**Excessive Profits Rare**  
It is a known fact that the Excess Profits Tax already in force drains 90 per cent of excessive profits out of war contracts. But these new boards pay no attention to that. They re-figure all contracts. Here is a fair example: If a farmer had turned 90 acres of a 100-acre tract with a gang-plow and found ten acres of odd patches unbroken, he might resort to smaller tools, but he would not hire men to spade the whole 100 acres.

The President's plan to recapture excessive war profits would not squander man-power because it would utilize the Bureau of Internal Revenue instead of organizing three new bureaus, one each in the Army, the Navy and the Maritime Commission. Congressman Wesley E. Disney, who long has been a leader in seeking to eliminate waste in government, recently tried to amend the law to conserve man-power, but with little visible success.

**The Disney Plan**  
The Disney amendment provided that whenever a firm, working on government contracts, showed a profit, after taxes, lower than 2 per cent of the contract price, such contracts could not be renegotiated. He said this would get around 95 per cent of the figuring, and here's why: There is already a 90 per cent Excess Profits Tax in force, and hardly one firm in 20 can pay it and have 2 per cent profit left. For my part, I believe it would have saved thousands of men and millions of dollars. But the boards were busy organizing when Mr. Disney's amendment was offered; they fought it and killed it. Now, while married men take up arms and leave their wives to run their farms, other men of like age will be getting soft bureau-



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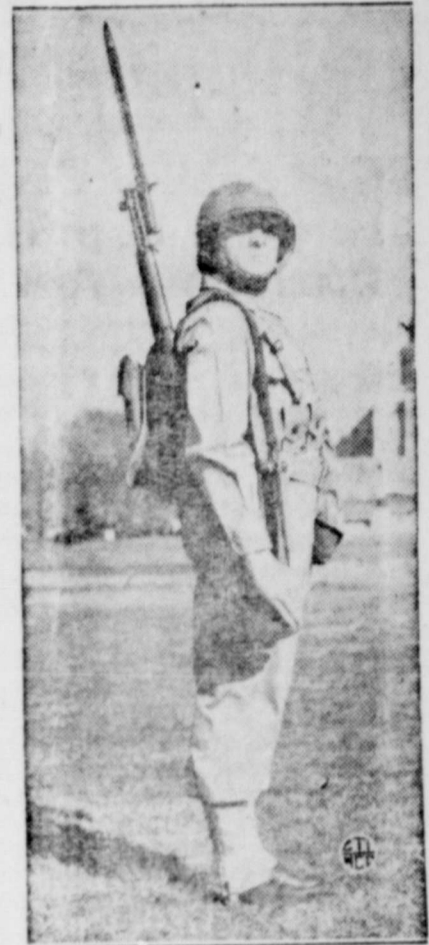
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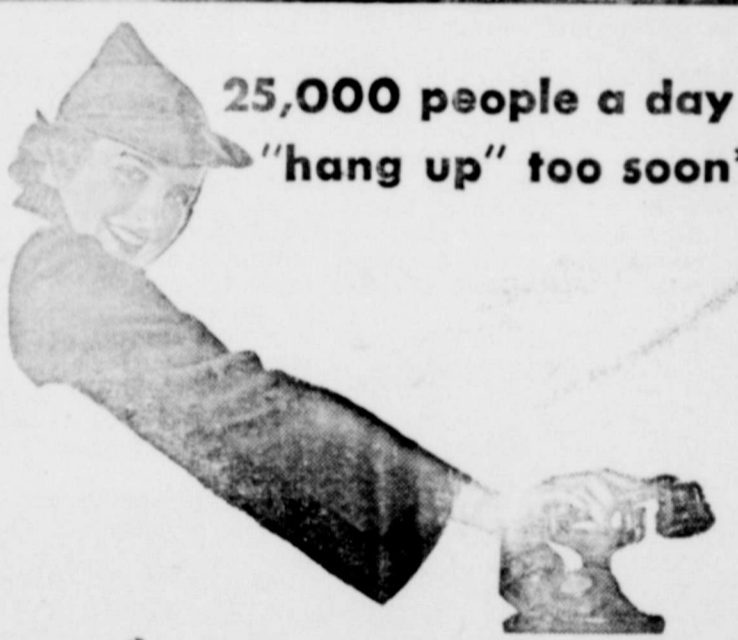
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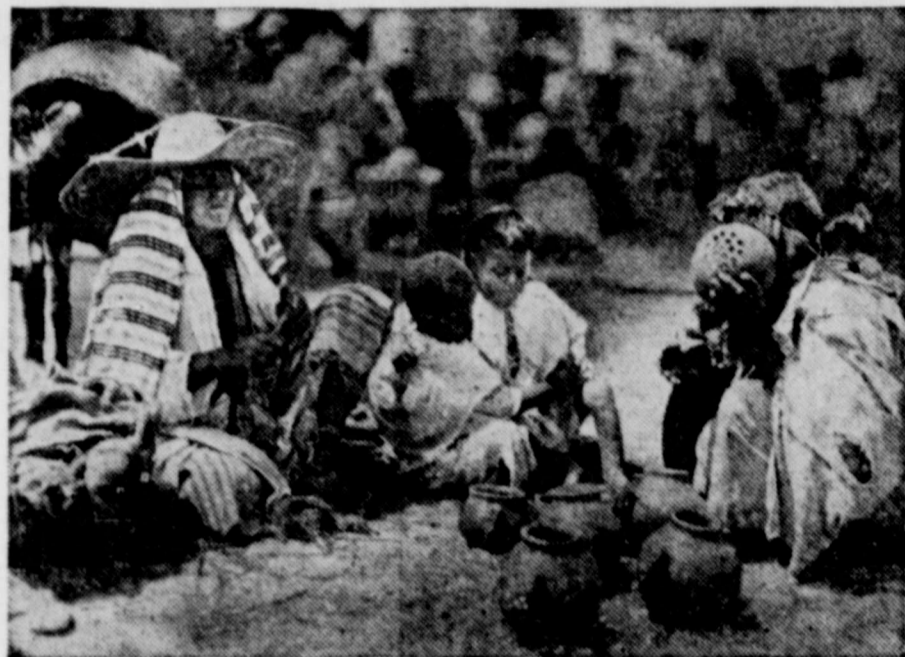
Under the friendly protection of Gibraltar's guns on land, at sea and in the air, ships bearing American troops, tanks, aircraft and ammunition steamed through the historic corridor to invade the north coast of French Africa at the same time Yanks were landing on the African northwest coast.

Once again, the Strait of Gibraltar, one of the world's busiest bottlenecks, became a gateway to war. Now the western Mediterranean had joined the war-strafed eastern Mediterranean to make that sea one great battle arena.

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Roughly three miles long and less than a mile wide, Gibraltar is surrounded on all but one side by Span-



A market scene in the Moorish city of Tangier which sweeps up the slopes of the southern or African side of the Strait of Gibraltar. Tangier is in the International Zone, a nick out of the Spanish Morocco which caps Africa's northwestern shoulder.

These are rural folk who stream into Tangier on market days. Their stock in trade is pottery.

his observations to British soldiers who are everywhere, British "bobbies" who appear as if they had just emerged from a London police station, British flags that top the masts of municipal and government buildings, and British warships and commercial vessels that outnumber all others anchored in the harbor.

But a peacetime sidewalk study reveals a strange mixture. In a short stroll you see Scotchmen in

presents another picture—a Moorish picture that could be far removed from Gibraltar. From the harbor it resembles a white sheet spread from the seashore up the African slopes. Its spotless white walls, glistening in the sunlight, suggest that "clean up-paint up week" is perpetually observed there.

Once inside the city walls the traveler is bewildered by the maze of lanes which the Tangierians call



ish territory. In the north it is joined to Spain proper by a low, sandy isthmus. To the south its nearly 1,400-foot-high bulk looks across the strait toward its mountain mate in Africa soaring above the Spanish Moroccan port of Ceuta. Together the towering rocks were known to the ancients as the "Pillars of Hercules." One legend has it that they were united in a single mountain range until Hercules broke it apart

kills brush past turbaned Moors from the other side of the strait; and Cadiz mingle with sturdy Spaniards from Madrid, Malaga, Greeks; brown-skinned Hindus and Egyptians jostle Levantine Jews; and dusky Senegal Negroes rub elbows with Chinese from Canton.

The city spreads up the side of the Rock from the shore of the broad Algeciras bay, to a height of 250 feet. Long flights of steps lead to the upper portion of the town, making wheeled traffic impossible on many streets.

Rain Water for Reservoirs. Above, the face of the Rock has frequently undergone "treatment,"



An air view of the Rock of Gibraltar. It rises in almost sheer cliffs out of the Mediterranean on the left, but sweeps more gently toward the Bay of Algeciras on the right where the ship basins are shown. The city of Gibraltar rises from the harbor in the center of the photograph. The Rock bristles with guns set in man-made tunnels and recesses.

in order to open a way between the Mediterranean and the Atlantic.

### Craglike Cliffs on East Side.

On the eastern side looking toward the open Mediterranean where the craglike cliffs make an almost sheer drop into the sea, no direct attack on Gibraltar has ever been possible. On the western side, however, is the city of Gibraltar (normally 20,000 population) overlooking the British naval base with its man-made harbor through which most of the citadel's food and other supplies must come.

While the Rock is known to every school child as a symbol of strength, the city is known to but few. It is a British city if the traveler confines

since the Moors occupied it centuries ago. A fortified castle dating back to Moorish occupation still stands in one of its recesses, sharply contrasting with the more modern British ramparts. Tunnels have been bored, paths dynamited and in places its rough "countenance" has been given an application of cement upon which rain water is caught and drained into reservoirs of the city.

Ceuta, across the strait, for decades has been an important military and penal station for Spain. It is predominantly a Spanish town. Its mosque, which recalls Moorish domination, has been used as a cathedral for several hundred years.

Only 28 miles to the east, Tangier

their streets. So narrow are they that wheeled vehicles have never rumbled over the cobbles and pedestrians are compelled to jump into doorways to avoid being sideswiped or trampled upon by donkeys with bulging loads.

In the business section coffee houses offer the principal Tangier recreation. Patrons sit in groups on the floor, playing with queerly marked cards, or lean against the walls sipping beverages, smoking pipes, and sometimes singing to the tune of a native orchestra.

Next door an unkempt shopkeeper, seemingly more interested in keeping his long-stemmed pipe lighted than in making a sale, presides over a cupboardlike shop displaying pottery, brassware and trinkets.

An American's description of a Tangier residential district would be "more narrow winding streets hemmed in by high white walls." The walls are blank except for doorways leading into courts. A peep through an open door reveals some of the city's garden spots—flower beds surrounding fountains, shaded by lofty palms. Some courts, however, are miniature farmyards where cattle and fowl are fattened for market.

A visit to the market place is well worth a trip to Tangier. There city folk mingle with the rural folk. Men, women and children, camels, horses, donkeys, dogs and fowls, all are huddled together in the dust amid piles of vegetables, fruit, nuts, candies, kitchen utensils and homemade shoes.

Around the edge of the market place letter writers and fortune tellers ply their professions; black, portly Sudanese Negroes in tatters dance to the tune of metal cymbals and discs dangling about their bodies, and the fire eater and snake charmer fascinate throngs with their clever tricks.

Modern improvements have come to Tangier in a somewhat small way. The city has not, and for a long time will not, outgrow the East's special taxi—the single passenger donkey—because of the narrow streets; telephones are readily available and there is a modern hospital, built by the French.

## AROUND THE HOUSE

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Say It With Food... A Very Merry Christmas! (See Recipes Below.)

**Yuletide Trimmings**

Christmas time has come again with its warm and cheery spirit of giving, of receiving, and of hoping—for the peace on earth and goodwill towards men.

It's the time for lovely carols and their message that never grows old, time for the fire on the hearth and the yule logs ablaze and a crackle that bring memories of the whole family together for Christmas—in other, in happier days. It's a time for lining the pantry shelves with goodies for the Christmas feast, of pleasant bustling, of children foraging for presents and cookies.

Christmas was always a time for rejoicing, and so let it be this year—for in the deeper sense it will always be the time for glad tidings. Now, for the pleasant bustling and the business of putting together the holiday feast. This year's menu will be simpler and tuned to ration times—so those you love will have their share, too.

Start things out by helping yourself to tomato juice (hot or cold, flavored with lemon juice), or something different like pineapple juice with a scoop of raspberry sherbet, or grapefruit juice with lime sherbet—served in the living room with tiny crisp crackers.

If you have had a turkey for Thanksgiving, give the other poultry a try at Christmastime. There's roast chicken or capon two of each—will serve a good sized family gathering. Or, roast goose is traditionally nice as is roast duck with apple or wild rice and mushroom stuffing in place of the apples.



**\*Roast Chicken or Capon.**

Season capon or chicken inside and out with salt, pepper and a few grains of ginger. Fill with dressing and place in a dripping pan with 1/4 cup fat, from chicken preferably. Dust lightly with flour and roast in a moderate oven. Baste and turn frequently. Add water as necessary to prevent drying and to make gravy. Roast until tender. A 6-pound chicken or capon requires about 2 1/2 hours.

**\*Savory Stuffing.**

(Enough for 5 to 6 pound fowl)  
 5 to 6 cups fine bread crumbs  
 1/4 cup minced parsley

**Lynn Says:**

Ducks or Goose? If you're serving ducks for Christmas, get the best results by rubbing the outside of the bird with onion or garlic, pepper, salt, paprika and ginger. Fill with stuffing and roast with onions and celery.

A wild rice and mushroom stuffing has an affinity for ducks: Saute 1/2 pound of sliced mushrooms in 2 tablespoons butter, then add 1 cup wild rice which has been boiled, and season to taste.

With goose, it's a slightly different story. Rub the goose with salt, pepper, onion. Stuff with apple or potato stuffing and roast with a few slices of lemon, whole apples and celery.

- Christmas Dinner**  
 Pineapple Juice with Raspberry Sherbet  
 Crackers Olives Celery Curls  
 \*Roast Chicken  
 \*Savory Stuffing Cream Gravy  
 \*Sweet Potato Casserole  
 \*Green Beans in Sauce  
 \*Cinnamon Apples  
 Finger Rolls  
 Plum Pudding  
 Beverage Mints  
 \*Recipes Given

- 1/4 cup minced onion  
 1/4 cup chopped celery  
 1 teaspoon salt  
 1/2 teaspoon pepper  
 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning or sage  
 1/2 cup chicken stock  
 1 beaten egg

Cook giblets until tender. Drain and brown in hot chicken fat or butter with 1 tablespoon minced onion. Chop fine. Combine bread crumbs and seasonings. Add stock, egg and giblets. Chill overnight or for an hour to blend seasoning.

There's nothing like an attractive garnish with sharp flavor to point up the food values of your dinner. Cinnamon apples do just that for your Christmas platter of chicken:

**\*Cinnamon Apples.**

Core and pare apples. Make a syrup out of 1 cup sugar, 1 1/2 cups water (or, 1 1/4 cups corn syrup—light—and 1 cup water) and 3 heaping tablespoons cinnamon drops. Place apples in syrup and cook, covered, slowly, basting frequently until apples are tender and brightly tinted.

At a poll taken of servicemen's favorite foods, sweet potato casserole took a mighty fine lead. So, if that boy of yours is coming home, and has pinned his vote on this sweet potato dish, here's the way to put it together:

**\*Sweet Potato Casserole. (Serves 6)**

- 3 cups hot, mashed sweet potatoes  
 3 tablespoons butter  
 1/2 teaspoon salt  
 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind  
 2 egg yolks, beaten  
 1/2 cup crushed canned pineapple  
 2 egg whites  
 6 marshmallows

Beat potatoes until fluffy. Add seasonings and beaten yolks. Fold in pineapple. Cool. Then fold in egg whites. Bake in a buttered dish, topped with marshmallows in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for 25 minutes.

**\*Green Beans in Sauce. (Serves 6)**

- 1 pound fresh green beans  
 or  
 1 can green beans (No. 2)  
 1 tablespoon chopped onion  
 2 tablespoons butter  
 1/2 cup chili sauce

Cook onion in butter until soft. Add chili sauce and seasoned green beans. Cook until thoroughly heated.

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**The Questions**

1. A patent protects an inventor for how many years?
2. How many men signed the Declaration of Independence?
3. What is the keyboard of an organ called?
4. Who was the discoverer of the laws of the pendulum?
5. A treeless plain in South America is usually called what?
6. Which of the British rulers had the longest reign?

7. How many parallel lines are there in a parallelogram?
8. What is an old Oxonian?

**The Answers**

1. Seventeen years.
2. Fifty-six.
3. A manual.
4. Galileo.
5. A pampa.
6. Victoria (63 years).
7. Four.
8. A graduate of Oxford university.



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