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Bob Watkins, singer

The Revival Meeting begins at the Methodist Church next Sunday morning. Two out-standing leaders will be in charge; Rev. Ivan O. Donalson, of New Braunfels, will be the preacher in charge and Mr. Bob Watkins, of Hedley Texas will have charge of the singing. But we plead with you to catch step with these leaders and help them in bringing a Christian revival that will make history in our community. Do not wait to get "warmed up" but throw yourself into the harness at the very beginning and let Jesus have His way with you.

W. Vasco Teer, pastor

Notice

Most of the stores in our city will celebrate Monday for July 4th holiday.

Showers have checkerboarded our county on several occasions the past week.

Local Items

Miss Norma Wojtek of Dallas is spending her vacation here with home folks.

Mrs. Bob Read and Maynard spent a week in Dallas and Fort Worth visiting her three sisters.

While out of office Mr. K. F. Shropshire dropped by and left some fine roasting ears, like as Coke County can produce them. Thanks.

Mrs. Ben Boykin received word her son Ben A. had landed in Australia.

Mrs. Bob Read received word that her brother Oliver Smith of San Angelo had landed somewhere in England.

Mrs. Anna Sparks left Wednesday for a months visit with relatives in New Mexico.

Wallace Clift from Texas University is here to spend a few days with home folks.

H. D. Fish Jr. and family of Brownwood visited over the week end with Mr and Mrs. H. D. Fish. Raymond returned with them.

Married

Mr. J. D. Biggs and Mrs. Lizzie Davis were married at the home of the bride last Sunday at 4 p.m. Rev. W. Vasco Teer performed the ceremony. Both parties are well known in Coke County and we wish them lots of happiness.



Ralph Logan

Honorable Coke R. Stevenson Governor of the State of Texas Austin, Texas

Dear Governor Stevenson:

I have enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve and have been ordered to active duty on June 29th, subject to the completion of 60 days indoctrination and training. I am, therefore, tendering my resignation as District Attorney of the 51st Judicial District to become effective September 1, 1943 and I respectfully ask that you accept and approve this resignation on that date.

Very truly yours,
Ralph Logan
District Attorney
51st Judicial District

Inez Gartman returned Monday after a months trip to 19 of the eastern states.

Mrs. A. E. Latham and Mrs. Lee R. Latham returned from the west coast where they had been visiting with Lee Roland.

Notice

Gospel Meeting beginning July 4 at Church of Christ. L. W. Hayhurst doing the preaching. Every one Invited.

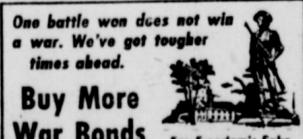
CORRECTION

It was Tech Sgt. Wilfred Gardner here visiting his parents instead of Winston as was stated in last weeks Observer.

Invitation To Young Men

Every 17-year-oldster from Robert Lee area is especially invited to the greatest air show ever to be seen in West Texas, Colonel Geo. M. Palmer, commanding officer of San Angelo Army Air Field announced today.

For special passes write Colonel George Palmer, giving name, age and address. If too late to write you may request a pass at the bombardier school gate Sunday morning July 4th at 8 a. m.



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CUMBIE & ROACH

JUNK NEEDED

GIVE HEED TO THE CALL

Locals

Donald Mauldin was rushed to the hospital Saturday and underwent an appendectomy. At last report doing nicely.

Pvt. J. F. McCabe of Childress spent the week end with home folks.

S. H. Chumley of Big Spring is here visiting his daughter Mrs. J. F. McCabe and Mr. McCabe.

Mrs. Roy E. Good and children of Ponca City, Okla. are here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McDonald.

Lieut. Glenn Lewis a former District Attorney was in our city Monday shaking hands with old time friends. He is in the Navy located at New Orleans.

John Ellis the only colored citizen we have was 91 years old last Tuesday June 22. He was born near Cleburne, Texas, 1852 as a slave.

Mrs. Steve Moore, San Angelo, Mrs. Cora Ligon and granddaughter, Rankin, Texas, Mrs. Amanda Martin Chico, Calif., visited in the Boyd Yarbrough home last Friday. This is Mrs. Martin, who is a sister of Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Ligon and Robert Hester, first visited here in 17 years.

Coke County Boys Attend Sonora 4-H Club Wool Show

Coke County was again well represented at the Sonora 4-H Club Wool Show, June 22-23 by Le Drew Arrott and Weldon Schooler. These boys piled up a total of 14 places including three first, five second, two third, two fourth, one fifth and one sixth places, in a field of competition which included seven counties and 38 contestants! These boys brought home a sizeable amount of defense stamps that were awarded as prize money in the show.

Several more 4-H Club boys should prepare to enter this fine show next year with their range educational and recreational trip for these attending. The guests of the show were fed chuck-wagon style, all bills paid, and entertained with games, picture shows and livestock demonstrations.

The life of a newspaper depends on its advertisers. The merchant advertises because he wants the consumer to know he has the merchandise. The consumer finds in reading the ads many things he needs. Remember if you appreciate your home town paper tell the advertiser you saw his ad in our paper.

Lt. Parson of Goodfellow Field was here Monday to set up machinery for collecting scrap metal in this county, the drive has been set to begin July 10, there will be 10 trucks or more and 40 men furnished from Goodfellow Field to help load the scrap. You are requested to pile your scrap on the roadside and notify Mr. Hicks the County Agent.

Baptist Notes

The church has decided to collect in the treasury as much as they can and pay off as many of the notes against the church as possible. If every one will chip in, little, big, young and old, this can be done and hurt no one.

The W. M. S. met with Mrs. Paul Good Monday afternoon and the missionary program was carried out. Subject "The Victorious Witness of Christian Youth", with Mrs. Young as leader. Third chapter of 1st Samuel was read.

Mmes. Victor Wojtek, Paul Good and B. M. Gramling made talks on "Training of the Youth in Today's World". Miss Katie Sue Good furnished the music and talked on the religious life of the students in the colleges at Denton which was enjoyed by all present. Mrs. Cumbie presented the Ministerial Relief work carried on by the denomination and took donation for same. The hostess served ice cream and cookies.

Sheppard Field, Texas, George D. Millican P. F. C. son of Mr & Mrs. David M. Millican of Silver Texas has graduated from an intensive course in airplane mechanics and now is prepared to blast the axis as one of America's "commandos in coveralls"

Visit In Dallas

Mr. W. R. Thomason and Mrs. Belva McCutchen and children Eva Belle, David and Glynce spent a few days in Dallas with Glenn Thomason and family. He is employed in the North American Airplane Shops of Dallas Texas. On return brought Mrs. Thomason who has spent some six weeks visiting Glenn, Lucile and Dwaine. Glenn and family returned with them for his vacation while here he caught a 35 lb. fish, furnishing a fish fry for 21 of their friends. Glenn returned to his post of duty while Lucile and baby remained with relative and friends for a few days.

Beginning Saturday July 10 our Store will close at 10 o'clock on Sat nights
CUMBIE & ROACH

Mrs. Sylvester Lovel and Jan spent the past week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Barger,

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VERONICA LAKE-FREDRIC MARCH IN

"I MARRIED A WITCH"

Also Don Winslow and Comedy

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Friday and Saturday July 2-3

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"AT THE FRONT IN NORTH AFRICA"

Also News

Tuesday only Money Nite July 6

VERONICA LAKE-FREDRIC MARCH IN

"I MARRIED A WITCH"

Also Don Winslow

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WNU Features.

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Wanted—White or colored couple for private home in Dallas, Tex. Woman must be good cook and both well trained house servants. Excellent living quarters and good salary. Box L-12, Western Newspaper Union, Dallas, Texas.

WANTED—Man to work on large dairy; prefer man with small family and experience; excellent living quarters and new, modern dairy. **W. N. MOORE**, Box 207, ALVIN, TEXAS.

Wanted—Experienced man for retail furniture store in good town. Must be capable of managing furniture and floor covering department. Give store experi., draft status. **Cage Hardware & Furniture Co.**, Taft, Tex.

Wanted—Experienced parts man familiar with International Harvester line. Permanent employment for man not subject to selective service or in deferred classification. **Cage Implement Company**, Taft, Tex.

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WANTED TO BUY

Wanted—Second-hand Garnet mattress machine and 24 in. picker. Advise condition & price. **Cage Hardware Company**, Taft, Tex.

Learn From Gestures

Deaf-mutes are now employed as instructors in an airplane factory in California because new workers have been found to learn their job more quickly from gestures than from spoken words.



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HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers



Use a Water-Bath for Canning Tomatoes, Fruits (See Recipe Below)

Try Canning!

Many homemakers who have never done so before will be hard at work doing some old-fashioned "putting up" this summer. Not only will it be economical to put up your own Victory garden's surplus, but also it will be a vital step in stretching those precious points next winter.

Canning's simpler today and much of the spoilage that occurred formerly can be prevented if the homemaker checks the causes of spoilage. There's a reason for every type of spoilage, and what's more important, every one of them can be prevented if she's careful.

First, it's not smart to use leftover produce that you wouldn't eat at the table. Select only prime fruit and vegetables in perfect condition. Best quality goes into commercial canning, and so it should for home canning. Get out into the garden early in the morning to get vegetables and fruits and can immediately, or if you market, tie a bandana on your hair and get out early in the morning to get your produce while it's still fresh.

Cleanliness is another important factor. Remember that food spoils for other reasons than that the jar is not air-tight. More spoilage than you ever dreamed of can result from not washing the food properly and discarding bruised or imperfect vegetables and fruits. Be sure to peel the food, if it is to be peeled, so that no dirt and the bacteria that lurk in it get rubbed in the product as it is peeled.

Work as quickly as possible with the food once it's started on its way to the can. Flat sour, which occurs in vegetables, can often develop in vegetables, for example, if the jars in which the pre-cooked food is placed stand too long before processing. Too much delay in handling food from one step to the other



Lynn Says

Successful Canning: It is easy to do the right thing with foods to be put up in cans if you know the principles and follow directions. Follow the slogan, "two hours from garden to kettle." Use only fresh, firm, ripe rather than over-ripe produce. Wash all foods carefully before attempting any preparation.

Check jars, rubbers if used, and caps along with equipment before you start canning. Work at the range as much as possible to save time between steps. Have sterile jars on one side of range, fill them from kettle on stove (or from colander near stove, if using fruit which is not pre-cooked), and place immediately in water bath or pressure cooker or oven.

Jars should be washed in a pan of soapy suds and scalded, inverted on a clean towel until used.

Your Canning Shelf

- *Tomatoes
- *Peas
- *Beets
- Green Beans
- Corn
- Spinach
- *Recipe given

may cause a great loss of vitamins and mineral.

Processing Foods.

Fruits and vegetables need processing which means the application of heat to the product for a certain definite period of time. You just can't put fruit into jars, seal and store and expect them to stay in perfect condition.

Water-Bath Method.

In some cases, when pressure cookers are not obtainable, a water-bath may be used for vegetables and meats. However, the water-bath is more preferable for tomatoes (which are acid, and technically a fruit) and fruits.



To make a water bath, use a large wash boiler or deep vessel fitted with a rack made of laths, perforated material or galvanized wire. Have a tight fitting cover.

Place prepared jars on the rack which must hold them at least 1/2 inch above bottom of the canner. The water bath should be filled with boiling water which comes at least an inch or two above the tops of the jars. Jars on the rack should not touch each other. Start counting processing time as soon as water around jars begins to bubble, and keep it boiling during entire processing period. If necessary, add boiling water, if it boils away, for the water must always be boiling at least an inch above the tops of the jars.

Here are some recipes for common fruits and vegetables:

***Tomatoes.**

Scald tomatoes in boiling water 1 minute. Soak in cold water 1 minute, peel, core, quarter and pack into clean, sterile jars. Add no water. Add a teaspoon of salt to each quart of tomatoes. Put on band and screw band firmly tight. Process in hot water bath for 35 minutes.

***Peas.**

Shell, grade peas, using only prime quality. Pre-cook 3 to 7 minutes depending on size. Pack loosely, adding hot water to within 1 inch of top. Adjust cap and process in pressure cooker, 60 minutes at 10 pounds, or 180 minutes in hot water bath.

***Beets.**

Use small, uniform beets. Wash carefully. Leave the roots and stems long. Boil 15 minutes. Plunge into cold water, remove the skins and pack into clean jars. Add 2 teaspoons of salt and sugar mixture to each quart jar if desired. Fill to within 1/2 inch of top, with boiling water. Put on cap, screwing band firmly tight. Process in hot-water bath 120 minutes or in pressure cooker 40 minutes at 10 pounds.

Are you having difficulties planning meals with meats? Stretching your meats? Lynn Chambers can give you help if you write her, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your reply, in care of her at Western Newspaper Union, 210 South Desplains Street, Chicago, Illinois. Released by Western Newspaper Union.

Smile Awhile

Better Use for Breath
Casey—When ye're licked in a foight ye ought to say ye've had enough.
Dolan—Sure if Oi can speak at all Oi'm not licked yet.

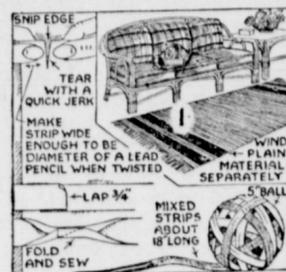
Break Away
Wife—I wonder if I'll ever live to be a hundred?
Hubby—Not if you remain forty much longer, dear.

Life is just an eternal struggle to keep one's earning capacity up to one's yearning capacity.

So Be It
"Washington is sending me to London on a great mission—a secret mission."
"What is it?"
"I don't know. It's so secret they didn't tell me."

Double Benefit
"I'm very careful; I always send my children out of the house before I quarrel with my husband."
"The little dears, they look so healthy from spending so much time in the open air."

Use Woven Rags for Rugs and Cushions



MANY an American of pioneer background can remember when all the floors in the house except the parlor were covered with woven rag rugs and carpets. Today the local weaver with a rug loom is flourishing in many communities.

The modern weaver has an assortment of colors in warp and filler that may be used with the rags that you have prepared in the manner shown here. About one and three quarter pounds of sewn rags will be required for a square yard of carpet. Rugs may be either cotton or wool but do not use both in the same rug. The rags should be soft and clean and hems or uneven finishes should be removed. Dye white rags the colors you wish to predominate.

NOTE—It is possible to make a great variety of floor coverings from odds and ends of things on hand. Books 9 and 10 of the series offered with these articles contain fascinating new designs for hooked and braided rugs. In Book 7 there is a rug made from old felt hats and school pennants. Books are 15 cents each. Order booklets direct from:

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The favorite cigarette with men in the Army, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard is Camel. (Based on actual sales records in Post Exchanges and Canteens.)

Camel

ASK ME ANOTHER?

A quiz with answers offering information on various subjects

1. What people were once called "Celestials"?
2. What is the "williwaw"?
3. What is the bloodiest year in the history of the world?
4. How many veterans of the last war are engaged in the present war?
5. Where is the home of the Kafirs?
6. What planet's period of rotation on its axis is about the same as the earth's?
7. From what song comes the words "And where is that band

who so vauntingly swore 'mid the havoc of war and the battle's confusion'?

The Answers

1. Chinese.
2. The fierce unpredictable wind of Alaska which has upset minutely plotted attacks.
3. The year 1942. Authorities say 2,000,000 men of all nations were killed in the war during the year.
4. Approximately 250,000.
5. South Africa.
6. Mars (24 hours 37 1/2 minutes).
7. "The Star Spangled Banner."

'Twas Too Late Then for Stammerer to Take Time

As the train sped on its way, the shy-looking, little man leaned forward and tapped the big man opposite on the knee. "Your b-b-b—" he began, and it was obvious he was making a big effort to control his stammer. The other man smiled gently. "Now, take it slowly," he said. "Yes, b-b-but your b-b-b—" the little man gulped. "No hurry, old chap," said the big man, winking at the others in the coach; "just take a deep breath and—"

Crash! His words ended in a yelp of pain as his bag up in the rack overbalanced and struck him squarely on the head.

AROUND THE HOUSE

One-fourth teaspoon lemon juice added to each cup of heavy cream will hasten whipping.

The setting of a jelly can be hastened by placing the mold in a pan of cold water.

Frozen meats should not be thawed before cooking. Soaking them to hasten defrosting impairs the flavor.

Mayonnaise used on sandwiches should be thick enough to prevent its running out at the sides.

A piece of wax tied in a rag, and rubbed over the hot iron before ironing, will help it to run along smoothly, and prevent its sticking.

A cloth dipped in linseed oil and wiped over a polished surface will improve the appearance.

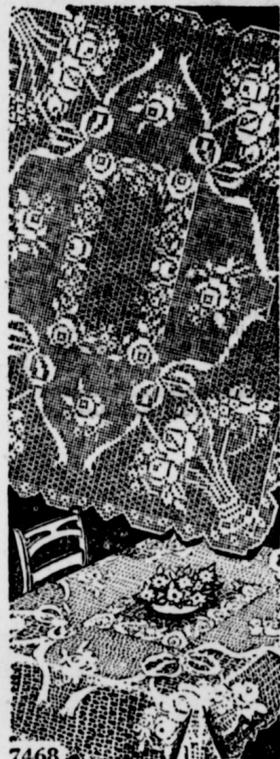
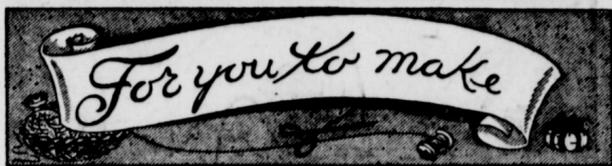
Rub bacon fat over the skins of potatoes before they are put into the oven to bake. Then the skins will not crumble or break, and will have a delicious flavor. Eat the skins with the potatoes.

Women Dress to Please Selves, Incidentally Men

Do women dress to please the men? An old question that never loses its popularity. Obviously women take pleasure in dressing themselves with taste and discrimination, and they like to shine at the art in competition with other women. And they also like men—particularly those in whom they are interested—to be pleased.

Biologically, we must go back for an answer to prehistoric times when the human race was just emerging from the animal stage. In nature it is the usual rule for the male to be more resplendent than the female. No doubt when men and women began to acquire the power of thinking things out, women first adorned themselves in imitation of the male.

Note that, in what we call Western civilization, amongst people who could afford the expense men were usually more splendidly dressed than women until the days of the French revolution.



cles in two strands of string—or smaller pieces in finer cotton.

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And There Ain't

Mrs. X, who had two sons in the marines and a daughter in the WAAC, was visiting a farm when she came upon a youth of draft age milking a cow.

"Young man," she asked sternly, "why aren't you at the front?" "Cos there ain't any milk at that end, missus," was the calm reply.

Cost and Worth

"How much are potatoes worth now?"

"They're worth no more than they ever were, but they're costing about six times as much."

You can understand why the average man doesn't welcome a visit from his mother-in-law. It's another mouth to feed.

Trim Job

A young miss was arrested for a traffic violation. Upon posting bail, she was told to fill out a card giving make, type and model of her car. After she left an officer picked up the card and his eyes popped wide as he read:

MAKE—Female
TYPE—Blonde
YEAR—21.

Admirals may be admirable, but that isn't where the word comes from. It comes from an old Arabic word "amir-al" meaning "commander of." That's what the Admiral is, the top-ranking officer in the Navy. Top-ranking cigarette with our Navy men is Camel—the favorite, too with men in the Army, Marines, and Coast Guard, according to actual sales records from their service stores. Camels are a top-ranking gift, too. And though there are Post Office restrictions on packages to overseas Army men, you can still send Camels to soldiers in the U. S., and to men in the Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard wherever they are. —Adv.

Numerous Floating Isles; One Traveled 1,000 Miles

Two Brazilian airmen forced down off the coast recently took refuge on a floating island from which they were rescued. Floating islands are frequent in the estuaries of big South American rivers such as the La Plata, Amazon and Orinoco. They were originally parts of low-lying jungle torn away by floods and held together by roots. Sometimes they carry animals and insects as well as vegetation.

Some years ago a floating island two acres in extent was seen drifting in the Gulf Stream off Key West, the southernmost point of Florida. It was thickly covered with bushes, and at one point rose to 30 feet above sea level. That was in May. By the end of August it had passed Cape Cod and was veering towards the Grand Banks of Newfoundland.

One month later it was in mid-ocean, northwest of the Azores, but now it was considerably smaller than it had been earlier in the year, and after the end of September was not seen again.



White Markets

Japan, too, it seems, is bothered with black markets, but there they are called white markets.

SNAPPY FACTS ABOUT RUBBER



A chain of rest stations is rising across northern Brazil along the route of workers trekking into the Amazon Basin gateway of Belem to increase collection of wild rubber. They provide medical aid and other human comforts to the 50,000 additional workers being recruited for the Amazon rubber forces.

The rubber normally used in one month's manufacture of baby pants can make 2800 rubber lifeboats for ocean-going planes.

A check of 7,200 farm-owned trucks showed that only 25 per cent of the tires on them were good; 54 per cent were fair; and 21 per cent were in poor condition.

Jersey Shaw

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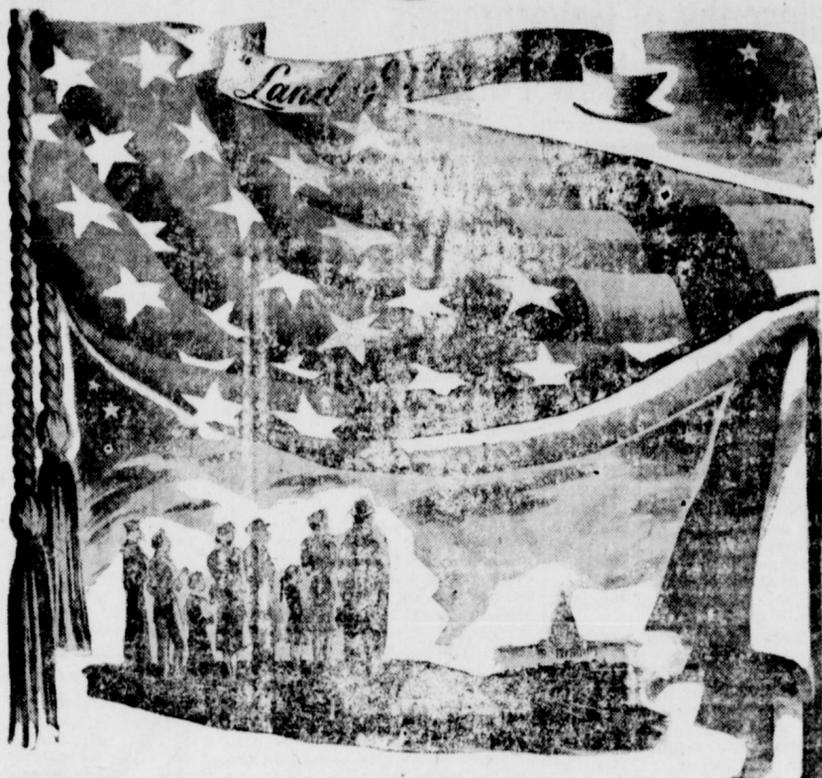
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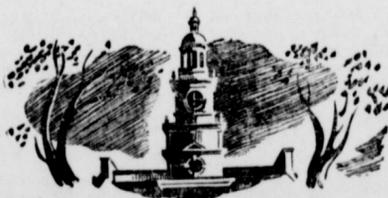
the street corner—or meet on the steps of the City Hall? It will profit you that no bludgeon can drive you into secret meetings.

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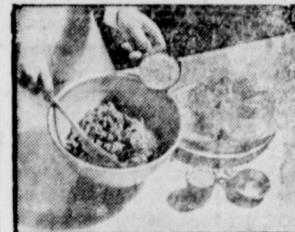


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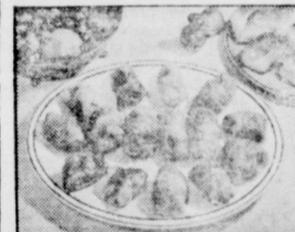
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MEAT-FILLED CABBAGE LEAVES
 The Ingredients
 Combine 1/2 pound ground beef, 1/2 pound ground pork, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper, 1/2 cup grated raw onion and 1/2 cup raw rice. Remove core from cabbage and steam until leaves begin to wilt.



Making the Rolls
 Shape meat and rice mixture into loose rolls and wrap each meat roll in a cabbage leaf. Fasten with a wooden pick. Place in baking dish.



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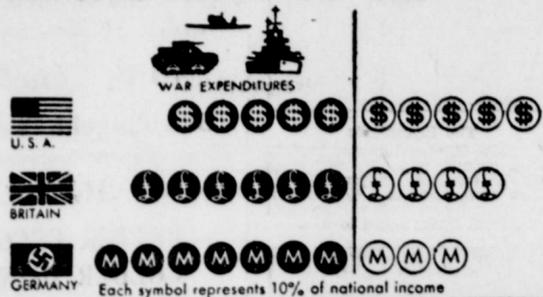
WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Allies' Italo-Balkan Moves Factor In Baffling Axis on Invasion Plans; U. S. Moves to Solve Corn Shortage; Russ War Stepped Up on Orel Sector

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TELEFACT

NATIONAL INCOME AND WAR



MEDITERRANEAN: Balkan Powder Keg

The summary closing and opening of the Turko-Syrian frontier within a 48-hour span by the Allied command had presaged new and important military moves, as the Mediterranean area from Italy to the Balkans had tensed for oncoming action.

Increasing evidence that the Axis' much-vaunted Balkans bastion might be a powder keg instead came in the form of reports from Ankara that Rumania had sounded out the Allies on armistice terms. From Ankara, too, came steadily mounting proof of Turkey's closer friendship with the United Nations. The appointment of Brig. Gen. Richard G. Tindell as American military attache in Ankara and the dispatch of a contingent of Turkish fliers to America for special training were significant steps in this direction.

Reports from Axis sources had reflected increasing official bafflement over the Allies' next moves. After telling its listeners of "many landing craft concentrating from African coasts toward Pantelleria and the massing of a million troops for an Italian invasion," the Rome radio had broadcast a report that "large British forces were concentrating along the southern frontier of Turkey."

Observers for months had known that large numbers of Allied troops had been training in Syria. Lying in the eastern corner of the Mediterranean, Syria offered an effective base for operations against Crete, the Italian-held Dodecanese islands, Greece proper or other Axis points in the Balkans.

BUREAUCRATS: Congress Compliments

The much-criticized home front government bureaus were given a friendly pat on the back and a virtual clean bill of health when the house appropriations committee approved appropriations of \$2,939,441,504 for 18 civilian war agencies, including the Office of Price Administration and the Office of War Information.

In making public its highly complimentary report on the work of these agencies, the committee admitted that mistakes had been made and will be made, but denounced those who criticize "without knowledge of the tremendous burdens thrown on agency heads and of the great strides made in putting the United States on a war footing."

"The type of criticism that serves only to create public distrust in the agencies is not helpful to the war effort," the committee's report said.

OIL PACT: Navy Cancels Deal

The tempest over the navy department's contract with the Standard Oil Company of California for operation of the Elk Hills naval oil reserve subsided when Secretary Frank Knox announced cancellation of the agreement.

The decision to cancel followed a legal ruling by the department of justice that the proposed arrangement exceeded the authority granted by law, a navy announcement said. Norman H. Littell, assistant attorney general, testifying before the house public lands committee, said that a department report sent to the White House had concluded that the navy's agreement with the oil company was "illegal and invalid."

Colonel Knox declared that his own investigation of the agreement established that "no improprieties had been employed by either party to the negotiations."

CORN: '42 Loans Called

First steps in a program to solve the increasingly serious corn supply situation came when the government formally called loans on 47,000,000 bushels of 1942 crop corn effective July 15. The government had previously used deliveries of grain through liquidation of 1938-41 loans to restore the operations of two closed-down processing plants.

The corn loan move was described as "only an immediate palliative, not the final answer to the problem," and it was stated that efforts to find a solution would continue.

The government's action came as the War Food administration and Commodity Credit corporation received a request from the Corn Industries Research foundation for either complete lifting of federal price ceilings on grain or the imposition of ceilings on hogs. Meanwhile J. B. Hutson, director of the Commodity Credit corporation, said that 25 million bushels of privately owned corn in grain elevators would be seized for plants manufacturing by-products for war uses, unless "crops can be moved off farms."

RUSSIA: Orel to Forefront

A stepping-up of land activities was reported on the Russian front, with especially heavy fighting reported in the Orel sector. Here, Russian troops defending a strategic newly won bridgehead were reported to have beaten off eight German counter-attacks.

It was reported that strong formations of Soviet planes had broken up German formations supporting Nazi tank and infantry units. The Germans, however, were reported bringing up reinforcements in an effort to forestall the possibility of Russian flanking movements against Orel, strategic Nazi-held base midway between Moscow and Kharkov. Heaviest fighting was reported in the vicinity of Mtsensk, 30 miles northeast of Orel.

Russian air forces continued their efforts to disrupt Nazi supply concentrations by striking at four railroad junctions over which German supplies and reinforcements must move for the Bryansk-Orel-Smolensk area. The junctions were Roslavl, Unecha, Vladislavovka and Novozybkov.

PACIFIC: 13-to-1 Record

With all indications pointing toward major sea and land engagements looming in the Pacific, air activities still held the center of the war stage in this theater.

Most dramatic of all engagements was that fought out over the Solomons when American planes shot down 77 Jap aircraft over Guadalcanal while losing only six of their own. This 13-to-1 score turned in by American combat fliers in the Solomons who have heretofore included army, navy and marine pilots was regarded as the best ever recorded in a single air action anywhere.

But Allied planes were not idle elsewhere. Liberator bombers made their second heaviest raid of the war on Jap-held Kendari, on Celebes island, 850 miles northwest of Darwin, Australia, damaging airdromes and destroying planes parked on the ground.

In China, a military spokesman for Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek charged that the Japanese again were employing poison gas in their operations in Suiyan province. Meanwhile Chiang's forces claimed new successes, including the recapture of strategic towns south of the Yangtze river.

Washington Digest

Philosophy of Governments Set Forth in New Fantasy

Antoine de Saint-Exupery's Delightful Fairy Story, "The Little Prince," Holds More Than Artistry for Adult and Child Alike.



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On a June day, when a gentle breeze brought the scent of new-mown grass in through the White House windows, President Roosevelt sat at his desk and read slowly to a group of correspondents from a typewritten sheet. It wasn't a formal document but it was an historic one—its purpose was to remind the Italian people that the military campaign against them which had just scored another Allied victory, Pantelleria, was the result of the misconduct of their rulers.

The message has been variously interpreted since, but to me, it contained one significant point—the reminder of the coming birth of a new nation; the new Italy which will emerge when the chains of arrogance and brute aggression which bind her are broken. There has been much talk about post-war policing of the re-made world; little thought of the philosophy which will underlie the forms which the reborn governments must follow. To me, such a philosophy is set forth in a work of pure fantasy. A hopeful note for nations and men is sounded in this delightful fairy tale by an author who found spiritual rebirth in the tragedy of the fall of his own nation.

I refer to Antoine de Saint-Exupery and his latest work, "The Little Prince."

Those who have read his "Night Flight," "Wind, Sand and Stars" and "Flight to Arras" are not surprised that he could create a fairy tale as delicate as this. Reviewers have disagreed as to whether it is for children or for adults. I believe it is for both, like "Alice in Wonderland." But the adult will find in "The Little Prince" something more than artistry and the children will sense that, too, I think.

Saint-Exupery is a brilliant aviator who built up night flying for the French airlines in South America. He fought against the Germans—"Flight to Arras" is the remarkable book which tells of that experience. He is now back with the French army in Africa, scene of the opening of "The Little Prince."

The Prince's Story

"Six years ago," the author says, "I made a forced landing in the Sahara alone, a thousand miles from help, and faced the necessity of repairing my motor by myself within the number of days my drinking water would last. The first morning, I was awakened by a determined but gentle voice which said: 'If you please, draw me a sheep.'"

So Exupery learned the story of how the Little Prince had found out what is really important in life.

The Little Prince is at once a delicate wisp of fancy, something so sheer that at moments he seems to float like a piece of thistledown before your imagination—again, he has all the reality of truth itself, he is eternal childhood, all that is gentle, and confiding and lovable, with the faint shadow of sorrow on his winsome face, he is the tug at your heartstrings that comes when youth looks at you in wide-eyed confidence, reaches up to take your hand—the same reminiscent tug when you look back and see the surprised and longing sorrow in the eyes of your own lost youth.

The Little Prince lived far away, it seems, on a tiny planet with three volcanoes so small that he cooked his breakfast on one of them. A flower came to his planet and the Little Prince loved her and cared for her but he couldn't understand her and so he left to try to find out why. He finally reached the earth, and here the fox taught him.

The Little Prince had never seen a fox—"Come and play with me," he said, "I am so unhappy." "I cannot play with you," the fox said, "I am not tamed." The Little Prince did not understand. He told the fox that he was looking for friends and asked him what tame meant.

Philosophy of a Fox

"It is an act too often neglected," said the fox, "it means to establish ties . . . to me, you are still nothing but a little boy who is just like a hundred other little boys. And I have no need of you. To you, I am nothing more than a fox like a

hundred thousand other little foxes. But if you tame me, then we shall need each other. To me, you will be unique in the whole world. To you, I shall be unique in the whole world."

"I am beginning to understand," said the Little Prince, "there is a flower . . . I think she has tamed me."

"If you tame me," the fox went on, "it will be as if the sun came to shine on my life. I shall know the sound of a step that will be different from all others. Other steps send me hurrying back underneath the ground. Yours will call me like music out of my burrow. And then look: you see the grain fields down yonder. I do not eat bread. Wheat is of no use to me. The grain fields say nothing to me and that is sad. But you have hair that is the color of gold. Think how wonderful that will be when you have tamed me. The grain which is also golden will bring me back the thought of you. And I shall love to listen to the wind in the wheat . . ."

The fox gazed at the Little Prince for a long time. "Please—tame me," he said. "I want to very much," said the Little Prince, "but I haven't much time, I have friends to discover and a great many things to understand."

"One only understands the things one tames," said the fox, "men have no more time to understand anything. They buy things already made at the shops but there is no shop anywhere where one can buy friendship, and so men have no friends any more. If you want a friend, tame me . . ."

And so the Little Prince did, and another day when he came back, the fox said: "It would have been better if you had come back at the same hour. If, for example, you come at four o'clock in the afternoon, then at three o'clock I shall begin to be happy. I shall feel happier and happier as the hour advances. At four o'clock, I shall already be worrying and jumping about. I shall show you how happy I am. But if you come just anytime, I shall never know at what hour my heart is to be ready to greet you."

But finally, the Little Prince had to go.

"Ah," said the fox, "I shall cry."

Source of Comfort

"It is your own fault," said the Little Prince, "I never wished you any sort of harm; but you wanted me to tame you." "Yes, that is so," said the fox. "Then it has done you no good at all." "It has done me good," said the fox, "because of the color of the wheat fields."

And there, I think, perhaps some of you may find comfort—in the memories that come from the wheat fields, for the common and the beautiful things that remind you of someone from whom, perhaps this war has parted you.

That is only a flash I have given you of the story of "The Little Prince" which is not written for children only but for those who have the faith of little children and the understanding to see how tragedy can bring forth something which can light the long shadows which it leaves—out of the tragedy of his nation and the searchings of his own soul came this charming fantasy from the pen of the soldier-writer with the secret he learned from the Little Prince who learned it from the fox—

"It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye."

Diary of a Broadcaster

A postcard signed by a fictitious name, dated the day Pantelleria fell, contained this statement:

"Italy so far has got the best territory of the world: most of France; the richest prize of the war: Jugoslavia; the greatest strategical area in the world: Greece and her islands. Italy will dictate the peace, save the U.S.A. and get two-thirds of Africa, meanwhile Mussolini is Supreme everywhere. Italy got all and lost least, can fight 1,000 years."

Some 7,000,000 pounds of bombs were dropped on Pantelleria island from June 1 to June 11 when it capitulated.

Gems of Thought

IF YOU have built castles in the air your work need not be lost, that is where they should be; now put the foundation under them.

Friendship, peculiar boon of Heaven,
The noble mind's delight and pride,
To men and angels only given,
To all the lower world denied.
—SAMUEL JOHNSON.

If you have made mistakes
reparation lies not in regrets
but in thankfulness that you
now know better.—Anon.

That is a good book which is
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MURDER at PIRATE'S HEAD

By ISABEL WAITT

W-N-U-RELEASE

THE STORY SO FAR: Judy Jason, who is telling the story, receives an anonymous letter enclosing \$800 and asking her to bid for an abandoned church to be auctioned the next day. After the auction the body of a man identified as Roddy Lane is found in a chest in the basement of the church, but disappears a few hours later. Victor Quade finds a golf club near the chest. A fish shed burns, apparently killing an old man named Brown who is supposed to have lived there, although no one has ever seen him. Uncle Wylie's pipe is found near the shed. Hugh Norcross has just told them he used Potter's turpentine to clean Bessie's coat.

Now continue with Judy's story.

CHAPTER VIII

"You cleaned it for her? With turpentine?"

"Uh-huh. Gave me a little. Don't you remember, Potter? You were working on that painting of the Quaker church and I asked if turpentine would do the trick and you said it would and gave me some on my handkerchief."

"That right, Mr. Potter?"

"Sorry, Norcross," the artist said. "I recall no such incident."

Bessie's face flamed. "I don't see what difference it makes if my coat has a spot on it or not except to me. If my brother tried to clean it off I'm sure that was very kind of him. Aren't all artists proverbially absent-minded? That's where your old turpentine went. It wasn't stolen at all. You used it up, Mr. Potter."

Albion didn't answer her but he looked shocked as he edged away to the other side of the group back of Mr. Quincy's chair.

"There's a question I'd like to ask," Victor said. "How many of you have golf clubs here?"

Hugh and Bessie admitted they'd brought theirs, and Aunt Nella reminded us that the minister had some by a significant nod. He had kept silent until the force of unspoken glances made him say:

"That shot I made on the lawn last night. Wasn't my club. Belonged to Mr. Norcross, I think. Didn't bring my own downstairs yet. Why, Quade?"

It would be a good time to search his golf bag, I thought; but Victor only shrugged again and said nonchalantly, "Oh, nothing. Just wondered whose mashie might be missing. Saw one back of Judy's hope chest in the church basement. It had blood on it."

Blood! You could hear the gasp that ran around our piazza and made everybody lean forward with a dazed expression.

They were all talking at once. Hugh Norcross started down the steps. "The minister—Mr. De Witt there—just said he was using my club on the lawn. Well, if he was, I can soon prove it. All my clubs are initialed. I'll get my mashie."

"But, Hugh, where are you going?" Bessie cried.

"The tent. Left my bag in the tent and forgot to take it in afterward. Don't you remember?"

If she did, Bessie looked pretty anxious.

"Did you see any initials alongside the—the blood?" Mr. Quincy banged the railing and made us all jump.

Victor shook his head. We were all watching Hugh Norcross emerge from his tent without any bag.

"Queer. They're not in the tent. Must be upstairs after all."

Uncle Wylie, who'd been fiddling with his beloved pipe, now sprang up suddenly. "What you looking for, Mr. Norcross. I carried in those clubs. You'll find 'em in your room behind the door."

"Are yours initialed, too, Miss Norcross?" Victor asked.

Bessie inclined her head. "Hugh and I always mark everything."

"Then if the one you saw down at the church isn't initialed, I suppose it's mine—that what you mean, Quade?" The minister fairly shouted it.

"Not necessarily. But if your mashie is missing—"

"Exactly. Well, it isn't. I appoint you a committee of one to go up to my room—the door is unlocked—and bring down my mashie."

"Get it yourself, if you'd feel better about it," Victor said.

The minister got up with great dignity and stalked up the stairs.

Hugh raced upstairs after the clergyman, and presently the two men came down together.

"There's my mashie," boomed the minister accusingly.

Hugh carried one club. When Bessie saw it she paled. Initialed neatly at one end were the letters E. N.

"Some one has used my club in more places than on the lawn, and if there's blood on it I hope to God there's fingerprints, too."

Mr. Quincy beat a tattoo. "We

can't all shout!" he shouted. "Let Mr. Quade continue."

Victor gestured from the foot of the steps. "My friends," he began in a voice so imitative of President Roosevelt's that even at that tense moment everybody recognized it and smiled. "let's have a quiet little fire-side talk. We all of us have things to explain. Take myself. You have only my word I'm who I claim I am. I had, perhaps, the best opportunity of anyone to commit this crime. Certainly I arrived at the crucial time. I can't find my publisher's letter or any other credentials to establish the fact I'm a well-known mystery writer—Vidor Quinn. And that title—'Murder on the Bluff'—could anything be more pat? Now, I ask you. The club may be mine. The rest of the committee didn't see it behind the sea chest. Perhaps I put it there. I don't happen to have had the pleasure of knowing this Roddy Lane, but that can come up later."

"We all of us come under the head of suspects. Take Mr. Quincy. That cane of his could kill a man, and does he know how to use it? And he can manage to get around quite a bit without that wheel chair. Can't you, Mr. Quincy?"

"Quite a bit." Why, Thaddeus Quincy was actually grinning like a gargoyle. "I try to do more and



Hugh and Bessie admitted they had brought theirs.

more each day. Soon I shall swim, and then—watch out! Go on, Quade. Great stuff."

Victor's mouth twitched, but he wasn't smiling. "All right, Mr. Potter. Paint doesn't cover an alibi. He went to town, yes. And he lost a bottle of turpentine. Maybe he didn't lose it—see? I hate to think what the police will do to all of you."

"Take Hugh Norcross. He admits he ran across the lawn—looking for Bessie, he says. He cleaned a spot off his sister's coat, he says. His mashie is missing."

"And you, sir," Victor indicated the clergyman. "You could explain plenty, I imagine, and will do so when the time comes—about that Lane fellow's mistaking you for an ex-convict named Smith."

We all held our breath. "You've no right to give him the third degree, Mr. Quade!" shouted Aunt Nella. "Wylie and I know all about him goin' to prison. It was a cruel shame. Why don't you speak, Reverend?"

So it was true, then. And Aunt Nella had known it all the time and never told me!

Such a saccharine smile as Jonas De Witt threw at her. "In due time, my good woman. In due time." Then to the others he said: "It is true. I—I have a prison record. It seared me, but I'm not ashamed of it."

Was he a saint or a sanctimonious old hypocrite, pulling the wool over my aunt's eyes?

"For the moment my past history is my own. I can assure you it has nothing to do with this story. Nothing whatever."

"Course it hasn't," scoffed Aunt Nella. "Even if the poor man did lose every penny when the Lane Bank blew up, and Roddy swiped—"

"You keep still," advised my uncle, for once in his life. "Mind your own business."

"True, ain't it? Tell 'em it's true, Reverend."

"Yes, it's true. When that crooked son of the Old Man's cleaned out the bank, I lost everything I'd saved from years of hard work. But others lost, too."

"Why, wasn't it insured?" Victor asked.

"Nobody knows exactly, but what insurance there was didn't cover Roddy's supposed embezzlement. People couldn't prove young Lane did steal the funds; he was never brought to trial because there wasn't anything to go by. But the money was gone. The bank failed. The Old Man shot himself."

"Roddy hid it in the Castle, if you ask me," added Aunt Nella. "Now, we're getting somewhere!" Victor said. "How many of you people lost money in that fiasco?"

Nobody spoke. Mr. Quincy was drawing imaginary circles on the porch with his nervous cane. "You can't expect us to answer a question like that, Mr. Quade. Practically admit a motive for killing Roddy Lane? You're crazy!"

"Not so crazy as you think. Why should an innocent person hesitate? A matter of record, isn't it?"

Uncle Wylie removed his pipe. "If 'twas, this might not have happened. Only record is personal bankbooks. Nella and me—we've got our'n. But the ledgers of the Lane Bank vanished along with the funds. Nella's nuts to say they were hidden in the Lane Castle. Authorities scoured the place high and low, at the time. Couldn't find a thing. That was after the old man shot himself, which some thought, as didn't know him, was tantamount to a confession. Might a-been at that—for his son. But Roddy got off scot free. No proof against him. Want to see our accounts? Joint they was."

"Later, Mr. Gerry. You weren't afraid to speak up."

"Why should he be?" Auntie snapped. "The savin's didn't make him half so mad as the fight over the boundary line."

There she went—making things worse for poor old Uncle. The police would have a sweet time twisting him around in their net. Not only the lost savings and the old boundary feud, but the damning evidence of his having been intoxicated, the finding of his pipe at the scene of the ruined fish shack he'd threatened over and over, quite publicly, to burn down some day. Was Victor Quade also adding up these things to make harmless Uncle Wylie Gerry into a killer?

But Victor struck everybody silent when he said: "Mr. Gerry, you're the only one here who knew this man Brown. Is that right?"

That was correct, Aunt Nella only having seen him a few times at a distance.

"Of course," Victor went on, "he may be quite all right. We've nothing to prove he didn't go to Rockville last evening and stay there, or try to return to the Head and find the bridge out. But an old man—to go off like that and leave a light burning. You're sure about the light, you two?" He looked from Mr. Quincy to me, and we both corroborated.

"That there ear trumpet—he never went nowhere without it."

"Suppose you describe the man. Was he tall?"

"Not so very. Warn't short, neither. Kinder medium, and stooped-like. Come to think of it, I usually saw him settin'—either on the bench in front of the shack or over on the rocks back of the church."

"Well, go on. Was he light or dark? Old or young?"

"Don't rush me. You know he was old—as old as the hills. So old I thought he hadn't oughter be livin' all alone by himself and asked him why he did. But he answered as always, sticking that ear-thing into my face and turning his sideways. 'Hey? I'm a leetle hard of hearin'.' Speak louder.' You'd think he'd stepped out of some Yankee play. 'The Old Homestead' or 'Way Down East.' Character, he was. Old-timer. On'y other thing I ever heard him say was 'Fishin'. Liked to fish off the rocks when he first come."

"And when was that?"

"Not so long ago. Just afore you tourists, warn't it, Nella?"

"How sh'd I know? Nobody saw him come. Just saw a light there one night, and you went over and there he sat on the bench, twiddling his thumbs and blinkin' at the sea," Aunt Nella replied.

"Blinking, did you say?"

"That's what Wylie said—behind his thick glasses. Wylie lit his pipe—" she broke off abruptly, as if the memory of the fishhouse and her husband's pipe were too painful to go on with. "Said he was poverty struck lookin'. Old and deaf and hunched up and quavery sort of. I said if he made a nuisance of himself before my guests I'd have him fired out of there, but he never did. Squatter, you said, Wylie."

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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for July 4

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A PEOPLE IN DISTRESS

LESSON TEXT—Exodus 1:6-14; 2:23-25. GOLDEN TEXT—They cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage.—Exodus 2:23.

Today is Independence Day. Yet much of the world is in bondage, and the rest of it in a struggle to prevent freedom from perishing from the earth.

Our lesson too is about a nation in bondage, but we learn from it that there is a way to be free. Even so we declare the way of personal liberty which is open and free.

The Lord Jesus Christ opened it at Calvary's tree and anyone who is still the bond slave of Satan may make this a great and glorious Independence Day by now declaring his faith in the Deliverer of our souls.

We begin today a series of lessons in the book of Exodus which reveal the high and mighty hand of God working on behalf of His people.

The family of Jacob—or, as the Bible calls them, the children of Israel—prospered in Egypt particularly as long as Joseph and the rulers who remembered him were alive. But they soon learned one of life's bitter lessons, that—

I. Prosperity Is Not Always a Blessing (1:6-11).

The Hebrews were a peaceful, law-abiding people. They were God's chosen people, and as He blessed them they prospered, and thus innocently they brought upon themselves the hatred of the suspicious Egyptians.

Prosperity is never an unmixed blessing. We as a nation know that to be true. Not only does it lead to a certain softening of the sinews, but all too often it results in a weakening of the moral fiber, which makes man easy prey to the attack of the enemy of our souls.

Is it not strange, then, that we should—even in times of all-out warfare—be so eager to chase the dollar that we are willing to neglect our children, forget church, live unnatural lives, just that we may make more and more money?

So Israel learned a lesson which our present sorry world can profit by, that—

II. Persecution Is Not Always a Burden (vv. 12-14).

The people of Israel did not appreciate it, but the bitterness of their bondage was a blessing in disguise.

1. It Kept Them Separate as a People. Affliction often serves to keep God's people separated from the world. It is doing so today.

2. It Disciplined Them and Prepared Them for the Hardships of Their Wilderness Journey. We too do well to remember that "whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth," and that if we are properly "exercised" thereby, our sorrows may yield rich fruit in our lives.

3. It Threw Them Back upon God. Many are the saints of God who have found that the fiery trial, the burden so hard to understand, or some affliction of their body, has caused them to bring their burden to the Lord. We have traveled far on the road of faith when we have reached the place where we learn that "man's extremity is God's opportunity."

They had only one place to turn. They were hemmed in on every side, but, as ever, they found that the way up no man can close. They called on their God.

III. Prayer Always Brings Deliverance (2:23-25).

Does God really know when His people suffer? Does He really care? Yes, He does. "They cried," and "God heard" and "remembered." That's all we need to know. The groaning of His people had already stirred God's gracious and tender heart. But He waited to hear their cry before He answered. Such is the law of prayer. May we not forget it. Far too often we turn to everyone and everything else, and finally, in desperation, to God. Why not turn to Him first?

Does God hear and answer prayer? Yes, but remember that real prayer is the cry of faith coming from the heart of an obedient child. God may answer other prayers, but He always answers such a prayer.

His answer may not be in accord with our opinion of what it should be, for His wisdom is infinite. He knows better than we what the answer should be. Let us trust the Judge of all the earth to do right (Gen. 18:25).

Uncle Phil Says:

The man who goes about wishing he had never been born is not the only one who regrets it.

Too many people spent yesterday what they were going to save tomorrow.

A woman's idea of a left-handed compliment is a wedding ring.

A man has no right to have opinions of the things of which he knows nothing.

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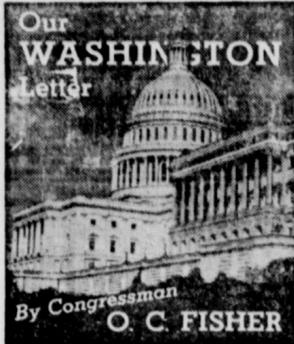
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The big news in Washing on last week-end was the passage of the Connally anti strik bill over the President's veto. I voted to override that veto. I did so because I am not ready to place the interests of John L. Lew s above those of this nation and the American people who want to get on with the war.

Like mos. of the other congressmen and the bulk of the American people, I had my fill of the civil anarchy fostered by Lewis and others of his calibre.

I have not witnessed a more tense and dramatic occasion since I came to Congress. As the news spread through the House that the Senate had just received and overridden the President's veto, Congressman Woodrum of Virginia, than whom there are few more eloquent and forceful, arose to say "The Chief Executive, for reasons undoubtedly sufficient in his own mind, has vetoed the Connally-Smith bill. The Senate has passed the bill over the presidential veto. The clerk of the Senate is at the portals of the House of Representatives with a message from the Senate. It is time now for action. Every man is entitled to his own individual opinion, and he must take his own responsibility. I want to send a message to the boys in the fox holes and the battle front that those of us here at home are going to do our part. We should pass this bill over the veto." The vote was 244 to 108.



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