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## Treasury Department War Savings Staff

Honorable Bruce Clift, Chairman  
Coke County War Saving Com.  
Robert Lee, Texas

Dear Mr. Clift:

I am furnishing herewith the total War Bond sales for your county for the year 1942 as compiled from the best information available. You will recall that we were furnished only Series F Sales for the first quarter of 1942. Series F and G Sales could not be secured at that time. Subsequent to that date we were furnished with total sales of Series E, F and G War Savings Bonds.

In the beginning of 1942 an annual quota of \$111,500.00 was assigned to your county, making a monthly allotment \$9,291.67. This quota prevailed for the months of January, February, March and April. Quotas were then placed upon a monthly basis and quotas were assigned as follows:

May	\$3,100.00
June	8,600.00
July	7,700.00
August	6,200.00
September	6,800.00
October	6,300.00
November	6,300.00
December	5,900.00

Thus a total annual allotment of \$87,564.00 was assigned to your county against which was credited \$88,074.00 War Bond sales, which is a very commendable showing for your good county under your splendid leadership. The citizens of Coke County have responded wonderfully to the 1942 program and I know that during the year of 1943 they will keep up the pace with the rest of the nation in doing more during this year.

I trust that you will have equally good success in meeting and exceeding your monthly quota in 1943. With best wishes and kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,  
Frank Scofield  
War Bond Administrator  
for Texas.

Honored for service on their record for quality, that's why more women are buying Larkwood hosiery \$1.25 pr.  
Cumbie & Roach

## LOCALS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reid of San Angelo a son on Feb. 21st, weighing nine pounds, and he was named Royal Ray.

Those added to our list as new subscribers were: W. B. Bessent and Frank Smith.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

Uncle Sam is Calling for the Largest Poultry out put in History

Yes profits were Never better. But to make the most, get the best,

Send Postal for FREE Literature.

BREEZLAND,  
San Angelo, Texas.

## Attention Farmers

Farmers who want help in making their Income Tax Reports are urged to come to the County Agent's Office as soon as possible in order to avoid a rush during the last days of the Filing Period.

Many farmers have already made use of this service which has been set up to accommodate farmers of Coke County.

Travis B. Hicks  
County Agent.

## Locals

Mrs. J. C. Hunter of Houston is here to spend two weeks with her mother Mrs. J. C. Slaughter.

H. Lew Riekey of Austin was here Saturday in interest of the Bascom Giles Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Wilford Murtishaw of Crane Tex. was here last week visiting his parents.

Mrs. Anna Sparks returned to her home from Fort Stockton after visiting with her daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Creech and a new granddaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sparks and children are here from McAlisterville, Okla., for a few days visit.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Fields on Feb. 15 in a San Angelo hospital a baby girl.

Mrs. A. W. Littlefield was called to the bedside of her sister Mrs. J. M. Rippetoe of Bronte, who is in the Shannon hospital for treatment. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bernard of Weatherford, her father and mother came over Sunday to be with her.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Lewis returned home Monday from Mineral Wells after visiting with Lt. and Mrs. Hugh S. Lewis Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hester from Miles was in our city Sunday visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Wojtek, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wojtek and Otto Wojtek made a business trip to Leveland last week.

Mrs. Sam Jay and Robert Lewis visited relatives here over the week end.

Mrs. Winifred Booher was in our city last week visiting with friends.

Aviation Cadet Frank M. Tubbs has completed preflight training at San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center and is now in primary training at Glider Field, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Miss Jessie Bell of Big Spring visited her mother Mrs. W. H. Bell over the week end.

Denton Texas, —

Miss Katie Sue Good, Robert Lee student at NTSTC, was one of twenty-seven recent initiates into the Senior Current Literature Club, a campus literary and social organization.

Miss Good was initiated into the club in a candle light service at the college auditorium. She is majoring in music.

Fashion swings to mesh, or Queen Ann's lace hose \$1.49 pr  
CUMBIE & ROACH

## Contributed For Scrap Metal By County Officials

The old steel bridge across the Colorado River on the old highway to San Angelo from Bronte abandoned long ago, was contributed by the Coke County officials to government for scrap metal.

## Baptist Notes

We take this occasion to invite the general public to our service Sunday at eleven o'clock and we especially urge our members to be present. The subject for the morning worship will be "Three Fires".

Most people are careful about fires and insure against them. Yet many people go out into eternity with little thought about what contact they may have with fire in the world beyond. Come and hear the discussion on "The Three Fires".

Baptists are paying their debts and by the first day of April we hope to have every dollar lifted from against the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. By July 1st we will have all debts canceled against the Foreign Mission Board. How great it will be to be out of debt. Let every Baptist strive to make this dream a reality, then we can stand and sing "All Hail the Power of Jesus name, Let Angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the Royal Diadem and crown Him Lord of All".

James H. Hunt, pastor.

Mrs. B. M. Gramling entertained the Missionary Society Monday Feb. 22 when they met with her in a book review, entitled, "They Need Not Go Away". The book included different phases of our mission work with the Negroes, Jews, Indians, Mexicans etc. which was very interesting. Refreshments were served to 9 present and carried out in keeping with the day. Cherry pie and ice tea. Plate favors were small hatchets.

March 1-5 is "Home Mission Week of Prayer". The first program will be at the church Tuesday night 8 o'clock with Mrs. James Hunt as leader. Friday will be an all-day meeting with Mrs. Paul Good, beginning 11 a. m. with a covered dish luncheon. All ladies are urged to be present.

Sew to save with Simplicity patterns at  
Cumbie & Roach

## Birthday Celebration

Mrs. Geo Taylor entertained her daughter Judy, with a birthday party in basement of the Methodist Church Wednesday Feb. 17, from 4 to 6 p. m.

This was her fourth party for such an occasion. Red, white and blue color scheme was carried out and games played. Punch and cake was served to 17 children present.

Out of town visitors were her grandmother Mrs. D. E. Sayner, and her aunt Mrs. S. C. Sayner of Tenneson.

## War Fund Campaign

The Red Cross War Fund Campaign begins Monday March 1st. Coke County has a quota of \$1650.00 to raise everyone is urged to help in this most worthy cause. You may make contributions to any of the following committee members and their assistants:

W. H. Maxwell Jr.  
-War Fund Chairman  
Haywood Springer Chairman  
Bruce Clift Vice Chairman  
Frank Keeney Disaster Chair.  
Mrs. C. C. Glenn Production Chairman  
H. O. Witt Home Service Chairman  
Dr. J. K. Griffith First Aid Chairman  
Mrs. George Thomas, Jr.  
-Red Cross Work  
Miss Mary Steel - Nutrition Chairman  
S. R. Young - Public Information Chairman  
Directors: W. H. Maxwell, Ed Cumbie, L. T. Youngblood Floyd Bridges, Bob Knierim, Frank Keeney.  
B. D. Snead, Treasurer  
Doris Gilreath, Secretary.



For State Registered certified planting seed See  
Fred McDonald Jr.

Thread for Red Cross knitting has been left at Cumbie & Roach

## Methodist Church

Next Sunday we have a treat planned for you at the Methodist Church. Laymen's Day will be observed with the following speakers on the program: J. S. Craddock, Geo. L. Taylor, and Judge McNeil Wylie. Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough will sing a solo. We must back up our laymen one hundred percent. We are counting on you.  
W. Vasco Teer, pastor.

Religious services to men and boys in the armed forces and to the thousands of "uprooted families" in industrial defense areas will be increased by the Methodist Church following the denomination's Week of Dedication, February 28 to March 7, when 8,000,000 members will spiritually rededicate "self, service and substance".

WSCS met Monday afternoon with Mrs. Craddock as hostess, and Mrs. Freeman Clark leader.

Interesting talks were made by Mmes. Marvin Simpson, J. S. Gardner, Ruby Brown, W. Vasco Teer and Brother Teer. Others present: Mmes. Bruce Clift, J.R. Griffith and Elzie Wright. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.--Reporter.

Henry Escue and family are back in Robert Lee after spending several weeks in Abilene. Mr Escue had work there.

Larkwood Rayon hose in new spring colors. Pretty as well as serviceable. \$1.25 pr.  
CUMBIE & ROACH

## ALAMO THEATRE

"THE BEST IN SCREEN ENTERTAINMENT"

ROBERT LEE TEXAS

Friday and Saturday Feb. 26-27

BING CROSBY-FRED ASTAIRE IN

"HOLIDAY IN"

Also Popeye and News

Wednesday only Money Nite March 3

BARBARA STANWYCK-JOEL McCREA IN

"THE GREAT MAN'S LADY"

WITH

BRIAN DONLEVY

Also "OVERLAND MAIL and "Dove"

## TEXAS THEATRE

BRONTE, TEXAS

Friday and Saturday Feb. 26-27

ERROLL FLYNN-OLIVIA DeHALILLAND IN

"THEY DIED WITH THEIR BOOTS ON"

Also Comedy and News

Tuesday only Money Nite March 2

BARBARA STANWYCK-JOEL McCREA IN

"THE GREAT MAN'S LADY"

WITH BRIAN DONLEVY

Also "OVERLAND MAIL and "Dove"



Gems of Thought

IN FRIENDSHIP, as in love, we are more happy from the things we are ignorant of than from those we are acquainted with.—La Rochefoucauld.

It is not the weight of jewel or plate, Or the fondle of silk or fur; 'Tis the spirit in which the gift is rich, As the gifts of the Wise Ones were, And we are not told whose gift was gold, Or whose the gift of myrrh.

—EDMUND VANCE COOK.

Come live in my heart and pay no rent.—Lover.

Laff every time you pheel tickled, and laff once in a while anyhow.—Josh Billings.

FOR BETTER GROOMED HAIR  
**MOROLINE**  
(25¢ HAIR TONIC 25¢)

Dollar-a-Year Men

Most dollar-a-year men working for the government not only continue to draw their salary from their companies back home, but are given \$70 a week for expenses by the government and are also reimbursed for all money spent in traveling.

Quick application of comforting Resinol gives prompt relief from fiery throbbing. Its oily base soothes parched skin.

**MINOR BURNS RESINOL**

Birds Set Broken Bones

Naturalists have reported cases of actual bone-setting by birds in which the feathered doctors used small straws or twigs with a dressing of down in the same way that a physician would set a broken leg in splints.

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Simple PILES  
Relieves pain and soreness

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Get PAZO Now! At Your Druggists!

Texas—and Four States

The treaty by which Texas entered the Union contains provisions for creating out of its territory four other states "in addition to said State of Texas"—if the Texans so desire.

**Black Leaf 40** KILLS LICE  
"Cap-Brush" Applicator makes "BLACK LEAF 40" DO MUCH FASTER

JUST A DASH IN FEATHERS OR SPREAD ON ROOSTS

Love of Eternity

Love is the emblem of eternity; it confounds all notion of time; effaces all memory of a beginning, all fear of an end.—Madame de Staël.

Use at first sign of a **COLD**  
666 ALL TABLETS, SALVE, NOSE DROPS, COUGH DROPS.

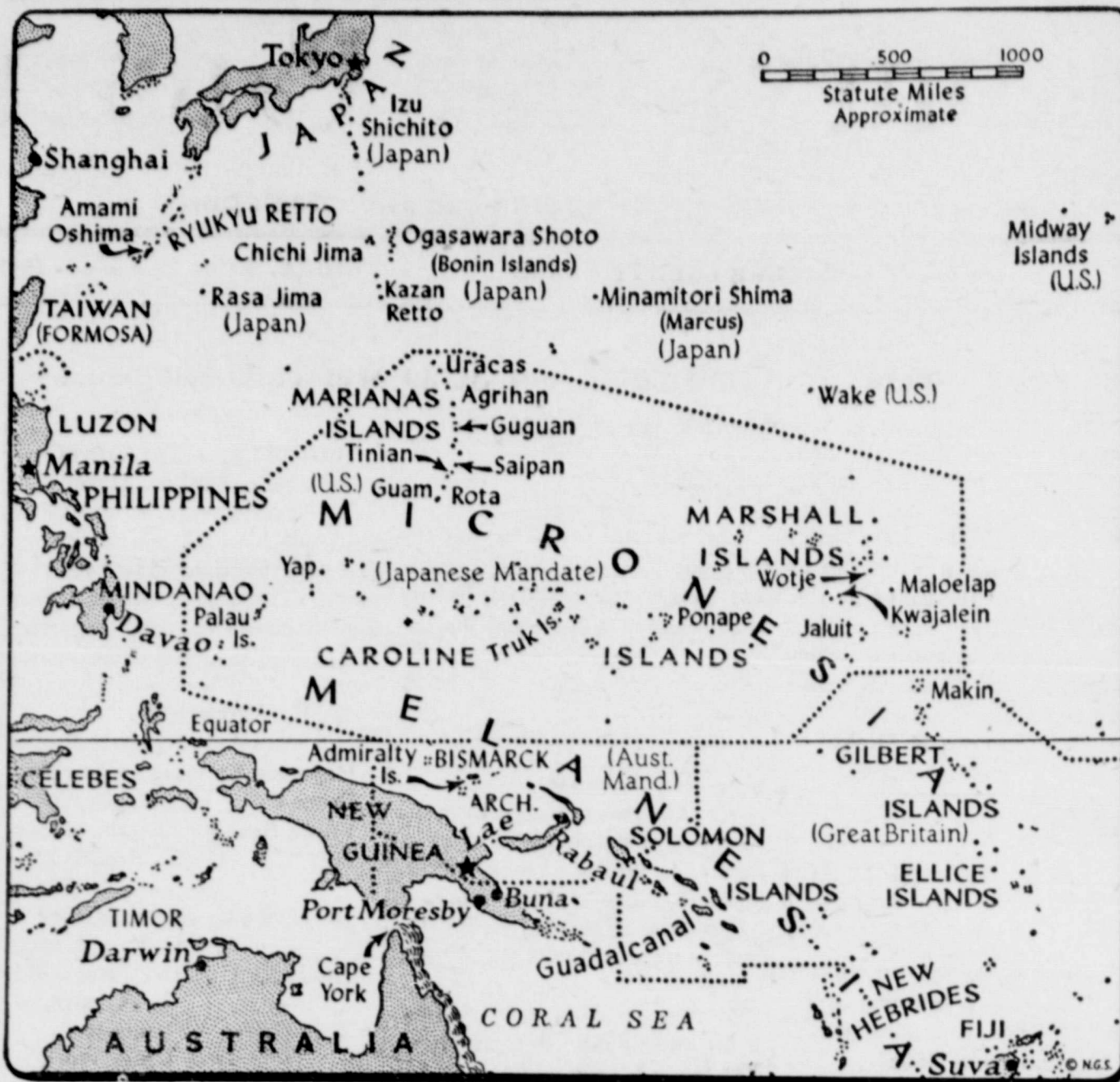
Try "Kub-My-Tism"—a Wonderful Liniment

Better than a DOZEN HANKIES for opening **STUFFY NOSTRILS**

Don't try to blow your cold away. Instead, spread Mentholatum inside each nostril. It releases vapor "Mentholations" that start a vital action: 1) They thin out thick mucus; 2) Soothe irritated membranes; 3) Help reduce swollen passages; 4) Stimulate nasal blood supply. Every breath brings relief! Jars 30¢.

**MENTHOLATUM**

ISLANDS STUD PACIFIC BATTLE ZONE



The South Pacific is a constellation of hundreds of islands, some of which like the waters around them, remain uncharted. Jap possession and fortification of many strategic islands have given them key positions for the South Pacific fighting. Any Allied march on Tokyo from present bases, would necessitate the movement of troops through these regions.

Hundreds of Islands in Pacific Lie In Path of Allies' March to Tokyo

(Exclusive to Western Newspaper Union by the National Geographic Society.)

The armchair strategist, enjoying a few waking hours away from his war production job, scans a large map of the Pacific ocean war theater. In his ears ring encouraging words of President Roosevelt to the 78th congress: "The period of our defensive attrition in the Pacific is passing." He settles down to work out his own solution to the battle of the Pacific. How will the United Nations forces reach Tokyo?

Will the conquest be step by step backward through the Netherlands Indies, Malaya, Burma, the Philippines? Will it be from interior China by way of the coast where Japan has been tightening her foothold for five years? Will it be by way of Alaska and the Aleutians, or from Siberia? Can it be done across 2,500 miles of open ocean from Midway at the western edge of the Hawaiian Islands? Will it perhaps be across more than 3,000 miles of island-studded but little-known Pacific from the present hard-held positions on New Guinea and on Guadalcanal in the Solomons?

First Part Scene of Battle

Starting from New Guinea and Guadalcanal, the maze of small but strategic islands on a map resemble the outpouring of a giant pepper shaker in the hands of cartographers gone berserk.

Starting the march, Malaita, Santa Isabel, Choiseul and the New Georgia group with its notorious Japanese air field at Munda, are neighbors of Guadalcanal in the British Protectorate portion of the Solomons. In the heart of Melanesia ("black islands"), these are large compared to their neighbors of Micronesia ("little islands") to the north. Their inhabitants are ebony-dark, unresponsive to attempts at civilizing, still inclined to break out in spells of inter-tribal head hunting. First discovered in 1567, they were "lost" for 200 years before new exploration confirmed their existence. American fighting men, writing home from Guadalcanal, rave of the islands' lush, tropical beauty.

Islands Fortified by Japs

Key island groups in the Carolines, the Marshalls and the Marianas were secretly fortified. Banned to foreign visitors, the islands remained unknown even to the seasoned globe-trotters who hunted for island paradises and knew every corner of Honolulu, Pago Pago and Manila. From such strong bases as those on the Palau and Truk islands, Japan may have launched her attacks on Hawaii, the Philippines, the Netherlands Indies and the island neighbors of Australia. From Rota and Saipan it was no surprising military coup to overwhelm and capture near-by unfortified Guam.

The Palau group, nearest the Philippines, combines coral and volcanic isles. It has been described as the Japanese Singapore, seat of the entire Japanese South Seas government, hive of new industry, and agriculture, magnificent fleet and air base.

To the northeast Yap, despite a poor harbor, is a naval station. Many islets dot the 40-mile lagoon of Truk. Ideal for yachting, blessed with a wealth of natural color and

the year-round even temperature of all Micronesia, Truk could be a paradise of international fame. Instead, its great lagoon, with deep water and convenient gaps in the surrounding reef, provides a perfect haven for the constant traffic of the Japanese fleet.

Ponape, 130 square miles, is the largest single island of the Japanese Mandate. Headquarters in the days of Spanish rule, it contains a blend of all Pacific island peoples. It has several harbors and fertile soil of volcanic origin, in which many hundred plants from far parts of the world have thrived.

Still further across toward the funnel's eastern edge are the Marshalls, some 32 islands and innumerable reefs, many enclosing broad, well-sheltered lagoons. Closest to Honolulu (2,300 miles to its southwest) they might have been the springboards for the Pearl Harbor attack. Less than two months after Pearl Harbor, the United States navy made a brilliant surprise raid that damaged Japanese planes and ships at Jaluit, Wotje, Maloelap and Kwajalein in the Marshalls.

Marshalls Menace Shipping

Nearest to Panama and the Pacific coast of America as well as to Hawaii, the Marshalls threaten the vital American supply line to Australia. From them America could threaten many strategic Japanese bases.

Turning southeast across the line of the Japanese Mandate without leaving Micronesia, the armchair strategist finds Great Britain's Gilbert group—16 low, barren atolls—ribbons of coral rock from 10 to 50 miles long. Promptly after Pearl Harbor the Japanese seized the northern Gilberts and began the work of converting Makin atoll into a well-equipped base from which to launch seaplane raids on the shipping lane from Hawaii to Australia. The subsequent attack by the United States navy on the Makin island connection brought to the Gilberts their first world-wide notice.

Today, from bases at Darwin and on Cape York, Australia's northern tips, and from Guadalcanal Flying Fortresses can range 1,500 miles toward Tokyo. Thus they can guard sea lanes and strike Japanese ships and bases anywhere in the Carolines, Marshalls and Gilberts. Within the area of the Japanese Mandate only Guam and the curving arc of Marianas to its north are beyond range of United Nations bases on Australia and Guadalcanal. The Marianas lie in the funnel's collector close to its junction with its tube.

JUST

New Start  
Erica—Don't you think I am getting younger every day?  
Elsa—Yes, I should not be surprised to see your name in the births columns.

A woman's dressmaker or her beauty parlor can lop 20 years off her age, but you can't fool a couple of flights of stairs.

Name for It  
"Grace tells me she's taking hot baths regularly to get her weight down."  
"Yes, she calls it the scorched girl policy."

False Imprisonment

That the legal term "false imprisonment" has been given wide interpretation by the courts is illustrated by a New York case of a few years ago, according to Collier's. A gentleman, upon failing to purchase a ticket to a ball game, tried to leave the park through an entrance, but was swept backwards by the rushing crowds for more than an hour. So he sued the club for false imprisonment and was awarded \$500.

FAMOUS NO-SUGAR ALL-BRAN MUFFINS EASY! DELICIOUS!

They really are the most delicious muffins that ever melted a pat of butter! Made with crisp, toasted shreds of KELLOGG'S ALL-BRAN, they have a texture and flavor that have made them famous all over America.

Kellogg's All-Bran Muffins

2 tablespoons shortening	1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup corn syrup	1 cup flour
1 egg	1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup Kellogg's All-Bran	2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

Cream shortening and corn syrup thoroughly; add egg and beat well. Stir in All-Bran and milk, let soak until most of moisture is taken up. Sift flour with salt and baking powder; add to first mixture and stir only until flour disappears. Fill greased muffin pans two-thirds full and bake in moderately hot oven (400° F.) about 30 minutes. Yield: 8 large muffins, 3 inches in diameter, or 12 small muffins, 2 1/4 inches in diameter.

Service to Others  
There is only one way to be happy, and that is to make someone else so.—Sydney Smith.

**PENETRO**  
Many users say "first use is a revelation." Has a base of old fashioned mutton suet, Grandma's favorite. Genesee, Coughar 25¢, double supply 35¢. Demand stainless Penetro.

COLD'S COUGHING, SNIFFLING, MUSCLE-ACHES

**Acid Indigestion**  
Relieved in 5 minutes or double money back  
When excess stomach acid causes painful, suffocating gas, sour stomach and heartburn, doctors usually prescribe the fastest-acting medicine known for symptomatic relief—medicines like those in Bell-ase Tablets. No laxative. Bell-ase brings comfort in a jiffy or double your money back on return of bottle to us. See at all druggists.

YOU WOMEN WHO SUFFER FROM **HOT FLASHES**

If you suffer from hot flashes, dizziness, distress of "irregularities", are weak, nervous, irritable, blue at times—due to the functional "middle-age" period in a woman's life—try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound—the best-known medicine you can buy today that's made especially for women.

Pinkham's Compound has helped thousands upon thousands of women to relieve such annoying symptoms. Follow label directions. Pinkham's Compound is worth trying!

When Your Back Hurts—  
And Your Strength...  
It may be caused by...  
You may suffer nagging backache, rheumatic pains, headaches, dizziness, getting up nights, leg pains, swelling. Sometimes frequent and scanty urination with smarting and burning is another sign that something is wrong with the kidneys or bladder.

There should be no doubt that prompt treatment is wiser than neglect. Use Doan's Pills. It is better to rely on a medicine that has won country-wide approval than on something less favorably known. Doan's have been tried and tested many years. Are at all drug stores. Get Doan's today.

**DOAN'S PILLS**



# ASK ME ANOTHER?

A quiz with answers offering information on various subjects

### The Questions

1. What job does Hideki Tojo hold in Japan?
2. What year contains the official birthday of the Dominion of Canada?
3. What is the meaning of "status quo ante"?
4. What vice president of the United States was a violinist and composer?
5. What is the name of a dock used for holding a ship for cleaning the bottom?
6. Who and on what occasion sent the message "Stars and Stripes nailed to the Pole"?
7. Two of our states were originally instituted as palatinates; which ones were they?

### The Answers

1. Premier.
2. The year 1867 (July 1).
3. The state existing before.
4. Charles G. Dawes.
5. A graving dock.
6. Commodore Peary, September 5, 1909, on discovery of North Pole.
7. Maryland and South Carolina.

## Mixing of Cups Had Evil Effect on Lead Soprano

The final session of a musical competition was drawing to a close when the chairman noticed that the trophies had not arrived.

Summoning his chauffeur, he gave him instructions to drive home and ask the butler to give him six cups off the sideboard.

The cups were duly delivered, and the presentation proceeded. The conductor of the winning band was handed a beautiful trophy; another was presented to the winning tenor.

When the leading soprano received her cup she glanced at the inscription and fell in a faint. The inscription read: "Open competition for the best pig in the show."

# AROUND THE HOUSE

Your lipstick will stay put much longer if you pat a little face powder over your lips before applying it for a firm foundation.

If adhesive or gummed tape becomes too stiff to use, soften it with two tablespoons of warm water and half a teaspoon of glycerin.

Make a definite place around the household to keep instruction booklets that come with appliances, then when directions are needed they can be quickly found.

A pinch of salt added to hot starch will give a high gloss.

When making pastry, use pastry flour made from winter wheat, as it makes pastry more tender than bread flour.

Lemon juice, salt and strong sunlight are cures for stains on white materials.

Cotton placed in the fingertips of your rubber gloves will keep sharp fingernails from cutting through the rubber.

NONE **SURER**  
**St. Joseph**  
ASPIRIN  
World's Largest Seller at 10¢

## Beware Coughs from common colds That Hang On

Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm, and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough or you are to have your money back.

### CREOMULSION for Coughs, Chest Colds, Bronchitis

Now that you have wound up last year's business and 1943 is history, you will be looking around and laying plans for the coming year. In planning your business you will do your best to make it the most prosperous year you have ever had. You will not overlook a single item. You will want the best hogs you can buy; you want the purest bred beef cattle that can be had; the best horses, dairy cows and chickens.

When you come down your list and reach COTTON, you will want a variety that will make you the most money. Since the cotton allotment program will continue in effect, and more land is being diverted to food crops, you will want a heavy producing, high yielding variety more than ever, so that you will be able to produce your usual amount or even more, on a smaller acreage.

The pure Original SUMMEROUR'S HALF AND HALF is one of the heaviest producing, highest yielding varieties on the market. It will put more money in your pocket next fall than any variety you can plant.

Should you decide to plant this famous variety of cotton write  
SAWNEE VALLEY FARMS, Box 127, Cumming, Ga.

## SNAPPY FACTS ABOUT RUBBER



In Zanzibar, Africa, carts used by the natives have tires made of elephant hide, which serves the purpose of rubber.

In Bulgaria natives paint pictures of their enemies on their tires so they can be regularly splattered with mud, as a gesture of contempt!

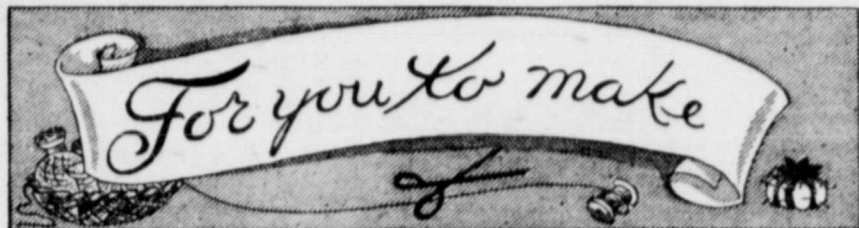
Cars and trucks for transportation account for 56 per cent of the Army's rubber requirements.

Cord tire construction, the type common today, first made rapid inroads on the cord-woven fabric tire in 1915. Low pressure balloon tires made their appearance in 1924.

Cryptostegia is a new word for the rubber lexicon. To Floridians it is the technical name for the Mexican morning glory, which has been recognized as one of the most promising rubber-producing plants.

*Jersey Shaw*

In war or peace  
**B.F. Goodrich**  
FIRST IN RUBBER



425

BE THE first to have this lovely chair set—fillet crochet edged with a pineapple edging! It is crochet that is different and is much admired. You can use the set on buffet or dresser, too.

Pattern 425 contains charts and directions for making set; materials required; illustrations of stitches. Send your order to:

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Enclose 15 cents (plus one cent to cover cost of mailing) for Pattern  
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## Smiles

**That Tickle**  
"He was kicked out of school for cheating."  
"How did it happen?"  
"He was caught counting his ribs in a physiology examination."

**Hale and Hearty**  
Recently an old southern negro who claimed to be "having symptoms" went to see a doctor. The doctor plied him with questions. Among other rather personal questions, he asked, "And how are your kidneys, Uncle George?"  
To which George replied: "Well, Doc, dey is all grown up now and some ob 'em is married."

**He Was It**  
"Ha! Ha!" laughed the recruit. "You can't fool me. I know they've got potato-peeling machines in this army."  
"Yes, smart chap," replied the sergeant, "and you're the latest model!"

## Uncle Phil Says:

**There's the Need**  
We all rush forward to feed a hungry brother; but how much time do we spend on devising a system under which he won't get hungry?

No wise man ever questions a child in public unless he is sure of the answer.

Little boys who use bad language playing marbles, grow up and play golf.

When love takes flight from a window, it's usually a dining room table.

**It Never Fails**  
Tell a man there are 99,000,000 stars and he will believe you. But if a sign says "Fresh Paint," he has to make a personal investigation.

We don't go to our doctor wholly to be cured. We go to him to be cheered up.

If you can't make light of your troubles, just keep them dark.

Big words in a man's conversation adorn it, if he uses them deftly.

**IN THE ARMY BOMBER SQUADRONS they say:**

"LAYING THE EGGS" for dropping the bombs  
"BROWNE OFF" for bored  
"PIECE OF CAKE" for an easy job  
"CAMEL" for the Army man's favorite cigarette

**FIRST IN THE SERVICE**  
With men in the Army, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard, the favorite cigarette is Camel. (Based on actual sales records in Post Exchanges and Canteens.)

**IT'S CAMELS FOR ME...THEY'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES!**

**YOU BET! THEY'RE PLENTY MILD... AND PACKED WITH FLAVOR**

SWELL... I GOT SOME NEW QUICK...  
YOU SOUND LIKE...  
IT'S FLEISCHMANN'S YEAST THAT NOT ONLY HAS VITAMINS...  
AND ONE THING MORE, SOLDIER... ALL THE VITAMINS... EXTRA ONES, TOO... GO RIGHT INTO MY BREAD AND ROLLS WITH NO GREAT LOSS FROM BAKING!  
WITH JANE AND ME GETTING MARRIED NEXT MONTH, SEND FOR ONE OF THOSE NEW FLEISCHMANN'S RECIPE BOOKS YOU GET FREE... FOR JANIE, WON'T YOU? DARNED GOOD-LOOKING BOOK... AND LOTS OF RECIPES FOR... THINGS I LIKE!

THEY A LOT...  
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# The Robert Lee Observer

S. R. YOUNG  
Editor and Publisher

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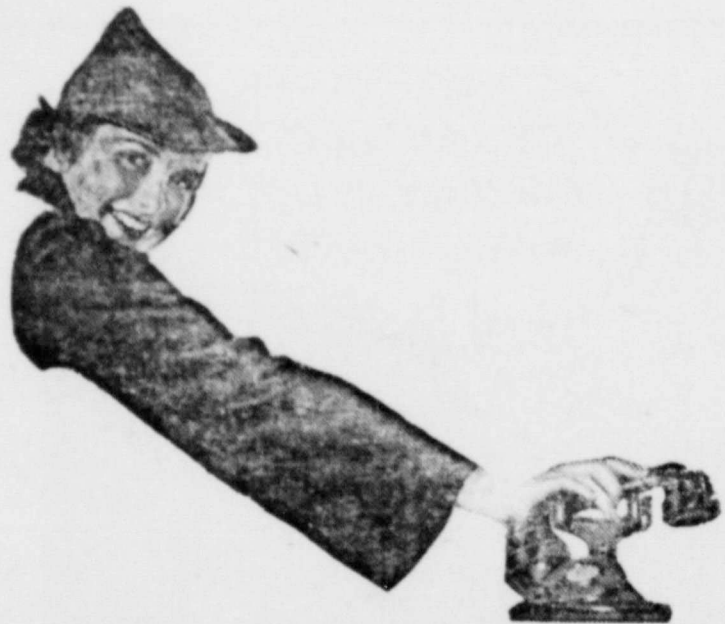
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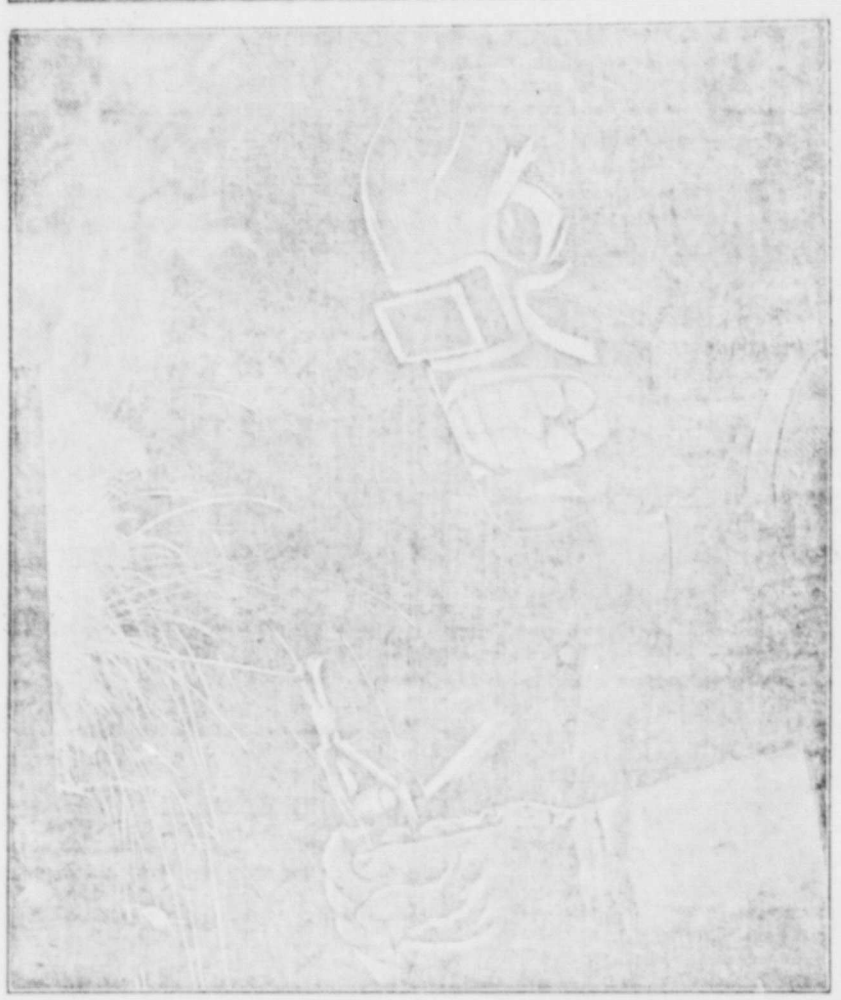
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## Hard Luck For Hitler



Welders in Canadian war plants wear "jinx masks" as they cook up something devilish for the Axis. Designs painted on the welders' masks are like those of African head hunters out for the kill.

CANADA is producing war materials at the annual rate of \$2,500,000,000, Munitions Minister C. D. Howe has announced. Orders placed by the Department of Munitions and Supply now are well in excess of \$6,000,000,000 and the total is rising rapidly as Canada's industrial machinery nears its planned maximum production. Value of war products actually delivered totals nearly \$3,000,000,000, and, in addition, about \$1,000,000,000 has been expended on plants, machinery and defense projects. In addition to these amounts spent by the Department of Munitions and Supply there have been war shipments of metals, foodstuffs, timber and other supplies to the United Nations valued at an estimated \$1,500,000,000. Canadian war supplies are being used on every battlefield. They have been allocated as follows: 30% Canadian forces at home and abroad. 50% United Kingdom or British combat areas and Russia. 20% The United States, China, Australia and the Pacific theatres of war. Canadian munitions have been in every battle since Dunkirk and they have played no inconsiderable part in the United Nations' victories in North Africa and Russia.

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Augusta  
Augusta Travers—you know, the one who runs the little hat shop down on Main Street—she's always been dead set against gambling in any form. Never will forget when I was a kid and she found little Hammy, her youngest nephew, playing marbles for keeps out back of the shop. Took it on herself to give him a whaling and point out the evils of gambling. She's a strict woman, Augusta, real strict. Good as gold, of course. But mighty set against the lighter things of life.

Well, so you could have knocked us all over with a feather when Augusta started her gambling campaign for War Bonds and Stamps, right out in the window of her shop. First she got hold of the photographs of every boy here in town who's joined up, and pasted them on a big board in the window, with little American flags at the corners. Half the town was down there watching her do it. She left the middle empty. Then she brought out a placard she'd had printed up and put it in the middle, and this is what it said: "These are the Local Boys who have enlisted in America's War—They are betting that you are buying War Bonds and Stamps—Hitler and the Japs are betting you aren't—Place your bets inside."

My wife couldn't wait to get herself down there and inside Augusta's shop to see what in the wide world had happened to her, turning right around about gambling like that. You know my wife. She kind of likes to talk. She went right up to Augusta and said, "Augusta Travers, seems like something's come over you. Why, I never thought I'd see you running a gambling campaign in your own shop."

Mean to tell me it's a gamble whether this country buys enough bonds to win this war?" Augusta asked.

I forgot to say. Wasn't just a hat my wife brought home. Was a hat and a \$25 bond.

(Story from an actual report in the files of the Treasury Department.)  
Remember: It takes both—taxes and War Bonds (and more War Bonds)—to run the War and combat





**LOOKING AHEAD**

BY GEORGE S. BENSON  
President, Harding College,  
Searcy, Arkansas

**It's Everybody's Tax**

Being a farmer myself and a farmer's son with more than 40 years of close acquaintance with farm problems, my writing last week on the pay-as-you-go plan for collecting income tax was almost entirely a farmer's view of it. But it is not a one-industry tax. Just about everybody who earns a living this year will pay an income tax. Moreover there is a lot to say in favor of skipping 1942 and figuring this year's payments on this year's earnings, besides convenience to us farmers.

Consider our floating workmen, for example. There are literally thousands of them in the country. Many are only farmers who are handy with tools; our own neighbors, moving as the war work moves from one war-boom settlement to another. Most of these men have higher living costs than they ever paid before. Many are paying off debts of property and maintaining families back home. Income tax is a real problem with them.

**The Money Gets Away**

Wandering workers as a class are not saving any actual money. Those with a sense of responsibility are paying debts or investing perhaps, but others are going in extensively for cross-roads chicken dinners, gaining introduction to juke-box society. Wayside night clubs have become a problem in many defense communities. I am not shifting into a moral lecture. I am merely citing evidence that a large and well-paid class of potential income tax payers made no plans last year to have cash they will need for taxes next March 15.

It has been said that swarms of wandering workers draw pay by a different name at each new job, that no record anywhere will prove they earn \$500 a year and that they will probably never pay any income tax. Obviously they would pay one under a pay-day deduction plan. But the really big class are the spenders, about to beat their income taxes accidentally. Unless they pay tax on a good year's income while they are getting it, it will be folly to seek payment after the war when most of them may be jobless.

**Revenue Needed Now**

Under the existing tax system, to whatever extent defense workers earned incomes last year that cannot be checked now, to that extent they will escape paying any income tax in 1943. A plan of pay-as-you-go, figured against their current earnings, would bring revenue from them immediately. And, in addition, to this gain for the Treasury, there is another one too big to ignore. Incomes generally are larger now than they were a year ago and taxes computed on 1943 earnings will be larger than those based on 1942.

Students agree that 1943 will be the hard year of the war. Our country's greatest need is now. It seems positively unpatriotic to stay in debt to Uncle Sam for this year's taxes until 1944, especially those new wage earners who are paying nothing for 1942. Reckless spending certainly is unpatriotic for it creates inflation. Revenue collected from spenders now will mean less money spent and thus safeguard fair prices.

**Who Will Oppose It**

It has been estimated that 90 percent of America's income tax payers are not ready to meet one-fourth of their 1942 tax next March 15. The year after the war, when jobs are scarce and salaries low, many of them will be in a worse dilemma still. Pay-as-you-go will help them, so who will oppose it? The answer is too obvious. It will be opposed by pawn brokers and salary loan banks, among others.

People who argue that the Treasury ought somehow to collect income taxes for 1942 and 1943 both, while shifting to a pay-as-you-go plan, have lifted the usual cry against rich people. They forget that income taxes do not apply on property; only on incomes. And, as for men who draw huge salaries, the more they earn the bigger the share taken by income tax. Any man who has a taxable income above \$50,000 a year could not possibly pay tax on two years' income at once because one year's tax at present rates takes more than half of it.

**A Little Figuring**

Now there remains one sensible question that is often asked and may need answering:

"If I must figure my 1943 taxes on my 1943 income, how am I to know, say in January, what my year's earnings will be?"

The answer is easy! One very reasonable plan would be to estimate your 1943 income by your present rate of pay; or by last year's earnings if you prefer. You would pay your taxes on the estimated income and adjust the errors after the

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To: Orient Land Company and their unknown stock holders and interest holders and their heirs and assigns and Neil S. Doran, J. V. Fleming and E. S. Mosher trustees for Orient Land Company, and the unknown heirs, representatives and assigns of each of the last above named defendants.

**Defendants, Greeting:**

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable District Court of Coke County at the Court House thereof in Robert Lee, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 29 day of March A. D. 1943, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court on the 8th day of February A. D. 1943, in this cause, numbered 1587 on the docket of said court and styled "Addie Fletcher, et al. vs. Orient Land Company and their unknown stock holders and interest holders and their heirs and assigns and Neil S. Doran, J. V. Fleming and E. S. Mosher, trustees for Orient Land Company, and the unknown heirs, representatives and assigns of each of the last named defendants, are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Suit in trespass to try title, damages etc., plaintiff alleging that on or about October 1, 1942 he was lawfully seized and possessed of all of Lot 18 and the north one-half of Lot 17 both in block 75 in the original town of Bronte, Coke County, Texas; that on the day and year last aforesaid defendants unlawfully entered upon said lands and premises, ejected plaintiff therefrom and unlawfully withholds from her the possessions thereof to her damage in the sum of \$125.00; that the reasonable annual rental value thereof is \$125.00; plaintiff also relies upon the ten year and the twenty five year statute of limitation.

Plaintiff prays for title and possession of said lands, for a writ of restitution, for her damages costs of court and general relief, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Robert Lee, Texas this 8th day of February A. D. 1943.

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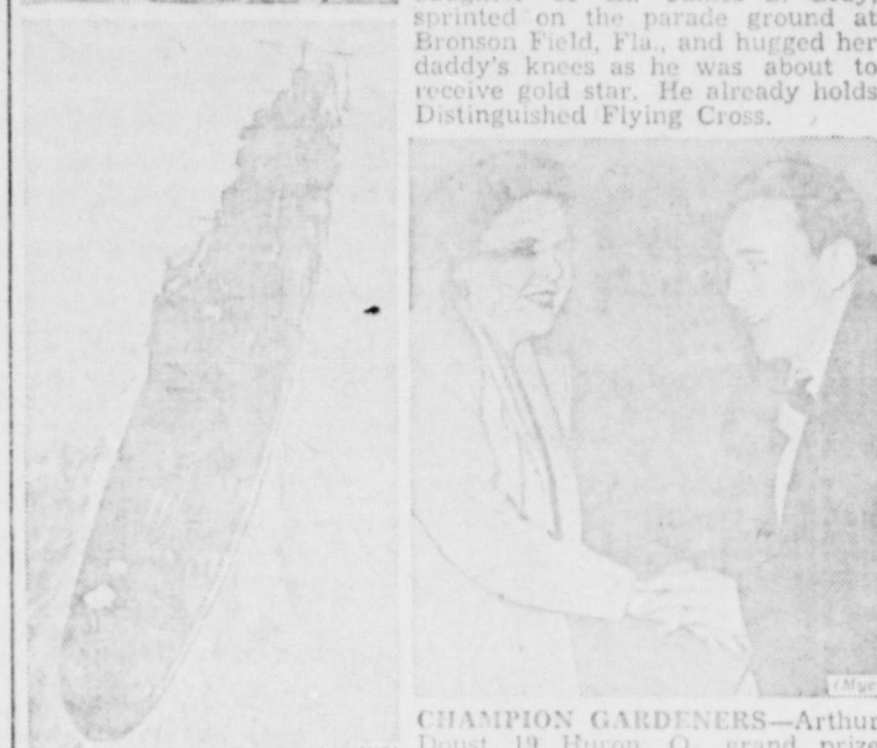
year is over. This could be done whether you pay taxes quarterly, monthly, or weekly.

When a man's earnings exceeded his estimate, he would owe the government tax on the difference at the year's end. If he earned less than he estimated, he would have a tax rebate coming to him, deductible from his tax the following year. It will require some figuring but it's a very small effort, to gain all the other advantages in a year of crisis for the best government the world has ever known.

**People; Spots In The News**



**ONLY HUMAN**—Fellow Navy men grinned as little "Doggie" Gray, daughter of Lt. James S. Gray, sprinted on the parade ground at Bronson Field, Fla., and hugged her daddy's knees as he was about to receive gold star. He already holds Distinguished Flying Cross.



**SOLOMON QUEEN**—U. S. cruiser San Francisco pulls into port of same name on return from South Pacific, where she played conspicuous part in great victory over Japanese in Solomons.

**CHAMPION GARDENERS**—Arthur Doust, 19, Huron, O., grand prize winner in \$5,000 garden-marketing contest sponsored by A & P Tea Company, finds no state barriers in talking with Kathryn Cox, 17, Scooby, Miss., sectional prize winner, at Pittsburgh convention of National Junior Vegetable Growers Association.

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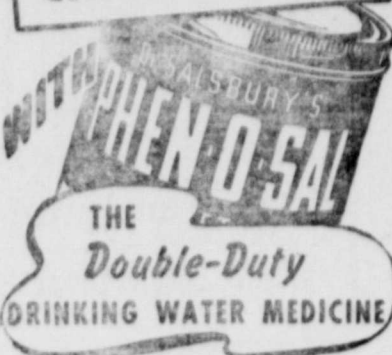
**BRYAN'S DAIRY**

**Noted Artist Paints War Poster**



Urging Americans to "Keep 'em Flying" through the purchase of more War Bonds, the above poster will soon make its appearance in several hundred thousand stores and display spots throughout the country. It was painted by Georges Schreiber, internationally known artist, whose pictures hang in the Metropolitan and Whitney Museums in New York and other museums in various cities.

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Leonora

Leonora straightened the objects on her desk with great care. She had put her desk at the end of her room facing the door so that when her mother came in she would have to cross the whole room under Leonora's stern executive eye to get to her. From movies and pictures in the newspapers Leonora had gotten a good idea of how the desk of a busy woman of affairs should look.

With an important scowl, Leonora picked up a sheet of paper. Now she was two people—herself, the busy woman, and her own stenographer. "Miss Simpkins, take a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, will you?" she murmured under her breath.

"Yes, immediately," she murmured back at herself. Leonora cleared her throat and looked at the ceiling for inspiration. Miss Simpkins bent over the sheet of paper hanging on the words about to fall.

"Dear Mr. Morgenthau," — "Got that?" — "Yes, madam."

"I am — ahem — thirteen years old and anxious to be of all possible service to the country at this time, ahem!"

"I earn a weekly income of from \$1.37 to \$2.12 by helping with the housework and by shovelling snow. I am at present in possession of one War Savings Bond and am buying stamps weekly. I want to become a member of the 10 percent Club. I feel it to be — ahem — not only my duty, but my privilege!" "How do you spell privilege?" asked Miss Simpkins. "Don't bother me with these details," said Leonora — my privilege as an American to invest at least ten percent of my income in War Bonds.

Yours truly,  
"Get that off at once, Miss Simpkins," said Leonora. "Yes, Ma'am! You certainly are an important woman, ma'am," said Miss Simpkins.

(Letter from an actual communication in the files of the Treasury Department.) U. S. Treasury Department

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

**OES Opposes Increase in Farm Parity; Showdown in North Africa Prelude to United Nations Invasion of Europe; Reds Continue Ground-Gaining Drive**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysis and not necessarily of this newspaper.)  
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How momentous have been the results of the Russian winter offensive against the Nazis may be seen in the changes pictured on the above map. From the beginning of the Red drive last fall, through the relief of Stalingrad and the sweep of the Russian momentum westward and south, Hitler's forces have had to yield virtually all the land they gained in their 1942 spring offensive. The darkly shaded area indicates the approximate extent of the Russian gains.

**TUNISIA: Ready for Zero Hour**

Only a continuance of the traditional African rainy season and the necessity of waiting until stores of supplies were sufficient, had prevented the long-awaited Allied offensive for final control of Tunisia.

Signs and portents had pointed unmistakably toward an early showdown. The elevation of Dwight D. Eisenhower to the full rank of general and his appointment as supreme commander in Africa had indicated a centralization of command preparatory to decisive action. At the same time Secretary of War Stimson had predicted the imminence of full-scale fighting in Tunisia and had warned the American people to prepare for heavy casualties.

Axis forces had been completely cleared out of Tripolitania, and the British Eighth army after a short rest had resumed movement by storming into southern Tunisia along the coastal road over which Marshal Rommel's retreating army had passed. When Rommel turned at last like an animal to fight back, Montgomery's men were ready for him. And although the Nazi commander threw in tanks, infantry and artillery, the British pounded his positions mercilessly.

**RED RESURGENCE: Regains Lost Ground**

Prophetic of Rostov's fall had been the Russians' capture of Novocherkassk, for in wars past and present any army that took the gateway town of Novocherkassk had always succeeded in taking Rostov.

How far the Nazis' fortunes had receded since their peak at Stalingrad last autumn might be seen in the spectacular gains in territory recorded by the Russians. From Orel on the north to Voroshilovgrad and Rostov on the south, the Reds had already regained most of the territory they had lost in the German offensive last spring and summer.

Nor did the Red tide show signs of ebbing. Ahead lay the rich granary of the Ukraine which Hitler had hoped to hold. To the south lay the remains of the Nazis' Caucasus army trapped and facing possible dismemberment.

The speed of the Russian penetration westward caused some military observers to believe that not only the Caucasus, but the Nazi-held Crimea as well might be isolated.

One of the surprising phenomena of the Russian offensive was its frightening effect on Axis military morale. From a victorious invading host, the Nazis and their satellite allies had been reduced in many areas to chapfallen detachments glad to surrender.

**FARM PRICES: Parity Battle Brisk**

Even as the administration threw down its battle gage against further advances in farm prices, the senate agriculture committee laid the ground for such price increases by voting to report a measure sponsored by Senator Bankhead of Alabama designed to revise the parity formula upward.

The administration's position was set forth in the speech of Economic Stabilization Director James F. Byrnes. Declaring that a change in the farm parity formula "would not be in the farmers' interest," Mr. Byrnes indicated that the administration would fight to preserve its present policies on farm and food prices and production. Recognizing that farmers need returns greater than parity to meet extra expenses involved in stepping up production of certain crops, the OES chief indicated that the government would make up that extra expense.

**U-BOAT REPORT: Better Than Expected**

Out of the "hush-hush" and into the limelight came the subject of German submarines—a subject that has painfully worried many an Allied leader. Prime Minister Winston Churchill turned the light on the U-boats and his examination was optimistic: "We are more than holding our own."

Outranking in interest his prediction of an Allied invasion of Europe within nine months and his report that 500,000 British and American troops are now in Africa, was his survey of the submarine situation in a report to the parliament.

In the last six months, he pointed out, Anglo-American and Canadian shipbuilding exceeded all losses of the United Nations by over 1,250,000 tons. The rate of Allied destruction of U-boats has also improved.

**DIES COMMITTEE: New Lease on Life**

The American people indicated clearly that they wanted the work of the Dies committee continued, even though some of them did not always agree with its methods of investigating un-American activities.

This was evident in the overwhelming congressional vote of 302 to 94 to extend the committee's work for another two years. In reporting on its achievements, Congressman Dies pointed out that the army, navy, Federal Bureau of Investigation and other government agencies had made 138,000 requests for information about subversive elements and that 1,600 federal agents had consulted the committee's files.

**JAP REVERSES: Spur U. S. Offensive**

With Guadalcanal completely cleared of Japs, U. S. forces in the southwest Pacific had prepared for new offensive action.

How costly had been the Nipponese effort to hold this key island and their foothold in the Buna-Gona area of New Guinea was disclosed in estimates of enemy casualties. These estimates indicated that Japan had lost 90,000 men killed, 200 ships sunk or damaged and 2,000 planes destroyed in these defeats. More than two-thirds of these losses were sustained in the southern Solomons.

Allied air raid activity, strafed Jap-held positions on Kolombangara and Munda. Meanwhile in New Guinea American and Australian troops opened up a long-awaited drive on Salamaua. First activity had consisted of skirmishes in which enemy forces were pushed back in the Wau-Mubo area, 35 miles southwest of Salamaua. While this attack was on a minor scale, the tempo was being increased with the Allies definitely taking the offensive.

**DEFERRED DRAFTEES: Face Early Summons**

As plans moved forward swiftly for enlarging the size of Uncle Sam's fighting forces, selective service made public estimates that 1,000,000 single men of draft age are now deferred on occupational grounds. This number would be sufficient to fill more than one-fourth of the requirements of the armed services for the remainder of the year if they are physically fit.

That many of these men would soon land in the army or navy was indicated by instructions to local boards to review deferments within six months after granting them and eliminate unnecessary ones so that their industrial places could be taken by women or other men.

Of the draft age deferrees, 370,000 are in class 2-A which covers occupants of essential civilian jobs; 570,000 are in class 2-B covering those holding essential industrial jobs; and 150,000 are in class 2-C, necessary men in agricultural pursuits.

**PACIFIC BASES: For Peace Insurance**

Victory over Japan in the Pacific would not solve the problem of future aggression. Some other insurance was needed. And it became increasingly clear that such insurance must be the acquisition and maintenance by the United States of a chain of air and naval bases across the Pacific.

Immediate steps to implement this movement were taken when the house naval affairs committee



SEC. OF NAVY FRANK KNOX

appointed a subcommittee to investigate ways and means of acquiring these bases. Secretary of Navy Knox had previously recommended such a program, indicating that lend-lease aid might be the basis for negotiations for the bases. He said it probably would be necessary to locate some of the bases in territorial possessions of France, Holland and Japan.

**SENATE PROBE: To Study Food**

As the threat of a possible food shortage loomed more ominously, the senate agriculture committee ordered an investigation into the production, transportation and distribution of foodstuffs.

Stating that such a threatened shortage had been aggravated by executive department policies "directly contrary to the will of the people," the committee authorized an investigation of "all policies of government which appeared to imperil the production and distribution of adequate food supplies for armed forces, our civilian population and our Allies."

Chairman Smith of South Carolina said the committee intended to "acquaint the American people with the food situation," depending on public opinion to correct any inequities.

**Washington Digest**

**John L. Lewis Leading Anti-Wage Ceiling Fight**



'Man Who Came Back' Is Responsible for Battle Against Little Steel Formula of Increases.

By BAUKHAGE  
News Analyst and Commentator.

WNU Service, Union Trust Building, Washington, D. C.

There is a new candidate in Washington for the title of the "man who came back."

He has come back before so it is probably no great thrill for him but it is a terrific pain in the neck for a number of people who hoped this tall, dark ghost had been laid away for the duration, if not for longer. I am speaking of John Lewis, stripped of his robes as head of the CIO which he hewed out of the rock of AF of L opposition. But if his head is bloody, it is bowed in no humility whatever.

Lewis may not be all the way back but it seems very much as if Messrs. Green and Murray are going through some preliminary shuffles that may be a dance to Piper Lewis' tune.

Lewis loudly sounded the keynote for what he hopes to be the death march for the Little Steel formula which held wage raises down to a 15 per cent maximum. When Murray and Green heard of Lewis' press conference, on the day he sounded his threat, they hurried to the White House where the President, who isn't seeing just anybody, permitted the visit and let the CIO and the AF of L talk to reporters on the White House steps—but they had nothing to say which could drown the Lewis roar.

I talked with a man who has fought labor's cause for many a year without affiliation with any group. He said to me:

"There are only two things that will keep from blowing the whole price control system into the high heavens. Either Murray and Green can turn their backs on Lewis, put aside their fears that he will win the plaudits of labor away from them by being the sole champion of wage raises and say boldly to their followers:

"We'll do what is best for you and everybody. Inflation will be worse in the end than the squeeze you feel you are getting now."

"If they don't, Lewis will have his way."

"The alternative," he went on, "is to have the President call in both the farm and the labor leaders and say: 'All right. How much of an increase do you want? Twenty per cent? Thirty? But then prices will go up by just that much. You and everybody else will be that much worse off.'"

**Different Problem**

Recently, to add to the troubles of the labor leaders themselves as well as the government, there was evidence of a different type of problem in scattered hot-spots in the labor world—undisciplined groups which one man described as made up of men "who wouldn't even take orders from Stalin."

Some 300 workers in a zinc smelter in Moundsville, W. Va., gave notice that they weren't going to work Saturday or Sunday without overtime pay. This, in spite of the fact that they worked only 36 hours a week. The orders are clear that double-time is only paid for a seventh day of consecutive work. But these men said "orders or no orders" they weren't going to work Saturdays or Sundays without that overtime. Zinc is one of the bottle necks. The War Production board was frantic.

These are only pin pricks and not typical but they cause a near-crisis every time they occur in industries producing essential materials.

**Quick Comeback To McNutt Edict**

There has seldom been a quicker comeback in a Washington bout than the smart jab to the chin that followed Paul McNutt's haymaker delivered at the boys in non-essential industry.

The echoes of the "work or fight" ukase of the Manpower commission were still reverberating up and down the corridors of the long list of industries from bootblacking to window-curtain manufacturing when the house military committee arose with its "no, no, a thousand times, no!"

Representative Kilday of Texas obtained a promise from Chairman May of the Military Affairs committee for immediate hearings on his amendment to the Selective Service act and the "block McNutt" move was soon heavily under way.

As you know, Representative Kilday's bill is aimed to make dependency the basic cause of deferment while McNutt's move was to establish participation in the war effort in field, factory or the armed forces as the principle governing the order of induction.

McNutt's order set the boys in the non-essential businesses hammering at the doors of the United States Employment offices all over the country and consternation and confusion reigned.

Then up spoke Mr. Kilday. The attitude of those favoring the measure to draft the single men first, everywhere, before the married men and the others with dependents go, is this: They say they do not want the Selective Service act made a weapon to force men into essential jobs. They claim the act was never so intended.

Legislation, they say, must be passed after careful study which will lay down a manpower program; military service is an honor as well as a duty. It must not be used as a threat.

**Kilday's Views**

I talked with Representative Kilday before the hearings began. He was optimistic over quick committee acceptance of his bill though he said he didn't want to hurry the hearings and he realized all sorts of opposition might develop. He pointed out that his measure would not alter the present deferments, that it doesn't mean, as some seemed to think, that single men, now deferred under the present deferment rules, will be yanked out of their jobs and thrown into the army. Opponents say, however, in some cases, this will be the actual effect.

Whatever the effects on agriculture and industry may be if the bill passes, it will sink the present Manpower commission program without a trace and with all hands on board.

There is plenty of public appeal in the Kilday measure—the argument that it is more important to keep the family together than to fill quotas for industry or the army and the navy, the argument that there is no authority in the Selective Service act to do what the Manpower commission order is aimed to achieve, namely, to state what job a man is to hold. And that side of the argument has particular appeal in a congress exceedingly jealous of its prerogatives, sworn to prevent usurpation of its powers by the administrative branch.

**A Prediction**

Last week, I reported the prediction by a keen observer of this whole problem to the effect that one more desperate measure would be attempted by the Manpower commission before it would be forced to step aside for some other agency. McNutt acted, and within 24 hours of that prediction, the military affairs committee announced hearings on the Kilday bill, looks very much like a bird of ill omen echoing the second part of the dire prediction—the end of the Manpower commission as an agency with any power of initiative left. To many high army officials, there is grim satisfaction in what is happening. Long ago, it was intimated that sooner or later the military would have to take over the whip hand and settle the manpower question in its own way. Some military men would be quite happy to have the Kilday measure pass, sweep everyone draftable into the armed forces and then do its own re-allocation, screening out the men necessary to industry and agriculture and furlough them back as military needs, first, and the industry's, second, demanded.

One can imagine, however, how union labor would like to see khaki and navy blue manning the stamping machines and the lathes beside the workmen in civvies. Labor's objection to the bill was expected from the first.

And so we have a four-way clash: Legislators, Manpower commission, Military, Labor.

Once more, a labor draft "looms" as the headlines say.



# BOMBS BURST ONCE

By GRANVILLE CHURCH

**THE STORY SO FAR:** Jeff Curtis and his wife, Lee, are already on their way to Tierra Libre when he receives a note from Zora Mitchell warning them not to come. They arrive to find both Zora and her husband dead. Although he investigated the fruit company that hired him before accepting a job as chief engineer, Jeff is already suspicious of the company and of his employer, Senor Montaya. Conversations with Jerry McInnis, who works for a rival company, and with Bill Henderson and Slati Monahan reveal that there is something going on and that Mitchell and Zora were killed because they knew too much. Bill Henderson is killed, and Jeff is convinced his death is murder. Jeff and Montaya are talking to the company's two flyers, Ryden and Lannestock.

NOW CONTINUE WITH THE STORY

## CHAPTER IX

This trend of talk was not to his liking, and Montaya patted Karl Ryden comfortingly on the shoulder and steered the conversation into other channels, mentioning at last the fatal injury of Bill Henderson the night before.

"They were good friends, the three of them. Karl and Gosta both feel Henderson's death keenly."

The proprieties satisfied, Montaya put a period to the meeting, much to the young men's relief.

"You haven't visited the airfield yet, Mr. Curtis," Montaya said in parting. "You can telephone any time it is—ah, convenient, to learn if Karl or Gosta is there to show you about. If you play tennis, they will be glad to have a new partner."

The three men left. Curt settled back in his chair, hoisted his feet, reached for his pouch. He felt vaguely unsatisfied—and couldn't put his finger on the reason.

It was Tuesday evening. The children had been put to bed, and Curt was lounging on the darkened veranda, propped up with cushions, Lee in the curve of his arm. His dangling left foot lazily pushed the couch-hammock back and forth. It was the half-hour after dinner that he was snatching for himself.

They'd held a silence for some time, lulled by the gentle rattling of young palms in the evening breeze, so like rain on a tin roof. The lightning slither of a lizard darting on the screen to the wide overhanging eaves roused Curt. He sat straight and reached into a hip pocket for his tobacco pouch. When he spoke it was in a sober voice.

"Lee, I'm worried. No, not worried—puzzled is the word. There's something rotten going on here, and I don't know what it is. I'm afraid of stepping into something unaware. Like Mitchell might have. If I knew what it was, I could steer clear."

"What—what do you mean, Jeff?"

"You remarked about the coincidence of those three deaths. I didn't intend to go over this with you, but you're level-headed and whatever it is I've got us into, you're in it. You should have the whole picture."

"Jeff, what are you trying to say?"

"Lee, I'm convinced those three deaths were no coincidence. That they were all deliberate murders. The second and third, I suspect, to cover up the first."

"I knew it! Zora Mitchell couldn't possibly have committed suicide! Not the Zora I used to know. But Bill Henderson? What you told me about his accident . . ."

Curt was silent a moment. "I know. It looked like an accident, sure enough. But Lee, last Wednesday Bill told me he knew who killed Mitch, and then refused to tell me anything more for fear of involving me. He pointed out my precarious position, having you and the kids here. Said he'd work it out himself, for me to keep hands off. Well, I was all set to get behind that on Saturday night, and you know what happened."

He felt Lee stiffen beside him, but she didn't speak.

He went on. "You didn't know, I didn't tell you, but Zora Mitchell sent me an urgent note warning me not to come to Tierra Libre, not to bring my family. I got it in New Orleans and like a fool didn't look at that batch of mail readdressed to us until we'd dropped the pilot and were out in the Gulf. Then it was too late to do anything about it. I kept quiet, not wanting to alarm you. I intended to talk with her first chance I got. But she—died."

He read fear in Lee's voice when she finally said, "Jeff, what are you leading up to?"

"I don't know, Lee, I don't know. I've been going over this business until I'm dizzy! Look. Here are several possibilities. Listen and give me your reactions."

"Go on."

"First, Bill Henderson knew who killed Mitchell, and why. That 'why' is somehow important, from the way Bill stressed it. He was done away with before he could pass it on. Zora

knew something, and she died. Well, these two deaths would seem to be for the purpose of covering up Mitchell's murder. Then, the crux of the whole business is why Mitch was killed. Was it really a personal grudge, or was it something deeper?" He paused.

"Go on," Lee said, in a small far-away voice.

"Well, Mitch was no fool, yet at the rate the work was going here, the coming rainy season would have flooded the whole valley again. The railroad and all the planting done this year would have been washed out!"

"Jeff, what are you driving at?"

"Just this. You've read my contract. Pretty stiff one. I'm absolute boss in my department—practically—so long as I follow the plans laid down. Well, if Mitchell had a contract like mine, and we can assume he did have, and if he was deliberately slowing up the work, then his death was very convenient for Montaya."

"Sabotage! You're advancing that as the reason? You think Montaya had him killed?"

"I don't say that, honey," Curt answered doggedly. "It simply seems a possible answer."

"Well," Lee replied slowly, "I know you don't like Senor Montaya."



"You think Montaya had him killed?"

I don't, either. But that's simply personal taste on our part. We have no reason to dislike him. Or have we?"

"No."

"It's an ironclad contract you have, sure—for Montaya. There's an escape clause which would let him cancel the contract if you should turn out incompetent or unsatisfactory. Surely he could have got rid of Mitchell in a case of sabotage."

"Sabotage is difficult to prove sometimes!" Curt exclaimed. "For example, I've found Mitchell was making the dragline men use cables too slender for the job. They kept breaking. Every break slowed up the work a little more. There are many ways he could, or I could, slow up the work without enabling Montaya to invoke that clause you mention."

"That clause isn't as elastic as you think. A court, in an ensuing breach of contract case against the company had Mitchell been let out, might have obliged Montaya to pay heavy damages. Not only for remainder of salary under contract, but punitive damages for injury to reputation."

"I see what you mean," Lee said slowly. "But no, Jeff, I can't see Montaya having Mitchell killed for any such simple reason. And two other murders, too!"

"One planned murder," Curt pointed out. "The other two were follow-ups."

Lee said nothing.

"Well, another point. Montaya's put this Emilio Vargas on my tail as a bodyguard. Lee, I never had any trouble with native labor—or any labor. Kid 'em along and you can get anything done. I don't need a bodyguard. Montaya may or may not be involved in these murders—either way, I can understand his wanting to hush them up with the least trouble—but at least he does know what's behind them. Otherwise, why this Emilio Vargas?"

There was another silence. Then,

"You say you had several possibilities," Lee reminded him.

"Yes. Well, let's go back to Mitchell. The fact remains that Mitchell was slowing up the work. That's conclusive. But why? Was he really working for C. A. T. or for Associated, say, to prevent rising competition?"

"Well, in that case Montaya might have reason to kill him. But Jeff, I simply can't see Mitchell as that kind of snake-in-the-grass. Whatever we might say about his social graces, he was certainly honest about his work. That's my idea."

"Mine, too. All right, could Old Man Moore have ordered it done? You know big business has few scruples when the matter of money and competition is concerned."

Lee shook her head. Light from the room beyond faintly outlined the two on the couch. It was a positive shake.

"No. I wouldn't have put it past him if this were twenty years ago. He's older now, more careful and sly. And I don't believe he's that much concerned today about what competition he'd get from this outfit."

"It may be pretty stiff competition, Lee! Things look mighty good here for bananas."

"Even so," she answered. "No, I can't accept that."

"Well," he went on, "suppose Montaya—this is his project, lock, stock, and barrel—suppose Montaya has a personal enemy determined to wipe him out, who goes to work on his Chief Engineer as the most important single factor for the purpose?"

She thought this over.

"That theory's full of holes. Why wouldn't such an enemy go after Montaya direct?"

"Make him suffer, piecemeal?" Curt suggested. "Bit by bit?"

"No. That wouldn't explain Mitchell's slowing up the work. That's an important angle, from all you've said."

"I know."

"Darling," said Lee, troubled, "we're right back where we started. I can see your point in wanting to know more. But oh, Jeff, darling, be careful. Don't do anything that would put you in danger. I just couldn't bear it if anything should—should happen to you. And we've the children."

He pulled her to him.

"Don't worry, sweetheart," he said, his words muffled in the thickness of her hair. "I'm no fool. I shan't stick my neck out. I can't forget you and the kids. But I can't promise to drop the matter completely. I've got to know what's behind Mitch's murder. I've got to," Curt insisted, "to protect myself from a possible similar danger. I can't help feeling that Montaya's in back of all this, but I don't see myself in any danger because I'm too valuable to him."

The following day Curt took to the field again. He made a fast trip to the levee camp, saw his plans for speeding the work were coming right along, tried again to get Monahan aside. It was no go.

But Vargas did have his uses. Not only did he relieve Curt of many minor details, but he kept an eye on his well-being, too. He saw to it there were lunches and vacuumed drinks when they'd be too far from camp or village. And on this trip, when Curt scratched his arm badly on a poisonous puncture-weed, Emilio was close at hand to drag out a first-aid kit and swab it with mercurochrome. He also insisted on returning to San Alejo early, that the wound might be better cared for.

The mercurochrome had little effect and the flesh about the scratch swelled. Reaching San Alejo in the middle of the afternoon, Curt unloaded himself of musette bag, field glasses, pistol and cartridge belt, as he piled out of the motorcar at the station.

"I'll go on to the hospital from here," he told Emilio. "You can drop these at the office for me. I'll see you in the morning."

Leaving the doctor's office, Curt took a turn in the corridor by mistake and found himself in the patio used by convalescents. Since he hadn't yet had a full look around, he decided to push on farther.

The patio was squared by hospital and service buildings, open at the rear corners. Wandering out one of these openings Curt found himself at the brink of a sharply descending ravine. From here he had a much wider view of the airfield than obtainable from the railroad. There were men on the field and both planes were in front of their hangar.

He pulled a sour face at thought of the two pilots, but mused, "We're here together for a long time. If I can break them down, so much the better. Cost nothing to try. Be pleasanter all around."

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## IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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### Lesson for February 28

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### JESUS RESTORES LAZARUS TO LIFE

LESSON TEXT—John 11:32-35, 38-44. GOLDEN TEXT—"I am the resurrection, and the life."—John 11:25.

Suffering, sorrow and bereavement are so common in our day that this lesson is peculiarly appropriate. Life, even to the Christian, finds its full measure of things which hurt and grieve. Many ask: "Why must I, a follower of Christ, bear such burdens?"

The answer is, that while the believer is not "of the world," he is "in the world," and here he must meet the problems of life, including the evils to which the flesh is heir because of sin. The fact that Jesus is our Friend and our Saviour does not exempt us from human sorrow, but it does assure us of the needed grace to bear the trial and makes us ready to trust Him even in life's darkest hour.

Lazarus, the friend of Jesus, was sick. The home in which Jesus had found rest and fellowship was in deep trouble. Jesus was no longer in Judea. In haste, word was sent to Him of His friend's illness. But He did not come.

Notice that His failure to respond at once to the message of Lazarus' sisters did not mean that He had deserted them (John 11:4-6). Nor did it mean that He had denied them His help (v. 7).

Above all, note that He came. He always does. Jesus has never failed any child of His. The time and the manner of His answer to our prayers may not conform to our opinion of what should have been done; but let us remember that we know only in part. He knows all. Let us trust Him. The steps from sorrow to victorious joy in this story are three in number.

#### I. Death and Tears (vv. 32-25).

By the time Jesus came, Lazarus was dead and his family and friends could only weep as they said: "If thou hadst been here—" Try as we may to temper its cruel blow, the fact remains that death is the enemy of man. It came into the world as the result of sin (Rom. 5:12), and only in Christ is it "swallowed up in victory" (I Cor. 15:54). Until the glorious day of Christ's returning, when the redemption of the body will be complete (Rom. 8:23), death will continue to bring sorrow to the heart and tears to the eyes.

But let us not fail to notice that as the friends of Jesus, we do not sorrow alone. "Jesus wept" (v. 35) with Martha and Mary. We know that He weeps with us in our trying hour. He is the "friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

#### II. Faith and Hope (vv. 38-40).

"If thou wouldst believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God," said Jesus to Martha. She must look beyond the evident fact of the deadness of her brother and see God's glory in his resurrection. Thus faith assures us that those who believe in Christ have more than the comfort of His sympathizing presence—they have a sure hope (read I Thess. 4:14-18).

Sorrow and unbelief would becloud our faith and thus rob us of our hope. Martha needed to have her faith stimulated by the gracious words of the Lord; and then she triumphantly put her hope in Him, the Christ of God. Once we recognize Him as God, we have no hesitation in believing in His miraculous power.

#### III. Christ and Resurrection (vv. 41-44).

Majestic and authoritative are the words of Christ, "I am the resurrection and the life" (v. 25). He it was who gave life, for was He not "in the beginning with God"? And is it not said of Him, that "all things were made by him" (John 1:2, 3)? Paul tells us that "by him all things consist" (Col. 1:17). He is the only one who could say: "I lay down my life . . . I have power to take it up again" (John 10:17, 18).

So it can rightly be said that if we have Christ we have everything—both in this world and in the world to come. But if we do not have Christ, we have nothing; we are without God and without hope. "He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (v. 25) is the promise of Christ to us. Let us believe it.

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