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Pioneer Citizen of Coke County Passes Away

Mrs. W. G. Jameson died in hospital at San Angelo last Friday at 4:30 P. M.

Mrs. Jameson was considered one of the most outstanding pioneer citizens of Coke County, having moved here with her husband in 1884 and settled on the Colorado River near Silver. She was 82 years old, and leaving behind to mourn her going were six sons and three daughters and many grandchildren.

The funeral services were held at Silver at 3:30 p. m. last Sunday afternoon with Rev. James Hunt, pastor of Robert Lee Baptist Church officiating, assisted by Rev. H. L. Bloodworth local pastor.

The body was laid to rest in the McK. nzieville Cemetery.

From Recruiting Office

Mrs. Ira Scoggins
Robert Lee, Texas
Dear Mrs. Scoggins:

Lieutenant Jessie Gardner and Auxiliary Elizabeth Allread will be in Robert Lee March 20th from 3:00 p. m. until 6:00 p. m. instead of 11:00 a. m. until 2:30 p. m. as in our previous letter to you J. C. Flynt, 1st. Lieut.

The meeting will be held at the Robert Lee Furniture Store.

Notice 4-H Club Members

These 4-H Club members who expect to show livestock either in the feeder classes or in the breeding animal classes should prepare a summary record of their demonstrations up to the present time. Record books may be obtained from the county agent, and records must be submitted to the County Agent not later than the morning of March 24.

Every boy can help win the Victory by furnishing meat to the nation through good feeder and breeder demonstrations.

You will want to have a part in the Coke County Livestock Show, March 24.

Class Entertained

Mrs. A. W. Littlefield entertained her Sunday School class at her home Tuesday night. They played games to a late hour and then the hostess served sandwiches and cakes to 24 present.

Men's Bible Class At Methodist Church

The Men's Bible Class meeting in the basement of the Methodist Church is taking on new life. An enthusiastic group met last Thursday night and enjoyed a social hour. The good women of the church served a pie supper. The attendance Sunday morning was better than usual. Will you meet with us next Sunday. Come early to church school. Supt. George Taylor makes very interesting and inspiring devotional talks. Arrange to bring someone with you and you will receive a great blessing.

W. Vasco Teer, pastor

Honor Roll

Robert Lee Public School
Fourth Six-Weeks

Frances Stark, Martha Sue Richardson, Beverly Wilbanks, Clea Wojtek, Alena Valensuela, Amanda Pearl, Alvin Long, Peggy Bilbo, Floy Rives, Dorene Harmon, Stanley Adams, Jennie Lee Burns, Rheta Beavers, Willie Faye Gaines, Raymond Gunnels, Meba Rives, Norman Roberts, Bobby Roberts, Johnnie Beth Snead, Annelie Simpson, Marvin Simpson, William Verifuth, Bennie Helen Wyatt, Bobbie Bessent, Lealon McClatchey, Tildes Jones, Tommie Walker, Jo Ann Barnett, Annie Lou Boone, Thelma Jo Bryan, Juanica Childress, Angelita Roderiquez, Goldie Wojtek, Carrie Jo Rabb, Joan Hester, Reba Jackson Patricia Jones

Allen Sparks, Ebbe Gene Blaylock, Joan Vestal, Betty Yarbrough, Ted Cox, Amelia Roderiquez, Wallace Ross, Bobby Jene Hood, Don Fields, Gerry Lancaster, Stanley Austin Lyn Doris Varnadore, Barbara Harwell, Eva Bell McCutchen, Eugenia Hurley, Meba Wojtek, Loy Taylor, Joyce McCutchen, Janet Bilbo, Lonnell Landers, Bertie Mae Gaines, Nelda Sheppard, Carrie Catherine Rabb, Bobby Verfuth, Charlotte Lancaster, Bonita Childress, Edna May Wallace, Jimmie Don Rabb, Ruth Austin, Bobby Seltz, Cornelia Boykin, Betty Clawson, Russell Cox, Ray Tinkler, Lucill Shropshire, Frank Lord, Paul Smith, Maynard Read, James Jackson, Yvonne Jolley, Wanda Jones, Violet McClatchey, Francis Parker, Billie Louise Roberts, Virginia Stark, Patty Taylor, Maudie Watson, June Duncan, Jack Snead, Jo Ann Bilbo, Billie Faye Colley Billie Inez Landers, Allen Olsen, Mayne Scoggins.

Nita Allen, Billy Allen, Jamie Bilbo, Morgan Cox, Wallace Clift, Clema Cowley, Charlene Dean, Doll Day, Alma Gene Escue, Ada Belle Fish, Irene Garman, Eddie Paul Good, Billy Green, Billy Higgins, Louise Hamilton, Bryan Jolley, Mabel Jay, Guendolyn Kim, Ima Faye Landers, Kenneth Lackey, Arthur Lancaster, Rex Scoggins, Ruby Jo Sparks, Ruth Ann Taylor, J. C. Wallace, Agnes Walker, D. J. Walker, Marie Wallace, Reba Faye Woods and Maurice Yarbrough.

Observer Readers

Subscribers of the Observer for the past few days are: W. L. Calvert, Jeff Blair, Raymond McCutchen, H. M. Mitchell, D. P. Walling, Paul Good, Miss Katie Sue Good Denton, Millard Meek, Frank Dean, Bryan, Camp Lee, Va. G. J. Garvin, Pvt. Houston A. Jolley, Camp Mackall, N. C. P. H. Havins.

10% OF INCOME
IS OUR QUOTA
IN WAR BONDS

APRIL 1st CLOSING DATE FOR COTTON INSURANCE

Cotton can promise more and make less and promise less and make more than any other crop. R. B. Allen, chairman of Coke County AAA committee said in urging farmers to protect this year's crop.

Designed to give farmer a cash income when crops are destroyed by unavoidable hazards, cotton crop insurance was offered for the first time in the nation last year.

Applications on the 1943 crop are being taken in the AAA office as well as being written in each community by the community committeemen. All producers desiring to insure their cotton crop must do so before the closing date April 1 1943.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Mrs. W. G. Jameson of Silver, acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kindness and expression of sympathy in the sickness and death of our loved one.

Local Items

Mrs. Eric Conger visited her son Foster Conger and his wife last week.

J. B. Eggs was in our city Monday shaking hand with friends.

S-Sgt. and Mrs. Floyd Murtishaw of Oregon, were here this week visiting with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Inez Franklin and children of Bronte, spent Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Wojtek.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ratliff and Billie Faye spent last week end here. Bill was being transferred from San Antonio to Lubbock.

Mrs. A. M. Andrews returned home last week from Blanco Co. where she had been visiting a sister. Her nephew George Wagner returned with her.

All eligible school teachers were re-elected the first of March at regular board meeting. Three of the teachers do not have degrees therefore are not eligible for reelection at this time, but will be for emergency teachers later on if needed.

Pvt. Julius F. Kaeding of Englewood Calif., finished a course in mechanics and was made crew chief of a bomber at his station at Kansas City, Mo.

Santa Monica, California Pvt. David P. Key of Robert Lee Texas, has graduated from an intensive course in aviation mechanics at North American Aviation Factory School, Inglewood, Calif. and is now prepared to blast the Axis. Key was assigned as a crew chief on a bomber and joined the crew of a new ship when it came off of the production line.

Sheppard Field, Texas, George J. Adkins Jr. son of G. J. Adkins Sweetwater, Texas has graduated from an intensive course in glider mechanics and now is prepared to blast the Axis.

Junior-Senior Banquet

On March 12, 1943 in basement of Methodist Church the Juniors entertained the seniors in Cowboy Style.

The decorations consisted of saddles, guns, ropes, and wagon wheels. On the tables were cactus and horseshoes. The walls were covered with flags and blankets. The window curtains were tied back with bunches of evergreen.

The menu consisted of: Indian Fire Water, Roasted steer, Silage, Stew on the Range, Red Rock of the Mesa, Cactus Salad, Fools Gold, and Hash.

The invocation was given by Rev. James Hunt.

The program consisted of numbers, "Around the Camp Fire on the Range". The banquet was closed by the group singing "Auld Lang Syne", and the benediction was said by Rev. Vasco Teer.

Present were 17 seniors, 34 juniors, 6 faculty and 6 guests.

Buy What You Need

But be sure you need it, remember others need what you don't buy.

CUMBIE & ROACH

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McAlister, Okla.

Dear Mr. Young:

We are sending you a check to turn in on Coke County's Red Cross drive. Since there are so many away from there we know that it will be harder for Coke County to meet its quota, and we feel that in sending our contribution back home we are not only helping our boys in the service but can help to keep our home town at the top too. It's no fun to be away from home, so regardless of the size of our check we buy two bonds every month, hoping our small help will help shorten this war so we can all be at home again and settle down to quiet, peaceful, old time living.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jay

Miss Alta Bell Bilbo formerly of Robert Lee has been named on the scholastic Honor Roll for the 1942-43 semester just concluded at Sul Ross State Teachers College.

Pvt. Rodger Holden of Bombardier school at Childress Texas, has been home visiting relatives.

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Lv. 6:25 A.M.	Lv. 3:40 P.M.	Camp Barkeley	Lv. 12:30 P.M.
Lv. 6:30 A.M.	Lv. 3:45 P.M.	View	Lv. 12:25 P.M.
Lv. 7:20 A.M.	Lv. 4:35 P.M.	Happy Valley	Lv. 11:35 A.M.
Lv. 8:00 A.M.	Lv. 5:15 P.M.	Bronte	Lv. 10:55 A.M.
Lv. 8:25 A.M.	Lv. 5:40 P.M.	Robert Lee	Lv. 10:30 A.M.
Ar. 9:25 A.M.	Ar. 6:40 P.M.	San Angelo	Lv. 9:30 A.M.

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Also "OVERLAND MAIL"

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BRONTE, TEXAS

Friday and Saturday March 19-20

FRED MACMURRAY—ROSALIND RUSSELL IN

"TAKE A LETTER DARLING"

Also Comedy and News

Tuesday only Money Nite March 23

CHARLES WINNINGER—CHARLIE RUGGLES—NANCY KELLY

"FRIENDLY ENEMIES"

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Also "OVERLAND MAIL"

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HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers



Today's Cake Fixings Are Simple, Food Saving (See Recipes Below)

Bake Your Own!

Those of you who have chosen homemaking as a career can set aside a half day for baking your own goodies right in your own oven. There are few things nicer than coming into a kitchen full of busy bustling, testing the cake, plumping fat loaves of bread on racks to cool, or packing cookies in fresh wax paper for pantry shelves—for those fine boys in the service!

When sugar rationing first came into the picture, most of us feared that it would not allow enough for home baking needs, but we have found ways to make sugar stretch. Or, perhaps we should say, corn syrups and honey to make baking possible.

With eggs up in price and fats becoming scarce, we have changed our recipes to fill these needs, too! Today's recipes may not call for the quantity of materials that yesterday's did, but they can make just as tempting a product.

***Hot Water Sponge Cake.**
(Makes 2 8-inch layers)
1 cup sifted cake flour
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 eggs
1 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
6 tablespoons hot water

Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Beat eggs until thick and fluffy, about 10 minutes. Add sugar gradually, beating constantly until thick enough to hold a soft peak. Beat in lemon juice, add hot water, and beat until thick after each addition. Fold in flour in small amounts. Bake in ungreased tube pan or lightly greased layer-cake pans in a moderate (350-degree) oven. A tube cake takes 45 minutes to bake, layer cakes 25 to 30 minutes.

Gingerbread Ring.
1 cup molasses
1 cup sour milk

Lynn Says:
Tie a String Around Your Finger: The technique's different when you do your own vegetables—and you must keep these pointers on tap if you would get the most out of them:
Peel potatoes thinly—their mineral treasures are hidden right under that skin.

Use green vegetables as soon as possible after buying. They lose quantities of their vitamin C just sitting and being exposed to air.

Add dressing immediately to vegetables and fruits after cutting them. The coating prevents some vitamin loss.

Put away the soda box when cooking green vegetables. It's alkaline and destroys vitamins.

Shell peas or lima beans only just before using. Wash leafy greens just before cooking. The percentage of vitamin loss will be lessened.

Start cooking frozen foods before thawing. It is believed that less vitamin C is destroyed by that method.

This Week's Menu
Breaded Pork Tenderloin
Seven Minute Cabbage
Riced Potatoes
Grapefruit-Carrot Salad
Whole Wheat Bread Butter
*Hot Water Sponge Cake
Peaches Beverage
*Recipe Given.

2 1/4 cups sifted flour
1 3/4 teaspoons baking soda
2 teaspoons ginger
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 egg, well beaten
1 1/2 cup melted shortening

Mix milk and molasses. Sift dry ingredients. Add to milk and molasses, then mix in egg and shortening and beat until smooth and creamy. Pour into a greased pan and bake in a moderate oven 30 minutes.

Who ever heard of carrots in cookies? Well, the surprise is a nice one, and the cookies are popping full of vitamins when you make:

Honey-Carrot Cookies.
(Makes 5 dozen)
2 cups sifted flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
2 cups quick-cooking oatmeal
1 cup raisins
1 cup chopped nutmeats
1/2 cup shortening
1 cup strained honey
2 eggs, well beaten
1 cup grated raw carrot

Sift dry ingredients together. Sift again. Add oatmeal, raisins and nutmeats. Mix well. Cream shortening, add honey, creaming thoroughly. Add eggs, then carrots, beating well. Stir in dry ingredients and blend thoroughly. Drop by spoonfuls on a greased baking sheet. Flatten with a floured fork. Bake for 15 minutes in a 350-degree oven. Store only when cold.

Whole grain, especially oatmeal, is rich in that important morale vitamin, B1, or thiamin, as it is sometimes called.

Oatmeal Refrigerator Rolls.
1/2 cup shortening
3 tablespoons sugar
1 1/4 teaspoons salt
1/2 cup boiling water
1 cup quick-cooking oatmeal
1 cake yeast
1/2 cup lukewarm water
1 egg, beaten
2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour

Add boiling water to sugar, salt, shortening and oatmeal. Stir well. Cool to lukewarm. Soften yeast in lukewarm water, then add with beaten egg to oatmeal mixture. Stir in half of flour, add rest of flour. Place in a greased bowl. Cover with waxed paper and store in refrigerator. When needed, remove from refrigerator and form into circles in greased muffin tins. Cover and let rise in a warm place until almost double. Bake 12 to 15 minutes in a 425-degree oven.

Lynn Chambers welcomes you to submit your household queries to her problem clinic. Send your letters to her at Western Newspaper Union, 210 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. Don't forget to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your reply.

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AROUND THE HOUSE

It will help keep your shoes if you put them on shoe trees or stuff the toes with paper when they are not being worn. Always wipe them dry of moisture and dirt after exposure.

Here's a hint for the workshop: In filing a saw, first smoke the teeth with a lighted candle. This will make it easy to see the fresh filing and to hold the file at the right angle for the job.

Grease can be removed from a iron by rubbing it with corn meal.

Used brooms can be made stiff and clean by dipping them in a pail of boiling soda water, and drying them in the sun. If the broom is sprayed or sprinkled occasionally with a little kerosene, it gathers the dust much better.

Do not mix new milk with old, except when it is to be used immediately.

Rub over the inside of a cushion with hard soap before you fill it. Then the points of the feathers will not come through.

Slip Covers for an Unusual Chair That You May Desire to Protect



FIT COVER AROUND CHAIR SUPPORTS, AND FASTEN WITH SNAPS — MAKE SIDE OPENINGS LONG ENOUGH TO SLIP OVER WIDEST PART OF BACK —

SNAP FASTENER TAPE **FRILL COVERS CARVING** **ARM COVER**

THIS cover was a twofold conservation measure in the most literal sense. Its purpose was not to cover shabby upholstery but to protect handsome damask from everyday wear and tear, in a household where there were children. The substantial striped cotton material chosen harmonizes perfectly with the rather elegant lines of the chair frame.

If you have an especially difficult chair to cover, you will save time by fitting a muslin pattern first. Then you can snip until it fits perfectly around arms and other supports and, if you make a mistake in the pattern just stitch a patch over it and start over again. Before removing the pattern from the chair, plan the openings so that they will lap neatly and be sure they are long

Doomed Dogs Expensive To Reprive in England

In England, the owner of a dog that has been condemned to death pays a daily fine of one pound or about \$4 as long as he refuses to have the animal destroyed, says Collier's. In one recent case, a family has so far paid \$2,300 to keep their dog Rowley alive.

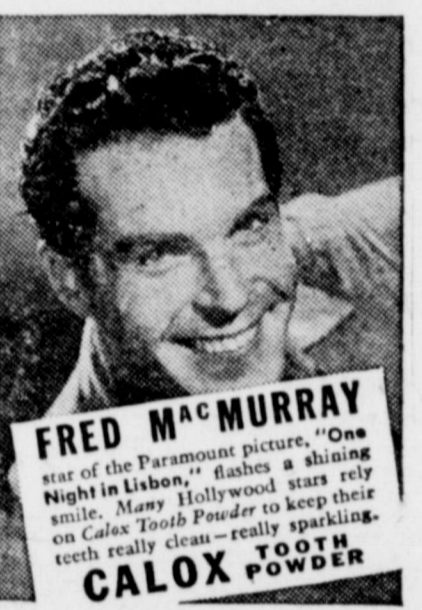
Marines 'in the Air'

The fliers of the United States Marine Corps are so active in this war that the words "in the air" have been officially added to the Marines' Hymn, which now reads: "From the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli, we fight our country's battles in the air, on land and sea."

enough. In the finished cover either bindings or facings may be used for irregular edges.

NOTE—This chair is from Mrs. Spears' Sewing Book 3, which also contains directions for smart new curtains; and numerous things to make from odds and ends, as well as new materials. To get copy of Book 3 send name and address with 15 cents in coins to:

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Solomon Islands Lost
Nearly Two Centuries!

With the Solomon Islands, 500 miles east of New Guinea, now prominent in the news, it is hard to believe that after their discovery in 1567 this archipelago, which includes 10 large islands and hundreds of smaller ones, totalling 17,000 square miles and stretching for 900 miles, was completely lost for 200 years. Later navigators looked for them in vain. They became a joke among sailors, and—credible though it may seem—they were struck off the map!

Not until 1767 were they rediscovered by Captain Carteret, an Englishman, who came upon them by accident.

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Converting Our Industry
The groundwork for the conversion of American industry to war production started as long ago as 1922 when the Army and Navy Munitions board was set up, and the army established ordnance offices in 13 important cities throughout the country, says Collier's. The board then began a survey of some 20,000 large industrial plants to determine what these companies could and would produce in case of war.

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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

BY HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D.
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(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Lesson for March 21

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OUR LORD'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER

LESSON TEXT—John 17:1-8, 18-26.
GOLDEN TEXT—"Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are."—John 17:11.

There are some times and places so sacred that one is instinctively hushed into reverent devotion. When Christ prayed in holy intercession (as recorded in John 17) on the night before His suffering His disciples must have been lifted into the very presence of the Eternal One. It was a holy experience.

He prayed for Himself, but even more did He pray for His believing followers. To know that someone is praying for us is indeed an anchor in a time of storm, a strong help in the hour of conflict or of service. But to know that the Master prayed for you and me—that is enough to send us, like the disciples of old, out to face an unbelieving world in His conquering name.

I. He Prayed for Himself (vv. 1-8).
He looked up and said: "Father," and then He was ready to pray. So close was He to God that there was just this simple recognition of their communion. In Christ are we not as close as He?

What did Jesus ask for Himself? At first thought it seems a little unusual that He asked

1. For Recognition of His Divine Glory (vv. 1-5).

Why would He who had just given the disciples an example of and an admonition to humility desire to have His glory manifested? Be sure it was not a matter of selfish pride. He had finished His work (for He counted redemption as complete throughout His prayer), and now the glory which He laid down when He came to earth (Phil. 2:6-8) was to be resumed.

He wants man to see Him now not only as the compassionate Son of man, but the glorious Son of God, able to save.

2. For the Manifestation of His Grace (vv. 6-8).

The Father had given Christ the heart devotion of those who believed in Him. Note that their faith rested on the name of God (v. 6), and upon His Word which had come to them and to us through Christ.

He recognized their position and standing in Him and established it before God and man. He then prayed for them (read vv. 9-17) that they might be kept in an evil world as a testimony to the grace and power of God in the human heart.

II. He Prayed for All Believers (vv. 18-26).

Christians are not simply the avowed adherents to a particular form of belief, they are "sent" ones. As the Father sent Him into the world, "even so send I them into the world," said Christ.

Christ has gone to be with the Father, but He has left those who believe in Him as His witnesses, His representatives. For this they need holiness. He prayed:

1. For Their Consecration (vv. 18, 19).

For their sakes He consecrated Himself. Surely if He needed it, we do far more. It is not only His will for us, but His prayer. How wonderfully that prayer was answered we see as we look back over the intervening 19 centuries, from His immediate disciples on through the martyrs, the missionary pioneers of all ages, the faithful preachers and teachers of the gospel, yes and "livers" of the gospel too. He knew, He prayed, God answered. Are you in that blessed host of consecrated believers?

2. For Their Unity and Glory (vv. 20-26).

There is a refreshing simplicity about the Christian faith which is utterly different from all the complications which man has prepared and superimposed upon it. Essentially it is a matter of God having sent His Son into the world to be the Redeemer of men. He and the Father are one, He and His followers are one, and so we are all one. We who today believe are included (read vv. 20-23). This is an inward unity of the Spirit, not an outward union of organizations.

There is something more here. This unity puts Christ's followers into the place where His glory may be revealed in and upon them. It is His prayer that we should behold in our Saviour the glory which God had given Him because He loved Him before the foundation of the world.



BURMA
By Daniel De Luce

(WNU Feature—Through special arrangement with Collier's Weekly)

Greatest reservoir of fighting manpower to whip the Japanese lies in free, unoccupied China. For five years the Chinese soldier has proved himself every bit as courageous and clever as his Japanese enemy. He has hung on in the face of discouraging odds, lacking modern weapons and an air force.

Anglo-American arsenals should eventually be able to furnish him with these new arms and give him the support of a combined armada of airplanes.

However, "the day" is indefinite. In 1943? Perhaps longer. There is a lot of spade work to be done, for a great Allied offensive on the Asiatic continent.

It is required chiefly in Burma. And it is being planned right now by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, General Wavell and General Stilwell.

Allies Need Burma.

The transfer of a thousand bombers and a thousand fighting planes from America to China could be made in seven days. But once having got the air fleet to China, the Allies would be little better off than before, unless they had Burma.

For the air force would need fuel—not a few thousand gallons flown laboriously over the Himalayas, but many thousand tons.

And where is the oil for the future planes of China? In Burma. "Oh," you say, "weren't the Burma fields scorched by the British? Or was that just another newspaper story?"

Yes, the Burma fields were scorched, thoroughly scorched. At the moment they're useless. But listen to the man who did the scorching.

"If the Japanese brought in 15,000 specialists and 50,000 tons of equipment and machinery, they could get Burma producing again within a few months. But they have neither the specialists nor the equipment. We have both. We can soon have the wells flowing—if and when we recapture Burma."

Scorching of Burma.

For the story of the scorching of Burma, let's begin looking into a little red cloth-covered notebook which this itinerant war correspondent bought in Mandalay for ten annas, before the ships were bombed and burned down on Good Friday last year. I had it in a sweaty pocket of my khaki shirt when I jeoped through Yenang-tuang, oil capital of Burma, on Thursday, April 16, 1942. Yenang-tuang in Burmese, means "stream of the smelly waters."

Some centuries ago, silk-skirted natives scooped up the pungent black liquid and burned it in crude lamps at home.

Came the white man. In the last 60 years thousands of derricks sprang up on the drab hills. Burma oil, a million tons every 12 months, began lighting many a lamp in greater Asia.

Then came the Jap. He was about 30 miles south of the oil capital and pressing hard last April when I walked into the main oil-field headquarters and met a lean, hard, eagle-nosed English civilian loading his .38 army revolver.

He was Walter L. Forster of the Shell Oil company at Cairo. He had supervised the demolition of the Rangoon refineries the previous month, then calmly departed and was now in central Burma to finish similar assignments here.

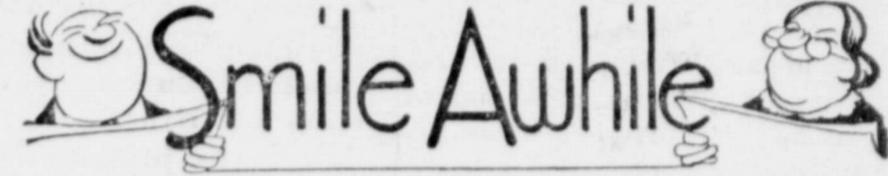
At work or play, Forster likes dynamite. Knowing his specialty, the British government had sent him late in 1941 to Russia, to advise the Soviet engineers in their program of scorching the earth. He quickly decided that the Russians knew more than he did, but he stayed to learn their methods, and visited secret areas of the Caucasus.

He remarked afterwards that the Reds had carried out factory wreckings in one day that Anglo-American experts had forecast might take six months.

"But I wish the Russians could have seen our job at Rangoon," he mused. "Smoke up to 15,000 feet. Vapor up to 19,000 feet. Not a drop of oil left for the Japs, nor a piece of workable machinery."

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- The Questions**
1. How many square miles does the Vatican City cover?
 2. Who was the first woman to be elected to the congress of the United States?
 3. For what George of England was the state of Georgia named?
 4. How does frost kill a plant?
 5. What state is not divided into counties?
 6. From where did shrapnel get its name?
 7. Who founded the city of Detroit?
- The Answers**
1. Vatican City covers .16 of 1 square mile.
 2. Jeanette Rankin of Montana in 1916.
 3. George II.
 4. The water inside the living cells freezes and this bursts the cells so that the plant dies.
 5. Louisiana, where the unit of government is the parish.
 6. From General Shrapnel, the inventor.
 7. Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac, French explorer.



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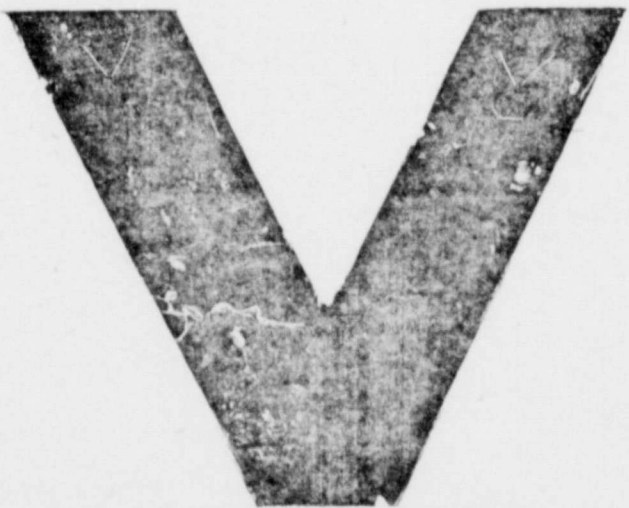
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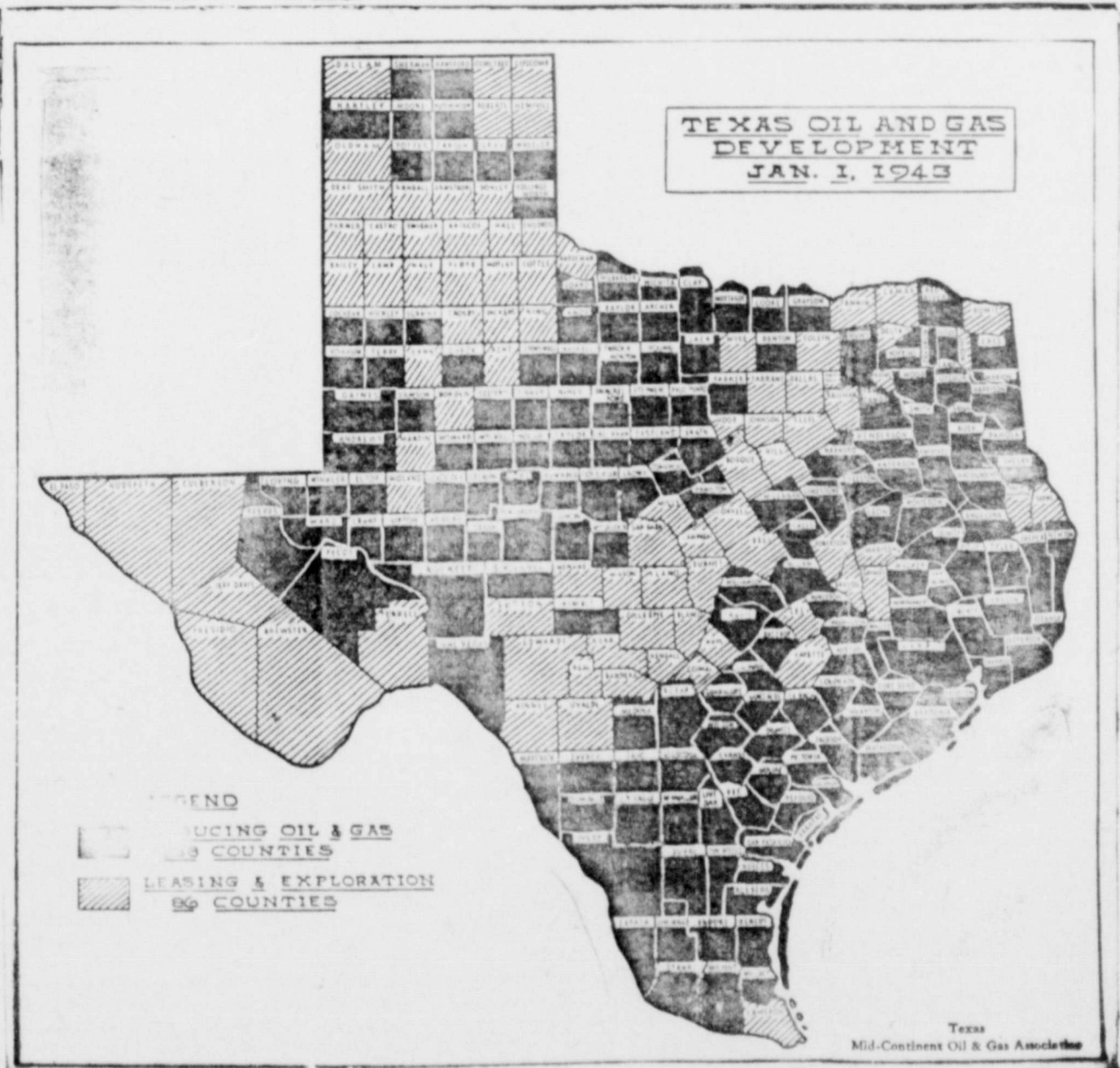


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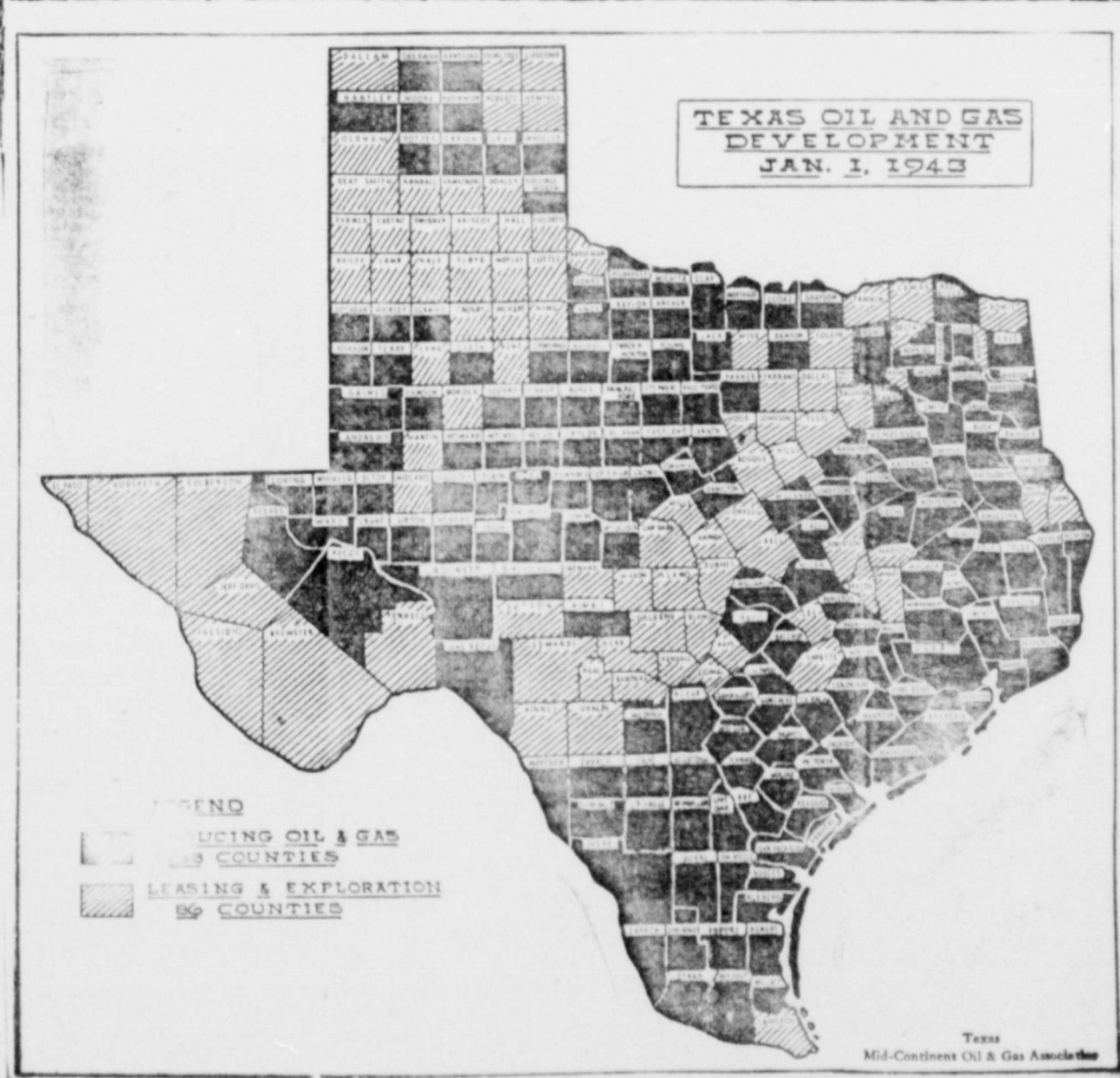


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Meat Ceilings to Check Black Market; Bismarck Sea Triumph Forecasts U. S. Drive to Sweep Japs From New Guinea; Small Firms Get Billions for War Work

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Even the most advanced air base in Tunisia gets its mail, as pictured above. This photo of the mailman arriving and being welcomed at an advanced U. S. air base of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's army, should be an incentive to those on the home front to write and keep writing to loved ones no matter how far away on Uncle Sam's service they may be.

BLACK MARKET:

Action on Meat

Action rather than words was the keystone of a program sponsored by the OPA and the department of agriculture to smash the black markets in meat.

First barrage laid down in this offensive was Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown's order imposing specific retail price ceilings on meat, beginning with pork products. Second attack came in the announcement by Secretary of Agriculture Wickard of orders licensing livestock slaughterers as well as those who buy and sell livestock for slaughter.

Effective April 1, the meat ceilings were expected to check black markets and end an "unjust squeeze" on packers. Mr. Brown said they would also lay the groundwork for the start of meat rationing about April 15. Pork ceilings were to be followed by uniform regulations on beef and lamb.

When red meat rationing is undertaken, the order will include bacon, butter, cheese, lard and other cooking fats.

With prices uniform throughout a community on all cuts of meat, Brown said, it would be difficult for dealers to get rid of illicit meat at higher prices.

RUSSIANS:

Repeat Old History

Back over the snowy Russian steppes where Napoleon's army perished long ago reeled the retreating German legions.

While the collapse of Nazi resistance at Rzhev had been of high immediate strategic importance to the Red command it was prophetic of further Nazi reverses, for with the whole German salient west of Moscow unhinged, the fate of Orel and Vyazma to the east virtually sealed.

The rapidity of the Russian advance was indicated by the capture soon afterward of Olenino 35 miles west of Rzhev giving control of the railway running from Moscow to Velikie Luki.

While German spokesmen described the Rzhev defeat as a strategic withdrawal to shorten Nazi lines, Allied military observers saw in it a threat to all Axis defenses from Smolensk to the Baltic sea.

In the South the Russians had moved forward more slowly, impeded by the first thaws of oncoming spring. But Red forces were reported driving forward from recaptured Lgov, important railroad center west of Kursk.

WAR COST:

Exceeds 43 Billion

More than \$43,830,452,651 was spent for war purposes in the first eight months of the current fiscal year, it was disclosed by the treasury department.

The war department spent the most for war—\$27,303,243,684. The navy spent \$11,502,653,956, the maritime commission \$1,685,143,236 and the war shipping administration \$733,211,740.

Expenditures by the government for all purposes during the eight-month period totaled \$47,600,944,727, while net revenue totaled \$9,512,808,497. The government's deficit for the eight months was \$38,084,682,608.

SMALL BUSINESS:

Good News Ahead

Good news for small business concerns was forthcoming from Charles E. Wilson, executive vice chairman of the War Production board when he announced that war contracts placed with smaller companies "will run into billions of dollars by the end of the year."

Wilson said that more than \$30,000,000 of work a week is being placed now with small business firms through the efforts of the Smaller War Plants corporation.

The WPB's program for small business, Wilson said, includes: 1—An increase in the number of prime contracts placed with small plants; 2—Widening of WPB's lending policy to make loans to small business easier; 3—Certification of more small plants to handle war contracts.

BISMARCK SEA:

Disaster for Japs

Three facts of major significance to the future of the war in the Pacific emerged from the stunning victory of General MacArthur's bombers over the 22-ship Jap armada in the Bismarck sea, approaching New Guinea.

Fact No. 1 was that in sinking the 22 enemy ships and bagging 82 Jap planes, MacArthur's airmen proved that a force of land-based bombers manned by skilled pilots is more than a match for a seaborne invasion force. Fact No. 2 was that the victory removed the danger of invasion to the Australian mainland for the time being at least. Fact No. 3 was that the enemy garrisons at Lae and Salamaua, New Guinea, would not now be reinforced, for it was estimated that 15,000 Jap troops perished when Yankee bombs sank their transports.

Military observers believed that one of the immediate results of the Jap disaster would be an increase in pressure by General MacArthur's armies besieging Lae and Salamaua with the object of driving the Japs entirely from New Guinea.

The clean-sweep character of the American triumph was summarized in General MacArthur's terse communique: "We have achieved a victory of such completeness as to assume the proportions of a major disaster to the enemy."

NAVY:

Predict 10% Losses

A navy "big enough to dominate all seas over the world" was envisioned by Secretary Frank Knox, who added a warning that the American people must be prepared to expect a 10 per cent casualty rate in navy personnel before the war's end.

Secretary Knox and ranking naval officials unfolded a program for building up personnel strength to 2,250,000 by July, 1944, in testimony before the house subcommittee on naval appropriations. Appropriations totaling \$3,816,000,000 to implement this program were approved by the subcommittee.

The navy had 3,205 ships in commission on January 1, 1943, according to Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs, chief of the bureau of personnel. This number will be increased to approximately 4,100 by the end of the year, he added.

NORTH AFRICA:

Rommel in Reverse

As Allied troops continued their drive in Tunisia, it became increasingly clear that Marshal Rommel's short-lived Kasserine Pass offensive had been a gamble. If he succeeded, he would follow it up. If he failed, he would waste no time in retiring. This was emphasized by the rapidity with which American and British forces had regained the ground lost in Rommel's first push.

Reports disclosed that some units of the British Eighth army had made contact with American troops in the Gafsa area of central Tunisia after circling the Mareth line from the south and advancing through the Chott Djerid marshes which had hitherto been regarded as impassable.

American forces pressing Rommel's retreat from the Kasserine pass were reported well beyond Sbeitla on the way to the Faid Pass, the key to German north-south communications.

In the northern mountains west of Axis-held Bizerte heavy Nazi attacks had bent the British lines back. The Allied air arm remained dominant over North Africa, however, and in the Mediterranean, sharp enemy losses to British submarines were reported. Seven Axis ships were sunk and nine others damaged.

ABSENTEEISM:

Wage Docking Urged

"Hit them in the pocketbook. If you dock their wages you are hitting them where it hurts."

This was the prescription for curing the problem of persistent absenteeism by war plant workers proposed by Secretary of Navy Frank Knox. Testifying before the house naval affairs committee, Knox advocated remedial legislations covering both draft-age and non-draft-age workers.

A large share of the absenteeism is caused by men safe from the draft, he told the committee which was studying measures to require periodic reports to local draft boards on absentees of military age. Best results in curing absenteeism would be to deprive such workers of earnings for part of the time they were actually at work, he added.

DRAFT:

Fathers Go Soon

Draft boards will begin inducting fathers into the armed forces in many areas of the United States about May 1, informed officials in Washington indicated. These officials added that they expected drafting of married men with children to be general throughout the country by early summer.

Acknowledging that some married men with children have already been inducted, selective service officials declared that most of these had acquired their dependents after December 8, 1941. Other fathers, it was said, may not be inducted without authorization from selective service headquarters. It was predicted, however, that such authorization would be forthcoming this spring.

PIPELINES:

Relief for East

Blunt-spoken Harold L. Ickes, petroleum administrator, served notice that he had decided to build a 20-inch pipeline from Texas to the Middle West, despite the objection of



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Midwest senators who had urged that any new pipeline construction should be instead, from the Middle West to the East Coast shortage area. This will be in addition to the recently completed 24-inch line.

Mr. Ickes assured the Middle West senators in testimony before a committee in Washington that he also hopes to complete a 20-inch pipeline from the Midwest to the East coast this year.

Meanwhile, he insisted, building the western end of the second pipeline first would speed the job and increase deliveries to the East coast of from 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 barrels during the most critical period of the shortage. This would provide the most effective method.

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Hitler in Mental Decline? Close Observers Say Yes



Reliable Reports Indicate Fuehrer Subject to Uncontrolled Emotions; German Physician Believes He Will Have Mental 'Explosion.'

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Where is Hitler?

That question can't be answered with any certainty at this writing and nobody seems to care. For more than a month, the communications from the German High Command have not borne the Fuehrer's signature. The anniversaries of two of the great events in Nazi history have come and gone, the celebrations were held with very little display in comparison with other years and entirely without appearance of the No. 1 Nazi himself. Hitler has made no public appearance for months.

It is true that communications supposedly from the Fuehrer have been made public but always through a second party, notably the speech on the anniversary of the founding of the National Socialist party. The set excuse is that Hitler is with his troops in the Russian front. But at the rate that front is moving these days, it is doubtful if he is very near it. It is quite possible that he is elsewhere or even nowhere but the interesting thing is that this man, who has managed to turn the world upside down, does not seem at all essential to the great political and military machine he has built up. It may be functioning without him and this would seem to indicate that if he is not dead, but should suddenly die, it wouldn't make much difference.

Some time ago, a report received from underground sources was received in London. It said that "Hitler either has been given an ultimatum by his generals, who pointed out his military blunders, or he is suffering from one of his hysterical fits and is in ill health as a result of his Russian reverses."

Recent Developments

What about these fits? They are no fiction but well-authenticated events. Before several witnesses he has frequently burst into tears, and in other ways given vent to utterly uncontrolled emotions. But these fits are of less importance than certain other likewise well-substantiated but not widely known developments which have taken place within the last year or two.

There are several stories which I heard from the lips of a man who has closely watched Hitler's career from its earliest beginning. The man is Fred Oechsner, a former colleague of mine. In fact, I was instrumental in having him sent to Berlin as correspondent for the Consolidated Press just about the time Hitler was beginning his political career.

Long before anybody else took Hitler seriously, Oechsner wrote to me: "This man is some day going to be the bull in Europe's china shop." Oechsner, who is now in Washington, told me the following story which he also repeats in his excellent book, "This Is the Enemy."

As you know, Hitler was always a teetotaler. He never drank anything but some very weak beer especially brewed for him and he only took sips of this pale beverage.

Recently his habits changed. "Persons who visited him at his headquarters early in the winter told me," Oechsner says, "that he was becoming grave and irritable and that it was not uncommon for him on a cold night to drink three or four glasses of grog. He also took occasional drinks of a Bavarian liquor called Enzian which is not unlike gin."

Now Oechsner is an exceedingly reliable reporter and when he says the Fuehrer finished three grogs in an evening, I believe it—also I believe that a man unused to taking alcohol must have been higher than Berchtesgaden when he went to bed.

Oechsner also said: "There is a German physician of international repute who believes that some day Hitler will have a brain disturbance of a serious nature. This physician has treated Hitler since 1921 and knows his physical condition as well as his personal life. It is his opinion that Hitler is an outstanding example of a half-trained, half-educated person with a phenomenal talent for absorbing and co-ordinating information and detail gleaned from other sources. This attention to detail and pattern, he says, is obvious in Hitler's drawings, in his speeches, his military campaigns. It is a phe-

nomenal mental power but some day it is going to explode."

Suicide the End?

Without revealing the source, I have heard the opinion expressed by a man who has seen and met with Hitler many times and is exceedingly familiar with his life, that it is quite possible that a mental decline has started which, he believes, may end in suicide.

On my own score, I may say that when I heard Hitler deliver his famous speech at the start of the war in 1939 in which he said that he was going to the front and would lead Germany to victory, that he would not take off his uniform until this had been achieved, and in the next breath named his successors, I thought he was preparing for suicide.

I doubt if he is now dead. He may not even be ill but the thing is, there has been no report of any public appearance for a long time.

That, of course, is hearsay evidence—or long-distance diagnosis but what Oechsner reports comes from first-hand authority.

So Hitler may already be in a padded cell—and nobody seems to care!

Fourth Term—Does FDR Want It?

Will the President run for a Fourth Term?

A number of cross currents are definitely in motion, some directly moving toward an attempt to draft Mr. Roosevelt as candidate in '44; some which at present seem to be carrying him in the opposite direction.

One thing that many people fail to realize is the fact that when the precedent against a man serving in the White House for more than two terms was broken, the first olive was out of the bottle and the chief obstacle to a fourth term was removed. As has been pointed out, the American people never before wanted a man for a third term candidate, although twice before candidates would have made the attempt—Grant and Theodore Roosevelt.

When the first whispers for a possible third term for Franklin Roosevelt were heard, I talked to a seasoned political observer. He said: the President doesn't want to run again but he will be persuaded to by his friends.

I make bold to state at this juncture that exactly the same statement can be made today with one modification: The President doesn't want to run for a fourth term but his friends are trying to persuade him to.

I feel sure that the President does not want to run again. I do believe he passionately desires to preside at the peace table. But some of his friends have a different view. As Joseph Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson, once remarked about the White House: "It's a nice boarding house, you hate like the dickens to move out."

Friends' Demands

Two things are acting in favor of persuading the President: One, this earnest and insistent demand of his "friends" who don't want "to move out" and some of whom honestly believe that it would be for the general good if the President stayed on. Their arguments are many.

The second factor and the one which could elect Mr. Roosevelt for a fourth term, if he does run again, can be expressed in the well-known slogan, "Don't swap horses while crossing a stream." It is the reasoning behind this homely expression which, of course, provides the most persuasive argument to any President.

On the other hand, if by 1944 Hitler has been defeated, the President might feel that he could serve even better at the peace table if he were not the head of a political party, if he were not bound by certain domestic policies which the head of an administration must administer with one eye on the votes in the next election.

I believe that if the President felt positively that he would be allowed to play the principal role in the peace-making, even though someone else were in the White House (perhaps a Republican), or if he felt that as President, he would be less effective as a peacemaker, he would not consider a fourth term.

Gems of Thought

ENERGY may be turned to bad uses; but more good may always be made of an energetic nature than of an indolent and impassive one.—J. S. Mill.

To educate the intelligence is to enlarge the horizon of its desires and wants.—Lowell.

The stars come nightly to the sky, The tidal wave unto the sea; Nor time, nor space, nor deep, nor high,

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BOMBS BURST ONCE
By GRANVILLE CHURCH
W.N.U. SERVICE

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. When they arrive in Tierra Libre they find both Zora and her husband dead. It is Mitchell's job as chief engineer for a fruit company that Jeff has been called to fill. Later Jeff's friend Bill Henderson is also killed, and Jeff suspects his employer, Senor Montaya, of murdering him and the Mitchells because they had found a clue to the strange things going on at the plantation. Other sinister figures are the company chemist, Dr. Toenjes, and the flyers, Ryden and Lannestock. Jeff's suspicions are further aroused when the flyers and Dr. Toenjes try to keep a disabled U. S. Army plane from making a forced landing. But when Jeff talks to him later, Senor Montaya does not appear to be alarmed.

NOW CONTINUE WITH THE STORY

CHAPTER XII

Since arriving at San Alejo Curt hadn't seen much of his children, and one of the things he most enjoyed was playing with them, letting Chuck and Buddy crawl over him. He loved making them squeal with happiness. And now little Sylvia Mitchell was an added attraction. So today Curt went home early, to have some time with them before dark.

Curt spent a full hour with the children before the clouds let loose with a ten-minute shower, a daily feature so regular they could set their clocks by it.

The shower gave Curt a chance to calm the children down with a story so they wouldn't be too excited for supper and bed, and when Lee called for them he shooped them up the steps and into the house. But he remained outside. He returned to the open basement. For here his eye had caught something of interest during the play which he couldn't have investigated then without raising the children's curiosity.

The living room ran the width of the house across the front, screened on three sides—a lanai, had this been Hawaii. Along the front and sides of this veranda-livingroom was a solid bank of hibiscus, broken only by the steps. A cement walk ran from the front around the side of the house to the rear, but a two foot space had been left for the shrubbery between this and the cement floor under the house.

And on the edge of the cement, inside the hedge, were dried mud footprints! Someone had stood on this spot. Why? For only one reason. To listen in on what passed above in the veranda-livingroom.

Then who could it have been? The prints were broad and indicated flat shoes. They weren't large. The men in this clime didn't run to big feet, Curt knew, but he sensed these were woman's prints. Not Lee's, for she wore heels. The cook's? No, she didn't know English and eavesdropping would have done her no good. That is, Curt had been told she knew no English.

But Ines knew English. Not well, but enough for simple phrases, which meant that she understood it even better. Ines was the maid furnished by Montaya.

Dinner, Curt was quiet and brooding, and Lee caught his eye on Ines whenever the girl was in the room. Especially, Lee noticed, he glanced at her feet. Lee wondered, but said nothing—couldn't have at the table. What Curt saw was that the shoes Ines wore to work, despite her flare for style in dress, were for comfort, not style. They were practically heelless and broad enough for feet which had gone barefoot through childhood.

After coffee, Curt collapsed on his shoulder blades in a comfortable bamboo chair which he pulled close to the couch. He lit his pipe and blew rings to the ceiling, and ignored the stack of papers on the table by his side. Lee recognized the mood and got out her sewing—small rompers to mend. She knew he'd start talking when he got ready. She took the couch, as he'd planned for her to do. A subdued clatter of dishes came from the rear as Ines removed them from the dining table to the kitchen sink. Then sounds from the sink. Curt came to life.

"Lee, I want you to talk to yourself for a while, as though you were talking to me."

Lee shot a startled look. "I want to know if ordinary conversation can be heard outside," he grinned.

"Oh." But she stared. Curt put down his pipe, went to the door, silently let himself out into the dark.

Lee, with the ghost of a snicker, sighed and did as asked, keeping her voice down as though Curt were beside her.

"Well, I suppose I might as well talk about the people I've met. I'll get as much attention as if you were here. Let's see, there's Mrs. Berry, the doctor's wife. She's from Pennsylvania, but she's no Quaker!

Lee's hands flew at her work while she talked.

"Oh, I've found there're quite a number of nice people here. It's a good clubhouse we have, with pool and billiard tables, a card room, and movies twice a week."

Lee heard a chuckle and looked up to find Curt had returned as silently as he'd slipped out.

He picked up his pipe and knocked out the cold ashes. His voice was careful as he told her of the footprints he'd found.

"But," he told her, "while I could hear your voice just now, I couldn't make out what you were saying from this spot. I was a little worried for fear we might have been overheard last night. I reckon not. Nevertheless, we'll have to be careful of what we say from now on."

"And you suspect Ines?"
"Yes. If it were only Ines, I could put it down to housemaid's curiosity. But there's this greasy Vargas. I have a definite feeling he's more than a bodyguard—a spy on me in the field."

Lee said nothing, but her eyes clouded. Sounds from the kitchen now ceased.

"Well, she's through for the day," Curt said. "We can make certain. I can watch her leave from the bedroom—it's dark. You keep on talking."

The back door closed and steps descended to the ground. The bamboo drops were down all around the living room so that no one outside could see what went on within. Curt left the room. Lee didn't snick-



At the bedroom window Curt first used only his ears.

er this time, but there was the hint of a smile in her voice as she spoke up.

"Well, if I could get a date for a dance the first time I talked to thin air, perhaps this time I can get you started on that collection of orchids for me. After all, you promised . . ."

At the bedroom window Curt first used only his ears. He listened to the pad of footsteps going to the gate, the normal click of the latch. Presently came a rustle of shrubbery and he knew his guess was correct. There could be no doubt.

On the morrow the weather held hot, and coupled with the ever-present Emilio, it didn't improve Curt's disposition. It was midmorning when Curt and his shadow reached Tempujo for their trip upriver. By phone from San Alejo Curt had ordered the launch fueled and ready. He intended wasting no time here. But the need of a map or two took him first to his office.

As he was about to turn into it a figure rose from under a palm and Curt was accosted by one of the most disreputable looking tramps he'd yet seen in the tropics. An American, clearly, but the many days' growth of beard, the filthy rags he wore, effectively concealed what kind of man this was.

"Mr. Curtis, sir?" in a cringing voice.

"Yes," Curt answered shortly. He hated subservience in a man.

"My name is Collins, sir. I'm looking for work."

Curt eyed the man. The eyes were bloodshot and told unquestionably of hunger—real hunger.

"Well?"

"I'm a good transitman, sir, and I'm good on gas engines or Diesels. I heard you need men."

Curt stood silent. There were plenty of tropical tramps in these quarters — drunken, irresponsible men, all of them fugitives, if not from the law, then from themselves. Curt had sufficient sympathy to give such derelicts a lift from his own pocket, or a little work if he could—enough to carry them on to some other place.

But he knew he could place no reliance in them, and from the standpoint of efficiency it didn't often pay to take them on. In this case, however, something in the man's bearing, drooping though it was, didn't quite match the rest of him, and Curt was sufficiently intrigued to pause.

Emilio unwittingly settled the matter. He was standing by, eyes veiled. By now Curt could read the native's dead eyes, and the disapproval Curt saw there was enough to swing his decision. Curt nodded toward the door and the man followed him inside. Emilio brought up the rear.

Lauriano Duro, the draftsman in charge of the office, was bent over his work.

In silence Curt selected the maps he wanted, together with a bundle of white flags. He took down from a shelf a company camera, loaded it deliberately, handed the lot to Emilio.

"Put them aboard, and get some lunches packed at the mess-hall. It'll be better than what they could put up for us over at the levee camp. See to it there's plenty of coffee—black." Then, as Emilio hesitated, he barked, "Well! That's all! We've no time to waste."

Emilio departed, and this time Curt definitely caught the flicker of eyes that Vargas aimed at Lauriano Duro as he turned to the door. Curt spoke to the stranger.

"All right, Collins, where you from?"

"Illinois, sir."

"How long you been down here?"

"Four years, sir."

"Where'd you come from last?"

"I've been up at the Rosario mines on the hydraulic pumps."

"Why'd you leave?"

"Fired."

"Drunkness?"

"I'm hungry, Mr. Curtis, and I'm a good worker. I don't get drunk very often. I can keep away from it, honest. I'll promise to leave it alone, if you'll give me a chance. I'll—"

"Don't snivel. Here," Curt sighed, "let's see what you look like on paper. Fill this out. Make it snappy, I've only a few minutes to spare."

The man took the application blank, sat down at a table and commenced writing. Curt loaded his pipe while he studied the man's back. He paced for a few moments, forgot to pull on his pipe, had to light it again.

"Lauriano!"

"Yes, sir?"

"Here." He handed the native a bill. "Get me a tin of Briggs and a couple cartons of candy bars. Any kind. Put them aboard the launch and hurry back, I haven't much time this morning."

The candy bars was an old trick of Curt's. It was his theory that the more candy a man consumed the less alcohol his system craved.

The native hesitated, but under the glower Curt gave him, departed in haste. Lauriano Duro hadn't the pertinacity of his compatriot, Vargas. The screen door had no sooner slammed after him than Curt approached the man at the table.

"Stand up!"

Collins rose to his feet. Curt looked him steadily in the eye a moment, then reached out and ripped open the shirt. It practically came apart. The man's head jerked up. Curt grunted. "Thought so!" Collins' skin was smooth and healthily tanned—and clean! The flesh was firm and hard, no ribs showed. The man was in the pink of condition, other appearances notwithstanding.

"All right, out with it, and quick. What do you want?"

It was a different voice Collins used in answering, as he tucked the shirt together again and under his belt, a calm enough voice if not agitated.

"Just what I asked for, a job."

"Why the disguise?"

A silence greeted this.

"Quick, man, why'd you come to me?"

"I came to see Mr. Mitchell, but got here too late. Mr. McInnis, across the river, told me to see you."

"Why?"

"I want a job."

Curt grunted again. "Collins! Collins! Sure!" The name had suddenly clicked. The man from Henderson's home town—more lately from the Zone! "You wouldn't want to see Bill Henderson, too, would you?"

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Sam Was Entirely for Peace and Harmony

It was the weekly meeting of the colored "Sons of I Will Arise Society." At the end of the usual business, a loud voice yelled from the back of the hall: "Mistah Chayman, Ah makes a motion dat Sam Jackson am a low-down, sneaking mis'rable chicken thief."

Down in the front a little fellow leaped to his feet.

"Who makes dat motion dat Ah'm a low-down, sneaking mis'rable chicken thief?" he cried, glaring round the room.

A huge scar faced Negro arose. "Ah makes da motion," he said, menacingly.

"Mister Chayman," said Sam, quickly, "Ah seconds dat motion."

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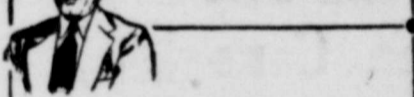
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