



THIS AND THAT

By JOE SMITH DYER

Here's the story of those little peanut butter sandwiches that you eat when you haven't time for a real meal or when you are in a hurry to get somewhere.

Just before the first World War Phillip L. Lance and his brother-in-law founded in Charlotte, N. C. the firm now known as Lance, Incorporated. They started out in a little, dingy, second-story room and in this little room everything from peanut roasting to bookkeeping was done.

Their first customer was a Charlotte grocer and he will never be forgotten. After several years of business in this small location they moved to larger quarters and soon Lance, Incorporated, was doing the largest parcel-post business in the state.

Lance, Incorporated, is one of those rare concerns that expanded with the depression instead of hibernating. And now, when you eat a peanut butter sandwich perhaps you will enjoy it more, knowing what a struggle two men had to get them started.

America needs at least 185,000 planes and to some that number sounds fantastic, but those people should go back and review American History for the last 100 years and they will see that everything we have undertaken has been successful.

With our enormous productive power that swarm of planes is a very long way from being theoretical. We have our differences here and there, but we will all find out soon enough that labor intends to back this war effort a hundred and ten per cent.

The most interesting book that I have read was "Victory in the Dust" by Arthur Phillips. Most interesting letter I have received was from Java, from a boy I met when I was over there in 1935.

Best show I've seen was "Babes On Broadway" with Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney. Best war slogan I've seen—"America! Love it or leave it!"

Funny things I remember—Barbara Stanwyck, Virginia Bruce and Verne Teasdale buying imitation jewelry at Woolworth's in Hollywood.

The man in Naples, Italy, who told me most emphatically that he had traveled all over America and when I asked, "Just where?" he replied, "New York, of course."

The woman in Rotterdam who had a passport for her dog; The unmentionable thing they brought me when I asked for a mirror in a hospital in Japan;

The little donkey that was brought to a hotel door in Jerusalem when I told the clerk that I'd like a taxi ride.

In the news today we read and hear a lot about Burma. The famous "Burma Road" leads into China from Burma and it has long been a thorn in the side of the Japanese.

The Burmans expect to live many lives and they claim their spirits or souls pass from one body to another. Largely because they want to have a good time in the next life they make offerings at the pagodas, which take the place of our churches.

The four ships which constituted the Texas Navy during the Texas Revolution were named the Invincible, the Brutus, the Independence and the Liberty.

Dale Carnegie

Author of "How to Win Friends and Influence People."



A LITTLE HELP OFTEN GOES A LONG WAY

One Sunday morning a longshoreman decided he was not going hungry any longer. For three months he had been tramping the streets and the docks, looking for work.

His name was Oluf Mikkelsen, born in Denmark. He had come to this country in the steerage, and had been pounding the waterfront of New York looking for a job.

He hadn't found it, and he was desperate. The world was against him.

As he passed a restaurant, he looked in the window and saw food samples that teased his stomach. He wanted to go on, but he was held by the sight of the food and the pleasant whiffs filtering from within.

"Ham and eggs," he said, indistinctly, for he had an accent.

The order was brought, the longshoreman gulped it down, and said he wanted another just like it. The waiter looked at him suspiciously, but filled the order.

But there was something in his manner that struck the proprietor, who asked him questions: where he had slept the night before, how long he had been looking for a job;

and then the proprietor's hand reached out. But it wasn't for the telephone. Instead it went into the drawer of his desk and he pulled out a small card and handed it to the longshoreman.

"You look honest. I'm going to take a chance on you," said the proprietor.

The longshoreman mumbled a few incoherent words of thanks, and left. He was touched by this act of kindness.

The next morning he started out with a lighter step, and the next day succeeded in getting a job as shipping clerk on the waterfront. In a week he earned \$12.

Well, I was in that longshoreman's office the other day at 393 Fourth avenue, New York. He is now the world's largest outboard motor distributor.

He told me that the faith the restaurant proprietor had displayed in him became the turning point in his life. It renewed his own faith in himself, and he had started out determined to make a success of himself.

Why can't we all give a man a helping hand now and then? It may be the turning point in some one's life. A meal ticket may be the difference to some person between success and failure.

TODAY and TOMORROW - by DON ROBINSON

SOLDIER . . . worker

The chief difference today between a factory worker and a soldier is the uniform and the pay.

The soldier has the uniform and the worker can be identified by the wad of bills he carries around on Friday nights.

Of course there is a difference in organization, too. The army is run by men who are trying to get each soldier to do the best job possible for his country.

On the other hand, in too many cases is run by leaders who are primarily concerned with getting the country to do all it will for their men.

But, whether they realize it or not, the labor leaders are now turning over their power to a new boss—namely, the American public.

The labor leaders are definitely on the spot. The chief weapon they know is the strike.

And now every one of them realizes that a major strike in a defense industry would stir up such wrath among the people of this country that drastic labor laws would be enacted before they got their picket signs made.

Furthermore, they know that most of the union members are patriotic Americans and wouldn't stop making war equipment today no matter what persuasion they might use.

PUBLIC . . . boss

But it isn't just a matter of patriotic fervor which is going to put the public in charge of labor negotiations. It's the gradual realization by the people that they are the ones who are paying labor its wages today.

The more than 7,000,000 men who are working on defense productions are still handed their wages by the company which employs them, but most of those companies are doing nothing but government work

and are paid entirely out of the government's war chest.

Therefore, it is evident that all of the wages paid to these men are coming directly from the government treasury—which means from the tax-payers.

That being the case, it is questionable whether management of a company any longer has the right to increase wages without getting the consent of the people who are going to pay the bill.

This doesn't mean that labor is necessarily through getting improved conditions. The public has nothing against labor, even though there is a large element in this nation which is disgusted with labor leaders.

The public has proved to be a fair and generous boss and, if given the authority, will be just as quick to increase wages where they are now too low as it will be to fight demands for raises which seem unjustified.

PAYROLL . . . government

The fact that labor is now on the government payroll without realizing it was brought out recently when C. E. Wilson, president of General Motors, requested that newspaper men be permitted to sit in on all negotiations between his company and labor representatives on the grounds that such negotiations were public business.

"This proposal," said Mr. Wilson, "is made in view of the fact that the corporation is no longer producing automobiles, but is now engaged almost entirely in the production of airplanes, tanks, guns and ammunition required to win the war.

Our objective is the maximum amount of war production in the minimum length of time, while at the same time maintaining satisfactory working conditions in our plants and paying all employees wages that are fair to them and at the same time are fair to the public who must pay through taxes for the material being manufactured."

Another interesting angle suggested by Mr. Wilson's statement, is this: Hundreds of thousands of men belong to a union known as United Automobile Workers—yet there is no such thing as an automobile worker in this country today.

If the union revised its name to suit the times, it might be called the United Tank, Plane, Gun and Munition Workers. And instead of

labeling each division as "General Motors branch" or "Ford branch" it would be more accurate to combine all branches under the title, "U. S. Government branch."

BLAME . . . opinion

As labor's new boss, it is up to the people of the United States to acquaint themselves with the problems involved and agree on policies which are fair to all.

We must understand first of all that we shouldn't be all for or against labor, but must try to analyze each situation and make decisions on the merits of the case.

There have been plenty of cases in labor disputes where management is to blame and plenty of cases where labor leaders have made excessive demands.

We mustn't condemn labor too much for seeking higher wages from companies which are known to be making record profits.

And we mustn't blame management for clamping down on labor when the demands become excessive and interfere with war production.

But we should blame ourselves if we permit these battles between labor and management to continue without doing anything about it.

Signs of growth: When small, Johnny loved soldiers, and Mary was crazy about painted dolls.

Now that they are grown, Mary loves soldiers and Johnny is crazy about painted dolls.

You can always trade the present for a brighter future, if you are willing to pay the difference.

LIBERTY LIMERICKS. A storekeeper named Mr. Shedd, Said—"Bombers and ships will be sped, If we can arrange, When people get change, To sell them Defense Stamps instead!"

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### BOYS SOD FOOTBALL FIELD

The High School boys were kept busy last week cleaning Bermuda grass on the football field. They started in earnest last Thursday, and they even had the girls helping them Friday.

The project is under the direction of Mr. Sargent, who is Instructor of Vocational Agriculture. By September, the grass is expected to be thick and in good condition for the football games.

### SOPHOMORE NEWS

The Seniors and Juniors have edited "The Mirror," and now it is our time. We have tried to make it interesting, and we hope everyone enjoys it.

Members of the Sophomore English class are working now on radio programs for assembly. We have chosen two to work on—"Mr. Webster's Store," a program to increase your vocabulary, and "The Raven's First Flight," a story of how Edgar Allan Poe got his start in the literary world.

There are only three from the Sophomore class in the band. Elva Jo Rainwater and Mary Ona Whitson, of course, are old-timers but June Rickard is our new member. She plays a clarinet. We are proud of them, as they represent the whole class.

Billy Jean Williamson, a former member of this class, was visiting school last Monday. Her last address was in Florida, but she's visiting in Hico for a while.

### FACTS AND FEATURES

All the boys have been helping sod the football field. Everyone enjoyed it.

Mary Jane and Virginia going to Dallas over the week end to get married, so they say.

What's this we hear about a certain N. A. A. boy being here last week end? How about it, Margie Lee S.?

Heard the latest about Betty C. being interested in a certain soldier from Fort Sam Houston? It couldn't be Tom Spaulding, could it?

Wonder why Bernice gets shaky when she sees a yellow car?

It looks like Hazel Higginbotham is the new Junior glamor girl because of her new hair-do.

It seems as if the Junior boys are falling for some Fairy girls. They are kinda cute, aren't they, Maynard?

Wonder how long the bat in the Sophomore room will live?

Louise N. is afraid to take the mumps. Could it be she's afraid a certain boy might come?

Wonder why Norma Jean H. is so interested in Dallas? Could it be Travis Nix?

It looks like June Rickard is an orphan now that her mother and daddy have gone to Killen.

Wonder why Wilma and Jo Evelyn laugh every time they look at each other in choral club?

Wonder what a certain girl means when she takes a deep

breath. Couldn't be that she is disgusted, could it?

### TEACHERS TAKE EXTRA CLASSES

Several teachers in Hico High School have taken extra classes since Mr. Schwarz left.

Miss Rape has taken the American History class, and Mr. Levinsky is teaching World History. Mr. Sargent is the new teacher of Commercial Geography. These are the classes Mr. Schwarz had. They will be taught by these teachers for the remaining five weeks of school.

New teachers will be elected later to teach these classes next year.

### FRESHMAN PICNIC

Last Friday night at exactly 7:45 the blue bus came to a stop about a mile in the country and out piled 29 picnickers. Place: Mrs. Segrest's residence. Idea: Wiener roast. Participants: The Freshmen.

After exploring the house, yard, etc. we played games until Mr. Sargent got hungry and suggested we build a fire.

Our refreshments consisted of wieners and all the accessories: Mustard, pickles, marshmallows, and cookies. Before leaving we sat around and watched the fire burn down, then we climbed into the bus and sang songs all the way home. Two freshmen were in Dallas and several more could not go, but those who went enjoyed it immensely and wish to thank Mrs. Segrest and Mr. Sargent for such an enjoyable time.

Note to all readers of the Freshman News, especially Sophs, Juniors and Seniors: The Freshmen are going to edit The Mirror next week, so if you would like to read a really good edition, don't fail to see The Mirror next Friday.

### FUTURE HOMEMAKERS STATE RALLY AT DALLAS

The Future Homemakers' State Rally was held in Dallas April 17 and 18, Friday and Saturday, at the Baker and Adolphus Hotels.

Five from Hico attended: Mrs. Greenway, Mrs. Pinson, Mary Emma Lewis, who was elected by the chapter with all expenses paid; Mary Jane Barrow and Virginia Coston, who were business visitors, were present for the sectional meeting Friday and the general meeting Friday afternoon.

The rally was quite different this year from previous years, since it was a war rally. No contests or banquets were held. The following program was carried out:

- Friday morning: Sectional meeting on the following subjects: 1. Be a Good Neighbor, 2. Care of Children in the Emergency, 3. What We Can Do to Help Strengthen the Nutrition Front, 4. Working Cooperatively on Student Problems Through Youth Councils, 5. What We Can Do for Uncle Sam.
- Friday afternoon: Group singing; Color presentation by Boy Scout troops; Greetings from superintendent of Dallas schools; President's message; "Youth's Part of Victory," Blanche Patrick, Weatherford, and Don Keeble, Corpus Christi; Panel, "Youth in War."
- Friday evening: Fun night and lobby singing.

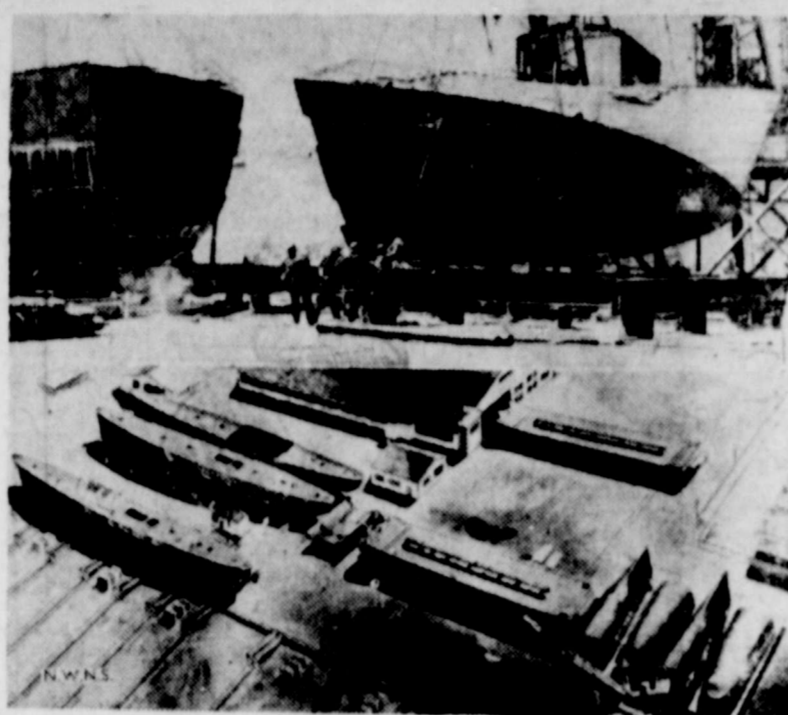
The House of Delegates met Saturday morning for the purpose of making plans and electing officers for the coming year.

Saturday afternoon was the time set for the second general session. At this time the resolutions concerning the sectional meetings of Friday morning were presented and adopted.

Miss Hays, State Director, addressed the group on "Building Self Defense for National Defense."

After installation of officers the Homemakers sang, "Sing Your Way Home" and they all turned homeward.—Reporter, Mary Nell Jones.

### Building Navy Boats Bottoms Up



Above you see one phase in the assembly of U. S. submarine chasers built by the Dravo corporation of Pittsburgh, Pa. The 113-foot craft are built upside down, sections being welded in that position. The hull sections are then braced and turned right side up. The bow section above is being turned over, preparatory to being joined to the stern section at left. Below: A wash drawing showing sub-chaser assembly line just to the left of the indoor barge assembly shop at the Dravo yards.

### Salem

By Mrs. W. C. Rogers

Our school will close for this term Friday, May 1, 1942. There is to be a play entitled, "Under the Western Skies" on Thursday night. On Friday there will be a program starting at 10:30 o'clock, after which there will be a basket lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. French and Marshall Rogers of Fort Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Albright and children of Seiden visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rogers during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymon Koonsman and children have moved onto Mrs. C. A. Vincent's farm.

Mrs. W. D. Nelms has been very sick the past week, but is slowly improving now.

We have had quite a lot of nice rain the past two weeks. The ground is really getting wet.

Mrs. Dovie Noland is here in the home of her son, Mr. Ira Noland, and Mrs. Noland and children to spend a couple of weeks.

Joann and Jack Lee, Bishop of Cedar Point are visiting their aunt, Miss Winnie Moore, this week, and also visiting the Salem school.

### IT'S PURE-EE-NA

Forty odd years ago, a young man with a bent towards scientific livestock feeding, then a rather new-fangled idea, became interested in the commercially mixed feed business. His venture proved successful and is today commonly referred to as Purina Mills. The young man's name was Wm. H. Danforth, now Chairman of the Board of that Company.

And in "Purina," Mr. Danforth gave to farming America a word that probably today is one of the most mispronounced in our language. Very likely no one knows how many ways Purina is mispronounced, but there is only one correct way of saying it.

The name Purina, which is part of the name given to feeds and supplements distributed by our local Checkboard dealer comes from the common word "pure." And the correct pronunciation is "pure-ee-na." That's the way it is pronounced in the home offices and at the experimental farms and in the laboratories of the Company. That's the way the man who coined it says it.

The most common mispronunciation is "pure-eye-na." Other garbled editions are "purr-ee-na," "paroo-na," and even "proo-na." But there is only one right way, and that is "pure-ee-na."

### NEWS in the WORLD of RELIGION by W.W. REID

Based on experiences of the Salvation Army through many years, directors of United Service Organizations centers are urging soldiers away from home to go to church in pairs or groups, because men in uniform are often shy of entering a strange church alone. In some of the USO centers, large autos and baby trucks are provided to take the men to church; and at most centers neighboring clergymen are invited to conduct vesper and evening services at the club house during the week. "Every attempt is being made to give soldiers and sailors the same opportunity for spiritual development and religious worship that they receive in civilian" says a USO report.

Toungoo, scene of recent bitter fighting in Burma, holds high place in the history of American Baptist missionary pioneering. San Quala, son of proud Karen parents who rebelled against Siamese and Burmese domination of their country and welcomed the British as liberators, was the first Christian evangelist to his own people in Toungoo, beginning in 1853. He signed himself, later in life, "a wild man, a son of the forest"; but he learned to read the hitherto unwritten Karen language, assisted in the translation into it of the New Testament, and helped in the development of more than 30 mission Baptist stations. From Toungoo others went out among other Karen tribes with different dialects. Today most of the Karens are Christians.

Behind the "iron curtain" of the present war, there is network of friendship and understanding among the Christian churches of the world that shows itself in many ways and that is significant for future world unity, according to Dr. William Paton, secretary of the World Council of Churches, now in America from England. He points out these instances of friendship: The salvaging of Asiatic and African missions of many denominations by American and British Christians when those missions were cut off from support by continental Europe; the committee formed by German Lutherans to care for the religious welfare of French and British prisoners in Germany; the "return to religion" in Scandinavian countries; the protest against Nazi anti-Semitism by the churches of

Holland and by the Protestant churches of France; the pastoral letters of Norway's church leaders against injustices.

While there has been no direct word concerning missionaries of any Christian church in Manila, P. I. since the entrance of Japanese forces into that city, there is now some reassurance of their safety in a cablegram received by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions through the Department of State. This message, relayed by Acting Secretary Sumner Welles, states that there are no known missionary casualties at Manila and that missionaries (including those from other fields who were passing through Manila when war started) have been "rejoiced for service." The Presbyterian Board lists some twenty missionaries in Manila; the Methodists have about as many more. So near as is known, all denominations are being treated the same way by the Japanese.

A Salon of Religious Photography will be held under the auspices of the Arts Guild of the Congregational Christian churches in the United States at the biennial meeting of the denomination's General Council, from June 18 to 25, at the University of New Hampshire, Durham, N. H. This is believed to be the first salon of its kind. The Arts Guild is designed to foster the use of the arts in religion. The exhibits in connection with the photography salon will be on ecclesiastical architecture, church modeling, altars, etc.

Dr. Brayton Case, New England born agricultural missionary of the Northern Baptist Convention in Burma, has been cited by newspaper correspondents "behind the battle lines of Burma" for bravery in disregarding danger from Japanese bombers and soldiers in order to "grow vegetables for victory" in his world-famous agricultural training school. For a quarter of a century he has been carrying on this school that has helped modernize Burma's agricultural products and farming methods, and has helped the "little farmer" to better feed his family. He is reported as sending cabbages, hogs and other foodstuffs to the Chinese troops who are fighting with the British and the Burmese against the Japanese.

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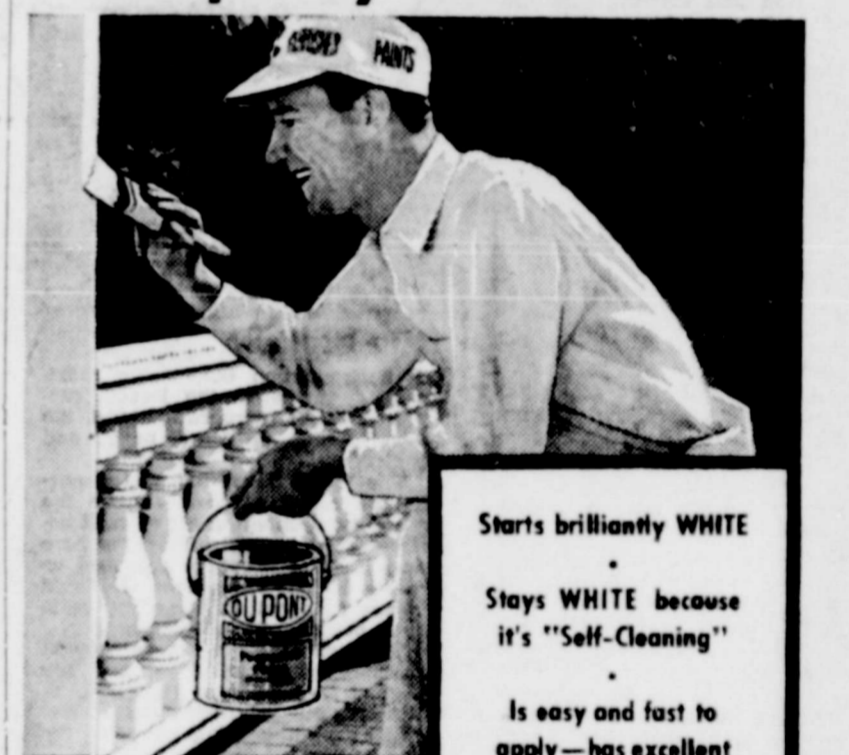
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Personals.

Mrs. Carter Brockenbrough Jr. spent the week end in Hamilton with Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wieser. ROSS SHOP, Jeweler, 45-2fc...

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Proffitt of Comanche returned home Tuesday from a week-end visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Funk...

Bring on that Jap



Bugga Brigadier is a snappy little wire-haired pup whose master, Edward E. Williams of Dallas, is serving with the fighting fleet...

Lessons in HEALTH

by ARTIE M'GOVERN

Taking Care of Health Takes Time. On a subway train the other morning I overheard two young women discussing a prominent actress...

HAPPY DAZE By Bob Bowie



"But I don't wanna fight—I ain't even mad at the guy!"

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. McCarty returned home Tuesday after spending several days in Monahans with their son, Raymond, McCarty, and family...

Glen Rose C. of C. Announces Season Opening May 2

Glen Rose, Tex., April 22.—The Chamber of Commerce here has announced opening dates of the health resort city as Saturday, May 2...

WOMEN in the NEWS by Janet Cupler

WOMAN of the Week: The "American Mother of 1942" has 13 children, all of whom are engaged in, or are preparing for, some kind of public service...

Church News

Methodist Church. All services at the church Sunday will be on the regular schedule. Church school at 10 a. m. Morning worship at 11 o'clock...

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Typical Mother



Mrs. William N. Berry of Greensboro, N. C., selected as typical American Mother for 1942 by the Golden Rule Foundation.

I'll Either Prove I'm Right or I'll Never Come Back

Jerry Glidden flung that challenge at his boss and walked out of the office of the Protective Life Insurance Company.

Begin it next week...

BREAK O'DAY IRON

A Fast Moving Mystery by Reginald Wright KAUFFMAN

TWO CAN SING by JAMES M. CAIN

FINAL CHAPTER SYNOPSIS

Despite Leonard Borland's protests that his bank account is ample, though the contracting business in New York is dead, his pretty, opera-struck wife Doris resumes her "career."



The look on that old hard-rock man's face, holding up that picture, was the funniest thing I ever saw in my life.

closed out the allegro with all four cylinders clicking and the show going smoothly. Parma laid it down nice on the andante and we were right with him, and we brought it home just right. We were right on the end of the stick. Well, that stopped the show too. They clapped, and cheered, and clapped some more, and Schultz threw the stick on me to go on, and a fat chance I could. We had to give them some more. So after about a minute, Schultz played the cue for the andante, and Parma started again.

He started, and the Maddalena came in, and the Gilda came in, and I came in. It seemed to me we got in there with it awful quick, but I was so excited by that time I hardly knew where I was, and I didn't pay much attention to it. And then all of a sudden I had this awful feeling that something was wrong.

I want you to get it straight now, what happened. The andante is the same old tune, "Bella figlia dell'amore," that you've heard all your life and could whistle in your sleep. The tenor sings it through once, then he goes up to a high B flat, holds it, comes down again, and sings it over again.

You remember what I told you about speed? Up there you've got no time to think. You hear your cue, and you come in, and heaven help you if you miss the boat. So there was Parma and there was the orchestra in one place in the score, and there were the Maddalena, the Gilda, and me in another place in the score, and there was Schultz, trying like a wild man to straighten it out.

That whole big theater then was spinning around for me then like a cage with a squirrel in it, and me the squirrel. I had to know where I was at. I looked over, and tried to see Parma. And then, brother, and then once more, I committed the cardinal sin of all grand opera. I forgot to watch the conductor.

They howled. They let out a shriek you could hear in Harlem. Someone yelled "Bravo!" A hundred yelled "Bravo!" A million yelled "Bravo!" hell. I ran. Next thing I knew I was by a stairway, holding on to the iron railing, almost twisting it out by the roots trying to keep myself from flying into a million pieces.

You've got to go to you've simply got to. You went yellow! You went yellow out there, and you've got to

go back and lick them! You've got to! "Let me alone!" "But what are they going to do? You can't let them down like that!" "I don't care what they do!" "Leonard, listen to me. They're out there. They're all out there—she, and your two kids—and you've got to finish it. You've just got to do it!" "I won't! I'll never go out there—"

They were playing my cue. She took hold of me, tried to pull me away from the stairs, tried to throw me on stage by main force. I hung on to that iron like it was a life raft. The bass started singing my part. She looked at me and bit her lip. I saw two tears jump out of her eyes and run down her face. She turned around and left me.

Down on the stage, the bass was doubling for me. He carried the Gilda in, put her on the rock, then picked up a cape, turned around and did my part. They gave him an ovation. After Parma had taken Schultz out, and they had all taken their bows, they shoved the bass out there alone, and the audience stood up and gave him a rousing cheer in silence before they started to clap. His name was Woods. Remember it, Woods: the man that had what it takes. But "Rigoletto" didn't know anything about that, yet.

Back in 1921, when Dempsey fought Carpentier in Jersey, some newspaper hired a lady reporter to do a piece on it. She decided that what she wanted to write up after the loser's dressing-room after it was all over. She had been reading all her life about the winner, and she would like to know for once what happened to the loser.

I got quiet after a while, and the noise outside died away, and I lit a cigarette, and sat there. After a long time there was a tap on the door. I never moved. It came again and still again, and then I heard my first name called. It sounded like Doris, and I went to the door and opened it. She was there, in a little green suit, and a brown felt hat, and brown shoes. She came in without looking at me.

"What happened?" "Weren't you there?" I said. Doris looked at me then. "I had to take the children home after the second act. . . I heard some people talking, on my way back here."

I remembered Lorentz, and his real crime at the Cathedral Theater that day. I was glad there was one person in the world that hadn't seen it. Three, because that meant she had taken the kids out before it happened.

when I flopped, what had she come back to the theater for, anyway? She helped me on with my top-coat, gave my arm a little squeeze, and we went out.

In the cab on the way up to my hotel I kept thinking there was something I had forgotten, something I had intended to do. Then I remembered. I was to sign the contracts. I sat back and watched the el posts go back. That was one thing I didn't have to worry about.

When we got into the lobby, I could see something glaring at me from a chair near the elevators, and I didn't tumble at first to what it was. There had been so many glares coming my way lately that one more didn't make much impression. But then I came out of the fog. It was Craig, my partner, whom I hadn't seen since we built the gag chicken coop up in Connecticut, and he had dug in at his place upstairs.

"Where've you been?" "Why—right here." "And why here? What's the idea of hiding out in this dump? I've been looking for you all night, and I was just by accident that I found you. Just by accident."

"Doris cut in, meeker than I ever heard her. 'Why—one of the children was threatened with measles and Leonard came down here so he wouldn't be quarantined.' 'Couldn't he let somebody know?'" "He—it was only to be for a few days."

"That seemed to cool him off a little, and I tried to be friendly. 'When did you get to town? I thought you were up there milking cows.' 'Never mind when I got to town, and never mind the cows. And cut the comedy. Get this. You've got just forty minutes to make a train, and pay attention to what I'm telling you.' 'Shoot.' 'Alabama. You've heard of it?'"

"There's a big government-aid railroad bridge going up down there, and we build bridges, this here Craig-Borland Company that we've got, even if you seem to have forgotten it. You get down there, and you get that contract." "Where is this bridge?"

"I got no time for that. It's all in here, in this briefcase, the whole thing, and you can read it going down. Here's your tickets, for the two of you, and remember, you got thirty-nine minutes. When you get there, I'll wire you our bid. I'll be the whole thing on the wire. It's being figured up now. The main thing now is—get there." "O. K., Chief."

He turned to Doris. And you—" "Yes, sir." "Listen to what I'm telling you. This contract—this is no back-counting tunnel. This is a bunch of well-to-do South'ners, dat dey granddaddy had slaves befo' de wa', and

they've got to be impressed. You hear that? You take a whole floor in that hotel, and you roll out the liquor, and you step on it. You do all the things that your bum, sassiety, high-toned, good-for-nothing upbringing has taught you how to do, and then you do it twice."

"Booh. I know you." "For once in your life, maybe you can be of some use." "Just once?" "If you put it across, you'll be back in time for Christmas. If you don't put it across, you needn't come back at all."

"So we put it across, and that's what we're doing now. They've got a bird in this business, too, that rides the trusses while the scows are taking them out, and flies around and flaps its wings and crows like hell whenever one of them falls in the river. But his wings haven't got much exercise on this job, and neither has his voice. This is my trade. The river has got pretty tough once or twice, and we've had some close squeaks. But not one of those trusses has taken a dive yet."

But I'm ahead of my story. Craig had a paper stuck in his pocket, and after he had laid the law down he began to get sore again and remembered it. He tapped it with his finger. "And you keep in touch with me. If it hadn't been for this, seeing your name in this paper just by accident, I wouldn't have known where to look for you."

He took it out and opened it, and pointed to a great big picture of me in the whiskers and wig and cap and bells on the theatrical page. "Is that you?" Doris let out a cackle that made everybody in the lobby look up. It was just a silvery peel that came from the heart, and did you good to hear it. She wasn't laughing at me. She was laughing at Craig, and when I looked at him I had to laugh too. I had to laugh so hard I folded into one of the lobby chairs, and so did she. The look on that old hard-rock man's face, holding up that picture, was the funniest thing I ever saw in my life, or ever hope to see. . . .

I scrambled up and threw my stuff into a bag, and was so excited over getting back in harness that I kept singing all the time and didn't even feel bad about it, and down in the lobby Doris called the house, and we made the train. We had the drawing-room, but I was out of cigarettes, and I went into the club car to get some. When I got back she was already tucked in, in the upper berth, and all you could see was a touse of red hair. I undressed, got into the lower. I waited, and she didn't say anything. I turned out my light, and still nothing from her. All you could hear was the whoosh, going clikety-clack. They kind of beat time, and I started to sing the opening of a duet:

"La ci darem la mano! La mi dirai di si Vedi non e lontano Partiam ben mio da qui."

It was time for her to come in, and I waited. Then: "Did you sing that with her?"

"No, I never did." "Are you sure?" "They were going to have me do 'Don Giovanni.' This last outfit, I mean. So I got the score, and found it in there. I had heard you humming it around, so—I learned it."

She came tumbling down the ladder, all floppy in a suit of my pajamas. She slipped in beside me, put her arms around me. "Leonard—" "Yes?" "I'm glad you flopped. Because I flopped, and—if you could do this one thing I've always wanted to do, and can't—I couldn't stand it. And—"

"Go on. And what?" "It'll be all mine, now, this that you have in your throat. That's why I came back there, Leonard, when you sang that day at Gwendy's cocktail party it almost killed me. I think you wanted it to. Oh, I've been a terrible wife to you, Leonard. I'm jealous, and spiteful, and mean, and you've never ever change me. But when I get too terrible, just sing to me, and I'll be your slave. I'll come crawling to you, just the way you came crawling to them, in the second act tonight. That woman has given us something that was never there before, and when we get back I'm going to thank her, and win her, and make her my friend. Oh, I can—I don't care what has gone before. I can win anybody when I really want them. . . . Now I'll say it—something you've never heard me say before: I've fallen in love. With my own husband."

I held her tight. She put her mouth against my throat, and began kissing it. "Now sing, and I'll sing." "La ci darem la mano! Vedi non e lontano Partiam ben mio da qui."

We sang it together, and it was terrible, and it was the sweetest duet I ever heard. (THE END)

The word "Texas" is thought to have originally been an Indian inter-tribal watchword, probably meaning "friendship." It first was used from the expedition of De Leon and Father Massanet in 1689. Before then, the land now comprising the state of Texas was known variously as Amichol, Florida, Apacheria (Land of Apaches), Nueva Filipinas (New Philippines) and Quivira.

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### Registrants Deferred By Dependency May Be Officer Candidates

The Hamilton County Local Board this week received the following memorandum from State Headquarters for Selective Service which we quote:

"A telegram from Selective Service headquarters, in substance as follows, is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

"The War Department has announced that in the near future Selective Service registrants who are deferred solely because of dependency will be given an opportunity to qualify as officer candidates by volunteering for induction through Selective Service.

"Pending further information, registrants inquiring concerning this should leave their names and addresses with their local boards for future consideration.

"For the information of those who may not know, an Officer Candidate is a person who has successfully completed the training necessary to become an officer and is placed on the reserve list until the government needs his services as an officer, at which time he would be commissioned.

### ATTENTION, YOUNG MEN

The Hamilton County Local Board is in receipt of detailed information in the new system of qualifying cadets, including all the new changes. They also have information concerning regular enlistments in the Army.

If more detailed information is desired than can be obtained in the local board office, there are U. S. Army sub-stations located in the Post Office buildings of San Antonio, Austin, Temple, Corpus Christi, Brownsville, and San Angelo.

### TO FORMER GUARD OFFICERS

Adjutant General J. Watt Page announced today that former field artillery National Guard officers, regardless of age but under sixty, who have been honorably discharged since December 31, 1931, are now eligible under recent War Department authority for assignment to active service in the U. S. Army if they are physically qualified.

All such officers whose correct address is on file with the Adjutant General's office in Austin will, within the next day or two, receive registered notice of the War Department directive with full instructions for compliance. General Page stated.

Pointing out that a questionnaire accompanying such notice will furnish all information required, he said:

"Officers are kindly requested not to attach to the questionnaire, or to mail separately, any letters or other supporting papers. This can serve to delay and obstruct the procedure."

Officers coming within the purview of this authority who fail to receive such notices, General Page said, are urged to communicate immediately with the Adjutant General of Texas, stating age, rank, years of commissioned service, date of discharge, organization, and commission desired.

This information, he added, applies to former National Guard officers now residing in Texas, but whose records are on file in some other State.

The initial list is now being made up, according to General Page, to be forwarded not later than March 11. However, those officers who can qualify under this new policy and who fail to receive notice prior to that date should lose no time in communicating direct with the Adjutant General's Office at Austin.

### TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC

Steps were taken today toward the physical rehabilitation of all Selective Service registrants in Texas who have been rejected for military services because of active or inactive tuberculosis. General J. Watt Page, State Selective Service Director, announced.

To the Nueces County Tuberculosis Association, with headquarters and principal clinic at Corpus Christi, goes the credit for taking the lead in a proposed state-wide program for providing free medical attention for all registrants who have been rejected by their local boards or by the Army Examining Boards because of tuberculosis. With proper care

### County Lunch Rooms Conform to All-Out Production for War

Through precautionary measures, the WPA school lunch project units in this county are conforming to the all-out war effort to raise the national health and safety standards. Every effort is being made for the protection and well-being of local school children and workers.

Water used in lunch units is being tested by the State Health Department for any impurities and upon discovery of impurities, the sponsor of the project is notified and given directions by the State Health Department for the purification of the water. In some instances coli-form organisms have been found and proper steps have been taken to eliminate this hazard.

Other health measures include the sterilization of all dishes by the WPA school lunch workers. Personal cleanliness of the WPA workers is also being stressed with each being required to pass a health examination every six months.

In line with the safety program, caution is taken in preventing fires by the careful use of kerosene, which is not used in the starting of fires in wood or coal stoves. Safety regulations provide that when kerosene is used on a WPA school lunch project, an approved safety can or a drum with a faucet from which the stove tank can be filled outside the building is used. No gasoline is used, and the door to gas stove ovens must be open before the oven burners are lighted.

### Vegetable Insect Control Explained By H. D. Agent

Follow a few simple rules and control of vegetable insects is not difficult, says Miss Gwendolyn Jones, Hamilton County Home Demonstration Agent. Her letter on this subject follows:

A duster may be obtained for a dollar up, but one may be made at home with a tin can, a stick and a piece of cheese cloth. Next, have ready a supply of insecticides for use at the first sign of insect injury. These are cryolite for control of bean beetles, cucumber beetles, cabbage worms and other insects which feed upon the fruit and foliage of the plants; rotenone and sulphur to control tomato fruit worms, flea beetles, plant lice and leaf hoppers; and concentrated pyrethrum dust for squash bugs, stink bugs, and harlequin cabbage bugs. Watch the garden for the first sign of injury and dust both sides of leaves.

Apply poison bait late in the afternoon for control of cut worms, grasshoppers and adult wingless May beetles, or June bug. Poison bait also will control male crickets which frequent sandy soils.

A bait made of cryolite, finely chopped carrots or turnips and wheat bran will control the adult vegetable weevil which attacks roots and foliage of carrots, turnips, radishes and beets, together with cabbage, mustard and other leafy vegetables.

To control the bluish-gray pill bugs, or sow bugs, which damage young tomato plants, sprinkle a mixture of two parts flour, two parts sugar and one part Paris green throughout the beds. Flea beetles, also dangerous to these plants, may be controlled by dusting plants with rotenone and sulphur each seven to ten days.

Cantaloupes may be protected from the striped cucumber beetle, which feeds beneath the first small leaves, by dusting with cube or derris powder of four per cent rotenone content, or with cryolite at ten day intervals as long as beetles are present.

A Guide for Controlling Vegetable Insects may be secured from Extension Agent's office.

and medical attention, a large percentage of these men could later be added to this Nation's supply of manpower for military purposes. And our country needs every man."

General Page said that the Nueces County Tuberculosis Association, which is staffed by volunteer physicians and has one full-time nurse for home calls, will work with the Local Selective Service Boards of that county and with the State Health Officer in its rehabilitation program.

Tuberculosis associations and clinics in all other Texas counties, General Page said, are urged to contact their local headquarters and offer their services in this laudable work.

Registrants, on their part, should realize their obligation for duty to their country and should avail themselves of every possible means to make themselves fit to serve.

It is recognized that some of these men cannot be cured to the extent of qualifying for military service, but certainly they owe it to themselves and to their families as well as to the betterment of the general health of the State, to apply for medical treatment," the Director said.

It will be required that all information furnished by the local boards to bona fide tuberculosis associations or clinics cooperating in the program shall be held in strictest confidence, General Page added.

The first popularly elected administration of the Republic of Texas was inaugurated when the first Congress of the Republic met in Columbia in October, 1836.

### Convalescing



One can't keep a good man down long. Here Babe Ruth is shown with his wife lighting his pipe, as he got out of his hospital bed for a short time. When asked how he felt he told reporters that he hoped to leave the hospital in a few days.

### Naval Construction Offers Openings In Variety of Skills

Recently announced government restrictions on construction effort essential to the nation's war effort, has resulted in a considerable increase in applications of skilled men for enlistment in naval construction battalions. Navy recruits at Waco announced last week.

Men enlisted in construction battalions, recruiting officers said, enjoy the distinction of being in a military organization of practically "all sergeants and no privates" as more than 90 per cent are enlisted as petty officers with beginning monthly pay ranging from \$60.00 to \$99.00, plus board, lodging, medical and dental attention when needed. When serving outside continental limits of the U. S., 20 per cent is added to pay. Married men in the \$72.00, or above, pay grade receive an additional \$34.50 per month as housing allowance.

Although enlisted primarily for work with tools of their trade, Naval Construction Battalion men

are taught to handle defensive weapons before being sent to overseas duty. Proud of their ability to fight as well as build, they have adopted as their emblem a flying bee, fighting mad. On its forehead or leg it clutches a splitting "Tommy" gun, in its amid-ship hand, a wrench, and in its aft hand a carpenter's hammer. On the wings are rating badges on Navy petty officers.

Applications are being accepted daily at all Navy recruiting stations. Applicants are required to bring with them letters of recommendation from former employers, or other proof of experience at their trade.

Naval Construction Corps officers will be in Dallas on April 25-29 to interview applicants and determine pay ratings of those who have previously passed physical examination at Navy recruiting stations. They will also be at Amarillo on April 30. Applicants not satisfied with pay rating determined by interviewing officer will be under no obligation to enlist, recruiting officers said.

Monthly base pay rates of men enlisted in Naval Construction Battalions are as follows:

Automotive repairmen, \$84-\$99; blacksmiths, \$84; blacksmith helpers, \$60; carpenters, \$60-\$72-\$84-\$99; concrete workers, \$60-\$72-\$84-\$99; coppermiths, \$72-\$84; deck hands, \$54; master divers, \$99; divers, \$4; quarry drillers \$84; electricians (general or line and station) \$72-\$84-\$99; excavation supervisors, \$59.

Fireman (boiler) \$60; crane or engine helpers, \$54-\$60; labor foremen, \$84-\$99; laborers, \$36-\$54; launchmen, \$60-\$72; mates (dredge) \$84; mechanic (super-visor), \$72-\$84-\$99; mechanic (crusher) \$84; metalmith, \$72; oilers, \$54; shovel operators \$84; painters, \$60-\$72; pipefitters, or pipemen, \$60-\$72-\$84-\$99.

Powdermen, \$84; powdermen's helpers, \$72; riggers, \$60-\$72-\$99; road machine operators, \$72; crane and engine runners, \$84; steel workers, \$62-\$72-\$84-\$99; telephone men, \$60-\$72; tractor operators, \$72; truck drivers, \$72; water-tenders (boiler) \$72-\$84; welders, \$60-\$72-\$84-\$99.

Pay ratings are based upon experience and ability of individuals.

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<b>Oxyc'ol</b> Reg. 25c Size 23c	<b>RINSO</b> Large Size 23c	
<b>KLEK</b> Reg. 25c Size 17c	<b>Hypro</b> Bleach Liquid qt. 20c	
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