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KSVP WENT ON THE AIR THURSDAY NOON

The Program Came Thru Good and Clear at Hope and Vicinity

KSVP, the new radio station at Artesia, opened Thursday noon, Nov. 14. From now on, they will be on the air from 6:00 a. m. to 10:00 p. m. with five minutes of news every two hours. News at 6:00, 8:00, 10:00, etc. We are glad to see a radio station in Artesia. It means a step forward in the march of progress. There is no reason in the world why this new company should not be a success from the beginning.

First Airing Of KSVP Is Delayed

Opening and first airing of radio station KSVP, Artesia, was at noon Thursday, 24 hours later than was announced. In announcing the postponement, W. L. Delbridge, program director of the new station, said it was made necessary to complete the engineering tests required by the Federal Communications

Commission. Bad weather the first part of last week delayed the completion of the erection of the broadcasting tower, Delbridge said. The tower was in position and first tests were made over the weekend, but not in time to clear reports with the FCC so as to go on the air for the first broadcast Wednesday.

Delbridge said he and other members of the staff regretted the delay and the inability to inform the public of it, for he expected many to be tuned to 1450 at noon Wednesday for the initial broadcast.

However, he said, the delay was unavoidable, and that the first airing of the station would be at noon today, with a number of local people appearing on the program.

The station is planning to broadcast the Carlsbad-Artesia football game Friday evening.

Penasco District Votes Nov. 16 To Elect Soil Conservation Supervisors

Landowners in the Penasco Soil Conservation District in Eddy, Chaves and Otero counties will go to the polls November 16 to elect three supervisors for three-year terms. All three present incumbents — Bernard Cleve of Elk, Robert Parks and Bryant Williams of Hope—are up for reelection.

Cleve, Parks, Williams and M. D. Brantley of Hope will comprise the nominees on the ballot, and those elected will complete the Supervisor Board, as Bryan Runyan, and Dick Carson—now in office—are appointed by the state Soil Conservation Service.

Polls at the Johnson Hotel in Hope and the Elk Store at Elk, will be open from 9:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.

HOPE NEWS

"Blue Print For Better Marriages." A Chicago Judge Has a Plan which He Hopes Will Stem the Rising Divorce Trend. Read His Own Story in The American Weekly, The Magazine Distributed With Next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

Mr. and Mrs. Brantley Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Oberg from Texon, Tex., were here the first of the week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jess Musgrave. They went hunting and were successful in bringing back a deer.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Schwalbe are spending the hunting season out at the Hilary White, Jr., ranch.

Now picking Gano, Arkansas Black and Winesap. Now is the time to get apples for the winter before they are all gone. Lots of good apples on the ground for only \$1.00 per bushel. Bryant Williams, Hope, New Mexico.

Jimmy Thompson had the misfortune to lose a bull, one milk cow and two calves from bloat last week. tough luck.

Mrs. J. C. Knotter and daughter, Susan, returned home from the hospital Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Buckner and Madeline Prude went to Roswell Wednesday. Jess Anderson delivered his calves Thursday. John Hardin has been helping him.

Mrs. Houston Teel and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Parrish were in Hope Wednesday.

Dale Parrish left Tuesday for Cisco, Tex., where he is employed in a watch repair shop.

John Jones, R. W. and Jackie Jones and J. W. Sellers were here from Abilene, Tex., and visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parrish. They went up in the hills and brought back a deer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs Parrish from Artesia were up and went out and got a deer.

"WILD WOMEN OF THE WEST." Out Where Men Were Men and the Women Were Pretty Rugged. Too. This is the First of Stirring Sagas of the old West, Beautifully Illustrated in Four Colors. It Appears in The American Weekly, The Magazine Distributed With Next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

Mr. and Mrs. George Teel and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Crockett were doing their Christmas shopping in Roswell Monday.

John Ward was in Roswell Monday on business.

Charles and Rush Coates butchered a fat hog Monday.

Granny Clements, aged 86, and who has lived in Hope over 20 years, went to see a picture, "Reap the Wild Winds," in Artesia last week. This was the first movie she has seen in 20 years. She enjoyed it immensely.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Parrish, of Artesia, formerly of Hope, a son, Thomas Wayne, Thursday, November 14. This young man is the first grandson born to Mr. and Mrs. Parrish of Hope, and Mr. and Mrs. Houston Teel's first grandchild.

Mrs. D. D. Sullivan of Artesia, accompanied by her house guest, Mrs. Kessler visited in Hope Sunday afternoon.

Hope vs Dexter To-Night

It Is Predicted That Hope Will Win by About Fifteen Points

Tonight, Friday, the Yellowjackets will tangle with the Dexter Demons at the Hope gym. A good crowd of Hope boosters are expected to be out and root for the home team to win. The regulars, which are Kincaid Brothers, Howard Forister, Donald Potter and Alfred Wilburn, will be assisted by Harris, Harrison, Newsom and Teel. The Dexter boys are hard players and out to win. The Hope boys will not have a walk-away, but we think that the Yellowjackets can win.

Some new silverware and a new electric iron have been purchased for the Home Ec department.

Some new jackets have been purchased for the basketball boys.

There will be no school Thanksgiving week as the teachers will be attending the convention at Albuquerque.

First, Second and Third Grade News

Floyd and Mary Hazel Bryant have returned to our school. We are glad to have them with us again. Roy Newsom and Bobby Holly have moved away. We had a nice Halloween party. Room mothers present were Mrs. Stegall and Mrs. Young. Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Babers and Mrs. Green could not be there, but they sent refreshments. We hope they can be with us next time.

Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grade News

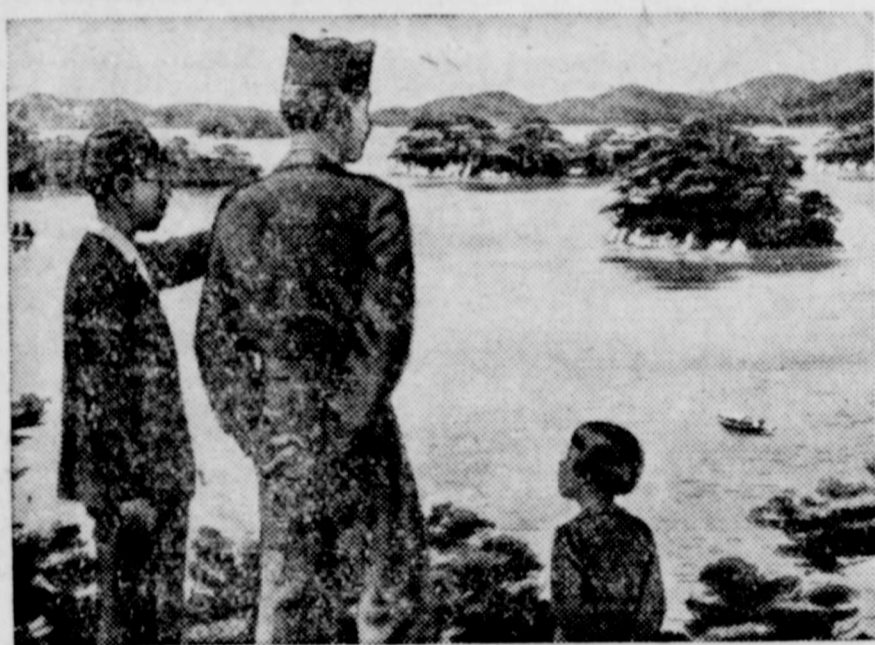
The students are thrilled because Mrs. Young has started on their music for Christmas. They think it will be fun. The children are working hard with their dictionaries. The

most of them have learned to look up words as quickly as anyone. They are working so hard and seem to be interested.

Dexter plays here Friday night. The "B" boys won over Lake Arthur last week, 26 to 7. Those who scored were Parrish, Newsom, Melton, Teel, Jones, Harris, Harrison. Others also played during the game. The "A" squad game was rather decisive in a 40 to 20 score. Hope had command of the game, except for the first quarter. The five regulars were relieved for a short time by two substitutes, Harris and Harrison. The score fooled most people. One cannot guess accurately at the potentialities of a well-trained quintet. Our boys are working and their stamina shows their habits are improving. Abe Lincoln said, "I will prepare myself." He did prepare. Preparation pays in sports, too.

The last home basketball game this semester will be tonight with Dexter. Don't fail to come out and see the boys perform. Skating will follow the game. Next week the Yellowjackets will journey to Roswell to battle the Institute Colts at 4:00 p. m. on Friday.

On Nov. 29, the Yellowjackets will play Roswell high school, Dec. 3rd at Carlsbad, Dec. 6th at Weed, Dec 13th at Artesia. Jan. 7th, Artesia will play the Yellowjackets at Hope. When these games have been played, we will be able to tell a little about what kind of a showing the Hope boys are going to make at the tournament.



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Magnolia's Black Hills Wildcat Hits Basement, Is Abandoned

The Black Hills Unit No. 1, rank wildcat deep test drilled by Magnolia Petroleum Corporation about 10 miles west of Hope, has been plugged and abandoned after drilling to the basement rock. The well, located in NW NE 31-17-20, was drilled to a total depth of 6085 feet. Eddy County oil operators during the last week staked four new

locations. They were. M. W. Jones, Jones-State 1, SE SW 12-19-27; Franklin, Aston & Fair, Yates 9-A, NW NW 6-18-30; Franklin, Aston & Fair, Ballard 5-B, NE NE 1-18-29; T. O. Shappell, Bradley 1, NW NW 13-24-26, in the old abandoned Black River pool in the southern part of the county.

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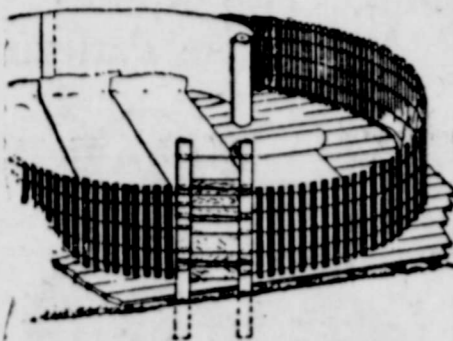
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Material Available For New Grain Bins

Inexpensive Materials Proving Satisfactory

Despite material shortages, construction difficulties are minimized in a new type grain storage bin developed by the Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA. The bin uses



A North Dakota station version of the temporary grain storage.

inexpensive materials which are not crucially scarce and can be erected by unskilled workers in about 30 man-hours.

The bin is demountable and portable and may be stored when not in use. The capacity of the bin is 1,300 bushels.

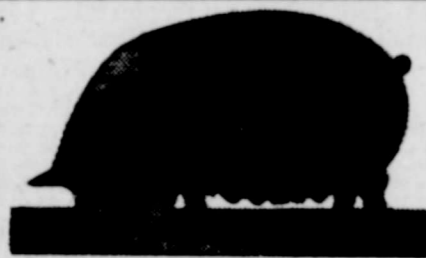
This bin is constructed almost entirely of asphalt roll roofing. For the floor, asphalt roll roofing is laid directly on the ground. For the sidewalls, it is reinforced with woven wire. For the roof, it is supported by the bulk of grain inside.

Because this is a "tight" bin, it is not suitable for storing moist grain. Dry grain keeps satisfactorily for a year, provided the bin is properly built, roofing is not damaged and the bin is fumigated when necessary.

KNOW YOUR BREED

Berkshire

By W. J. DRYDEN



Good example of Berkshire sow, an excellent meat producer.

Berkshire is one of the oldest improved breed of swine. Of English origin, they were reported in a high state of perfection as early as 1780. The Berkshire was first imported into America in 1823. The world's first swine registry, the American Berkshire association, was formed in 1875.

Berkshires are of medium size, generally smooth, black except for the six white points that occur rather uniformly in the face, on the feet and brush of the tail.

Mature boars will run from 800 to 900 pounds, mature sows from 700 to 800. Their meat is of good quality. Berkshires are known for their trimness throughout and for excellence of carcass. Their record in market shows, both on foot and on the hook, is noteworthy.

No Greater Pest Has Cattle Than Horn Fly

Horn flies cause damage among cattle by loss of blood, spread of disease, predisposes to screw worm infestation, loss of meat and milk and loss of feeding time.

DDT offers the first real relief of cattle against this pest. Cattle treated with DDT sprays have shown gains of 50 pounds over those not treated. One pound of wettable DDT powder (50 per cent) in 30 gallons of water will provide enough spray or dip to treat about 100 animals at a cost of about one cent for each treatment.



Horses Are Allergic To Soaps and Oils

New research has disproved the old idea that a horse's heavy coat of hair is complete protection against allergic skin diseases, American Veterinary Medical association has reported.

A series of tests proved that dermatitis was caused by a combination of "wool yellow dye" in a saddle soap and "sulfonated neat's-foot oil," in a leather conditioner.



MONTANA CENTENNIAL . . . The centennial of the first settlement in the state of Montana at Fort Benton was celebrated by erection of a monument. Among spectators were hereditary chiefs of the Blackfeet Indian tribe, Mountain Chief and Chief Eagle Ribs, and the daughter of Montana pioneers, Dorothy Hale Averell, New York violinist.

IN THESE U.S.

Farmer Aids Veterans in Home Crisis

MADISON, WIS. — Wilson Wyatt may retain his title of national housing administrator, but to Vernon Kahl goes the distinction of housing expediter for war veterans at University of Wisconsin.

Through the efforts of Kahl, farmer near the small town of Verona, near Madison, 27 World War II veterans and their wives now are attending the university because they have a place to live—either in Kahl's home or in the 22-apartment building he completed in less than two weeks.

Ensnared in his own large house, with a mere five extra bedrooms, Kahl paid little attention to the housing shortage. Then he heard a radio plea from students unable to find rooms in this overcrowded university city.

Spurred to action, Kahl went to the student housing bureau to offer his five extra bedrooms for student use. A few minutes later he had no extra bedrooms to his name. Before leaving the office, he asked the official in charge if everybody had been taken care of yet.

The answer was a mild shock to Kahl, but again it set him to thinking. He recalled the pile of rafters he had laid aside for a machine shop and then scouted around for other lumber. Within two weeks he had completed an apartment building containing quarters for 22 families.

Shortage of materials posed a few difficulties, Kahl admits, but neighborhood co-operation in the form of grading, carpenter work, borrowed furniture and many other hard-to-get commodities enabled him to complete the task.

Armless Mother Manipulates Toes To Change Diapers

TULSA, OKLA. — Although armless since birth, Mrs. James Corbett Beach has no fears as she embarks on the myriad tasks of motherhood.

The handicapped woman, who utilizes her toes as fingers, fondled her five-day-old daughter and declared confidently that she would get along "just as well as any mother with two arms and hands."

To prove her assertion, she demonstrated to amazed nurses that she could manipulate a diaper as well as an expert, opening and closing the pins with her toes.

The baby is perfectly normal. "Isn't she cute?" the mother beamed, tweaking the infant under the chin with a toe. On that same toe—the second of her left foot—was a wedding ring.

Mrs. Beach, now 23, was married five years ago shortly after her graduation from high school. Despite her handicap, she has learned to drive a car and to play the guitar. During summer vacations, she has appeared at fairs in New York, San Francisco and Dallas.

Police Chief Blushes

OLYMPIA, WASH.—Police Chief Roy Kelly blushed when he learned he was violating the law. Informed of his error, he called back all the newly printed tickets to the policemen's ball and had the entertainment tax printed on them—to make the ducats legal.

"Off We Go"

AVIATION NOTES

AIRPORT CHATTER

Dedication ceremonies for the Winnebago county airport at Oshkosh, Wis., were held October 13, with Gen. Carl A. Spatz, commander of army air forces, scheduled as featured speaker. . . . Ex-servicemen and women taking flight instruction under the G.I. bill have organized a G.I. Flight club at Seattle, with 50 charter members. The club has purchased two "grasshopper" planes for use of members. . . . Kremmling, Colo., dedicated its new city airport as one of the highlights of the community's annual rodeo and horse show. A breakfast for visiting flyers opened the day's festivities. . . . Ed Rowley, war veteran of Eugene, Ore., has solved his post-war job problem by starting a new industry—"Flowers with Wings." He sends Oregon's famous field flowers to all parts of the United States in special containers by commercial airliner, the flowers arriving "with the dew still on the petals."

When members of the Ohio State football team flew from Columbus, Ohio, to Los Angeles for their game with Southern California, only one of the 33 squad members got air sick. Lone victim, Coach Paul Bixler reported, was "a parachuter who made 23 leaps during the war."

FLY CATTLE HERD SOUTH

Purchased from farms in Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota, a herd of 82 blooded Holstein cattle are being flown to Colombia, So. Amer., in a series of aerial freight shipments. Originating in Milwaukee, the flights require 32 hours' flying time, compared to the three weeks required in rail and boat shipping.

Because of the short travel time and proper handling, the cattle do not become travel sick. In rail and sea shipments, shippers had to anticipate a certain loss because travel sickness was common.

Eleven heifers and bulls were included in the first shipment, made by Willis Air Service, Inc., an eastern air freight concern which has made several similar flights to Colombia this year.



'SMILE GIRL OF AIR' . . . In competition with airline stewardesses the country over, Jeanne Marie Baumer of Jackson Heights, L. I., N. Y., was chosen as the "smile girl of the air."

EVERYTHING BUT TALK

Customer Is Always Right—In Future 'Push-Button' Era

By AL JEDLICKA

The customer is always right! Stubborn clerks who frequently have questioned the boss' insistence on the truth of that age-old assertion soon will be deprived of that opportunity. In fact, in the "push-button" era which lies ahead there will be no one to dispute the customer's authority to make final decision.

A preview of the multiple self-service gadgets which are destined to become commonplace in the "push-button" era was afforded by representatives of the vending machine industry when the National Automatic Merchandising association met recently in Chicago.

Self-Service Supreme.
By dropping a coin into a device, the customer will be able to fill his tank with gas, obtain change for a dime, quarter or dollar, sizzle his own hot dogs and hamburgers, pop his own corn, obtain a railroad ticket, take out an insurance policy, buy packaged groceries, have his shoes shined, and, heaven knows, what next!

While the U. S. was far behind Europe in coin vending machinery before the war, this country promises to forge far ahead in use of such devices in the future, especially since the bigger consumer outlets are considering their advantages as economical and efficient merchandisers.

As manufacturers have perfected the machines, operators have found them to be quick, low-cost and silent salesmen. Indeed, there is nobody to argue with the customer about being right!

No More Expenses.
Motorists should be especially interested in the new automatic gas pump, scheduled for trial installation around the first of the year. This device was designed for stations that close in the evening and do not afford 24-hour service to cus-



tomers. Any farmer coming into town late; any tourist stretching the last gallon of gas at night, or any beau confronted with an emptying tank after a long spin through the countryside, should find the automatic pump a welcome oasis. Drop in the money, pick up the hose and, presto! the fuel gurgles in.

With vending machines coming into more general use for a wide variety of items, the automatic changer provides a convenient means of furnishing customers with needed coins. At present, two such machines will make change for a dime and quarter in nickels and for a dollar in any combination.

The automatic hot dog and hamburger vendor already has proven its worth and promises to obtain wider acceptance. After the insertion of the coin, the wienie or hamburger is roasted before one's very eyes through the application of electronics. In all, the operation takes 15 seconds.

The automatic corn popping machine is a more recent invention that works with equal facility. With the device now in use in the East, manufacturers hope to extend operations to the Midwest, said to be the greatest consumer of the item. Not only is the corn popped in this device, but also the customer can

regulate the amount of butter he desires.

Boon to Commuters.

In use in Sweden for almost 30 years, the automatic railroad ticket machine now employed by the Pennsylvania railroad in New York has proved a boon to travelers accustomed to fidget in long lines before ticket windows as precious time commenced to tick out. A panel above the machine provides instructions for use. Then, the commuter inserts his money and receives a fully stamped ducat for his destination.

The use of an automatic vending machine to purvey insurance rep-



resents the last word in furnishing prospective buyers with a convenient means for taking out a policy. To be sure, the investor ordinarily has to be sold before making use of the machine, but its presence in some convenient locality spares him the effort of getting in touch with a salesman to close the deal.

When procuring a policy through the vending machine, the purchaser inserts enough money to pay his first premium, receiving a receipt and a contract. All he has to do then, is to fill out the contract and send it into the company.

No Snippy Clerks.

Use of automatic frozen food machines have withstood tests in big chain outlets and with the trend toward self-service markets there are prospects for increasing installation of these vendors. Indeed, Nathan Cummings, president of the Consolidated Grocers, Inc., who is considered one of the sharpest food merchandisers in the industry, declared it is possible to foresee completely automatic grocery supermarkets.

Men who don't look at their own shoes, and don't expect others to, should be pleased with the automatic shoe shiner, which relieves them of the onerous task of stretch-



ing and straining to tidy up the brogans. Because the machine is a tricky little device, they can shine their shoes oftener, too. After inserting a coin, the customer turns a dial to the color of his shoes, twists another one to adjust the mechanism to his size, and then the brushes whirl around to do the job. O tempora! O mores!

Pilfered Articles Result in Career

ORLANDO, FLA. — Sheets stolen from his mother, a few old plumbing fixtures and other scraps started Raymon Parker, nationally-known glider pilot, on his career. With the pilfered sheets and discarded articles, Parker at the age of 15 had built, flown and crashed his first glider.

In the interval since then he has become one of the world's outstanding glider pilots. He holds one of the nation's six Golden Cs, highest attainment in soaring, and this year's distance record.

Parker now is stationed at Pine Castle army air field with the Soaring Society of America flying gliders in the Thunderstorm project in which the army and navy are seeking scientific thunderstorm data.

Recalling that first flight as a youth, Parker said the glider, which had a 32-foot wing span, soared at 1,000 feet with the aid of a California thermal for 90 minutes. It was towed off by a 1916 model car. "That was my first and last accident," said the expert. Parker also paints and makes wood miniatures.

Crops Supplanting Dogies in Arizona

TUCSON, ARIZ. — Long regarded as a desert and the domain of cows, dogies and cowboys, Arizona rapidly is becoming one of the best truck gardens in the nation through the magic of irrigation.

The state's output of vegetables last year netted farmers 38 million dollars, reports Dr. George Barr, agricultural economist of University of Arizona agricultural experiment station.

As a producer of revenue, the romantic cattle industry has been shoved back into a poor second place with its total of 29 million dollars in 1945, Dr. Barr says.

Although generally considered Arizona's biggest agricultural crop, cotton now lags far behind one vegetable — head lettuce. Cotton lint and cottonseed last year produced 17 million dollars; head lettuce, more than 20 million dollars.

The infant truck farming industry to date has been confined to two comparatively small areas in Salt river valley near Phoenix and Yuma valley. Both are well irrigated.



Murder in Plain Sight

by GERALD BROWN

W.N.U. FEATURES



Duke McCale, private detective, has established an enviable reputation in Boston in a short time by solving some difficult cases. He is consequently surprised and chagrined when Miss Adelaide Bigelow, extremely wealthy and aristocratic old lady, engages him to guard the presents during the festivities surrounding her niece's wedding. McCale accepts the commission only because he senses that Miss Bigelow is afraid of something, and that she wants a competent detective around the house in case of some outbreak. "If something were stolen, if something did happen, you'd have to investigate, wouldn't you?" inquires Miss Bigelow, meaningfully. McCale grasps the obvious hint.

CHAPTER II

A nursemaid's job to a lot of iced-tea spoons. "Phooey!" The big young man hitched his long legs over an arm of the chair and snorted in irritation. "Holy Mike! What are we—broke? I thought we were definitely out for the big stuff—no more small time. Go ahead, master-mind. Go into your trance and tell us all."

McCale helped himself to a sandwich. "There isn't anything definite, Rocky. The old lady Bigelow, aunt of the bride, comes in here to hire special service—that of guarding the wedding gifts. That's her story. But look here. She doesn't want half a dozen men planted here. She's after only one inconspicuous man; not for the day of the wedding, but starting now—for the duration. That in itself is screwy. Besides that, she doesn't want the police and she's turned down operators from all the big agencies."

Rocky's eyes narrowed. In other words, she doesn't give a hang if the wedding feast is lousy with kleptomaniacs. She's got other troubles."

"Exactly."

"Go to the head of the class," said Ann.

"Well, where do we come in?"

McCale accepted coffee from Ann and lit a cigarette. He spoke into the first puff of smoke.

"You've got me there. I'm not sure the lady knows herself, but it's certain she wants someone around. We're elected, anyway. So my first move is a file on the family and the dashing bridegroom, just in case. What did you get on Curt Vallaincourt?"

"Not much, I'm afraid." Rocky flipped open a notebook. "Showed up around these parts about a year ago. He's from New York City, or so he says. Definitely not Harvard nor Blue Book. Seems to have plenty of dough. Lives in a swank apartment on the Riverway. Doesn't work. Goes everywhere with the society crowd. The gals all do cartwheels whenever he shows up anywhere. Anyway, he's marrying twenty million dollars next week. Make anything mysterious out of that?"

McCale shrugged. "Plenty if I wanted to let it run away with me." He turned to Ann. "Did you line up the Bigelows for me?"

"Well," she began, "the Perkinses and the Bigelows go right back—long before the Tea Party—if that's the sort of thing you want."

Mystery Surrounds Vallaincourt

"Skip that. Bring us up to date."

"Okay. The money all comes from cotton mills in Lowell, and clipper ships and the Oriental trade before that. The Perkinses and the Bigelows intermarried, and so on. Adelaide Bigelow, our client, and her brother, Joel, are and were, respectively, the last of the line. Adelaide never married. Joel married twice. His first wife is dead. Is that clear?"

"Perfectly."

"Joel's second wife, Sybil, is apparently not of the royal purple. Her family only seems to go back a generation or two. Probably she was considered fast or nouveau riche or something, as she was a widow when he married her. She's a lot younger than he, too."

"Where did you get the nouveau riche stuff?"

"Oh, I didn't. Just surmise. In fact, I don't know whether she has any money of her own, or not. He was seventy when he died, five years ago, and she was forty-three then. She had two children by her first marriage, a son, Stephen, and a daughter, Victoria. Their name was Bennett, but he adopted them, and they changed to the Bigelow surname."

"Then Veronica, the bride, is a daughter of this second marriage?"

"No. The first Mrs. Bigelow died in childbirth—that is, in giving birth to Veronica. The old gentleman married Sybil Bennett three years after. Am I bawling this up?"

"No, indeed. It's very clear. Go on."

"There's not much more. Stephen was married two years ago. He didn't go to Harvard or Groton, like the rest of the Bigelows. M.I.T., I believe. He's an airplane designer at present. He married a girl from St. Louis—Swedish descent, but social and all that. A Karen Cristofen. Not much fuss around here about it."

"What's that?" He picked up a folded square of paper that had fluttered from her lap to the floor.

"Oh, I nearly forgot that. It's a rotogravure cut of Veronica Bigelow from the Sunday Herald of a few weeks ago."

McCale unfolded it and spread it flat on the top of the desk. The likeness of a very pretty girl looked up at him. It was a carefully lighted study of the photographer's conception of how a well-groomed, quiet, aristocratic young woman should pose.

"That really doesn't do her justice, I should say," mused Ann. "I understand she has gorgeous red hair and a beautiful figure."

"Well, we shall see," said Duke, handing it back to her. "Tuck it away with the rest of the data and transcribe Rocky's notes for a file on Vallaincourt. I'm due at the ancestral mansion for tea with Miss Adelaide at five—or thereabouts."

The Bigelow house was on that mound of Beacon street that slopes



She held up a long legal envelope that had been lying beside the model.

gently to Charles street and the Gardens. It was almost in the shadow of the State House dome and you could have thrown a pebble easily from the front stoop onto the paths of the old Common. Four stories high, its narrow dusty brick facade gave the lie to the roominess and depth within.

McCale Senses That Something's Amiss

Adelaide Bigelow was waiting for McCale in the drawing room on the second floor. A butler, old and quiet and unobtrusive, had answered his knock and led him through a dim hallway, preceding him up dark, thickly carpeted stairs.

The room was at the front of the house. Heavy red draperies at the wide high windows were already drawn. Frail Miss Bigelow stood in its exact center, small and patrician, against the background of a huge black marble mantel.

He bowed slightly, and as she sank onto a Victorian sofa, he made a half-hearted gesture of fumbling for a cigarette. A clock on the mantel ticked a long minute as he hesitated to light it.

"Please do smoke," Miss Adelaide said in her soft, troubled voice. "This room is rather overpowering, isn't it? It has never been changed since the days of my grandparents. It takes the children to cheer it up. They should be along soon. There was a rehearsal at the church this afternoon." She sighed.

McCale struck a match, thinking that there was something wicked about hereditary possession and what it could do to people's lives.

"If you'd like to mix yourself a drink, Mr. McCale, there's a variety of liquor on that table." He shook his head.

"I'll wait, I think."

He was obsessed with the thought that although her voice was calm, unhurried, there was something empty and trembling in her. She seemed to be watching, too, watching the way the firelight flickered across his lean, hard jaw, and reaching out to him in some uncertain way for strength.

Letting the smoke out of his lungs, he said slowly, his voice low, "Perhaps you have something to tell me before the others arrive."

She looked up quickly, one fist

tightly clenched in her lap. "Oh, no."

"Damnation," thought McCale. "What is the matter with this woman? Or is it me? Am I getting out of practice? I can usually catch something significant in my own subtle way, but this baffles me. I'll stake my life that there is something seriously wrong in this room, in this house. Something is going to happen. The Irish in me tells me so. It's crawling up the very small of my back. I've got to have something to go on."

She rose and walked past him to the door, her dress rustling like dry leaves. "I want you to see the wedding gifts," was all she said, closing the door of her mind sharply in his face.

A quick black anger flared up in him. His impulse was to stalk from the house, but reason held him, reason and the disturbing unrest that had remained in his brain and nerves ever since her visit to his office that morning. He followed her downstairs.

Heavy double doors intricately carved in designs of fruit opened off the lower hall into an immense dining room. There was faded scenic paper on the walls and huge sideboards against opposite sides of the room. Two exquisite crystal chandeliers, wired now for electricity, hung over a long narrow table. Along the dado which outlined the room, a dozen or more Adam chairs arched their dignified backs. Table and sideboards were loaded with silver, lamps, expensive glassware; rare, beautiful, odd, pretentious gifts for the bride and groom.

McCale walked around the display slowly, nodding at Miss Bigelow's remarks: "Very valuable; an heirloom; priceless," and so on. He marveled at the value placed on some simple piece, shuddering at the ostentatiousness of others. He was ready to grant the necessity of protection for this collection, was beginning to push away the odd hunch he had been playing all day, when he felt, rather than saw, a sudden change in his client.

A quiver rippled over her frail shoulders. Her hands fluttered helplessly as she came to a sudden frozen stop. They had reached the far end of the table. He heard her gasp and looked down to see the strangest gift of all.

It was a model, to scale, of a small modernist house, set in miniature landscaped grounds. Complete with casement windows, sun deck, glass-walled patio, it was an architect's dream of the plus ultra in a civilized dwelling place. There was even a tiny roadster on the curved highway, a swimming pool in the rear, a statue in the small, geometrically plotted garden. The model had evidently been on display somewhere, for an engraved card attached to one corner of the base read:

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Architect—Christopher Storm
Beside McCale, Miss Bigelow swayed. Her face blanched. With eyes half-closed, she reached for and held up in her trembling fingers a long legal envelope that had been lying beside the model. From it, she took a folded document, opened it slowly. Over her shoulder, Duke saw it was a deed, ceding the property and buildings of Christopher Storm at Crystal Cove, Nahant, Massachusetts, to Curt Vallaincourt.

Beautiful Blonde Enters the Scene

Wordlessly, as McCale bit his lip to keep silent, Adelaide Bigelow replaced the deed in its envelope. She turned slowly, motioning him to leave the room with her.

The bright brilliance of "The Firebird" rippled through the gloom of the upper hall on a shaft of yellow light from the open drawing room door. Someone was playing the Stravinsky and playing it well. McCale, following Miss Bigelow inside, saw that the room was now occupied by three women and a man.

As his client drew him forward, his glance was irresistibly drawn to the woman at the piano. She was exceedingly beautiful in a almost cinematic way. Her body was long and thin and exquisitely draped in a white jersey tea-gown, the wide sleeves of which swung rhythmically as she played. The high cheekbones of her face shadowed the faintest of hollows. You could have swept the floor with her lashes, behind which glowed humorous blue eyes. Her mouth was sensuous, and thick with vermilion lipstick. As if all this were not enough, hair the color of flax hung in a long bob to her shoulders.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

AROUND THE HOUSE

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Start the Day Right With a Good Breakfast
(See Recipes Below)

Breakfast Breads

How's breakfast interest at your home these days? Does everyone look forward to sitting down for breakfast because mother is sure to have some fluffy hot bread that they can smell baking while they're going through the finishing touches of bathing and dressing? Or, is the family anxious to scamper through breakfast without giving it so much as a sniff?



If the latter is the case, then sit down right now and do something drastic about it. You may have to do without bacon and sausage, those breakfast standbys, but the ingredients required for breakfast breads are available. Let them give you a lift for that important first meal of the day. Your family can't resist light, fluffy rolls with the tangy smell of cinnamon and raisins, or light and hearty pancakes. Bran is a good food item for any day of the week, but it's especially good at breakfast when served in these tasty muffins:

Bran-Molasses Muffins.

1 1/4 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups sour milk or buttermilk
1/2 cup molasses
1 1/4 cups bran
1 egg, slightly beaten
2 tablespoons melted shortening

Sift flour once; measure; add baking powder, soda and salt. Sift again. Add milk, molasses and bran; let stand until most of the liquid is absorbed by the bran. Add egg and melted shortening which has been slightly cooled. Add flour mixture and stir just enough to moisten the dry ingredients. Fill greased muffin pans 3/4 full and bake in a hot (400 degrees) oven for 20 to 25 minutes.

Peanut Butter Bread.

3 cups flour
5 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup sugar
1 cup dates or candied orange peel
1 1/4 cups orange juice or milk
1/2 cup peanut butter

Sift flour; measure; add baking powder, salt and sugar. Sift again and add dates or orange peel. Add milk or orange juice slowly to peanut butter, blending thoroughly. Pour into flour mixture and mix just until dry ingredients are moistened. Do not beat. Turn into a greased loaf pan and bake in a moderate (350 degrees) oven for about 1 hour.

***Sally Lunn.**

2 cups flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup shortening
1 egg
1/2 cup milk

Sift flour; measure and add baking powder and salt; sift again. Cream shortening, add sugar gradually; continue beating until light and fluffy. Add sifted flour mixture and stir just enough to moisten the dry ingredients. Do not beat. Pour batter into a greased square pan,

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sprinkle with topping and bake in a hot (400 degrees) oven for about 20 minutes. Cut in squares and serve hot.

Topping for Sally Lunn.

1/2 cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 tablespoon melted butter

Combine brown sugar and cinnamon; blend with butter.

Corn cakes are a variation of pancakes and are especially good on cold, hard-to-get-up mornings. Make them nice and thin and serve with honey or syrup.

Lacy Corn Cakes.

(Makes 40 cakes)
1 1/4 cups yellow cornmeal
1 teaspoon salt
2 eggs, well beaten
2 cups milk
4 tablespoons melted shortening

Combine cornmeal and salt. Combine eggs, milk and melted shortening. Pour in cornmeal and stir until well combined. Bake on a hot griddle, stirring batter each time before removing a spoonful. Serve while hot.

Streusel Coffee Cake.

1 1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon mace
6 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons shortening
1 egg
1/2 cup milk

Sift dry ingredients. Cut in shortening, add un-beaten egg and milk. Stir until smooth. Turn into a square or loaf pan which has been greased and top with the following mixture:

Streusel Topping.

4 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons butter
1 teaspoon butter
1/4 teaspoon mace

Mix all ingredients with a fork until mixture crumbles. Scatter over top of batter and bake in a hot (400 degrees) oven for 25 minutes.

Blitz Coffee Cake.

Bake Streusel coffee cake in tin, preferably a round one. Cover top, before baking, with shaved almonds and brown sugar. After cake has baked and cooled, split in half and spread with whipped cream and raspberry jam.

If you want to impart a buttery flavor to baked goods without using butter itself, then use sour cream. It imparts richness and taste to almost any baked food.

Sour Cream Waffles.

1 cup flour
3/4 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup rich sour cream
3/4 cup buttermilk
2 eggs, beaten separately

Add well beaten yolks, sour cream and buttermilk to melted shortening and sifted dry ingredients. Mix thoroughly. Fold in carefully the stiffly beaten egg whites and bake on a hot waffle iron.

Brief Quotations

The clatter of arms drowns the voice of the law.—Montaigne.
Ill can he rule the great that cannot reach the small.—Spenser.
Criticism is of no value which either ignores the good of the old or the value of the new.—Herbert Hoover.
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Anyone who is all wrapped up in himself makes only a small and rather uninteresting parcel.

Love triangles seldom stay put. Most of them turn out to be wrecks.

Many a man has vastly improved his character by trying to live up to what his press agent says about him.

Some people seem to have outlived their usefulness when, as a matter of fact, they never had any.

A good pugilist and a poor preacher can quickly put his man to sleep.

Bonds of matrimony are worthless unless the interest is kept up.

The only thing more expensive than education is ignorance.

When two men in a firm always agree, one of them isn't needed.

Good conscience you owe to yourself; good fame to your neighbor.

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"When will it be back?"

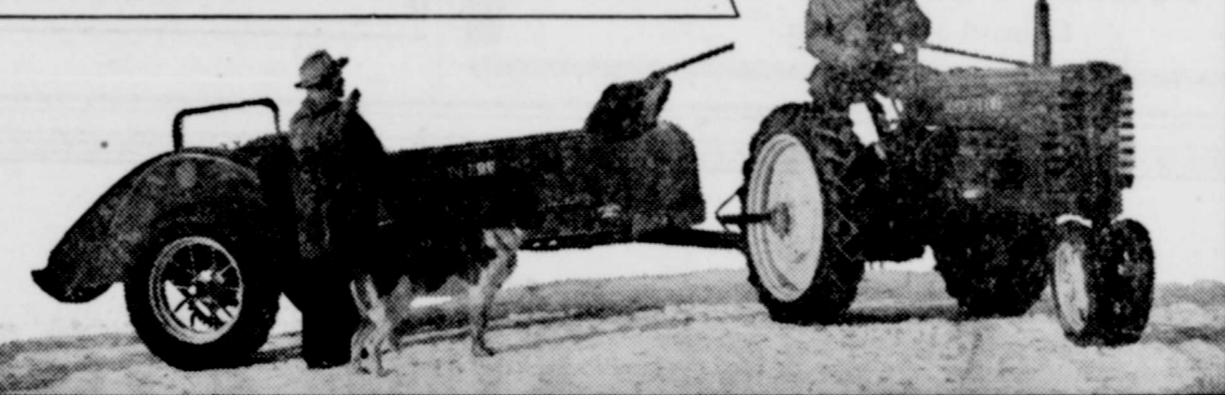
"It is promised back tomorrow."

"Then, John, as soon as it comes in, lend it to Mr. Jones here."

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Dad always thinks best with a mellow glass of beer beside his

chessboard. And the Englishman writes him that he does the same. "You know, it's almost as if we shared a glass of beer together, too!" says Dad contentedly.

From where I sit, you can talk about diplomacy and foreign policy, but it's often those little things—like a game of chess or a glass of beer—that can make for tolerance and understanding . . . between people of all nations . . . between neighbors here at home!

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