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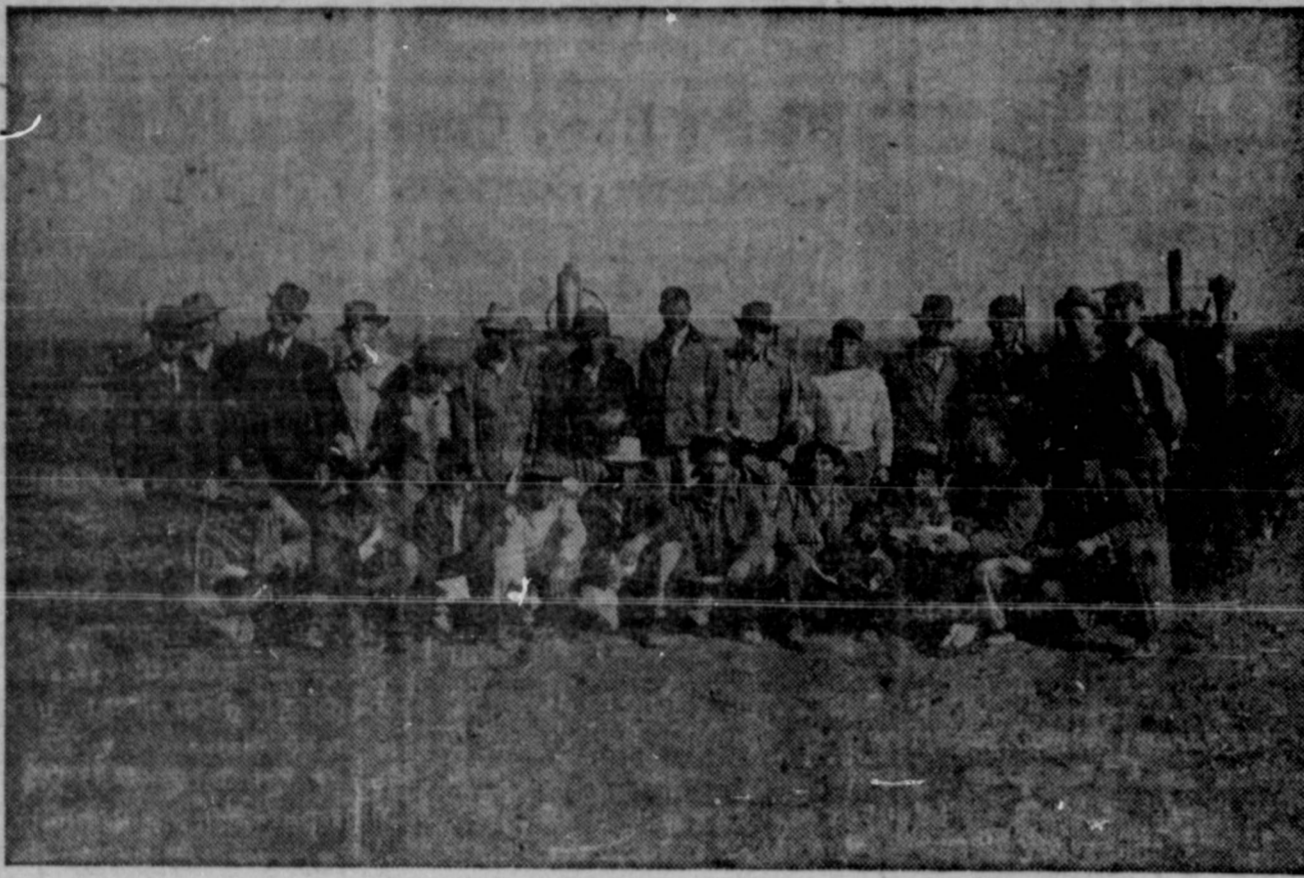
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Country Press of America Is Vital Factor In the Job of 'Holding the Home Front'

It 'Went to War' on the Day Pearl Harbor Was Bombed And It's Still Waging A Valiant Fight.

By ELMO SCOTT WATSON
Released by Western Newspaper Union.

WITHIN 24 hours after the Japs made their sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, Raymond B. Howard of London, Ohio, president of the National Editorial association, was telegraphing to President Roosevelt:

I am sure you will find a united press backing a united nation in the defense of our country and flag. I am sure that I speak for the small dailies and weekly newspapers making up the membership of the National Editorial association, in assuring you of our complete support. It is fortunate that we have a free press in America with which to enlighten and solidify our efforts.

On the same day a similar message went forward to the White House from the president of Newspaper Association Managers, Inc., the organization of field secretaries and managing directors of more than 30 state press associations.

Such was the promise. What has been the fulfillment?

Well, it is difficult to estimate in exact figures the contribution to America's war effort since December 7, 1941, of the 11,000-odd dailies and weeklies that comprise the nation's "small-town press." A large part of that contribution—perhaps a major part—has been in the realm of that intangible, but vitally important, thing called morale—in "holding the home front."

As a matter of fact, the country press of America began making this contribution long before Pearl Harbor. It started with the beginning of the national defense program when the manac of Hitlerism to the democratic way of life became more and more clearly apparent. For one thing, the country press contributed thousands of columns of its space, both editorial and advertising, to promoting the sale of defense bonds. When the selective service act was passed, the country editor told the people of his community why it was necessary for their sons and brothers to leave the farms and stores and offices of rural America and go into training so that they could be prepared to defend their country when that inevitable day of attack by the aggressor nations came.

Morale Was Low.

And it was during that period, when the morale of the selectees, inadequately equipped, not yet adjusted to the change from civilian to military life and not having the incentive of the existence of a "state of war" to make real the necessity for training, might easily have slipped to a dangerously low level. Recognizing the fact that the drafted man's receiving his home town paper was next best to receiving a letter from home, some country publishers began sending copies of their papers free of charge to the boys in camp. Hundreds more voluntarily followed their example and the good effects of this practice, in terms of heightened morale among the citizen soldiers, was so apparent as to win special commendation for the country press from the morale division of the war department.

The same practice was continued after America entered the war and its benefits have been even more apparent. It requires little imagination to realize what it means to a soldier, sailor or marine in an outpost in Alaska or Greenland or on the fighting front in North Africa or New Guinea to open up a copy of his home town paper and read there how the folks back home are "backing him up" by their buying war bonds, by their contributing to the Red Cross blood bank, by their help in "getting in the scrap" and all the other ways in which civilians can aid the war effort. More important still, perhaps, is the way in which it satisfies their hunger for the other news from home—the dozens of little items about the normal life in their communities to which they hope to return some day soon.

Important as has been "free papers for servicemen," it is but one of the ways in which the country press has fostered morale not only among the fighting men but also among their families. Some publishers have sponsored "send-offs for selectees"—celebrations in which the whole community joins in paying



It's "Just Like a Letter From Home" to Him!

honor to the men as they march away to war instead of allowing their departure for their great adventure to pass almost unnoticed except by the presence of their relatives at the railroad station as they leave. Other publishers have devoted the front windows of their offices to displays of pictures of their servicemen from their communities and almost without exception the country press, from the beginning of the war, has printed "honor rolls" of the names of the community's fighting men, pictures of them and their letters.

Typical of the numerous ways in which the country press has built morale, both military and civilian, are these examples:

A New York weekly that founded a "War Service Club" which performs a variety of services for the community's men in the armed forces, including the sending each month of two dozen home-made cookies to every man.

Another New York weekly that promoted a "Happiness from Home" box to bring Christmas cheer to all local men in the service.

A New Jersey weekly that sponsored a special Armistice day ceremony, honoring the mothers of four local boys who had been killed in action.

A Virginia weekly that sponsored a "Write Right to Fighting Men!" campaign to offset the ill effects of the kind of discouraging letters which some people write to men in the armed forces.

One other great service of the country press in the realm of morale was the part it has played in putting this nation in a "fighting mood." Back in the days when we were still calling them "defense bonds," certain government officials—also some big city columnists and commentators—began accusing the American people of being too complacent about the war. Thereupon a weekly newspaper down in Florida printed an editorial which was at once a reply to that accusation and a trumpet call to action. It said in part:

If you want the American people to snap out of their "complacency," then for the sake of all that's holy start yelling ATTACK! Call the defense bonds VICTORY BONDS. Call the defense councils WAR COUNCILS.

This is a fighting nation. This is a mighty nation. Stop low-rating us. We common men and women know what war is. We have no illusions about it. We do not intend to be a slave race, or a subject race, or a passive race. We know that our nation is at stake. Furthermore, we more than a little suspect that the entire future of mankind is at stake. Give us a battle cry!

That this was not an isolated case was shown by the fact that about the same time a small community out in Montana had set aside a certain day to sell a certain amount of bonds—not "defense bonds" but WAR bonds and they called it BONDdardment Day. Commenting on this project, the editor of the local weekly which had sponsored the event said:

We think we have the answer here, the challenge to the cry of complacency. We think the people are suffering from a sort of emotional starvation. We are going to try and bring back the spirit of the old Fourth of July celebrations—that is that part which

invoked the deep spirit of patriotism. We feel that it will be a laboratory test. We are sure that scolding and charges of complacency are not the answer.

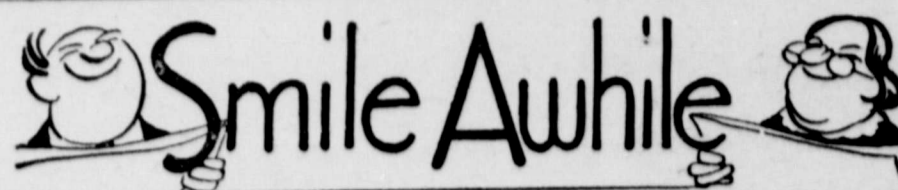
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Nor has the work of the country press in behalf of the sale of war bonds through its editorial, news and advertising columns been the only contribution it has made to the war effort in the realm of tangible things. There was the scrap metal campaign carried on to salvage from the farms of the nation the thousands of tons of metal so urgently needed by the steel mills to make battleships, guns and other weapons of war. A Florida weekly dramatized the effort to "get in the scrap" by capitalizing upon the reputation of a scrappy American fighter—Gen Douglas MacArthur. So that community set aside a day for bringing in all kinds of scrap material and called it "Gen. MacArthur Day." The event was an overwhelming success.

He Sets an Example.

Nor does the average country editor merely urge the people of his community to do their patriotic duty. Frequently he sets them an example by going out and doing it himself. There was the editor of a New York weekly who has made his office the center of a 24-hour service as communications headquarters in case of enemy air raids. There was the editor in a little Kansas town who not only managed the salvage yard in his town but who personally collected and shipped some 60 tons of scrap iron. More than that he personally did all the work of cutting up the iron with an acetylene torch and supervised the loading and sorting of the entire lot—all this in addition to his regular duties as editor, publisher, advertising solicitor and printer of his newspaper. And finally there was one of the leading country publishers in California who did something about the manpower shortage besides writing editorials about it. When trained sawmill workers in his town began leaving because they feared they would be "frozen" in their jobs, he signed up for work as a lumberjack in a sawmill on the night shift—from 5 p. m. to 1 a. m. He sleeps the rest of the night, then puts in a full day at his publishing duties.

Such are only a few of the highlights in the story of what the country press of America has done and is doing since it "went to war." Despite the loss of revenue from decreased advertising linage and increased production costs, despite the shortages of materials essential to the printing business and despite the loss of manpower when its news-writers and advertising men and printers went into the armed forces, it is carrying on valiantly in the fight for freedom and it is doubtful if any other class of patriotic Americans, either as a group or as individuals, are contributing more in more different ways to the victory that will eventually be ours.



The Problem
"Breathe deeply. Germs are killed by deep breathing."
"But how are you going to teach the germs to do it?"

Count It That
"You had no business to kiss me."
"It wasn't business, it was a pleasure."

Reason Aplenty
"There's no need for you to shout," said the dentist. "I haven't touched your tooth yet."
"No," said the patient, "but you're standing on my corn."

He's 'It'
George—Did anyone in your family ever make a brilliant marriage?
Harry—Only my wife.

White lies aren't so good nowadays. The really artistic ones are in technicolor.

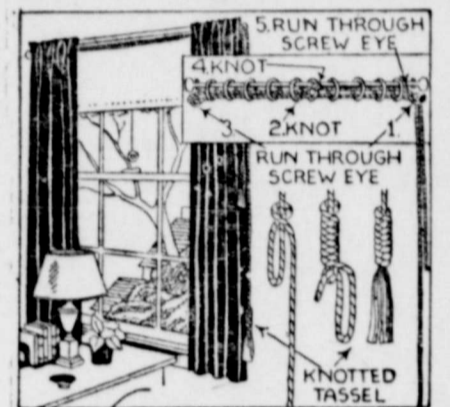
How Could He?
Father—I'm afraid your young man is living beyond his means.
Daughter—Oh, no, daddy! He hasn't any.

Here's Easy, Quick Way to Make Draw Curtains With Your Fixtures

IT IS easy to make draw curtains with the fixtures you have, plus a pair of large screw-eyes, some wood or brass rings, and about five yards of cord.

The screw-eyes are placed just under the hooks for the curtain

NOTE—The curtains shown here are from BOOK 1 of the series available to readers at 15 cents each. BOOK 1 also contains directions for making curtains for various rooms; also cutting and making directions for bedspreads, dressing table skirts and slip covers. To get a copy send name and address direct to



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- Kellogg's All-Bran Branburgers**
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 - 1/4 cup catsup
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
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 - 1 pound ground beef
 - 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- Beat egg slightly, add salt, pepper, onion, parsley, milk, catsup and All-Bran. Let soak until most of moisture is taken up. Add beef and mix thoroughly. Shape into 12 patties. Bake in hot oven (450° F.) about 30 minutes or broil about 20 minutes. Yield: 6 servings (12 2 1/2 inch bramburgers).

CAMELS ARE THE REAL THING IN SMOKING PLEASURE! FOR MY TASTE AND MY THROAT...THEY SUIT ME TO A 'T'

Woman in the War!
Mora Schell, who works on automatic control devices at a Sperry Gyroscope Co. plant

THE "T-ZONE"—WHERE CIGARETTES ARE JUDGED

The "T-ZONE"—Taste and Throat—is the proving ground for cigarettes. Only your taste and throat can decide which cigarette tastes best to you... and how it affects your throat. Based on the experience of millions of smokers, we believe Camels will suit your "T-ZONE" to a "T."

CAMEL

AROUND THE HOUSE

Don't keep honey in the refrigerator. It keeps better in the pantry or cupboard.

Pour strained honey over cut grapefruit and fill in the spot where the core was removed, then broil until lightly browned. Delicious for breakfast, luncheon or as a dinner dessert.

Comfortable shoes with ordinary heels have been found easier to wear in the kitchen than high-heeled dress shoes, and better for the feet.

Fruit beverages and beef tea, though not especially nourishing, are useful stimulants of jaded appetites.

The tiny screws in eye glasses may be tightened with a cuticle knife.

A fish bone may sometimes be removed from the throat by sucking a lemon.

Olive oil and black ink, equal parts, will restore suede shoes and slippers and remove rustiness.

The Hope of Death Kept Spark of Life in Recruit

The army medic was making his cheerful rounds of sick bay on the huge transport that had been working for several days through the long, oily swells of the rough sea. One case was nothing more (or less, depending upon the individual point of view) than an old-fashioned attack of seasickness.

"Well, Private Jenks," boomed the doctor heartily, "it looks to me like you're not going to die after all."

Private Jenks opened a horrified eye, to stare at the doc. "Not going to die!" he wailed. "Gosh, doctor, I thought I was. That was the only thing that kept me alive."

ASK ME ANOTHER?

A quiz with answers offering information on various subjects

The Questions

1. What is the name of the character "&"?
2. What travels at the rate of approximately 1,000 feet a second?
3. The mythical maidens who are said to hover over battlefields are called what?
4. What is a talesman?
5. What is known as the mile-high city?
6. How does the water of the Great Salt lake in Utah compare with the water of the ocean in salt content?

7. Who was the father of King Solomon?

The Answers

1. Ampersand.
2. Sound travels approximately 1,000 feet a second.
3. Valkyries.
4. A person summoned to serve on a jury.
5. Denver, Colo.
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7. David was the father of King Solomon.

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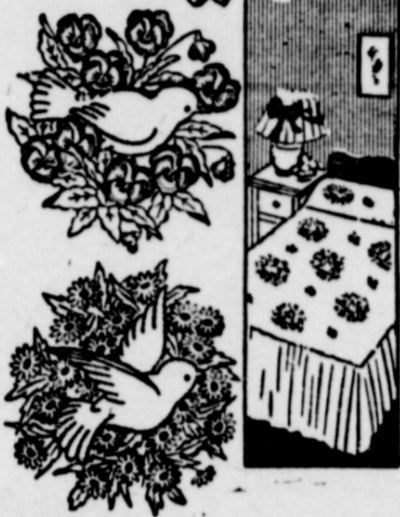
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Ukrainians Are Russians With Their Own Republic

The Ukrainians are Russians, and they have a republic of their own which is a constituent member of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics. By origin, however, they differ from the "Great Russians," and they have their own language. Their land is one of the most fertile in the world; hence the German desire to conquer it.

Ukrainians were often in conflict with the Czars of Russia, but the disappearance of their native aristocracy has demolished most of their nationalism.

Why Creased Pants

It is interesting to note that the crease down the front of trousers is the result of a royal accident. King Edward VII of England, having slipped from his horse and fallen into a ditch, a local tailor was hurriedly asked to supply fresh trousers. These he so tightly packed in a box that each leg was neatly creased. The king "adopted" creased trousers, and thus started a lasting fashion.

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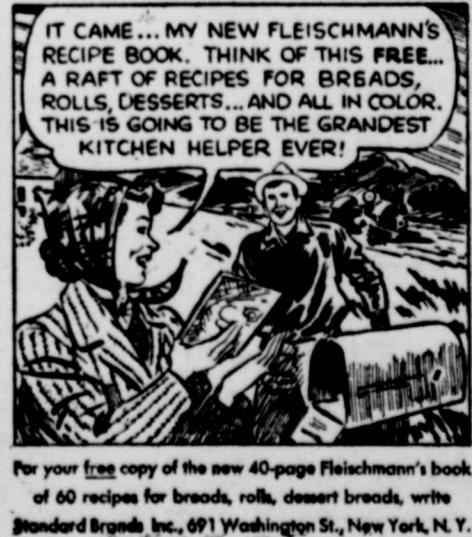


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Local Items

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S-Sgt. Woodrow Gardner left Saturday for Camp Beall, Marysville, Calif. where he will be stationed for a while. He with 29 other soldiers will train 500 boys in general hospital work.

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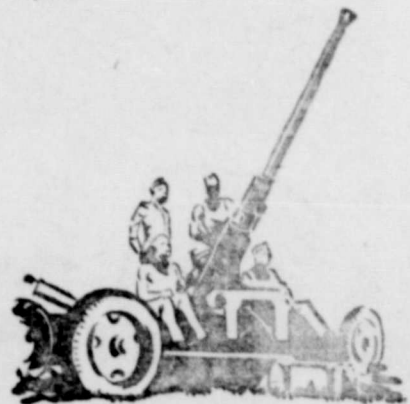
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—O. W. I. Photo by Collins.

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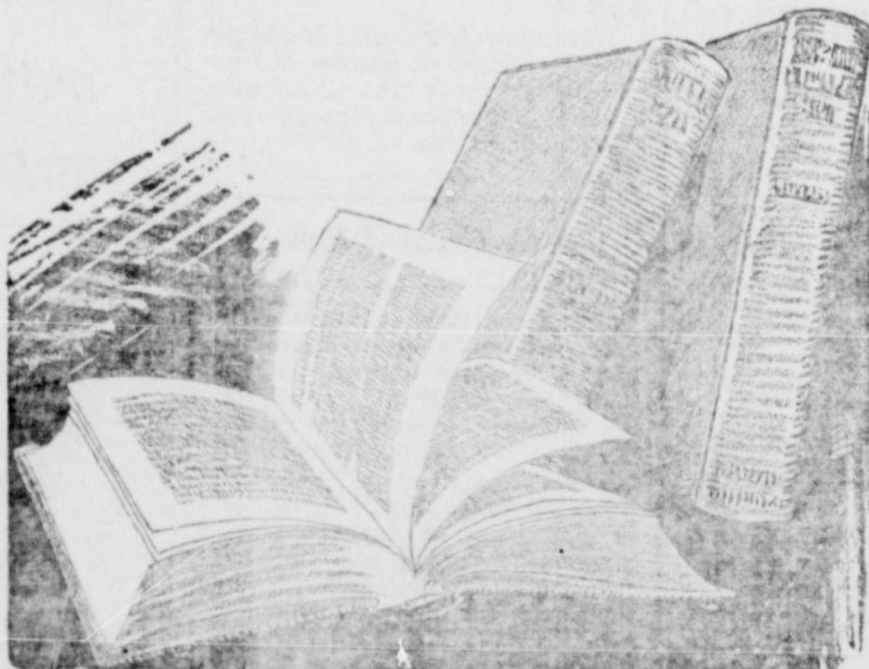
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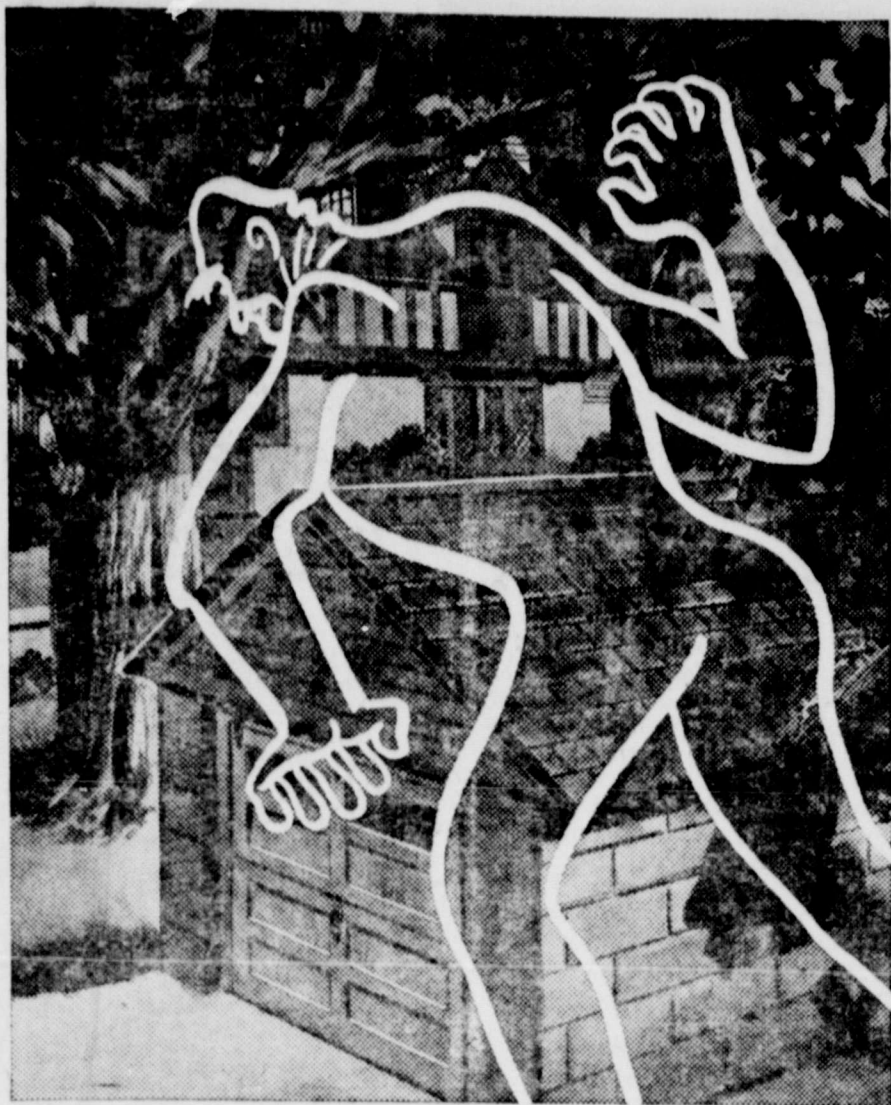
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Trimly tailored is this pastel blue slack suit of cotton whipcord, worn by Universal's Gloria Jean. The cowboy-styled shirt with its convertible collar and side slot pockets, carries a decorative embroidered trim in red and white. Buttoned pockets, piped in white, and a jewel-studded white kid belt add interest to the slim-lined trousers.



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Q. Is the registration of War Savings Bonds a matter of public record?

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Q. Where can I buy a War Savings Bond?



By Gib Crockett.

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

New Ration Orders Assure Healthy Diet; Nazi's Kharkov Offensive Recalls Drive That Preceded Collapse in World War I; Congress Ponders Postwar Security Plan

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.)
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The direction in which the Nazis launched their counteroffensive against the Russians in the Kharkov area is indicated by the above map. Successful in its early stages, the counteroffensive had driven the Russ back 100 miles and regained for the Nazis areas captured by the Russ winter drive.

WAR PROGRAM:

Centralization Needed

Like doctors in a clinic, members of the senate's Truman investigating committee gave the progress of the war program a thorough examination and emerged with three basic reasons for "nearly all the failures and shortcomings" found.

First reason was "inadequate over-all planning within government agencies at the beginning of the various programs"; second was "conflicting authority over various phases of the war program"; and third, "hesitancy of the government to adopt unpopular or unpleasant policies long after the facts indicated such policies were necessary."

In recommending corrections, the committee called for clearly defined authority, centralized in a few officials, during the coming year. Incidentally, the committee warned that the year ahead would be the toughest and grimmest in U. S. history.

RATIONING:

Healthy Diet Sure

Americans tightened their belts in anticipation of the slimmer portions of meat, canned fish, butter, cheese and edible fats the new rationing regulations effective March 29 would impose.

To those who for months had been following the Food Administration's request to ration themselves voluntarily, the new estimated ration of about two pounds weekly of meat per person "more or less" represented only a slight shift downward. Still unrationed as the orders went into effect were poultry, fresh fish and such rarely used meats as rabbit and other game. The new rationing orders had been accompanied by the heartening news that coffee would be more plentiful, with one pound every five instead of six weeks, and that point values on dry beans and peas had been lowered.

All things considered, the new regulations would reduce consumption of the foods they covered by from 12 to 15 per cent. That supplies assured a healthy diet was emphasized by Food Administrator Wickard. Estimates indicated that 1943 per capita civilian supplies of meat, cheese, fats and other commodities would be about equal to the average for 1935-39.

NORTH AFRICA:

Axis Hopes Dimmer

Holed up in the Mareth line after having received a punishing beating Nazi Marshal Rommel has had to face the consequences of being ringed in by an Allied line of steel. That those consequences were to be serious and might even reach the disastrous proportions of a defeat rivaling the Axis rout at Stalingrad was the opinion of seasoned observers.

Faced by the increasing strength of General Montgomery's British 8th army and by the reinforced and battle-seasoned American forces of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, Rommel and his cohort, Col. Gen. Von Arnim, had their work cut out for them.

NAZI OFFENSIVE:

Same Result as '18?

Military historians were drawing parallels between the latest German offensive whose initial operations had hurled the Russians back in the Kharkov area, and the historic Ludendorff-Hindenburg offensive in July, 1918, which preceded Germany's final collapse.

As in World War I, this new offensive was undertaken after weeks of costly defeat. A major victory now was urgently needed—the same as 25 years ago, if the military gains resulting from invasion were to be held.

Whether the final result this time would be as rapid as before, time alone would tell. But it was clear that the Nazis had thrown in superior forces and equipment in a gamble to prevent a complete loss of their conquests.

Further north the picture was different. The fall of Vyazma had clearly proved that Nazi pressure on the Kharkov front did not prevent the Russians from continuing their advances toward Smolensk. With Vyazma and Rzhev gone, the main bastions protecting Smolensk from the east were now in Russian hands.

FARM DEBTS:

Repayment Rapid

How farmers are using their war expanded income to set their financial house in order was indicated by a department of agriculture report showing that more than 100,000 farmer-borrowers from the 12 Federal Land Banks had repaid their loans in full in 1942.

A total of \$303,000,000 was repaid by all farmers during the year and in addition they deposited \$21,239,169 to be used in paying future installments on land bank and commissioner loans.

The demand for new farm mortgages was about 22 per cent less in the last six months of 1942 than in the corresponding period of 1941.

CRADLE TO GRAVE:

Security Plan Proposed

A postwar economy in the United States in which "freedom from want" would be translated from a pious theory to an operating reality was envisioned in a revolutionary social security plan drawn up by the National Resources Planning board and laid before congress by President Roosevelt.

Stating that it should be the declared policy of this government "not only to promote and maintain a high level of national production and consumption," the board's report urged:

1—Guarantee of a job for every man released from the armed forces and war industry after the war's conclusion, with fair pay and working conditions; 2—Government underwriting of full employment for all employables.

Among other recommendations were plans for joint private-government partnerships in various post-war industries; creation of a national unemployment compensation fund; increased old age benefits; expanded public works programs.

Washington Digest

Wickard Is Made Target Of Farm Policy Critics

Attack on Agriculture Chief Seen as a Continuation of Farm Bureau Assault on Farm Security Administration.



By BAUKHAGE

News Analyst and Commentator.

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

You will read in your favorite newspaper that congress is out to "get" Secretary of Agriculture Wickard. The reason being offered is: "There's going to be a food shortage and he's responsible." That isn't the half of it.

In the first place, the folks who have been leaning back with their feet on the Washington cracker-barrel and watching administrations, wars and panics come and go, aren't taking these fiery debates, these charges and counter-charges too seriously.

The fight in congress today on the surface is the farm bureau, the big farmer (who isn't so big in many cases) versus Wickard. One layer below the surface, you'll hear, it called the fight of the extension services against the Farm Security administration. Back in the cracker-barrel corner it's just the fight against the administration and what's left of the New Deal.

Criticism 'Political'

One of these old timers shifted his stogie, took down his feet and said to me: "This is just politics. The idea is that 1944 is coming up and if you are an honest 'out' you've got to do all you can to discredit the 'ins.' I think Wickard will weather the storm. The Farm bureau people have nothing against him except as a symbol of the administration. He's an old farm bureau man himself."

"But," I interjected, "what about the war effort, what about hiking up the farm prices and smashing the price ceilings? You can't give the farmers higher prices without having to boost wages."

My friend caressed his stogie and smiled. "Don't worry," he said, "nobody is going to do anything in the long run that will interfere with war plans. But in a political fight, everybody leans as far out of the tree as he can without falling. Everybody says the other fellow is playing politics — but everybody plays the game just the same."

What is this "extension service" versus Farm Security fight? Well, it goes back a long way.

In the old days, the extension service, the idea of the "county agents" was started by commercial organizations which wanted to improve farm prosperity so they could sell more city goods. Later, the system was financed by the states with the help of federal grants. But the states dominated. Then the American Farm Bureau federation was formed, officially in 1920.

The organization pushed certain ideas for attacking surpluses not very different from what the AAA developed later. As the farm problem grew worse, a farm conference was called in Washington in 1932. This group prepared a bill containing many features similar to those finally incorporated into the Agricultural Adjustment act.

Then came the first friction between the farm bureau and the administration. There was a good deal of politics in that, too. It was a struggle between the AAA representatives in the field and the state set-ups.

Farmers' Union Formed

Later, the Farmers Union came into the picture. It was started among the low income farmers in Texas. It was the left wing of Agriculture and to the other farm groups, it was "pink." It had the strong backing of Mrs. Roosevelt; its policies were reflected by the Farm Security administration, a rival of the more conservative Farm Credit administration which ministered to the financial ills of the bigger farmers. The friction has never ceased.

A blow-up came when Wickard started his food administration. As an old farm bureau man, he always leaned over backward in an effort not to be prejudiced against Farm Security. Also, as a cabinet member, he couldn't stray too far from White House precepts. So he named Parisius, a Farm Security man, to head up his food conservation machinery and immediately a nest of hornets was loose. There was no choice. It was a question of making a left turn against traffic. Parisius had to go.

Wickard was accused of turning

right by one group but that didn't save him from the wrath of those opposed to the administration. Nor did his incentive payment policy which would not help the Democrat cotton raisers in the South nor the Republican wheat raisers in the north since what we don't need to feed America today is more wheat or more cotton.

So the storm rages. Farm Security will probably be the burnt offering as anything with even a faintly pink complexion is a red flag to congress.

Gardens Nothing New; They Were Old Treat

You've heard the expression: "he ain't what he usta be and what's more, he never wuz."

In a number of ways, these United States of ours ain't what they used to be—but they WUZ!

Take these victory gardens.

My goodness! It was long after we moved into town (population 20,000) that I had my real private gardening experience. Back on Spruce street, of course, there was a whole orchard and the garden was so big, it was ploughed. But big or little, the backyard could produce plenty for mother to "put up" (we never called it "canning"), everything from tomatoes and corn and those cucumbers—what memories the name conjures up—to those wonderful watermelon pickles.

I was talking with another old-timer, and he isn't so old either, about his little Kansas town. He said he couldn't remember anybody who didn't have a garden; or had milk delivered to the doorstep either.

When the onions and the radishes stuck their sprouts up, I used to watch them with an eagle eye hoping I would be able to deliver a luscious bunch of them before the corner grocer had his somewhat wilted product to display. Of course, I never could beat him by much and by the time the fat tomatoes were asking for a piece of lath to keep their chins out of the dirt, all the neighbors had them too. But that didn't matter. Came the day when the kitchen was redolent with entrancing odors and the womenfolk's aprons were stained red as a victorious banner, and when evening fell, the mason jars were cooling in the pantry before they were stored in the cool cellar.

In those days, about the only time a can opener was used was when somebody broached a Sunday evening can of sardines as a special treat to go along with the fudge (made in a chafing dish if you were a little doggy) and flavored with songs around the piano to mandolin obligato.

And what about the dry throats? No ice cubes. No cocktail shakers. Perhaps a bottle of raspberry shrub from the top shelf from the preserves closet—a rich purple liquid which had been squeezed through a cheese cloth bag with strong and loving hands, the fat berries inside plucked from those sprawling bushes along the back fence.

What good things came out of the backyard garden by way of the fruit jars and the jelly glasses! Can you forget the quinces, smooth and shiny and hard that hung on the gnarled tree, harsh fruit that mysteriously turned into a delightful pink delicacy, which spread over a crisp cracker like a benediction.

Drill Congressmen

On Tuesday, March 2, 1943, there appeared for the first time in the history of America, the following item in the Congressional Record, the journal of day to day happenings of congress:

RECESS

THE SPEAKER. Pursuant to the inherent power lodged in the Presiding Officer in case of emergency, the Chair declares this House in recess subject to the call of the Chair for the purpose of participating in a practice air-raid drill. The alarm has sounded. Members will leave the Chamber as rapidly as possible, and the galleries will be cleared.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 10 minutes p. m.) the House stood in recess, subject to the call of the Speaker.

AFTER RECESS

At 3 o'clock and 4 minutes p. m., the House was called to order by the Speaker.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D., Of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Lesson for March 28

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THE APPEARANCES AFTER THE RESURRECTION

LESSON TEXT—John 20:19-31.
GOLDEN TEXT—1 am alive for evermore.—Revelation 1:18.

The most important day in all history was the first day of the week following the crucifixion of Christ. Then He appeared to His disciples as their risen Lord. All the hope of all mankind for all eternity depended on His victory over death.

By eventide news had come to the disciples of His resurrection, and half in hope and half in uncertainty they had gathered to talk over these matters. Fearful of the Jews, they met behind closed doors. All at once He was there—the Lord Himself. What a wonderful change came over them as He made Himself known to them. They went

I. From Fear to Gladness (vv. 19, 20).

Their eyes had been upon their enemies and they were afraid. Now they "were glad, when they saw the Lord." We need to learn that lesson. If we look within we are ashamed and discouraged. If we look around us we are confused and fearful. If we look to Christ we are glad and strong.

Notice that their joy was not based only on an emotional impulse. They saw Christ in His resurrection body—the very One who had died. The evidence was there before them. Now they could understand the things He had said to them. The whole realm of spiritual truth was now in focus again, and they were glad. So are we when we really see Christ.

II. From Weakness to Strength (vv. 21-23).

The disciples who were called to be witnesses for Christ had lost their testimony when He died on the cross. Unbelief and discouragement had so weakened them that they were in hiding instead of being out proclaiming His truth.

Now the risen and victorious One sent them forth with the Father's blessing. They were empowered by the Holy Spirit, and given great authority (v. 23). Note that it was given not to one man or to the leaders, but to all the disciples. It was "a declarative right, and it belongs to every true disciple. Those who have received the gift of the Holy Spirit are in a position to declare to men that their sincere repentance brings forgiveness" (Douglass). The opposite is also true.

III. From Doubt to Faith (vv. 24-28).

Thomas, who had doubts and who cultivated them by his stubborn attitude (v. 25), did himself and his brethren a serious disservice by being absent from the meeting on the evening of the first Easter Day. When he did appear he had only doubts to contribute. Let those who make a custom of absenting themselves from the place and hour of service beware lest they do likewise.

His doubts were honest ones—and God always meets such questions, honestly and intelligently. When the evidence was before him, the heart of Thomas leaped the chasm from doubt to faith in one cry of complete devotion (v. 28).

It is significant that down through the ages many doubters have been won to Christ by the proof of the resurrection of Christ, which is by the testimony of historical scholars "the best authenticated fact in all history." The risen Christ stands before men today and says, "Be not faithless but believing." May many respond with Thomas, "My Lord and my God."

IV. From Death to Life (vv. 29-31).

Christ arose from the dead not just to show that He had power to do so, but, as Paul puts it, "for our justification" (Rom. 4:25). The reality and dependability of the entire plan of salvation hinged on the return of Christ from the dead. Had the grave held Him, His claims of deity and of the ability to forgive sin would have been entirely discredited. Because He lives we shall live.

The experience of regeneration is therefore likened in Scripture to a passing from death to life (John 5:24). Thomas saw the Lord, and believing, passed from doubt to faith. We cannot see Him now, but we have the blessed privilege of believing and thus receiving life (vv. 29, 31).

This was the message which the now radiant and empowered disciples went out to preach.

Gems of Thought

A WORLD without a Sabbath would be like a man without a smile, like a summer without flowers, and like a homestead without a garden.—H. W. Beecher.

If you are criticized, let your answer be to do a better job.—M. M. M.

Had we never loved see kindly, Had we never loved see blindly! Never met—or never parted, We had ne'er been broken-hearted.—ROBERT BURNS.

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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. A U. S. Army plane is forced down, but Senor Montaya does not appear alarmed by the presence of the army men. Jeff and Lee discover that their housemaid is spying on them. Now Jeff is talking to a man named Collins.

CHAPTER XIII

The man's eyes veiled suddenly. Curt flared. "Well, make up your mind whether to trust me or not. I can't manage a tete-a-tete very often. You're from the Canal Zone. And you drink about as much as I do. Your general appearance needs to be explained." Curt dared a little guesswork. "You came in through Soledad on the destroyer that called there a week ago Monday?"

A rigidity in the other convinced Curt he was right. He went on. "You've built yourself into a tramp by sleeping in old clothes and not shaving for ten days. Your skin isn't used to a beard, it itches. You keep scratching your face. But you couldn't resist the comforts of a clean body. You got those bleary eyes from going without sleep, and that hungry look from doing without food. For about two days, huh? Three days? The whole thing's a build-up. Why?"

Collins gave in. "I needed a good background. McInnis says I can trust you. I think so, too, first judgment. It's a long story, and I can't even give it to you. All of it, anyway. I'm asking you, as a fellow American," he emphasized the words, "to give me a job. I want to get established here."

Steps mounted hurriedly to the door in the outer room. The door snapped open. Curt picked up the application blank Collins had been working on, and was studying it as Emilio entered, black-browed.

"Everything is ready," the native announced hardily.

Curt looked up. "Okay. We'll have to hold it a few minutes. All right, Collins," he snapped at the ragged man, "it so happens I do need men. I'll give you a try-out, but you better be as good as you say you are. You can go up to camp with me now."

He looked the man over with distaste. "First, go to the next room and take off those rags. Get under the shower and I'll find you some clean clothes. There's a razor in the bathroom. Get those whiskers off. And hustle it up."

Scarcely a word passed on the chugging trip to the levee camp. Esteban, the Carib launch boy, sat at his controls and stared straight ahead. Emilio sulked.

As for Collins, after a few minutes of that stare he simply turned his back on Emilio and gazed at the river's edge slipping by. Collins was a far stretch from the tramp of an hour ago. In spare shirt and breeches Curt kept on hand in his Tempujo quarters, Collins showed up a tall, rangy, athletic person.

Monahan's shift was coming off duty as the launch made the levee camp's landing. Curt took Collins ashore—under Emilio's watchful eye—and while the camp cook was replenishing the lunch basket, he turned the man over to Monahan.

"Put him on a drag this afternoon, Slat. You can tell one way or another about him by the time I get back this evening. Luck, Collins."

Curt left his musette bag in camp, went briefly into the few questions accumulated since he was here two days ago, then took off upriver again.

There were three of them this time—Curt, Emilio, and the Carib launch boy.

They reached without incident a spot above the C. A. T. holdings, past the point where the Rio Negro levee made an elbow to join the first arm of the Quebrado range. Here Curt had the Indian pull the launch in to the south shore. Then he put on his carefully prepared act. He appeared to deliberate.

"Very well, Emilio," he said at last, "here's our program. I want you to pace off the shore line and plant these flags every forty steps. Be sure they can be easily seen from across the river. This won't be hard to do, with the river now at a low mark, though you may have to use your machete on small brush.

When you reach that bend up ahead, wait for us there.

"Meanwhile, Esteban will set me down at that hill opposite. I'll climb to the highest point, get some pictures for further study, and come down the other side. The launch will pick me up, then we'll cross and get you. Is that clear?"

Emilio fumbled with the flags. "But Senor Montaya gave me strict orders—"

"Of course, of course," Curt interrupted impatiently. "He told me, too. That's for where there could be danger of attack such as came to Mr. Mitchell. There can be no danger here. Come, we'll have to get going if we're to get back to camp by dark."

He hustled Emilio, still protesting and blackly reluctant, off along the shore line, jumped back into the launch, and was set down on the other shore. As the launch boy headed upstream for the rendezvous, Curt took one look behind him. He could see Emilio was watching him.

Curt was now in somewhat familiar territory. On this bank rose a considerable hill thickly covered



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with a jungle of trees, lianas, undergrowth. Because of the hill, Finca Urana, the Associated's farm, didn't touch the river at this spot.

Curt plunged into a path used by the women of the farm laborers when they came to the river to wash clothes. He picked up a mule trail at the edge of the banana plantation, broke into a trot.

Banana farms are laid out evenly, the "bits" planted twenty feet or so apart. The plants grow rapidly, shooting up suckers, of which the strongest are allowed to remain, and each single plant eventually becomes a ring of plants, like a bed of gigantic cannas. Their long broad leaves meet twenty to thirty feet overhead, allowing only scattered rays of sunshine to reach the earth.

A banana plantation is a lovely, peaceful spot—if one has the time to enjoy it.

It was along such a lane, hot, the air still, that Curt trotted. If all went well he could get to the farmhouse of Urana and back to the river in thirty to forty minutes. He would have to explain this lapse of time, but he'd worry about that later.

Out of breath and sweating heavily, he reached the farmhouse. His khaki shirt was dark with perspiration.

There was only a native timekeeper in the farm office, which was the ground floor of the two-story house, while another mozo was raking the corral. He looked up, amazed, at the stranger who appeared out of nowhere, but Curt gave him no chance to put his curiosity into words. He took the initiative.

"Donde esta hoy el Senor McInnis?"

"Creo que fue al Tigre, Senor." Curt went to the old wall phone and turned the handle sharply. The bell in the box tinkled. The thick soft voice of the exchange operator answered.

"Ring Finca Tigre." He waited. "Senor McInnis there? How long would it take to bring him to the phone? Oh?" He thought a moment. "All right, thanks, won't wait." He hung up. He couldn't risk half an hour.

His eye fell on a typewriter. Seizing a piece of paper, he rolled it into the machine and began to punch out a note:

"Jerry. You've heard of Zora Mitchell and Bill Henderson without a doubt. Convinced of danger here, but don't know what it is. Old Man Moore has confidential file on everyone of consequence in Tierra Libre. Hates to give out but I must know all I can about Montaya. Make him spill to you, and meet me at Riverbend about nine Saturday night. Hiring Collins, no chance to talk to him yet, C."

He cast about for an envelope, found one, sealed and addressed his message.

The native timekeeper had been staring at him throughout all this, half in amazement, half in resentment. Curt asked his name.

"Rafael Diaz, Senor." "Bueno, Rafael," said Curt. "Tell me one about this. See that Senor McInnis gets this as soon as possible. Phone him to come here. Put it in his hands yourself. Understand?"

As Curt made off at a trot across the clearing, to disappear under the banana plants, the timekeeper, note in one hand, money in the other, shrugged his shoulders, muttering, "Locos — todos locos, Americanos. Siempre tienen prisa..." (These crazy Americans, always in a hurry.)

On his way back to the river Curt thought of his sweat-soaked shirt. He ripped it off as he trotted and let the breeze he created nearly dry it by the time he reached the hill, when he put it on again. It would still show wet but that could be accounted for by his exertions along the river.

He saw a brilliant orchid in bloom, an epiphyte fastened to a slender dead tree limb within reach. It was one of the "butterfly" orchids Lee wanted, and had two three-foot candelabra branches covered with dozens of small bright yellow blooms, like butterflies alighted.

Here was his excuse for lost time! Curt put on the rest of his act with deliberation. He studied the opposite shore, the rising hills behind, put away his field glasses, took his pictures, then fought his way through the undergrowth down the hill to meet the launch.

"It was some time you were gone from view," said Emilio, when at last picked up. The man was jittery. "I worried. You had difficulty?"

"Some," admitted Curt. "But this is what lost me many minutes. My wife wants an orchid collection. She had one when we lived here before."

Curt exhibited the plant with such real pride that it appeared to satisfy Emilio, and the man fell into narrow-eyed sullenness.

"Well, I'm through here," said Curt, tapping the camera. "Let's go." They picked up the flags Emilio had planted—in his pictures they would mark 100-foot intervals, though this was no more essential to Curt than the pictures. But the ruse had worked. During this process Curt also hunted a couple more orchids to bolster his excuse for the delay across the river.

Then they proceeded to eat lunch in the boat, in the lengthening afternoon shade of a stand of mangroves. Roots of these trees, sprouting from branches in midair, had taken hold in the river bottom, making a natural awning against the sun.

Perched on a branch not far from the launch, a noisy kiskadee jawed incessantly. Esteban, the Carib, called it a "heet-gee-gee." At first it was merely annoying, but before the meal was finished the bird had become a definite nuisance.

Curt pulled his pistol, took aim, fired. His brows shot up in astonishment!

There had been no kick when he squeezed the trigger, and the bullet, expelled without force, made a curious arc and plopped harmlessly into the water.

He tried another shot, but with the same result. Then he removed the clip and examined the remaining bullets. They seemed to be all right. The brass shell case from the first shot had ejected over the side, but the second had fallen into the boat.

Curt picked it up and examined it. Undoubtedly, it was from the same lot as the rest of the clip. Suddenly he noted that Emilio's sullenness had disappeared, that the native was eyeing the proceedings with a dead-pan countenance and completely indifferent eyes.

The bird meanwhile had merely hopped a couple of steps at each shot and was still jabbering its raucous notes. Curt snapped home the clip, tried a third shot. Another dull thud. So he shrugged, reholstered the automatic, and said, "Huh. Bad lot of ammunition." Nothing more.

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